



Dear Mariemont School District Resident,

The Mariemont City School District is off to a great start this year. I want to express my thanks to all residents of our community for your continued support of your schools.

2008-2009 is another busy year in our schools. In addition to our daily commitment to provide excellent instruction for our students, the district is conducting a comprehensive facilities planning process to create a master plan to guide us through the next several decades. We need to make sound, informed choices – educational and financial – to provide for our students' current and future needs.

This year-long process will be conducted in three stages – with our community engaged in every phase. Phase one, Assessment, is currently in full swing (Sept-Nov). It includes reviewing studies from the Ohio School Facilities Commission and from past district advisory members. We are engaging faculty, residents, parents and facility experts to identify issues concerning the condition and use of our facilities. Phase two, Solution Options (Dec-March), will address the issues deemed most important by our district community. We will develop options to help us use our buildings and resources to their maximum potential, and we will present these options - complete with price tags - to the community. In the third and final phase, Decisions (April-Aug), the school district, together with its residents, will decide how best to implement the plan chosen.

To ensure community representation in this process, we have formed a Facility Advisory Panel comprised of residents from Columbia Township, Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park to oversee the planning process.

On November 12, the district is holding an open Facilities Community Dialogue – 7pm at the Mariemont High School cafeteria. I strongly encourage you to participate. We need to hear your perspective and insights. Your feedback is essential to our district's, and most importantly, our students' continued long-term success.

I have included here a FAQ information sheet to help with questions you may have. For more information on this process and a complete timeline, please visit our website at www.mariemontschools.org and click on Facilities Planning under Quick Links.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at 272-7500 or pimhoff@mariemontschools.org.

Sincerely,
Paul W. Imhoff
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