

We are very excited about the transition of the Middle School & High School Buildings. Although the switchover would not move students until the 2012/ 2013 school year; the preparation has already begun. In the 2012/ 2013 school year the Middle School building would house grades 7-12 while the current high school would transform into the new Middle School and be done twelve months later.

The structure of the high school facility is very sound and durable. We are proud of this historical landmark within the school district and the city of Washington. Unfortunately, it is not adequate to house the high school grades and meet the complicated demands for a high school in today's era. We are pleased it would be a fantastic three-grade middle school facility. The plan includes a complete gutting and restoration of the current interior while maintaining the historical and sound exterior.

With the economy, we are uniquely positioned for an affordable construction. The bond issue for the new Middle School, to be presented in December or February, is the only project funded through a property tax assessment/bond issue. The new High School is being funded by the local option sales tax. We are very proud to have a sound business plan; one that capitalizes on our assets and controls budget. The new Middle School plan gives our students a 21st century facility housed in a beautiful 19

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century structure!