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In Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, all of our schools are either at or over capacity. Our enrollment is outpacing our projections and we have an urgent need to ensure there is space for our students now and into the future.

With 2,165 additional students projected over the next ten years, we must provide our students with facilities that meet our needs over the next decade. That means our students need classroom spaces as well as adequate core spaces that support learning such as kitchens, cafeterias, lockers and office spaces.

Last Monday, the School Board received long-range facilities options for consideration that will help inform a future referendum request.

To help us plan for our existing and future space needs, we invited 50 members of our community to form a Facilities Task Force to study our space needs and provide sustainable options to address our facilities needs over the next ten years.

The Task Force provided input to a Facilities Design Team who drafted options based on Task Force feedback. Once options were drafted, the district sought input from the community to provide feedback during two public input sessions, two rounds of surveys and a School Board listening session. Feedback gathered over the last several weeks has been used to refine the following E-12 space options, which have now been presented to the School Board for consideration.

**Elementary Option 1: Centralized 4-Year Old Pre-K Program (\$46-51M, bond & land only)**

This K-5 facilities option centralizes our 4-year old Pre-Kindergarten program at Edgewood School and La ola del lago Spanish Immersion would potentially move from Edgewood to Grainwood. Additions and remodeling of our existing K-5 schools would take place by 2019 in the areas of kitchens, cafeterias, gyms for physical education classes, kindergarten rooms and Special Education space. A new elementary school would open in fall, 2019 in the Big Sky Estates development (a.k.a.PL Aggregates/gravel pit). Under this option, the district would still consider offering its popular Nature-based Pre-K programs at our neighborhood schools, pending available space.

**Elementary Option 2: 4-Year Old Pre-K Program in Neighborhood Schools (\$49-54M, bond & land only)**

A second K-5 facilities option the Board is considering includes placing our 4-year old Pre-Kindergarten program in our neighborhood schools. The upper level of Edgewood would become integrated with WestWood to provide additional classroom space. Under this option, the same additions and remodeling of our K-5 buildings would take place as would the construction of a new elementary school.

**Secondary Option: Current Schools with Additions (\$79-87M, bond only)** As the Board considers choosing an elementary option, it is also considering the space needs for students in grades 6-12 by adding onto our existing middle schools and high school.

Under this option, 18 regular education classrooms, 7 Special Education classrooms and 4 specialist classrooms (art, IT, music) would be added to our middle schools. Hidden Oaks would receive a fitness room for physical education classes and gymnastics would move from Twin Oaks to PLHS. Middle school core spaces would also be expanded in the areas of cafeterias, conference rooms, offices and the Twin Oaks auditorium. Parking lots would be updated to improve traffic flow.

At PLHS, space options include adding 32 regular education classrooms, 10 Special Education classrooms, 4 specialist classrooms (art, IT, music) and 5 physical education teaching stations, (1 fitness room, 3 new gyms (6 courts), gymnastics moves from Twin Oaks to PLHS). High school core spaces would also be expanded in the areas of the cafeteria and kitchen, conference rooms, auditorium expansion, additional restrooms, health services, co-curricular space for robotics and performing arts. Parking would also expand, per City requirements. This option also provides for new leased or built space for Bridges Area Learning Center.

The School Board is reviewing these Task Force recommendations and is expected to take action on the facilities options on May 8. Once the options are chosen, more details surrounding the facilities concepts will be determined and will help inform the School Board's decision on a future bond referendum for building and levy to help operate our buildings.

To view the options presentation the School Board received Monday night, go to [www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/growth](http://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/growth).

Thank you to our Task Force, Design Team and all in our community who continue to stay engaged with our planning process and provide input to help solve our space needs for our students.