

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2007

Date Submitted: May 3, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Marlon Brown, County Manager

Subject: Update by Tallahassee Community College and Workforce Plus on the Gadsden Student Training Academy for Reaching Success (G*Stars)

Statement of Issue:

Tallahassee Community College and Workforce Plus would be presenting an update on the Gadsden Student Training Academy for Reaching Success (G*Stars) program.

Background:

Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners has clearly indicated an interest in reducing juvenile delinquency throughout Gadsden County. The Board has opted to develop a long-term prevention program in order to make a significant impact on reducing the county's juvenile delinquency rate and ultimately reducing the financial liability incurred by citizens paying for delinquency treatment programs (e.g., community supervision, residential, etc.). The decision to invest in a prevention program affords the County to have a greater Return on Investment (ROI) as compared to an "after the fact" program. The Board has therefore committed \$150,000 in the Gadsden County Youth Program and has engaged the services of Tallahassee Community College and Workforce Plus to conduct the program called Gadsden Student Training Academy for Reaching Success (G*Stars). The Board also recently approved funding for two Boys and Girls Clubs in Gadsden County.

Analysis:

Since the Board believes that the best approach to deterring or reducing juvenile delinquency in Gadsden County is through a comprehensive prevention and early intervention program and is committed to a long-term solution rather than a quick fix, representatives from Tallahassee Community College and Workforce Plus, through a joint partnership, is providing an update on the Gadsden County Youth Program.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Options:

For Board discussion and feedback.

Attachment:

1. G Stars 2007 First Quarter Report (May 2007)



2007 First Quarter Report

The following summary pertains to GSTARS deliverable completions and anecdotal progress during the first quarter of 2007.

2006 Review

A comprehensive a 2006 review addressed administrative procedures, lessons learned and program modifications/design. Though TCC met or exceeded every 2006 GSTARS deliverable, an internal mandate for change was necessary in order to better serve the program participants. In 2007, the program will feature the following additional benefits:

- Opportunity to participate in the College Reach-Out Program (CROP)
- Two new course offerings (added because of 2006 GSTARS student demand):
 1. Law Enforcement/Corrections
 2. Education
- On-site training (instructors will come to the students' corresponding school rather than a centralized location)

2007 Deliverables

TCC respected an impromptu county-wide school request by the Gadsden County Public School System to reschedule the beginning of the program until after FCAT testing ended.

Activity: Recruit 125 middle and high school students.

Progress: To date, 124 students have received/will receive orientation. Applications are still being accepted. This year, Havana Middle School students were recruited for the program.

- East Gadsden – 71 received orientation
- Carter Paramore – 14 received orientation
- Havana Middle – 25 registered; will receive orientation 4 Apr
- Quincy Shanks – 14 registered; will receive orientation 6 Apr

Activity: Basic Skills Assessment 125 middle and high school students.

Progress: GMADE (math) and GRADE (reading) assessments will be administered to all program participants to establish baseline knowledge and proficiency, though some have already completed this phase:

- East Gadsden – 57 assessed
- Carter Paramore – will be assessed 2 Apr
- Havana Middle –will be assessed 5 Apr
- Quincy Shanks –will be assessed 6 Apr

Career Exploration classes, Teamwork training and hard-skills education are currently scheduled to commence 9 Apr and end 4 May.

If you have any questions, please direct all inquires to Mark Lowe, 201.8337.

Thank you.



