NORTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT 112 BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES PLAN TO REVITALIZE BOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES

Highland Park, Highwood and Fort Sheridan, IL – On November 27, 2018, the North Shore School District 112 (NSSD112) Board of Education approved a series of measures that comprise Phase I of the Long-Range Plan to fully upgrade both Northwood and Edgewood Middle Schools.

“With the passage of Phase I of the Long-Range Plan, the district now has the opportunity and great responsibility to achieve excellence for all students starting with investing in modernized learning facilities at the middle schools,” said Michael Lubelfeld Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools.

The Board approved plan calls for all of the following measures - Investments in Northwood and Edgewood Middle School with costs not to exceed $75 Million, the use of up to $20 Million from the district’s fund balance, the issuance of $55 Million of Alternate Revenue Bonds, and the formation of a citizen advisory committee.

Transition planning is currently underway to prepare the Elm Place school site to house Northwood students and staff while Northwood construction is underway. This includes security, maintenance, and other facility updates at Elm Place. In the coming weeks, the superintendent will convene a citizens advisory committee.

NORTHWOOD:
- Bid on construction projects - by end of May 2019.
- Transition Students to Elm Place Middle School.
- Completion - January 2021.

EDGEWOOD:
- Bid on construction projects - by end of October 2020.
- Start Construction - Spring 2021.
- Close Edgewood for construction - Summer 2021.
- Transition Students using Elm Place - TBD
- Full renovation and upper floor additions - through summer 2022.
- Review overall schedule to determine completion for Aug. 2022 or winter 2022.

- More -
FUTURE PLANNING NEEDS:

- Review dollars, funding, and elementary school needs in the 2022-2023 school year (Planning Year)
- Re-prioritize needs and appropriations for 2023 and beyond

The funding for the Phase I construction projects will consist of $20 million from the accumulated fund balance, made possible by a combination of fiscal prudence and reductions in personnel costs over the past several years. The district will also issue $55 million in alternate revenue bonds, which are special general obligation bonds backed by specific revenues. The district will pay bond payments of $4 million per year paid out of the Operational Fund known as Fund 20.

“I would like to thank Dr. Lubelfeld and his administration for recommending a comprehensive vision for the future of District 112,” said Eric Ephraim, NSSD112 Board President. “I am proud to be part of a board that approved a significant investment in our schools. These improvements will positively impact the learning experience for all of our students. This is an important milestone for our district and our community.”

Click here to read the final Phase I Long-range Plan Report. Click here to learn more on the Long-Range plan webpage and by watching the Recommendation video.

About North Shore School District 112
The mission of North Shore School District 112, a community partnership committed to a world-class education, is to nurture every child to become an inspired learner, a well-rounded individual and contributing member of a global community by striving for excellence within an environment that fosters innovation, respect, engagement, and intellectual inquiry.

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