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"In Partnership for Quality Education"

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Dear Key Communicators and Lakewood School District Stakeholders,

The school year is off to a brisk start! Homecoming will be here before we know it and our students across the grades are acclimating to their new schedules and academic routines. The planning effort with the bond proposal to modernize our high school and place it on the ballot for the upcoming February election is getting close to completion. The board will be making their final decision about this next month. With that in mind, there have been specific efforts to garner feedback and over the next three weeks these efforts will continue.

Back on August 26th, we had approximately 125 attendees for a Focus Group meeting where general information was shared and opinions heard. The "Top 10 Facts" about the proposed project was presented that evening as well as with families during Open House nights at each of the schools. At these Back-to-School Open Houses, time was taken to also answer questions and collect feedback. These two activities allowed us to hear from parents and various stakeholders as we shared information about the preliminary scope, design and cost range. Continuing efforts include conducting a random sampling phone survey in the community (now underway) and an online survey that was launched this week.

I urge everyone to take the online survey. It can be found on the district homepage in the upper right hand corner. The survey will remain open through October 6th. I would also encourage you to look at our various bond planning documents by clicking on "Your Community, Your High School" under Lakewood Headlines (also located on the district's homepage www.lwsd.wednet.edu). There you will find several key documents, one of which is a Q & A generated from the discussion at the August 26th meeting. There is also a brief interview clip from five members of our community that I know you will enjoy seeing.

As always, please do not hesitate to call, drop by my office, or send me an e-mail with any questions and/or comments related to the bond planning work. All the feedback being provided will be reviewed carefully and thoughtfully as the Board of Directors work to reach a final decision as to what will be placed on the February ballot. That determination will occur in the latter part of October.

Go Cougars!

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