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CITIZENS COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

FORT  SMITH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



THE MISSION OF
FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fort Smith Public Schools, a premier district where innovation creates excellence, is dedicated to providing an equitable, challenging educational experience by engaging families and community partners as we prepare students to embrace their roles in our culturally diverse community and rapidly changing world.



Jason Green
Chair



Alex Sanchez
Co-Chair

5 Meetings • **57 People** • 900+ Hours



Parents, Grandparents, Business & Community Leaders

Faith Community • Law • Educators • Medical • Manufacturing • Banking • Accounting
Engineering • Transportation • Finance • Information Technology • Small Business • Non-Profit

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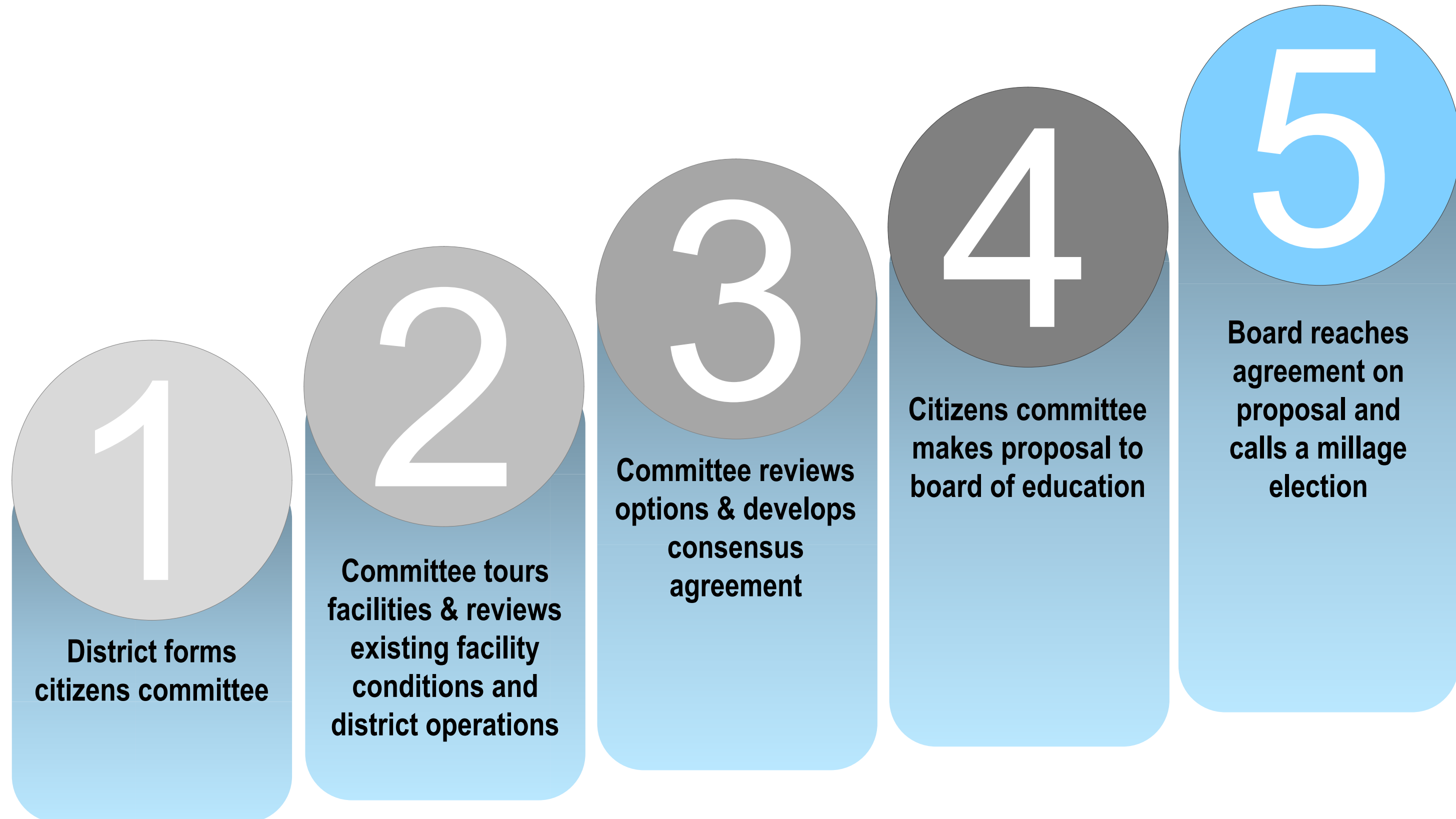
VISION 2023 FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Emphasis Areas

