We NEED Your Opinion!

A task force created by the Board of Education is evaluating options to address overcrowding in the West and Memorial attendance areas. The task force is expected to recommend three options to the Board in early January; the option chosen will be implemented in fall, 2006. Please help the Cherokee task force members accurately represent your views by answering the questions below.

Please complete this survey and place it in the blue box in the front hall OR return it to the main office by **Monday, December 12.** The task force will begin voting on options December 13. Feel free to use this sheet as a ballot for every adult in your household.

**QUESTION 1: Move Leopold Fifth Graders to Cherokee**

One option being considered by the task force would move 122 fifth grade students from Leopold to Cherokee. The fifth graders, who would require four to five classrooms, would likely attend Cherokee for four to five years while a more permanent solution to overcrowding at Leopold is sought. This option would have the following implications for current and future Cherokee students:

Safety
Staffing
Course availability
Class size in all grades

___ Yes, I support moving 122 Leopold fifth graders to Cherokee.
___ No, I do not support moving 122 Leopold fifth graders to Cherokee.

**QUESTION 2: Build a New School**

The majority of the task force believes that a new elementary school should be built on the far west side. However, in light of the recent failed referendum to build a new school at Leopold, there is no guarantee that a second referendum would pass. If a second referendum is defeated, the task force would be forced to consider multiple boundary changes, additions to existing schools, and additional outposting.

___ Yes, I would support a 2006 referendum to build a new elementary school.
___ No, I would not support a 2006 referendum to build a new elementary school.

Questions? Comments? Contact the Cherokee representatives on the task force:

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