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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School District Families,

I write to update you on the progress of our Capital Improvement Projects initiative. In January, following a thorough vetting process that began with a request for proposals (RFP), the Board of Education selected a firm to provide the architectural and engineering services that would be needed to continue the process of designing both new and existing spaces that would be renovated so as to better serve the needs of the District's schools for the future. The Board of Education considered a number of factors, including recommendations, performance capabilities, and cost, in addition to interviews before deciding on EI Associates, based in New Jersey.

During the last seven weeks, a team of professionals from EI has been touring our school buildings and campuses, and conferencing with our staff on a variety of projects. In our December newsletter, we reported on the kinds of projects that were initially considered by our Capital Improvement Committee. EI has moved this early work forward using feedback from our teachers and administrators to inform the design process. This is a lengthy but critically important aspect of the initiative. We have benefited from a shared understanding among stakeholders that proposed projects should support and enhance our academic programs, and improve learning environments.

At this point the projects that are being developed are as follows:

Pearl River High School

Creation of a music, art and technology wing established by relocating two math classes to the existing math wing and adding a shared design space dedicated to art and technology. This is envisioned as a design room where students begin projects that are then crafted and constructed in art and technology classrooms.

Plans are being designed for extensive renovations and transformation of the library media center, science wing, administrative offices, and locker rooms.

New athletic fields with turf, lighting, lavatory facilities, resurfacing and rebuilding of track and tennis courts, concession area and press box.

Construction of a new interior stairwell that connects to all three floors.

Pearl River Middle School

Expansion of the gymnasium and construction of a music wing.

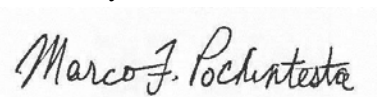
Elementary Schools

Improvements include replacement of heating and ventilation equipment and security upgrades for school entrances.

As the design phase of the projects moves along the Board of Education will be able to make decisions about the scope of the work and ultimately the size of a bond that would fund the work. The District's goal is for a spring vote to coincide with the budget vote. This will be contingent on having all of the information needed to understand both the costs and scope of the work.

We will continue to keep all stakeholders apprised as we move forward to in planning for instructional and extra-curricular spaces that will meet the needs of a 21st century learner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marco J. Pochintesta". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on a light gray rectangular background.