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**St. Francis School District Issues Community-Wide Survey**

**St. Francis, WI** – The St. Francis School Board will issue a community-wide survey for resident response from mid-September through October 9, 2020. The School Board reviewed and approved the wording and issuance of the final draft of the community survey at their August 31st board meeting. District Administration and their consultants used input from GROTH Design Group and CG Schmidt Construction, who are assisting the District with a Long-Range Facilities Master Plan to identify the needs and provide potential long-term solutions to be shared and tested in the survey. After a rigorous process, the draft met the Board's criteria and was subsequently approved for distribution to the community. The survey will begin arriving via mail to households in the community later this week. This is considered a vital step in the facility planning process as it allows all district voters to share their opinions and feedback on school facilities. The Board will ultimately use this information to guide their decisions in order to accurately reflect the needs and wants of the district and its residents.

“The survey can be taken online or by returning the hard copy. It's easy and fast. Because our facilities serve the greater community in so many ways, our board wanted to hear from everyone. It's such a great tool for us to involve our residents and get their input directly,” said Chris Finch, St. Francis School Board President.

The newly-approved survey will clearly articulate the District's needs to the community, present various conceptual long-term plans for improvements, and provide costs while gathering feedback. “The proposed long-term solutions focus on our priorities to improve student safety and security, provide educational opportunities for all students, address long-term maintenance needs, and update and expand athletic facilities.,” said Dr. Mark Elworthy, St. Francis School District Superintendent. All survey responses are kept confidential.

The data and information collected from the survey will be analyzed and shared publicly during a regularly-scheduled School Board meeting later in October.

For more information on the Long-Range Facilities Planning Process, please contact Mark Elworthy, Superintendent, at (414) 747-3910 or by email at [melwort@sfsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:melwort@sfsd.k12.wi.us).

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