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Reducing the Cost of the School Building Program

In today's Committee of the Whole, the Board of Education took straw votes on possible ways to reduce the cost of the school building program. The board potentially cut \$1.4 million per new elementary school, \$2.8 million per new middle school, and \$4.4 million per new high school. The largest savings comes from eliminating stadiums from the high school model.

School board members also agreed to increase the overall capacity of the middle school model from 981 students to 1,281 students, with the goal of reducing the number of new middle schools WCPSS would need to build. The school board also agreed to increase the capacity of the high school model above the current 1,663 students, but did not decide how much to increase the capacity.

Staff will factor these tentative decisions into the draft capital improvement program they will present to the board on Thursday, where there will be additional discussion. Today's straw votes are not final.

The board acknowledged that these reductions will impact teaching, learning and operations, but is working to reduce the amount of the November bond referendum to an amount palatable to the voters. The school board tentatively agreed to the following reductions in its models.

At the high school level:

- Delete high school stadium and provide track with lighted practice field
- Reduce non-assignable square footage (bathrooms, mechanical spaces) in the high school model

At the middle school level:

- Reduce size of all middle school science rooms from 1,200 to 1,100 square feet each
- Reduce all regular middle school classrooms by 100 square feet each to 850 square feet
- Reduce all non-assignable square footage (bathrooms, mechanical spaces) in the middle school model
- Reduce size of special needs and support classrooms by 100 square feet each
- Delete one practice field

At the elementary school level:

- Reduce non-assignable square footage (bathrooms, mechanical spaces) in the elementary school model
- Reduce the size of all regular kindergarten – fifth-grade classrooms by 50 square feet each

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AUXILIARY SERVICES DIVISION

Vision
Providing Services That Power Education

Mission Statement
Provide quality facilities and support services to ensure safe, healthy, inviting and optimal learning environments.

Goals

- 1) Recruit, develop and retain a qualified and high quality workforce.
- 2) Provide and maintain quality facilities and support services that result in a safe and healthy learning environment.
- 3) Effectively communicate successes, challenges and needs.

Staff pointed out that constructing single-story schools instead of multi-story ones would save approximately \$265,000 per school at the elementary level and save \$435,000 per school at the middle school level.

Chuck Dulaney, assistant superintendent for Growth and Planning, stressed that the final decisions will impact not only the next four or five years covered in the upcoming building program, but what the school system will be doing for the next 25 to 30 years.

Stay Up-to-Date on Growth Decisions

Over the next couple months, Wake leaders will make decisions regarding the next capital improvement program, the bond amount, and the extent of year-round designations. Do you know the facts?

Visit the Growth Resource Center (www.wcpss.net) for the latest information, FAQs, quick facts, and additional resources. Staff will update the information regularly. There's a section to submit questions to help guide the content of the site; and short, weekly webcasts are planned for the near future.

2006 N.C. Outstanding Apprenticeship Trainer/Educator

The N.C. Department of Labor has named Beth Ann Williams, training specialist in Organizational Development, the 2006 North Carolina Outstanding Apprenticeship Trainer/Educator. She will be honored at the 22nd Annual "Partner for Success" Apprenticeship and Training Awards Ceremony on April 20. Congratulations!

Growth and Planning Department Moving

The Growth and Planning Department, which includes Growth Management, Demographics and Long-range Planning, will be moving to the first floor of Central Office on Thursday, April 13. Christina Lighthall and Dorothy D'Angelo in Long-range Planning will have new phone numbers, but everyone else will keep their existing lines.

Central Records and Security are also moving to the first floor, April 13.

Celebrate Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week

May 1-5, 2006

Caring. Trained. Thoughtful. Professional. Dedicated. These are several words that describe today's child nutrition professional.

For the School Nutrition Association, every day is Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Day, but it doesn't hurt to set aside some time to celebrate just how special child nutrition employees are.

That's why the School Nutrition Association has designated one week a year to remind everyone – directors, managers, parents, teachers and school administrators – that child nutrition employees work hard year round. Please let these professionals know you're thinking of them.

Do you sing your staff's praises daily? As a parent, do you let your child's school cafeteria manager know how much you appreciate the care that goes into each meal? How will you celebrate Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week this year?

Give the Gift of Life

Marilyn Moody, Senior Director, Child Nutrition Services

Please mark your calendars with the following dates and plan to give the gift of life:

Wednesday, April 12 - Rex Bloodmobile

Thursday, June 15 - Red Cross Bloodmobile

There are enough days between the two events so that you can give at both.

Thanks for your continued support.

Rock Quarry Crisis Team

Auxiliary Services is forming a Crisis Team, similar to the one at Central Office, which will develop a plan for responding to emergencies at Rock Quarry Road. A Crisis Team Committee met March 23 to discuss how the Central Office Team was developed approximately two-and-a-half years ago, as well as who and what the Rock Quarry team should consist of. The next meeting is April 19.

