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To: Board of Directors

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Subject: Long-term HPS Facilities **Agenda Item Type:** FYI

Objectives for Long-term HPS Facilities Priority:

- 1) By June 1, 2019, a long-term in-lieu of Prop 39 deal will be agreed upon between Navigator and Hollister School District (HSD) for HPS to be located in buildings on the existing HPS footprint
- 2) Preliminary building plans with cost estimates and a financial plan will be prepared for NS Board consideration by June 1

Overview

As Hollister Prep expanded beyond 5th grade, it has outgrown the site footprint on the north side of the R.O. Hardin campus, requiring the addition of portable classrooms on the south side of the campus, with the K-5 classrooms of R.O. Hardin students in between. This poses logistical challenges for both HPS and R.O. Hardin. Additionally, the proximity of HPS middle school students to R.O. Hardin Elementary has been a concern expressed by several R.O. Hardin teachers. Lastly, with new housing under construction, enrollment growth is anticipated at R.O. Hardin over the next several years, resulting in the HSD Director of Facilities explaining the need to identify an alternative solution for HPS. In May 2017, as part of the Prop 51 Charter Facilities Program application process, HSD and Navigator agreed in principal on a long-term in-lieu of Prop 39 deal for a fully grown HPS to be located in buildings on the existing HPS footprint. It was also determined that providing the full K-8 program on the north side of R.O. Hardin would be greatly assisted by acquiring a parcel of vacant land that adjoins Hollister Prep. While the grant was not funded, the agreement relating to the use of the site provides a foundation for a future agreement.

Status

HSD hired a new superintendent effective February 1, 2019. Additionally, three new Board Members were elected in November 2018. At the February 16, 2019 HSD Board Meeting, board members expressed concern regarding the Prop 39 offer and Facilities Use Agreement recommended by HSD Facilities staff. It would have granted HPS two additional middle school classrooms on the south side of the campus. This was the first board meeting where R.O. Hardin staff voiced concerns and asked the HSD Board to deny a Prop 39 offer to HPS. This development has increased the urgency to find a long-term solution for HPS facilities needs. Navigator is working with JRG Attorneys, a reputable Hollister firm, to evaluate the land acquisition process for the vacant parcel. Navigator staff is collaborating with HSD staff to continue the dialogue on short and long-term solutions.