



Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Meeting
Administration Building

May 22, 2007
6:00 p.m.

DISTRICT MISSION

... Guarantee that each student achieves his or her dreams and contributes enthusiastically to his or her community and the world ...

BOARD PURPOSE

Providing highly effective governance for Mapleton's strategic student achievement effort.

CORE ROLES

*Guiding the district through the superintendent
Engaging constituents
Ensuring effective operations and alignment of resources
Monitoring effectiveness
Modeling excellence*

2006-2007

FOCUS AREAS

*Student Achievement
Exceptional Staff
Character Development
Learning Environment
Communication
Community Involvement
Facilities Management
District Image*

BOARD MEMBERS

*Cindy Croisant
Craig Emmert
Patrick Flores
Norma Frank
Carol Yantorno*

SUPERINTENDENT

Charlotte Ciancio

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. What's Right in Mapleton
6. Public Participation
7. Approval of the May 8, 2007, Board Meeting Minutes
8. Report of the Secretary
9. Consent Agenda
 - 9.1 Personnel Action, Policy GA – Mr. Molinaro
 - 9.2 Student Travel-Ft. Lewis, Policy JJH – Mrs. Kapushion
 - 9.3 Student Travel-CSU, Policy JJH – Mrs. Kapushion
10. Focus: Exceptional Staff
 - 10.1 Summer Learning Activities-Staff – Mrs. Kapushion
11. Focus: Communication
 - 11.1 Draft Capital Reserve Expenditures, Policy DB – Mr. Herman
 - 11.2 Proposed Budget, Policy DB – Mr. Herman
12. Focus: Community Involvement
 - 12.1 DAAC Update, Policy AE – Dr. Kirby
13. Discussion of Next Agenda
14. Superintendent's Comments
15. Board Committee Update
16. School Board Remarks
17. Next Meeting Notification – Tuesday, June 12, 2007
18. Adjournment

Welcome to a meeting of the Mapleton Public School Board of Education!

The board's meeting time is dedicated to addressing Mapleton's mission and top-priority focus areas.

"Public Participation" is an opportunity during the business meeting to present brief comments or pose questions to the board for consideration or follow-up. Each person is asked to limit his or her comments to 3 minutes.

If you are interested in helping Mapleton's efforts, please talk with any member of the district leadership team or call the district office at 303-853-1015. Opportunities abound.

Your participation is desired.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Cindy Croisant called the regular meeting of the Board of Education – Mapleton Public Schools to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the Administration Building.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Norma Frank - President	Absent
Cindy Croisant – Vice President	Present
Patrick Flores – Secretary	Present
Craig Emmert – Treasurer	Present
Carol Yantorno – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Present

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Croisant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Mr. Emmert, seconded by Mr. Flores, to approve the Agenda as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, and Mrs. Yantorno

ABSENT: Mrs. Frank

Motion carried 4-0

5.0 WHAT'S RIGHT IN MAPLETON

Mrs. Kapushion reported that the 2007 Mapleton District Art Show opened on Wednesday, April 11, with approximately 500 staff, students and community visiting the show throughout the week. Two hundred seventeen pieces of art were on display. Mrs. Kapushion introduced Alicia Molinaro, Art Show Coordinator, and Jason Gustafson, art teacher. She thanked all the staff whose commitment to this event made it possible for our students.

Recess: 6:08 p.m., reconvened 6:14 p.m.

6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mrs. Yantorno, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2007, Board meeting.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, and Mrs. Yantorno

ABSENT: Mrs. Frank

Motion carried 4-0

8.0 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. Flores reported that the Board received several letters from two classes at Achieve Academy regarding their library.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Mr. Flores, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve Agenda items as stated on the Board Agenda dated May 8, 2007: 9.1 Personnel Action; 9.2 Finance Report for April, 2007; 9.3 Student Travel-Skyview Academy; and 9.4 Student Travel-College Summit.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, and Mrs. Yantorno
ABSENT: Mrs. Frank
Motion carried 4-0

10.0 FOCUS: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

10.1 Instructional Material Approval

Mrs. Kapushion said that approval is requested from the Board for the instructional materials entitled, Everyday Mathematics. These materials have been on display for public review and comment for the past thirty days. One comment was received, and a response was provided to that community member.

