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To: Board of Directors
From: Robert O'Donnell, Ed Poprik, and Randy Brown
RE: District-Wide Facility Master Planning - Elementary Update
Date: June 23, 2016

The administration would like to inform the Board of progress of the district-wide facility master planning process focusing on elementary schools. The last of the initial forums was held on June 16. Feedback and input from the initial forums will be reviewed for your consideration. In addition, proposed agenda items for the July forum are provided.

The purpose of the forums continue to focus on providing information about the process for the community as well as deliver community feedback to the Board for consideration in the decision making process. The main considerations arising at the forums relate to design and neighborhood school/location concerns. Charts A and B show the frequency of comments from the forums.

During the coming weeks, the design team will be taking feedback from the forums and discussions with municipal officials to refine the proposed building designs, leading to update cost estimates. These updated designs and costs are expected to be available at the next forum.

In addition, the design team and administration are preparing the following items for discussion at upcoming forums:

- Calendar for process including action by administration and Board
- Review of prior master planning recommendations and conclusions
- Review of enrollment information with a lens on capacity
- Report on school size: SCASD and cohort elementary school enrollments, as well as investigating elementary school size as it relates to student learning
- Evaluation of elementary school educational model, including flexible learning opportunities and space considerations

In collaboration with Board leadership, we are scheduling opportunities to support the Board's preparation of criteria, which will aid in the project selection process. Such criteria was provided at the last Board meeting and collected at the recent combined CAC's for Facilities and Finance. These criteria will be collated for the combined Facilities and Grounds and Communications Committee meeting next week prior to full Board discussions and refinement.

We plan to share all updates with the community during our next public forum. Because the final decision could impact many families in several elementary attendance areas, our communications committee is going to discuss strategies to help effectively communicate with all our broader community, including all elementary families.

Advertising via conventional methods for the next forum, on Monday, July 18, including childcare will be secured.

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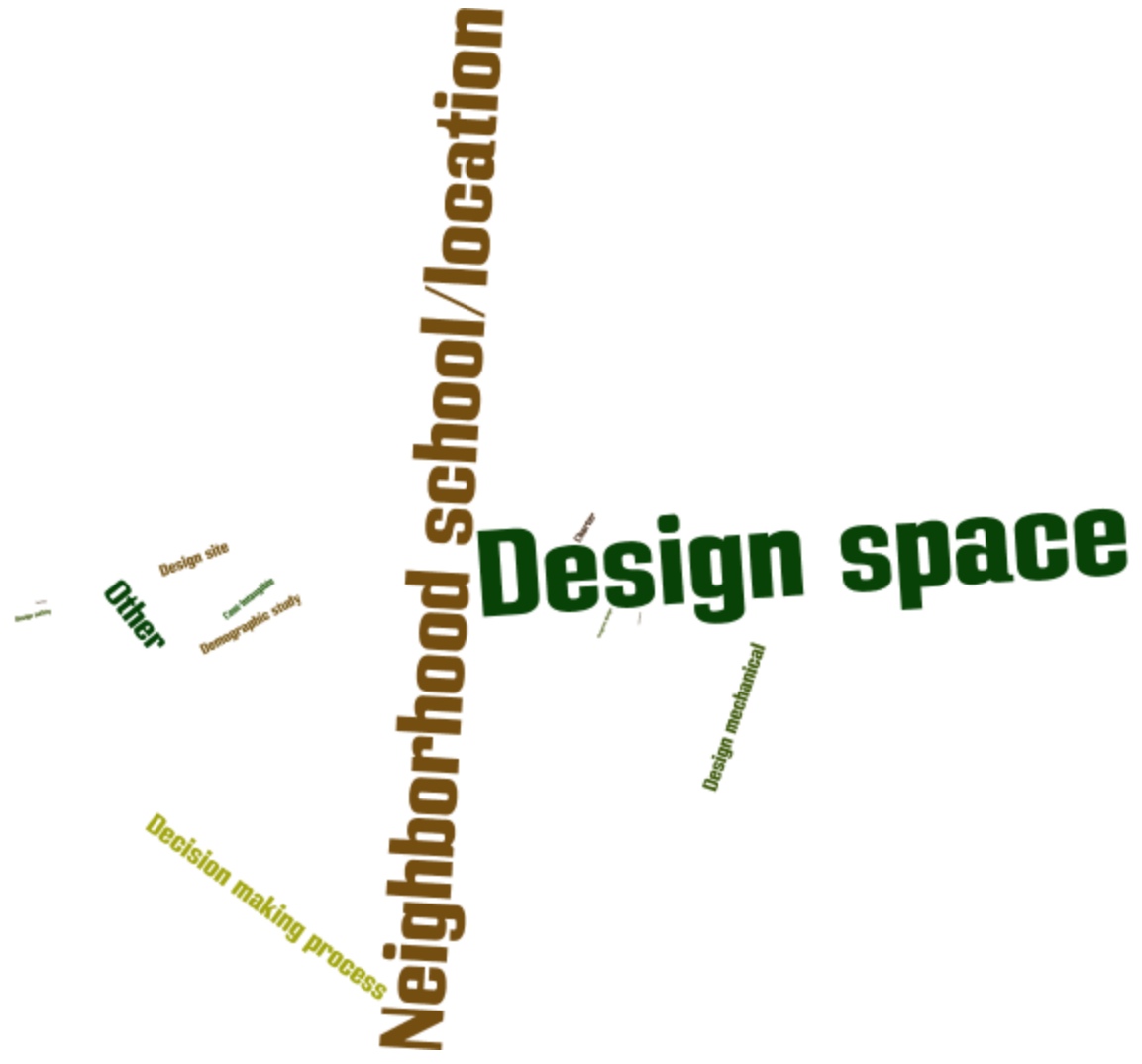
**STATE COLLEGE AREA
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DISTRICT WIDE FACILITY MASTER PLAN
UPDATE:
ELEMENTARY FOCUS**

