



## Staking A Claim in Our Students' Future

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To the Guthrie Public Schools Board of Education:

At your direction, a Long Range Planning Committee was formed to provide capitol improvement recommendations for Guthrie Public Schools. The committee consisted of twelve members of our community. Five members served on a previous committee which met during the Fall of 2018. Three members also served on the inaugural committee that was convened in the Spring of 2013. The committee met six times touring all facilities in the district. Key GPS staff members with specific knowledge of each facility were available throughout the process to provide information regarding specific infrastructure needs and assist the committee.

Given the success of previous committee recommendations and the current residential growth our school district is experiencing, the committee chose to take a bold long-term approach in their recommendations. We propose a comprehensive conceptual long range plan that allows for future growth of our student population while being good stewards of the funds our community has entrusted to the district. The long range plan includes addressing immediate needs considering our district is currently at 88% of capacity in our buildings with over 900 new homes platted in the city limits alone. We concluded increasing student capacity within our buildings is vital to provide a quality learning environment.

We propose the following steps as funding is available:

1. Increase elementary capacity to accommodate moving 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to the elementary buildings
2. Move 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to the current Upper Elementary Building
3. Move 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the current Junior High Building

In order to achieve these steps, the following priorities have been identified.

### Priority #1

Increase the capacity of Charter Oak and Cottoral to address the immediate capacity needs within the district.

### Priority #2

Continue to maintain the mechanical and infrastructure needs of current buildings through maintenance with bond and building funds.

Priority #3

Construct a new elementary school on the 38 acres owned by the district on the east side of town. This building would likely be constructed in phases due to the cost and available bonding capacity.

Priority #4

Continue to maintain and enhance our technology and security needs districtwide.

Priority #5

Athletic facility updates to address gender equity needs with the wrestling program.

Priority #6

Address the needs of failing parking lots across the district.

Priority #7

Add a science wing and competition gymnasium to the current Upper Elementary building so it could effectively serve our Junior High students.

Priority #8

Reduce the student population in the current Junior High building to only one grade (6<sup>th</sup> grade) so a phased renovation of the interior could begin and then allow for future student population growth.

The committee is mindful of many factors with this bold plan. We believe it addresses capacity issues the district is facing as well as providing a continued environment of equity among elementary sites.

Respectfully submitted by the GPS Long Range Planning Committee


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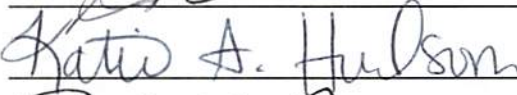
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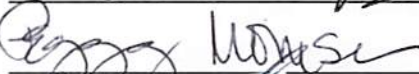
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