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Zimmerly Proposal

We have had the structural engineers inspect Zimmerly and draft a preliminary report with no firm recommendations. PSFA has located a set of stamped plans, but still has not found the geological report. There isn't a geological report in the district. There were structural issues with the building that was replaced and they were discovered to be extensive during the construction. This finding caused the plans to change and for PSFA to agree to demolishing the part of the building that was going to stay. They built the new building but apparently didn't address the underlying issue. This was completed in 2006 so the warranty period has lapsed. Colleen from Visions in Planning, has documented significant changes in the cracks and shifts that have occurred in the last five years. The engineers report has suggested we remove part of the concrete apron to investigate what is going on underneath. That will probably be our next step. At this point, we don't have any definite indications if the structural issues are a safety issue or not.

Our declining enrollment will have us with only three 4th grade classes and four 5th grade classes for next year. This number of students makes it very easy to move the classes over to Parkview and make it a 3y through 5th grade school. This will keep our students out of any possible situations that could impact their safety at the Zimmerly school and allow us an open campus where we can do any investigation of the issues without disrupting the educational program. This move will also increase our utilization rate at Parkview, which would help us move up the PSFA list quicker where we could make some improvements sooner.

The Socorro School Board voted in the April 23rd meeting to make this move over the summer. This will save us between \$100,000 to \$120,000 in operational budget. This is especially important since we lost 54 students and our SEG is \$28,000 less than it was last year. There is plenty of room at Parkview to make the wing just north of the admin area all 4th-5th.