

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #832**  
**STUDY SESSION – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Thursday, February 28, 2008 - 7:00 PM**  
**Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room**

The Mission of the Mahtomedi School District No. 832, as a multi-community public school system, is to provide individually challenging, lifelong learning experiences for all people, leading to productive and self-fulfilling roles in a global society, accomplished through partnerships with students, families, staff and communities all committed to excellence.

**- AGENDA -**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE
3. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS
  - A. Hear Report from Northeast YMCA 2  
Presenter: Tom Holland, Director
  - B. Hear Report on Facility Planning  
Presenter: JCI Team
  - C. Review Planning Calendar for School Board/Administrators 11  
Presenter: Mark Wolak
4. ADJOURNMENT

Hugo • Mahtomedi • Maplewood • North St. Paul • Oakdale • Vadnais Heights •  
White Bear Lake • White Bear Township • And Surrounding Areas

# Partnering for the Future of Our Communities

**A Regional Collaboration**



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## Welcome



Your Speaker

- Tom Holland, branch executive, Northeast Family YMCA

Hosted by the Northeast Community Partners

- District 832 (Mahtomedi Schools)
- District 624 (White Bear Area Schools)
- City of Hugo
- City of Mahtomedi
- City of White Bear Lake
- White Bear Township
- YMCA of Greater St. Paul (Northeast Family YMCA)

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## Tonight's Program



Tonight we're excited to:

- Report about recent research findings;
- Discuss a conceptual solution;
- Invite your input as we try to find a way forward; and
- Begin a great conversation

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## Coming Together



- Northeast Community Partners formed in 2007 to solve regional problems together
- A group of four municipalities, two school districts, and the YMCA of Greater St. Paul
- Community Partners support tonight's agenda

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## Doing the Research



- Joint funding for a \$20,000 study with six focus groups and about 60 participants
- Independent, highly regarded research firm
  - Blind study
  - Randomly but strategically selected participants
- Focus Groups:
  - 1 Teen
  - 1 Families
  - 1 Adults
  - 1 Seniors
  - 2 YMCA Members

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## What We Learned



- People have a strong love for this community
- Strong need for a safe, "cool" place for teens
- Need to improve public transportation for teens, seniors
- Need for a community swimming pool
- Need for affordable, updated fitness & wellness facilities
- Need for more indoor spaces for wintertime recreation
- Need for more "robust" senior programs
- A desire for more walking trails
- Focus group participants of all ages also said they want collaborative solutions serving local and regional needs

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## Arriving at a New Concept



- A concept, not a proposal
- The foundational concept: a collaboration, with the YMCA, could result in a state-of-the-art regional community center, with the YMCA as the principal operator

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## Two Foundational Principles



- Designed to meet quantifiable community needs
- Facility must be created collaboratively

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## Where & What?



- Location not determined
- Concept has precedents
- Many other models exist
- Facility design would address specified needs
- Possible future market study

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## Other Models



- Locally, similar concepts have resulted in great successes: Elk River, New Richmond, Hastings, East St. Paul, North Minneapolis, Andover, Lino Lakes
- Hundreds more nationwide
- The following images help create a picture:
  - Chain of Lakes YMCA (Lino Lakes)
  - Andover YMCA Community Center

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## Visualizing the Concept



Andover YMCA Community Center

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## Visualizing the Concept



Chain of Lakes YMCA

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## Visualizing the Concept



Andover YMCA  
Community Center

- Gathering spaces
- Safe, secured access

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## Visualizing the Concept



Andover YMCA  
Community Center

- Aquatics Facility
- Two giant waterslides
- Water playground with  
spray toys and small  
slides
  - Lap pool
  - Whirlpool



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## Visualizing the Concept



Chain of Lakes YMCA

- State-of-the-art fitness center  
including cardiovascular and  
strength-training equipment

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**Visualizing the Concept**



Chain of Lakes  
YMCA

- Drop-in child care while parents work out



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**Visualizing the Concept**



Andover YMCA  
Community Center

- Field House



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**Visualizing the Concept**



Chain of Lakes  
YMCA

- Group X classes for people of all ages, including kids, seniors, and adults



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## Visualizing the Concept



Chain of Lakes YMCA

- Teen Center/ Senior Center
- In Lino Lakes, the Teen Center is open to every teen in the community, for free

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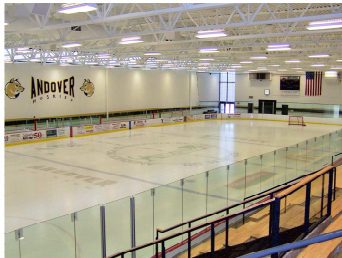
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## Visualizing the Concept



Andover YMCA Community Center

• Indoor Ice Arena



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## Benefits to All Partners



- Building community
- Address local needs and improve quality of life
- Together we can pool resources and achieve efficiencies of cost, infrastructure, and operation
- Takes advantage of each partner's strength
- Includes strengths of YMCA and its operating model
- Open and accessible to all as resources allow

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## Funding this Concept



- Each of the partners will provide something
- Collaboratively can achieve more
- Will likely include public and private funding
- The YMCA brings the value of its facility and 10 acres of land, and the YMCA has 150 years' of experience running capital campaigns

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## Next Steps



- Engage community in a dialogue, get citizen feedback
- Seek out any new partners
- Create criteria to develop a business plan
- Meet with the governing councils and boards of the Community Partners and work on a timeline for creating a business plan in 2008

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## Thank You



Questions & Answers

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**Thank You**

**Tom Holland**

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**Mahtomedi Public School District  
School Board and Administration Agenda Plan  
March 2008**

Meeting	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	Feb 14  Completed	March 13  Engineering Program Update (Kathe Nickleby) MN Student Survey Results Revised Budget 2007-2008	April 10  Mandatory Policy review/revisions Budget Plan 2008-2009	May 8  Adopt spending reductions for 2008-2009 Adopt resolution to reduce staffing as per budget planning Mandatory Policy review/revisions	June 12  Mandatory Policy review/revisions Contract Agreements as needed	July 10 7:00 AM  Mandatory Policy review/revisions Approve contract for Superintendent 2008-2011	August 14  Report on Admin Retreat Report on Opening Weeks of School
<b>Study Session</b>	Feb 28  JCI Report on Ideation Sessions YMCA Plan for Facility Improvement Planning Calendar for School Board (February – August)  <u>Other Items:</u> Wildwood Air Quality Report Sponsorship of Celebration of Excellence	March 27  Update on City Recreation Study Budget Plan 2008-2009 Review of several mandatory policies for adoption/revisions. Update on Q-Comp application	April 24 Cancelled	May 22  Update on City Recreation Study District/School Board Strategy Development 2008-2011 Contract Negotiations Update as needed	none	none	August 28  Engineering Program – Long Range Strategies
<b>Dinner Session</b>	Feb 28  Cancelled due to parent teacher conferences	March 27 at 5:45  Develop study for year round tuition program with Dr. David Bennett	April 10th at 5:45 pm  Dennis Cheesebrow and Long Range Planning, Scorecard Development				August 28 at 5:45  District/School Board strategy development 2008-2011