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Re: Installation of Solar Panels

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

As you may know, beginning in 2015, in its efforts to be more environmentally friendly and promote district sustainability, our district embarked on a project to bring solar power to Readington Township Schools. After 2 years of planning, the project will be moving forward beginning in September.

Ground solar arrays will be installed in an area behind Holland Brook School and in the old bus parking lot in the front of the Middle School. Roof mounted arrays will be installed at Three Bridges School, and also at the Middle School. Whitehouse School is not part of this project due to space limitations that made solar panels unfeasible. Barring unforeseen conditions, the project is slated to be completed by the end of December this year, and generating electric power for the district in early January 2018. Once installed and operational, the system will reduce some but not all of the electrical power we receive from our local power company. At times of reduced building use, especially in the summer months, we will be sending power back into the grid for which we will receive credits for future use. All of this will result in savings and lower electrical costs to the district, while lowering the carbon footprint of our district.

With the safety and security of our students, staff, parents and visitors being our utmost concern, we would like to make you aware that once construction begins, many aspects of the work will be taking place during school hours. With solar panels being installed on the roofs of Three Bridges School and the Middle School, there will be times when workers will be on the roofs during the school day which will cause some noise and could be distracting. We will be working with the contractors to limit the distractions that may be caused by this work, by limiting the number of days and time periods when they will be allowed to work on the roofs. This will include working with the school calendar to schedule work on days when schools are closed. When there are specific school functions there will be no work scheduled for these periods as well, and there will be a freeze on contractor movement during student arrival and dismissal. Whenever possible, work will be scheduled at off-times and after-school hours to limit the distractions and optimize safety. The ground array work at Holland Brook and the Middle School will also be done during school hours, but should not impact the school day as these areas are away from the buildings and students. The contractors have assured us they will work within our schedules to limit the distractions as much as possible.

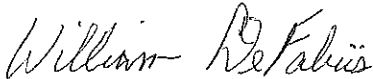
Staging areas for the contractor's equipment, supplies, restroom facilities, and parking have been set up at each location that will allow them to work and not impede daily school activities. The daily moving of equipment and supplies to work areas will be done off-hours to limit heavy equipment movement during the school day. Further, workers are not anticipated to need to enter or exit the school building during standard school hours, instead accessing roofs when

necessary from designated exterior areas where foot traffic is limited. All work will be halted during student arrival and dismissal times each day as not to impede the busses and parents as they travel through our parking lots and driveways. Donald Race, Facilities Manager, shall be overseeing construction on a daily basis.

A page on the school website is being developed where you may access additional information on the solar project. The page will include information on the project, location maps and information on the equipment being installed. There will also be regular updates and pictures posted on progress.

We apologize for the inconvenience this work may cause, and ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward. Please feel free to contact Jason M. Bohm, Business Administrator, with questions, comments and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William DeFabiis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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