



## **UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT REITERATES PLAN TO BUILD A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE 69TH STREET AREA**

*Upper Darby School District responds to inaccurate reporting and misinformation being spread regarding their plan to build a new Elementary School near 69th Street.*

**Upper Darby, PA** – In an effort to get the truth out regarding inaccurate reporting by the Delco Times and dispel misinformation being spread because of that inaccurate reporting, the Upper Darby School District today reiterated their plan to build a new elementary school in the 69th Street area.

“Last Sunday, the Delco Times incorrectly reported that plans had been ‘scrapped’ regarding building a new elementary school in the 69th Street area. Nothing could be further from the truth,” said Rachel Mitchell, President of the Upper Darby School Board. “To say that the plans have been scrapped does a disservice to the Upper Darby parents and community.”

“Phase 2 of our facilities plan calls for the building of an elementary school in the 69th Street area, renovation of fields at Beverly Hills Middle School and Drexel Hill Middle School, ease classroom overcrowding at our elementary schools, and modernize school facilities throughout the district. At this time, a key component of the elementary school plan is creating the needed classroom space at the middle school level. A critical part of that timeline is having the leadership of Clifton Heights work with the district instead of throwing up legal obstacle after legal obstacle,” added Mitchell.

The proposed 69th Street Elementary School would have over 700 students, incorporating students who currently attend Senkow, Charles Kelly and a portion of Highland Park Elementary Schools. Our plan in Phase 1 includes bringing our Senkow students home to Upper Darby Township at the current Kindergarten Center as soon as the phase 1 construction work is complete at Aronimink. Residents can learn the facts by reviewing information from February 26, 2019 Upper Darby School Board presentation at:

[www.boarddocs.com/pa/udar/Board.nsf/files/B9RRUJ5A12AC/\\$file/Middle%20School%20Feasibility%20Study.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/pa/udar/Board.nsf/files/B9RRUJ5A12AC/$file/Middle%20School%20Feasibility%20Study.pdf)

Residents, parents and teachers can also learn more by reading the list of Frequently Asked Questions can also be found on the Upper Darby website at:

<https://www.upperdarbysd.org/cms/lib/PA02209738/Centricity/Domain/4/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20about%20the%20Phase%201%20Facility%20Plan%20April%202023.pdf>