



December 2016 Report of the CITIZENS FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Who

The Task Force is made up of 20 volunteer members of our community and includes representatives from all areas of the school district.

What

The Task Force is reviewing the district's Long Range Facilities Plan, which lists all the facility needs in all schools and departments in the district.

Why

The Task Force's job is to review and comment on the list of facility needs and make recommendations to the School Board on how to fund the Long Range Facilities Plan.

Examples of facility needs:

- Many of the district's 177 portable classrooms have reached their life expectancy.
- The addition of portables over the years to address crowding has put pressure on school infrastructure like gyms, libraries, and cafeterias.
- Career and Technical Education programs (vocational programs) require specialized facilities.
- Safety and security upgrades are crucial to maintaining a safe learning environment.

Citizens Facilities Task Force December 19, 2016 meeting summary

Agenda

- Safety and Security Needs
- Enrollment Growth

Citizens Facilities Task Force members heard reports on enhancing student and staff **Safety and Security** at schools. Ideas include investing in building upgrades like moving front offices at many schools to the front of the buildings near main entrances, and adding larger windows in other school offices so staff can more easily observe what is happening near the building entrances. They heard reports on improving safety and security technology, improving lighting in parking lots, and investing in upgrades to the security badge access systems.

Citizens Facilities Task Force members also heard reports on student **Enrollment Growth** at schools. Ideas for ways to solve the problem of overcrowding in schools include changing the boundaries of the district, adding onto existing school buildings, using more portable classrooms, and building new facilities.

Citizens Facilities Task Force members will hear more reports on the district's Long Range Facilities Plan at meetings in January and February 2017. They will make recommendations to the School Board in March 2017 on the district's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan.



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