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## Monona Grove's Long Range Facilities Planning Process Begins

**Monona, WI** – The Monona Grove Long Range Facilities Planning Committee has begun meeting to develop a comprehensive plan for the district. The meeting held on Tuesday, February 03, 2015, marked the group's first gathering and the kickoff of a several-month-long planning process.

At the meeting, the committee members and district administration reviewed the proposed Facilities Planning Charter that was drafted to effectively guide them through the process. The committee also worked to outline planning goals and objectives, while creating a schedule for the coming months. The committee's long-term goals include analyzing and touring the buildings, assessing the life cycle of current systems, completing building usage and capacity studies, and making recommendations to accommodate future growth.

Additionally, the Long Range Growth Study by Vandewalle & Associates was presented to the committee on Tuesday. The study shows projected student population to grow 19 percent in the next five years or as much as 63 percent by 2035. The information presented will be used to guide the facility planning process. The Board hopes to be able to position the Monona Grove School District for a future of continued success. Dean Bowles, the committee chairman, commented, "The community's commitment to this process will ensure we create a comprehensive approach on how to accommodate future growth and address maintenance needs, including the athletic facilities at the high school."

This committee along with Eppstein Uhen Architects and CG Schmidt Construction will provide an extensive facility study to be utilized by the District for future planning and decision making related to educational programming and other facility improvement needs. The final study will be presented on June 24<sup>th</sup> to the Board of Education.

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