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Facilities Ad Hoc Committee Purpose and Goal:

What do we mean when we promote proceeding with - **CONSOLIDATION** -

Consolidation is not about one concept or one idea. It is not based in closing a school or schools; it's not based in building a new school. It is a Comprehensive PLAN to efficiently manage our facilities to reap benefits that we can further invest in education. Consolidation will be the driver of increased implementation and delivery of education.

It is a plan that infuses the need to implement better practices in managing our dollars as effectively as possible. This is a process to create efficiencies in our system that not only benefit our limited revenue provided by taxpayers but directly can benefit how we can deliver the best education and services to our students.

Moving forward there are certain concepts that are apparent and I feel we must accept.

A) Purpose:

* The purpose of the Facilities Ad Hoc Committee is to reach a consensus recommendation regarding the efficient utilization of our facilities that is both educationally beneficial and fiscally responsible. The Committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board for its evaluation and consideration

B) Assumptions

- * We have excess capacity at both the elementary and middle school facilities
- * As confirmed by the Speizel study, our 8 elementary buildings have as few as 600 open seats, and as many as 800
- * The recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee are still considered valid since there has been confirmation of the capacity data used in their decision
- * As validated by studies and history, our enrollment numbers continue to decline

C) Goal:

- * In order to reach the best available option(s), the Facilities Ad Hoc Committee will use all available information already on record, including but not limited to:
 - * Various facilities studies
 - * Enrollment studies
 - * Population trends
 - * Recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Panel
 - * Input already received from administration, teaching staff, contracted professionals and public input
- * Given the exhaustive research and 6+ years of discussion devoted to this issue, the Facilities Ad Hoc Committee should be capable to render its consensus opinion to the full Board within thirty to sixty (30-60) calendar days of its first meeting.