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ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RELEASE
COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES STUDY
WINDERMERE ELEMENTARY FIRST SCHOOL TO BE ADDRESSED

Ellington, CT - Over the last year, the Ellington Board of Education and Town of Ellington set out to develop a long term facilities study that addresses the trend of increasing student enrollment, the aging of the district's facility infrastructure, and the preparation of facilities for the district's vision of academic programs.

Through the process, the Board engaged members of various Town Boards and the public in a collaborative and comprehensive process. We thank all of the volunteers and community members who provided input to help shape the study.

After many meetings working through the details of the report, the Board decided on the following items:

1. "The board acknowledges that student enrollment over next five to ten years will likely increase based upon two demographic studies. Increasing enrollment, coupled with the aging infrastructure, will result in the need to undertake building project(s)."
April 23, 2019
2. "In recognition of the aging condition of the Windermere facility and the anticipated capital investment required in the short-term, the Board of Education hereby instructs the administration to begin activities required for the submission of New Construction or Renovate as new project grant for Windermere School..."
June 11, 2019
3. "The Board of Education accepts the final report, as corrected, for the Facilities Study and Master Plan capital project as presented by DRA Architects and asks the administration to continue its work monitoring and planning for the trends described within and to continue exploration of the report's recommendations with community stakeholders, including ways to increase funding for these projects within existing and special legislation"
July 24, 2019

The full report of the facilities study and other informational material can be found on our website: www.ellingtonpublicschools.org/facilities.

Over the coming year, the Board will continue its engagement of the community around the results of the facilities study. This engagement will include the development of a project at Windermere and the continued discussion on the long-term plan for the district including other possible building project(s).

Please stay tuned for more communication on next steps in the process.