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Dear Parents and Guardians:

To address district building capacity issues, the East Penn School District administration introduced an <u>EPSD</u> <u>Facilities Plan</u> to the School Board on October 23, 2023. After two years of planning, the first phase of this plan to realign grades K-8 was approved by our school board on November 13, 2023. Local architectural firm, Breslin and Associates supported our administration in presenting options to address facilities improvement projects across the district to better meet the educational goals and priorities of our district.

The approved K-8 realignment will redesign our two middle school buildings as a *5th and 6th grade* building and a *7th and 8th grade* building. Our elementary schools will transition into K-4 buildings. By realigning the current elementary and middle school model, we will solve future capacity concerns and create enhanced and equitable opportunities for all students.

East Penn has created a *Realignment Steering Committee* to lead the academic and capital improvement planning process as outlined in our facilities plan. The *Realignment Steering Committee* will be composed of several subcommittees of district stakeholders to address the specific aspects of the academic realignment planning including:

- K-4 Logistics, Schedule and Program
- 5-6 Logistics, Schedule and Program
- 7-8 Logistics, Schedule and Program
- K-8 MTSS: Academics and Special Education
- K-8 MTSS: SEL, Wellness and Behavior
- K-8 Athletics and Activities
- K-8 Specials and Related Arts
- Transportation
- Redistricting
- Communications

Throughout this process, four areas of focus will guide all decision making: academics, opportunities, equity, and finances. Subcommittees will refer to these areas of focus throughout their work to ensure that decisions made reflect the future vision of education, broaden accessibility for all students, support inclusivity and sense of belonging, and reflect a financially feasible and sustainable option for the district.

The projected completion date of the K-8 realignment is set for the beginning of the 2027/2028 school year. We look forward to the continued collaboration with district stakeholders, including staff, parents, and students, as we work together to reimagine a brighter future for our next generation of learners, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

For updates throughout this process, please visit our new EPSD Facilities Plan website.

Sincerely,

Kristen Campbell, Ed.D. Superintendent of School