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Tier 2 –Architect’s & Construction Manager’s Presentation- March 31, 2016

PRESENTATION-ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS PROS & CONS

The Architects presented pros and cons, as well as, construction logistics for elementary and middle school options.

Following are some comments concerning the items discussed.

Selection Criteria

A preliminary list of selection criteria was presented outlining categories to reference in reviewing options. Architect requested comment regarding additional items that may be added.

- *Under Site Considerations consider adding ‘Neighborhood Fabric’.*
All of the sited options are located in existing neighborhoods. The impact to the neighborhood needs to be considered including disruption, preservation, density, relocation, and future planning.

Dr. Howard School- Option 1 & 2

Previously the Architects presented two options; one as a newly constructed school and one with partly renovated and partly new construction. During the presentation the discussion focused on the new school option. At this time the architect is not planning on preparing a cost to compare the second option being renovated with new additions.

Relative to the renovation option, accessibility and access can be resolved, but the classrooms of the existing building remaining may be substandard and may have to be ‘upsized ’to today’s teaching standards making the renovation more expensive.

- *There is part of the community with a preservation orientation that would prefer to have the school in some manner preserved. To evaluate from this perspective should be part of the process.*
- *In light of history and politics, the previous referendums failed partially from not clearly making the public fully aware of comparables.*
- *Each option needs to be compared by cost to make an informed decision.*
- *When involved in renovation it does not always result in a perfect solution. Unit 4 should be made aware of classroom standards and such items to be involved with the decision, priorities, and practicalities of an option.*
- *As the Architect stated there are criteria other than costs that guide a decision.*