

Mount Prospect School District 57
Office of the Superintendent

Date: May 1, 2008
To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Bruce Brown, Superintendent
Re: Student Housing Audit

Policy and/or Administrative Procedure Reference:

Policy Manual – 4:150 – Operational Services – Facility Management and Expansion

District Goal Reference:

Facilities – Component of Long-Range Planning

Background:

The Board of Education recently began discussion regarding the future of student housing and program offerings in District 57. This report is the first phase of administrative work in this area; attempting to determine the current status of student/program housing, determining what are non-optimal spaces/usages, and ascertaining if any needed adjustments can be made without capital expenditure. We understand that there remains a space imbalance in the District, as to where available classroom space exists. Currently, there are abundant open classroom spaces at Westbrook, but few, if any spaces elsewhere in the District. Therefore, this report is issued to explore the first phase of this situation and propose any alterations that may facilitate a more optimal housing situation. It is understood that this report is limited in scope, and does not speak to other facility concerns within the District.

Timeline: Information: Presented for review and discussion at the May 1 CotW meeting
This cover memo serves as a placeholder. The report is currently being constructed and will be ready for meeting presentation.
Action: To be adopted by the Board of Education at a future business meeting

Rationale:

As we review the future for student housing in District 57, we understand that enrollment numbers, transportation, a balance of available space, and funding sources will all play critical parts in our future configuration. It is our challenge to meet both the immediate

needs of our students and schools, while retaining enough flexibility to adapt to future concerns and conditions. We believe that an approach to this district component should be definitive enough to provide immediate direction for all stakeholders, while permitting the District the latitude to consider multiple options for future adaptability.

Financial Implications:

The financial costs to the District for any program movement will be contained within the attached report.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education give consideration to the substance of this report as options for future housing configurations are investigated.