June 7, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may recall, this past fall the East Penn Board of School Directors voted to approve a K-8 realignment project that will redesign our two middle school buildings into a *5th and 6th grade* building and a *7th and 8th grade* building. In this plan, 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.

At this time, we are pleased to provide an update regarding the planning process for these new grade level configurations. Since January, our K-8 Realignment Steering Committee and nine focused subcommittees have been meeting to discuss priorities, assess needs, and recommend actions for decision making. These committees are comprised of district and building level administration, faculty and staff representing all schools within the district. At our most recent Steering Committee meeting held at the end of May, preliminary proposals for programming redesign were presented by a few of the subcommittees. While most proposals are still in the development stage, we are excited about the progress our committees are beginning to make. We recognize that this progress is a direct result of the time, expertise, and dedication that all committee members have invested throughout the spring semester.

The next phase of our work will involve the formation of stakeholder focus groups to keep our community informed and engaged with our progress. These groups will consist of parents/guardians, faculty, staff, and community members. If you are interested in being considered for one of these groups, please fill out the following form by June 30, 2024. You will be notified by August 1, 2024 if you have been identified as a participant.

As the planning process continues to unfold throughout the 2024/2025 school year, we encourage you to refer to our <u>East Penn Facilities Plan website</u> for updated information, FAQs, and inquiry forms for questions directly related to the realignment. We look forward to continued collaboration with district stakeholders to redefine, redesign, and reimagine the East Penn School District.

Sincerely,

Kristen Campbell, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools