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Dear Dublin Community,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the community with an update on the district's efforts in building the Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

Earlier this fall, the School Board directed staff to expand the District Optimization Committee (DOC) to form a Facilities Master Plan Committee (FMPC). The FMPC has been meeting regularly since its formation in October. LPA, the firm that has been contracted by the district to bring the FMP to the Board later this winter, is leading the process of plan development.

As part of the project, LPA commissioned a second demographer to examine enrollment projections in our community. The second demographer's findings were presented to the FMPC at the December meeting. The presentation indicated that student growth has been under-projected, particularly at the high school level.

As a result it was clear that a change in the District's current demographer was needed. Per my recommendation, the Board of Trustees directed that a new demographer be brought in to provide future enrollment projections. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been posted and the selection of a new firm will occur after the winter break.

The information provided by the second demographer represents an important call to action. We must continue to engage in active problem-solving and creative thinking to develop a plan that meets the school facility needs of our rapidly growing community.

The plan will include solutions that meet both short-term and long-term needs. The district is directly involved in the development of the plan. Also included in the process are: the FMPC members, the Board of Trustees, outside consultants, the City of Dublin, the development community, as well as parents and the Dublin community at large.

In the days and weeks ahead we will be doing the following:

- Continuing the Facilities Master Plan process.
- Working with the City of Dublin to finalize Ground Lease Agreements for both the Jordan Ranch and Dublin Crossings school sites.
- Negotiating with developers to mitigate the impact of development on our schools
- Revising the School Facilities Needs Analysis based upon new demographic projections.
- Advocating for a State School Facilities Bond Measure currently qualified for the November 2016 statewide ballot.

- Considering a general obligation bond measure that will continue to help meet our needs locally.

Community support in these key elements will assist the district in finding solutions that successfully address our growth challenges while allowing us to continue to focus on student learning, the hallmark of Dublin schools. Attending the next FMP Community Forum and providing your input into the plan is a way you can participate.

The second Community Forum in our Facilities Master Plan Process will be held on Monday, January 11 at Dublin High School's Student Union from 6:30-9:30 p.m. LPA will be presenting options to meet our high school growth needs. A question-and-answer session will follow.

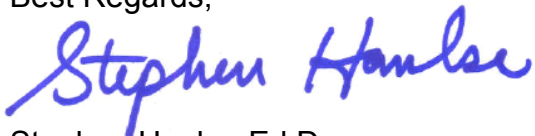
Please plan to join us for this important meeting. We encourage you to register to attend online on our district website in order to help us plan appropriately.

Information about the FMP process, including presentations, Q&As and meeting minutes from the Facilities Master Plan Committee meetings can be found at the site created by LPA for Dublin.

The link is: [LPA - DUSD Facilities Master Plans Website](#)

As we head into the annual Winter Break, I wish all of our families a wonderful holiday season and hope that this special time of year brings an opportunity for rest, peace and meaningful time with families and friends.

Best Regards,



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