



June 14, 2024

Good afternoon. As you all know, the Penn Cambria School District has been in the process of evaluating all of our buildings as a part of a consolidation/renovation project. In an effort to promote full transparency and to get you accurate information as soon as possible I have the following update:

At the Tuesday, June 11th Committee of the Whole school board meeting representatives from Core Architects and SitelogiQ shared an architectural evaluation of the 5th and 6th grade wing of the Middle School. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 5th and 6th grade wing has been determined to have major structural deficiencies and safety concerns that will prevent us from using it in the 2024-25 school year. The administrative team immediately convened to determine what grade configuration would provide the best educational experience for our students since we will not have the capacity to house four grades in the Middle School.

The team has determined that for the 2024-25 school year, adjustments to classroom assignments will allow the 6th grade classrooms to be added to the 7th/8th grade wing. **6th graders will attend the Middle School in the 2024-25 school year. 5th graders will be attending Penn Cambria Intermediate School in the 2024-25 school year.** Although such unexpected change is always challenging, this configuration will lessen student stress as these fifth-grade students are already familiar with the Intermediate building and with many of the staff members.

We are currently working through the logistics involved in this quick, but necessary, reconfiguration for the upcoming school year. We understand that fifth grade families, students, and staff will have many questions related to issues such as transportation and the time schedule of school days. I will be providing more detailed information related to all of these topics in a timely manner as we move forward. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Jaime Harline

Director of Pupil Services