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Community Update on District Strategic Planning

Thanks to all parents who provided us with input for our recent Strategic Planning school board retreat on September 5, 2017.

The Board used your input to prioritize discussions of items that were of special interest to the community. They also discussed items that have been long-term topics at meetings over the last several months or that were already under consideration in the planning process.

In light of what was discussed at the retreat, the Board approved several significant updates to the District's Strategic Plan at their regular meeting on Tuesday, 9/12/2017. Below you will find a summary of those updates. (The most recent version of the whole Strategic Plan can be found on the District's website:

<http://bolinas-stinson.org/sites/default/files/BSUSD%20Strategic%20Plan-updates%20approved%209-12-2017.pdf>

Leadership & Governance

- The Board adopted a goal of creating a class configuration process that will include explicit input from parents and teachers before a final Board approval. That process will be in place this year.
- The Board clarified the conditions on when school wide decisions would go to the Board for a vote; when a majority of members wishes to take on a decision, the Board will do so.

Teaching and Learning

- The Board added a strategic goal for offering a Spanish language program to 7th and 8th graders and approved an action step for administration to research types of programs that would meet the school's needs.
- Independent Study: The Board spent a lot of time discussing the idea of independent study, part-time enrollment and possible community outreach related to that topic. As that is a complex issue with possible long term, fundamental impacts to the school, no strategic goals were set. However, the Board asked the Superintendent to gather information about community interest in the topic in order to continue the conversation.

Finance

- The Board set a strategic goal to draft language for a possible general obligation bond measure for facilities improvement and approved an action step asking the Facilities Needs Committee to create a list of potential projects.

I hope you find this update helpful. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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