

## FAQS

### Donald E. Schick Elementary School Building Project

**Q: *Why is a classroom addition being built at the Donald E. Schick Elementary School?***

A: The student population has grown over the last sixteen years since the previous building project that was completed in 2006. Additionally, the district offers more educational opportunities and support services, including special education services, than ever before. Due to these reasons, the District has struggled to find space to effectively deliver these necessary educational accommodations. Therefore, the School Board of Directors chose to construct four additional classrooms onto the east wing of the school.

**Q: *Why is a kitchen addition/renovation being constructed at the Donald E. Schick Elementary School?***

A: As the student population has increased over the years, students have outgrown the serving area of the cafeteria. With more students, it requires more time to serve students which has reduced the amount of time students are given to eat their meals. The district has decided to renovate the existing kitchen area by expanding its footprint to allow for students to be served more quickly. We are also taking this time to update some of our older kitchen equipment.

**Q: *When will the projects be completed?***

A: The projected completion date of the kitchen is September 2022. The projected completion of the classroom addition is December 2022. Projected completion dates are subject to change based on lead times on materials and equipment. Our 2022-2023 school calendar allows for additional time to complete the project which is why we are not starting the school year until after Labor Day.

**Q: *Will meals be impacted by the renovation?***

A: Meals will be transported from our HS/MS campus from May 16, 2022 to June 10, 2022. There may also be the potential need to continue transporting meals to start the 2022-2023 school year if the project is delayed for any reason.

**Q: *What activities will occur during the summer of 2022 at the Donald E. Schick Elementary School?***

A: The District will continue to offer its summer school program at the Schick campus. Details will be communicated to parents along with any changes regarding pick up and drop offs for students. Additionally, the Lycoming County Extended School Year Program will also be operated out of the Donald E. Schick School by BLaST IU 17. Both programs will begin in June and end in July.

**Q: *What will the interior of the building look like?***

A: Please [click here](#) to view proposed renderings of the interior and exterior of the building.

**Q: *How will the project be funded?***

A: Over the past twelve months, the Board has strategically implemented a funding plan that utilizes a wrap-around debt strategy that will have little impact on future budgets. In addition, the Board has capitalized on borrowing opportunities and low interest rates since 2021. Due to these efforts and other cost savings measures, the Board has placed the District in a fiscally responsible situation that will fund this project. Furthermore, the District will realize a \$600,000 reduction in debt service payments in 2027 and these funds will be reallocated in our general operating budget.

**Q: *Who do I contact if I have additional questions?***

A. For additional information, please contact our Superintendent, Gerald L. McLaughlin, or Business Manager, M. Daniel Egly. Our goal is to ensure that our community has access to accurate and timely information. Please check back as additional information may be added.