

School district likely to need third campus

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In the next 18 years, Warrenton will need a new school – probably a new campus for middle-schoolers – and it will cost \$32.5 million.

The was the conclusion of a long-range facility planning study just completed by R&C Management Group on behalf of the Warrenton-Hammond School District.

An additional 2,037 people are expected to live in the city by 2035 and that amounts to 227 more school kids.

Warrenton Grade School – which includes junior-high-age students -- already is past its 554-student capacity. Six additional portable classrooms were added to the campus this year to meet the growing student population, now at 734, plus 40 preschoolers.

Warrenton High School has a capacity of 280 students and enrollment currently is 264.

“We want to create a roadmap to get us where we need to be,” said Scott Rose, a senior project manager with R&C who presented his findings to the school board Wednesday night.

That roadmap includes sur-



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Twelve grade school teachers were honored by the school board Wednesday night for making the National Honor Roll in a nationwide reading program. They are Corey Conant, Jessie Ehrhart, Trish Janzen, Dee Hartley, Nancy Kennell, Mindy Little, Angie Horton, Hannah Johnson, Courtney Johnsen, Margaret Heyen and Crystal Salmi. Salmi won a special award for having the highest-scoring first-grade readers in the nation. Her class read more than 7,000 books last year.

veying all the buildings and infrastructure, surveying the staff, looking at historic enrollment data and population projections and reviewing all the funding mechanisms available.

In introducing Rose the board, Superintendent Mark Jeffrey said, “He knows more about the district than any human alive.”

He has crawled onto roofs, into utility rooms and restrooms and ended his physical assessments earlier Wednesday with an in-depth look at the Warrenton High Fisheries facility. He also surveyed every staff member to find out what they considered

the biggest structural needs.

Their answers ranged from “upgrading technology” to “added meeting spaces” to “more power receptacles in the classrooms.”

The district needs to ask voters to pass a bond, Rose said, and all data, planning and grant requests must be in place.

The district will develop a “core team” of community and district staff members. The group will meet at least twice to develop goals and, an action plan.

Public Safety Calls

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• Provide mutual aid for structure fire, 7:19 a.m. Sept. 6, 2845 Marine Drive, Astoria.

• Provide mutual aid for structure fire, 8:05 a.m. Sept. 6, 1033 Marine Drive, Astoria.

• Fire alarm water flow alarm, 11:48 a.m. Sept. 6, Warrenton Grade School.

• Illegal backyard fire, 7:31 p.m. Sept. 6, Sand Dollar Lane.

• Fire alarm, 6:45 p.m. Sept. 8, Warrenton High School.

MEDICAL CALLS

• Female with head injury, 12:04 p.m. Sept. 4, 2200 block Southeast Dolphin Avenue.

• Female with possible heat stroke, 12:38 p.m. Sept. 4, Fort Stevens historical area.

• Male with heat emergency, 1:23 p.m. Sept. 4, historical area, Fort Stevens State Park.

• Male who's dizzy with chest pain, 2:10 p.m. Sept. 5, 100 block Alt. Highway 101.

• Male brought in by helicopter, 12:11 p.m. Sept. 6, Coast Guard Air Station.

• Female with possible stroke, 1:56 p.m. Sept. 6, Ranger Station Fort Stevens State Park.

• Female fell and is bleeding from face, 6:09 a.m. Sept. 6, 100 block Southeast Neptune Drive.

• Intoxicated female who hit herself with picture frame, 6:35 p.m. Sept. 6, 32500 block Turlay Lane.

• Female with difficulty breathing, 8:54 p.m. Sept. 6, 600 block South Main Avenue.

• Male having seizures, 10:18 a.m. Sept. 7, 400 block Fleet Street, Hammond.

• Female with rapid heart rate, 12:28 p.m. Sept. 7, 1600 block Southeast Ensign Lane.

• Female with possible stroke, 4:48 p.m. Sept. 8, 1600 block Southeast Ensign Lane.

• Female not feeling well, 2:51 p.m. Sept. 9, 1000 block Nautical Drive, Hammond.

• Female having allergic reaction, 3:19 p.m. Sept. 9, 1800 block Southeast Ensign Lane.

• Female with chest pain, 8:54 p.m. Sept. 10, 700 block South Main Avenue.

• Female having seizure, 6:56 p.m. Sept. 10, Camp Kiwanilong.

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