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TO: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent of Schools
Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Alicia Evans, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Authorization to Proceed with Architectural Drawings

DATE: June 12, 2018

The FAC committee met on June 5 to discuss options for Lincoln and Longfellow expansions. There were three options for Lincoln (A, B, and C) and one option for Longfellow. The concepts for these options were based on input from building and administrator input. The three options presented for Lincoln were based on Board member requests after the May 22, 2018 Board meeting.

Both expansions are planned to commence during the 2019 summer break. The recommendation is that the projects bid together. In an effort to garner the best bid scenarios, the timeline must be very aggressive and it must begin soon. The first step is to authorize the architectural drawings for both projects.

Below is a synopsis of the request and preliminary timeline as noted by our architect:

Based on the conversations at the June 5, 2018 FAC meeting, it appears that the committee is recommending Option B for approval, or at the very least Option C for Lincoln elementary expansion, as well as the Longfellow expansion. It is possible that Option B for Lincoln may be approved, but likely not until the July 17th Board meeting.

Bulley & Andrews have shared the general anticipated construction schedule, noting that they want to bid both Lincoln and Longfellow at the same time. Based on the approved Lincoln option, they anticipate breaking ground on Lincoln in November. This will require the bidding to be phased with the first bid package for utilities and structure and foundations to be issued for bidding in early September.

Given the aggressive schedule, STR is requesting that the Board authorize STR to begin the schematic design phase for the west addition and related interior renovation at Lincoln (this scope is identical for both Option B and Option C). We also ask for authorization to begin the schematic design phase for the Longfellow addition and renovation. With this authorization, STR intends to assist D97 in soliciting geotechnical investigation services for both projects, engage consultants to begin schematic design services for civil, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural engineering, and begin design meetings with D97 as needed.

We anticipate that at the July 17th meeting the Board to authorize STR to proceed with completing the above work through to construction documents, bidding and construction administration. We also anticipate that at the July 17th meeting the Board either authorization of the north addition at Lincoln (Option B) or to reject it.