



EAST PENN FACILITIES PLAN

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K-8 Realignment Update

Dear East Penn School Community,

On behalf of the East Penn staff, I am excited to welcome you back to a new school year. We had a great first week working with your children and are optimistic about the year ahead.

I want to update you on the status of our K-8 Realignment Plan. On August 11th, our School Board approved a recommendation to pause our work on that plan while we reevaluate several factors, including global economic changes that may impact the cost of construction.

East Penn remains committed to addressing the needs of our students and facilities/schools in a financially sustainable manner. We want to make sure that our student enrollment is balanced throughout our K-8 schools, that students across all grade levels have similar educational programs and experiences no matter which of our schools they attend, and that we are making wise financial decisions that balance all our needs.

The K-8 Realignment Plan was developed through a thorough and collaborative process. For over 18 months, our facilities committees and focus groups --- made up of staff, parents, and community members --- engaged in a thoughtful process that included opportunities for feedback and input, professional studies, and careful review of district needs and potential scenarios. Their work led to a recommendation that included renovations and additions at our middle schools and a new grade configuration:

- Students in grades K-4 would attend elementary schools throughout the school district
- All students in grades 5 & 6 would attend Eyer Middle School
- All students in grades 7 & 8 would attend Lower Macungie Middle School

While initial planning has been underway on this plan, the district has not yet moved forward on full architectural planning, construction, or financing. During this pause in the realignment process, we will present updated demographic projections, outline a comprehensive redistricting option, and detail costs tied to districtwide facility priorities. Our goal is to honor the thoughtful work that has already been done while ensuring responsible use of our resources. By pausing now, we can confirm that the decisions we make are sustainable, fiscally sound, and best for our students, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Kristen Campbell, Ed.D.
Superintendent