

School Board Meeting/Workshop:

June 9, 2014

Subject:

Facility Needs Review

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Report only, no action needed at this time.

DESCRIPTION:

Annually, the District's Buildings and Grounds Director conducts a needs assessment of the facilities which involves the custodial staff and building administrator input to determine facility deficiencies. Those reviews yield information pertaining to the facility needs throughout the District. The information collected is placed into broad categories that outline areas of need. The categories are: safety and security, maintenance and operations (a 15-year deferred maintenance plan), classroom and building expansions, and activity venue upgrades and improvements. Additionally, the Director of Technology identifies needs that affect the infrastructure of the technology network as well as equipment replacement needs on an annual basis.

Each year, the Buildings & Grounds department recommends approximately two million dollars worth of health and safety and capital needs for approval from the School Board. Unfortunately, the department annually identifies approximately 3 to 5 million dollars worth of facility needs. The difference between what is available through state funding and what is needed annually quickly accumulates to 1 to 3 million dollars per year. Add those needs up over several years and it becomes very clear that unmet needs accumulate to 30 million dollars over a 15-year period.

The presentation to the Board will identify specific District facility needs and will project the costs associated in order to meet those needs. The information that will be presented will also reference data related to the resident survey conducted in December 2013. That data indicates that the public would generally support the District if it needed to bond for facility needs depending on the cost of investment. Additionally, information will be presented to identify a level of support from the community if a bond issue is presented for approval.

This information is presented for review and comment from the School Board and no action is requested at this time. After the Board review and comment is received and questions are answered, the District Administration will present final findings for approval.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Facility Needs Review PowerPoint Presentation