

PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Merrimack School District

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Report to the Citizens of Merrimack March 2010

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 has focused on a five-part charge relative to possible consolidation and/or relocation of the SAU office and the Special Services Office. As part of its work, the Committee has completed the following:

- Analyzed the space needs for each office
- Met with various state officials to discuss laws and administrative rules on state aid and other requirements for building new or renovating current space
- Reviewed current Merrimack School District building usage
- Met with local professionals to discuss alternative available site options within town
- Issued interim reports to the School Board detailing its progress.

The Committee feels the SAU building needs immediate attention and this project is now critical.

In other work, the Committee recently reviewed and recommended to the School Board a Facility Naming Request application. The application, submitted by a group of parents and students, requested that the Butterfly Garden at Reeds Ferry School be named for former teacher, Barbara Devore.

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

Sincerely,

Richard Hendricks, Chair Gage Perry, Vice Chair Stan Heinrich Davis Powell Finlay Rothhaus Laurie Rothhaus