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Educational Master Facility Plan: *Future Ready D36 Community Survey Results (Fallon Research & Communications, Inc.)*

To: School Board

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Background

A comprehensive log of activities, artifacts, presentations for Future Ready D36 is available via a dedicated website at <https://www.winnetka36.org/master-facility-plan-overview>.

At its regular meeting on August 21, 2018, the School Board affirmed current [working assumptions](#) and agreed to a [2018-2019 timeline](#) leading to a potential facilities referendum in spring 2019. Key milestones reviewed included a September survey-poll to collect data on community priorities and funding level support, finalization of the EMFP in late October, and Board Work Sessions to define an implementation plan and potential Phase I facilities project.

A review of the 10-year vision for the EMFP focused on a potential K-4; 5-8 Concept which would restore all (3) neighborhood elementary schools to a grade K-4 configuration and consolidate to a single (1) grade 5-8 campus. All planning options considered would require change to the elementary school attendance boundaries in the least disruptive manner for students, families and households. The timeline of late spring 2019 was established for making necessary changes to attendance boundaries. This work will be done in collaboration with community and will follow the the definition of a potential Phase I facilities plan and community approved referendum.

At the meeting, the District reviewed costs associated with modernization to address

aging buildings, systems, and outdated instructional spaces. Estimated 30-year costs to address items identified in the Health Life Safety Plan (alone) totaled approximately \$127 million; in comparison, the estimated 30-year cost of implementing the K-4; 5-8 Concept totaled approximately \$160 million. View an overview of these financial concepts [HERE](#). Updated FAQs were drafted and are available [HERE](#).

At the August meeting, the School Board requested that the estimated redistricting numbers be re-shared for discussion purposes.

K-4;5-8 Model

- *Redistricting Impact (varies based on redistricting model employed)*
 - Number of households impacted (est 5/18) - **50-80**
 - Number of students impacted (est 5/18) - **65-110**

K-5; 6-8 Model

- *Redistricting Impact (varies based on redistricting model employed)*
 - Number of households impacted (est 5/18) - **55-90**
 - Number of students impacted (est 5/18) - **80-125**

K-3; 4-8 Model

- *Redistricting Impact (varies based on redistricting model employed)*
 - Number of households impacted (est 5/18) - **40-75**
 - Number of students impacted (est 5/18) - **50-90**

Update

Since the August 21st meeting, the District launched a telephonic survey conducted by an independent, professional survey specialist *Fallon Research & Communications, Inc.* The District also mailed a community-wide newsletter with Future Ready information, shared a dedicated email message with the school community, updated the District website, met with community groups (such as PTO and Foundation), and informed D36 staff of current status.

District staff are also actively working on a recommendation as to how to best configure the 5-8 campus model. They will determine if the best approach is to configure the campus as a fifth grade center complemented by a grade 6-8 middle school OR continue with a fifth-sixth/seventh-eighth grade configuration. Teachers at all five school are involved in this process in preparation for a recommendation to the Superintendent and School Board.

At the September 25, 2018 meeting, the School Board will be asked to:

- Review the community survey findings in a presentation of results facilitated by Paul Fallon of *Fallon Research & Communications, Inc*
- Understand how the results inform the EMFP determination
- Request any additional information in preparation for the October 10, 2018, special Board Meeting to refine the EMFP in preparation for an October 23, 2018 adoption of an Educational Master Facility Plan.

The Board and administration remain committed to community engagement, clear and transparent communication, a focus on teaching and learning, and fiscal responsibility. The Board will remain attuned to these key commitments when discussing *Future Ready D36* to ensure the standards of expectation are being met.

Next Steps

[Access 2018-2019 Timeline Here](#)

October 2018

- Host Board Work Session on October 10, 2018 to:
 - Review all data requests from September 25, 2018 Board Meeting
 - Confirm all D36 Future Ready Working Assumptions
 - Refine EMFP
- Adopt District 36 Educational Master Facility Plan on October 23, 2018

November - December 2018

- Host Board Work Session on November 12, 2018 to:
 - Establish the EMFP timeline
 - Define project scope for a potential Phase One Facilities Plan
 - Confirm costs for a potential Phase One Facilities Plan
 - Review finance options for a potential Phase One Facilities Plan
- If moving forward:
 - Create April 2, 2019 referendum resolutions with bond counsel
 - Develop a comprehensive Referendum Communications & Outreach Plan to inform all community stakeholders

January 2019

- Adopt referendum resolutions by January 14, 2019
- Implement the Referendum Communications & Outreach Plan

Attachments

- None (Fallon Research is in the midst of preparing the final presentation and analysis. Therefore, the presentation will not be available in advance of the meeting.)