

BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER - PROGRESS/UPDATES

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Another important milestone has been passed. We have submitted our segmented Master Plan to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC)! Based on the information gathered from a phone survey of a statistically significant sample of community members, the first segment of the project will be the 7-12 campus on the Bolich/Newberry site. The campus will consist of a 7-8 building and a 9-12 building arranged with a campus feel while maintaining appropriate separation.

The next phase of the process will be to hear from the OFCC as to funding. As you might recall, the OFCC has determined that we qualify for 27% funding from their organization. The OFCC Board meets quarterly and determines the projects that can be funded at that time. We are right on the cusp of being funded; thus, if we are not funded in July, we will be in the near future. ***What does that mean for us?***

If we are offered funding this July, we will recommend continuation with the first segment as described above and be moving toward a bond issue in November under Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP).

If we are not funded this July, we will recommend continuation toward a bond issue in November; however, the bond issue will limit the first segment to the 9-12 building under an Expedited Local Partnership (ELP) which means we are still part of the OFCC plan and will get credit for the construction process already made once the second bond issue passes. At the end of the project, the net result will be identical. We would build the 9-12 portion of the 7-12 campus and finish the 7-8 portion at a later date when we receive our funding offer.

The estimated cost of the 9-12 building plus abatement and demo of Sill, Bolich, and Newberry with a few of the LFIs described above is approximately 60M.

Please check our website under the Vision 2020 tab for updates including results from our phone survey. As you can see, the process is complicated. We hope to help to keep you informed as opposed to have confused you further. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to ask!

Update: Wednesday, April 08, 2015

Good afternoon,

Last night, we passed another very important milestone in our Building Our Future Together process. At their regular meeting, the Cuyahoga Falls Board of Education affirmed the Building Our Future Together committee recommendation to submit a segmented master plan to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC).

The overall master plan recommendation includes three (3) new PK-3 buildings, two (2) new 4-6 buildings, and one (1) new 7-12 building. The recommendation also included a

“segmented” project. In other words, taking more than one bond issue to the public on different dates/years.

While final decisions on the way in which the master plan will be segmented have not been made yet, it is likely that the first segment will include the 7-12 building in whole or in part. As such, we will continue moving toward placing a bond issue on the November ballot.

This is a long process from start to finish and there are many moving parts; however, we are proud of, and pleased with, our committee and our Board for helping through this milestone. The next steps include: a committee meeting next week, discussions on segmenting, locally funded initiatives (LFIs), site selection, and ballot language, etc. And, that’s before June!

As always, feel free to stop me and ask any questions; I’ll try to answer them.