

DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bloomington, Illinois

Regular Meeting December 18, 2023

FOR DISCUSSION:

Subject: Engagement Committee Report

Ed Sullivan Consulting was brought to the Board of Education to assist in the process of determining the direction the District should take in fulfilling the 10-Year Facilities Plan developed by DLA Architects for the renovation of Westfield Middle School and to address the space and staffing needs required to provide full-day kindergarten in the community by the fall of 2027. A Community Engagement Committee was established representing members of the staff, parents, community members, and local politicians at the request of the consulting group.

The group met on Wednesday, November 29 to review some initial messaging and engage in dialogue regarding elements they like and would like to see improved in District 13. The slides from this presentation can be found on the District's website. In addition, a link to a survey was also provided to the Engagement Committee as well as parents in the District to gather more information. The survey was closed at the end of the day on Friday, December 8 and the results will be shared with the Board of Education this evening.

There are three District partners present this evening to dialogue with the Board on this topic:

- Ed Sullivan Consulting, to review the survey results and discuss next steps;
- DLA Architects, to answer questions related to costs associated with options provided the Board in October and discussed in November;
- Elizabeth Hennessey of Raymond James, to answer questions related to the District's ability to issue bonds or debt certificates for the work as well as a tax rate increase to hire the additional staff.