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MTSD Board of Education Receives Proposed Facilities Referendum Survey Results
Board to vote on placing an \$18.2 million referendum on April ballot

MEQUON, WI. — The Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education held a special meeting December 9 to review the results of a recent community survey regarding a proposed facilities referendum. At the same meeting, the board also sought to determine a facilities referendum question upon which to vote on at the December 15 board meeting. The board decided that it would vote on whether to place an \$18.2 million referendum question on the April 7, 2015 ballot.

The school district sought feedback from community members around two possible referendum options: (1) a \$20 million option that includes approximately \$14 million in capital improvements district-wide and \$5.3 million toward the creation of collaborative learning environments at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; or (2) an \$11 million option that would include only capital improvements.

Based on feedback through the community survey, the Board of Education considered a third option, an \$18.2 million option that would include \$14.4 million in capital improvements and \$3.8 million toward the creation of collaborative learning environments at the middle school and high school levels.

“We are very grateful to all of the community members who took the time to participate in this very important survey,” said Mary Cyrier, school board president. “As board members seek to find a solution to address the district’s facility needs, we aim to use unbiased feedback for the public to help the board reach a decision on how to move forward.”

While support is strong for both a \$20 million and \$11 million option, board members determined that an \$18.2 million option is the best option for the school district. It addresses district-wide capital improvement needs and the creation of collaborative learning spaces necessary for a modern curriculum.

While the board reached this decision on December 9, they still meet formally to vote on December 15 to determine if a referendum question will be placed on the April 7, 2015 ballot.

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Please visit the following link to review MTSD’s referendum survey report:

<http://www2.mtsd.k12.wi.us/Documents/02boe/referendum/SurveyReport.pdf>

Please visit the following link for more information about MTSD’s proposed facilities referendum:

<http://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/about/referendum.cfm>