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## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education

From: Randall Booker, Superintendent

Date: December 4, 2015

Subject: **Superintendent's Announcements**

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### **Facilities Master Planning – Community Engagement**

The Facilities Master Plan process combines the goals of PUSD's Education Specifications and the information collected by the design team (including facility assessments) into a comprehensive plan for the schools of the Piedmont Unified School District. The main product of the facility needs assessment and Facilities Master Plan is a detailed proposal for renovations and/or additions to be made at each school campus.

The facilities master planning process takes into account all of the information on the District's facilities, the needs and desires of faculty, staff and the community and projections about future District needs and creates a comprehensive plan for each campus that addresses these issues. The plan looks at issues holistically and creatively to find unique and inventive solutions that fit the specific needs of each campus and community. The final Facilities Master Plan document provides a clear narrative and graphic summary of the proposed facilities improvements for each campus and also provides the detailed information necessary to successfully plan and implement the improvements.

### **Additional Community Outreach**

In order to provide context to the many conversations regarding the adequacy of PUSD facilities to support current and future educational programs, the Board will host a special Facilities Master Planning Board Workshop on December 14, 2015 – 9:00am – 11:00am at the PUSD District Office.

PUSD will also host three *Community Outreach Meetings* for to solicit additional input.

These meetings will occur in the PHS Student Center on:

January 7<sup>th</sup> – 3:30pm – 5:00pm

January 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – 8:00pm, and

January 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

The final PUSD Facilities Master Plan is scheduled to be presented at the February 10, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

**PUSD Readmont 2016: *The Martian***

We are pleased to announce the official launch of Readmont 2016, Piedmont's "one city, one book" project, now in its sixth year! All Piedmonters are encouraged to read *The Martian* by Andy Weir. In this work of science fiction, an American astronaut is left behind on Mars and must rely on his knowledge of botany and engineering to stay alive on a frigid, hostile planet. Weir has crafted a dramatic yet funny survival story, rich with the science of chemistry, physics and astronomy. A N.Y. Times best-seller, the book is now a movie starring Matt Damon. It is very popular among high school students and is an excellent vehicle for showcasing STEM concepts (science, technology, engineering and math). This book contains adult language so may not be appropriate for younger students.

All readers are welcome to attend our community discussion and science demo scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, February 10th at the Piedmont Center for the Arts! More information on this event will be forthcoming.

A limited number of books will be available (by November) in each school library and A Great Good Place for Books in Montclair is offering a 20% discount. We hope this common reading experience will forge positive connections among students, staff, parents and community members and encourage reading as a medium of collaboration.

For more information, please contact Susan Stutzman, PHS Librarian at [sstutzman@piedmont.k12.ca.us](mailto:sstutzman@piedmont.k12.ca.us) or Beth Black, PHS English Dept. Chair at [bblack@piedmont.k12.ca.us](mailto:bblack@piedmont.k12.ca.us)