

Letter to the Editor of the Addison Independent:

On behalf of the ACSD School Board, thank you to everyone who participated in the Community Dialogue Meetings last month and submitted feedback to the Board regarding our Facilities Master Planning process. Along with community feedback, our work will be guided by the ACSD Strategic Plan and our transition to becoming an International Baccalaureate World District, so the Facilities Master Plan will ensure that investments in our buildings support student learning objectives.

During the Community Dialogue Meetings, we asked participants to consider: ***Given the context of our enrollment and facilities data, what specific actions do you believe should be considered as we begin the Facilities Master Plan to map the future of our district?*** We were so pleased to see community members engaged in thoughtful conversations during the forums, and have received many thoughts, ideas, and concerns to guide us into the next phase of the process.

We want to remind the public that the planning document for the Facilities Master Plan and information presented during the Community Dialogue Meetings are currently available on our website at <https://www.acsdvt.org/domain/897>, and are also available in hard copy form at all ACSD Schools, Town Clerk Offices, and public libraries. If you have not yet submitted your feedback during this initial phase of the process, please consider completing an online survey at the link provided above, or sending comments to grandchallenge@acsdvt.org. Paper copies of surveys can be mailed or delivered to the ACSD Central Office at 49 Charles Avenue in Middlebury. The Board will continue to accept public comments until January 4, 2019.

Once the comment period has closed, the Board's Planning & Engagement Committee will review community feedback, facilities data, and other information shared during the Community Dialogue sessions to identify emerging themes and possibilities in the context of the guiding principles outlined in the master planning document. During January and February, the Planning & Engagement Committee will prepare draft recommendations and identify additional questions for the public to consider in a second round of Community Dialogue Meetings. We anticipate hosting these public meetings in March 2019.

We sincerely appreciate everyone's participation in this process, and especially value the commitment this community has to ensuring that ***all*** ACSD students are provided an outstanding educational experience.

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