June 27, 2016



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Recap of May 25 & 31 and June 1 and 16 meetings
- July 18 – Ferguson Township 7:00 p.m.
- August 15 – Mount Nittany Elementary 7:00 p.m.
- September 19 – Mount Nittany Middle 7:00 p.m.



Design space
Neighborhood school/location
Other
Decision making process
Design mechanical
Design site
Demographic study
Charter
Cost/Intangible
Design safety
Program design
Penn State
Student learning

Comments from Forums



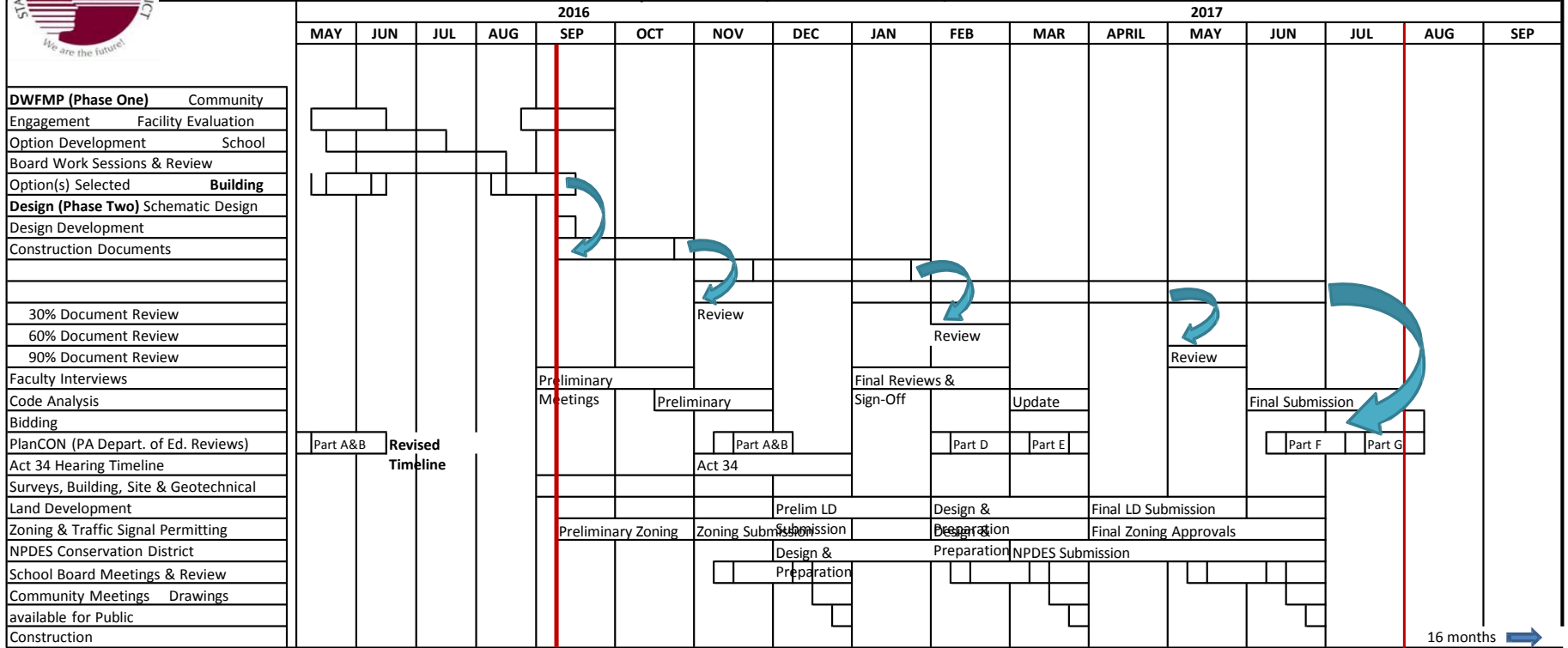
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PROPOSED DESIGN SCHEDULE- District Wide Facility Master Plan (Phase One and Two)

Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects

9-May-16



* Preliminary DWFMP Schedule to identify general approach, it is anticipated this schedule will evolve with the integration of School Board, Administration and Design Team.

- Lessons Learned from Staff
 - Initial Forums Completed – Community Feedback
 - Demographic Study Underway
 - Revised Floor Plans
 - Refined Project Cost Analysis
 - Study Operational Costs
 - Attendance Area Analysis
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In Process Action Steps

Understand overall goals

See summary of community inputs

Demographic study information and/or recommendations

Lessons learned from former projects

General condition of schools in relation to renovations

Site circulation and how renovation vs. new would impact

How do these decisions impact the overall district-capacity-
other issues

What has guided previous projects and do they still relate
