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Welcome to December. On this first day, it definitely felt more like winter.

I hope the Thanksgiving break brought opportunities for some rest. November flies by each year and we quickly find ourselves with only a few more weeks until the winter break. Those weeks tend to be very high energy and packed with activity both in and out of school. Make sure to pace yourselves!

Teacher conferences were held last week before the holiday for all of our Prk-8 families. The ability to offer both in person and virtual conferences was very well received and we are grateful to be able to provide that opportunity for access. Since classes were in session on the days of the conferences as a change this year, the elementary slots were adjusted to 10 minutes from the previous 15 minutes more similar to the middle school slots. We received some feedback with concerns about the decreased amount of time and will certainly take that into consideration as we plan for next year. As a reminder, all families can always reach out to their respective schools to request meetings to discuss student progress throughout the year.

Our Feasibility Study is well underway at present. The consultants from SMMA working with us have been visiting all of our schools and collecting copious amounts of data. Their work will help us develop a more detailed master plan for our district that best supports our educational goals and priorities incorporating our overall demographics, space utilization, grade configurations, the organization and districting of our elementary and middle schools, and the facilities needs within each of the buildings. Part of the study will also include opportunities for family feedback in the January/February time frame after some initial data regarding current facility needs are calculated. That initial data will determine the focus to where family feedback will be most helpful. This study will be concluded in the spring and will include public presentations providing us updated information as to how we can best use the resources we currently have and projects that we can consider to support us moving forward.

Finally, if you weren't able to participate in the webinar regarding our Strategy for District Improvement and our priority areas for our next Strategic District Improvement Plan, you can access the recording using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Et6adB6jJOA>.

Cheers!  
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