

TO: President Paul Widdison, Board Members, and Superintendent Gina Buttars

FROM: Larry Hadley

DATE: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Exploratory Committee and RFP Selections

In August of 2025 an RFP was sent out regarding the selection of an architect for the possible design of a catalyst center. The architect that was selected was VCBO. In September an RFP was submitted for a contractor for a possible catalyst center. Through the selection process, Hogan Construction was selected.

Today we are asking for your approval to move forward with an exploratory committee with VCBO and Hogan Construction as part of that committee. This committee will begin touring and exploring other catalyst centers and we will begin to start initial designs and acquire initial costs for construction of a future catalyst center.

The funding for this center is part of a larger state grant that will move through their processes over the next few months. We will not move forward with a completed design set, a guaranteed maximum price acquisition or begin construction until approval is given by this board of education and the grant money is secured.

We would recommend that you accept us starting on preliminary design and concept with our selected Architect and Contractor. Both companies know that a catalyst center is contingent on WSD receiving grant funding. We would ask however that you approve the RFP selections of VCBO and Hogan Construction as the architect and contractor of a possible future catalyst center build.