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Arrowhead Union High School District Board of Education Responds to Community Survey

Hartland, WI – In May of 2011, after seven months of research, review, and debate, the *Facilities Community Task Force* (known as the *FCT*) formed by the Arrowhead Union High School District to help the district assess and prioritize future educational facility needs presented its findings and advisory recommendations to the Arrowhead Board of Education. The *FCT*, consisting of approximately 25 active community members (representing all areas of the Arrowhead Union High School District), developed a comprehensive report on their findings, which is posted on the district website (<http://www.arrowheadschoools.org/about/community.cfm>)

The Arrowhead Board of Education, after hearing the *FCT* presentation and reviewing the findings in the *FCT* report, contracted with School Perceptions, an independent research firm, to conduct a community wide survey. All residents of the Arrowhead School District were sent a survey and offered the opportunity to provide feedback. The community survey results are posted on the district website (www.arrowheadschoools.org/about/communityinput.cfm).

Mr. Bill Foster, President of School Perceptions, presented a report on the community survey findings at the December Board of Education meeting. The Arrowhead Board of Education has reviewed the survey results and has deliberated the findings from the survey. After over four years of researching, collecting data, engaging the community, and discussing on an ongoing basis the facility needs of the Arrowhead District, the Board of Education has concluded the following:

It is clear that the expectations for Arrowhead Union High School District are that we maintain the highest quality of learning experiences for our young people, while being fiscally responsible to those who financially support our schools. The Arrowhead Board of Education feels it is important to communicate to stakeholders that the board supports the recommendations made by the *Facilities Community Task Force*, while understanding the need to be sensitive to the community feedback and the current economic conditions. The community survey provided direction about potential facilities projects to address identified facility and space challenges, which supported addressing the facility issues identified as finances become available rather than moving forward with any specific projects at this time. The Board of Education will instead proceed with the development of a long-range campus master plan and continue to monitor our enrollment and academic and co-curricular program needs.

The Arrowhead Board of Education would like to thank all of the members of the *FCT* for their service to our school and young people, as well as to thank community members who completed the survey and provided the board with important feedback. As the board continues to evaluate our facilities needs, they will keep the community informed of our progress.

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