



Lake Washington School District  
Study Session of the Board of Directors

Date: May 7, 2018

Topic: **Facility Planning**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the study session is to review with the board a potential option to address facility need, review past actions and strategies on facility planning, respond to Board questions and discuss next steps, and implications.

**Background/Overview**

To continue efforts to implement the project recommendations of the Long-Term Facility task force, the district presented a bond measure to voter's in February 2018. The measure did not receive the required 60% approval for passage. The district still needs classroom space for our growing enrollment.

After multiple bond measure failures since 2010, the district convened a 63-member Long-Term Facility Task force to help develop a plan to address district facility challenges. The Task Force made their recommendation in November 2015. From these recommendations, the district developed a Long-Term Facility Funding Plan. The district also implemented short-term space plans and redrew boundaries to meet capacity needs. The long-term plan included a bond measure in 2016, 2018, 2022 and 2026. The task force also made recommendations if we can't build fast enough or if we can't build at all.

**Potential Option**

A funding strategy for critical construction projects and safety enhancements was reviewed. This includes running a six-year capital projects levy, use of the balance of 2006 state construction assistance program funds and use of property sale funds.

There are essential projects that are needed for growth and safety.

- additional portables in Juanita Learning Community and Lake Washington Learning Community
- Elementary school in Lake Washington Learning Community
- Additional at Lake Washington High School
- District-wide safety upgrades

Projects costs for portables, buildings and safety projects are approximately \$122 million.

Election and engagement timing options for a November election were shared.

**Enrollment and space needs**

The district reviewed enrollment and space needs through 2024-25 by learning community. Capacity may be addressed through continued reduction in standard of service, adding portables, building an addition and building a new school. In addition, there are potential projects to address district-wide safety upgrades.

**Responses to Board Questions**

Responses to questions from the March 25, 2018 student session were provided.

**Funding**

These projects could be funded with three sources: A six-year capital projects levy, use of the balance of 2006 state construction assistance program funds and use of property sale funds. Because the 2018 bonds measure did not pass, a six-year capital levy could be done without any increases to the total tax rate.

**Community Engagement**

The Short-term election and community engagement timeline and Long-term community engagement strategies were reviewed.