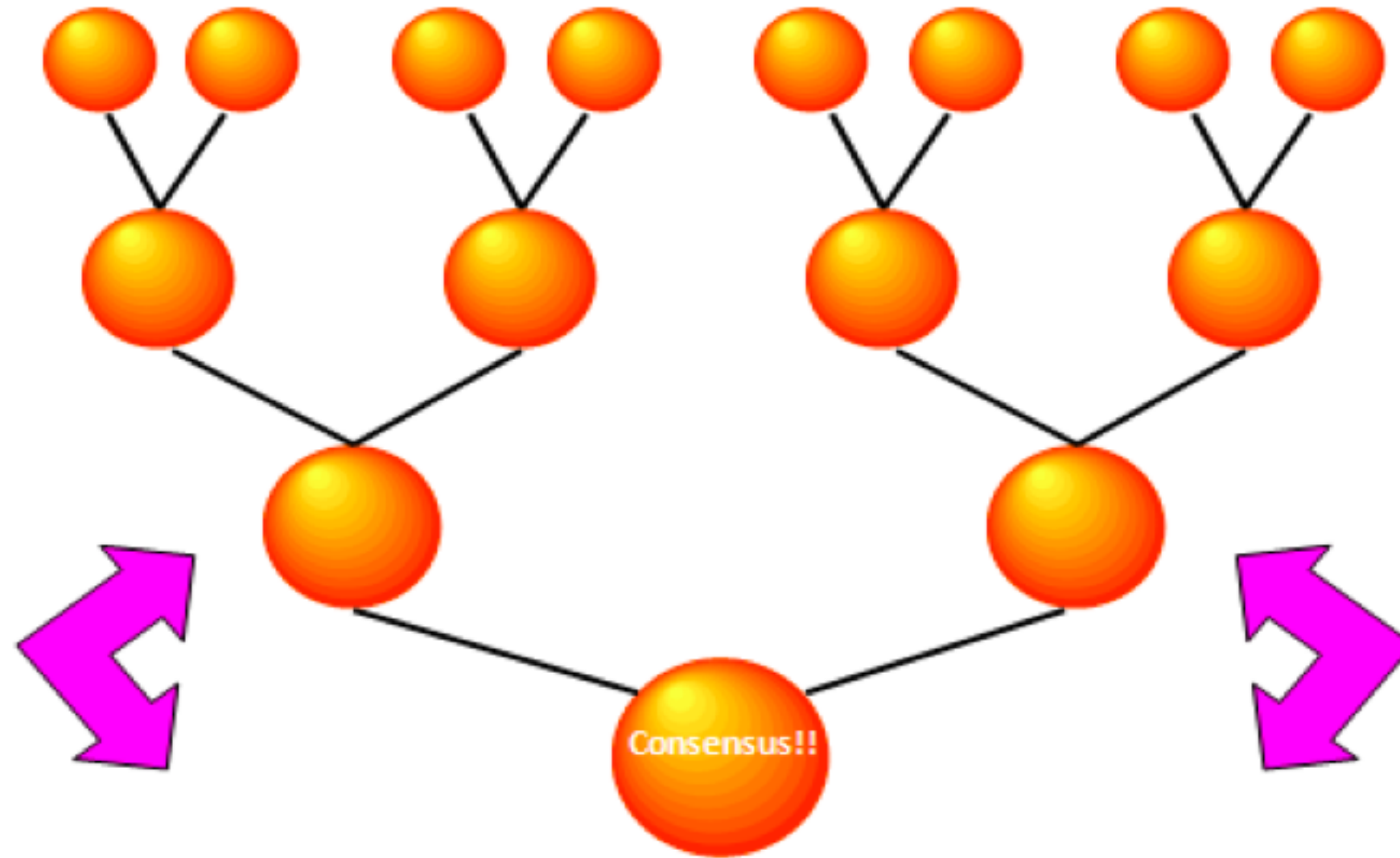
- ✓ Career Planning
- ✓ Equity
- ✓ Instruction
- ✓ Learning
- ✓ Environments/Facilities
- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Wellness

