

Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams
DATE: November 15, 2018
RE: Imagine Work Group Facilities Master Plan Recommendation

BACKGROUND

After the defeat of a District 200 (D200) facilities referendum in November 2016, the D200 Administration and Board decided to create a citizen-led committee to undertake a thorough assessment of the facilities needs at Oak Park and River Forest High School (OPRFHS) with the charge to create a comprehensive, long-term facilities master plan.

A master plan is not a construction project where design and financing of every portion is done at the start. Instead, a master plan is a living document that should be reviewed and modified every few years as the impact of early projects is assessed, school needs change, and funding becomes available.

Acceptance of the plan means the Board accepts the recommended Facilities Master Plan, which is different from approving the plan. By accepting the Long Term Facilities Master Plan, the Board is accepting the identified facility needs and is not locked into a financial commitment. Once accepted, the Facilities Master Plan becomes the Board's. At that point, the Board of Education has the latitude to then decide what portion of the plan to implement and when, along with how to fund that portion.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Over the past 16 months, the Imagine Work Group has conducted a rigorous, needs-driven research process that resulted in the prioritized list of needs as outlined in the report. The process focused on student learning and equity in the context of facility impact. The process resulted in recommendations tied to:

- Student learning spaces
- Inefficiency from decades of piecemeal construction
- Connection and community
- Equity, along several dimensions
- Configuration and capacity
- Unmet student, enrollment and curricular space needs

The facilities master plan is designed to facilitate the education of the whole student, providing support for the full range of curricular and co-curricular activities that foster excellence, equity, and a sense of belonging for ALL OPRF students.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education accept/receive the Facilities Master Plan presented by the Imagine Work Group. During the December 11, 2018, Committee of Whole meeting the administration will engage the Board of Education in discussions regarding what sequences of the Facilities Master Plan should be addressed initially, when and how to begin the process, and potential ways to fund the work.

Strategic Plan: Goal 6 Strategy 3

Board Goal:

District Policy: