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**School District Forms District Facilities Committee**

**Marathon City, WI** – The School District of Marathon is requesting interested residents within the boundaries of the School District to serve on a District Facilities Committee (DFC) alongside representatives from Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA) to explore the District’s short and long-term educational facility needs. It is the request of the District to form a Committee (DFC) that is comprised of members of the community, parents, business leaders, school board, and key city officials. This committee serves in an advisory capacity to the School Board to assist with the evaluation and prioritization of educational improvements as well as analyzing financial impacts that affect the District’s schools, while serving as an informational liaison to the community throughout the planning process.

The DFC will be presented with educational options and identify potential facility solutions to present to the community for feedback and narrowed through community engagement sessions with the final options being tested via a community survey in late spring. The DFC will be scheduling to meet approximately every three weeks from now through July 2018.

Representatives from PRA have toured the District’s current facility condition and evaluated educational programming to offer options to make adjustments that will result in short-term and long-term planning. PRA has spent months identifying the general condition of all District’s buildings, maintenance needs, operating systems, ADA accessibility, safety and security, educational adequacy, while also evaluating building capacities for today’s flexible learning environments.

The School District is providing notice to call for volunteers from the community to join the DFC which will have a kick-off meeting on **Monday, February 26, in the High School Auditorium, at 7:30pm**. Those interested in joining the DFC, or simply interested in learning more about the facilities planning process, should contact District Administrator Rick Parks via email at [rparks@marathon.k12.wi.us](mailto:rparks@marathon.k12.wi.us).

Progress of the District Facility Committee will be found on the District’s website in the coming weeks at [www.marathon.k12.wi.us](http://www.marathon.k12.wi.us).