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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

DATE: June 15, 2017

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Referendum Discussion

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy # 201

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Discussion

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: June 22, 2017

REPORT

In 2015, the District shared its financial state and need to increase the amount of funding needed to \$900 per pupil. A community survey showed that increase to be more than the community would support. Therefore, we requested \$525 per pupil with the plan to return in 2017 for the remaining \$375 per pupil. In addition, our last capital projects/technology levy expired and we have continued building needs. A successful levy and/or bond referendum question(s) passed this fall could resolve some potential issues, including:

- Challenges presented by current funding and revenue sources from the state and local levy dollars
- Budget reductions needed to address our fund balance policy and long-term fiscal stability
- Continued funds for technological software and equipment replacement sustainability
- Long Range Facility Planning and the needed building projects anticipated to address the future student population.

With the fall election scheduled for November 7, 2017, we have certain timelines that must be met to request potential questions we would want included on the local election ballot. We would like to begin the discussion of where the board is on their thinking and decision making regarding the number and content of questions we would potentially have on the ballot in November. In July we will receive the results of our community survey, continue to discuss and refine our thinking on what the potential questions might be based on the survey data. Final decisions on potential levy questions and levy amounts will need to be made at our August 3rd board meeting.