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Subject: Draft of Elementary World Language Plan

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The following contains information on the Elementary World Language Plan requested by Board Member Klein. Please note, due to the fact that the district will require language teachers who have both an elementary education certification as well as an endorsement in Spanish it is assumed that any teacher who fills this position will have a Masters Degree and years of service. Therefore, the amount budgeted per teacher was 91,000 (\$78,000 salary and \$13,000 benefits).

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools (FLES)

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To be considered:

- Implementation with grade 2, build up to grade 6. After a period of 5 years, SPS will have an articulated 2-12 WL Program.
- The elementary program would differ from the way languages are taught at the secondary level. A content integrated approach will be used. For example, if students are learning about solids, liquids and gas in the classroom, they will label and sort items by these properties in the WL classroom. Other examples of units are: habitats, transportation, community, etc.
- WL in grade 6 would have to be added at Cloonan, Dolan, and TOR in year five in order to offer an 11- year sequence of uninterrupted WL.
- ACTFL (American Council of Teachers of Foreign Language) guidelines and current research show that the most desirable outcomes can only be achieved with a minimum of three, 20 minute periods weekly instruction (1 hour/ week). Therefore, the following schedule is considering 60 minutes of instruction a week.
 - For the first year, all grade two classrooms in all elementary schools would receive 60 minutes a week. Due to the fact that there are just 3 teachers, MWF schools will have three 20minute classes, while T/Th schools will have two 30 minute classes. In the second year of implementation, with 6 teachers, all schools will have 3 periods of 20 minutes.
 - The above requires that for year one implementation, 11 schools would be separated into group A and Group B. Group A schools would receive 20 minutes of instruction Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday, Group B schools would receive 30 minutes of instruction on Tuesday/ Thursday.

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Five year plan:

School Year	2012- 2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Schools	All Elementary	All Elementary	All Elementary	All Elementary	Cloonan, TOR and Dolan
Time	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes	* will have to be decided and aligned to goal of instruction.
Grade level(s)	Grade 2	Grades 2, 3	Grades 2, 3, 4	Grades 2, 3, 4, 5	Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Teacher Expense *figured on 2012 contract	3 teachers needed \$273,000	6 teachers needed \$546,000	9 teachers needed \$819,000	12 teachers needed 1,092,000	15 teachers needed \$1,365,000