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Board Responds to Secondary Program Review

MISSION – The Mission School District Board of Trustees recently completed their review and analysis of the Secondary School Program Review. The report, received in December by the Board, was commissioned to examine the district's secondary school program delivery and to make recommendations as to methods of enhancing student success and/or program effectiveness.

"In our review of the recommendations, we believe that there are some important and significant elements that can be met in the short term, and we are focusing on those now. The report's other recommendations remain part of our ongoing planning process." said Board Chair Diane Kruger. "Overall, we are very pleased to be moving forward with this report," she said.

The Board is currently looking at various options including:

- relocation and/or consolidation of the district's continuing/alternate education programs,
- alternatives for low enrolling courses,
- flexibility around both the school day and program delivery times, and
- alternate instructional delivery models.

The Board also supported the recommendation that proposed the establishment of a Teacher Advisor Program which is designed to provide increased support and guidance for students. "We believe that implementing this recommendation along with the recommendation that enhances student engagement will increase opportunities and support for our students and that's what truly important," said Kruger.

Last spring, parents, students, teachers and staff participated in forums designed to gather relevant information on the district's secondary schools. A total of six forums were held in April 2004 with more than 100 participants. The committee, comprised of staff, parents, and community members, submitted the final report to the Board in December of 2004.

Mission Public Schools serve the needs of approximately 7,000 students from Kindergarten to grade 12. The District employs more than 400 teachers and 150 school support staff in 3 high schools and 17 elementary schools throughout the district.

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