

# Goodridge School hears feedback

## Long-range facility planning continues

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From our students who attend Goodridge Public School to our school building, planning for the future is at the center of everything we do. We have worked hard on our long-range facilities plan over the last year and are excited to provide an update to our community about this process.

Since last August, Goodridge School District has held 10 listening sessions with various stakeholder groups, including our school board, staff, students, agricultural landowners and our larger community. These sessions have provided great insight into understanding our challenges, facility needs, and expectations moving forward. The feedback gathered shared common themes, including additional classroom space and critical building improvements. Results from these listening sessions will be shared at the school board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Our educational adequacy assessment has also

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**(Continued from Page 1)** played a key role in understanding our needs. Defined by the Minnesota Department of Education, educational adequacy ranks school facilities in 18 categories as either adequate, questionable or inadequate. Categories include classroom size and suitability, technology, and special education/support services. Out of 18 categories, our elementary school is ranked inadequate in nine and our high school is ranked inadequate in 12.

Since this four-phase process began, we have committed to providing updates

to our community. We are dedicated to developing facility solutions that are driven by the data, feedback and information that we have gathered over the past year. As we move into the next phase of this process, we will develop various facility solutions and cost estimates, gather community feedback and, ultimately, work toward finalizing a plan to move our school, and our district, forward. Our district will engage with stakeholders and seek feedback at every step of this process.

The best-made facility

plans are created when community members, district staff, students and parents are involved. We encourage all district residents and parents to stay engaged with us along the way. To do that, we have created a dedicated website to provide information about this process and where we're heading. We encourage you to visit [goodridgeforward.org](http://goodridgeforward.org) for more information as we continue. If you have any additional questions, you can reach out to me at [tomas.loberg@goodridgeisd561.org](mailto:tomas.loberg@goodridgeisd561.org) or 218-378-4134. Go Chargers!