

Stevens Elementary to Discuss New Building in Aberdeen

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Administrative staff at Steven's Elementary would like to talk about a new school, Principle Kathleen Werner said yesterday, each school in the district is hosting a school board meeting "this month they're visiting Steven's and they have a list of questions that they want to hear from community members about. I just kind of plugged in, wouldn't it be nice if we started talking about what's the future, as far as newness."The School Board meeting will start 5:30 at Steven's Elementary on South Farragut, Tuesday night. the idea has been on the horizon for some time, School Superintendent Tom Opstad told the board over a year ago "As we look ahead, knowing the bond for this facility will be paid out in 2023, we need to start planning now so that we can look at transitioning."Opstad said then that Steven's qualifies for some matching funds from the state because it hasn't been remodeled in over 30 years, on top of that the higher the free-and-reduced lunch kids, the higher the state will match fund.

It's also possible that the school could move from Farragut street, Opstad said "I guess the final thing on that is the discussion on where Stevens sits now, as an example. Would we want to look at replacing it there, or we do have that 23 acres, so we want to be able to have a community meeting to talk about that," referring to property owned by the district that sits above the flood plain, near Grays Harbor College, Opstad said he plans to research possible alternative funding sources such as FEMA, if the school doubled as an emergency shelter for instance.