

## **RSU13 Facilities Task Force Committee Meeting – December 12th, 2023**

Attendees: Coster, Weinand Andrews, Hunt, McDonald

### **Facilities Update**

- Modularity are being placed on the foundation at the Thomaston site this week.

### **Auditorium/Sports Complex**

- Funding our Future due to meet in early January. RSU13 keen to collaborate and wants to avoid surprises along the way. Coster advised that FOF will be proactive in communicating, however FOF may also be intentionally low-profile during the first phase of the fund-raising. FOF will inevitably need the help and guidance of the school (AD and TD specifically) at points in the process.
- RSU13 to re-apply for Federal earmarks funding, and cultivate relationship with the U.S. Senators Collins and King.

### **Thomaston Grammar School Site Visit**

Coster presented preliminary findings (attached) from the 12/08/2023 TGS site visit by joint Admin/Board team, plus initial scope statement, financial guesstimate.

- Consensus is that a new-building option is cost-prohibitive (est. \$10-\$15 million), that a multi-year phased approach with incremental financing is preferable.
- Consensus is that a solar deployment on the new roof would be an attractive proposition if self-funded and/or delivering a positive net present value
- RSU Team action points:
  - evaluate TGS-specific SRRF financing options, with top-up bond as an alternative.
  - confirm proposed scope and approach with staff and other stakeholders.
  - commission engineering report .
  - invite Siemens to review energy efficiency.
  - validate feasibility of a phased approach with view to minimizing disruptions
  - invite solar vendors to pitch solutions for the building(s)
- Concerns include: cost to tax payers, disruption/dislocation of school activities during major construction phase (roof/HVAC/Cafeteria), use-case for the proposed cafeteria/kitchen multi-use area
- Weinand advised that removal of elevated stage creates fungible space and resolves ADA problem (a low-cost win-win).
- Committee agreed to put this on front-burner with a view to threading project activity into the 2024-2025 budget process.

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