

TO: Sarasota County School Board

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On January 20, 2015 the Sarasota County School Board will discuss the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan, commonly referred to as the CIP. Through the CIP, the board will establish the foundation for making this year's capital budget priorities and decisions and provide direction for future planning efforts.

This year's CIP seeks to explain how Sarasota County's economic rebound may change the demand for future educational services and facilities. While the current capital budget maintains a focus on asset preservation, the report recognizes that there is a need to consider refocusing future capital priorities on the potential future expansion of educational services and facilities. The recommendations of this report will help the board decide how to plan for capital improvement projects needed today while preparing to address future enrollment demands.

In order to assist you review the attached report, we would like to highlight a few sections that are of particular importance and significance.

1. Introduction: Setting the Planning Framework for Future Educational Services & Future Capital Improvement Needs. The Introduction highlights how Sarasota County's recent economic rebound may influence the district's ability to provide future educational services. Next, it explains what the Planning Department is doing to monitor and tract development conditions and shares what growth management issues staff is most concerned about. Finally, it explains how the Long Range School Planning Study will help improve the district's understanding of development impacts and help the district plan, prioritize, and fund future educational services.
2. Chapter 3: Goals, Strategies, and Projects. The goals, strategies, and projects section in Chapter 3 has been update to better reflect board priorities for asset preservation, safety and security, and technology as well as establish school planning and capital funding priorities. These changes will help the board better understand how the direction it sets for capital improvements are executed through the district's capital planning efforts.
3. Conclusion: Key Planning Issues. The conclusion summarizes the key planning issues that are being addressed through this year's CIP while setting a foundation for addressing future demands for educational services. This discussion provides a framework for prioritizing capital improvement projects the year while providing direction for how the board would like educational services to be planned and funded in the future.