



## South Washington County Schools

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board  
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Bob Lawrence, Director of Community Education

DATE: August 2, 2018

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Central Park Update

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN Policy 901 Community Education

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: August 9, 2018

### REPORT

Woodbury City Council  
Central Park Master Planning  
Workshop Summary  
May 16, 2018

In 2014, Woodbury City Council directed staff to complete an analysis of Central Park. Based on the outcome of that review, staff recommended that the four collaborative partners in the facility put renovation conversations on hold, and engage in a process to focus on improving collaboration and communication. That 'pause,' facilitated by the Minneapolis-based architecture firm RSP Dreambox, ended in January, with a shared vision and master plan for the building's future.

As part of this process, RSP convened monthly meetings with a team of representatives and leaders from each of the partner organizations. They used a "design thinking" methodology to create a solution-based approach that enhances operational collaboration, support, and a more efficient Central Park facility. In addition to improving these 'invisible systems' among partners, the facilitator helped partners develop a clear vision for the facility which addresses service and structural improvements.

The original intent of this project was to brainstorm ways to renovate and reuse the existing Central Park facility with a more efficient and communicative operations plan. However, the visioning process allowed the team to dream big and identify a bolder vision – one that creates a learning and wellbeing-based destination to better serve all segments of our communities.

RSP and the team of representatives organized their findings and recommendations into three sections in the attached “Envisioning the Future of Central Park” report:

**NOW:**            2018 - 2019  
Operations efficiencies  
Shared space  
Governance structure  
New Agreement

**NEAR:**           2019 - 2021  
Interim Improvements  
    ▪ Parking lot repair  
    ▪ HVAC Updates  
    ▪ Security / Safety  
    ▪ Lookout Ridge  
Branding & wayfinding  
ISD 833 lease or own decision  
Retain professional services  
Larger-scale conceptual ideas to be explored further  
Pre-design  
Preliminary budgeting

**FAR:**            2021 – 2023  
Schematic and design development  
Detail project budgeting  
Bidding  
Construction  
Re-open

Key action items that are explained in detail in the report include:

- Establish a governance model
- Identify short and long term leadership to carry the momentum forward
- Create community engagement strategy
- Engage in place branding process
- Identify and prioritize time sensitive projects
- Select key project partners
- Perform facility assessment