



## State College Area School District

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The design team, which includes district administration and staff as well as representatives from Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates (CRA), would like to provide an update on the work completed on the Mount Nittany Elementary (MNE) and Districtwide Facilities Master Plan (DWFMP) projects.

### **Mount Nittany Elementary Project**

A proposed design for the MNE addition is presented for Board review and comment. This design is a culmination of a:

- Review of existing conditions
  - Confirmation of the educational program
  - Review of current conditions of the school building
  - Site survey
  - Geotechnical study
- Collection of Educational specifications for proposed addition
- Creation of the proposed floor plan

The proposed floor plan has included input from building faculty and staff as well as the MNE PTO and CAC for Facilities.

A summary of feedback includes:

- Instructional space for special education services, counseling, and small groups
- Staff bathrooms
- Storage
- Amenities such as electrical outlets in the STEM classroom and soundproofing for the music and instrumental classrooms
- Location of custodial staff
- Size of staff lounge
- Access to proposed faculty room without entering gymnasium
- Water foundations and bottle filling stations
- Second lobby operations

- Sound panels for cafeteria
- Room size for students and staff, especially for certain special education classrooms
- Sensory space
- Technology infrastructure
- Site development, drop-off loop and use of secondary entrance

A portion of these comments have been incorporated into the design already. Many of the comments will be considered during the 30-60-90 design process. Other comments may relate to operational decisions which the administration will address at an appropriate time.

It should be noted that the site development plan creating a secondary entrance and drop-off loop in addition to field reorganization will require additional study as well as a possible traffic study. Impacts on off campus traffic and field use will be evaluated with appropriate stakeholders. Decisions related to site development will occur at a later time.

Further input will be collected at the next community Board Coffee to be held on Monday, December 18 at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Panorama Village Administrative Center. This event will be advertised throughout the district community including the MNE community and the district disability workgroup since this building has a large special education community.

This feedback will be included with the January report to the Board prior to the January 22 meeting when approval of the proposed design is requested.

As mentioned, we intend to align stakeholder and community feedback opportunities with the 30-60-90 design process. Once the proposed design is approved, a schedule for corresponding review will be created and advertised.

Budget development, evaluations of building systems, and sustainability considerations for the addition are included in the next steps of the process.

Crabtree Rohrbaugh has prepared a presentation highlighting the project work leading to the proposed design.