

HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITY INITIATIVE

January 30, 2014



STEERING COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

In October 2011, the District formed a Steering Committee under the direction of Ben Tintinger of Mosaic Architecture. The 32 member committee met diligently for the next 16 months to study the educational needs of the Helena community and how they relate to school facilities. In January 2013, the Steering Committee provided its final report to the Board of Trustees.

A core group of this committee plus other community members began meeting again in November 2013 to discuss and make a final bond recommendation. This was completed on January 13, 2014.

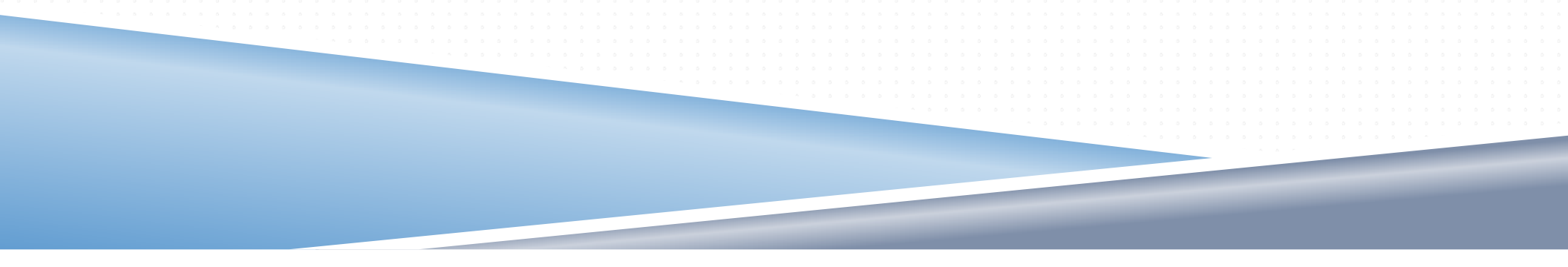
The work of the Steering Committee is invaluable and their guidance is the reason we are where we are today. The individuals that comprised this committee are great representatives of the Helena community. Their dedication to our children and understanding of the importance of a public education will benefit students for generations to come.

Thank you!

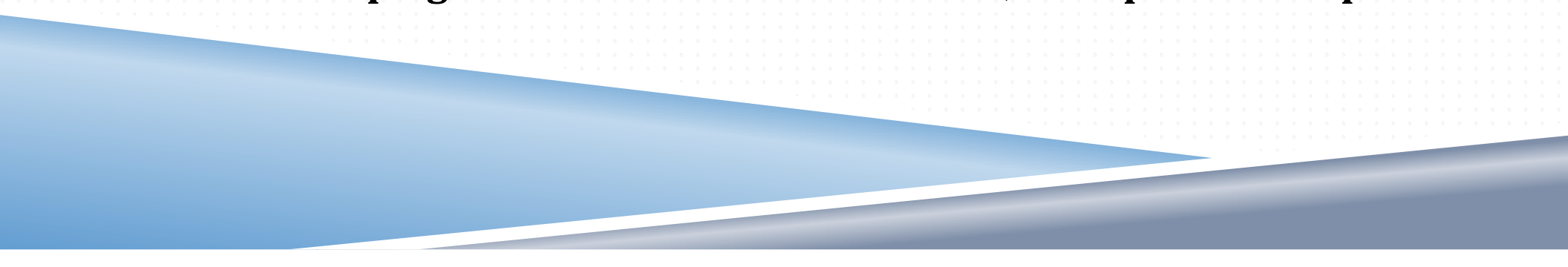


FACILITY PLANNING PROCESS

The Helena School District Facility Planning process has been a deliberate progression. The outcome created a two-step plan that addresses the physical requirements of a quality education for our students and for future generations.

- 1. *Building Reserve Levy:*** The community's approval of the Building Reserve Levy will provide resources to maintain our buildings ensuring our students a safe and secure learning environment.
 - 2. *Bond Recommendation:*** The bond recommendation will address the capital needs of every school in the District.
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PARAMETERS

- ▶ **Student Centered**
 - ▶ **Long Term Decisions**
 - ▶ **Simple message to a complex issue**
 - ▶ **Addressing displaced students does not require school closure**
 - ▶ **School consolidation discussion will occur during the Right-Size school phase**
 - ▶ **Boundary decisions cannot be made until displaced students are placed back into their schools**
 - ▶ **Operational costs prohibit the construction of another school**
 - ▶ **The Board has committed to providing a school at Central**
 - ▶ **The base of school support comes from the city**
 - ▶ **Jim Darcy has two years left before it runs out of common space**
 - ▶ **Student needs must be met prior to providing Central Office a new location**
 - ▶ **The bond request must be obvious**
 - ▶ **The bond campaign must be rich in information, transparent and positive**
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Displaced Students

