

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Livonia Public Schools

Memorandum

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Randy A. Liepa

DATE: October 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Long-Term Facility Plan

We would like to discuss our long-term facility plan at the October 24 Committee of the Whole meeting. As I updated you at our last committee meeting, we developed a long-term facility plan two years ago through an extensive and thorough process where we garnered input from staff, community members, and outside facility experts. This process included prioritizing projects, based on criteria developed by these same focus groups.

As you also know, we have been completing projects each summer that are part of the long-term facility plan. As part of our planning review, we believe it is time to revisit the pace at which we are able to complete these projects through only the sinking fund. While this has been a significant help, the age of our facilities warrants a review of other financing options.

Monday night I will provide a variety of pieces of information to help facilitate this discussion. This will include: the amount of funding that can be generated through different amounts of millage levy in a bond issue; a comparative look at our district and surrounding districts regarding the amount of property tax levied on tax payers; priority facility projects based on our long-term plan; preliminary estimates of the revenue needed to accelerate the completion of projects in our long-term facility plan; and different options for the structuring of a millage request for a bond issue.

I look forward to the continuation of this important discussion on Monday.

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