MOTION: By Mr. Emmert, seconded by Mrs. Yantorno, to adopt the instructional materials entitled, Everyday Mathematics as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, and Mrs. Yantorno
ABSENT: Mrs. Frank
Motion carried 4-0

10.2 Mapleton Summer Learning Opportunities

Mrs. Kapushion presented information to the Board regarding summer learning opportunities for students. She explained the various programs:

- High Schools Extended Learning Options
- “Read 180” Intervention for Students in Grades 6-10
- Math Camp for Students in Grades K-6
- Gifted and Talented Summer Camp
- Pre-Collegiate Summer Camp for 8th Grade Students
- Rocky Mountain Middle School Math and Science Partnership

A detailed copy of Mrs. Kapushion’s report is included with these minutes.

11.0 DISCUSSION OF NEXT AGENDA

Ms. Croisant said that currently on the next Agenda we have the proposed budget, draft capital reserve expenditures, and a DAAC update.

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Ms. Ciancio said that our varsity baseball team went to Canon City to participate in the State Baseball Playoff Tournaments on Saturday, May 5. We haven’t heard the results of that competition. It is a busy calendar until the end of the school year. On Thursday, May 10, we have the PEBC luncheon with Dr. Pedro Noguera speaking; May 15, a CASB workshop; May 16 is the Letterman’s Banquet; May 18, 6 p.m., the Retirement/Awards Banquet; May 23, 7:30 a.m., the Scholar Breakfast; and May 26, Graduation. We did receive our 3rd grade CSAP results. Scores did go up. We opened the schools in August, so it was only four months of instructional time. York International had 93% proficient or advanced. Valley View stayed above the state average again. We did go to both schools and sent letters of congratulations home to their communities. A survey will be conducted in the next couple of weeks regarding a bond election. Ms. Ciancio said the District has hired a new director for Monterey Community School, Johnny Terrell, and will introduce him

next week to the community. In the next couple of weeks you will see sophomores and juniors involved in Expeditions, Gateway Presentations, Presentations of Learning, and lots of other activities in the schools. Negotiations are underway and are going well. They continue to demonstrate partnership. We will try to wrap them up tomorrow. Teaching staff did a great job joining the reform. The MEF just interviewed students for scholarships and were very impressed with the students applying this year. Our 8th graders were at a career fair and received good reviews about their behavior.

13.0 BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Emmert was at negotiations and said that most of the concerns were around the students. The Union and the District came to a reasonable conclusion. Mr. Emmert also said that the Art Show was so well attended that it needs to be moved to the Auditorium next year.

Mr. Flores reported on events for the Mapleton Education Foundation. They are supporting a Used-Instrument Drive on June 4 – 9. On June 9 radio station 100.3 MIX will broadcast from Paulino Gardens between 10 a.m. – noon as an instrument drop-off site for Mapleton. The Alumni Club will sponsor a Wine Tasting event on July 28 at Balisteri Winery, 5 – 6:30 p.m. Scholarships were given to 34 graduating seniors, totaling \$50,000. A new license plate is available to support your Education Foundation. Information will be on the Foundation website.

14.0 SCHOOL BOARD REMARKS

Ms. Croisant thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight. She said that it was good news about the summer programs and that negotiations are going well.

