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Agenda Item 5.5

Board of Education Informational Item
July 13, 2021

Topic:
Census Update and Process

Background:
Every ten years following the federal census, school board district boundaries must be adjusted to ensure each district contains a substantially equal number of residents. Redistricting begins when the Census Bureau releases redistricting apportionment data, from the most recent decennial census. Since the last redistricting in 2011, State legislative updates have changed the legal and practical landscape of the redistricting process. Since most of the school districts and the Board of Education have already shifted to “trustee areas” the process may be easier.

The Census Bureau has not met the statutory deadline of April 1,2021, to release reapportionment data and has instead announced that the block level apportionment data will be released September 30,2021. The redistricting process must occur on a much shorter timeline than in years prior.

All of the school districts and the Madera County Superintendent of Schools have contracted the services of Odell Planning & Research, Inc. to analyze the census data and work with the school boards in balancing representation within their districts.

At this time, we estimate that the data will become available to Mr. Odell in the fall. Information and maps for consideration are targeted to be discussed and reviewed by the Board in the January to March timeframe.

Financial Impact:
Contract for services from Odell Planning & Research, Inc.

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