

From the desk of Superintendent Michelle Jensen

I was recently asked what the top priorities of the district were in relation to the upcoming referendum election. While it was not my intention to create a “Top Ten” list, the categories the district needs to address fit into ten areas. These are not listed in a particular order of importance, however I believe it is valid to understand that the district’s main purpose is to educate all students with a “commitment to excellence and equity”. Achieving that purpose requires all of these areas. This list should not be considered a final “to do” list, but it is a snapshot of top priorities for the first and second year of the referendum that have been identified through the community survey, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the architects, the school board and school personnel. Please visit the Deerfield Community School District website at www.deerfield.k12.wi.us or attend a referendum information/tour session on August 27 @ 7pm or September 3 @ 8pm to learn more about the referendum.

1. Instruction
 - a. maintain small class sizes in primary grades
 - b. provide adequate classroom budgets
2. Textbooks
 - a. maintain a seven year cycle for textbook/curriculum renewal
3. Technology purchases
 - a. refresh middle/high school open labs
 - b. refresh high school computer programming lab
4. Equipment replacement
 - a. floor scrubber
 - b. lawn mower
 - c. salt spreader
 - d. industrial grade vacuum cleaners
5. HVAC
 - a. software training for digital control HVAC
 - b. finish installation of digital control HVAC in high school/district office
6. Electrical
 - a. rewire emergency lighting to dedicated circuit
 - b. replace transfer switch to generator
 - c. update Public Address/Clock/Tornado Alarm system
7. Plumbing
 - a. replace manual shut-off valves to water main
 - b. replace twin tank water softener
 - c. replace plumbing fixtures (stools, urinals, fountains)
 - d. replace water shut-off valves to plumbing fixtures
8. Roof and EIFS repairs
 - a. 5 year replacement cycle
 - b. annual repairs in lieu of replacement
9. Track repairs
 - a. resurface/reconstruct current track
10. Daily Operations
 - a. annual increases in utilities, transportation, fuel, purchases services