

# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

NOVEMBER 3, 2023



Dear CPU Families, Staff, and Community Members:

At the district's recent School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting, information was shared out about the district's 2023-24 goals including an update on **Goal #4: District Resource Planning (Finances and Facilities)**.

This **specific district goal** (which is one of my goals), is: *"Develop a 2-5 Year Facility Plan for capital projects and expenses; this plan also includes a timeline for preparing, communicating, publicizing, and passing a capital improvement bond that addresses the district's facility needs while also maintaining accurate projections and trends of student enrollment."*

One of the **main activities and/or indicators of progress** for this goal includes: *"Develop Facilities Roadmap for improvements and timeline for potential bond referendum"* with **my goal** of having a **\*\*\*draft\*\*\*** in December 2023 and a final version by February 2024.

During the 2021-22 school year, a Master Facilities Committee was assembled consisting of district staff, community members, and other stakeholders. This committee worked with the district's architect, Invision, to provide input to help create a Master Facilities Plan. This plan was then shared out with the committee in May of 2022 and had multiple options for the district to pursue.

The past two years, this plan has been used as a framework for decision-making including the maintenance and upkeep of our existing facilities such as fixing drainage issues at the Primary as well as HVAC concerns at both the Primary and Intermediate buildings. Kudos and credit goes out to our district's custodial and maintenance staff for the numerous projects and updates they have done since 2022; at the September 2023 Board meeting, the Maintenance Department presented a mini-slide show (of some) of what has occurred in CPU. As well, at the 10/25/23 Board Meeting, Activities Director Mr. Kriegel shared out the 22-23 Activities Department successes along with facility needs that our students could benefit from... both of those presentations can be viewed by clicking the below images.

Since assuming the superintendency on July 1, I have also engaged in a variety of meetings and professional learning to move the district forward with a plan and vision for CPU's facilities. These meetings have involved the district's:

- o Architect
- o Construction consultants
- o Financial consultants
- o Managing Director for Public Finance

In short, I am actively working on developing a roadmap for our facilities to benefit our students and families. As well, after the holidays, the district will be re-engaging with the Master Facilities Committee along with the public to finalize the options of CPU's facilities plan. This plan will also have a grassroots/capital fundraising component since the district has already been approached with inquiries from [potential] donors.

In the forthcoming months, please keep your eye out for communications and information regarding the next steps in CPU's facilities master planning.

Regards,

  
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