15.0 NEXT MEETING NOTIFICATION

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the Administration Building.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Norma Frank, Board President

Patrick Flores, Board Secretary

Submitted by Carolyn Walenczak, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Sam Molinaro, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: May 17, 2007

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ACTION FOR BOARD APPROVAL

The Office of Human Resources recommends the following personnel information to be approved by Board Action at the regular meeting of May 22, 2007.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

<u>NEW EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Campbell, Nicole	Special Education Para/York	5/10/07	New Hire

<u>RESIGNATIONS/TERM.</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Beamon, Bonette	Group Leader/Highland Montessori	6/1/07	Resigned
Jimenez, Maria	Office Clerk/Valley View Elementary	5/25/07	Dismissed
Romero, Michelle	Library Para/Valley View Elementary	5/14/07	Job Abandonment
Sanchez, Ruth	Bus Driver/Transportation	5/11/07	Dismissed
Scicluna, Heather	Instructional Para/MELC	5/2/07	Resigned

CLASSIFIED REQUESTS

None at this time

CERTIFIED STAFF

<u>NEW EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Atencio, Edward	Physical Education/Meadow Elem.	8/7/07	New Hire
Burke, Shannon	Spanish/Skyview Academy	8/7/07	New Hire
Crowe, Matthew	7 th grade Lang Arts/So Studies/ELL/York	8/7/07	New Hire
Csavina, Tracy	Math/Skyview Academy	8/7/07	New Hire
Cutting, David	Band Director/District	8/7/07	New Hire
Cutting, Robyn	Band Director/District	8/7/07	New Hire
Dalby, Peter	Math/Welby New Technology	8/7/07	New Hire
Daniels, Susan	Instructional Guide/Global Leadership	8/7/07	New Hire
DiPasquale, Pam	Occupational Therapist/District	8/7/07	New Hire
Eron, Amanda	3 rd grade/Adventure Elementary	8/7/07	New Hire
Hays, Heather	2 nd grade/Clayton Partnership	8/7/07	New Hire
Hudson, Casey	Language Arts/ELL/York International	8/7/07	New Hire
Johnson, Brian	4 th grade/Adventure Elementary	8/7/07	New Hire
McNees, Jenna	Math/Meadow Community	8/7/07	New Hire
Morin, Gary	Math/Skyview Academy	8/7/07	New Hire
Orton, Anna	5 th /6 th grade/Explore Elementary	8/7/07	New Hire
Persson, Anna	7 th grade Math/Sci/York International	8/7/07	New Hire
Schroeder, Donna	Spanish/Welby New Technology	8/7/07	New Hire
Schryver, Susan	Social Studies/Meadow Community	8/7/07	New Hire
Valencia, Lynne Marie	5 th /6 th grade/Enrichment Academy	8/7/07	New Hire
Westmore, Megan	1 st grade/Enrichment Academy	8/7/07	New Hire
Wetzel, Jennifer	School Psychologist/District	8/7/07	New Hire
Wilson, Katherine	Language Arts/Skyview Academy	8/7/07	New Hire
Yeager, Hannah	2 nd grade/Enrichment Academy	8/7/07	New Hire

<u>RESIGNATIONS/TERM.</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Bejarano, Crystal	Title I/Monterey Elementary	6/1/07	Resigned
Brookshier, Amanda	Language Arts/Welby New Tech	6/1/07	Resigned
Fischer, Carrie	Language Arts/MESA	6/1/07	Resigned
Korkoske, Rachel	Speech Language Pathologist/District	6/1/07	Resigned
Singer, David	Math/Skyview Academy	6/1/07	Resigned
Smith, Karen	Speech Language Pathologist/District	6/1/07	Resigned

CERTIFIED REQUESTS

Melanie Erickson, 5th grade teacher at Enrichment Academy, is requesting a leave of absence for the 2007-2008 school year.

Sam Molinaro, District Assistant Superintendent, is requesting to retire June 29, 2007, and transition through the 2007-2008 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

ADDITIONS

None at this time

DELETIONS

Bonsil, Daniel
 Colrick, Ellen
 Hill, Cody
 Homan, Elaine
 Larsen, Dana
 Rodriquez, David
 Seale, Bridget

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Jackie Kapushion, Executive Director of Learning Services
DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Student Travel: Summer Learning Camp – Ft. Lewis College

Description:

The Department of Learning Services is requesting Board approval for one middle school student and one high school student to participate in a week-long residential summer science camp at Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. The camps will take place on June 10-16 and June 17-23, 2007.

