

To: Board of Education

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Re: Bond Construction & Capital Improvement Plan Update

Date: April 20, 2017

Background:

In April 2013, voters approved a \$92.5 million school bond issue to improve facilities, enhance technology, and expand career and technical education opportunities for students in Lawrence Public Schools.

Multiple design and construction teams were hired and the design process occurred throughout the 2013-2014 school year. Several projects began construction in May 2014 and steady construction progress has continued over the past several years. Construction is close to complete, with Pinckney Elementary School scheduled to open in the fall of 2017.

In addition to the bond issue construction, the district's multi-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has included scheduled improvements over this same time period. The goal of the CIP is to provide an overview of school facility maintenance and renovation along with the purchase of equipment and furniture. Considerations with planned improvements are safety and security, educational effectiveness, operational efficiency, equity, cost, and availability of resources.

The planned CIP project list is on-going and is reviewed annually. During a bond issue's period of construction there is an important partnership between bond funds and capital outlay funds. Timing of projects can create a cost effectiveness, construction efficiency, and savings that would not be present when bond construction is not taking place.

Current Report:

This report will provide an update on all 2013 Bond construction projects and the Capital Improvement Plan spending from the Capital Outlay Fund during the same period of time for all facilities in the district.