B.M.P. Ridge Street School Update

Blind Brook-Rye UFSD
Agenda

- Opening statements
- Approval of Board Resolutions
- Updates 9/22-9/23
  - Construction
  - Contingency Planning
  - Special Education
- Next Steps
- Review of public questions
Construction Updates

• NYS-approved inspector performs a “pre-review” on Wednesday morning to advise on updated egress plan and clarify expectations for official inspection. Pre-inspection includes a test of new fire alarm systems.

• District Business office is tentatively approved to be reopened, pending completion of all necessary filings by District.

• Construction professionals accelerate egress update timeline to one week (target completion date: **Wednesday, 9/29**).

• Board and Administration negotiate consulting arrangement with BBS Architects as new architectural consultants for enhanced NYSED code compliance site review.
  
  – BBS Architects to perform an onsite inspection of both campuses to re-evaluate potential modifications to the phase-in plan as well as the MSHS campus to determine whether additional space may be approved sooner.

• Contractors and District personnel continue work on clearing violations noted in prior inspections (as shared on the District website on 9/22).

• Architects and Contractors continue to update phase-in plan and construction timelines in order SED approval guidelines.

• If all work can be completed in a manner that is fully compliant with SED guidelines and regulations, our targeted inspection date is **Thursday, 9/30**.
• The District continues to review alternative sites to accommodate students

• SED prepared to expeditiously review any requests for alternative locations

• Board members and administrators have reached out to numerous leads and visited several sites in the past two days
  – More site visits are planned
  – Further sites being investigated

• Board has met with a secondary, local architectural firm to perform stand-by inspection services if we need a site review quickly
• SED reiterates that providing acceptable services to our highest needs students is an absolute priority

• The District is focused on moving our special needs classes, which include our K/1 special class, four ICT (Integrated Co-Teaching) classes and our 5th grade consult class into BBHS/BBMS. Locations have been identified and the final paperwork is being collected to present formally to NYSED tomorrow.

• District Administration, Pupil Services and BOE representatives had extended calls with SED today to receive clear guidance as to next steps.

• We are working with SED for expedited approval to utilize 7 classroom spaces locating at the MS/HS for in person learning. An 8th space is being reviewed at the BOCES campus on the Rye Lake Campus.

• Pupil Services will reach out to impacted families tomorrow with additional information.
• Immediate reconstitution of the Facilities Committee. All applicants will be reviewed tomorrow with the goal of getting the committee up, running and meeting ASAP. The Board will formally approve a resolution at its next public meeting.

• BOCES will be assisting us with communications going forward. We will be more proactive with updates through email and social media:
  – Facebook.com/blindbrookufsd
  – Twitter.com/blindbrookufsd
  – Instagram.com/blindbrookufsd
Q&A