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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Facilities Steering Committee
RE: Update – Meeting on April 13, 2015
DATE: April 15, 2015

The Facilities Steering Committee met on Monday, April 13, to discuss several items:

- During Spring Break, the move from the Tech Arts Building into the North Annex (modular units) was completed successfully. At our meeting, Chris Johnson presented a slide show with pictures of both the abandoned building and the new spaces. Jason Boumstein also spoke to the FSC about the move, indicating how happy the teachers and students are in the new spaces. At the end of the meeting, the Steering Committee members toured the new classrooms which are spacious and well-lit, and in some cases, are using equipment purchased in advance of the move into the new building. The move involved extraordinary work from the PPS staff, the Technology Department staff, and many of the teachers from Tech Ed and Art. Pat Sumrow organized the move and was also present the entire week, helping solve problems and organize placement of furniture and equipment. The teachers expressed appreciation for her support and her effective organization and implementation of the move.
- Bid packet #5 has been prepared for Board approval on April 20. A separate item on the Board meeting agenda seeks approval of this set of bids covering demolition, earth retention, earthwork, site utilities, asphalt paving, pavers, site concrete, fencing, as well as plumbing, HVAC, and electrical for this part of the project. The bid package is divided into two parts, with one part showing the bids for the referendum project work that includes all demolition (both phases of the project), excavation of the building site, and installation of storm-water detention, construction of the new access road, and utility connections; the other memo lists the bids for the District's project along Essex Road that puts in storm-water detention along Essex and improves the parking there. The two projects were bid together to seek efficiencies that can be gained in a larger project. A major portion of this Essex Road project will be completed this summer in order to help with our parking situation since we are losing the northwest lot permanently this summer. The rest of the Essex Road project will be completed in the summer of 2016. In the memo from Pepper, you will see that for one bid – earthwork – it was determined that it

is in our best interest to re-bid. That is the bid we will consider at the April 27 Special Meeting. While the total package is slightly over the estimate, there is a potential \$163,000 alternate that is still under investigation, and which would put the bid packet under the estimate for this work. Two large bid packets will be presented to the Board in May and August, for the building structure/envelope (May) and interior construction (August). The final large bid package will be presented for approval in October (interior finishes). As with the bids you are considering now, the bids are for the entire project, not just this first phase.

- At last month's Board meeting, the Facilities Steering Committee showed a Design Development budget of \$102,801,432, approximately \$2.5M over our target of \$100.3M. We have completed further work to reduce that budget, including making decisions about flooring that will save approximately \$546,243 and using cast stone in lieu of terra cotta that will save about \$250,000. After including these changes as well as the results of the current bid package and some other necessary changes, our budget is now approximately \$1.8M over our target, an improvement of about \$700K. We are committed to meeting the targeted budget and continue to work with Wight and Pepper on doing so.
- The final item on the FSC agenda was a discussion about the overall progress of the project. The successful completion of the installation of the modular units and the move into those temporary classrooms has been completed. Asbestos abatement is now being completed in the Tech Arts Building. After the April 20 Board meeting, work will quickly shift to excavation and other site work to install underground storm water detention systems and to begin building the north access road. The construction site on the northwest corner of our campus will be prepared so that as soon as school is out in June, demolition can begin.

The Facilities Steering Committee will be happy to answer questions or discuss any of these items on Monday night.