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TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

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RE: Update for Day Middle School

The Day Middle School renovation project is proceeding with the planning, design, and review stage. HMFH Architects, Inc. has been awarded the contract for design through construction as part of the City's Designer Selection Process. The architects have reviewed all of the preliminary designs and options for the Day expansion and renovation and are proceeding with all technical aspects of the work.

The initial input from HMFH is to modify the earlier design options slightly to achieve the most efficient use of space and to consolidate construction in limited areas. In the HMFH draft schematic, the cafeteria is expanded internally avoiding expanding the building footprint to the north. Six classrooms are created through renovation of the existing main office space and second floor guidance area and by adding new construction above. The new Minot Street entrance increases the building's footprint in this area only and provides increased security and a home for the relocated main office. The plan also provides for oversight at the original entrance through relocation of the guidance offices. The proposal has been initially reviewed with school administrators including Day principal Brian Turner and Deputy Superintendent Paul Stein as well as others. There will be additional communication between the building design process team and the school leaders and community.

HMFH is utilizing structural engineers to analyze the administrative area's ability to allow vertical construction. Even with reinforcement of this area, this solution should yield lower costs than adding more new space to the Day footprint. Interior spaces will not be recommended for final classroom spaces, although they may be used for interim space during construction.

Other technical work will include hazardous materials survey, site survey, geotechnical test borings for new construction, and checks for any contamination from oil tanks.

By the July 19, 2011 School Committee meeting, it is expected that we will have more specific schematic drawings as well as cost estimates for the project.