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Date: May 22, 2019

To: Board of Education

From: Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Director, District 3

RE: Board of Education Consideration of a General Obligation Bond and Parcel Tax

For your consideration of a New Legislative Matter that the Board of Education consider pursuing a General Obligation Bond and Parcel Tax. We would direct the Superintendent and the Deputy Chief, Facilities Planning and Management, to bring forward recommendations for discussion covering the following topics:

General Obligation Bond for Facilities Capital Program

- 1) Consideration of a firm to conduct pre-election campaign services, informing the Board on proposed 2020 bond campaign
- 2) Consideration of hiring a polling consultant to provide for service to engage the general public in helping to shape campaign strategy
- 3) Consideration on when we would go out for a bond, March or November of 2020
- 4) Initial Definition of Districts total Facilities Master Plan needs and what portion of this need will be prioritized for this round of Bond funding

Previous General Obligation Bonds were all less than \$500 million contrasted to a Facilities Master Plan need of \$1.5 to \$2.2 billion dollars from the period of 2012 to 2018

Parcel Tax for Building and Grounds

Consideration of floating a parcel tax to cover school maintenance and upkeep costs in an amount equal to 3% of the District's Unrestricted General Fund is the required minimum that a district must provide to maintain its school inventory. For us, this is an annual budget in excess of \$15 Million. A Parcel Tax for the full amount or in part would allow these costs to be transferred from the General Fund and insure consistent levels of service to schools.