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**Clinton Township Board of Education**  
**Ad Hoc Committee – Feasibility of Closing a School**  
**Committee Report – April 30, 2018**

The ad hoc committee charged with reviewing the feasibility of closing a school previously announced that it would, along with Dr. Pamela Fiander, Superintendent of Schools, make a final presentation and recommendation to the full Board of Education and to the public by the end of May 2018 or in the beginning of June of 2018, on what action will be taken, or not taken, regarding the closing one of the District's schools.

The committee and Dr. Fiander have been working very diligently to finalize all aspects of their research, and to gather and organize all possible data to make a final recommendation and presentation to the full Board and public.

Since the March 2018 Board meeting, the committee has met twice. During those meetings the committee and District administration reviewed enrollment data, information from a new preliminary demographic study, along with information from discussions with the Clinton Township Sewerage Authority, and an update on discussions with surrounding districts about potentials send-receive relationships and/or consolidations.

The committee also reviewed what triggers were identified by the Feasibility Committee throughout its deliberations – what has changed, and what remains the same.

The committee and Superintendent defined the following tasks for the Superintendent to oversee completion of in determining a proposed definitive direction for the fall of 2018. Those items include:

1. Finalizing a New Demographic Study
2. Conducting a Scheduling Analysis
3. Completing a Transportation Analysis
4. Finishing the Seniority Study
5. Crafting Personnel Deployment Options
6. Identifying potential one-time costs of any relocation plan
7. Conducting an overall cost analysis of a proposed final plan
8. Designing a communication plan

Deadlines for each of these tasks were also established.

Dr. Fiander has begun to work with David Hespe, former New Jersey Commissioner of Education, to help share his expertise, knowledge, and experience in education to help facilitate and complete the tasks mentioned a moment ago.

During each meeting, the committee and Dr. Fiander reiterate to one another that the Board will not make any changes that would negatively impact how the District delivers educational programs to the students and how they are supported socially, emotionally, and intellectually. Further, the Board and Superintendent are fully committed to not exceeding state or District policy class size guidelines.

The committee will meet weekly until all of their tasks and the presentation are complete.

On Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 pm – in the Clinton Township Middle School Auditorium, the Clinton Township Board of Education will hold a special Board of Education meeting. During this meeting, the ad hoc committee researching the feasibility of closing a school and Dr. Fiander will release and discuss the findings of their research, and they will make an informed recommendation to the Board on how to manage challenges associated with a declining enrollment and increasing expenses.

The Board of Education will ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation. Then, members of the public will be invited to make comments and ask questions, as well. On that same evening, the Board will vote on whether or not to accept or reject the committee and Dr. Fiander's recommendation.