



## Blueprint for Improving Facilities, Security, and Student Achievement

Providing District 16 students and staff with the tools for success

### Tuesday, April 26: Superintendent's update on the district's Blueprint for Improving Facilities, Security, and Student Achievement

In March 2004, District 16 began a Facilities Utilization Study. In January 2005, a school-community Task Force began meeting to review the findings of the initial study, tour all facilities, and begin the process of prioritizing the needs of district facilities, now and for the future.

Prioritization involves a list of deferred maintenance, curriculum, and technology projects that amount to over \$50 million. Added to this list, as the Task Force continues its work, will be consideration of expanded or even new facilities.

A preliminary report to the School Board is expected in May or June of this year with a final report in December or January. A bond referendum in March 2006 or later is the likely result of the extensive study of district facilities.



*A dandelion grows in the crack in a Westwood complex tennis court.*

On Tuesday, April 26, Dr. Don Helmstetter, superintendent, will give a brief (perhaps half-hour) overview of the Facilities Utilization Study, Task Force, and progress-to-date on creating a Blueprint for Facilities, Security, and Student Achievement.

This presentation, which will precede a School Board work session, is open to all: staff, parents, community members. It will also be videotaped, replayed on cable TV, and posted on the web site.



*Task Force members view a 50-year-old boiler during a tour of the high school complex*

This will be the first of many such updates over the next year. The presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the District Offices located at 8000 Highway 65 NE, Spring Lake Park.

The presentation will be taped and rebroadcast on the district's Comcast Channel 19 cable TV channel beginning Friday, April 29. It will air daily for two weeks at 12:00 a.m., 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

It will also be placed on the district's web site ([springlakeparkschools.org](http://springlakeparkschools.org)) as a Powerpoint presentation.