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Yorkville District 115 Discusses Future Facilities and Growth with Studio GC

(Yorkville) - The Board of Education for Yorkville Community Unit School District 115 and Studio GC, the district's newly appointed architectural firm, hosted a District Facilities Workshop on Saturday, August 24, 2024. The workshop provided a platform for discussing the future facility needs of the rapidly growing district.

In June 2024, District 115 announced the acquisition of over 100 acres of new property, marking a significant step toward future development and growth opportunities within the district. The district is currently engaged in a 90-day feasibility study to ensure the land is suitable for future development.

"The Board of Education has been actively collaborating with our new architectural firm, Studio GC, to conduct a comprehensive demographic and facility utilization study," said Darren Crawford, Board of Education President. "This study will help the district explore innovative options and address the evolving needs of our community as we embrace future growth."

The workshop included discussions on existing building and site challenges, future challenges, building utilization, student demographics and growth trends, curriculum vision and expansion, and community engagement. A facility vision board was also introduced to begin capturing all ideas, big and small, regarding the district's future direction. Members of the district's leadership team were also invited to the workshop, which lasted for over two hours, to discuss these topics in depth.

As the district navigates through the planning stages of the facilities plan, there will be numerous opportunities for community input. District 115 is committed to ensuring that many voices are heard early and often throughout this process. Regular community forums, student

pop-up sessions, staff engagement opportunities, and other listening sessions will be scheduled to gather feedback and ideas from all stakeholders.

"This is an exciting time to be part of the district, and we want to ensure all voices are heard as we develop our facilities master plan," stated Dr. Matt Zediker, District 115 Superintendent. "The challenges we face as a growing district are clear, and we need to capture every idea possible as these innovative changes will shape our district for the next 25 years and beyond."

To keep the community informed, District 115 plans to create a dedicated section on its website, providing current and updated information on the planning and progress of this significant new endeavor.

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