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The Existing OHS Citizens' Task Force was commissioned by the School Board for Owatonna Public Schools to review information gathered from community members and help advise on the best way to make use of the existing high school site and facility following the move to the new campus in fall 2023. The task force has proposed two recommendations:

- consolidate the appropriate district functions from the current District Office and Rose Street facilities to the existing high school site, and
- continue to seek partners to redevelop other portions in a way that would benefit the community.

The community task force has endorsed a plan to issue a Request for Preliminary Proposals from developers. This RFPP is available on the district website and will be sent to interested parties. It asks for ideas for re-use as well as an outline of the proposed development process and funding. Results will be available in early March and shared with the community task force.

The School Board is scheduled to hear the task force recommendation in March and will make the final decision on how to proceed. Planning will likely commence this summer, with public bidding and contracting in time to start construction in the summer of 2023.

Look for updates on the progress of the task force and the School Board over the coming months.

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