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**NPS Seeks Input on School Rebuilding and Renovation Options
On March 10 at Granby High School**

NORFOLK, VA – Norfolk Public Schools (NPS), the NPS Long-Range Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, and the consulting firm of Cooperative Strategies are working together to develop the school division's 10-year plan to rebuild and renovate Norfolk's aging schools and facilities.

In an effort to obtain stakeholders' input on what should be the priorities for this important effort, which is being called *Rebuild NPS 2030*, a community dialogue has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, from 6-8 p.m. at Granby High School. All stakeholders are invited to participate.

Currently, there are 51 schools, centers, and support buildings in the school division. According to John Hazelette, acting deputy superintendent of operations, many of these facilities are over the age of 50.

Cooperative Strategies examined the schools' building utilization, and current and projected enrollment, as well as a school-by-school condition assessment completed by HBA Architecture. From this data and discussions with school division leadership, Cooperative Strategies developed draft options. NPS staff and Cooperative Strategies then presented these options to the steering committee for input in a recent meeting. The steering committee, composed largely of parents and community members, will help to finalize recommendations for the School Board's consideration.

A copy of the presentation, including the options that Cooperative Strategies has recommended, is posted on the school division's website on the [Rebuild NPS 2030](#) page.

“Having the community weigh in is important,” said Hazelette. “While the professionals who have developed the initial options have approached this in a comprehensive, analytical manner, we must also touch base with the people who will need to live with our decisions. We can’t discount that they will have important ideas and information that ultimately can impact our decisions.”

At the March 10 meeting, staff from Cooperative Strategies will give a presentation that outlines draft options and the rationale behind how those were developed. From there, attendees will break into small groups, facilitated by Cooperative Strategies and NPS staff, to give input on the options and/or to provide their own suggestions.

NPS, Cooperative Strategies, and the steering committee will evaluate this input as they continue to deliberate on what should be initial priorities.

Another community dialogue will be held on April 28 at a location to be announced.

A presentation of final recommendations to the School Board is scheduled for June 17.

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