

Stanwood Camano School District

TO : BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM : GARY PLATT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - BUSINESS SERVICES
SUBJECT : FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY- FUNDING USE REVISION
TYPE : ACTION REQUIRED
DATE : APRIL 19, 2016

The purpose of this memo is to propose making changes to the facility improvement project list included in the Facilities and Technology Levy. These changes affect projects slated for completion in FY 2016-17 by eliminating two projects and transferring those funds to other listed projects in that same year.

The original facility improvement project list developed in 2012-13 was based on the needs identified at each school. The school principals, staff members, Facility Advisory Committee, and other stakeholders provided input regarding priorities for the final list used to determine the capital levy amount.

Recently, at Twin City and Stanwood Elementary concerns have been raised regarding the condition of playground equipment. The equipment at both schools is quite old and finding replacement parts has become very difficult. Parents and administrators at both schools have requested that levy funds be allocated to provide some replacement equipment. The capital levy project list did include landscaping work at both schools. This work is scheduled for completion during the summer of 2017. Replacing playground equipment was not included in the landscaping scope of work. In order to address this need, funds will have to be taken from other projects on the list. The funds will be used to expand the landscaping scope of work to include funding for equipment. The principal of each school will form a committee to help develop the playground update plans.

I have reviewed the levy project list with Superintendent Shumate and we are recommending redirecting funds from the following projects:

1. Fencing (\$52,000) - This line item was intended to provide additional fencing at nearly all school locations.
2. Exterior brick sealer (\$146,525) - This line item was to provide sealant (to simplify removing graffiti) to exterior brick and concrete block walls .

Based on an estimate of the cost of commercial grade playground equipment including shipping and installation, we are recommending allocating \$75,000 each to Stanwood and Twin City Elementary Schools. The balance of these funds will remain in the fencing line item. Both school principals plan on forming a committee to help decide how these funds will be used to address the playground equipment concerns.

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Recommendation:

We recommend the board **move to approve shifting funds in the Facilities and Technology Levy from the fencing and exterior wall sealing budgets to the grounds improvement budgets for Stanwood and Twin City Elementary schools in the amount of \$75,000 each to be used for playground equipment updates.**