



## **Script of Dr. Block's Long-Range Planning Video May 3, 2023**

Hello Livingston Public Schools Community. This is Matt Block, Superintendent of Schools.

As you may be aware, over the past few years, the Livingston Public Schools has seen a significant increase in new enrollments. We believe that this influx can be attributed to the wonderful reputation our school district enjoys. This reputation relates directly to the excellent work of our outstanding professional educators and the many talents and achievements of the best students around. Go Lancers!

Our recent strategic planning process resulted in a renewed commitment to innovation, active learning, collaboration, and communication skills, and providing students with the tools to navigate a quickly changing world. In order to remain on the cutting edge, and to meet our commitment to our students, our facilities must support the work ahead of us.

We now must assess whether we are maximizing the facilities we have, and determine if additional or improved facilities are needed as we look to continue offering the highest caliber education for our students and community now and into the future.

To ensure our continued ability to accommodate expanded enrollment, realize innovations in instruction, and promote student success, we are ready to form a Long Range Facilities Planning Committee to help envision future facilities for the Livingston Public Schools. This committee will include school administrators, Board of Education Members, Teachers, staff and faculty members, students, and members of the greater Livingston community.

The goal of the committee will be to develop a plan for addressing the modernization, expansion, repair, and maintenance needs of our district's facilities and, determine how to most effectively invest in our physical plant in order to support the mission, vision, values, and goals contained in the Livingston Public Schools 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

For any staff member or community member who would like to be a part of the committee, a "Google Form" application can be accessed on our district website [www.livingston.org](http://www.livingston.org). Individuals will be selected to participate in the committee's work based on their personal expertise and knowledge of the community and school district. All efforts will be made to create a diverse committee with varied backgrounds, perspectives, and areas of expertise.

The time required for a committee like this can be significant. The committee will likely meet in the evenings between one and three times per month beginning in June 2023, including possibly one or two meetings over the summer, with a goal of making preliminary recommendations to the Board of Education by December 2023.

If you are interested in volunteering to be part of the committee and are excited to help shape the future of the Livingston Public Schools, please go to the district website, [www.livingston.org](http://www.livingston.org). Please be sure to fill out the application and click "submit" no later than May 22, 2023. Please understand that no late applications will be considered.

Thank you!