

Comments Delivered with CIP Vote

June 23, 2022

The CIP that we're voting on tonight looks different, and in my opinion is much improved, from what we saw on May 12.

I'm pointing this out because it is a direct result of advisory group input and citizen engagement, and I want to express my deep appreciation for that advocacy and engagement.

Sometimes parents and community members share that they feel like engagement is futile and decisions are pre-ordained. But I think this process is a great example of community input *really* making a difference.

Thank you to the Facilities Advisory Council and the JFAC for pushing for a more complete and accurate accounting of our projects and costs over the next ten years.

Thank you to community members who pushed for a more complete description of the long term plan and vision for the Career Center site.

Thank you to those who emailed to advocate for accelerating security improvements at several schools.

And thank you to those who spoke at our public hearing and urged us to make a real and specific financial commitment to the long-term renovation of our schools.

It's my hope that moving forward we will, as a matter of regular practice, have a complete accounting of the maintenance and renovation needs of all our schools to inform the development of a full, robust ten-year CIP—and that we will work even more proactively and collaboratively with the County to align our efforts and investments.