



COLLEGE PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Directors, College Place Public Schools
FROM: Tim Payne, Superintendent
RE: Long-term Facility Recommendation
DATE: October 19, 2006

After many hours of consultation, study, & review, I make the following recommendation:

1. Move the District's K-8 operations to the Meadow Brook/Sager campus by running a bond in the Spr. '07 to:
 - a. Reconfigure/Remodel Meadow Brook to house P/K-5;
 - b. Reconfigure/Remodel Sager to house 6-8;
 - c. Remodel the current Sager Library to be the District Office; and
 - d. Move the bus garage out of the Sager Gym to a building of its own - either onsite or to a place in cooperation with the city.
2. Consider a partnership to make Davis Elementary a community center, or keep Davis for a future elementary school;
3. Consider purchasing land in a separate venue after the above bond passes;
4. Consider applying for high school status in the Fall of 2012; and
5. Consider running a bond for a College Place High School in the Winter of 2013.
NOTE: It is estimated that the district should have the necessary debt capacity in 2014 for a high school bond.

Rationale used in making this recommendation:

1. School bond property taxes continue to decrease (\$3.20/\$1000 in 1996 to \$1.13/\$1000 in 2006). The cost of building has skyrocketed. The longer the community puts off taking care of its public facilities, the greater the potential tax increase.
2. This is the most cost effective concept for daily operations and K-8 facility repair.
3. A high school in College Place continues to be a priority for many of the District's patrons. This recommendation is estimated to be the fastest way to a high school.
4. This concept has been recommended by MGT of America, our project manager, our architect, and received the most support at the symposium.
5. This concept honors the community's desire to keep the Davis Elementary facility (last remodel has "usefulness", and the name and location have historical significance).
6. Should improve staff unity and the effective use of District personnel.
7. Addresses the facility needs of all P/K-8 students and staff.
8. More closely aligns facility square footage with state formulas, thus increasing the District's ability to receive more state match for future projects.
9. As demonstrated in other communities, bonds that "consolidate" are viewed as positive and tend to pass more readily than new.
10. Will centralize services for students, parents, and community.
11. Meadow Brook facility is in excellent condition and should be maximized.
12. This concept has the most educational merit.
13. I believe this responds to the community's feedback the best – "fix what you have".
14. This concept has the most rallying points for both staff and community.
15. Land is controversial, but needs to be dealt with. However, land is not as essential as our K-8 facilities.

Superintendent: Tim Payne

Board Members: Paul Hartwig, John Davin, Julie Hill, Bob Giger, Ginger Ketting-Weller

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