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Dear Avonworth School Community,

The purpose of this communication is to provide you with an update on the current status of the District's facility planning process. The last update provided to you was sent in February of 2020. Since that time, we have made significant progress, and we have reached a major milestone in the planning process. This update will let you know where we are and where we are heading.

As a recap of the previous update provided to you, the District conducted a demographic study in 2018 to gather data regarding future enrollment projections. Dr. Shelby Stewman conducted this study and presented it to the School Board in February of 2019. Dr. Stewman's enrollment projections indicated that the District's enrollment would likely climb to 2,100-2,200 students by 2028. The District's current enrollment is 1,896.

After an extensive interview process, the Avonworth School Board hired IKM Architecture in January 2020 to develop a feasibility study for the District. In February of 2020, IKM began this process with approximately fifty stakeholders called the School Design Action Team (SDAT). The stakeholders included parents, students, teachers, staff, administrators, and community members. Through a series of all-day workshops and school visits, the SDAT identified our District's greatest facility needs and provided input regarding potential building/facility designs. In November of 2020, IKM delivered the feasibility study to the Avonworth School Board.

The feasibility study provided potential options for the District to consider moving forward. From the options provided, the most feasible and appropriate option educationally was to renovate and expand the current middle/high school. To begin the schematic design process for this project, the Avonworth School Board hired IKM in February of 2021 to be the architect of record for this project.

As IKM neared the end of the schematic design process, the Avonworth School Board hired Massaro Construction Management Services, LLC to represent the District as its construction manager throughout the project. Massaro is currently working on the estimates for the project based on IKM's schematic design. The District's goal is to break ground in June of 2022 on the middle/high school expansion and renovation.

A video was created to provide the school community with a comprehensive update on this current project. The video includes a look back in time and a detailed overview of the middle/high school renovation and expansion schematic design.

This video can be found on the District's *Construction Updates* webpage. Also found on this webpage are updates and documents related to the current project. We hope you will take the time to review the video and contents on this webpage.

The webpage can be located using this URL:

<https://www.avonworth.k12.pa.us/ConstructionUpdates.aspx>

As we move forward, updates will be added to this webpage, and I look forward to providing you with additional information once the project begins. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
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