

# Antioch District 34

## Master Facility Planning Community Engagement - Executive Summary

### Session One, May 23, 2016

The participants in Community Engagement Session One for Antioch School District 34 Master Facility Planning were, for the most part, receptive to the need for enhancing student learning spaces across the District to ensure greater equity. Although all schools would be reviewed to determine what enhancements are necessary to provide greater equity, construction would primarily be focused at Oakland and W.C. Petty.

The community members expressed excitement over the possibility of creating a K-5 structure and the development of a Pre-k Center at Antioch Elementary School. This configuration would result in considerably less bus transportation time and allow students to attend neighborhood schools. Additionally, all portable classrooms would be eliminated across the District creating a safer environment for children.

Some feedback indicated a concern with how the referendum would be communicated to the community. A bond referendum typically implies a tax increase. The challenge ahead is how to explain how the 2017 Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) referendum will not result in an increased bond and interest tax rate given that current bonds are coming off the books. It was clearly communicated that the school district needs to explain how a Debt Service Extension Base referendum works – and how it is different than a traditional bond referendum. It was also suggested that the District clearly communicate that boundary changes will result from the formation of a new K-5 structure.

