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Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission launches a survey determining the feasibility of turning Ernie Pyle Elementary School into a child care center

(Vermillion County) - The Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission is launching a survey to determine the feasibility of turning Ernie Pyle Elementary School into a child care center for residents and surrounding communities.

“The opportunity to revitalize the well-known Ernie Pyle Elementary School feels like the perfect fit for Vermillion County,” says the Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission President John Moore. “We encourage all residents to participate in this survey to help us best understand the need for access to high-quality child care within the community.”

When creating the survey, the Redevelopment Commission intends to identify the community’s child care needs, understand current child care offerings and determine which programs and services will benefit Vermillion County and its surrounding areas.

Currently, the Redevelopment Commission and their local stakeholders are aware that Vermillion County lacks high-quality child care and that child care capacities cannot meet the demand for care within Vermillion County.

While tactics are ever-changing moving forward, the initially outlined goals set a foundation for the Redevelopment Commission to actively listen to the community, revitalize a beloved landmark and ultimately drive access to child care for all residents.

The commission will collaborate with local stakeholders throughout the feasibility study process, especially when analyzing the survey results, to ensure community needs are kept at the forefront of every decision when best practices are being executed.

“On behalf of the entire Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission, we are confident in achieving these goals, and we are eager to receive community insight and prospective first and foremost to do so,” Moore continues.

Ernie Pyle Elementary School closed its doors indefinitely at the end of the 2023 school year, but the first step to the feasibility study – this survey – could potentially reopen the facility to parents in the community seeking child care.

The Vermillion County Redevelopment Commission encourages all residents, regardless of their personal need for child care, to participate in the survey. Residents can participate here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ErniePyleChildCareSurvey>.

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