

*Facilities Meeting, November 5, 2008*  
*Clarification*

At recent community meetings questions have arisen about the purpose and use of the Asset Development IBI Consultants' report presented at the November 5, 2008 Board of Education Facilities Committee. The Facilities Committee is a board subcommittee that conducts a **preliminary** review of information about district campuses and other facilities and affords the Board and staff another forum for public comment and input. The consultants' presentation has led some community members to mistakenly believe that options presented at the Facilities Committee have been adopted by the full Board of Education. Let me be clear. No facilities recommendations have been adopted by the Board of Education. No "short list" or even numbers of schools that may have to be closed has been determined by the Board or staff. No schools have been identified for closure. No programs have been targeted for elimination or duplication. All information and suggestions are being forwarded to the Board for study.

As part of our work to create both a short- and long-range facility use plan, the district used the services of a consultant with experience in school property management. District staff asked the consultant to review all district schools and buildings and provide recommendations given the decline in enrollment and current budget constraints. The consultant was asked to provide some options to allow flexibility in district facility use while also maximizing revenue and minimizing expenses? The consultant was charged with providing another "outside" lens on our facility use and offer creative ideas to help us provide quality educational programs while remaining fiscally solvent. The consultants were asked to gather information, offer options, and include potential costs. Their presentation was designed to supplement community recommendations and provide initial cost projections. Their presentation is included in the minutes of the Nov. 5 Facilities Meeting which is posted on our web site. In no way is it to be considered the district's facilities plan or public proposals.

It is the intent of the Board and the district staff to review all recommendations from both the consultants and those from our community members before crafting and then presenting recommendations to the Board in early March. The Board and I are committed to a process that seeks and incorporates a broad and diverse pool of ideas from community, and staff recommendations to the Board will reflect this process.

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