Greetings,

Business plans, professional plans, and even our personal plans have been disrupted or postponed as we all worked through this global pandemic. Although there remains some uncertainty about how COVID-19 will continue to impact the future, all around us we see considerable change toward moving forward and getting all of our plans back on track.

As the Dearborn Public Schools cautiously and safely return to in person learning and a successful 2021-22 school year, we are also returning to planning for the long term infrastructure and facility needs of the district. As we have done in the past, engaging our stakeholders in this discussion is an essential part of creating a successful long-term plan.

It is in this spirit of community engagement, and because you can offer valuable insight and a unique perspective of our district, I would like to invite you, or a representative of your organization, to be a part of our Vision for Infrastructure and Planning (VIP) Committee.

This committee will be tasked with developing recommendations that would offer possible solutions to prioritising current infrastructure needs and suggestions on future infrastructure projects in the district. To ensure everyone has the information they need to make an informed recommendation, we will provide committee members with background information about the district and capital planning opportunities that are allowed for schools. This group will be led by an outside third party facilitator to ensure unbiased dialogue and fair representation from all committee members. The committee will present their recommendation to the Board of Education. The Board will make final decisions on any future plans, but committee recommendations will weigh heavily in that decision making process.

Serving on the VIP Committee will not require a long term commitment, but it does involve several evenings in January and February of 2022. Anyone interested in serving on the committee must be able to commit to all of the scheduled meetings. The schedule is as follows:

**Infrastructure Review Task Force Meeting Schedule**

- Thursday, January 13, 2022       6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 20, 2022       6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 27, 2022       6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 10, 2022      6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 24, 2022      6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 10th will also be available if the committee needs another meeting. The meetings will take place in the Frank Franchi Board Room at the Administrative Service Center located at 18700 Audette, Dearborn.

We anticipate a great deal of interest from our community regarding this topic. Not everyone interested will be able to serve on the committee, but we are working to assemble a diverse group representing all stakeholders. Those interested in serving on the committee can apply by completing a Google Form by December 10th. Signing up to be on the committee means a person is committing to attending all of the meetings.

For those who may not have the opportunity to be a part of this committee but would still like to offer their perspectives, the district will provide opportunities to offer suggestions, feedback, and comments.

Dearborn Public Schools has a long tradition of engaging community members in order to bring the best possible learning opportunities to our students. We hope you will consider being a part of the Vision for Infrastructure and Planning (VIP) Committee and help us create a learning environment where all students can and will be successful.

Regards,

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