Frequently Asked Questions Regarding School Consolidation

*Additional questions and answers will be continually posted.*

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Has the district solicited and/or received any feedback about interest in purchasing or leasing any of the outlying buildings?

Yes. The district has received inquiries regarding leases for specific outlying buildings

Has the Board considered the impact additional buses will have on the traffic patterns in Tunkhannock should consolidation of schools occur?

Yes. A traffic study will be completed.

What considerations are underway to preserve and enhance existing career pathways for high school students?

A major consideration in making decisions to consolidate was to provide more opportunities for students. Career pathways are expected to expand.

What steps will be taken to insulate 8th grade students from interacting with older students in the high school?

The administrative staff is committed to building a student schedule where 8th grade students do not have interaction with older students in the high school.

Will students have excessively long bus rides since the district is consolidating?

No. Students may have less time or equal time on the bus. Improvements will be made in order to improve transportation time.

What are the Board’s priorities when it comes to class size?

The board has committed to a class size of 20 students or below in grades K-2. Administrative staff is currently working on class size numbers for grades 3-12.
Has the district established a community focus group to help guide decisions and solicit feedback as we move through this process?

Yes. Parent and staff transition teams for Roslund Elementary, Evans Falls Elementary, Mehoopany Elementary, Middle School, and High School have been created and meet monthly to discuss ideas regarding the consolidation process.

What are the new grade alignments for Roslund, Middle School, and High School? Where will 7th grade go?

Students in K-2 will attend the Primary Center (Roslund), while students in 3-6 will attend the Intermediate Center (Middle School). Students in 7th grade will attend the STEM Academy (bottom level of administration building), while students in 8th grade will attend the High School.

In the new buildings, where will each grade go?

Administrative staff is currently working on grade assignments within each building.

When will teachers know teaching assignments?

Teachers were notified of tentative teaching assignments on 3/1/2018

How will you address food service for the current Roslund Elementary building?

More staff will be added to the service line as well as an additional cashier to provide more efficient service to the students.

Will the snack bar be available to the 3rd and 4th graders?

No, the snack bar will only be available to students in grades 5-7.

What improvements will made to food service for the current Middle School?

More staff will be added to the service line as well as two made to order lines which include sandwiches, salads, and soups.