

MENAHGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear School Board,

As we approach our April board meeting, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important planning items and developments within our school community as we continue to progress through the academic year.

Strategic Planning

This summer, we will be gathering the community stakeholders who contributed to our strategic plan to review and update our goal areas. I aim to hold this meeting in August, ensuring that all voices are heard as we refine our objectives for the upcoming years.

Buildings and Grounds

I want to bring to your attention that the preschool roof, which is now 29 years old, has developed a leak. We have temporarily patched it, but it will require a full replacement. We have reached out to three companies to provide us with quotes for this work. We will be making a recommendation for this repair at the board meeting in May.

Additionally, the fire marshal has informed us that we need to replace the double doors on the southwest side of the same building. The estimated cost for this replacement is \$14,000, and I will recommend that we approve this purchase as soon as possible to ensure compliance and safety.

Since our last meeting, we have been notified by the city that we own the land where both the basketball court and the tennis court are located. I did order the deed for the piece of property to make sure of the report. We may have to look at a pause in the construction of the pickleball court until this is completely figured out. One thing we did consider was building the pickleball court near our ball fields after meeting with the pickleball club, which raised all of the money. We have decided to work with the city to rework the deeds and future placement of the sewer line to ensure the project can take place in the original location. We should consider using general fund dollars to re-pave the basketball court at the same time.

Lastly, I've been informed that Highway 71 will be undergoing construction in the summer of 2028, which will impact our elementary parking lot. Given this information, I recommend that we postpone any seal coating efforts for the time being to avoid unnecessary expenditures.

Transportation

We are shopping for two vehicles, one school bus and one van (see attached contract). This will keep us up to date with our rotation schedule (attached).

Technology



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On the upcoming agenda, you will see an agenda item for purchasing new copy machines as the old ones are not supported. I'm recommending purchasing these it is more economical to purchase over leasing. Its also important to get these in que as the pricing will increase in the near future.

Anonymous Donation

I am pleased to share that we have received an offer from an anonymous donor to construct paths to our youngest learners' playground, enhancing its ADA compliance. This construction will be scheduled to take place over the summer, which will greatly benefit our students and their families. In the near future I will be meeting with the contractor and safety expert from Northwest Cooperative to finalize the paths before getting your approval.

As you go over the attached agenda and documents, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

Jay



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