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EXPANDED 20/20 VISION COMMITTEE BEGINS FINALIZING MASTER FACILITIES PLAN

The work of drafting a master facilities plan for the Westlake City School District entered its 22nd month on Oct. 7 when a newly expanded 20/20 Vision Committee met to begin the process of finalizing a plan.

For almost two years the Westlake Schools have been compiling data, seeking feedback and preparing a master facilities plan to address aging and outdated school buildings. The biggest challenges include the capacity of the buildings and serious building systems matters .

Last fall the initial 24-member 20/20 Vision Committee met to analyze data, prioritize plans, discuss pros and challenges, list important areas to consider for facilities, and debated strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The group represented public and private school parents, those without children, civic leaders, business leaders, faculty and students. The group strongly agreed there was a problem that needed to be addressed responsibly and soon.

The original committee proposed two options to the Westlake Board of Education – a five-building grade-level configuration and a six-building configuration that maintained neighborhood schools.

The expanded 20/20 Vision Committee will debate the two options – as well as a third alternative proposed by MKC Associates of Mansfield, an architectural firm hired by the Board to review the district's master plan options – and come up with a single solution that best meets the needs of the students and the Westlake community.

The expanded group – which now numbers 68 -- includes representatives from the City of Westlake, local business, civic organizations, faculty,

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Elementary School**
24365 Hilliard Blvd.
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Elementary School**
3057 Holly Lane
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Middle School**
2240 Dover Center Road
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Intermediate School**
24525 Hilliard Blvd.
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High School**
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students and the community. At the Oct. 7 meeting the group heard presentations on building assessments and master plan options from Bob McAuliffe, a senior manager with Hammond Construction and a regional representative of the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission, and Todd Wroblewski of MKC Associates.

Going forward the expanded committee will discuss the scope of each plan and budget information, educational considerations, operational issues, site considerations, co-curricular considerations and funding options.

Meeting dates and locations are:

Oct. 21 at Westlake High School
Nov. 4 at Westlake High School
Nov. 18 at Parkside Intermediate School
Dec. 2 at Bassett Elementary School

Building tours are offered at 6:15 p.m. with meetings beginning at 7 p.m.

Stay informed about the facilities process in Westlake by visiting the district web site at www.wlake.org/facilities.

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