

Subject: <u>High School Planning Study</u>	Date: <u>December 11, 2003</u>
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	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION:
	Action _____ Information <u>X</u>

**Background**

The last major redistricting attempt highlighted the need to determine what short and long term options exist for accommodating the anticipated high school growth. School staff and the Project Manager from the firm of Rancorn Wildman Architects, Jack Clark, gathered information from the schools and consulted with principals to obtain information regarding the current instructional program. The information obtained was then used to determine the necessary programming for each of the high school additions. Multiple schemes for possible locations of the additions were developed, and the one presented has been reviewed and found to be acceptable by school staff and the project architects.

The information from the Planning Study will allow the School Board to determine where additional high school capacity may be desired and provide the Board with the information that will assist them in developing the next Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and redistricting parameters.

**Administrative Consideration (Rationale)**

Our high school enrollment is currently 3,904 and is projected to grow to approximately 4,018 by 2006/07, before leveling off or declining for the next few years, at Monticello and Albemarle, while Western is projected to continue to grow. Additionally, four of our largest classes will be enrolled in high school in 2006/07.

The study addresses the type of rooms needed, the cost and location of additions for 200 seats and 300 seats at Albemarle and Western. The study also addresses a 200-seat addition to Monticello and the cost of a new high school. Please note that all costs have been projected forward over the next four years, to match the current CIP. As time lines are developed, costs will need to be adjusted to reflect current construction costs. The study shows that the Board does have the option to expand all three schools, from a planning and construction stand point, if they so choose.

**Budget Implications (Short and Long Term)**

The study provides us with multiple options and costs. As an example, if the maximum additions were built, i.e., 300 each at Western and Albemarle, and 200 at Monticello, the total cost of 800 additional seats would be \$21,124,900 or \$26,406 per student. The cost of a new high school would be approximately \$45,000,000 or \$45,000 per student.

**Recommendation/Future Direction/Time Line**

Receive the report for discussion and information. Schedule a follow up discussion for January, 2004.

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