



## Business Advisory Council Oakwood City Schools

November 19, 2018

The Oakwood Schools' Business Advisory Committee (BAC) unanimously supports and recommends the Master Facilities Plan (MFP). We appreciate the participation of our community in the planning for the future of Oakwood Schools. The process was transparent and included input from all stakeholders including students, alumni, parents, community residents and educators. This process has been open to all ideas and, through extensive discussions, options were generated that give value and have community support.

- The District heard loud and clear our community's desire to keep our current beautiful and iconic buildings. This is a long-term, financially sensible plan to keep our current facilities strategically maintained, updated and renovated in four phases during the next 20 years.
- It is important to implement a proactive approach to our facilities so classroom funds will not be diverted to cover facilities' needs. We cannot ignore the growing needs of the facilities, which are, on average, more than 90 years old. The costs associated with continuing to maintain and to repair aging buildings and their mechanical systems continue to rise.
- The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) supports the District plan to solicit private dollars to supplement the projected budget for facilities. The Oakwood School Foundation's agreement to act as the conduit for private donations enables our community to expand funding options. The willingness to explore all funding avenues was key to our support of the project.
- This four-phase plan provides facilities that enable our students to have the schools they need and Oakwood citizens to have the schools they want.

After a thorough review of the projections of operating needs and facility requirements, we the members of the Business Advisory Committee unanimously support the Board's decision to move forward with the Master Facilities Plan and placing these issues before the citizens of Oakwood on the ballot in the near future.

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