



# ROBBINSDALE

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## MEMO

Date: December 14, 2015  
To: School Board  
From: Carlton Jenkins, Superintendent  
Re: Facility Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the following facility modifications effective with the 2017-2018 school year:

- FAIR School (Grades K-1 in 2017-2018 expanding to K-3 by 2019-2020).
- Early Adventures Pre-K program.
- Some Community Education enrichment classrooms.
- Community Education and Adventure Club administration.
- Early Learning programs remain at New Hope Learning Center

The rationale for these program moves is that:

- Robbinsdale Area Schools is committed to fully utilizing our district-owned properties including Pilgrim Lane.
- I concur with the recommendations of the Early Learning Education Advisory Group which desires to keep most early learning programs together at New Hope Learning Center. This recommendation resulted from a desire by the Advisory Group to continue to provide Early Childhood services to our youngest scholars and their families in the Robbinsdale Area Schools communities. The highest numbers of families accessing these services reside in Crystal, New Hope, Robbinsdale, and Golden Valley, which makes the New Hope Learning Center an ideal location for these programs.
- The Pilgrim Lane neighborhood and facility is not conducive to an environment best suited for academic success of Highview students.
- The Pilgrim Lane K-3 program should be financially sustainable when enrollment capacity is reached in the 2019-2020 school year. **(See attached Financial Model)**
- The programs recommended to move to Pilgrim Lane meet the requirements for a conditional use permit from the city of Plymouth.

If the school board approves the above recommendation on December 14, the district plans to:

- Secure a Pilgrim Lane conditional use permit from the city of Plymouth.
- Issue a bid package for the renovation of the Pilgrim Lane facility.

### CURRENT TIMELINE

Nov 30	Board work session to discuss recommendation on the programs located at Pilgrim Lane
Dec 14	School board action to approve the programs located at Pilgrim Lane
May 2016	Facilities recommendation for Sandburg from Middle School Academic Program Task Force
Sept 2017	Pilgrim Lane opens
Sept 2017	Sandburg Middle School re-opens