

## Gadsden Independent School District P.O. Drawer 70 Anthony, New Mexico 88021

Date: 1/3/2020

## **School Board Agenda Items**

Title of Agenda Item: Equity Council Update	<ul><li>☐ Consent Agenda</li><li>☐ Action</li><li>☐ Discussion Items</li></ul>
Board Meeting Date: <u>1/9/2020</u>	
Submitted By: Originator – <u>T. Dempsey</u> $Department - \underline{Superintendent}$ $Date - \underline{1/3/2020}$	
To Be Presented By: <u>Travis Dempsey</u>	
Approved By: <u>President Viramontes</u> Date – <u>1/3/2020</u>	

Background and Summary:

To comply with the recent request from the Public Education Department we created an on-line application requesting parents who are interested in serving on the Superintendent's Equity Council to apply. The application was published on 12/11/2019 in both Spanish and English. The purpose of the council is to support efforts in closing the achievement gap for students who are considered "at-risk." Our main sub groups that would represent these "at-risk" populations would be English learners, special education students and those students who qualify for free/reduced lunches.

## Recommendation:

Based on the information we received from the Public Educaiton Department, we are requested to create a council of less than 15 members that is composed of individuals who represent these "at-risk" populations. Because we have had 9 total applicants, I recommend we accept all applicants as members. We will need to add atleast one students representative and one business member.



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