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Monona Grove School District Expects Student Population to Grow in Coming Years

Monona, WI – The Monona Grove Board of Education and administration recently had a long range student population growth study completed by Vandewalle & Associates, a consulting firm based in Madison. The results of this study have been compiled for the District and will be used to help in future planning and decision-making.

Vandewalle & Associates analyzed current and upcoming development trends within the Monona Grove School District boundaries. They held discussions with representatives from each of the municipalities in the District containing students, as well as the City of Madison which may eventually grow into the District. Historic population data and trends and current population projections for District communities were examined, along with the most recent enrollment data available from the District. Using this information, Vandewalle was able to generate projections of student population growth within the District over the next twenty years.

This long range growth study included not only the expected quantity of future growth, but also the general location of where it is expected to occur. The study found the City of Monona's student population will likely stabilize, while an abundance of growth is expected to come from Cottage Grove. "The Low-end projection estimates the District would likely see a gain of almost 1000 students by 2035; the High-end projection estimates an increase of nearly 2000", stated the Vandewalle & Associates study.

Additionally, the study analyzed how the City of Madison's expansion could affect the District. Results found the City of Madison's build out plan does extend into significant portions of the District near the current western edge of the Town of Cottage Grove. However, Madison officials have decided to focus on infill and redevelopment recently, rather than expansion. This shift in focus makes it unlikely that development by the City of Madison will occur within the Monona Grove School District by 2035.

The work conducted by Vandewalle & Associates will be used by the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee as they continue with their meetings. The complete study can be found on the District website under the Long Range Facilities Planning section, <http://www.mononagrove.org/welcome/longrangefacilitiesplanning.cfm>.

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