

# Facilities Advisory Presentation

## May 3, 2023

Options prioritized for current analysis:

- Stay as is with yearly tax increases.
- Reduce offerings – electives and/or department specific (ex: Art, Music, Kindergarten, etc.)
- Create a grade 7-8 Junior High at Alice Shaffer building. Review pros/cons of K-6 at elementary buildings or at existing Middle School buildings.
- Consolidate Grades 6-8 Middle School at one existing middle school buildings; grades K-5 at each of the 2 elementary buildings.

# Facilities Advisory Committee

## Assigned Areas of Focus

- Review space in existing buildings – level of usage currently
- Review space needs for 7/8 at ASA option and 6-8 at one middle school option
- Review PlanCon reimbursement
- Review costs remaining if a building is “closed.”
- Review costs for any “upgrades” for any of the options.
- Forward cost estimates to the budget committee
- Review any impact of transportation and/or start time changes.
- Review any suggestions for future use of any building that is “closed.”

## Process used for evaluation

- Toured Schools (CASH/ASA, CVMS, CLMS, CVES & CLES).
- Compared design of facilities to usages proposed and enumerated by the Educational Programs Committee.
- Side by side comparison of spaces used for 6-8 at either Middle School.
- Review (previously prepared report by District Administration) of estimated cost savings for facilities operation upon closing/selling of a school.
- Review (previously prepared report by District Administration) of current and future projects as well as projects needed to meet new education plan for options requested in framework.

# Conclusions

- Moving the Elementary Schools to the current Middle Schools would not be the best use of space, as current middle schools were designed for high school students and would need extensive renovations to make them appropriate for elementary student use
- Both Elementary Schools will be able to accommodate the addition of 5<sup>th</sup> grade and either Middle School can house grades 6-8 combined
- The closing of either Middle School will require renovations in order to meet the ongoing needs of the Educational Plan
- The closing of either Middle School will result in comparable costs incurred to the adjacent elementary school to allow for a production kitchen

## Conclusions Continued

- The District should ensure the closed building is maintained, while seeking an operational expense reduction. It should also consider phased demolition of out buildings in poor condition and develop unused sites (Summit building, Lynn Summers fields).
- Tax increases should be included as part of the process moving forward.
- While there is legislation being introduced to try and restart PlanCon Reimbursement, nothing has been implemented at this time. The appeal process for building reimbursement for a closed facility should also be investigated and findings reported back to the community.
- Committee advises that the school district build a long-term strategic plan which considers future declining enrollments and implements goals to prepare for this future.

# Conclusions Continued

- Closing a Middle School will not significantly reduce costs and selling a facility may be a long-term process. Operating cost savings are similar with closing either building. Savings should be considered from areas outside of facility costs:

| Estimated Cost Savings if Closed/Sold |               |               |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       | Closed Yr 1   | Closed Yr 2+  | If Sold       |
| <b>CLMS</b>                           | \$ 90,500.00  | \$ 233,900.00 | \$ 418,400.00 |
| <b>CVMS</b>                           | \$ 104,900.00 | \$ 251,600.00 | \$ 465,200.00 |