A Community of Learners

Informational Memo: Educational Master Facility Plan: Future Ready D36

To: School Board

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This memo summarizes progress on Future Ready D36, the District’s Educational Master Facility Plan (EMFP), since the December 19, 2017, Board meeting. There will not be a presentation this month as the progress since the December meeting was limited due to winter break. The February meeting will include a presentation.

Update on Progress Since December 19, 2017, School Board Meeting

- Hosted Future Ready Core Team meeting on January 10, 2018 (minutes to meeting available here).
- Launched Community and Staff survey to prioritize values that will be considered by the Core Team and School Board when developing and reviewing initial concepts in February and March. (January 12)
- Reported a summary of relevant research findings related to grade configuration and environmental impact on learning (January 10 and 23)
- Toured the Core Team through all five district schools highlighting educational, operational, and functional strengths and weaknesses relevant to the Future Ready D36 initiative (January 19)
- Refined Phase I cost estimates with Ameresco and DLR Group. Findings will be shared with Board in February. (January 22)
- Hosted Community Outreach session focused on environmental design, student learning, and research on best practices. (January 23)
Administration introduced or updated the *Future Ready D36 Initiative* at the following events:

- Winnetka Public Schools Foundation (January 8)
- Central PTO (January 12)
- District Green Team Meeting (January 19)

**Discussion**

*Guiding Values Survey*
Reports are attached that show the outcome of the staff and community guiding values survey, which was open from January 12 - 25, 2018. In total, we gather data from 952 respondents (724 community and 228 staff). Per Board request, the results are shared in their entirety, with all indicators and ranking percentages available for review. The data can be disaggregated by demographic at the Board’s request.

*Research Findings*
The Core Team’s research team was facilitated by Kelly Tess. An executive summary of the findings are attached for Board review. This information was shared with the Core Team, staff, and with the Community at the January 23, 2018, outreach session.

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**

- Continue Core Team Work for Phase III with the support of DLR and Matthew Cropper (demographer)
- Prepare for March 12, 2018, Special Board meeting

**Attachments**

- Guiding Values Survey results- Community / Staff
- Relevant research summary
- January 23, 2018, Future Ready D36 Community Outreach event presentation