



At the Board of Education meeting on October 16, the district's Architect, Civil Engineer, Commissioning Agent, and Oversight Committee Chairman Don Newell each presented their portion of the 60% design plan for the Livingston High School construction and renovation. Each gave a thoughtful, detailed look at progress that has been made and issues yet to be resolved. The PowerPoint behind this presentation may be viewed at [www.livingston.org](http://www.livingston.org).

Both the Commissioning Agent, who provides quality assurance during the design, construction, and occupancy phases, and the Oversight Committee, which is composed of 15 Livingston residents with professional expertise in the construction fields, presented the Board of Education with a comprehensive list of concerns that will be examined by the construction professionals and school district representatives, including Board liaisons Antonio Calcado and Charles Granata, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brad Draeger and Business Administrator Steve Robinson. Discussions with representatives from the Oversight Committee are being scheduled to effectively address and resolve these concerns. In addition, land use issues and title searches are currently being expedited in cooperation with municipal, county, and state agencies.

The public is urged to attend the November 20 Board of Education meeting, when the Board will discuss bid strategies and phasing of this construction/renovation project, which plans for a science wing with 14 science labs, additional classrooms, a robotics lab, enhanced rooms for music, a second TV studio, a new physical education complex with 3 PE stations and team rooms, and an expanded cafeteria. With approximately 95,000 square feet of new construction plus approximately 65,000 square feet of renovation we will effectively address overcrowding and meet our academic and co-curricular needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. 100% design plans are scheduled for presentation in December.

The Board of Education is grateful for the ongoing cooperation and support of the Livingston community. With the guidance of professionals who have effectively served the district during previous referendum projects, the District remains committed to completing the Livingston High School project within budget during the 2008-2009 school year.

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