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### **District 36 School Board Approves Educational Master Facility Plan**

**Winnetka, Ill.**--After a long-term engagement process, the District 36 School Board has approved a long-term Educational Master Facility Plan (EMFP). The EMFP is a facility plan and vision to guide District decision-making and priorities over the next 10 years.

The Board committed to include the following components in the 10-year EMFP (projects soon to be prioritized):

- K-4; 5-8 Grade Level Configuration with consolidation to a single (1) 5-8 grade campus at Carleton Washburne School and a 5-year utilization plan for The Skokie School. This model upholds the neighborhood schools configuration.
- Baseline facility needs that recognize priorities for:
  - Health, Life Safety items/projects
  - Safety and security enhancements
  - ADA accessibility upgrades
  - HVAC upgrades with improved indoor air quality and temperature regulation
  - Domestic water pipe replacement
  - Electrical capacity upgrades
- Updated and multi-tiered modernized instructional and common spaces to afford greatest flexibility in future planning. This includes multi-purpose cafeteria and gym space renovations or additions to serve District needs and community use.
- Sustainability planning for Air Quality, Student-Centric Design, Sustainable Operations, and Energy Consumption as some of the high priority items among a range of important topics addressed in the EMFP.
- Redistricting Plan (shared no later than spring 2019) in consultation with School Board, District administrators, community leaders, and Village and safety officials, to determine changes to the elementary school attendance boundaries and the implementation timeline to achieve optimal enrollments and elimination of the short-term Kindergarten plan.

“We are extremely grateful for the many ways parents, staff, and community members have dedicated time and expertise to help the Board reach this decision. We would especially like to acknowledge those who served on the Core Team to help the District address complex challenges and determine wise solutions,” says Superintendent Kocanda.

As planning has commenced immediately to define the first phase of the long-range EMFP, the District is also looking ahead to an April 2, 2019 referendum. The community is encouraged to follow the process by accessing future dates and meeting materials at [www.winnetka36.org](http://www.winnetka36.org).

*About The Winnetka Public Schools District 36*

The Winnetka Public Schools is a community that honors the whole child, fosters creativity, inspires lifelong learning, and develops civic responsibility. District 36 is comprised of three elementary schools (Crow Island School, Greeley School, and Hubbard Woods School), The Skokie School (grades 5 and 6) and Carleton Washburne School (grades 7 and 8), where there is a progressive, experiential approach to developing learners who are compassionate citizens, who contribute to their community, and are well prepared for a dynamic future. For more information, visit [www.winnetka36.org](http://www.winnetka36.org).

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