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**School Building
Improvement Project**



Dear Canfield School Community,

As you know, our Facility Committee has been working to create an updated plan for the future of Canfield schools. I am excited to present our updated, community-driven School Building Improvement Project information to you. We believe that the revised building plan addresses your concerns and will benefit our students and community.

Our community has expressed concerns about the proposed location of the buildings on a single campus and the project cost. In January 2023, our community-driven Facility Committee began meeting to publicly discuss the building project. Approximately 60 individuals from across our district attended a series of 11 meetings to create an updated plan that addresses our school community's present and future needs.

The key components of our revised building improvement plan are as follows:

Construct a New Middle School: The new middle school will be built at the current Canfield Village Middle School site, ensuring continuity and accessibility for our students.

Construct a Consolidated Elementary School: C.H. Campbell Elementary and Hilltop Elementary will consolidate into one new K-4 elementary building at the Hilltop Elementary School site, providing a modern learning environment for our youngest learners.

Renovation of Canfield High School: Our flagship high school will receive needed renovations to continue providing a safe and comfortable learning environment for our older students.

This revised plan addresses the concerns that were raised about the original plan. This plan will provide our students with a modern, safe and comfortable learning environment that will support their educational journey.

The updated building improvement plan calls for three separate buildings located throughout the City of Canfield on school-owned properties. This approach ensures that our schools remain accessible and integrated within our community. The updated building improvement plan also takes into consideration that construction costs are on the rise.

In order to fund the project, the Board placed a bond issue on the November 7, 2023, ballot for 7.5 mills.

Based on the recent property reappraisal in Mahoning County, there is a common misconception that property taxes will increase at the same percentage as the increase in the property's assessed value. This is not the case. Due to House Bill 920, property owners are protected from inflationary increases brought by property appraisals. As such, voted millage on existing property WILL NOT bring additional funds to the district.

These, and other topics including the School Building Improvement Project, will be discussed at a community meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th. It will be conducted from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 330-533-3303.

Sincerely,
Joe Knoll, Superintendent