

Community Unit School District 200
MEMORANDUM

October 24, 2007

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Richard W. Drury

RE: Sale of Current Hubble Property

On May 29, 2007, then Superintendent Gary T. Catalani submitted to this Board of Education his recommendation regarding the disposition of the current Hubble site. It was Dr. Catalani's recommendation (see attachment A) that upon the successful passage of a referendum to build a new middle school, that the district then sell the current Hubble Middle School property. Dr. Catalani cited seven poignant reasons for this recommendation. They included: 1) enrollment trends that indicated little to no growth through the year 2014, 2) reusing the current site for a preschool replacement would be cost prohibitive and not educationally feasible, 3) maintaining the current site would present an additional tax burden challenging program delivery, 4) redeveloping the current Hubble property would increase the district EAV, thereby aiding overall school finance, 5) selling the current property would help offset the construction costs of the new building, 6) redeveloping the Hubble property would assist the City of Wheaton with infrastructure problems along the Main Street corridor, 7) we can make plans for relocating Wheaton Park District programs to other district sites.

I have reviewed Dr. Catalani's recommendations and concur with his conclusions. Therefore, I too am recommending that this Board of Education, upon a successful passage of a middle school referendum, make plans for selling the current Hubble site.