- ▶ Jim Darcy
- ▶ Warren
- ▶ Central

2. Technology

3. High School

4. Middle Schools Process

- ▶ Addressing Right-Size Schools



JIM DARCY

- ▶ **New School**
- ▶ **Jim Darcy = 498 Capacity**
 - **Plus three expansion rooms = 70 additional seats**
 - **Bubble class and pre-school**
- ▶ **North Valley Student Capacity**
 - **Rossiter = Current Capacity** = 498
 - **Jim Darcy = Capacity + Expansion Rooms** = 568
 - **Total: 498 + 498 + 70** = 1066 seats
 - **Current K-5 at Jim Darcy & Rossiter students** = 913
 - **Open Seats** = 153



Cropper Demographics Projected K-5 Enrollment 2012-2022 of -.03%
****The forecast calls for an increase of 10.2% in the next five years - then to return to today's level of -.03%**

WARREN

- ▶ Renovate to a 4-3 school
- ▶ Currently a 3-2 school (315 Students)
- ▶ Capacity = 498
- ▶ Current In-Boundary Students = 390
- ▶ Future needs:
 - Pre-School
 - Best serve those families who left the district due to space constraints



**Cropper Demographics Projected K-5 Elementary
Increase 2012 - 2022: +3.2%**

CENTRAL

- ▶ **Renovate to a 4-3 school**
 - **Can be done on existing site without razing buildings**
- ▶ **Currently a 3-2 school (242 Students)**
 - **Includes Montessori**
- ▶ **Future needs:**
 - **Pre-School**
 - **Boundary adjustment**
 - **Other District programs**



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TECHNOLOGY

Each elementary school (K-8) will receive:

- ▶ **Infrastructure upgrades to their facility**
 - **Electrical and connectivity**
- ▶ **Technology Center**
 - **Interactive Video Conferencing**
 - **Infrastructure for a computer lab**
- ▶ **Catapults the District ahead in its ability to provide 21st Century technology**
 - **Taking the students to the technology**
 - **Taking technology to the students**



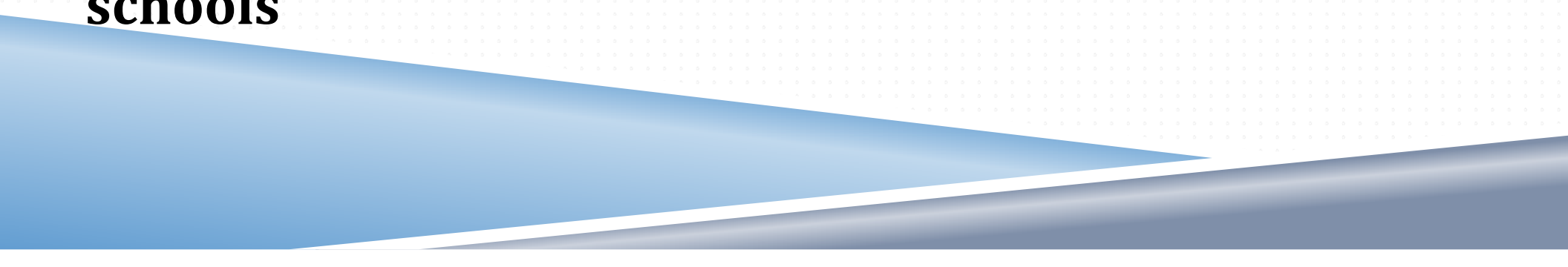
HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ **Planning for high school renovations to start immediately**
- ▶ **Discussions and progress will dictate the Bond date**



RIGHT-SIZE SCHOOLS

FIRST STEP ADDRESSING MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- ▶ **Board / Community discussions to determine right-size schools**
 - ▶ **Specific enrollment number that triggers a process to adjust facilities – both maximum and minimum**
 - ▶ **Process to address the facility that hits the trigger enrollment number**
 - ▶ **Renovation and/or new schools will be based on the Right-Size school process**
 - ▶ **Right-size schools will guide the school boundary discussion**
 - ▶ **Boundary adjustments cannot be totally transparent until displaced students are in their neighborhood schools**
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ELECTION DATE

- ▶ **May 2014**
- ▶ **No Competition - School Election Only**
 - **February 1st to April 21st**
 - **Just shy of three months**
- ▶ **Build on Recent Building Reserve Levy Success**
- ▶ **Sense of Urgency**
- ▶ **November Election**
 - **Momentum gained could be lost over the Summer**
 - **Do not want to compete with the General Election**



FINANCIAL ELEMENTARY DISTRICT

- ▶ **Financial Cost of Bond Proposal**
 - **\$45.1 Million**
- ▶ **Tax Impact: Home with a \$100,000 Taxable Market Value**
 - **\$40.95 / Year**
 - **\$3.42 / Month**

