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FACILITY PLANNING PROCESS CONTINUES MOVING TOWARD POTENTIAL REFERENDUM

Community Facility Advisory Committee Completes Work

May 22, 2018 (Poynette, Wis.) - A sub-group of the Community Facility Advisory Committee (Committee) delivered their final facility recommendation to the Poynette School Board at the May 21 School Board meeting. The Committee spent the last seven months exploring potential solutions for the District's facilities. The recommendation is the final work the Committee needed to fulfill their charge from the Board.

"We are grateful for the Committee's work that has gotten us to this point," said Matt Shappell, Poynette's District Administrator. "They spent months learning about today's educational facilities, understanding our buildings' challenges, and thinking about what Poynette students need to be successful in evolving careers."

The final facility recommendation mirrors the community-wide survey results presented at a joint Board and Committee meeting on April 25. The Committee's recommendation, based on community feedback, is not to exceed a \$28 million referendum. They also recommended the projects within the \$28 million should reflect the highest priorities in the community survey which include, but are not limited to:

- Building a new K-4 elementary school on district-owned property
- Improving security at the high school
- Updating science and technical education classrooms and labs at the high school
- Updating district-wide building infrastructure

Next steps in the facility planning process are for the Board to meet with construction manager, J.H. Findorff & Son Inc. and Plunkett Raysich Architects to better understand projects and budgets associated within each priority. The Board will then take the recommendation, community survey results, and their findings into consideration as they work to refine the project scope.

If the Board decides to go to referendum, they would look to address as many high-priority items as possible within the dollar amount the community would support. State law requires the Board to adopt a referendum resolution no later than August 28 in order to be on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

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