

## Summary of the Ad Hoc Committee Report – Feasibility of Closing a School

### Monthly Board of Education Meeting – February 26, 2018

- The committee met on February 8, 2018 and welcomed two new members to the committee – Mrs. Mary Beth Brooks and Dr. Jeffrey Foy.
- Past work and research performed by this committee was reviewed. The review included;
  - Demographic study
  - The drivers of enrollment
  - Capacity study of each building
  - Options for utilizing existing building space as is
  - In addition to the pro's and con's
  - We reviewed options for utilization under a district building consolidation structure
  - Pro's and con's
  - Past recommendations and next steps
  - Triggers for consolidation
- The committee then identified what has recently changed in our community that could affect any decision made by the committee. For example:
  - The low income housing project and the projected numbers for units to be built in the Township
  - The recent sale of the Merck complex to a large technology company, called Unicom Global
  - Lower enrollment than what was projected by our demographic study completed a couple of years ago.
- It is unclear how the three new pieces of information, listed above will impact the decision to either consolidate the District or not to do so. Therefore, the committee has decided to take the following actions and will report out to the community at the end of June 2018. We will make a formal recommendation to the full board at that time.
  - Complete a new demographic study
  - Work with an expert to analyze the low income housing situation that the Township is entering into
  - Continue with the cost study with Dave Hesse
  - Finalize the seniority study of our staff that the district embarked on this past summer
  - Begin discussions with other districts in regards to district consolidation
  - Hire an engineer to evaluate the cost of connecting PMG to a sewer and the capacity of that sewer line
  - Evaluate the capacity and capability of the PMG Waste Water Treatment Plant and sewer to handle student/staff increased capacity and the potential connection of sewer capacity