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Districtwide Facilities Planning Study Presented to the Monona Grove Board of Education

Monona, WI – The Long Range Facilities Planning Committee (LRFPC) has worked over the last several months to create a Districtwide Facilities Study and prepared suggestions for the next steps in the facility planning process. They have worked with consultants, Eppstein Uhen Architects and CG Schmidt Construction, to tour all District facilities guided by school principals, assess building capacity and utilization, evaluate building conditions and systems, and study future growth in the District. At the Wednesday, June 24 meeting, the LRFPC Committee's findings and recommendations were presented to the Board.

Final recommendations were made in five different categories: Grade Level Configurations, Building Capacity and Utilization, Capital Maintenance, District Owned Property, and Athletics and Co-Curriculars. Two additional recommendations regarding the overall approach to facility planning were also proposed.

1. Accept the Districtwide Facility Study to assist in making future decisions.
2. Adopt the following category-specific recommendations as guidelines for Phase 2.
 - Grade Level Configuration: Standardize grade configuration to create predictable and realistic transitions for students.
 - Building Capacity and Utilization: Maximize existing space within District Buildings while maintaining manageable sized schools.
 - Capital Maintenance: Develop a capital maintenance plan that addresses immediate and long-term needs and ensures facility equity for all schools.
 - District Owned Property: Create a plan for surplus real estate, where revenue is generated for the District or the properties are effectively repurposed.
 - Athletics & Co-curriculars: Create central location for competition and reduce the use of rented facilities.

3. Proceed to Phase 2 and engage architectural and construction management firms to support the LRFPC and implement the above recommendations.

The Districtwide Facilities Study and recommendations made by the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee will be reviewed over the next few weeks, and discussed at the July 22 Board of Education meeting. “We are very grateful for the thorough work completed by the LRFPC Committee. The Districtwide Facilities Study and their recommendations will significantly shape our decisions moving forward throughout the facility planning process,” commented Peter Sobol, School Board President. The Board hopes to finalize and approve the work completed during Phase I and to shape plans to embark on Phase 2 of the Facility Planning Process in the Fall of 2015.

For access to the complete Districtwide Facility Study and more information regarding the facility planning process, please visit www.mononagrove.org.

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