



Media Release – School Referendum Project Meeting and Update

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MARSHALL, MINNESOTA – Parents, residents and community leaders are invited and encouraged to attend the August 5 school board meeting to hear and update on the May 2019 referendum projects and work that is taking place. The meeting will start at 4:00 pm in the Marshall Middle School Professional Development Room.

During the meeting, representatives from the district’s architectural firm and the district’s construction consultants – along with school board members and administration - will share details and provide updates regarding progress on referendum projects for increased safety and security, relocating to and expanding the early childhood program at Park Side Elementary, and designing and constructing a new elementary school for grades 2-4.

Director of Business Services, Dion Caron, stated, *“The process that we have used since the referendum passed in May involves collaboration and input from stakeholders. This referendum project meeting and update will give our parents, residents, and community leaders a chance to stay updated on what’s happening with referendum-related projects and share in the excitement of these projects.”*

Details of the process that is being used and discussions and planning by a Core Design Group will be shared, including preliminary plans for room placement, storage, and conceptual details in the early childhood expansion and new elementary. Information will be shared about traffic, parking, and busing meetings and review of relevant details, and a timeline of significant events will be presented.

Following the school board meeting, there will also be an opportunity for questions with school board members who serve on a Bond Oversight Committee. The question and answer session will start at 5:15 pm.

Marshall Public School residents approved a \$29.8 million bond referendum on May 14, 2019. Work included in the referendum focuses on increased safety and security at all district sites, relocating the early childhood program to Park Side Elementary and adding additional classroom and programming space, de-commissioning West Side Elementary, and constructing a new elementary school for grades 2-4. The referendum was approved by district residents, 1950 yes votes and 1180 no votes.

For those who are not able to attend the school board meeting on August 5, but would like to watch the presentation, Studio One TV will broadcast the meeting live online at <http://marshallstudio1tv.com/live> or on the Studio 1 TV channel (Vast 17, Charter 180). The presentation will also be available to view after the meeting at <http://media.studio1.smsu.edu/CablecastPublicSite/gallery/5?channel=1>.