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Public Input Sought on Future of Cooley and McKinley Schools

CADILLAC, MI – The Cadillac Area Public Schools and the City of Cadillac invite you to attend a community forum to answer this question: What is the future for both Cooley and McKinley Schools? The forum will take place on Tuesday, October 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Cooley School, 221 Granite Street.

The Cooley School, located south of downtown Cadillac, is comprised of Cooley Alternative High School, built in 1923, and Cooley Annex, built in 1967. These buildings served alternative education, adult education, and community programs. The 3-acre property is located within a residential neighborhood bordered by Granite Street on the north and Marble Street on the south.

The McKinley School, located northeast of downtown Cadillac, is a former elementary school constructed in 1958 with an addition made in 1988. The 6.8-acre site is located on East North Street and is bordered by the woods and green space of Diggins Park on three sides.

The Cadillac Area Public Schools (CAPS) is seeking to sell the properties to improve district operating efficiency, raise funds for building improvements, and when possible return properties to local tax rolls. CAPS and the City of Cadillac have teamed up with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Networks Northwest to conduct a public input process so reuse of the properties fit well within the community.

The community forum is free and open to the public. No registration is needed.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact John Sych, Community Planner at Networks Northwest, at 231-929-5083 or john.sych@networksnorthwest.org.

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