

City School District Meeting Overview – November 30, 2016

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016 a meeting was held between officials of the City of Highland Park and North Shore School District 112. In attendance were Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering, Councilman Alyssa Knobel, and City Manager Ghida Neukirch along with District 112 Board President Michael Cohn, Board Member Karla Livney, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Bregy, and Director of Operations, Facilities & Transportation John Fuhrer.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the timeline, planning, and communication process for the proposed ring road and access improvements at Edgewood Middle School projected for completion by the start of the 2017-2018 school year. The road is meant to provide additional car queuing onto the property.

The following was discussed during the meeting:

- It was agreed that completion of a proposed ring road and new emergency access opening by August 23, 2017 may be possible, but the City continues to believe that the proposed timeline is aggressive in nature and delays may occur that will preclude the completion of the road by the first day of school. Based on the conversation, School District 112 will develop a contingency plan to mitigate traffic congestion and preserve public safety in the event that the project experiences a short (1-2 month) delay. City staff including Police and Fire Departments will review the proposed contingency plan.
- It was also agreed that a sufficient buffer must be created to mitigate any visual traffic impact to neighbors located on the north perimeter of Edgewood's property as well as stormwater mitigation.
- School District 112 sent community engagement meeting invitations to residents surrounding Edgewood Middle School. The purpose of the three planned meetings is to share improvement concepts and obtain stakeholder feedback on the proposed ring road and access improvements planned for the Edgewood Middle School site. The dates of the engagement meetings are Monday, December 5th from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.; Monday, December 5th from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, December 6th from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. School District 112 stated that notice of the meetings was sent to all of the houses in the Saxony subdivision as well as houses on Moseley, Green Bay south to Roger Williams, Green Bay north to DeTamble and to Northmoor Country Club.
- School District 112 will be updating its preliminary timeline based on feedback by the City. They will also create a timeline that is clear to read by residents. The resident-friendly timeline will identify the public meetings and key action items that will be undertaken by School District 112 pertaining to the changes planned at Edgewood.

Meetings between the City of Highland Park and School District 112 will continue as reorganization plans progress. Following each meeting, communication will be posted at cityhpil.com/nssd112.org to provide an overview of the discussion.