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Good Morning,

I hope that everyone is doing well. I also hope that warmer weather is on the way so we can enjoy a few nice days of spring before summer is upon us. I want to provide you with an update on our building project.

We have met two times with “user” groups. The purpose of these meetings is to obtain input from individuals on specific room arrangements, equipment, and furnishings without affecting the overall building organization or building philosophy that was developed by the Core Planning Group. We have had 26 meetings so far with “user” groups (two rounds) and will be meeting with some of those groups again soon to fine tune the details.

We also have a Project Oversight Committee in place, which has met three times so far. This committee will meet every two weeks. The committee is made up of school board members, superintendent, high school principal, members of Wold, and members of Kraus-Anderson. Kraus-Anderson is our construction management company. This committee’s purpose is to make sure the project is on time, on budget, and make decisions regarding materials used.

Wold Architects and Engineering and administration have met with city officials to discuss and plan for the building project. We will also be meeting with county officials soon.

We have held three Site Committee meetings to discuss the layout of the project, how pieces fit on our high school site, and the 10 acres across the county road behind the high school and how the ball fields will fit there.

A district standards committee meeting was held with Wold, Kraus-Anderson, administration, and custodial staff to discuss companies that we currently work with, new ideas, and things that are important to the school district and the project.

We currently have a company (Braun Intertec) on site doing soil boring/testing. A meeting was held with them, Wold, Kraus-Anderson, and administration to discuss our soil types and plan for construction. We have also had land surveying done by Sunde Land Surveying.

Please note that we are going out for construction bids early fall and will look to begin construction late fall. This will keep us on our original timeline that was discussed during the referendum process.

We will continue to provide updates, timelines, and further information as we work through the planning process.

Sincerely,

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