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PROPOSED UPDATE 2019

Status of Facilities in School Districts 41 & 89

Information has been provided by a questionnaire sent to the superintendents of both districts in November, 2018. Both CCSD89 and D41 have addressed updates for infrastructure, security, technology, media centers and playgrounds, as well as accessibility. Early Childhood Education is provided in both districts.

D89 – Based on the information provided by the District, it was determined that the current facilities in CCSD89 are adequate to meet both current and projected enrollment needs. Increased enrollment has necessitated some boundary changes and has brought class sizes to the higher end of the target range. Although enrollment is projected to increase, current facilities appear adequate to meet both current and long-range program needs. However, some space may need to be repurposed to meet changing program needs. Full-day kindergarten is provided in all buildings. The District does not currently own any vacant land.

D41 – All D41 portable classrooms will be eliminated by 2019. Capital improvement funds were used for additions to all elementary schools to replace the portables but did not provide extra room for enrollment growth. A referendum in 2017 provided additional classrooms at Hadley Junior High to replace the portables. The 10-room addition and renovations to the existing building addressed the need for flexible learning environments at Hadley as well as designated music space. All current available classroom space is being utilized in all buildings with a shortage of space for student support services and non-classroom space.

The D41 enrollment figures are projected to remain stable for the foreseeable future. However, the Village of Glen Ellyn is projecting additional residential developments. The District is exploring options to move the preschool program out of Forest Glen to provide more classroom space. There is no space available in any of the buildings to provide full-day kindergarten. The District owns 4.73 acres of vacant land (old Spalding School site) which could accommodate a small school.