

Riverhead CSD hosts community facilities information meeting

Despite the inclement weather, residents in the Riverhead Central School District gathered on Wednesday, Oct. 16 to attend the district latest facilities information forum.

The Board of Education and administration have been diligently working to analyze the current and future academic needs of all students, the condition of the district's facilities, and the projected enrollment growth as they work to develop a final scope of work to be presented to the community as a bond referendum in early 2020. At the same time, the board and administration have been soliciting community input which will also play a vital role in the board's decisions moving forward.

"As a district, we continue to reflect on the input that we receive from all stakeholders. Revisions have been made to the proposal and continue to be made based on community feedback. We also continue to reflect on our mission of inspiring and academically empowering all students to become tomorrow's leaders," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Aurelia Henriquez. "We encourage the community to take advantage of the presentations in order to work side-by-side with us to create safe, effective and comfortable learning environments for all of our students. If you are unable to attend the presentations, please feel free to e-mail me and the Board of Education with your questions and suggestions for continued improvement. I'd like to thank the community for their partnership in this critical decision."

Following the community input from an earlier facilities information forum, the district's architect presented several different options that reduced the scope of work, but still addressed the district's most urgent needs. "Tonight's meeting was very productive with great community input that the board will take into consideration moving forward," said Board of Education President Gregory Meyer. "This is definitely still a work in progress. Our goal is to develop a final scope of work that addresses the needs of our students and that can be supported by our community."

The board plans to host facilities information forums on Wednesday, Oct. 30 and again on Tuesday, Nov. 5 starting at 7 p.m. in Large Group Instruction Room 133 at Riverhead High School. All residents are encouraged to attend and be part of the planning process for the future of the Riverhead School District.