Our Committee Process



Consensus Model

Millage Proposal Construction Process



District Wide Facility Assessment

- Small neighborhood schools are assets... and liabilities
- District Maintenance Staff – maintain facilities well
- Many opportunities exist for district efficiency
 - Facilities
 - Operations
 - Transportation
 - Food Service
- Identified / prioritized entire district needs
- Technology – serves students well but technology is always changing so updates must continue
- Food Services – upgrades to changing standards to be applied
- District efficiently utilizes all facilities – with limited flexibility for adjustment, currently “force transferring” 450 students each day



Proposed Master Plan



**MOVE 9th GRADE TO
HIGH SCHOOL**



**MOVE 6th GRADE TO JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL – CREATES MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**EXPAND
PRE-K PROGRAM**



**EXPAND TECHNOLOGY
TO 1 TO 1**



**CREATE PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING COMMUNITIES**



**MAINTAIN EXISTING
FACILITIES**



**CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION FACILITY**



**CREATE EFFICIENCIES
THROUGHOUT DISTRICT**



**SECURE ALL
CAMPUSES**

FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CURRENT STATE



SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1,516

NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1,688



RAMSEY JUNIOR HIGH

897

CHAFFIN JUNIOR HIGH

799

KIMMONS JUNIOR HIGH

788

DARBY JUNIOR HIGH

662



COOK

538

FAIRVIEW

549

WOODS

562

EUPER LANE

484

SUTTON

497

MORRISON

316

HOWARD

334

TILLES

378

CARNALL

263

CAVANAUGH

317

ORR

376

BONNEVILLE

317

SPRADLING

399

PIKE

485

SUNNYMEDE

629

BEARD

339

BARLING

355

TRUSTY

340

BALLMAN

279



10TH – 12TH GRADE



7TH – 9TH GRADE



K – 6TH GRADE

February 14, 2018



SAFETY & SECURITY

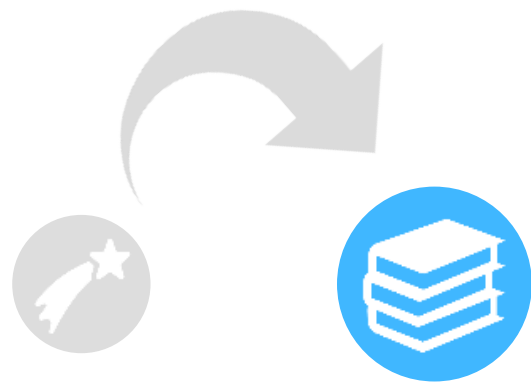
- Installation of secure entries
- Access control
- Exterior and building site lighting
- ADA upgrades to district facilities
- Enclosure of open-space elementary classrooms
- Alarm upgrades
- Additional storm shelters



- Expand career and college offerings for entire district
- Provide focused and specific specialty facilities
- Community and job connection enhancement



