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Collaboration – Community Task Force Engagement

"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."
- Isaac Newton

Several years ago over the course of multiple community listening sessions, the Howard-Suamico Board of Education recognized collaboration as a priority among the values of our community. The Howard-Suamico community believes so strongly in the power of collaboration that district performance is, in part, evaluated on how well our students are able to collaborate with others. One might say collaboration is inherently part of who we are, as the district itself was born from the collaborative efforts of our two villages - Howard and Suamico.

This summer, the School Board used collaborative skills to create a task force, a group of community leaders who would review the needs of the district and create a set of recommendations on how best to help move our District forward. Through their intensive work sessions, the Task Force studied school funding and the results of a community wide survey, conducted between September 12 and October 1, 2017, to collaboratively come forward with a recommendation for thoughtful, long term solutions as the District addresses its financial challenges.

The Board of Education thanks the 20 community members who dedicated many hours researching, preparing and diligently discussing options and opinions to represent all aspects of our community.

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