

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Gary Norris, Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Ken Marsh, Director, Long Range Planning
DATE: March 29, 2007
RE: **Elementary School Design**

This past fall you authorized an analysis regarding the extent to which the district should, or should not, continue to build elementary schools using the prototype for three of our most recent schools – Cranberry [2005], Tatum Ridge [2006], and Lamarque [2007]. This memorandum summarizes that analysis.

Participating on this team were the following staff members:

John Zoretich, Executive Director, Elementary Schools
Linda Daniels, Principal, Cranberry Elementary
Sally Mancheno, Principal, Lamarque Elementary
Sandra Russell, Principal, Tatum Ridge Elementary
Chuck Collins, Director, Construction Services
Mike Foley, Architect/Building Official, Construction Services
Ken Marsh, Director, Long Range Planning [team facilitator]

We met at Lamarque Elementary on October 27, 2006, and at The Landings on February 8, 2007. At the initial session, we discussed our charge; we toured Lamarque; and we identified the following list of design features critical to elementary schools in this district:

- A two-story structure
- Safety/Security elements
 - An obvious “front door”
 - Limited public access
 - An entranceway, controlled by office staff, with Raptor system
- Cafetorium near the office, for control and for access by parents to after school pick-up and by the public to after hours events
- Science classroom/lab on the first floor
- A small, second floor office for AP, counselor, clerical
- Approximately 970 student stations

We also discussed adjacencies, materials, built-ins, window treatments, technology, facades and other features that are applicable to numerous prototypes. There was strong

affirmation that the Lamarque facility has improved greatly upon the original, Cranberry design.

For the second meeting, Mike Foley had sought design submissions from numerous firms in Florida, according to our list of critical features. Twelve firms responded, with 28 elementary school designs including BRPH's Elementary "A" [Tatum Ridge] and Elementary "B" [Lamarque]; see the attached list. For the February session, Mike printed all the designs and supporting documents for a mini-charette which he led. Though team members were intrigued by aspects of a few designs, the conclusion was that no other designs included the critical elements found in the Lamarque prototype, nor were any other designs worthy of a field trip.

It is our unanimous recommendation that the district continue to construct elementary schools using the Cranberry-TatumRidge-Lamarque design. The team stands ready to assist the selected architect with our latest suggestions for improvements, based upon recent experiences.

xc: Scott Lempe, Associate Superintendent
John Zoretich, Executive Director, Elementary Schools
Chuck Collins, Director, Construction