To: Board of Education
Fr: Matt Gibson
Re: **March 22, 2011 Agenda Item 3. Student Representative Report and Discussion of Student Safety in the Community**

Pledge of Allegiance – A student is asked to lead the pledge at the beginning of the meeting.

Student Reports – Students from both schools are asked to present reports on student activities and student council plans and events.

Board and Student Rep Discussion Topics Identified to Date – The following topics were brainstormed at the September 14 and October 12 Board of Education meetings and were prioritized and scheduled at the November 9 Board meeting.

March 22 Discussion Topic of Student Safety in the Community – There are two parts to this discussion item. One is encouraging student safety in the community and the other is deterring dangerous and destructive student behaviors in the community. Examples of encouraging student safety are adult and student planned events such as post prom and post graduation. Examples of deterring dangerous and destructive student behaviors are student planned events such as junior senior wars in neighborhoods. The benefit to events like post prom and post graduation is that they provide safe venues for students to celebrate together. The liability to events like junior senior wars is property damage to homes and yards that is time consuming and expensive to repair and, in some cases, impossible to restore. The purposes of this agenda item are to publicly reinforce safe student behaviors in the community, to deter dangerous and destructive student behaviors in the community, and to seek voluntary student and parent support for ending junior senior wars in the community.

Discussion Questions –

1. Including but not limited to post prom and post graduation events, what are safe venues and activities for students to have fun together in the community? What other venues and activities could be added? How could Student Council help?

2. What prompts junior senior wars? For those that participate, what makes them fun? What is their responsibility for property damage? What are alternatives to junior senior wars that could replace them? Could it become a student goal to voluntarily end junior senior wars by not participating and deterring participation of others? How could Student Council help?

Brainstormed Topics	**Priority (High, Middle, Low)**	**Suggested Meeting for Discussion**
Board policies that directly impact students that might be reviewed together, e.g. Policy 5127 Graduation/Separation and 5127.2 Course Retake	High	January 11
Proposed new high school schedule and changes in graduation requirements	High	November 23
Role of student councils on topics of school and community interest or concern, e.g. deterring periodic dangerous, destructive behaviors in the community	Middle	March 22
Review of exam exemption policy now in its second year of implementation	Middle	February 22
Impact of recent facilities renovations on student life, activities, learning, accessibility	Middle	February 8
Balance of district, user fees, and donor support for arts, athletics, and activities	High	March 8
Review of policy that governs use of cell phones in schools, e.g. Policy 5131.7 Student Possession and Use of Two Way Communication Devices	Middle	Anytime
Review of proposed four block schedule for 2011-2012	High	October 26
High School Physical Education Department requirement for students to make up missed classes	Middle	Anytime

Recommended Board Motion – None.

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