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**TASK #1: QUESTIONS**

School finance can be confusing. Fortunately, we have a panel of experts with us tonight to answer our questions. For our first activity, reach consensus on your table regarding three questions to ask our panel of experts. When you are finished, we'll go table by table and try to answer as many questions as possible. Since many of the tables might come up with the same question, when we get to your table, make sure and ask a question not previously addressed by the panel. If we don't get to all of the questions, will find answer those left unanswered on the district's website.

**TASK #2: RECOMMENDATIONS**

Thinking about our final recommendations to the Board of Education, first answer the following question:

*Should we move forward with some type of ballot proposal to address district needs — OR — should we do nothing and ask the district to continue to operate with its existing tax rate and revenue and the existing condition of buildings?*

Next, as you heard tonight, there are multiple ways of moving forward both with a facility improvement program and with addressing operating revenue needs. Reach consensus on which facility improvement option you think best for the district then reach consensus on which option is best for operating revenue for staff, salaries and other expenses.

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*Forward 67* co-chair Patty Puetz introduced the session's topic "Finances". Golf 67 Business Manager Dr. Joe Bailey along with Bond Consultant Elizabeth Hennessey and ED RED Executive Director Sarah Hartwick on Golf 67 finances and related issues. Dr. Bailey provided an overview of the strengths and challenges specific to the District's current and future financial health, Ms. Hennessey shared information about potential bond implications if a question were to be on the ballot, and Ms. Hartwick provided an overview of the various aspects to school finance in Illinois and potential challenges that could result from legislative decisions. To view the presentation, [CLICK HERE](#). Then, participants worked in ten small groups to complete the two tasks listed above. After the small group work time, the *Forward 67* participants asked questions of the presenters and shared the group consensus for Task #2. Following is a summary of the responses from the *Forward 67* small groups.

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*Forward 67* participants were asked to develop questions for the presenters about the financial information presented. A wide variety of questions were recorded by the small groups. Some themes emerged from the small groups' questions such as, what will happen if all or part of a bond issue does not pass, questions about the future of Golf Middle School if one new school is built, how a tax increase would impact seniors in the community, the continued need for increased staffing, other revenue options, as well as other topics. Answers to all the questions developed by the small groups will be located on the Golf 67 website.

## **TASK #2: RECOMMENDATIONS**

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*Forward 67* participants were asked to come to consensus on three items to inform the recommendations to the Board of Education.

First, participants were asked to make a recommendation for moving forward with a ballot proposal to address district needs, or, if the district should do nothing and continue to operate with its existing tax rate, revenue and building conditions. The groups unanimously selected to move forward with a proposal to address the district needs.

Next, *Forward 67* participants were asked to identify a preferred option for the facilities. Eight out of ten groups identified the option with one new, PK-8 school as the preferred option. One group selected the option that only addressed maintenance needs, and one other group did not make a recommendation.

Finally, the groups were asked to consider preferences for operating revenue. Seven out of ten groups selected the operating revenue option that supported one school, one group selected the option that supported two schools, and two groups did not make a recommendation.

**For a complete listing of all responses  
see the CES-5 Verbatim Response Documents at  
[www.golf67.net](http://www.golf67.net)**