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## Lake City School Board Hosts Listening Sessions

The Hinsdale County School Board hosted two community input meetings on physical education facility planning July 26, 2016 at the Lake City Community School (LCCS). The listening sessions were attended by over 30 people providing input and questions related to the development of future District facilities plans.

The facilitated sessions were structured to get community input on three specific physical education facility subjects – location, funding, and what needs to happen for people to be able to support the project.

Phillip Virden, School Board member and Community Liaison, said that he was "very grateful that people came out and shared their thoughts with regard to physical education facility planning. We learned a great deal last year about what people thought was important, and we are continuing that conversation, listening, and planning better."

The sessions were designed to open the conversation with the community, identify questions and the most important issues, and were not intended to present a proposal or have answers to the questions. The Board has committed to consider all the input and continue their work in planning future facilities for the District. The next Board meeting is Thursday, August 4 at the LC School.

During the sessions, opening comments were provided by LCCS teachers Destiny Willette and Gary Gibson. They provided the participants with a teaching perspective of how physical education was provided now and their insights into improvements that should be considered, including student safety, improving efficiency of PE delivery, and operational efficiencies that could be gained with PE classroom improvements.

For those that could not attend or want to provide additional comments, other options were identified to provide input. They include contacting Phillip Virden - Board Community Liaison (email <u>starmanlakecity@msn.com</u> or 970.944.2548) or Bernie Krystyniak – local representative of Welborn & Associates (<u>bernie.krystyniak@welbornassociates.com</u> or 281.770.1270).

There is also a short online survey at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/98J35QM</u>.

The sessions were facilitated by Janice Welborn, David Primus, and Bernie Krystyniak of Welborn & Associates.

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