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PARMA MAYOR THROWS SUPPORT BEHIND SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOOLS CONSOLIDATION PLAN

(PARMA) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero has sent a letter to the Parma City School Board urging a “yes” vote on Monday in favor of the Superintendent’s proposed building consolidation plan for the district. The consolidation proposal was presented after months of review by a committee comprised of community, business and civic leaders.

“The first consolidation plan followed an exhaustive study by committed members of our community who were looking for optimum ways to provide a quality education while best utilizing taxpayer dollars,” said Mayor DePiero. “Million of dollars will be saved by keeping all three high schools open in Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills and housing students there in grades 8 to 12. It’s a sound proposal that I strongly support along with Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Graham.”

The Facilities Integration Team also recommended the closing of some elementary schools and renovating high school and middle school buildings. The price tag is several million dollars less than an alternate plan to adapt Parma Senior High School as the lone high school in the district.

“This plan is tailored for the future and it’s one the district can use to grow as our community’s demographics and population change,” said Mayor DePiero. “Voting to approve the consolidation plan presented in April will get the ball rolling to keep our students safe and our district educationally strong and competitive for years to come.”

Upon approval by the Parma City School Board, the Parma School District’s consolidation plan will be implemented in the 2012-2013 school year.

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