



Donegal School District

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Dear Donegal Residents,

Because we have been hearing that our residents agree with the need for a new high school, the School Board is moving forward in planning for a referendum on November 3, 2009. ***This plan will be limited to a new high school only.*** In an effort to reduce costs, the following changes have been made for the new referendum at recent School Board meetings:

- Removal of all outdoor athletic facilities
- Remove the entire stadium - artificial turf, track, bleachers, and locker rooms
- Reconfigure the four classroom wings in the original proposal to two wings and connect in a circular pattern in order to reduce square footage
- Remove the indoor track and the second floor bleachers over the gym
- Remove the balcony from the auditorium and reduce seating
- Reduce parking spaces
- Combine the wrestling room with the auxiliary gymnasium to reduce space while still providing the necessary physical education stations for students. Remove the wrestling room and bid this as an alternate (a decision would be made depending on cost when bids come in as to whether to include a separate wrestling room in the project).

The School Board and the administration are still working on cost-saving measures; the final price will be discussed and approved at the September 8, 2009 school board meeting in order to meet the deadline for the November 3, 2009 referendum.

A new high school will provide our high school students with the following:

- Permanent classroom facilities for the 350 high school students currently in modular classrooms
- Full-sized classrooms for all subjects
- Cafeteria capable of serving students in three shifts and providing adequate space for students to eat lunch
- Ability of students to remain inside during period changes to avoid exposure to rain and snow
- Increased safety and security
- Modern science labs to allow students to use current techniques
- Classrooms that will be equipped to handle new technology
- An energy-efficient facility

We invite you to attend a work session with School Board members and administrators in the Donegal Springs Elementary gym on Wednesday, August 26 at 7 PM to provide suggestions on how to increase effective communications with the community concerning the new high school project. Information sessions for all residents will be held in the high school auditorium on both September 29 and October 29 at 7 PM.

Our website will feature updated information. If you wish to be on an email group for updates as well as questions and answers, please register at our website. Our goal is to provide you with the most accurate information on this proposed project.

The School Board is seeking to provide the children of the Donegal School District with the most cost-effective education and facilities possible. A new high school will also provide needed relief from the overcrowding in our other schools. We hope you will consider endorsing this project to insure the future of our children and our school district.

Sincerely yours,

Steven M. Cafrelli

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