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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 draft 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 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:

- Five of the district's six comprehensive high schools are currently near or over capacity.
- Add or upgrade science labs at middle and high schools to meet instructional needs under the new science standards and to provide consistency across the district.
- 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 February 6 & 13, 2017, Meetings Summary

Task Force Continues Work

The Citizens Facilities Task Force has held six meetings in the last few months to review and discuss Salem-Keizer's draft Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP).

The draft LRFP includes a long list of facility-related needs in 60 schools in the district, plus five support department facilities such as Transportation and Student Services. Examples of items in the draft include adding science labs to middle and high schools, making seismic upgrades to schools rated high for seismic risk, enhancing CTE opportunities at all high schools, expanding current high schools, and improving infrastructure, such as gyms and cafeterias.

At a recent February meeting, committee members learned about different methods of funding available to the school district, and the feasibility of each method of funding projects in the Long Range Facilities Plan.

Two more Task Force meetings are planned. The Task Force's work will culminate with a report to the School Board that outlines recommendations for funding the Capital Improvement Plan portion of the Long Range Facilities Plan. The School Board will evaluate the Task Force's recommendations and determine next steps.

Citizens Facilities Task Force meetings are open to the public; however public testimony is not taken. A calendar of future meetings can be found on the district website, along with meeting minutes and other resources.



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