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At the August 15, 2018 Board of Education meeting the administration presented a draft plan to upgrade our libraries at both schools. This presentation reviewed the current state of our libraries and how learning spaces are evolving to better meet students' needs. Likewise the presentation allowed the Board to see how updated libraries could support the 4C's (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity) for our students. Finally, the administration reviewed a rough timeline for the project and cost estimates. At the conclusion of the presentation, the administration sought guidance from the Board on potential next steps. The Board directed the administration to continue to investigate the feasibility of updating our library spaces. Specifically, the Board asked for more detailed cost estimates, timeline, and how the community would be engaged in the process.

Over the course of the past month the administration has met with the district's architecture firm, STR Partners to provide the Board with the requested information. Below is the response to the Board's three specific requests.

### Community Engagement

With Board direction, the administration will convene a committee of parents, community members, staff, students, and administration to learn more about 21st century learning spaces.

This group will also provide feedback on potential design features

that are a good fit for our community and make recommendations that can be incorporated into the space designs. In the spring of 2018, the district launched a survey to solicit parent feedback. In that survey community members were asked if they would serve on a committee to investigate updated libraries at our schools. The administration will invite these seventeen parents to be a part of the committee. The committee will meet five times over the course of several months. Each meeting will help advance committee member knowledge and bring us closer to a design that meets the needs of our students and community. The first meeting will serve as an introduction to the process and will act as an information session for participants. During this first meeting we will define 21st century learning and outline a vision for the future of our library spaces. The second meeting will take participants outside the district to visit renovated library spaces. The goal of this meeting is to allow committee members to see the possibilities of an updated space and hear first hand how the space is used and what particular schools would have done differently. The third meeting will allow committee members and opportunity to debrief their "field trip" experience and discuss the design aspects that they liked and disliked. Finally, the group will come together two more times to review the



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architect’s designs and offer feedback on how the spaces can be improved. The entire community engagement process will take at least ten weeks to complete.

**Timeline**

At the August 15, 2018 Board meeting, the administration was asked to develop a more detailed timeline that includes a community engagement process and also outlines the timeline for demolition of the old space and construction of the new space. Below you will find an updated timeline.



**Cost Estimates**

At the August 15, 2018 Board of Education meeting, the administration explained to the Board that the cost of this project would be in the neighborhood of \$175 per sq/ft. At the time, the middle school was used as an example (3000 sq/ft x \$175 = \$525,000). Again this was a very rough estimate and was meant to simply give a point of reference to the Board. While the estimate of \$175 per sq/ft is a good starting point, this number is subject to change. It is the advice of our architect that, for the purpose of planning, \$175 per sq/ft makes sense. Below is a table that more accurately captures the potential costs at each building.

	Construction	Furniture
Pleasantdale Elementary	\$262,000	\$40,000
Pleasantdale Middle	\$525,000	\$80,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$907,000</b>	