Cost and Source of Funding:

A National Science Foundation Grant presented to the University of Colorado at Denver, in partnership with Mapleton Public Schools, covers all costs associated with the camp.

Outcomes:

The seven-day camp will give students a chance to work on projects that are both academically rigorous and fun. The camp will include field, classroom and lab experiences. Project-based learning involving scientific inquiry, exploration, discovery and problem solving in each learning strand will culminate in groups of students presenting their research findings to parents on the final day of the academy. Some of the strands planned for this summer include robotics, agro-ecology, wild fire ecology, water resources and earth science. Students will incorporate computer-aided data analysis, graphing and PowerPoint into their presentations of learning.

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Jackie Kapushion, Executive Director of Learning Services
DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Student Travel: Summer Learning Camp – Colorado State University

Description:

The Department of Learning Services is requesting Board approval for fifteen middle/high school students to participate in a week-long residential summer science camp at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. The camps will take place on June 10-16, June 17-22 or June 24-29, 2007.

Cost and Source of Funding:

A National Science Foundation Grant presented to the University of Colorado at Denver, in partnership with Mapleton Public Schools, covers all costs associated with the camp.

Outcomes:

The six-day camp will give students a chance to participate in science, math and engineering lab projects. The goals are to expose students to the following experiences:

- Hands-on laboratory activities
- Industrial plant tours
- Informative work sessions with college faculty
- Expert advice on applying to college
- Residential hall accommodations and dormitory life

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Jackie Kapushion, Executive Director of Learning Services
DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Summer Learning Opportunities for Staff

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the learning opportunities that are taking place for District staff during June and August 2007.

All Mapleton teachers will have the opportunity to participate in the ELL Summer Institute taking place from May 29 – June 1 at the Global Leadership Academy annex. Throughout this four-day training, teachers can choose from the following sessions:

- Understanding and using the “Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol”
- Cultural Competency and Cultural Responsiveness I
- Cultural Competency and Cultural Responsiveness II
- Beginning Oral Language Development for ELLs
- Advanced Oral Language Development for ELLs

This institute is being offered in direct response to the need to have teachers highly qualified in English acquisition strategies as outlined in No Child Left Behind and to close achievement gaps among our student sub-groups.

Also in June, as well as in August, K-6 grade teachers will be trained in the use of Everyday Mathematics. This is a three-day training that will support teachers in the effective implementation and ongoing use of these materials.

In addition to these district-wide activities, individual schools will continue providing professional development to teachers that is unique to the model of the school (e.g., Montessori training, curriculum mapping at the Expeditionary Learning schools, etc.).

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Don Herman, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2008

Listed below is the District Administration's recommendation for Capital Reserve Decision Items for fiscal year 2008. (These budget figures are DRAFT until final adoption of the budget on June 26, 2007).

Total Revenue & Fund Balance \$2,496,550

Expenditures:

School Site Improvements	\$130,200
Other Site Improvements	\$170,650
Instructional Equipment	\$391,350
Other Equipment.....	\$85,000
Modular Leases	\$27,300
Certificate of Participation Welby New Tech	\$413,400
Small Schools Construction Lease.....	\$302,650
Computer Plan Lease	\$175,350
Chevron Energy Performance Contract	\$430,000
Bus Leases.....	\$55,650
Other Expenditures	\$16,000
Reserves	\$299,000

Total Budgeted Expenditures & Reserves \$2,496,550

To ensure that Capital Reserve funds are spent on the highest priority items, items are systematically ranked and categorized according to the most pressing needs of the district. This report will outline this year's recommendations:

1. SCHOOL AND OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS – Major Recommendations

Space Additions at Clayton and Bertha Heid Sites (\$44,800)

Enrollment projections at Clayton Partnership and Explore Elementary (Bertha Heid Site) indicate the need for additional classroom space at these two schools. After evaluating the need and scrutinizing available funds, it was determined that only one modular could be funded. This modular is recommended for the Clayton Partnership site, as there is no other space available within the confines of the building. At the Bertha Heid site, an additional modular would have cost another \$37,000 which was not available. It was decided that the existing library space at Bertha Heid would be remodeled into classrooms

(as the original building design had accommodated just for this purpose). This reduced the overall cost to \$4,800.

