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The 1974 addition to Geneva High School included a 600-seat auditorium, stage and stage craft area. Since the addition 38 years ago, upkeep and extensive repairs have been done on the auditorium seating. I am finding now that parts are either difficult to locate, have been discontinued or are very expensive to purchase. Numerous seats are broken or have been removed for safety reasons. The chairs that have been removed are used for parts. To provide wheel chair accessibility and to be ADA compliant, chairs have been removed from the front row. As a consequence of removing seats, capacity has been reduced, thereby reducing attendance at the many events held in the venue. The chairs are 38+ years old and have exceeded their useful life. The chairs are becoming a safety liability that the district needs to address.

Since the fall of 2011, the Geneva Music Boosters and GHS Theater Boosters have been fundraising to help pay for the replacement of the auditorium seating. Chair replacement options have been put together and samples are currently available in the main office and the auditorium for review. The estimated cost of replacement is \$150,000. FGM Architect firm is currently reviewing seating plans in order to comply with the Illinois Accessibility Act and ADA. They will provide a final chair replacement count by April 25, 2012.

Along with the replacement of seating, I am recommending replacing carpeting on the auditorium steps and adding carpet to the aisle in front of the stage. The original carpet was replaced in 2000, but is showing extensive wear and should be replaced. The estimated replacement cost is \$42,500.

My recommendation is to allow solicitation of bids for this project with approval of the bid award at the May 28th, 2012 meeting. The project would be scheduled to begin in July 2012. Please let me know if additional information is needed.