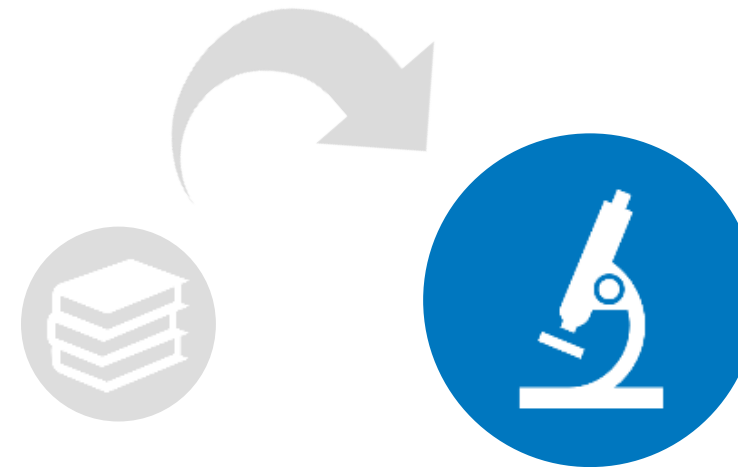
Elementary



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Removes 925 students (6th grade)
- Opportunity to reduce 450 forced transfers

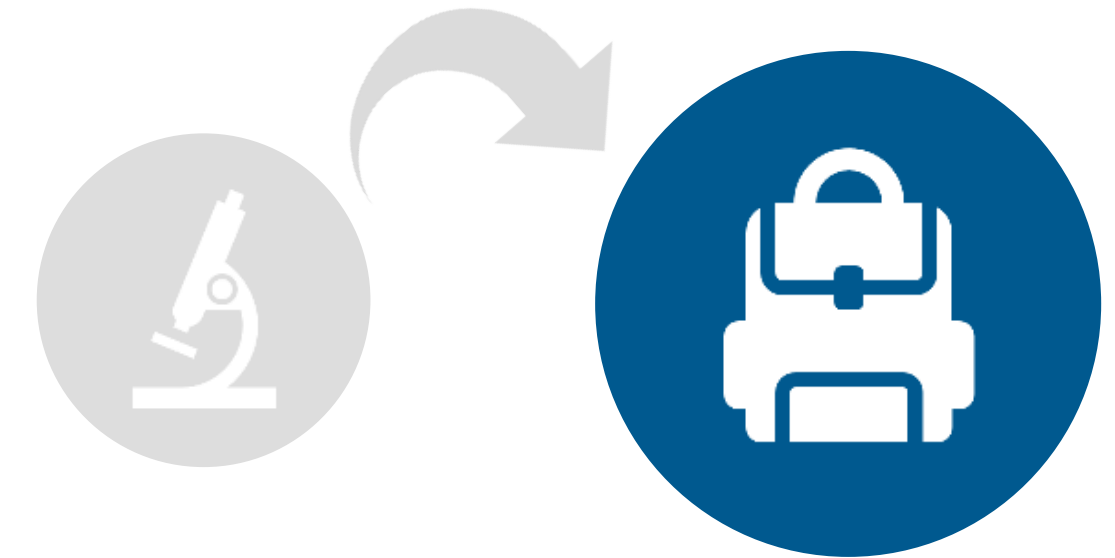
6th



6TH GRADE TO MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Adds 6th grade students to middle school population (minimal student # changes)

9th



9TH GRADE TO HIGH SCHOOL

- Adds 1,000 +/- students to high school population

Why?

- ✓ High instructional priority
 - ✓ Recommended by three Vision 2023 Action Teams
 - ✓ Reduces forced transfers at elementary schools
- Ninth Grade**
- ✓ Improving graduation rate
 - ✓ Increasing access to Career Tech and Concurrent Credit opportunities
 - ✓ Improved access to access to Advanced Placement classes
 - ✓ Transcripts begin at 9th Grade
 - ✓ Early exposure to education and career planning, resources and guidance

- Sixth Grade**
- ✓ Access to innovative instructional programs offered in middle schools
 - ✓ Earlier access to education and career planning, resources and guidance
 - ✓ Earlier access to fine arts instruction and other skills based programs

FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS				Full Room				
Recommendation Projects Grouped by School Level and/or District	High or Middle	Project Cost	Mills	Number of Committees	Number of "Yes" Votes	Number of "No" Votes	Percentage of "Yes"	Percentage of "No"
High Schools	2							
Advanced High School								
Recommendation - Option 1 New Room for 2000 seat Middle School New 3000 seat High School New Cafeteria and Kitchen New Gymnasium Add 2000 seats Add 2000 seats	1	\$28,215,996	1.21%	1	4	0	100%	0%
Option 2 New 2000 seat Middle School New Gymnasium New Cafeteria Add 2000 seats	2	\$18,248,817	0.69%	20	10	10	67%	33%
Middle Schools								
Recommendation - Option 1 New Cafeteria New Gymnasium New Cafeteria New Gymnasium Add 2000 seats Add 2000 seats	1	\$7,199,999	0.28%	4	4	0	100%	0%
Option 3 New 2000 seat Middle School New Gymnasium New Cafeteria Add 2000 seats	2	\$13,407,479	0.53%	20	40	10	80%	20%
Elementary Schools								
New Cafeteria New Cafeteria New Cafeteria Add 2000 seats	1	\$13,754,646	0.53%	4	4	0	100%	0%
Other Schools - Middle Schools								
Liberty - Renovations Liberty - Renovations	2	\$9,004,980	0.34%	4	4	0	100%	0%
Elementary Schools								
Oakley (New Cafeteria and Kitchen) Oakley (New Cafeteria and Kitchen) Woods (New Cafeteria and Kitchen) Woods (New Cafeteria and Kitchen)	1	\$2,743,301	0.10%	1	4	0	100%	0%
Oakley (New Cafeteria and Kitchen) Woods (New Cafeteria and Kitchen)	1	\$3,968,790	0.15%	4	4	0	100%	0%
Woods (New Cafeteria and Kitchen) Woods (New Cafeteria and Kitchen)	1	\$2,232,180	0.11%	4	4	0	100%	0%
Morrison (New Cafeteria and Kitchen) Morrison (New Cafeteria and Kitchen)	2	\$1,927,210	0.07%	20	10	10	67%	33%
Middle Schools								
Oakley and Reynolds Oakley and Reynolds Oakley and Reynolds Oakley and Reynolds Oakley and Reynolds	1	\$1,500,000	0.06%	4	4	0	100%	0%
Other								
School Resource Office (SRO) for all Secondary Campuses School Resource Office (SRO) for all Secondary Campuses	1a	\$1,200,000	0.05%	1	1	0	100%	0%
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School Resource Office (SRO) for all Secondary Campuses School Resource Office (SRO) for all Secondary Campuses	1d	\$400,000	0.01%	20	20	10	67%	33%
Other								
New Cafeteria New Cafeteria New Cafeteria	1	\$1,500,000	0.06%	1	1	0	100%	0%
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Total Dollar Amount & Mills		\$120,261,557	6.88%					

Notes:
1. 100% of total
2. 100% of total
3. 100% of total

So this means ...

HIGH SCHOOLS



The high school will need more capacity for 9th graders

MIDDLE SCHOOLS



Middle schools will have adequate space to serve 6-8

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Space at elementary schools will contribute to the reduction of forced transfers
(currently 450 students)

Southside High School

- New secure entry and media center
- Two new storm shelters
- Kitchen and cafeteria expansion and renovation
- New competition gymnasium
- Renovations to existing spaces
- 9th grade center



