

Thank you to everyone that attended the first GFW School District Public Meeting on Thursday, March 21st in the GFW Middle School Gymnasium. This document is a follow up to the meeting and is intended to provide clarification to some of the questions from that evening.

1. Comparable Total School Property Taxes Payable in 2018 (Source: Pay 2018 School Tax Report)

☐ Total School Property Taxes Payable in 2018 on a Home with an Estimated Market Value of \$75,000

- New Ulm - \$303
- Nicollet - \$273
- Sibley East - \$221
- Buffalo Lake - Hector - \$206
- Glencoe-Silver Lake - \$185
- Cedar Mountain - \$179
- GFW - \$157**
- Sleepy Eye - \$151
- Bold - \$151
- Group Average - \$214**
- State Average - \$267**

☐ Total School Property Taxes Payable in 2018 on One Acre with Estimated Market Value of \$8,000

- Sibley East - \$7.85
- New Ulm - \$6.52
- Glencoe - Silver Lake - \$5.11
- Cedar Mountain - \$4.30
- Nicollet - \$3.88
- Sleepy Eye - \$3.45
- Bold - \$2.97
- GFW - \$2.66**
- Buffalo Lake - Hector - \$1.77
- Group Average - \$4.47**
- State Average - \$9.67**

2. Additional enrollment numbers were requested.

Enrollment numbers from 2012-2013 to 2014-2015 have been added below to the years provided in the presentation.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Change</u>
2012-2013	799	
2013-2014	764	-4.35%
2014-2015	766	0.25%
2015-2016	755	-1.36%
2016-2017	718	-4.90%
2017-2018	711	-1.07%
2018-2019	696	-2.11%
2019-2020	700	0.57%
2020-2021	687	-1.86%
2021-2022	676	-1.54%
2022-2023	680	0.51%
2023-2024	686	1.01%
2024-2025	677	-1.32%

3. Demolition Costs were discussed (This is an estimate at approximately \$6.00 a sq. foot, which was provided by the construction manager.) The goal would be to look at alternative uses of buildings being vacated and avoid demolition costs.

GFW Elementary 63,955 sq. ft. x \$6.00 = \$383,730

GFW Middle School 106,555 sq. ft. x \$6.00 = \$639,330

GFW High School 128,681 sq. ft. x \$6.00 = \$772,086

Total Cost of Demolition - \$1,795,146

4. Current Age of District Square Footage (A question was asked about the age of the whole square footage).

<u>Decade of Building</u>	<u>Sq. Feet</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Age</u>
1930's	35,279	12.5%	80
1950's	64,716	23.0%	60
1960's	69,304	24.6%	50
1970's	70,665	25.1%	40
1980's	3,120	1.1%	30
1990's	32,345	11.5%	20
2000's	5,973	2.1%	10