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### **LONG-RANGE FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO RECONVENE**

Dripping Springs ISD will reconvene the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee (LRFPC) in November to help district administration plan for continued enrollment growth in the district over the next 5-10 years. Among the group's responsibilities will be assessing the status of current facilities, reviewing and analyzing student enrollment data, assessing future facility needs, and receiving updates on projects associated with the 2018 bond program. The group will include representation from community members, parents, and DSISD staff.

"We want to approach the facility planning process as an ongoing effort rather than forming a committee the year of a potential bond program," shared Superintendent Bruce Gearing. "The more our stakeholders are involved in the entire planning process, the more prepared we will be to make good decisions that will impact our community for many years to come."

The first meeting of the LRFPC will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at Dripping Springs High School. Additional meetings will be held in February and May of 2019 (dates and locations TBA).

Volunteers were invited to serve on the committee through the Community Advisory Committee application process in September. Anyone interested in participating as an active member of the committee should review [this invitation](#) and complete the embedded Google form. All LRFPC meetings will be posted as public meetings and anyone will be able to attend and observe the proceedings. Summaries of meetings will be posted on the DSISD website. The district also will schedule additional opportunities to gather input from the public at-large as the planning process progresses.

During the 2019-20 school year, the LRFPC will meet more frequently as the process of developing the needs list for future facilities begins. Eventually, the LRFPC will transition its work to the Bond Steering Committee (BSC), which will be tasked with understanding costs and financial information, prioritizing the list of potential projects, and determining the ultimate timing of any potential bond election.

