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Dear Franklin Township School Community:

Now that the first few days of the 2018-2019 school year are behind us, I am sure many of you are settling into your new routine. You likely noticed physical changes to many of our campuses as you traveled about during this first week of school. Many of these changes were directly related to the *One Less Move Referendum* that was passed by our supportive community in December of 2014. The work related to the referendum was phased to take place during the last three years and finishes up this school year. I take this opportunity to provide a brief update on happenings related to the many capital improvement projects the Board of Education has taken on during the last few years. Before I do so, on behalf of the Board of Education, I want to THANK you all for your patience and cooperation throughout the phases of this multi-year endeavor. We are nearing the finish line and your support has been, and continues to be, paramount in helping us to create a top notch learning environment for our children.

With regard to referendum projects, to date the following has been accomplished:

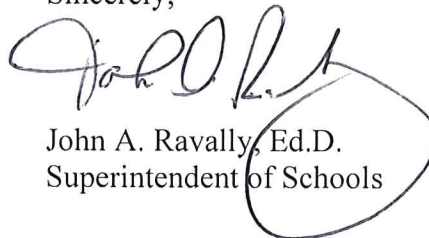
- The *Hillcrest Elementary School Classroom Addition and Bathroom Renovations* are complete. Also an additional parking lot was constructed, as well as exterior door replacements where needed.
- The *Pine Grove Manor Elementary School Elevator Addition and Bathroom Renovations* are complete. Parking lot repairs were also made and exterior doors were replaced as needed.
- The *MacAfee Elementary School Bathroom Renovations* are complete.
- The *Conerly Road Elementary School ADA Ramp Renovations* are complete.
- The *Franklin Middle School @ Sampson G. Smith Campus Gymnasium Addition/ Fitness Center Addition* are complete, the *Administrative Offices/Science Lab Renovations* are complete, the *Door Upgrade Project* is complete, *Bleachers* in the gymnasium have been upgraded, the *Window Project* is substantially complete, and the *Bathroom Renovations* are substantially complete.
- The *Franklin Middle School @ Hamilton Street Campus Parking Lot Upgrades and Door Upgrades* are complete. *Bleachers* were also upgraded at this campus.
- The *Elizabeth Avenue Elementary School Gymnasium Addition* is complete, the *Classroom Additions* are complete, the *Parking Lot Upgrades and New Bus Loop* are complete, the *Heating and Ventilation Upgrades* are complete, the *Nurse's Suite Renovations* are complete, the *New Main Entrance* is complete, as is the placement of the larger *Playground Equipment*, the *Administrative Office Renovations* are substantially complete and so are the *Cafeteria Renovations*.
- The *Franklin Park Elementary School Walkway Project* is complete except for some finish paintwork, while *Sidewalk and Parking Lot Repair* has been completed.
- The *Claremont Elementary School Project* is complete except for the playground installation and various "punch list" items.
- Additionally, many of our elementary schools had *New Fire Alarm Systems* installed, as well as upgrades to their *Heating and Air Conditioning Units* as part of our *Energy Savings Improvement Plan*.

In addition, we still have several projects ongoing which are a mix of referendum related work and Board of Education planned long range capital work. These projects will remain ongoing during this year and once complete, will close out the *One Less Move Referendum* related work. These ongoing projects include:

- The referendum related *Window Replacement and Renovations at Hillcrest, MacAfee and Conerly Elementary Schools*, that are scheduled to begin in October and finish during the Winter of 2019 (*this work will occur in the evenings as second shift work*).
- The referendum related *Claremont Elementary School Playground* installation scheduled to begin in October, which will take approximately 10 -15 days.
- The referendum related *Elizabeth Avenue Kitchen Upgrades* that are ongoing and scheduled for completion in late November.
- The *Track and Bleacher Upgrades at the Franklin Middle School @ Hamilton Street* scheduled to start in October and finish in the early Spring 2019.
- The *Locker Room and Bathroom Upgrades* at Franklin Middle School @ Hamilton Street, which are substantially complete and should be done by the end of October.
- The *Elizabeth Avenue Elementary School Pre-K Playground* installation scheduled for the early Fall 2018.
- The Franklin High School Front Entrance Walkway Improvements scheduled to be complete by October 5th.
- The Franklin High School Front & Rear Entrance Security Upgrades scheduled to begin in the early Fall 2018 and finish in the late Winter 2019 (*this work will occur in the evenings as second shift work*).
- The Franklin Middle School @ Hamilton Street Front Entrance Security Upgrades scheduled to begin in the early Fall 2018 and finish in the late Winter 2019 (*this work will occur in the evenings as second shift work*).

On behalf of the Franklin Township Board of Education, I take this opportunity to once again thank you for supporting the referendum and for your anticipated cooperation during this final phase of capital improvement work.

Sincerely,



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