

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Facilities Study Team, consisting of approximately thirty community members, began conducting meetings in early September. Since that time, the team has invested more than 1,200 hours in learning about the District's dire financial situation, understanding the funding model employed by the State of Michigan and its impact on our District, current population projections, and the needed renovation costs for each building/school.

The following document outlines the knowledge the committee has gleaned since September and how it used this knowledge to develop the recommendations to the Board of Education. We are not making a single proposal to the Board of Education, but instead are presenting three viable recommendations the FST agreed were most consistent with our criteria. This document does not present the options that the team did not believe were as consistent with our criteria.

The following three options are presented in detail, without bias as to which the Facilities Study Teams prefers, therefore identifies each using one of the three original Indian trails that founded the Farmington area.

Orchard Lake Option

Close two elementary schools (William Grace and Wooddale) with no changes to existing middle schools, Pre-K schools, or to current non K-12 programming/buildings. Pre-K programming at elementary schools would be moved to the Farmington Community School. The potential for closing a third elementary school before 2013/14 is relatively small. The Maxfield Training Center would be closed with its staff/resources absorbed by other District facilities.

The District could expect to save about \$1.46 million a year. The total capital expenditures (estimated by TMP) related to the closed buildings for the five-year window that could be avoided amount to approximately \$1.315 million. The costs required to implement this option may approach \$1.781 million.

Grand River Option

Close three schools (William Grace, Wooddale, and Farmington Community School). Consolidate to three middle schools and repurpose the O.E. Dunckel Middle School allowing for school-of-choice program expansion to K-8. All non-school-of-choice 6-8 students are consolidated into the three remaining middle school facilities. The Maxfield Training Center would be closed with its staff/resources absorbed by other District facilities.

The District could expect to save about \$2.244 million a year. The total capital expenditures related to the closed buildings for the five-year window that could be avoided amount to approximately \$1.686 million. The costs required to implement this option may approach \$4.767 million.

Shiawassee Option

Close three schools (William Grace, Wooddale, and Alameda). Consolidate to three middle schools and repurpose the O.E. Dunckel Middle School allowing for school-of-choice program expansion to K-8. All non-school-of-choice 6-8 students are consolidated into the three remaining middle school facilities. The Maxfield Training Center would be closed with its staff/resources absorbed by other District facilities.

The District could expect to save about \$2.16 million a year. The total capital expenditures related to the closed buildings for the five-year window that will not be spent amounts to approximately \$1.587 million. The costs required to implement this option may approach \$4.599 million.