

Dear Families,

In 2021, the Starmont Community School District partnered with Martin Gardner Architecture (MGA) to complete a <u>facilities assessment</u> that identified and prioritized multiple infrastructure issues that would need to be addressed.

In the years since that report was filed, we have taken steps to resolve some of these facility challenges as part of our commitment to provide students with a high-quality learning environment. However, additional projects are still needed, including improvements to our heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, along with upgrades to safety and security systems.

It's important for district residents to understand these needs and have a shared vision when it comes to potential investments in our schools, which is why a priority is being placed on community engagement.

Our residents are invited to attend a School Board work session on Tuesday, December 3, that will be focused on our facilities and the issues they present to students and staff. This meeting will be held in the high school conference center at 6:30 p.m.

A presentation will be provided by Mike Tucker, a senior project manager with MGA, that outlines the firm's earlier facility assessment and some of the potential options that could be available to Starmont. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions and provide valuable feedback.

District residents will also have the opportunity to volunteer their time with a facilities task force that will be created. We see this group supporting Starmont in the future by reviewing our needs, exploring possible solutions, and providing recommendations.

If you have any questions about the December 3 work session, the task force, or the facility challenges we face, please call 563-933-4598.

As always, thank you for your engagement about this important subject and for your continued support for our schools and the students we serve.

Your Partner in Education,

Rob Busch Superintendent