



## NORTHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 8, 2019

### Community Forum Feedback

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#### MAY 2020 BOND UPDATE

Thank you to those who attended the second community forum on May 8 at North Oakview Elementary School. Your feedback is important in helping us determine needs within our District facilities. In response to the feedback we received at the first community forum on April 18, TowerPinkster presented options for creating gym additions at our three elementary schools, in addition to a large, project-based learning space that could be used for Field School, STEM lab or other special projects. We recorded questions and responses. The major themes include:

- Could we consider covered drop off canopies at the buildings?
- Do we need new gyms at all three elementary schools? Are they really being used all day?
- There is need for slightly larger gyms for community use and sporting events.
- Can we renovate the old cafeterias to support more than just dining space? Could they be used for larger group learning?
- Secure entrances are a priority.
- We recently scaled back on art and gym teachers, librarians, etc. Would rather see those come back before we improve buildings. (Superintendent Korpak reiterated that bond dollars can be used for buildings and equipment, not for instruction. However, last year's general fund had to absorb the cost of a new bus as well as building repairs. A bond program could upgrade facilities and buy new buses to protect general fund dollars for instructional use moving forward.)
- Can we look at new furniture in the High School Media Center?
- There is a potential for additions to each elementary school to support a Field School program. The current elementary buildings are at capacity.
- There is a desire for alternative learning spaces in general.
- Can we upgrade the Highlands locker room?
- Do we still need 3 elementary schools? (Superintendent Korpak stated that District enrollment is projected to hold steady. Since all elementary schools are currently at capacity, we would have to build an addition somewhere else to house all students. The District has heard from the community that they prefer the "neighborhood" school model that maintains all elementary buildings).
- If playgrounds are relocated to accommodate new construction, they must be brought up to current code with new equipment. This can be costly.