At our final meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, the Community Facility Committee established the following set of recommendations for the School Board of the School District of Reedsburg to consider regarding the district's facilities:

Recommendation #1

Present to the eligible voters of our school district a referendum question (or set of questions) in the fall of 2017 not to exceed \$32M. (This is "phase 1" of a multi-phase approach.)

Recommendation #2

Develop a strategy that provides a safe/secure environment for teaching and learning, with special emphasis on the establishment of a secure entry to each of the schools in the district.

Recommendation #3

Develop a strategy to discontinue the use of South School as a public school building as immediately as possible. We recognize that the building offers value to the citizenry of the area and to the "downtown" core of our community, and we encourage the exploration of opportunities for community use (community center or Boys and Girls Club, for example).

Recommendations #4

Develop a strategy that presents a referendum question that, upon approval, would provide funds for the construction of a new elementary school (in or near the city of Reedsburg).

Recommendation #5

Develop a strategy that continues the use of Loganville and Ironton-LaValle Elementary Schools, and makes the necessary improvements to maximize opportunities for quality teaching and learning at those facilities.

Recommendation #6

Develop a strategy that addresses the needs that have been identified at each facility through the PRA study, the energy assessment and the recommendations that have been presented by the district's staff.

Note: We understand that not all of these things can be addressed immediately. We encourage the prioritization to focus first on core elements of the facilities (safe/secure buildings, roofs, heating/cooling systems, energy savings, lighting, etc.), as well as an emphasis on improvements to instructional space to enhance the district's instructional efforts. Additionally, something needs to be done to address the needs of the Building and Grounds / Transportation facility.