



# ELEMENTARY UPDATE

## 2016 District-wide Facilities Master Plan

### What's going on?

We are pursuing an accelerated facilities master plan focused on updating our older elementary schools.

Our goals:

1. To attain comparable facilities and programs.
2. Energy efficiency and sustainability.
3. Program flexibility for all our elementary schools.

### What's happened so far?

On July 1, the Commonwealth Finance Authority awarded \$3.8 million in grants for potential Houserville and Radio Park projects. The funds do not obligate the district to proceed with projects, and will be returned to the state if unused. The district applied for the state capital reimbursement funds through the PlanCon program. By applying to the Commonwealth's PlanCon program before a moratorium took effect, the district also is eligible for partial project reimbursement funds estimated to provide between \$3 million and \$4 million. Four community forums were held in May and June to provide opportunities for public discussion.

Read more: [www.scasd.org/elementaryplan](http://www.scasd.org/elementaryplan).

### What's being considered?

- Renovation and/or new construction projects for Corl Street, Houserville, and Radio Park elementary schools, all of which were built in the 1950s.
- The Board is evaluating the following options for each school:
  - \* Houserville Elementary: renovation and additions OR new construction at the Houserville site. Lemont Elementary (K-2) would be merged with Houserville Elementary (3-5). These sister schools share an attendance area. Combining these schools has been recommended by master planning processes since 1999.
  - \* Radio Park Elementary: renovation and additions OR new construction at the Radio Park site.
  - \* Corl Street Elementary: renovation and additions at the Corl Street site OR possible closure and repurposing.
- the District has hired a demography firm to analyze school age population over the next decade and school attendance areas.

### What will happen next?

**The next forum at 7 p.m. July 18 at Ferguson Township Elementary School will focus on prior master planning conclusions, district and cohort district school size and enrollment, project cost analysis, research on school size and student learning, and updated proposed building design plans.**

Other forums will take place at 7 p.m. on Aug.15 at Mount Nittany Elementary School and Sept. 19 at Mount Nittany Middle School. All forums will provide childcare.

Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates architects continue to refine potential designs based on research and community feedback, and the Board expects to receive the demographic analysis results later this summer.