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To: Members of the Heritage High School Task Force

From: Finance Subcommittee
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Re: Preliminary Subcommittee Report

The Finance Subcommittee has listed the advantages and disadvantages of each of the five Initial Charges to the Subcommittees of the Heritage High School Task Force.

Option 1: Refurbishing Heritage High School

Advantages

- Lowest cost option - $20 to $25M
- Renovations could take place while school is in session

Disadvantages

- Would this cure the ills of the building – roof and water leakage problems?
- Hallway space could not be increased with this option
- Would this cure the HVAC issues?
- Would this give us another 30 years – or just a temporary fix for 5 to 10 years?
- Can we find a contractor who will bid on this project?

Option 2: Building a new Heritage High School

Advantages

- More efficient design
- Meet current classroom standards – sq. ft. per student
- LEED certification
- Energy efficient
- Solve current roof and water problems
- Install needed elevators
- Latest in technology
- Efficient HVAC
- Auditorium suitable to accommodate entire student body.
- Students would be able to use old HHS while new HHS is being built

Disadvantages

- Most expensive option - $49 to $60M
- Possible land acquisition needed

Option 3: Combination of renovation and new construction for Heritage High School

Advantages

- Recycle usable parts of current building – cafeteria and field house
- Costs would be $35 - $40M
- Less cost than totally new construction – although with the renovation this could eventually be more costly than building new.
- Update technology needs

Disadvantages

- Is their enough land available?
- Need for temporary classrooms
- Parking will be an issue while construction is ongoing
- Athletic practices and games would be a challenge
- Governor's School would need space during construction

Option 4: Combining Heritage High School and E. C. Glass High School into one high school on the current E. C. Glass campus

Advantages

- Some savings on operating budget

Disadvantages

- Would have to re-name the new High School – could not use E.C. Glass or Heritage
- How long would it take for two schools to blend into one?
- Construction of additional classrooms (70 rooms), parking, additional cafeteria space will be needed
- Does ECG have the acreage to accommodate this plan?
- Travel distance to athletic contests would increase
- Increased bus time for some students
- Half of the students would not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities
- Where does the Governor's School fit in?

Option 5: Maintaining a four year high school experience versus creating a three year high school experience

Advantages

- n/a

Disadvantages

- n/a