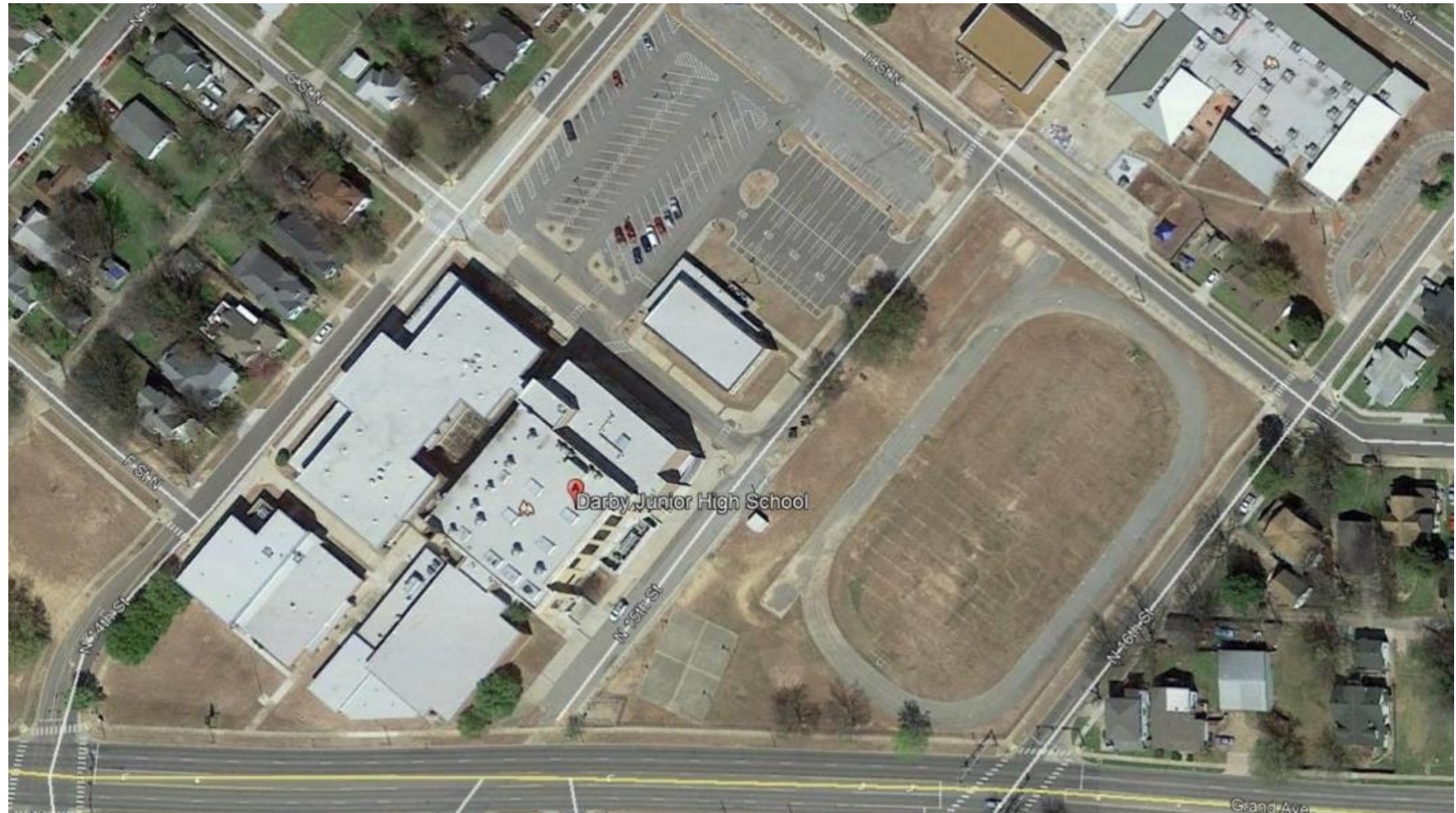
Northside High School

- New secure entry
- Two new storm shelters
- Kitchen and cafeteria renovations
- New competition gymnasium
- Renovations to existing spaces
- 9th grade center



Darby Junior High School

- Secure entry
- Renovations to 2nd and 3rd floors of existing building including the enclosure of open-space classrooms
- Enclosing outdoor corridors



