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Fellow Board Members,

The activated Strategic Facilities Planning Committee (SFPC) of Walt Spencer, James Taylor, Keegan O'Daniel and I convened on Tuesday, September 4th, 2012. We previously made contact with Butch Canty from KSBA who referred us to Dr. Ted Kowalski from the University of Dayton in Ohio, who provided the attached proposal. We reviewed Dr. Kowalski's proposal, references, and recent study of McCracken County Schools. We also discussed the factors relevant to a feasibility study for Henderson County Schools in executing the charge of the Strategic Facilities Planning Committee (SFPC). Our recommendations:

- 1) Secure Dr. Kowalski as a consultant for the SFPC and charge him with the execution of an extensive feasibility study.
- 2) The factors relevant to Dr. Kowalski's study need to include, but are not limited to: 1) optimal facility utilization and placement; 2) demographics in relations to facilities and school district boundaries; 3) cost comparison of renovation vs. new construction; and 4) time progression for renovation and/or new construction based on facilities assessment and financial capabilities.
- 3) At the time Dr. Kowalski is prepared to meet with the entire SFPC (midway through his study); appointments would be made by the board to finalize the committee.
- 4) Upon completion, the SFPC will review the options presented in the study and make a final recommendation to the board.

As the activated SFPC, we request the board's favorable consideration in approving our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Mike Waller, Board Member

Attachments: Charge of the SFPC, Dr. Kowalski's Proposal, Referral Email from the McCracken County Superintendent, McCracken County Feasibility Study by Dr. Kowalski

THE STRATEGIC FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

Facilities are critical components of an organization because of the long-range impact on the organization's program and services. Ultimately they have a tremendous impact on the support of achievement regarding the organization's mission and vision. The strategic plan is a futuristic plan which encompasses the entire portfolio of district owned spaces and sites. Quantity of useable spaces, program spaces, renovations, location of these spaces, needed site acquisitions, consolidation and long-range financial analysis are required for acquiring the highest return on investment by the community. A proactive approach to benchmark services and teaching and learning of the school district will assist in the development of the SFP.

At a minimum, the SFP should be reviewed bi-annually and updated periodically as conditions in the economy and funding change.

Taylor, James - MNT, Director II of Maintenance

From: Waldrop, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 9:55 AM
To: Taylor, James - MNT, Director II of Maintenance
Subject: Re:

Our report is available via our webpage...please look on far bottom of right side of the page. Of you have trouble call Sally Willett my secretary who can email you a copy.

Dr Kowalski is amazing and I recommend him without any reservation. He will thoroughly understand your district so that your discussions with him and his recommendations are meaningful. He doesn't rely on some kind of cookie-cutter report.

He also has the political savvy to make a first rate report to the board of education. We had a work session to review his findings with our board. The media chose not to attend that work session as he was presenting later that night at the regular board meeting.

Sometimes a consultant can make recommendations that are awkward or difficult for an employee or board member. Let know if you need further info. Nan994-4776

On Sep 4, 2012, at 8:09 AM, "Taylor, James - MNT, Director II of Maintenance"
<james.taylor@henderson.kyschools.us> wrote:

Dr. Waldrop,

I have spoken with Butch Canty at KSBA and he recommended that we talk with you about a facilities study that your District had conducted. We are discussing doing something similar in our District. I understand that your district used Dr. Kowalski from Dayton Ohio. I am hoping to get some feedback from you and possibly a copy of the report that he put together for you. We are meeting this afternoon on this subject so any information that you can share with us will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You!