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Mason Public Schools Harvey Education Center Building Renovation Committee Begins Meeting and Putting Together a Plan

After a successful Bond Proposal in November, the committee begins prioritizing and planning

Mason, MI – On November 7, the \$69.7 million Mason Public Schools Bond Proposal was approved by the community. The bond proposal will support a stronger, smarter, safer Mason Public Schools through needed building renovations and expansions, as well as technology and safety improvements to all of the school buildings.

The district plans to sell the first series of bonds in the spring of 2018 and begin the first series of improvements beginning in late summer 2018. In order to best plan for the next eight years of improvements, committees made up of cross-functional experts are being assembled. The first committee to meet and begin the planning process is the Harvey Education Center Building Design Team which met on December 5.

The committee consists of members from the district with a background in early childhood education as well as construction and design experts. The committee is led by Chair, Melissa Netzel, Instructional Support teacher and includes the following representatives from the District: Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent; Kevin Doty, Director of Operations; Shana Barnum, Principal of Alaiedon Elementary; Mike Prelesnik, Principal of North Aurelius Elementary; Lisa Harless, kindergarten teacher at Alaiedon Elementary; Shelby Brubaker, kindergarten teacher at North Aurelius; Amy McVaugh, kindergarten teacher at Steele Elementary; Erik Cargill, Interim Child Development Center Director; Amber Perkins, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) teacher at the Harvey Education Center and Suzie West, Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP) teacher at the Harvey Education Center.

Once the plans have been developed for the Harvey Education Center and more building design committees are created, we will share this information with our community. The schedule for Mason Public Schools Board of Education meetings as well as details about the bond, are available on the [Mason Public Schools website](http://www.masonk12.net) (www.masonk12.net).

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