

Dear Parents, Teachers and Community Members:

The Huntingdon Area School District is currently reviewing the elementary grade configuration as part of a continual improvement model. We are very happy with our current elementary configuration, two schools that provide kindergarten to fifth grade education. We would like to explore the option of separate primary and intermediate school buildings. Based on the space available at each school, the initial discussion will revolve around one building housing all students in grades kindergarten and first, with the other building housing second grade through fifth. We want to reinforce, this is just an open discussion. We are not recommending any change to current configuration, we are just reviewing and researching the possibility of taking what we have and making it better for students.

We are inviting you to attend sessions to hear our presentation on what we have gathered so far, then encourage active participating in this consideration. There are many factors that go into this consideration. We would like your input as we discuss this option, as well as, make any improvements in our current configuration.

The first meeting scheduled to discuss this concept will be held February 26, 2015 in the High School Auditorium. We will hold two meetings on this date, you can choose the best time that fits your schedule. The first meeting will start at 4:00 pm, the second meeting will start at 6:00 pm. The format will be a brief overview of what has been collected to date, then break-out sessions will be set up in a small group format to openly discuss pro's and con's of each grade configuration.

We anticipate at minimum one additional meeting to review all input and provide feedback on questions that may arise before any updates will be made to the Board of Education.

In the event you can not make this meeting date but you would like to have input, please provide any information in writing to Mr. Fred Foster, Superintendent of schools. Please

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