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Dear Community Members:

I hope all of you are finding time to enjoy your families and recharge the batteries! The calendar is getting ready to roll over to 2017, and I am deeply excited by the possibilities!

I have a couple of quick items for you.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

We will hold a Business Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday January 18th at 7:00 PM in the Bus Garage on campus. We will meet upstairs in the conference room.

The BAC was started back in 2006 and over the years we have had some turnover in the group. We are looking for new members who have an interest in looking at the financial picture of the district. We will be setting quarterly meetings for 2017 with plans to meet in January, early April, late June, and September.

We have shared that the district will most likely need to be on the ballot in late 2020/early 2021. There are numerous variables that can impact how and when we may have to try to claw back the levy we allowed to expire in 2015. We also know that when we get to January 1, 2026, we will be debt free with a significant amount of cash flow opening up in our budget. How we manage that and plan for our financial future will be the core mission of this committee.

If you are interested and would like more information, please call me or come to the first meeting. Please bring your calendars as we will be setting the meeting dates for 2017.

FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Like the BAC, our Facilities Task Force will be meeting in January and looking to set up a quarterly schedule of meetings for 2017. We are also looking for new members to revitalize this important group. In the past, this group has worked with our Director of Operations to look at how to manage our aging elementary facilities, but we must truly look towards the future of the MS and HS and all of our athletic facilities. While we have been working to make some minor improvements in those buildings, we need to set some priorities and timelines. Some of our facilities need significant upgrades that go beyond putting band-aids on problems.

When the 2017-18 school year begins we will go from operating six buildings to four. That should provide some opportunities to allocate portions of our Permanent Improvement funds for improvements rather than maintenance. We will go over the current PI Budget and discuss how those dollars can be re-allocated.

The next Facilities Task Force Meeting is slated for Wednesday January 25th at 7:00 PM in the Bus Garage Conference Room. Please bring your calendars as well. Please give me a call or send me an email if you would like to serve on the Facilities Task Force.

We wish all of you a safe and Happy New Year. We will be back up and running on Tuesday January 3rd!