Space Remodel at Global Leadership Academy (\$45,650)

The creation of a K-12 school at the Global Leadership site requires the remodeling of several classrooms, as well as the renovation of the existing playground on the site. This is accompanied by an equipment request found below.

Space Renovation at Skyview Campus (\$31,550)

With Highland Montessori adding another grade level, the school will be expanding to the second floor, requiring the relocation of an existing tech lab. Also, the Performing Arts space is being renovated to accommodate the move of the performing arts Zero Hour to the Skyview Campus for school year 2007-2008. This will reduce some transportation costs and provide better quality space for the Performing Arts programs.

Denied Item: Administration Building Roof Replacement (\$66,746)

Although the roof of the main Administration Building has sprouted a number of leaks over the winter, it was determined that ongoing maintenance rather than replacement would have to suffice for this fiscal year.

2. OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS – Major Recommendations

The district has budgeted for routine capital expenditures such as roofing repairs, HVAC improvements/upgrades, painting, plumbing and paving.

HVAC Site Improvements	40,000
Painting Site Improvements	15,000
Roofing Site Improvements	15,000
Signage Site Improvements	0
Plumbing Site Improvements	20,000
Paving Site Improvements	60,000
Fencing Site Improvements	10,000
Adm Bldg Site Improvements	0

3. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT – Major Recommendations

Through the normal capital reserve process, district buildings are recommended to receive \$391,350 in instructional equipment for FY 2008. This equipment ranges from desks, chairs and tables, to AV equipment, tack boards, white boards, and other equipment closely related to the instructional program.

The largest equipment request centers on the addition of multiple grade levels at Global Leadership Academy (\$36,887). The bulk of this request is equipment to outfit the classrooms – student desks, tables, chairs, maps, television and DVD players, teacher desks and chairs, whiteboards, etc. Clayton Partnership follows with similar requests for outfitting their new modular and other classrooms in the building (\$35,669). Skyview Academy requested a number of instructional science equipment items (\$18,972). Highland Montessori is also outfitting another classroom (\$18,672). York International is adding 9th grade to its K-12 model, requiring student desks, chairs and other classroom items. The remaining schools asked for and received equipment items in proportion to school size.

4. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT – Major Recommendations

The largest non-instructional expense proposed for the FY 2008 budget is the installation of new freezers for the food service program. With the addition of older students at Clayton and Monterey, the existing freezer space has been inadequate to hold the amount of food required for the program at these sites. New freezers will ensure that students at these schools continue to be offered the menu choices that other schools enjoy.

5. OTHER – Total Financing Costs

The district has entered into a number of financing arrangements to fund various projects over the past several years. Below is a summary of the annual financing payments and their original purpose:

Modular Leases	Leasing of modulars at Skyview and Clayton Partnership	\$27,300
Certificate of Participation	Financing New Tech Construction	\$413,400
Small Schools Lease	Financing Additions to Valley View And Global Leadership	\$302,650
Chevron EPC	Financing Energy Performance Upgrades and addition of Air Conditioning	\$430,000
Computer Plan	Financing District Tech Plan	\$175,350
Bus Leases	Financing of New Buses in FY 07	\$55,650

Other Capital Purchases

Finally, the district budgets amounts for outside consultants, banking fees, food service equipment and maintenance equipment.

5. RESERVES

Through FY 2008, the district will maintain a contingency reserve of \$299,000.

