

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE:        FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

**TO:            BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:        TIM LUTZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**SUBJECT:    ORGANIZING AND ALTERING DISTRICT FACILITIES**

**COMMENTS:**

Due to significant budget deficit projections, ISD 31 must restructure and alter the usage of some of its facilities. Whereas Central Elementary School is the district's oldest school, and enrollment is below 100 students, I recommend altering the use of the school from its current status as a K-3 elementary school and moving its students to other elementary schools.

To further balance and reconcile the budget, I recommend moving the pre-school classes currently located at the Paul Bunyan Early Learning Center to some of the district's K-3 neighborhood schools where these early learning students will be able to develop a connection through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Finally, to reduce costs and increase savings through improved efficiencies, I recommend vacating the current ISD 31 Community Education office building and moving all staff to other district locations. This will allow the district to lease or sell the existing Community Education building.

**ACTION:**

The motion was offered by \_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_, and carried (    ) to realign the use of district facilities, shift where some programs will be located, and redistrict attendance boundaries for Central Elementary students to attend school in other neighborhood schools.