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## STURGEON BAY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES COMMUNITY-WIDE SURVEY

Community Survey on School Facilities Coming this Fall

**Sturgeon Bay, WI** – On Wednesday, September 18, 2019 the Sturgeon Bay School District Board of Education approved a community-wide survey in order to gather stakeholder input prior to making decisions regarding potential facility improvements.

In July the School Board received a summary of findings of a recent assessment of all district facilities by Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA) and Miron Construction. The report indicates that while the District's facilities are well-maintained, many of the systems and components, such as mechanical and plumbing systems, windows and roofing, need replacement. These needs are greatest at the District's oldest buildings, Sunrise & Sunset schools, which were built in the early 1950's.

The assessment also found that schools have available capacity, as well as lack flexible and small group learning spaces to support current and future programming for students at all grade levels. The full facilities assessment report is posted to the District website (www.sturbay.k12.wi.us) and a hard copy of the report is available for public review in the District Office.

"District administrators and the Board of Education are committed to getting input and feedback from our stakeholders about the community's priorities for our schools" said Superintendent Dan Tjernagel. "To that end, we've partnered with School Perceptions to develop a community-wide survey that will be mailed to all households in the Sturgeon Bay School District in the next two to three weeks."

Every household should receive a paper copy of the survey in the mail. Each survey also includes a code that can be used to access the survey online. "Community members can complete the paper copy of the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope or use the one-time access code to take the survey online" said Bill Foster of School Perceptions. "All survey responses will be kept confidential."

Spanish translation surveys will be available by contacting the school district at 920-746-2807.

The public is invited to hear the results of the survey at a special Board of Education learning session on November 5, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the Sturgeon Bay High School library.

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