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(Beavercreek, Ohio) (September 12, 2019) - During its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Beavercreek Board of Education unanimously approved a new master facility plan. The plan includes construction of a new high school building coupled with adjustments to current facilities in order to accommodate growing student enrollment.

At the August board meeting, a comprehensive presentation detailing assessments of the district's current facilities, enrollment trends, community engagement and input, and the district's facility needs was presented to the Board of Education by subject experts as well as the Community Advisory Team. This team of district residents, elected leaders, school staff and local business owners explained their lengthy and thorough process of considering all options and ultimately recommended the construction of a new high school building as part of a new master facility plan.

Based on the research the team highlighted during the presentation, construction of a new high school would ultimately prove to be the greatest return on investment. According to Superintendent Paul Otten, "Construction of a new high school will meet the learning space needs of the district well into the future." It has also been highlighted that a new high school building would: give all district students a high school that is suitable to offer modern learning experiences and a technology infrastructure to ensure they are getting the kind of education needed to prepare them for college or the workforce, allow for continued usage of all the district's existing structures, minimize disruptions to students due to construction, and provide facility adjustments that allow for a more balanced distribution of the elementary school population.

The need for a new master facility plan has never been greater. In the next 10 years, Beavercreek City Schools is expected to accommodate an additional 1,000 to 1,200 students. On average, the district's six elementary buildings are at 102 percent capacity. It is clear that significant student enrollment growth is affecting current facilities, far exceeding the district's ability to just make do without implementing major improvements and additions to the learning spaces to increase capacity.

Beavercreek City Schools creates a student-centered, inclusive learning environment through innovative opportunities which inspire and empower all to lead and serve. For more information about the district, please visit gocreek.org.