

**State College Area School District
Office of Physical Plant
Ed Poprik, Director**

To: Board of School Directors

From: Ed Poprik

RE: **High School Updated Estimate**

Date: January 27, 2014

Crabtree Rohrbaugh (CRA) and Alexander Building Construction (ABC) will present their estimates for the pre-schematic (referendum phase) design of the State High Project. The 2 firms and district administration have met multiple times and shared many communications in order to achieve a shared understanding of the project scope and objectives; however, at this phase of development many design issues are still in the preliminary stage. While sharing information was a critical function of this exercise, each firm has developed their estimate independently.

The updated estimate from CRA remains consistent with the established maximum project cost of \$115 million. Based on their methodology at this preliminary phase of design, ABC has estimated a range of \$118 million (2.6% over the maximum) to \$124 million (7.8% over the maximum). Upon analysis of the estimates and discussion with both firms, administration recommends that the Board proceed, in February, with adoption of a final referendum amount of \$85 million as had been previously established as the maximum referendum amount.

As design develops further, and variables are reduced, estimates will more accurately reflect the final scope of work. As with all projects, the Board will be involved in discussions related to refinements in the scope and specifications. Additionally, the design team, in conjunction with the Board, will develop a list of alternates to accompany the final bid. The alternates will give the Board the needed flexibility to proceed with the project based on the final bid results.

Attachments Summary of Estimates
Presentation