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December 4, 2014

Dear District 95 Community:

Our District continues the effort to address the space concerns within our schools. Most recently school board members had the opportunity to see detailed pictures and diagrams of potential mobile units for Brook Park school. I believe they were truly amazed at how “nice” the units are and how much they resemble an actual building. Our Buildings and Grounds Director, Rich Batka, and I will be visiting Barrington School District on December 12 to view an identical set-up that we plan to use at Brook Park. We will also be able to see how Barrington worked with a water retention issue, as they too had to place the mobiles in a water restrictive area. Our meeting with the MWRD went very well and our engineering design has been given confirmation. We are coordinating a meeting with the Village of LaGrange to bring local officials up to speed on the design elements of how the mobiles will be secured in the water retention area at Brook Park.

Delivering support services at S.E. Gross in appropriate settings remains a work in progress. The Board and I have narrowed our solutions to creating temporary space to get related services out of the hallways and closet areas. It is our hope that we will have landed on one final restructuring concept at S.E. Gross by February 1, with implementation for the 2015-16 school year.

In addressing our long-term solutions, one option lies in the building of a third building that would serve to ease the enrollment numbers at Brook Park. We are exploring the possibility of the parcel of land commonly known as Madlin Park. Recently we conducted soil testing and are conducting a title search to determine what portion of the park the District owns and what portion Village of Brookfield owns. In short, we are trying to identify if the parcel is even a buildable option.

We continue to work tirelessly at building solutions to our space concerns that are rooted in strong instructional design while keeping a realistic pulse on the cost of these solutions. I encourage anyone who has a question, concern, or comment to contact me directly at 708-588-8701 or mkuzniewski@district95.org.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mark Kuzniewski
Superintendent