

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COLBY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, July 18th, 2016

The Facilities Task Team consisting of approximately 30 volunteer members (appendix A), representing a cross section of the districts communities; was formed to help the Board of Education develop a plan of action for a potential referendum. The group began meeting in April and over four months and six meetings, the following task were accomplished:

- Facilities Assessment
 - o HSR Associates conducted a comprehensive analysis of the districts buildings and identified opportunities for enhancements and recommended efficiencies in the areas of Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Structural, Civil engineering and code compliance.
- Identified and Prioritized Needs
 - o After examining the Facilities Assessment and hearing recommendations from the consultants the Task Team formed a list of needs they felt should be addressed.
 - o Through a needs prioritization exercise, the group prioritized the needs identified (must do, want to do, could do and do not do).
 - o The results of the exercise were tabulated based on support and presented to the group.
- Concepts and Cost
 - o The consultants used the needs prioritization exercise to create options, estimated cost and anticipated tax impact (appendix B). After evaluation three concepts were chosen to advance to the community-wide survey.
- Community Survey
 - o School Perceptions, a third party consultant worked with an ad-hoc committee to form an educational survey that was mailed to all district residents asking them to share their opinion on potential referendum projects (appendix C).
- Survey Results
 - o The survey results showed 60% support for the base question, 47% support for a classroom addition to the elementary school and 51% support for renovations to the auditorium (appendix C).
- Form Recommendation
 - o The Task Team analyzed the survey results and explored all potential options. After much deliberation and discussion, the following recommendation has been formed:
- *Recommendation*
 - o *The Task Team recommends that the Colby School District go to referendum on November, 8 2016.*
 - o *The referendum question will not exceed \$7,995,000 addressing district wide site and storm water mitigation, district wide HVAC and electrical upgrades and modifications and replacement of the Elementary School roof and flooring (detailed in the survey, appendix C).*
 - o *The Task Team recommends that the Board of Education address the needs in the auditorium with funds not procured through a referendum. Work can be done through phases in upcoming years.*
 - *Needs include replacement of: curtain and rigging, theatrical lighting and 240 seats*
 - o *Although the Task Team acknowledges the importance of the middle school concept, the survey identified that less than 50% of the community would support spending tax dollars to build infrastructure because the district has adequate space within their existing buildings.*