GADSDEN STUDENT TRAINING ACADEMY FOR REACHING SUCCESS

GADSDEN COUNTY COMMISSION
PROGRESS UPDATE

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G*STARS RECRUITING

2007
150 applications

2006
90 applications

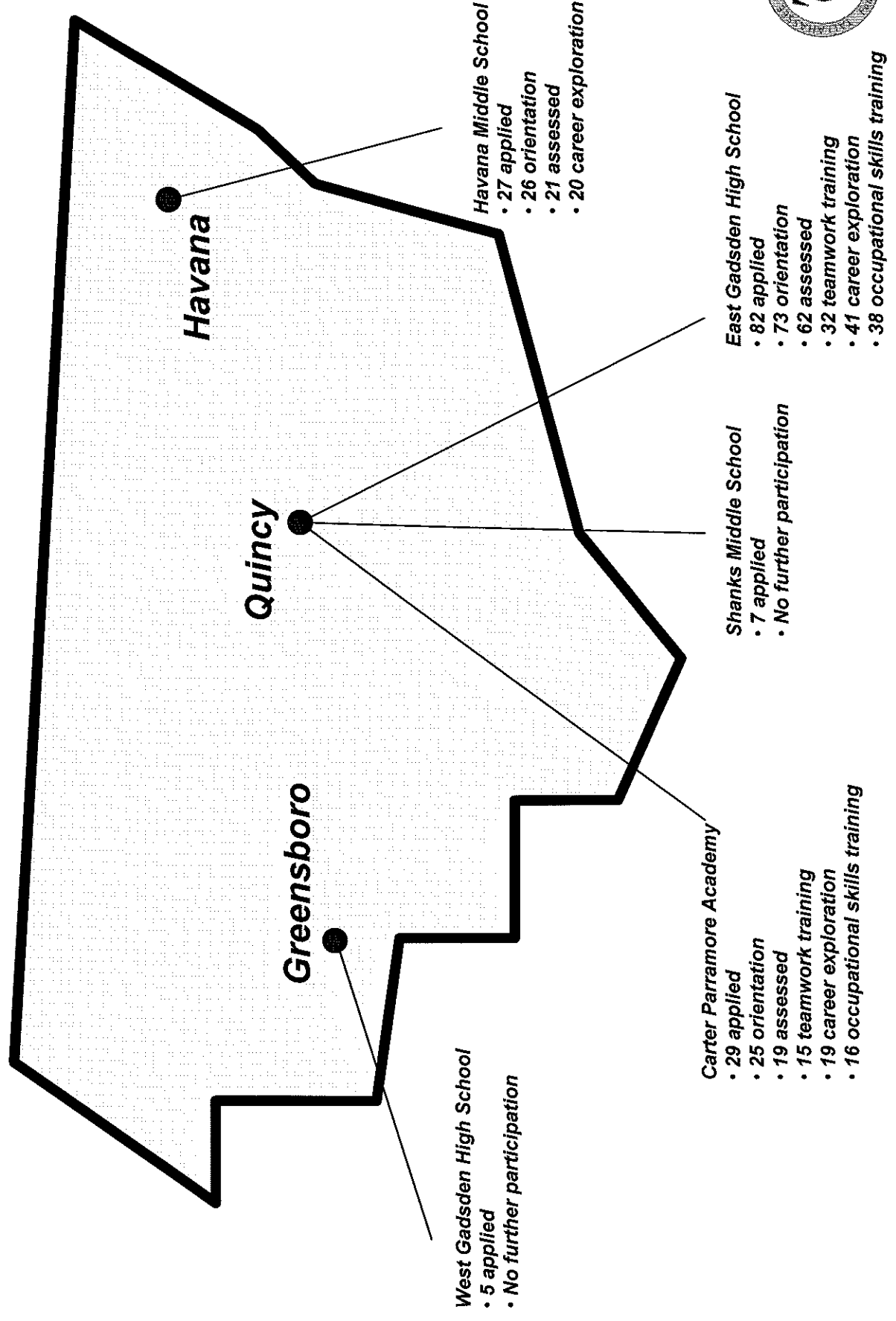


G*STARS DELIVERABLE REQUIREMENTS

<i>Deliverable Track</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Current</i>
<i>Recruit</i>	125	150
<i>Orientation</i>	125	130
<i>Assessment</i>	125	102
<i>Teamwork Training</i>	100	47
<i>Career Exploration</i>	90	80
<i>Occupational Skills Training</i>	85	57



G*STARS SCHOOL PARTICIPATION/REACH



Career Exploration

Teamwork Training

Corrections

Education

Graphic/Web Design

Law Enforcement

