



PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY CONCERNS FROM

January 21, 2015

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AND

RESPONSES BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

CONCERN: An AP Human Geography teacher expressed his concerns that geography would no longer be a requirement for students to graduate due to the A – G guidelines. He hoped that before the Board made a decision on this issue that the teachers would be asked for their input.

RESPONSE: The purpose of the proposal to change graduation requirements in the Perris Union High School District revolves around the fact that we must raise the number of students completing the A-G requirements. While Geography and Health are fine courses, students become limited in the courses they can take during their freshman year. The District is one of only two districts in Riverside County that require Geography, as a graduation requirement. The Geography course will not be eliminated from the class offerings, but it will become an elective that any student may choose to take during their high school career. We currently have a meeting scheduled with interested teachers to revise the current Geography course to make it more dynamic and attractive to students.

CONCERN: A parent/grandparent of a student attending Heritage High School expressed her concerns regarding “no sewing class” offering at the site. She stressed the importance of such offerings and also asked for consideration of Home Economics courses being made available as well.

RESPONSE: The District provides programs for such offerings through our Assets Grant and Parent University. Anyone who is interested in teaching a sewing class can contact the site Program Coordinator and complete an application. Please feel free to contact Marcy Savage, Assistant Superintendent/Educational Services (951) 943-6369 ext. 81102, if you desire further information and/or are ready to conduct such class and need materials, equipment, etc.

CONCERN: A member of the public suggested that the Board consider moving regular agenda items around. Specifically, she asked the Board to consider having the student’s school reports precede the District Update by the Superintendent.

RESPONSE: It is the Superintendent’s belief that the entire assembled group needs to hear the notable achievements of students and staff across the entire district. The Superintendent recommends no change in the order of the Agenda.