



Dear Canal Winchester Residents,

Recently, we've heard from a few of the residents in the Dye Addition who have questions and concerns about our upcoming facilities project and its impact on the neighborhood. As we prepare for work to begin the week of April 13, we wanted to share some information with you about the work being done and the steps we're taking to minimize the impact on our neighbors.

### **About the Project**

The district is building a Performing Arts Center connected to Canal Winchester High School and constructing a new Field House at Mike Locke Stadium. To support these improvements, several updates to the high school and Education Center site are also needed:

- The private fuel station currently located on the north side of Canal Winchester High School will be relocated to the parking lot behind the Education Center. The fuel station was previously located at this site.
- Expanded parking will be added on the east side of CWHS to support events at the new Performing Arts Center.
- The existing access road on district property will be straightened and extended to connect Dietz Drive to Franklin Street. Speed bumps will be added throughout the access road to ensure drivers travel it responsibly.
- Baseball and softball fields will be moved to a new complex in the southwest corner of the CWHS campus.

We've included a site plan to help illustrate these changes.

## **Refueling Station**

An average of 75 vehicles per week use the fuel station, primarily during weekday business hours. The station supports Canal Winchester Schools buses and maintenance vehicles, as well as specific community partners: the City of Canal Winchester, Madison Township Fire and EMS, Canal Winchester Human Services, and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Several locations have been considered for relocating the fuel station. The site at the Education Center is the most cost-effective, long-term solution. Moving to another site would significantly increase the cost of relocating the fuel station.

The grassy area along Franklin Street will remain where it is, with the fuel station located parallel to it. The plans also include trees and privacy fencing to help buffer the view from the neighborhood. The relocation plan was reviewed and approved through the City of Canal Winchester's planning and zoning process.

## **Access Road**

An existing access road connecting the Education Center and Canal Winchester High School properties has been closed for the past two years. As part of this project, the road will be straightened and extended to connect Franklin Street to Dietz Drive through the new PAC parking lot.

To support safety, there will be 15 speed bumps along the road to encourage slower traffic and help discourage its use as a shortcut.

We understand that sharing your neighborhood with a school can sometimes create inconveniences. We are committed to being good neighbors and maintaining open lines of communication. While some aspects of this project are fixed at this stage, we want you to know that we value your feedback and will continue working to address concerns where we can.

If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please reach out to our Director of Facilities, Mr. Mike Britch, at [mbritch@cwls.us](mailto:mbritch@cwls.us) or (614) 837-4533.

Thank you,

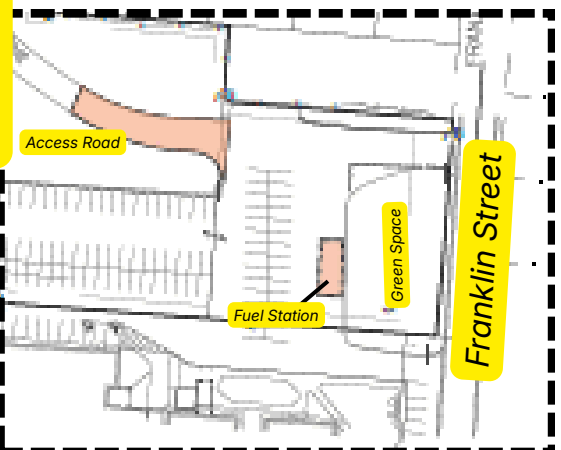
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# SITE PLAN

Canal Winchester High School and Education Center

Close  
View of  
Changes  
Near  
Franklin  
Street



New Fuel Station Location

