

To: Board of Education

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Re: Approval of Facility Master Planning – Lawrence High & Other Secondary Schools

Date: December 10, 2015

Background:

In August, 2012, Lawrence Public Schools entered into an agreement with Gould Evans Architects to provide master planning services for a proposed bond election. The primary focus of the study was for major facility renovations and additions at six (6) central and east Lawrence elementary schools, a variety of facility upgrades at the fourteen (14) other schools, and the construction of a new College & Career Center. The result of this work was the successful passage of a \$92.5 million bond in April, 2013. Construction began in May, 2014 and the completion of all twenty-one (21) projects is slated for December, 2016.

Although the \$92.5 million bond construction initiative will result in significant building and site improvements at all of the Lawrence Public Schools, there is still a substantial amount of identified work that needs to be addressed in the near future. With this in mind, the Board of Education established the following goal for the 2015-16 school year: *“Continue to explore opportunities for future facility needs to meet the changing demographics of the community, giving special attention to developing a master plan for Lawrence High School and with an analysis of potential needs at all remaining secondary schools.”*

Rationale:

The partnership between Gould Evans and Lawrence Public Schools has proven to be strong and successful. The Facility Planning Committee recommends utilizing their professional services for the purpose of achieving the above-mentioned board goal.

Motion:

“I move the Board of Education approve the Gould Evans Associates’ scope of services, schedule, and fee for facility master planning.”