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To the Guthrie Public Schools Board of Education:

After exhaustive tours of all properties within Guthrie Public Schools and facilities from two other districts, we have developed the following list of priorities we hope will guide the district as we continue to embark on the long range planning process.

## Priority #1

Construct an elementary school in the southern portion of the school district. Since this is the area of greatest student growth, the location will assist the district in addressing overcrowding at elementary sites. Hopefully, this action will allow closure of at least one of our oldest elementary sites.

## **Priority #2**

With the opening of the elementary site in the southern portion of the school district, begin a system where attendance at an elementary site is based on geography determined by attendance zones.

## **Priority #3**

Commission an architectural/engineering feasibility study for the current Junior High School building. The goal in the study will be to better determine a cost/benefit analysis of renovation as an expanded school site or the need of a new site for the Junior High School.

## **Priority #4**

Continue to maintain our oldest sites (Cotteral, Central, Fogarty, Junior High, Faver and Administration) while they are open through the building fund.

Seek additional funds from taxpayers to enhance our infrastructure and maintain our two newest sites (High School built in 1967 and GUES built in 1989) which are in need of further attention for long-term sustainability.

- **Goal #1** We must begin to address maintenance items at the newest sites. The High School is in need of electrical, plumbing and HVAC upgrades, while GUES is in need of a new roof.
- Goal #2 Develop a purchase rotation of school busses which includes 10 new busses every 3 years.
- Goal #3 Improve our technology access for each teacher by providing laptops.
- **Goal #4** Improve our technology access for each student by developing a rotation purchase of desktop computers for the secondary sites so no computer is over 5 years old.
- **Goal #5** Provide a safety seal for glass on the sites we are planning to maintain.

We believe the following buildings present a level of obsolescence as educational facilities which make it very difficult to effectively serve students in their present purpose:

Cotteral – This building utilizes numerous portable buildings many of which are at the end of their life. Due to the numerous outbuildings, securing the student spaces is quite difficult. This building would be cost prohibitive to bring to current accessibility standards. The proximity to a state highway is a safety concern.

**Central** – This building is in the best condition of the three but lacks the necessary space to effectively serve elementary students with a playground. The parking lot south of the building is not owned by the district. The proximity to a state highway provides a safety concern.

Fogarty – This building utilizes numerous portable buildings that create challenges to provide a secure environment for students. This building would be cost prohibitive to bring to current accessibility standards. The proximity to a state highway is a safety concern here as well as the other sites.

Respectfully submitted by the GPS Long Range Planning Committee

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