

MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE

Lewisville Facilities Advisory Committee,

You can now check off one of our ten scheduled meetings! Congratulations! After years of meeting committees and people in this important facilities planning work, I continue to be amazed and encouraged by the passion and energy you bring and the unwavering commitment to your children, your community and your school district. Thank you for that. I do not take it for granted and promise you my very best work. Our first meeting together progressed very well, and we achieved all of our outcomes. From now on, you will hear from District professionals and experts. I will serve only to guide the process, enforce our norms and decision-making model and budget our time and content.

For those of you who missed the first important meeting, I encourage you to visit the **District website** at www.lisd.net, selecting the Facilities Advisory Committee tab, to review the content, especially the **ground rules, decision-making model and Gradients of Agreement** that the group adopted by consensus. We will not spend time each week catching up those who missed since our meetings are full and rich. We will sometimes have brief reviews of complex material presented the week before; but it will not be the responsibility of the table members to brief absentee individuals. In addition, in order for us to remain engaged and, as one of my colleagues puts it, “present to the moment,” I would ask that you **not text** during the meeting—especially fellow committee members. Let’s do this work all together.

During the “Likes & Wishes” closing of our meeting, you mentioned that you would like to receive a **reminder a couple of days before the meeting**. We will do that, *and* we will send the task cycle at the same time. All of this thanks to **Jeanne Arnold and Jamie Riggle** in Dr. Rogers’ office. They are also the ones who are responsible for the impeccable logistics of the meetings, so you can thank them for the excellent food! You also mentioned chocolates, so they will provide a few of those for you as well. The absence of candy was at my request since I am making some effort to manage your energy and your brain power during these long meetings. You’re welcome!

The **Shared Values** part of our meeting was very insightful. I believe you are fully committed to **equitable learning opportunities for all of your children and sound fiscal responsibility/accountability to your community**. In addition, Dr. Rogers and the District are aligned with you regarding the value of neighborhood schools; and though hard decisions may have to be considered sometime in the future, this committee will not look at any closings or consolidations of your schools. In addition, you will be briefed on any significant demographic changes after the last day of October cut-off date for reporting.

This historic Facilities Advisory Committee in Lewisville will be the most informed and educated group ever to make bond referendum decisions. You will agree with that as you hear facilities reports, project needs and begin deliberations. To continue that trend of information, you will **visit several campuses at your next meeting on Wednesday, September 21**. Don’t miss this meeting! Report to the Bolin Building for dinner at 5:30 and subsequent departure for campuses by 6:00 in 2-3 table groups on buses. After the facilities tours, you will be brought back to your cars at the Bolin Building by 9:00 PM.

Amy and I will tour with you and look forward to getting to know you better. Thank you for the privilege of working alongside you on this historic task. Remember, **“None of you will get everything you want; but everyone will get something they want.”**

Michelle Hughes & Amy Hughes, your facilitators