

HERMOSA BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: Board of Education

From: Patricia Escalante
District Superintendent

Date: February 11, 2015

Subject: APPROVAL OF SHORT-TERM FACILITIES PLAN FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a short-term facilities plan, starting in September 2015 through September 2018, which will address the continuous increase in student enrollment at View and Valley Schools and the impact on available classroom space to house students, by converting the full day kindergarten program to half day kindergarten, locate grades K-3 at View School, and install 3 portable classrooms and a portable restroom at View School.

BACKGROUND

The enrollment of students at View and Valley Schools has continued to increase each year since the mid 1990's. As a result, the facilities at both schools have been negatively impacted due to the need to increase the number of classrooms at each location. In September 2012, the district transformed common areas such as the Multipurpose Rooms, a classroom on a stage, and the doubling of programs in shared spaces to create additional classroom space. In September 2013, the district installed 6 portable classrooms (4 at View and 2 at Valley) to accommodate the increased student population. In September 2014, the district office moved to South Park so Valley School could convert a teacher lunch room into a classroom and relocate the main office. Additionally, 5 middle school teachers absorbed additional instructional assignments rather than hiring a teacher that would have required an additional classroom.

The conversion of the full day kindergarten program to half day kindergarten will open 4 classroom spaces at View. The additional 3 portables will provide enough classrooms to house the entire 3rd grade. Moving the third grade to View will provide relief to the Valley campus enrollment. At Valley, the middle school enrollment will be larger in 2015-16.