



2017 Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC)

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Dear Trustees:

On behalf of the 2017 Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC), I am pleased to present you with this update on the organization, activities and timeline of the FAC.

The committee consists of 30 members, representing a diverse group including parents, employees, volunteers, businesses, elected officials and taxpayers as a whole. The activities of the FAC have been in line with the charge set forth by the Board of Trustees in our organizing charter.

To-date, we have held five productive meetings. The first gathering served as an orientation and overview of the district's facilities history and demographics. Over the next four meetings, we toured five district high schools, one elementary school multi-purpose room, the operations and technology support center on Tanton Rd., and took a bus trip through our community's fast-growing areas.

Each meeting also has included an overview of conditions and needs of the facilities assessed in the 2016 Facility Assessment, Land Analysis & Demographic Study. In addition, we have reviewed the needs identified by the 2010 FAC but not included in the final Bond 2011 proposal and other emerging items identified by staff. All questions from members are taken and addressed, and committee feedback is noted.

Adding to the open, transparent process that we are undergoing, all summaries of the committee's meetings and documents are shared with us and posted on the district's website. In addition, we will hold an open public meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2017 to share information regarding our activities and findings with the community.

With the input from the community at-large and our assessment of district facilities and growth over the past six weeks, we will complete our work as previously outlined and submit the final report to the Board on August 7, 2017.

We have been thoroughly impressed with the complete team effort in successfully completing Bond 2011 (Promises Made, Promises Kept!), stretching bond savings to complete additional projects without burdening taxpayers, and proactively studying and adjusting boundaries to ensure that Socorro ISD maximizes the use of existing facilities before continuing to build. It is apparent that district staff, schools, and the community are working collaboratively to ensure that the district provides all students the best possible learning environment while being responsible to taxpayers.

Personally, I'd like to thank the Socorro ISD administration and Board of Trustees for all their hard work and dedication, including staff who've we worked with in this endeavor for being very accommodating and supporting the activities of the FAC.

We look forward to completing the work of the committee and fulfilling our charge through the development of a five-year plan that will proactively and equitably accommodate growth and meet the needs of existing campuses and ancillary facilities so the district can continue to improve upon the endless opportunities provided to every Team SISD student!

Respectfully,

Robert Alvarez
FAC Chair