SUBJECT: BOND RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND:
In 2005, the Board of Education adopted a LPS 10-Year Facilities Plan to serve as a guideline for district facility and infrastructure needs and, in 2006, held a bond election supported by the voters to fund the plan. The Finance Committee continuously monitors the funding streams available to support the work on the LPS 10-Year Facilities and Infrastructure Plan and the needs of the school district. The LPS 10-Year Facilities and Infrastructure Plan has been routinely updated and most recently spells out significant needs. Due to state-imposed levy limitations, the district does not have adequate resources to make necessary facility and infrastructure improvements nor to construct new schools and additions to support student growth. Expiring principal and interest payments can be replaced with the new debt to support the LPS 10-Year Facilities and Infrastructure Plan, based on the current levy with no planned levy increases, as previously demonstrated and discussed at numerous meetings and work sessions.

In recent weeks, the Finance Committee and the Board of Education held numerous meetings and work sessions to review district facility and infrastructure needs in conjunction with funding available, financial analysis of debt capacity, and the potential proceeds from a successful bond issue based on the current levy.

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