

Dear Radio Park Community Member,

I am writing to clarify some information surrounding the upcoming additions and renovations project at the Radio Park Elementary School. This stems from a discussion at the August 7th Board of Directors special meeting which you can view [here](#).

At this point, we are at the 90% review stage with our three elementary school construction projects. The Radio Park project is unique compared to the other elementary projects as the Board is still considering an option to build an addition of six classrooms, allowing for four classrooms per grade level. The base project does not include these additional six classrooms. The additional classrooms are being considered based upon projections for increased enrollment, therefore the Board needs to take this information (along with cost) into account when making its decision. That decision will be made after the bids are received, which we expect this November.

Please know that when considering all of the factors involved (projected district enrollments, costs related to relocatable classrooms, and the disruption of student experiences), our administrative team is recommending that our Board gives strong consideration to the additional classrooms as part of our long-term planning. To date, our Board has done so.

If the Board is unable to approve the additional classrooms, we might have to consider temporarily relocating six classrooms of students to other elementary school campuses for the 2018-2019 school year. This is because the Radio Park site will not accommodate the needed modular classrooms. Because Houserville and Corl Street elementary schools will also be under construction, those campuses will not be an option for additional modular classrooms.

At this time, no decisions have been made. Our District staff are working with the design team (architects and construction management) to develop a cost analysis that will enable the Board to make an informed decision regarding the additional six classrooms as part of the Radio Park project.

I hope this communication sheds some light on what we know is a very sensitive issue. If you have questions or concerns, please consider attending our community forum at the Panorama Village Administrative Center on August 17th at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the forum, please feel free to contact your child's building principal.

You can also learn more on our website [here](#).

Thank you,

Bob O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools