



## State College Area School District

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### **Recommendation**

Authorize the administration to embark on a Districtwide Facilities Master Plan.

### **Background**

[As discussed at the Aug. 21, 2023 Board meeting](#), the administration recommends moving forward with a Districtwide Facilities Master Plan (DWFMP). The DWFMP is expected to lead to a school project at the Park Forest Middle School as well as athletics/playgrounds, sustainability initiatives, and overall capital facility, lifecycle, and deferred maintenance projects.

The DWFMP will identify facilities including athletics/playgrounds needs based upon instructional and operational goals in the future as connected to the strategic plan. The process focuses on three areas:

- The instructional phase will evaluate district buildings' and facilities' physical condition and capacity, enrollment projections and educational programs primarily at the middle level.
- The operational phase will cover sustainability, transportation operations and security. This may include a greenhouse gas inventory as well as a systematic review for operational and maintenance modifications and improvements. The security evaluation may include operational as well as facility considerations.
- The athletics/playground phase will evaluate physical condition, revisit the previous playground study and assess athletic program needs.

The DWFMP will include faculty, staff and community involvement for input surrounding facility needs to support our programs. The district's financial advisor will assist in preparing a financial capacity analysis for the DWFMP. Financial capacity will have an impact on the final design and implementation of the DWFMP, which ultimately will be subject to Board approval.

### **Next Steps**

If the DWFMP is approved, the administration along with the architect will begin the planning process later this month, including a timeline for work sessions, presentations, and opportunities for stakeholder involvement.