

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: February 24, 2014

AGENDA ITEM No. 14-02-(2)-12

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Board Priorities

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the Board to begin its discussion of items that will serve as budget drivers and priorities for the 2014-15 budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

One of the core components of building a budget is setting priorities. As staff develops the 2014-15 budget, it is important for the Board to have an opportunity to weigh in and guide how it would like to see resources allocated – i.e. set its priorities. As a point of reference, many of the Board's priorities may be centered around recent reports and studies such as the Safe Havens Report, the Facilities Assessment Report, the various student achievement reports received since last budget, and state-level mandates that impact the local budget (Read To Achieve, teacher contract law, etc.). On the other hand, there may be other items that the Board would like to look at and/or implement next year.

It is important to note, the Chair does not anticipate that the Board will be in a position to complete its discussion of priorities during the time allotted at tonight's meeting, and our discussions will need to continue to another meeting in the very near future. However, tonight's discussion will be important for staff as it should set the stage and guide how they align district resources in the recommended budget.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Financial impact for this agenda item will be determined by priorities set by the Board of Education.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education receive this opportunity to discuss and define its priorities.