

## **Recommendation to the Box Elder School District Board of Education**

Submitted by Corey Thompson, Facilities Director

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### **Recommendation:**

Address the needs of Grouse Creek School through the use of modular buildings to replace the oldest east portion of the school, and investigate options for teacher housing in secluded rural communities.

### **Recommended Motion:**

*I move that Grouse Creek School structural and aesthetic needs be addressed by removing the east classroom portion and replacing with modular units. In addition, give clearance for Rod Cook and Corey Thompson to investigate options for teacher housing in secluded rural communities.*

### **Background:**

The 5-year capital plan developed by the Long-Term Capital Committee and approved by the School Board states, “Assess and address the structural and aesthetic needs of Grouse Creek School”. The east (classroom portion) of the school is in need of replacement. A solution from the Long-Term Capital Committee is to demo the east portion and replace it with modular units constructed in town, and then moved out to the school due to the high costs of construction in secluded rural areas. The buildings would be dressed up so they do not look like a typical portable classroom. These units would contain; office, conference, media space, kitchen, dining, elementary classroom, and secondary classroom. The plan would be to keep the gym and breeze way. The cost is estimated to be \$1,100,000 (including construction and transporting of units, removing the existing building, setting up the new buildings, hooking up utilities, and repairing the site). Also, it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract teaching staff to secluded rural communities due to housing options in those areas.

### **Policy Implications:**

District Policy 2180

### **Staff Implications:**

None