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## Monona Grove School Board Proceeds to Phase 2 of Facility Planning Process

**Monona, WI** – The Long Range Facilities Planning (LRFP) Committee presented their recommendations to the Board of Education at their meeting on June 24, 2015. Following the meeting, board members had several weeks to review the committee's findings. At the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, the members officially accepted and approved the Committee's work completed during Phase 1 and committed to proceeding with Phase 2 of the Facility Planning Process.

By approving the Phase 1 findings, the Board adopted the seven recommendations presented by the LRFP Committee. Final recommendations were approved 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 have also been formally accepted; The Board of Education adopted the Districtwide Facility Study to assist in making future decisions and has unanimously approved partnering with the current architectural and construction management firms to support the LRFP Committee and implement their recommendations.

Monona Grove School District Administration and Board will continue working with Eppstein Uhen Architects and CG Schmidt Construction for Phase 2 of the Facility Planning process. "Their support has been instrumental throughout this process by engaging all stakeholders in our discussions. Eppstein Uhen and CG Schmidt have formed a wonderful partnership with our District. They are invested in engaging the community while finding the right building solutions for both Monona and Cottage Grove schools," commented Susan Fox, Board member and Chair of the LRFP Committee. Eppstein Uhen and CG Schmidt have been working together for 20 years, and they have completed over 50 projects during that time. The two Madison-based firms are leaders in K-12 design and construction.

Facility Planning will continue with the District and consultants to develop an action plan to address the LRFP Committee Recommendations immediately. For access to the complete Districtwide Facility Study and more information regarding the facility planning process, please visit [www.mononagrove.org](http://www.mononagrove.org).

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