

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

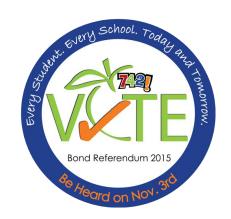


Priorities

- 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 33rd 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 33rd
 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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