Barling, Woods, Cook and Morrison Elementary Schools

- Internal renovations to construct permanent walls at classrooms
- Improves security
- Improves instructional environment





STAFFING

- Add School Resource Officers (3) to cover all secondary campuses
- Add grant writer (1)
- Staff raise \$100 base on average (1.34%)
- Add one nurse to cover each campus (7 total)

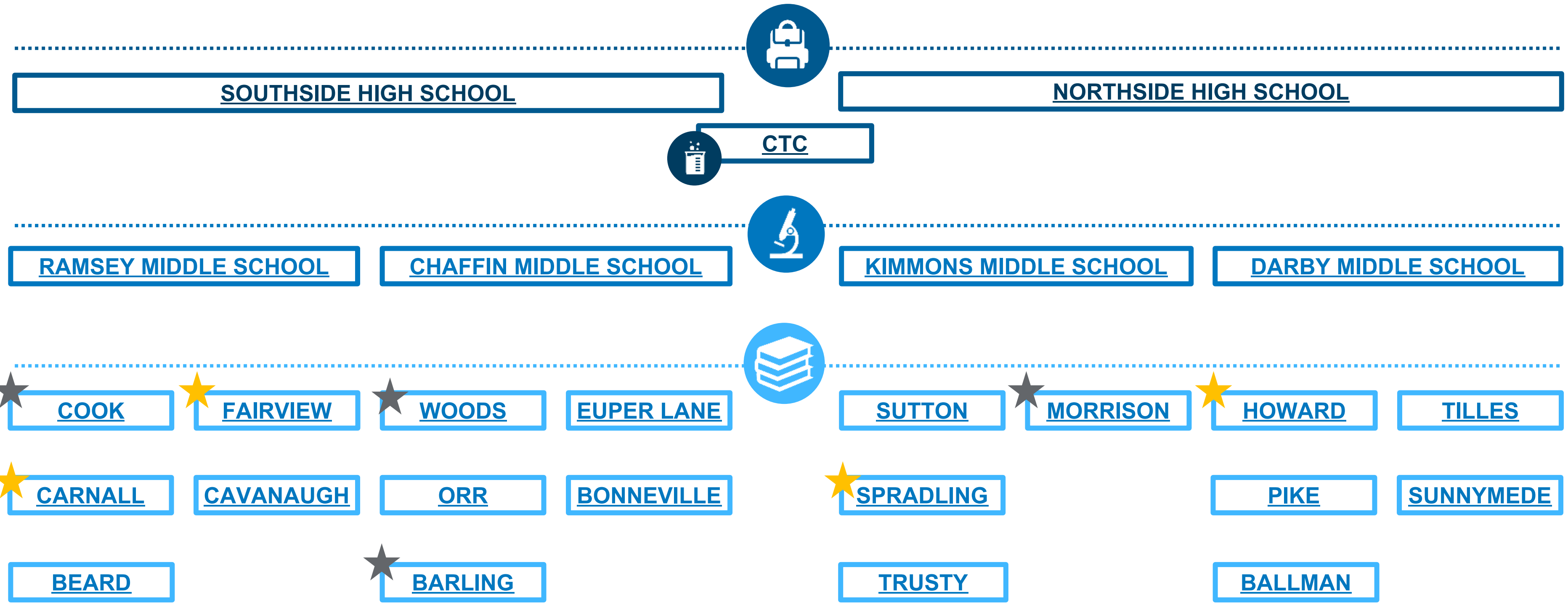




TECHNOLOGY

- Wireless internet access and annual replacement cycle
- Student device 1:1 annual replacement cycle

FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUTURE STATE



Millage Rate

CURRENT
36.50

+

PROPOSED INCREASE
6.88

NEW
43.38

Estimated Tax Impact

AVERAGE HOMEOWNER



Per \$100,000 in real estate value



THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

***“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.” – Chinese Proverb***

THANK YOU!

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