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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Judy Wiegand, *Superintendent*

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DATE: March 7, 2016

RE: **Tier II Priorities for Elementary Campuses**

As you consider the elementary needs, I would offer the following considerations as you determine both priorities and timelines.

1. Dr. Howard should be rebuilt or undergo a complete renovation. There may be consideration to retain some aspects from the current structure but, in general, the campus has served the community well for over 100 years and the level of restoration to ensure ADA needs, Great Schools Together Strategic Plan, and ensure alignment to recent elementary work would need to entail a reworking of the entire campus.
2. South Side needs to be brought up to ADA standards. In 2016, it is a matter of equity that students, parents, and the community should be able to access a school campus regardless of their ability level. Renovating rooms should also be considered as a part of this phase of work. Adding a gym space would be another aspect of work to be completed at South Side.
3. IPA PreK-5 upgrades would need to be considered next to ensure the campus can also align to the rebuilding work recently completed for most of the elementary schools using 1% sales tax monies.
4. Expand IPA and add a wing to offer PreK-8 program. Many families with K and 1st grade students have begun asking the district to consider expanding the Dual Language program to include 6th-8th grade instruction. The IPA addition would allow students to continue studying under this instructional format for three more years and provide some relief to the middle level campuses.