

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Livonia Public Schools

Memorandum

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Randy A. Liepa

DATE: October 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Old Cooper Partial Land Lease Option

We would like to discuss a potential land lease at the old Cooper site during the October 24 Committee of the Whole meeting. As I previously relayed to you, there is a non-profit basketball group interested in raising funds to develop a 35,000 square foot basketball/recreational facility that would house the equivalent of three indoor gyms. They are interested in a small portion of our old Cooper land site for their project. I sent you a preliminary draft of what the facility would look like. I believe this is advantageous to LPS for two reasons: 1) it will generate the equivalent of revenue for one soccer field on a long term, guaranteed basis and 2) it would be a nice addition to the recreational site we are currently developing.

The size of the facility would encompass approximately one of the soccer fields we are developing. There is no need to change our plan, as we are currently developing the site. If this organization is successful in generating the revenue necessary to build the facility, we can then consider it. Any such agreement would also be contingent on the organization financing additional environmental related remediation costs, along with State, MDEQ, and, if necessary, city approvals. There would be no additional cost to the District.

It would be beneficial for this organization to have an option and a commitment from us to lease the land as they work on their fund raising for the project. If we are interested, we can accommodate this by developing an Option for Lease that would be contingent on successful implementation of all the items I mentioned above. This lease option would not be a risk for the district if they are unsuccessful with their fund raising.

I would like to discuss this at our committee meeting this Monday.

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