

# Dansville Schools~ Facilities Update

## Why are we talking about facilities when the economy is still struggling?

- Because of the age and condition of our facilities, it would not be responsible to avoid this discussion.
- In order to make the most fiscally responsible decisions related to the facility improvements, it would be best if we knew the long-term vision the community has for each building.
- There are many parents, community members and staff members who are anxious to have input on a plan and have expressed interest in this process.

## Important Notes:

- There is no predetermined outcome related to the final plan or the timeline.
- We are TOTALLY OPEN to your feedback and input regarding how to proceed.
- We want to sustain Dansville Schools for years to come, and the goal is to have the facilities THE COMMUNITY desires.

## Have there been any improvements to the facilities in the past few years?

- The sinking fund, which the community has continued to support, is used to make repairs and improvements to the facilities year-round. Projects include: updating sinks and countertops in the elementary classrooms, renovating areas to meet the needs of staff and students (Example: renovating storage areas to be a centralized office space for the school psychologist and social worker); replacing the primary switch; adding bookshelves to classrooms to help with storage issues; replacing carpeting and much more.
- The Board of Education has set aside funds each of the past two years for the facilities. This money was used to replace the elementary roof last summer.

## Timeline of Recent Events Related to Facilities:

- In the Spring of 2010, the Board gave a charge to a Facilities Committee consisting of **community members** to explore a facilities plan with the help of KingScott, a full-service architectural, engineering, interior design, and planning firm (at no cost to the district). As a result of the work of this committee, a proposed facilities plan and timeline was prepared.
- In November and December of 2010, these plans were presented to EVERY school employee group. Their input and feedback was recorded and sent to KingScott.(made sure we had the correct # of classrooms, shared ideas, etc.)
- In the April of 2011, the district received revised facilities plans that reflected the feedback from the employees.
- These plans were presented to the elementary, middle school and high school teachers and then left in all three buildings to get additional feedback from all staff. This feedback was shared with KingScott.
- Community meetings were held in the Spring of 2011 to get input and feedback from more community members. At that time, community members had the chance to sign up to be part of a Community Facilities Committee. All who signed up were added to the committee and other community members were sought to create a committee that represented a cross-section of the community.
- The Board of Education gave a charge to the Community Facilities Committee to figure out how to get the community's input regarding the future of our facilities, to carry out the plan and to eventually bring their findings back to the full Board.
- The Community Facilities Committee has met monthly since August to establish a plan for soliciting community feedback and is in the process of developing a survey for the community.

**THE HOPE FOR TONIGHT IS TO GET FEEDBACK TO TAKE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE ABOUT HOW WE CAN GET THE COMMUNITY'S INPUT REGARDING THEIR VISION FOR OUR FACILITIES. PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!**

