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RE: School Closing(s) & Changes in Grade Configuration

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you about potential school closing(s) and changes in grade configuration that could begin as early as Fall 2010.

St. Louis Park Public Schools has been studying district facilities for more than a year to determine the best use of facilities for educational and financial benefits. A Facilities Advisory Committee was formed to review and discuss facility options. Committee members represented all schools and programs in the district. The committee met four times and considered numerous options.

December 2009, the committee recommended that the School Board further consider three options:

- "6th Grade Up"; Grade configuration = K-5/6-8/9-12
- "8-12 (PK-7 Variation)"; Grade configuration = PreK-7/8-12
- "8-12 (Two Elementary Variation)"; Grade configuration = K-4/5-7/8-12

Meetings were held throughout December 2009, and January 2010, to gather input about the three options. A facilities feedback e-mail account (facilitiesfeedback@slpschools.org) was also established to gather input.

On Monday, January 25, 2010, the School Board will take the next step in the study of district facilities when they are scheduled to select an option thereby recommending what school(s) will be closed, what grade configuration will be implemented districtwide and timelines for both.

After the recommendation has been made, the School Board will hold community meetings and listening sessions to gather additional public input before they take formal action. Scheduled meetings include ...

- Jan. 27: Community Meeting – 6:30-8:30 p.m., Junior High School, Cafeteria;
- Feb. 3: School Board Listening Session – 5:30-6:30 p.m., Aquila Primary Center, Media Center (SPANISH TRANSLATION AVAILABLE);
- Feb. 10: School Board Listening Session – 6:30 p.m., Senior High School, Room C350; and
- Feb. 18: Public Hearing on Facilities – 6:30 p.m., Senior High School, Room C350.

The School Board will take final action on the Facilities Recommendation at the February 22, 2010, School Board meeting.

I encourage all St. Louis Park Public Schools parents and guardians to share their thoughts about the proposed facility utilization options in advance of School Board action. You can ...

- Send an e-mail to facilitiesfeedback@slpschools.org; or
- Attend a Community Meeting, School Board Listening Session or the Public Hearing.

I look forward to working with all students, parents, staff and community members to implement the final facilities plan.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Bowers, Superintendent