

**Board Amendment : James Howard**

**Amended DATE: June 7, 2012**

**Student Data Assistant**

**Discussion Item:** The Madison Metropolitan School District and the Board of Education produces trend data on an annual basis without anyone working to ensure the data is readily available, organized, and useable on an ongoing basis. The hiring of a Student Data Assistant to compile and organize district raw data would greatly enhance board discussions and assist school staff by making district wide data readily available to all users.

**Savings / Added Costs:** Up to \$40,000.

**Impact:** Funding source: Since this will be a long-term position I recommend using a portion of the unallocated funds identified as \$775,000. Some of the \$40,000 is for the purchase of a work station and supplies to perform the duties of the position. Future year cost for the position will be less because of the absence of startup costs.

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**Implement Parent University**

**Discussion Item:** Implement Parent University with three tier guidelines and services that will encompass both face-to-face educational resources and online learning sessions. The need to increase minority parent involvement and the knowledge level of our academically challenged populations is crucial to narrowing the Achievement Gap. Parents need to have the knowledge to become increasingly engaged in student learning and school improvement especially in light of the ever increasing 21<sup>st</sup> century educational technologies.

**Savings / Added Costs:** None

**Impact:** Funding source: Utilize current funding sources as outlined in the gap plan recommendation identified as Fund 10 and 80.