**Middle School Auditorium Renovation Project**

The Middle School Auditorium is a highly visible part of our District and is in need of substantial repairs and upgrades.

*Physical Condition:*

* Constructed in 1970
* Remodel done in 1992 – new fabric and reconfiguring of seats (all frames are original), painted, new carpet
* Lighting dimmer system replaced within last 20 years

*Identified Needs:*

* Electrical board is original to 1970. Every year it is updated and patched ONLY to make it work and be as safe as possible. Identified as a safety issue.
* Seats are patched as needed with supplies purchased in 1992
* Carpet and paint are worn and torn – 26 years old

*Users of Auditorium:*

* 750 MS students – daily basis
* 119 events were held last school year. Half of those (~60) were hosted by outside groups including all the other schools in the District plus outside groups.
* All District students use and benefit from the MS Auditorium

*Auditorium Events:*

* School events include: 3rd grade holiday shows, 2nd grade spring musicals, Central school & MS band concerts, Central School & MS orchestra concerts, Central school & MS choir concerts, MS Spring Play, Speech & Debate team, 5th grade DARE graduation, and PSO events including family movie night.
* Outside events include: Camp Invention, dance recitals, private business events

*Current District Plans*

* New Pre K – 5th grade School is expected to have a “cafetorium” vs an auditorium. District intends to continue use of MS Auditorium for events.
* No funds currently allocated to auditorium improvements. Bond issue proceeds that are earmarked for MS will be allocated to security, technology and infrastructure upgrades.

*Elementary PSO Units*

* PSO consolidation will occur in some form at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year.
* PSO Units have been charged with spending down any large reserves.
* No capital improvements should be made at each elementary school.
* The closing of the 4 elementary schools creates a unique opportunity for the PSO Units to work together on a project that impacts each student in the District.

**Proposal**

**Three-year plan to raise funds for the renovation of the auditorium, through a partnership of the BBH PSO Units and the District.**

*Estimated Renovation Costs – TBD, > $150,000:*

Seats $85,000 (old quote)

Carpet TBD

Electrical Panel TBD

Paint TBD

Front Part of Stage TBD

Presentation Equipment: Screen and Projector TBD

*Sources of Funds – A Partnership of PSO Units, District and Community*

1. **Middle School PSO**– Earmark Gifts & Goals fundraising to the Auditorium project for the next 3 years:

 $8,000 per year x 3 years = $24,000 from the Middle School PSO (based on current fundraising)

1. **Elementary PSO Units** – contribute through individual Gifts & Goals programs

*POSSIBLE SCENARIOS* IF EACH OF ELEMENTARY PSO UNITS ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THESE AMOUNTS :

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|   | **If Each PSO Unit Gives:** | **Each PSO Unit:** | **Each PSO Unit:** | **Each PSO Unit:** |
| Year 1 | $2,000 | $0 | $2,000 | $4,000 |
| Year 2 | $2,000 | $4,000 | $4,000 | $4,000 |
| Year 3 | $2,000 | $4,000 | $4,000 | $4,000 |
| **Total From Elementary Units** | **$24,000** | **$32,000**  | **$40,000** | **$48,000** |

Thus, a PSO partnership could raise approximately $50,000 - $75,000. Since this does not cover the expected renovation costs, other sources of funds will be needed, such as:

1. **BBH District** – PSO to work with administration to identify any available funds.
2. **Community** – PSO to seek community contributions, i.e. past users, community groups.
3. **External Resources** – PSO to seek private donations, grants, hold additional fundraisers.

*Next Action Steps*

* Establish New Fundraising Committee
* Obtain Financial Commitment from PSO Units and District
* Gather Specific Cost Estimates
* Target Spring Kick-Off