

## Big Hollow schools to sell Fox Lake site

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Big Hollow school officials say they will sell the former 10-acre campus at the high-profile corner of routes 12 and 134 in Fox Lake.

Big Hollow Elementary District 38 board member Jan Carsella said the sale of the Route 12 campus has long been a board objective to help offset the rising cost of education in the district.

The site now contains two former school buildings that have been vacant for at least six months. They likely would be demolished to make way for commercial development.

According to Illinois law, District 38 has 60 days to publicize the sale and solicit bids through auction. It also has the option of accepting an offer or rejecting all offers and try to resell it.

Carsella said the minimum sale price of the property is \$5 million.

"All options will be considered," she said. "The board will be working closely with a financial adviser to figure out what will be best for the school district."

Carsella said a majority of the proceeds will go directly to offset education costs.

The original Big Hollow primary building on Route 12 has been empty for one year, while Taveirne Middle School has been empty for six months. Students moved from those two buildings when the new Fish Lake Road campus opened.

Carsella said the Route 12 property is no longer needed by the district.

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