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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of Education
FROM: R. Steven Whatley
RE: Theme Schools
DATE: March 17, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the parent involvement theme school located at Fairview be designated as a K-3 site. The parent involvement theme school located at Clements will be designated for grades 4-8. To alleviate overcrowding conditions at Veterans Memorial Middle School, we will evaluate a reassignment of rising sixth grade students (currently fifth graders) from Livingston Elementary and South Salem Elementary and environs around South Salem Elementary to Liberty Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.

BACKGROUND:

As of Monday, March 16, applications for theme school enrollment had been received for 618 elementary students and 277 students in grades 6-8. For better utilization of the two sites, the grade designation for Fairview will be K-3 while the upper grades will be assigned to Clements. This design allows for development of a quality program and student service as planned for the theme schools as well as for future enrollment growth.

Additionally, the state provides funds for the principal at every school facility. The system earns teachers and support personnel which are distributed based on the student enrollment at various schools. Staff allocations and transfers will be made as is always done when the system opens new school facilities.