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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Kyle Hansen, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Date: November 14, 2025
Subject: Inclined Wheelchair Lift for Meadowview School

Kyle Hansen was approached by Dr. Anne Bowers and Dr. Kelly Neylon this fall about installing a wheelchair lift at Meadowview School for a second-grade student. The lift would be needed on the west side of the building to help the student get up and down from the main floor to the lower level for music and art classes and any other activities taking place at that end of the building. Right now, staff take the student outside via the front/main entrance, down the wheelchair ramp, and back into the school on the lower level (and reverse the process when taking the student back up to the main level), as needed. The school also has a manual “stair climber” that can be used in case of inclement weather, but it is slow, not as sturdy as a permanent wheelchair lift, and it requires more staff physical assistance, which could lead to staff injury or student discomfort. As this student grows and her wheelchair gets larger, this could become even more of a concern. Additionally, as Meadowview houses multiple MLP classes, there is a good chance that wheelchair-bound students will be assigned to Meadowview in the future (we already had a wheelchair-bound student there several years ago, and it would not be a surprise if we had wheelchair-bound students there in the future). As this student potentially has several years left at Meadowview, and as this is an accessibility and safety concern, we would like to address this situation proactively.

Kyle identified some major manufacturers of wheelchair lifts (Garaventa, Lifeway Mobility, Ameriglide, MobilityWorks, and Ascension) and has begun identifying local contractors who are certified installers of these lifts. We would need a straight lift (no need to go around a corner) that covers about eight steps and an approximately 70-inch rise from the lower level to the main level. The motorized lift would have a fold-down seat and a fold-down wheelchair platform, and it would be fully handicapped accessible and meet all OSHA Safety Regulations and ADA Requirements. We estimate that this lift will cost under \$50K, so a formal bid is not required. Kyle has begun getting price quotes (see the two attached so far for a Garaventa lift and a Lifeway lift), and he will continue seeking others. We are bringing this project to the Board for discussion in November so that we can make a formal recommendation in December, order the equipment immediately thereafter, and arrange for the lift installation over Spring Break. Funding for this project would come from either the Capital Projects Fund or the O&M Fund, as needed. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you.
