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Inman Task Force Members  
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Dear Task Force Members:

The purpose of this communication is to convey my latest thinking regarding capacity issues at Inman. Please accept my apologies for the long period of silence. We were investigating and vetting a number of options further to the three that you developed. At this point, I believe we have a solution that will work for the planning period.

1. Change Centennial to a K-8 format in concert with another school in the Jackson cluster to test the efficacy of this model over a five year period. This work has already begun with the Board's initial blessing, and community meetings will soon be held in the Centennial area. This should remove between 150 – 200 students, at peak, from the Inman draw area. The goal is to have this operational for the 2014-2015 school year.
2. Add a 10 – 12,000 sq. ft. addition containing six – eight classrooms.
3. After the addition is complete, remove the remaining portables and restore the two playing fields. We will also seek better utilization of the entire property.
4. Demolish the existing Walden property and turn it into play fields for both Inman and Grady.
5. As there are a number of details yet to be addressed, use of the Howard facility will be addressed separately in another communication. We are optimistic, however, that the facility will be more fully utilized than it is today.

In summary, I believe the above solution will not only work, but will also eliminate the necessity for a sixth grade academy, as well. A number of pieces will need to come together before we can complete this effort, but I am optimistic that we now have an educationally responsive and cost effective solution we can implement. As noted, work has already begun on the Centennial piece.

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As always, I appreciate your patience and would welcome your thoughts and comments. My plan would be to make the Board aware of this proposal at its August or September meeting.

Thanks for your contributions to this effort.

Regards,



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