

Bethlehem Township School District Virtual Town Hall Meeting

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Jane Smith, Principal - Thomas B. Conley School



Processes and Procedures:



1. Click the Zoom meeting link
2. You will go into a Waiting Room
3. You will then be admitted into the Zoom Virtual Town Hall
4. 6:30pm - Introductions and meeting goals
5. Presentation on the Bethlehem Township School District consolidation initiative
6. Question/Comment period
 - a. We will ask for questions - Please use the Raise your Hand function
 - b. Please Raise your Hand and the moderator will unmute you
 - c. Ask your question and Dr. Farley or Mrs. Smith will respond
7. Please be respectful

What are the goals of our Town Hall tonight?



Discussion of next year in Bethlehem Township Schools:

1. Efficient use of teachers and staff with a savings of approximately \$205,000
2. Declining enrollment since 2004-2005 - From 600+ to 348
3. Preparing for the loss of \$480,000 in state funding in 2022 and 2023
4. Future budget savings due to building closure

*Guidance for 20-21 school year concerning COVID 19 will come from DOE

Other information:



- There are currently no send/receive agreements with other school districts
- There are currently no feasibility or consolidation studies with other school districts
- Administration and Board of Education has been trying to find ways to decrease the budget each year
- Our county school districts have been in the discussion stages of regionalization for a number of years
- Don't believe everything you read on Social Media!

Options:



- Status Quo
 - Personnel
- Moving 5th grade to Hoppock
 - Additional personnel requirements
 - Additional budgeting for other services
- Move the 6th grade to Conley
 - Savings
 - Efficient use of staff
 - Preparing for the future

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Q + A

