



PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Report to the Citizens of Merrimack
March 2011

The Planning and Building Committee is chartered with providing long term strategic planning for the Merrimack School District. It is the only such committee in the state whose members are elected.

This past year the Committee completed the five-part charge, given to it by the School Board. This charge asked the Committee to consider the possible consolidation and/or relocation of the SAU office and the Special Services Office. The Committee presented its final report to the School Board in November.

The Committee unanimously recommends that a new consolidated SAU/Special Services office building be built on the one-acre parcel of land adjacent to the High School parking lot and Masticola Elementary School Athletic Field. The Committee is working on obtaining design and cost estimates.

The Planning and Building Committee believes the citizens of Merrimack and the School District would be well served with the consolidation and relocation of the SAU and Special Services offices. The data compiled is the result of building tours, consultations with professionals and hard work at Committee meetings, to research the myriad of options included in the charge, support our conclusion that building a new combined SAU/Special Services office building is necessary and relevant for the safety and the improved functionality of the SAU staff to better conduct business.

In other work, the Committee reviewed and recommended changes to the District's Capital Improvement Plan and is currently reviewing parking and paving needs throughout the district.

The Planning and Building Committee appreciates your continued support and participation. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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