Transportation News

Eddy Adams, Operations Director, Transportation

Bus "Rodeo"

It's "rodeo" time for the WCPSS Transportation Department. Drivers will compete at the local level in April, going through a series of events that challenge not only their driving ability, but their knowledge of laws and regulations as well. Winners from each event advance to the county competition, which will be held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds on April 12. Drivers will compete on a more difficult course at the regional level, April 27, at Farmville Central High School, with 10 finalists making it to the state competition, May 10, at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. No date has been set for nationals yet.

Winners – from the county to the national level of competition – will receive plaques and monetary awards.

"BUSTER" the Bus

WCPSS Transportation staff use "Buster," a smaller radio-controlled version of a school bus, as a learning tool to educate students on bus safety. Buster uses his flashing lights, working stop/walk arm, and mobility to demonstrate expected safe and proper procedures when riding the yellow school bus. He has made appearances at the N.C. State Fair and several elementary school sties. Buster was a great hit when he visited the Triangle Towne Center, March 11, for the Health Extravaganza, which promotes safety awareness.

Mark Your Calendar

Good Friday (holiday)

April 14

School Building Week

April 17-21

Easter

April 16

Earth Day

April 22

Child Nutrition Services News

Go Places with School Breakfast

National School Breakfast Week was celebrated March 6-10 this year. National School Breakfast Week is designed to help raise awareness of, and garner support for, the role that school foodservice and nutrition programs play in the lives of America's children today, and in the strength of America tomorrow.

School breakfast provides at least 25 percent of the daily nutrients needed by a growing child. The U.S. Department of Agriculture sets the standards for the federal School Breakfast Program. Each student must be offered four servings of food:

- milk,
- a fruit or a vegetable (which can be 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice),
- two servings of bread or cereal, OR two servings of protein-rich foods, (such as meat, eggs or peanut butter), OR one serving of bread or cereal and one serving of protein-rich food.

School breakfasts provide less than 30 percent of their calories from fat, and 10 percent or less from saturated fat, meeting the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

No super-sizing here. The meals served as part of the School Breakfast Program are provided in age-appropriate serving sizes – making schools one of the only places in the United States where you can purchase a meal with the recommended serving sizes.

The School Breakfast Program began as a pilot project in 1966, and was made permanent in 1975.

Step Up to Good Nutrition and Health

National Nutrition Month, sponsored by the American Dietetic Association, is celebrated each March. This year's National Nutrition Month theme incorporated key messages from the 2005 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*:

- The food and physical activity choices you make today – and every day – affect your health and how you feel now and in the future. Eating right and being physically active are keys to a healthy lifestyle.
- Make smart choices from every food group reflected on the MyPyramid food guidance system. Give your body the balanced nutrition it needs by eating a variety of nutrient-packed foods every day. Just be sure to stay within your daily calorie needs.
- Get the most nutrition out of your calories. Choose the most nutritionally-rich foods you can from each food group – those packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients, but which are lower in calories.
- Find your balance between food and physical activity. Regular physical activity is important for your overall health and fitness, plus it helps control body weight, promotes a feeling of well-being, and reduces the risk of chronic diseases.
- Play it safe with foods. Prepare, handle and store food properly.

National Nutrition Month was introduced in 1973.

Training Schedule

Computers/Trade Specific/ Health and Safety

New Employee Orientation

(Mandatory)

April 18

8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

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American Red Cross CPR/AED

April 19
10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Old Refrigeration Shop
SRN: 259005822

Business Communications
for Supervisors (7 of 10)

April 25
10 a.m. – noon
Rock Quarry Road Training Center
SRN: 259017201

Management & Supervisory Skills
For First-time Managers

April 26
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Old Refrigeration Shop
SRN: 29019701

Management & Supervisory Skills
For Experienced Managers

April 27
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Old Refrigeration Shop
SRN: 29019801

MAXIMO

MAXIMO Equipment Training
(for M&O Staff)
April 12
1 – 4 p.m. (AS90062)
Rock Quarry Road Training Center

MAXIMO Handheld Training
(for M&O staff)
April 13
Starts at 8:30 a.m. (all day)
(AS90145)
Rock Quarry Road Training Center

To sign up for MAXIMO classes, contact Petra Harris (pharris2@wcpss.net or 856-8128) or register through eSchools. To register for all other classes, go to <https://ero3.eschoolsolutions.com/user/login.taf?orgID=42358&userID=&PIN=&function>. Enter your user ID=SS# and Pin=last four digits of your SS#. If you have questions, please contact Beth Ann Williams (bwilliams2@wcpss.net or 856-8018).

Stay Informed

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