The district will continue to prioritize and fund the projects that align closest to our district mission and goals. Student safety is first, and the instructional programs follow closely behind. As funds become tighter, fewer and fewer items beyond these categories will be approved. The district will continue to investigate alternative funding sources to alleviate the strain on our existing resources.

Upon careful review, district administration recommends approval of the fiscal year 2008 Capital Reserve decision items.

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Don Herman, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: May 15, 2007

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2008

Colorado law governing school district budget policies and procedures requires that "the proposed budget shall be submitted to the board at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year" (22-44-108(1)(c) C.R.S.). The Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2008 is submitted to the Mapleton Board of Education at their regular meeting held on May 22, 2007. The proposed appropriation for each fund is listed below:

General Funds (General, Insurance, CPP)*.....	\$45,260,800
Governmental Grants Fund	\$3,745,350
Bond Redemption Fund.....	\$2,955,600
Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,496,550
Food Service Fund	\$1,796,300
Total FY 2008 Budget Appropriation.....	\$56,254,600

In FY 2007, the Colorado Department of Education required that the Insurance Reserve and Colorado Preschool Project funds be combined with the district General Fund.

A public hearing regarding the proposed budget will be held at the board meeting to be held on June 12, 2007 at the Mapleton Public Schools Administration building. Final adoption of the budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting on June 26, 2007.

No board action is required at this time.

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Dr. Michael Kirby, Executive Director of Student Support Services
DATE: May 18, 2007

SUBJECT: DISTRICT ADVISORY AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (DAAC) UPDATE

The District Advisory and Accountability Committee (DAAC) meets regularly to review and comment on areas of study provided annually by the Board of Education. These areas of study all pertain to accountability. Comments on areas of study are provided to the Board periodically throughout the school year.

This report will update the Board on DAAC activities that have occurred since the last DAAC report provided on March 13, 2007. These activities occurred in regularly scheduled DAAC meetings held in March, April, and May. A quorum of members, as defined by DAAC bylaws, was present at both meetings

Progress Updates on Areas of Study:

1. Review and Comment on District Safe Schools Plans for the 2007-2008 School

Year: DAAC members reviewed all aspects of the district's safe schools plan for next school year (2007/2008). DAAC members supported the plan as presented to administration, and offered several suggestions, including; 1) explore how redistribution of students into different schools affected school culture and climate, 2) explore how the effectiveness of affective/social skill development programs such as bully proofing has been affected by district reforms, 3) place special emphasis on development of strategies to address middle school behavioral and motivational issues, and 4) continue to explore ways to make buildings more secure and safer, and 5) consider how character education might play a more prominent role in the district's prevention efforts.

2. Review and Comment on School Improvement Plans for the 2007-2008

School Year: DAAC members reviewed the process and materials the district will be using for school improvement planning this year. DAAC members supported the district's plans as presented, noting that the revisions in the planning process this year make the process likely to be more focused and streamlined than it has been in the past.

3. Participate in, and Provide Review and Comment on, Revision of the District Accreditation Plan, Including the District's Plan to Accredite Schools:

DAAC members reviewed the district's plan for assessing and reporting school's progress toward accreditation. DAAC members supported the plan as presented by

administration. DAAC members commented positively on the district's efforts to hold schools accountable for both outcomes and processes. DAAC members also commented positively on the district's efforts to accredit schools in a way that minimized interference with school operations and by maximizing use of already existing accountability activities and procedures.

4. Review and Comment on District Budget Priorities for the 2007-2008 School

Year: DAAC members reviewed the district's proposed budget plans for next school year. DAAC supported the budget as presented, but reiterated the concern they expressed last year about whether current revenue levels allow the district to adequately support its schools. Specific concerns identified included; 1) declining capital reserve funding and associated implications for school facilities and school safety, 2) limited funding capacity to address space limitations that could potentially affect programs, classes, and services at some schools, and 3) limited availability of funds to support activities that increase teacher retention rates, including continued development of teachers' professional skills.

Requested Action: This information is being presented to the Board for information and discussion. No Board action is required.