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LONG-RANGE FACILITY PLANNING CONTINUES

Dripping Springs ISD continues efforts to plan for facilities to serve students in years to come.

That process started with the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee (LRFPC), which met throughout the fall to assess current district facilities and develop recommendations for future schools and other district facilities. That group, which involved more than 100 parents, staff and community members, then turned over recommendations to the Bond Steering Committee. The BSC has been meeting in January to review and prioritize the list of potential new facilities and improvements to existing facilities. **The group will make a presentation the DSISD Board of Trustees at a special meeting Jan. 29 to recommend projects to be included in a potential bond program.** That meeting will start at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building. Then, in another special meeting on Feb. 12, the Board will consider approval of a bond program to be presented to votes in the May 2018.

During the process, various options regarding locations and models of future schools have been discussed, including a concept that would potentially place elementary and middle schools at the same location when possible. One related idea that emerged for discussion was the possible future relocation of Walnut Springs Elementary to the Dripping Springs Middle School site and conversion of the current WSE building to the DSISD Administration Building and child care facility. This concept is explained in a narrated video at: <http://bit.do/LRFP-Path2>.

Other major priorities in a potential bond program that are being discussed are an

expansion of Dripping Springs High School and a fifth elementary school. Summaries of meetings and other updates are available at: www.dsisdtx.us/LRFPC.