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Workshop Summary

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Architecture Planning Interiors

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Topics:

**Bond funding amounts were reviewed:**

For \$ 60 million generated, the cost impact would roughly be \$1.30/thousand

For \$ 80 million generated, the cost impact would roughly be \$1.73/thousand (*This would be a “continuation tax” consistent with what taxpayers are currently paying on existing bonds set to expire within the next two years.*)

For \$ 100 million generated, the cost impact would roughly be \$2.16/thousand

**Value Statements were reviewed to see if these accurately reflected the priorities of the DFAC:**

- *Address critical physical needs of buildings*
- *Address safety & security improvements*
- *Create appropriate educational spaces for today’s learners*
- *Focus on Career Ready opportunities for students through investing in CTE programs and local partnerships*
- *Improve student retention and engagement*
- *Provide adequate technology for student learning*

**Chart of Schools’ Lifespans were reviewed**

*(see attached chart)*

DLR Group then presented a menu of Plan Options. The committee then broke into table groups to create their own ideas of a facilities plan based upon the Options menu presented. Each table group reported out their ideas.

**Table Group 1 Recommendation:**

Priority on

- Elem. Replacement
- West—phased or complete
- CTE

**Table Group 2 Recommendation:**

- 100 mill vs. 80 mill --*Difference between tax rates on \$200,000 home is \$86 per year, \$432 compared to \$346, \$7 a month more = 1 Starbucks mocha*
- All around Package includes an addition to West
- 147 ft./student vs. current 104 ft./student
- Include CTE programs business and chamber can get behind
- Safety and Security for all schools
- Auditorium—separate bond

**Table Group 3 Recommendation:**

1. No auditoria (recommend a community project approach)
2. All around package (less auditoria) for approx. \$ 84.6 mill
3. If possible, bond \$110 mill
  - = all around package for approx. \$84 mill
  - = replace/rebuild elementary school(s) at end of useful life

Do we have too many elementary schools?

Do we need/can we re-allocate the \$9 mill for auxiliary gyms?

#### Summary Notes and Questions:

- New School Provision
- Phased? Higher overall cost or whole?
- 3 new gyms-required
- What would community support??: \$ 110,500,000? Or \$ 173,000,000?
- Fire suppression (revisit)
- Go for current valuation? (\$80 mill)
- Will community support more?
- Board decision (\$110 mill) what is entire amount?
- Too many elementary schools?
- Aux gym a must have? (review PE & athletic dept. need)
- More elementary (replacement)
- Less piecemeal-how can we do this?
- West Albany-replace whole thing? Vs. phased?
- We need new gym(s)-but why put in a school that will need to be replaced
- Lessons learned from South Albany fire?

#### Dollar Amounts

- Total Project Cost (construction cost + soft costs)
- Escalated to be 2018 (5-6% escalation) cost
- Cost estimate/market value-to be confirmed to be "best crystal ball"

West (confirm scope)

- most popular/focused
- CTE/Arts/Music
- CC partnerships