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

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RE: Disposal of Whittier and Holmes Books and Holmes Equipment

DATE: April 10, 2018

Whittier School Disposal

In 2009, the *Treasures* reading curriculum was purchased for \$900,000. The curriculum was purchased for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Over the years, hundreds of students have learned to read using the *Treasures* curriculum.

In April 2017, the Board of Education approved the *Reading Units of Study* curriculum. As a result, the *Treasures* curriculum is no longer being used to teach reading to kindergarten through fifth grade students. Therefore, the *Treasures* curriculum must be disposed.

Earlier this school year, many of the schools already disposed of their *Treasures* curriculum. Now, the administration is asking for permission to dispose of the *Treasures* curriculum at Whittier school.

Ultimately, the books will be donated to students and teachers. Then the rest will be taken to the Oak Park Public Library. However, the Board must first approve the disposal of these books.

Holmes School Disposal

The Holmes media center is being expanded. Consequently, the library books and other materials were inventoried in an effort to identify items that will not be needed for student use in the new space. Attached is a list of books and other materials that are being recommended for disposal by administration.