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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MILTON PREPARED STATEMENT

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Board of Education Postpones Referendum Question

At their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016, the School District of Milton's Board of Education decided to postpone a referendum question designed to address District instructional and facility needs. The Board decided that waiting allowed for additional education, community engagement and advocacy, and time to build a shared vision for the district as a part of their rationale in postponing the referendum question.

Board President Jon Cruzan offered the following prepared statement on behalf of the entire Board:

“Throughout the last 16 months we have gathered a considerable amount of public input, and heard from many community members. Since our January 11, 2016 Board meeting, where a \$45 million dollar option was first proposed, we have heard from even more community stakeholders. Some people were in favor of the most recently proposed plan, while many others felt that it didn't completely address all our instructional and facility needs.

Given the volume and depth of input from our community to date, the Board and I felt that we needed more time to reflect and strive to build consensus among a majority of community stakeholders.

Through further education and community engagement, we believe that together we will be able to build a shared vision for our instructional and facility needs. Once that vision is firmly established with more valued and consistent input from our community, I would anticipate that the Board will be best prepared to revisit a referendum that addresses our instructional and facility needs.”

END OF PREPARED STATEMENT