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## **Clinton Board of Education Updates & Information – October 2018**

### **FACILITIES PLANNING PROCESS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

*Special Board of Education Meeting  
Recommendations Regarding a Decision to Close a School  
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Morgan School Cafeteria*

In May 2018, the Board of Education began a six-month study of PK-8 facility needs, including evaluating the need for three buildings and the potential for closing a school. The *Clinton Community Committee on Facility Needs* met each month to review and evaluate a variety of district factors such as educational space requirements, financial considerations, and programming needs.

**On October 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., a Special Meeting of the Board of Education will be held at which the committee will present its findings and recommendations. This presentation will include the committee's recommendation related to the potential closure of Pierson School and related changes to the configuration of grades at each school.**

In the days following the special meeting, there will be an opportunity through email for community members to provide input and feedback to the Board. The Board of Education will be considering the recommendations and making a final decision about closing a school, reconfiguring grade levels, and determining the timeline for implementation of the recommendations.

Please plan to attend on October 23, 2018 to hear the findings of the committee and to understand the factors that will be considered by the Board of Education prior to making the decision.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

Mr. Peter Giannotti has announced his resignation from the Board having served our school community for seven years. During his tenure, he chaired the policy subcommittee and was a strong advocate to ensure fiscal responsibility while appropriately supporting school programs. We appreciate his efforts on behalf of Clinton schools, students, and staff.

We are also pleased to announce a new addition to the Board of Education, Mr. Michael Hornyak. After completing his work as a member of the Charter Revision Committee, Mr. Hornyak was appointed to the Board in September. He is filling the seat vacated by Mr. Todd Pozefsky that opened in April of last year.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTION**

At the September 4, 2018 Board of Education meeting, the Board adopted the Clinton Public Schools [Strategic Plan](#), which includes Priorities and Initiatives that will guide the work of the district in the next three years. This is the culmination of a year-long process that included evaluation of district needs and performance data, input from a stakeholder survey, and prioritization of the initiatives and methods to accomplish our mission. The Executive Summary, Strategic Priorities and Initiatives, and Survey Data can be found [here](#).

## **WEBSITE REDESIGN & FACEBOOK LAUNCH**

Our new [website](#) launched in early September and is a user-friendly interface that provides important information in a streamlined fashion. Whether you are looking for athletic schedules, lunch menus, staff email or websites, or just want to know about great things happening in our district, this is the place to go! Coming in October, parents will be able to download the district's mobile app from iTunes or Google Play.

Bookmark us as your favorite page now and be sure to check out our [Facebook](#) page that is updated weekly with unique and exciting happenings within our classrooms as well as student achievements. It is a great way to stay connected and brighten your day as you see evidence of the wonderful things happening in our district.

## **SCHOOL CRISIS ADVISORY BOARD**

The Clinton Public Schools administration has partnered with the Clinton Police Department to establish a School Crisis Advisory Board. The purpose of this board is to establish monthly meetings to review school safety plans and protocols, to enhance cooperation and coordination between school personnel and first responders, and to ensure that our schools are safe environments for our students. The board is co-chaired by Chief DeMaio and Superintendent O'Donnell and includes members of fire, police, emergency services, and representative school staff. Focus areas for this year include training protocols and emergency drills, communication systems and methods during a crisis, and planning for relocation operations when necessary.