



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO:** Dr. Albert G. Roberts, Superintendent

**FROM:** Therese M. O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

**RE:** Summer 2015 Capital Projects

**DATE:** October 21, 2014

As reported at the September 23, 2014 meeting, the proposed summer 2015 projects have been vetted by both the District's architect, Jennifer Costanzo of STR Partners, and FAC (Facility Advisory Committee). As a result of FAC's meeting on September 16, 2014 and their recommendation that the proposed work, designed by DLA, and their respective cost estimates be verified, STR Partners reviewed proposed work by being on site at all four buildings (Irving, Lincoln, Longfellow & Whittier Schools), reviewed scope of work with Norman Lane, Senior Director of Buildings & Grounds, and presented its findings to FAC at its meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

STR's complete report is attached and while some dollar amounts are not yet finalized due to the estimator being on jury duty, it is anticipated that by the time of our meeting on Tuesday evening, we will have final estimated numbers. Currently, it appears that the anticipated cost may be less, though not by much, than the original estimate of \$1,825,791, inclusive of contingency and architectural fees.

The engineer from CS2 Design Group, Bob Siil, and Jennifer Costanzo, from STR Partners, walked FAC through every component of their analysis and FAC fully endorsed moving forward with the identified projects which will be bid as a singular bid. You may recall that by "bundling" these 5 projects (upgrade fire alarm systems, replace intercom systems, replace master clock system, upgrade fire alarm system in Media Center, Administration Area & Exterior Doors, and replacement of rusted/damaged doors and frames at gymnasiums with provision to control access to gymnasiums) the District would achieve the following positive outcomes:

- 1) Having similar work performed over one summer, rather than 3 different years.
- 2) Schools would only have to be closed once, rather than 3 different times.
- 3) Financial economy by bidding one large project, rather than three smaller projects.

We recommend that these projects be approved at the October 21, 2014 and that STR Partners be directed to prepare bid specifications for same, as well as a timetable for acceptance, award, and start/completion dates for work.

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