

**State College Area School District
Office of Physical Plant
Ed Poprik, Director**

To: Board of School Directors
From: Ed Poprik
RE: **CAC for Facilities, Project Recommendation**
Date: April 27, 2009

As a result of the recommendations forwarded by the Steering Committee regarding a District Wide Facilities Master Plan (DWFMP), and additional interest from the Board of School Directors in commencing a building project during the summer of 2010, the CAC for Facilities recommends that the Board of School Directors select the following 3 projects for Phase 1 implementation:

- Addition to Gray's Woods Elementary School
- Consolidate the Boalsburg and Panorama Village Elementary schools in a New Elementary School at the Panorama Village site
- Replace the current Ferguson Township Elementary School through a combination Renovation/New Construction project

The committee further recommends that planning begin on all projects simultaneously, with ground breaking targeted for the summer of 2010, and design to include the following objectives:

- Maintain the existing Panorama Village Elementary School
- Phase the Ferguson Project to maintain the students on site

If, through schematic design, it is determined that the Ferguson project cannot be phased in such a manner to allow for student occupancy during construction, it should be delayed 1 year. At this point, the new school

at Panorama would be completed and the Ferguson students could then attend either the new school or a combination of the existing Boalsburg Elementary and Panorama Village Elementary buildings during construction at the Ferguson site.

Background on Recommendation:

This recommendation follows principles outlined in Steering Committee recommendations; #1, #3, #10, #12, and #15. Additionally, the implementation of this plan would address both immediate needs and also future concerns. The addition of classrooms at Gray's Woods will ease enrollment pressure on that school and potentially help address issues at Park Forest Elementary. Similar benefits would be derived at Ferguson Township Elementary School as a result of that project. The combined impact of these 2 projects could provide relief from immediate enrollment pressure at Radio Park if minor redistricting, as suggested by Steering Committee recommendation #14, is engaged.

By building a new school at the Panorama Village site, while maintaining both the existing Panorama Village Elementary and Boalsburg Elementary Schools, immediate excess capacity is developed. As suggested previously, this excess capacity could be used for swing space during the Ferguson Township project, if necessary, as well as for other potential Elementary school projects. Additionally, these properties could be studied for use as support facilities on a temporary or permanent basis. The recommended relocation of services at Central Office, College Heights and Fairmount Avenue would be candidate for this type of relocation. In summary, these projects would allow the Board multiple options when considering the phasing of future projects.

This recommendation is based on previous discussions with the Board regarding the possibility of beginning a project during the summer of 2010. In order to place the district in a position to potentially achieve this timeline, development must begin as soon as possible. By choosing the first projects, the district is not committed to all of the specific DWFMP recommendations; however, a specific complete plan must be adopted within the next several months in order to submit Plancon Part A for any recommended projects to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.