



April 4, 2019

Dear WTPS Staff and Families,

Last evening, the Washington Township Board of Education approved the administration's plan to withdraw nearly \$2.2 million of capital reserve to remediate and replace our gym floors. This brings the total amount dedicated to this project to nearly \$3.2 million. It is critical to note that this is not from banked cap and does not increase the proposed budget and tax levy presented last month for the 2019-20 school year. The administration reprioritized a variety of capital projects and moved the gym floor project to the top of that list. I want to thank the board for their support.

Our District engineer presented multiple options to the board for the scope of this project. The presentation included specifics related to the remediation process, flooring material options, and timelines. There was much discussion and questions regarding the ability to start the project while school was still in session, and what of the possibility of the project running into the start of the 2019-20 school year. Please know that the Board of Education has not approved any specific action regarding the start and finish of the work. These options will be presented to the Board as part of the bid process. I am confident that the Board will choose the best option and use extreme caution in the interest of safety in doing so.

The Board also has the option of altering the start of the 2019-20 school year. If necessary, we do have the flexibility to delay the start of the school year. This would allow for extra time to complete the project during the summer. Decisions related to the timeline for the project and its impact on the calendar will be reviewed as part of the bid process. Naturally, this would be communicated to the community in a timely fashion.

I want to thank the community for coming out to the meeting last evening, expressing your opinions, and asking questions. This is how a community is designed to work. Working together, we will continue to maintain the tradition of Excellence in Education in Washington Township.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Bollendorf, Superintendent