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The design team would like to provide an update on the Mount Nittany Elementary addition project (MNE) and Districtwide Facilities Master Plan (DWFMP).

### *MNE*

The focus of the work on the MNE project has been advancing the site design until the floor plan is approved by the Board at this meeting. The focus of the site design relates to the fields adjacent to the building. Currently there are two rectangular and one diamond fields closest to the MNE building. At least one of the rectangular fields will serve as the lay down area for the contractors during the project. Upon completion of the project, the laydown area will need to be returned to playing condition.

In addition to the fields, the team has been discussing the traffic loop. A previous design showed the traffic loop exiting the site around the exterior of the field. Further analysis has resulted in the current design which provides parking spaces between the building and the fields. The design team believes this will eliminate concerns related to congestion and safety around the fields as well as provides parking closer to the building for school hours, while keeping traffic away from the fields after school hours.

In addition to the revised site design, the employee stakeholders will be asked for input regarding interior design of the addition.

Three dimensional images of the MNE building are being prepared for the next Board presentation.

### *DWFMP*

The DWFMP work continues to focus thus far on the Park Forest Middle School. The design team will begin work with administrators, teachers and staff on the instructional specifications for the middle level in order to begin concept designs the school. Therefore, concept designs on the land currently owned by the district on the Park Forest property have been prepared for discussion.

Three options are being evaluated:

1. Additions and renovations to the existing middle school facility
2. New construction on the property across Valley Vista Drive referred to as the Haugh Track

3. New construction on the wooded property adjacent to PFMS and PFE along School Drive. Most individuals in the community should be familiar with the existing Park Forest Middle School facility as well as the wooded property adjacent to PFMS and PFE along School Drive. Study is still being completed on the wooded property to understand capacity for the school and components given its size and geographical makeup.

The property across Valley Vista Drive referred to as the Haugh Track, which is located next to Circleville Park, may not be recognized as district property. The district owned parcel is approximately 18 acres in size. The property currently holds tennis courts and rectangular grass fields.

Circleville Park and the community gardens, also originally owned by the Haugh family, have become community park spaces. Circleville Park is maintained by Centre Region Parks and Recreation while the community gardens are maintained by Patton Township.

Evaluation of advantages and challenges of the sites will continue along with the instructional specifications.

Aside from PFMS, the facilities analysis will be presented in the near future.

The administration is preparing a schedule for stakeholder meetings including a steering committee and community meetings for parents and all residents for the next Board discussion.