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MISSION STATEMENT

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

TO: Dr. Kristine Gilmore, Superintendent

FROM: Jack E. Stoskopf, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business/Personnel Services

RE: Consideration of Re-Purposing Schofield Elementary

DATE: April 21, 2011

With the difficult financial times in public education on the horizon, it is imperative that we review all avenues for savings. Conversations about possibly moving students to other schools, re-purposing schools, and closing schools are difficult. However, it is necessary to consider all options.

Presented to you here is the opportunity to closely look at an option that would help with the district's budget concerns that would, at a minimum, save over \$600,000 each year. This savings can mostly be accomplished due to the economies of scale with teaching staff and the ability to reduce support, custodial, and office staff.

Points to Consider:

- The enrollment at Schofield is under 200 students, and we have room at three other schools to house these children.
- The building is a high cost maintenance facility due to its age. (1923)
- Retrofit activities are difficult. Examples are challenges with new intercom systems, implementation of various new technologies, telephone upgrades, upgraded internet and network wiring etc.
- Class sizes would be very minimally impacted at the receiving schools. In some cases class rooms would be added where needed to keep class sizes down, which remains a district priority.
- Non-classroom capital plans would remain to keep the facility viable for other uses, however, specific classroom plans would be eliminated, for example technology, telephone, and intercom system related items.
- The facility could become the home of the new district charter school, saving the district from having to lease space for that school.
- The Marathon County Early Learning Program currently rents space from the district at Weston. They would have the option to rent space at Schofield.

Students would be moved to Evergreen, Rothschild, or Weston Schools. If the board wishes for the district to pursue this option; listening sessions would be held at each of the receiving schools for the families that would ultimately attend those schools - should the re-purpose of Schofield come to fruition.

The estimated savings amounts are attached. The administration asks the board whether or not to pursue this option.

Estimated Cost Savings for Schofield School

	Costs
Reduced Gas Bill by 1/3 (17,001 x .33)	\$ 5,610.33
Reduced Electric Bill by 2/3 (16,714 x .66)	\$ 11,031.24
Regular Ed Teacher Staff Savings (4 Positions)	\$ 250,000.00
Music Staff Savings	\$ 31,250.00
Phy Ed Savings	\$ 37,500.00
Special Ed Teaching Staff Savings (2 Positions)	\$ 125,000.00
Custodial Staff Savings	\$ 48,500.00
Regular Education EPU Savings	\$ 19,000.00
Special Ed EPU Savings	\$ 41,580.00
Secretarial Savings	\$ 38,500.00
Food Service Savings	\$ 21,290.00
Yearly truck driver Mileage costs	\$ 375.00
Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Building Maintenance Supplies	\$ 475.00
Maintenance Contracted Services	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 634,111.57

NOTES:

Rates for teacher calculated savings are conservative. Some teacher savings would come as a result of retirements and some may come from newer teachers on layoff...thus being smaller amounts. The standard blended rate of \$62,500 has been used.

Secretarial savings calculation is a blended rate as well due to the fact that secretarial movement would take place.

Utility estimated savings are based on the fact that the building would still be heated, but many areas could have the heat set at a lower temperature.

Many classrooms would not need lights all day everyday and the kitchen, which uses lots of electricity would no longer be drawing KW's everyday.