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TO: Dr. Carol E. Kelley, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Therese M. O'Neill, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations

RE: Summer 2017 Capital Work

DATE: May 24, 2016

As presented earlier this evening is the preliminary 10-Year capital plan which has delineated work for the summer of 2017 of which two elements are extremely critical for the summer of 2017 – the addition at Holmes school and the associated Life/Safety work not only at Holmes but four other schools as determined by the sub-committee of the FAC work team. Further, the renovation of the Julian Multicultural Center is necessary to accommodate additional classroom space and introduction of a 21st science lab.

The architectural firm of STR Partners crafted several options for the addition at Holmes and these were vetted by FAC at its meeting on May 17, 2016, as well as you being asked which was your preference which you indicated was either C1 or C2 and attached to this memorandum are these two options, narrowed down from the original six. I assume you would also want to vet these options with the leadership of Holmes School, both with the incoming principal as well as the community leadership, through the Holmes PTO.

Included in this cost for the addition at Holmes is the cost of complete renovation of existing classrooms in Holmes for best instructional purpose which increases the overall cost of the additional work; however, since your vision includes maximizing the educational resources for our children, efficiencies both in terms of cost and academic success and benefit to students can be realized through a singular unified project at Holmes. Clearly the cost associated with this unified solution requires Board discussion and approval. However, time is becoming highly sensitive for the Holmes addition. No later than June 14, 2016, the Board must authorize the architect to commence specifications for the addition at Holmes.

Simultaneous with the work at Holmes is the necessary and mandated Life/Safety work for not only Holmes but four additional buildings, along with the renovation work at Julian. Recognizing that the Julian project, as a stand-alone will receive minimal interest because of the smallness of the project, and recognizing the importance of having the construction manager on board sooner than later with the Holmes addition, I am recommending that we engage Bulley & Andrews as the construction manager not only for the Holmes project but for cost efficiency and coordination purposes, the Life/Safety Work and Julian renovation project. This way all trades are under a singular umbrella of oversight and the District will have a smooth efficient management of all capital work over the summer of 2017.

So, if the Board accepts the recommendation to employ STR Partners to commence specifications for the Holmes addition, we should also ask authority to give STR Partners authority to prepare specifications for the associated Life/Safety work and Julian renovation work, along with the employment of Bulley & Andrews as construction manager at risk for the unified project.

This will return to the Board for its consideration and approval at its June 14, 2016 meeting.

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