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**March 11, 2026 School Board Statement on
Proposed Village and District Land Exchange**

If the April 7, 2026 referendum passes, the Whitefish Bay School District and the Village of Whitefish Bay will work toward a land exchange agreement involving less than 1.5 acres - specifically, the District and the Village would exchange a portion of the Armory Park land and a portion of the existing middle school land.

The District's collaboration with the Village on this proposed land exchange is a key component of our Focus Plan's Mission to work in partnership with families and the community. The land exchange would allow the District to optimize the footprint for a new middle school facility, ensuring the physical environment matches the high-level educational opportunities we provide. The land exchange would simultaneously provide the Village an amount of greenspace equivalent to the existing Armory Park, in addition to parking and tennis courts (see image on page 2).

Collaborative efforts extend beyond exchanging land. The District, the Village, and The Friends of the Armory Memorial are jointly committed to honoring our local history and traditions. The Armory Memorial and its plaques would be thoughtfully included in the overall project design, whether integrated into the new middle school building itself, relocated to the newly allocated greenspace, or some combination of the two that reflects the vision and mission of the Friends of the Armory Memorial. In short, we would ensure the memorial and our veterans are elevated and honored within our community for generations to come.

The District takes its commitment to the values of Stewardship and Integrity seriously. The project design would also include the preservation of existing trees wherever possible and the addition of new trees as needed to enhance our canopy.

The partnership with the Village and the broader community allows us to build for the future while remaining deeply rooted in the history, natural beauty, and amenities our community values.

Image of Proposed New Middle School and Land Exchange

(The land exchange does not include the lacrosse/soccer field as it would be retained as greenspace.)

