



News Release: December 4, 2017 Campus-Wide Facilities Assessment Findings

Findings of Recent Facilities Assessment Shared with BOE, Community *Aging Elementary and Middle Schools Have Serious Facility Challenges*

Clinton, WI – The Clinton Community School District (CCSD) Board of Education initiated a campus-wide facilities master planning process earlier in 2017 to evaluate the District’s facilities. This work began with a comprehensive assessment of all facilities and sites to identify existing conditions and document needs for upgrades, repairs, or replacement of failing systems or structures.

Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA), the firm hired to complete this assessment and support the District with long-term facilities planning, shared a summary of their findings with the School Board, district administration, staff and community on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Clinton Middle School cafeteria. This 300+ page report includes architectural and building systems review, accessibility, building capacity and utilization studies, and analyzing how existing spaces support teaching and learning approaches today and into the future. The full report, as well as the summary presentation, will be posted to the District website and a hard copy of the report is also available for public review in the District Office.

As summarized and presented by the project team from EUA, the extensive report identifies professional observations to inform future facilities planning and prioritization. Both Clinton Elementary and Clinton Middle Schools have serious facility challenges and limitations due to their age (60+ years) with many basic building systems now failing and well past their life expectancy. While still considered the “new” building at 17-years old, Clinton High School does have some identified facility repair needs, such as the roof and building exterior. Site drainage issues are significant at the track and football field/stadium.

The assessment found that all three schools are generally under student capacity for the current enrollment of approximately 1,100 students. However, several key spaces at the High School have been evaluated as undersized for today’s programming needs and use, including the Tech Education areas, cafeteria, and gym. It was also noted that all schools lack flexible learning spaces and furniture that could be improved to better support existing and future programming for students at all grade levels.

Once the findings have been shared with the School Board, administration, and the community, the construction management firm, J.P. Cullen, will begin establishing preliminary cost estimates associated with the items identified within the facilities assessment to support future prioritization and option development. As work continues, the District will offer numerous opportunities for district stakeholders to be involved in the evaluation and discussion of immediate needs and potential long-term solutions.

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