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INTRODUCTION TO REPORT ON "PLANS FOR PRE-FIELD ACT SCHOOLS"
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This report presents plans for the replacement of the district's pre-Field Act schools. It has been developed on the assumption that the 20¢ special purpose tax and State matching loans are the only sources of funds that we may expect for this purpose. Every effort has been made to plan for the replacement of as many facilities as possible with the limited funds that we may expect to obtain during the next three years. In order to do this it has been necessary to assume that existing school sites will be retained and maximum use will be made of the approved facilities that are now located at these sites.

It is recognized that reasonable opinion may differ regarding the best location for the replacement of these schools. The decision to replace them on their present sites was made because:

1. It would permit the district to continue to use the 331 post-Field Act classrooms and 71 other facilities at these sites.

2. In nearly every case, it was the strong recommendation of the citizens advisory committees that schools be retained in their present locations.

3. Enrollment estimates indicate a continuing need for schools to serve students from these areas.

In the preparation of this report the district staff has given careful consideration to the need to integrate school enrollments to the greatest possible extent. In the final analysis it was believed that no plans for integration could hope to succeed without the availability of sufficient safe school facilities. Planning for integrated schools must continue on a district-wide basis with consideration given not only to pre-Field Act facilities but to growth areas and all existing schools.

The State Allocation Board has streamlined procedures for submitting applications for the approval of schools to be financed in part from loans that became available from the $310 million State school building fund. It should be made clear that the submission of an application does <u>not</u> commit the district to final decisions regarding the replacement facilities. After the application has been submitted, changes may still be made in the scope of the project, its priority or the location of the facilities.

It is critical that we proceed to submit applications at the earliest possible date in order to insure that the district receive an equitable share of State matching funds. Since the total available from the State is estimated to be sufficient to meet only 50% of the needs Statewide, those districts submitting applications at an early date will be in the most favorable position to receive State matching funds.

The report presented today also indicates that the major portion of pre-Field facilities can be replaced substantially by the July 1, 1975 deadline for abandonment of such facilities. By taking action immediately to file applications for these projects, it should be possible to avoid relocating approximately 8,500 students on a temporary basis until new facilities are completed.