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## **DALLASTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE STEP CLOSER TO UPGRADING LOGANVILLE-SPRINGFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

(Dallastown, PA) — On December 21, 2017, Dallastown took one step closer to launching the project that will bring an overhaul to its Loganville-Springfield Elementary School. The Board of School Directors determined that the best option would be to upgrade the existing building combined with new construction, increasing it from 58,000 to 90,000 square feet. This would permit additional classrooms and teaching areas to accommodate the existing student population and a modest population increase that is predicted over the next 20 years. There are also plans to build a new library/media center, gymnasium, and cafeteria, and to accommodate technology improvements, collaboration spaces, and enhanced special education instruction. Schematic design development is underway!

The Board of School Directors began the process of reviewing the current elementary school in September 2015 when it authorized the formation of a *Facility Study Committee*. This committee was made up of stakeholders who represented faculty and staff, parents, local municipality representatives, school board members, administrators, and community members. Over a period of 13 months, this committee worked diligently to study the current facility, visit comparative school projects, and carefully consider the needs and options. A final recommendation for new construction with a secondary recommendation for renovation plus new construction, was presented in November 2016.

In February 2017, the school district successfully “refinanced” its bonds, with no impact on annual debt service, then a newly formed board-level *Steering Committee* began the five-month RFP process for architectural services which resulted in the award to RLPS Architects of Lancaster. RLPS provided a project update at the September 2017 Open House, which also included a public tour of the school. The *Steering Committee* further considered the *Facility Study Committee* recommendations and established construction goals in November 2017 for full board consideration as a committee-of-the-whole, under the *Building and Capital Projects Ad-hoc Committee*.

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