

Good evening and welcome to the first community meeting related to our District Master Planning Process. I am pleased to have Mrs. Monica Bruaw, Mr. Doug Rentz, Mr. Curt South and Mr. Eric Baltzell with us. These four representatives have agreed to work with our district along with the entire team at Garmann Miller and Associates as we navigate through the Master Planning Process. As I have discussed the purpose of this meeting with several community members, it seems that there may be some confusion in regard to what we hope to accomplish this evening. I would like to open our meeting this evening with a quick explanation of how we arrived here tonight.

Those of you who have lived in the district for many years are aware that in the late 90's into the early 2000's our district underwent an Ohio School Facilities Project. This project encompassed our three district campuses seeing major renovations and additions to the buildings and facilities. Over the past 20 years our staff has done a fantastic job of maintaining these facilities, thanks in part to the continued support of our community. However, as is the case over time we have begun to see our facilities and systems within them need repair due to normal use.

The Board of Education has had several discussions about our facilities and the future of the district. This past fall the Board approved a resolution to move forward with a Master Planning Process under the direction of Garmann Miller and Associates. This Master Planning Process includes taking a very extensive look at our current facilities, garnering feedback from our community through multiple avenues, and working with smaller

groups of community members and staff. As you will see tonight, this is a process that is expected to take roughly 6 to 8 months. Once the process is completed we will have a better understanding of the condition of our current facilities and have gathered input from our community members in regard to what their vision is for the future of the Wayne Trace Local School District. With this information the Board will then be able to put together a plan that can be presented, which will give a clear path to how we navigate the future of our district.

This evening, our desired outcome is to simply allow you the public to share information with us in regard to our district. This information, along with the information our facilities committee will get soon from the Garmann Miller team will allow us to develop a plan for our districts future. I want to be clear that this is a process. We plan to have at least one more community meeting to allow you to give input. When our time here tonight is over, the Board will not be making any decisions as there is still much work to be done and data to be examined before the Board can begin to feel comfortable presenting a plan for the districts future. As the name states, this is a Master Planning Process, a process which takes time and input and we certainly appreciate you all being here this evening to assist in this process by providing input.

At this time, I will turn the program over to our associates from Garmann Miller.