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Cedarburg School District Identifies Long-Range Master Plan (LRMP) Needs

Continuing analysis shows there is very limited room to accommodate increased enrollment, additional class offerings, improved circulation, and staff and student collaboration at each school.

Listening sessions held over the past few months consistently yielded comments about the need for large group assembly spaces, small group project or break-out spaces to maximize the value of today's teaching and learning methodologies and to get storage and small group activities out of the corridors or unsuitable spaces such as closets. Two additional consistent comments shared at all focus groups include the need to support career exploration and praise on how well school buildings are maintained. Anecdotally many groups praised the School Board for taking the steps to plan for the future to maintain current standards of excellence.

Focus group comments were synthesized into eight themes which are now being translated into specific teaching and learning, safety and security and capacity needs. The eight themes are:

1. Increase Building Capacities
2. Teaching and Learning / Program
3. Cafeteria Spaces and Large Group Assembly Spaces
4. Collaboration and Breakout Spaces
5. Community Access
6. Natural Light, Windows and Views of Nature
7. Traffic Flow, Circulation, Parking, Drop-off and Pick-up
8. Safety, Security and Infrastructure

"This Long Range Plan is not about schools that are falling apart. They are in good shape because how previous boards and our staff have been proactive and maintained the facilities. This study has quickly shown us that the most important needs we have are centered around building more capacity and upgrading spaces that haven't been changed materially for decades," said School Board President, Chris Reimer.

Ongoing steps in the LRMP include developing themes by building into long term viable options to satisfy teaching and learning, safety and security and capacity needs with very limited room available to adapt to increased enrollment and the desires voiced in the listening sessions for enhanced curriculum and physical spaces.

For more information on the LRMP, please access the CSD website at <http://www.cedarburg.k12.wi.us/about/long-range-planning.cfm>.