The primary purpose of this message is to let you know that the next facilities committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the school library. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Over the course of the next two or three meetings the facilities committee will be developing a recommendation to the school board regarding the scope of a proposed building project and the amount of money to request in a bond measure. The board would like to have a recommendation from the committee by the end of September. The board would prefer a recommendation that has at least two options to consider in terms of the project's size, cost and the timing of a bond election.

I project that there will be one or two and possibly as many as three facilities committee meetings between August 20 and the end of September. The need to meet will decrease significantly after the committee makes a recommendation for the board.

At the May 8, 2012 meeting the committee learned that a track and field facility will not fit on the undeveloped district property to the west of the existing facility. The committee asked the architect to determine if a facility could fit where the football field is now. We recently received a drawing and cost estimate from Forte Architects for a football/soccer/track & field facility that would fit in the area where the football field is now. I have attached the drawing and cost estimate so that you can review it before the meeting if you wish. I asked the architect if the cost estimate is based on a middle of the road quality facility. He said that the cost assumptions are based on building a well made, long term facility that is similar in quality to one currently being built in the Cle Elum School District.

Among the impacts that need to be discussed as the committee considers this most recent information about a track and field facility are the following:

- The plan would require the district to gain access to a portion of Don and Linda Olin's property.
- The estimated cost of the new facility as designed would add nearly 2.5 million dollars to a bond proposal.
- The facility would require eliminating the existing baseball/softball field and dugouts.

Here is the agenda for the August 20 meeting.

Discuss the architect's plan and cost estimate for a football/soccer/track & field facility.

List any additional questions that need to be answered before the committee can develop a recommendation for the board.

Schedule the next facilities committee meeting.