

CENTERVILLE-ABINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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Dear Parents, Teachers, Staff and Community members,

In 2015, the Centerville-Abington Junior High School building loan will be paid off. It is hard to believe that the building was completed twenty years ago. This situation gives Centerville-Abington Community Schools an opportunity to do some major renovations and remodeling without increasing the indebtedness of the school corporation.

The board has been discussing potential projects since last year. LWC, Inc. of Richmond completed a Feasibility Study for possible projects in the corporation. You can find a copy of the Feasibility Study on the front page of the school website. After studying the different needs and taking into consideration the funds that are available, the school board has decided to concentrate on projects at Rose Hamilton Elementary. Rose Hamilton Elementary was built in 1967 and was expanded in 1970. However, it has not been updated since that time.

The school board took into consideration the following factors:

- (1) Safer routes and more parking are needed for parents and buses transporting students. The congestion has increased since the building was switched to a pre-Kindergarten through second grade school in fall 2008. In addition, the parking situation at Rose Hamilton is a concern with parents having to park in the grass and on the side streets.
- (2) The building's infrastructure needs updated. A new boiler is needed. Central air conditioning would replace window units. A central temperature control system and window replacements would increase energy efficiency.
- (3) Rose Hamilton Elementary needs more room. Rose Hamilton has two leased temporary classrooms which are not as secure as the main building. The art room and a second grade classroom are in the temporary building. The music teacher does not have a permanent room; she must move from room to room with her lessons and equipment. One classroom is used for three purposes: special education, the learning lab, and the staff's professional library. The school does



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not have a conference room. One staff member works in a store room. After looking at the situations, the board has decided to add five classrooms.

- (4) Multiple staff members report that the restroom facilities are inadequate for the number of students. Currently, 450 students use the restroom facilities in the same small area every day; students have to wait to take turns which results in a loss of instructional time. A new section of restrooms is needed to relieve the congestion and to allow better supervision of the area.

To learn more about the project, the following meetings will be held at Rose Hamilton Elementary:

- Teachers and staff on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.
- Parents and community on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Hearing on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Centerville-Abington School Board of Trustees