



# Coatesville Area School District

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Dear Coatesville Area School District Parent/Community Member,

As we've shared with you, the Coatesville Area School District is updating and reviewing our Master Facilities Plan that will guide the future of our school buildings and other facilities. The PA Department of Education requires every brick-and-mortar school district to periodically examine the age, condition, and use of its school buildings, and it is good practice to do so.

Based on a number of factors (including age/condition of building, shifting enrollments and financial challenges), some of our buildings are at a crossroads and the district will need to make decisions about whether to repair, renovate, or even close/sell some of our current facilities.

I want to stress that *no decisions have been made*. We are about to embark on a process that will include a **Master Facilities Plan Community Task Force** that will meet throughout the school year, then present their recommendations to the School Board in May. The Board must then vote on those recommendations.

In order to ensure the committee operates efficiently and effectively, we are limiting the number of participants to 44. However, we will gather feedback from our full staff, parents, and community members via surveys throughout the process, which will include public updates.

The Master Facilities Plan Community Task Force will meet from 7 – 9 p.m. in our District Offices on the following dates: September 22, October 13, November 17, December 8, January 5, February 2, February 16, March 9, March 23, April 13, May 2, May 9 (6 p.m. presentation to Board.)

The task force will include District faculty and staff, the district's nine PTO Presidents, and representatives from several community groups with which we consistently partner. **In addition, we have space for nine additional parents. If you, as a parent in the District, would like to serve on the task force and can commit to the dates above,** please email [MFPTF@casdschools.org](mailto:MFPTF@casdschools.org) and complete the application [here](#). Using a computerized randomizer, we'll select three parents from each of our three geographic school board regions to serve on the task force. This application/selection process will remain open from August 24, 2022, to August 31, 2022. We will be choosing three parents from each region.

In the coming weeks, we'll continue to add information to our [Master Facilities Plan webpage](#). In the meantime, you can go there to view the preliminary studies conducted by ICS and The Schrader Group, two facilities use planning companies that work in tandem and are widely used by school districts around our region.

Thank you for taking time to read this information. We'll continue to keep you updated throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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