



## Downers Grove Grade School District 58

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Dear Citizen Task Force Member:

I hope this letter finds you well. Thank you once again for your dedication to District 58 by serving on the Task Force. This letter's purpose is to update you on the Special Board Meeting that took place on February 3, 2020. The Board scheduled the special meeting to determine the next steps regarding the DRAFT Master Facility Plan based on guidance and input from the Task Force. During the meeting, the Board took into account all of the feedback that Task Force members provided in the previous two meetings and in the feedback survey. The Board is committed to listening to the members of this group, which represents the taxpayers of District 58.

At the conclusion of the last Task Force meeting, it was recommended that the District test a 6-8 grade reconfiguration model, safety measures, indoor air quality (including air conditioning), and maintenance for the next eight years. The testing process would include an educational mailer, community engagement sessions and phone polling. After the meeting, several task force members expressed reservations (in person and on the survey) about testing such a costly model and advocated for more time to fully develop viable plans/options (some felt rushed at the end of the meeting). Additionally, several members of the Task Force asked if another meeting could be scheduled in the coming weeks to continue the conversation.

The Board considered all of the feedback provided and has decided not to move forward in sharing and testing a \$226.5 million proposal. The Board is concerned about the limited support a measure of this size would receive and has asked me to reconvene the Task Force to consider additional options.

The Board has authorized me to schedule another Task Force meeting on **Monday, March 2, 2020 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Lester School**. This meeting is not intended to replace the meeting already scheduled for March 24, 2020.

We all want to make sure that we get this right the first time and develop plans that address our facility needs while also respecting the taxpayer. We greatly appreciate your continued guidance.

Please RSVP to Melissa Jerves ([mjerves@dg58.org](mailto:mjerves@dg58.org)) if you are able to make the March 2 meeting. As always, you are welcome to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin Russell  
Superintendent of Schools