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We'd like to clarify some of the recent information about our PreK–12 District Facility Study published in the *Record Review* and in the press release sent out via our District social media channels...

Foremost, we want our community and our school families to know that *anyone* who is interested in knowing more about the initial findings of the Facility Study is welcome to attend the **District Planning Kick-Off Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Marathon High School Auditorium** — not just Marathon residents. This invitation also applies to families of our open-enrolled students. This point may have been unclear in the newspaper or in the press release developed by our District Facility Study consultants, Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA).

At this Kick-Off Meeting, PRA will present initial ideas for facility changes and/or additions that would meet the identified needs of their District Facility Study. This data was gathered, in part, based on information from our 2015 District Strategic Planning results, on a review of current District data, and on an in-depth study of our buildings and building systems over the past eight (8) months. PRA will also share with attendees the preliminary concepts presented to the School Board on February 10, 2018. In addition, staff and School Board members will share District data regarding student enrollment trends and impacts, as well as current and future financial information for our District.

Following the Kick-Off Meeting, we would like to have interested residents volunteer to serve on our District Facility Committee (DFC) to provide input on the future of the Marathon School District. Please stay for a few minutes after the meeting to coordinate a schedule for this committee. It is anticipated that this committee will be part of a more in-depth review of information to discuss or modify proposals and concepts as we move forward in this planning process.

Our School Board will be gathering information through the Question-and-Answer period of the Kick-Off Meeting and through the careful review of recommendations put forth by the District Facilities Committee on such possible issues as **buildings, learning spaces, safety and security, maintenance, and operating deficit**.

As a District, we will be developing a website link to be accessed through our District website, where we will share information and updates, as well as address the frequently asked questions (FAQs) that occur, throughout this planning process.

We look forward to seeing YOU at Monday's Kick-Off meeting!