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Preliminary Facilities Solutions Shared with Community

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CCSD Considering Replacement of Aging, Inefficient Facilities

Clinton, WI – Dozens of community members attended an interactive workshop Wednesday evening, March 21 to hear from Clinton Community School District Board of Education (BOE) members and administrators to learn about the District’s aging facilities and preliminary solutions being evaluated.

Following a comprehensive and campus-wide facilities assessment, District leaders have been engaged in a master planning process since early in 2017. Working with Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA) and JP Cullen, the BOE has considered a number of preliminary options to meet the needs of students, staff and the community. All of these high-level scenarios were shared with the community during the workshop, with most of the time spent on small group discussion of a conceptual “base plan” and additional options.

The preliminary “base plan” consists of building a new 4K-6 elementary school adjacent to the high school, while moving grades seven and eight into the existing high school. The current elementary and middle schools, both constructed in the 1950’s, would then be closed and demolished with their site returned to green space. In addition to providing a long-range solution, this option replaces the District’s most inefficient and outdated buildings, creates operational efficiency and maximizes existing space at the high school. In addition to the base plan, constituents also reviewed options under consideration as “additional components” which include building a new 425-seat auditorium and an athletic team and storage facility located near the existing athletic complex.

Preliminary cost estimates were shared for all scenarios. The “base plan” total cost is estimated at \$39.9 million, which translates to an estimated cost of approximately \$34 per month or \$406 per year for 20-years on a property valued at \$150,000. The additional auditorium component is estimated to cost \$6.3 million, which translates to approximately \$4 per month or \$49 per year; and the athletic team storage facility is estimated to cost \$1.3 million or approximately less than \$1 per month or \$11 per year for 20-years on a property valued at \$150,000.

Community members were asked to provide feedback on the preliminary “base plan”, the two additional options and the estimated tax impacts.

The BOE and administration will now consider this input as they move forward to develop a community-wide survey which will be mailed to all CCSD residents in May.

The full presentation, including details about all seven potential options, the “base plan” and estimated costs, are available on the District website at www.clinton.k12.wi.us/district/facilitiesplanning.

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