



# Our Community, Our High Schools

Board of Education Work Session  
June 30, 2016

St. Cloud Area School District 742  
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# Overview

- Community Priorities
- Reflection and Revision
- Recommendations



# Priorities

- Align with the District's Strategic Plan.
- Focus on student success.
- Provide equitable access to technology programming, activities, and athletics at both high schools.
- Create facilities with capacity that can evolve with the district's needs.



# 2015 Referendum Question

- Land and Construction of a new Technical High School \$113,800,000
- Repair and Renovation of the existing Apollo High School \$46,500,000
- Acquisition, installation, replacement and maintenance of technology and technology systems for schools throughout the district \$4,200,000
- Construction of Safe and Secure entries and security upgrades to various school sites and facilities throughout the district \$2,500,000



# Reflect and Revise

- Community Listening Sessions
- Community Advisory Group
- Subcommittee Work



# What We Learned

- We are a diverse community with strong, sometimes competing priorities.
- Despite our differences as a community we are passionate about our high schools and we care deeply about our children.
- We value open dialogue and working toward consensus.



# The Status of Tech High School

- The Advisory Group recommended reexamination of the current facility.
- Two independent local experts reviewed the viability of remodeling Tech
  - W Gohman Construction
  - R. A. Morton Construction
- Experts endorsed the need to build on a new site



# Additional Considerations

- Overall cost of referendum
  - Apollo remodel
  - Additional technology
  - Safety and security upgrades
- Increased choice within referendum question
  - Multiple questions versus one
- Current Tech Building – Potential Use





# Recommendations for Facilities

- Build a New Tech High School at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Site
  - Facility for 1600 students designed for expansion \$100,548,000
  - Total Savings of \$13,252,000 from 2015 referendum
- Renovate Apollo High School
  - Focus on facilities upgrades that directly impact instruction \$37,375,000
  - Savings of \$9,125,000 from 2015 referendum
- Cost Escalation of Project



# Recommendations for Cost Reductions

- We should build for now designed to expand in the future
- We should provide Technology and Security enhancements through alternative funding
  - Savings of \$6,700,000 from 2015 referendum



# Recommendations for Timing and Framing the Referendum Question

- Maximize community involvement
- Hold a new referendum on which the community can vote November 8, 2016.
- Provide two, tiered choices to the voters:
  - Question 1: Rebuild Tech High School at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Site
  - Question 2: Renovate Apollo



# Future Action

## July

- Draft ballot question based on these recommendations
- Verify cost estimates based on inflation

## August

- Submit review and comment to Commissioner of Education
- Adopt a Board of Education referendum resolution

## September & October

- Reach out to voters

## November

- Community votes in general election



# Next Steps

- District leadership will begin the process to craft the referendum questions and to have them placed on the November ballot.
- The Superintendent will be responsible for communication with the community.





**Thank You!**

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