and/or have impact going forward

CAC – Finance and Facilities Input

Flow into middle schools (demographics/attendance areas)
COST – First cost – Lifetime cost – Staffing cost
Phasing concerns and opportunities AND how they relate to specific school options (make sure each plan is do-able)
Ability to service debt
Is there impact on district finances associated with closing a school
Number of students impacted by construction and by potential movement
Charter school impact (present and future)

CAC – Finance and Facilities Input (2)

Staffing numbers

What would happen to repurposed schools

Project Schedule

Ratio of cost of renovation vs. new construction; and impact on project

Decision making process

Estimates for renovations have appropriate contingency

Size of schools and impact on class size

School performance

PSU growth impact on district enrollment

CAC – Finance and Facilities Input (3)

- Evaluate
 - Demographic Analysis
 - Project Cost Estimates
 - Operational Costs

Next Steps

July 18

Ferguson Twp Elementary

August 15

Mt. Nittany Elementary

September 19

Mt. Nittany Middle

Future Forums

Calendar – action steps

Prior master planning conclusions

Review enrollment – lens on capacity

Report on school size:

- SCASD and cohort enrollments

- Relationship to student learning

- Elementary school educational model

July 18 Forum Agenda

Facilities/Grounds and Communication

- **Prioritize Questions for decision making from:**
 - Community Feedback
 - CAC Finance and Facilities
 - Board Members

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