

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 19, 2014

AGENDA ITEM No. 14-06-(2)-20

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Facilities Assessment Work Session

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ATTACHMENTS:

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**PURPOSE:** To continue discussion of the facilities assessment study and identify criteria that should be considered in the prioritization of projects, particularly those with potential for bond funding.

**BACKGROUND:** The District's facility assessment study was completed by Corley Redfoot Architects earlier this year. As the Board will recall from the January 2014 presentation of the 913 page report, the needs are extensive.

County Commissioners are discussing a bond issue that would potentially be held in early 2016 and could provide funding for some of the most critical needs in older facilities. Given the extent of work needed, it is not likely funding would be available to meet all facility needs. Therefore, the projects will need to be prioritized according to the Board of Education's direction. In order to facilitate this process, during the work session Board members are asked to offer criteria they feel should be incorporated into the prioritization of projects. Examples may include, but are not limited to factors such as:

- Project would increase the number of student seats for the District;
- Project significantly improves safety for students, staff and visitors;
- Project would promote significant energy savings, promote environmental sustainability or otherwise reduce operating costs of facilities.

Based on the agreed upon criteria, an evaluation of the various projects contained in the facilities assessment will be completed and a schedule of potential projects developed for Board discussion in Fall 2014. Such priorities can then be forwarded to the County in early 2015 for consideration as the 2016 bond package is formulated.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** No financial impact is directly associated with this item, however, the Board is reminded that projects as presented in the study exceed \$160 million. Currently, the District receives less than \$5 million per year for capital needs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the Board receive the information and discuss criteria it deems important in preparation for bond project recommendations to the County next year.