



**Educating Every Student for Success**

**BOARD AGENDA DETAIL**

**January 9, 2018**

**PRIORITY GOAL: Expand Student Learning for All,  
While Reducing the Income-Based Achievement Gap**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Construction Projects  
3.3.2 Site Selection Options for Elementary No. 12

**PURPOSE:** Board Discussion

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**FROM:** Rick Schulte, Superintendent



***Memorandum***

**Date:** January 9, 2018  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Dr. Rick Schulte  
**Subject:** Elementary No. 12 Site Selection

The board has been looking for suitable sites for future elementary schools continuously for the past seven or eight years. Two years ago, the board purchased about 52 acres at Badger Mountain South with the intention of eventually constructing an elementary school and later a middle school on that site. The board postponed a decision to build on that site pending construction of enough homes to justify a school at that site without excessive busing of students.

Construction of homes at Badger Mountain South has proceeded at a rapid pace recently. It appears that this pace of construction will continue. We are currently busing as many as 60 students from BMS to White Bluffs Elementary. That number will certainly increase over the next several years, presenting the opportunity to build a neighborhood elementary school at BMS.

The district has no other elementary school site currently available and under consideration for Elementary No. 12.

We now have an opportunity to coordinate site development with the landowner and with the City of Richland, which owns a neighboring parcel designated for a park.

In order to proceed with planning for a new prototypical elementary school design and maintain a reasonable schedule for new schools at No. 12, at Badger, and at Tapteal, we have a strong interest in making a decision now regarding the location of Elementary No. 12. In the absence of other suitable sites as options within our window of opportunity, and with the apparent timeliness of home construction at BMS, and since we believe we have sufficient information to make a decision, we'd like the board to give direction on how to proceed with a location for Elementary No. 12.

This direction could be to proceed with the BMS site. If the board is not prepared to give that direction, then we need to know what additional information or options the board would like us to pursue, with a timeline for making a siting decision.