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Building A Stronger SAISD

Tomorrow our Board of Trustees will meet with the Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee to review their recommendations for restructuring our District and improving our schools. For more than a year, this committee of community members has worked to outline a means for SAISD to adapt to the greatly changed enrollment and population patterns throughout the District, **and provide students with the programs and resources that lead to a well-rounded education and build the foundation for college and career readiness.**

The committee will present a preliminary proposal that includes new attendance boundaries, as well as modernization and consolidation within SAISD. I've been sharing with you for some time the need to make changes to the District, so I'm looking forward to getting you the committee's recommendations. I am grateful to the committee for their involvement, and know the time they put into this is a sign of their deep commitment to the children of this District.

The Board will not be voting on the proposal this weekend, as this is a work session. We will be holding community meetings in early June to get input on the proposal. After that, the committee will reconvene and develop a final proposal, which will be taken to the Board of Trustees for approval in late June.

This is a great opportunity for us to build a stronger school district, and provide teachers with the resources they need and our students with the strong educational programs they deserve. It's important to know that actions outlined in the proposal are expected to take place over the next 10 years – and no actions would occur before the 2010-11 school year. Much of the plan would require bond approval before it could be implemented. The Board would also re-evaluate the plan every one to two years against any significant changes within the community, to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the District and our students.

I will be sending you information about the proposal after the Board has reviewed and given their input this weekend.

In the meantime, if you haven't already seen it, please click on the link below to take a look at this pictorial representation of how and why SAISD must restructure to best meet the educational needs of our students.

http://www.saisd.net/index2.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=443&Itemid=131

Sincerely,