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Dear Chairwoman McGraw, Board Members, and Superintendent Andrew,

As directed, at the November 7th, 2023 board meeting, we have attached the *2023-2028 Department of Education (DOE) Facilities Work Plan*, the original *Creating Schools of the Future Proposed Project List 2019-2030* booklet, and a spreadsheet to provide the specifically requested information listed below:

1. The entire original Half-Cent Sales Tax Project List, including original budgets and completion dates.
2. Progress towards the completion of each project listed, including original budgets versus actual expenditures.

The *Five Year District Facilities Work Plan* is presented every year as required by DOE. Facilities staff cannot begin to work on this report until data is pre-populated by DOE and the report is opened for editing. DOE opened this report for editing Friday evening, November 3rd, 2023. This report is completed promptly every year and placed on the first available Board agenda, which is January 16th, 2024. Staff's agenda items are due approximately three (3) weeks prior to each Board meeting.

There will be a Board Workshop on February 7th, 2024 at 10:00 am to review this data as well as additional information, including all capital projects from fiscal years 2017 to present.

Facilities Plan Updates

Preceding the public approval of the Half-Cent Sales Tax for Schools, a comprehensive facilities plan was distributed to the community with a list of projects and timelines that would be funded by the Half-Cent Sales Tax and Capital Outlay revenues. At that time, the plan was based on the best available information, and changes may be made based on factors such as increased costs, natural disasters, emergency facilities' needs, etc.

The COVID pandemic upended many plans and drastically changed circumstances after the Half-Cent Sales Tax was passed. There were rapidly rising costs, labor shortages, supply chain issues, and other factors affecting all district operations.

Overcoming these challenges, great progress has been made on many facilities projects, large and small. Thousands of students and staff are enjoying significant improvements in their new teaching and learning environments. In this ever-changing environment, it is clear that changes to the original facilities plan will have to be made. This will involve collaboration and discussion within and among the School Board, district administration, school communities, employees, families, the Half-Cent Sales Tax Oversight Committee, and other key stakeholders.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Eunice".

Maria Eunice, MS, SNS
Chief of Operations

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Suzanne M. Wynn
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