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Dear Palmyra School Community,

Efforts continue by the Palmyra Board of Education to consider the feasibility in relocating the 6th Grade to the Palmyra High School building in order to develop a comprehensive middle school consisting of students in grades 6-8. As you may recall, a committee was formed to examine the complexities of such a move, as well as to secure feedback from the community so that the Board of Education will eventually have sufficient data to make a decision. A determination was made by the committee that it would be in the best interest of the district to secure an independent study to adequately, and without bias, determine the impact such a move may have on the education of students in Charles Street School and Palmyra High School.

On August 9, 2017 at the Regular meeting of the Palmyra Board of Education, the Board approved my recommendation to appoint Effective Education Solutions, LLC to conduct an Educational Impact Study. I anticipate that the initial findings of this study will be provided, in draft format, to the members of the Palmyra Board of Education in late November 2017. Upon review of the findings, a formal presentation will be delivered by Education Solutions, LLC to the Palmyra Board of Education and the community in early January 2018. I invite you to attend this presentation and to provide the Board of Education with your input. Specific details of the meeting to include, date, time and location are still being coordinated, and will be shared with the community once determined.

The Palmyra Board of Education has not reached any conclusion on proceeding forward with the relocation of the 6th Grade and will await the results of the finding, feedback from the community, and input from the committee before taking any action.

Please continue to visit the district's website at, www.palmyraschools.com for further updates. Members of the community are always welcome to contact me at, 856-786-9300 ext: 1013.

Sincerely,

Brian J. McBride
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