

Facility Advisory Committee

USD #435

Fall 2013

# History

- Multiple meetings with administrators, maintenance personnel, consultants
- Body of the committee are citizens who have a strong interest in meeting the present and future educational needs of our community with a focus on the physical facilities.

# Realities

- All committees have unlimited power of suggestion
- Only the Board of Education and the voters will decide the outcome of our proposals

# Identified priorities

- Replace the Garfield structure with a new 4-5 building
- Recognize the need to upgrade all our buildings to ensure a safe environment for faculty, staff and students
- Use proposed resources to upgrade the high school, McKinley and Kennedy mechanical systems to meet current and future needs

- Add additional classroom space at AMS and AHS with remodels or new spaces
- Construct a new practice gym at AHS
- Construct a new auditorium at AHS
- Rework locker rooms at the football stadium
- Move the bus barn to free space for parking

# Garfield building

- Opinion of the committee that it has reached its functional endpoint as a grade school facility
- Question using it to house all the fragmented programs scattered throughout the district
- Alternative uses? Apartments, museum by sale to outside entities
- Avoid having overhead incurred by district ownership

# Financial considerations

- Taxes are never popular without a defined purpose that creates long term value
- This proposal would likely be the largest most expensive project in USD 435 history
- Consideration should be given for creative financing involving partnerships with other entities along with state aid programs
- It would require in the range of \$23-27 Million to fund the entire priority list

# Intangibles

- Investment of this magnitude is a value proposition
- It provides another reason for why we have a great community because we have made the education of our students in a safe functional setting a high priority



Questions?