

School District Facility Study

***Unatego Central School
District***



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The Consultants

- ❖ Bring an outside, unbiased perspective
- ❖ Have no local stake in the outcome
- ❖ Will conduct the study in a fair manner
- ❖ Will ensure that the process is open
- ❖ Will produce meeting notes after each committee meeting
- ❖ Will be responsible for the final report



Recommendations in the Report

- ❖ Will benefit student learning
- ❖ Will be sensitive to the unique cultural context of the school district
- ❖ Will be independent of special interest groups
- ❖ Will be educationally sound
- ❖ Will be fiscally responsible and realistic



Content of the Report

- ❖ Enrollment History and Projections
- ❖ Instructional & Extracurricular Program
- ❖ Facilities
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Staffing
- ❖ Finances



Two Approaches to the Study- Advantages and Disadvantages



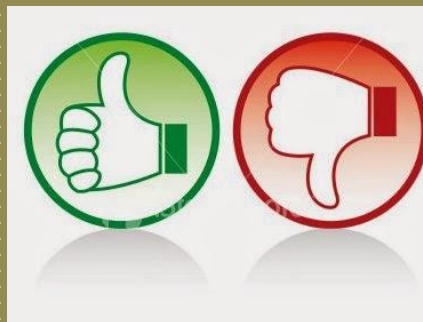
Using Vs. Not Using a Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Using a Committee

- ❖ Transparency
- ❖ Better communication
- ❖ Multiple perspectives
- ❖ More community support

Not Using a Committee

- ❖ Study takes less time
- ❖ Study would cost less
- ❖ May avoid community uproar during the process



The School/Community Advisory Committee

❖ Suggested members and number

- ❖ 3 teachers
- ❖ 2 building administrators
- ❖ 2 support staff
- ❖ 6 community members



- ❖ Superintendent and business office staff serve as advisors to the committee
- ❖ Function is to advise the Board and the consultants, communicate with the public, and prepare informative materials

Expectations of Committee Members

- ❖ Attend all committee meetings
- ❖ Freely express their points of view
- ❖ Be a key communicator with stakeholder groups
- ❖ Be respectful of the committee and the study process
- ❖ Be a positive contributing member in other related committee activities



Time Line for the Study/Merger (Draft)



- ❖ August 2015-Board approves the study process
- ❖ September-Initial meeting of the Committee (if formed)
- ❖ October-Second meeting of the Committee
- ❖ November-Third meeting of the Committee
- ❖ December-January-report writing
- ❖ January 2016-Final meeting of Committee to review draft report
- ❖ February-Final report presented to Board

Informing the Public

- ❖ District newsletters
- ❖ Newspaper articles
- ❖ District web site
- ❖ Notes from advisory committee meetings
- ❖ Open advisory committee meetings-for observation only
- ❖ Press release announcing the study and the advisory committee



Questions????

