

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

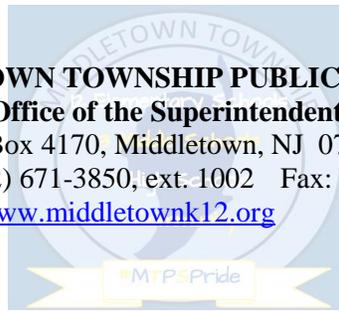
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***Important Announcement Regarding Boundary Realignment Proposal***

The Middletown Township Public School District is committed to providing students with a rigorous and relevant education that motivates them to recognize and develop their full potential. Consistent and effective utilization of district resources is vital to delivering a high quality educational experience for all district students.

Using a community based planning process, the district developed a *Five-year Strategic Plan* which sets forth three primary objectives to address facilities and long range planning:

1. Improve effectiveness of facilities usage district-wide.
2. Analyze student population trends in order to ensure existing facilities are equipped to accommodate current and future enrollments.
3. Identify cost effective measures that will ensure our schools can accommodate current and future student populations.

The District's overall student enrollment has decreased over the past few years, and a recent demographic study indicates this trend will continue. However, in several schools actual student enrollment has remained stable and in some cases increased. Nut Swamp Elementary School, Thompson Middle School, and Middletown High School South currently have student populations significantly in excess of building capacity. Over the past few years, the community, Board of Education, and administration have discussed concerns regarding capacity issues at these schools. Use of educational spaces to deliver instruction, scheduling of classes, and co-curricular activities are all negatively impacted by the overcrowding at these schools. As a result, there is a compelling need for our district to explore changes to student assignment.

A formal presentation regarding this topic will be delivered at 6:00 PM prior to the October 30th Board of Education Meeting at Middletown High School North. The Board and administration will hear community input following this presentation until 9:00 PM. No official Board action will be taken on October 30th. Relevant reports and presentations are available on the [district website](#). Additional information will be posted as we continue this process.

Sincerely,

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