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**An Open Letter from Dr. Nikki Woodson  
Superintendent, Metropolitan School District of Washington Township**

Thank you so much for choosing to live in the Washington Township school district. I have been fortunate to serve as your Superintendent for nine years. Our locally elected School Board has worked with me to make openness and transparency a priority for the District. As always, we will continue to work with you and other residents to maintain fiscal accountability that will benefit our more than 11,000 students.

Since early 2019, we have held a series of open and accessible community meetings to discuss the future of our Washington Township Schools. We have attended numerous neighborhood meetings throughout the School District, and have continued to communicate with residents to answer questions and provide information. **The goal is simple---to make sure that you and other residents are always informed about recommendations designed to improve the educational opportunities and to ensure educational equity for the 11,000 students and extended families that we serve each day.** We also believe that it is fundamental that you and all taxpayers in the District know how we recommend using our present and future tax dollars to improve our schools and to also remain accountable to you on the use of those funds.

That is why I am writing to you today.

To use taxpayer dollars more effectively, we have proposed a plan for the south end of Central Campus that would include a district Operations Service Center and a Centralized Bus Storage facility. The Operations Service Center is being proposed at the current site of Northview Middle School (8401 Westfield Boulevard), and the Centralized Bus Storage is proposed to be located adjacent to the existing transportation office, bus maintenance garage, and fuel island.

Northview Middle School will move off Central Campus with the proposed construction of a new Northview Middle School at 91<sup>st</sup> & College on land presently owned by the District.

The present Northview Middle School will be renovated for the new Operations Service Center which would include: Maintenance Department, District Warehouse, Police Department, Technology Hub, Alternative Education space, expanded district storage, NCHS multi-purpose athletic training space, professional development/community rooms, and the Staff Health and Wellness Center. In addition, the Centralized Bus Storage will enable us to save tax dollars by having consolidated maintenance facilities for intake, repair, parts storage and to support the fleet of 145 buses.

I would also like to emphasize the following facts about the Centralized Bus Storage proposal:

- The current transportation office, bus maintenance garage, and fuel island will remain in use at their current location at 1815 East 86th Street.
- We will incorporate designs in these facilities so that they are constructed to help mitigate any traffic or environmental impacts such as sound.
- The buses parked in the proposed plan will include all district active route buses, activity buses and our reserve fleet (Only 104 of the 145 buses are our active route buses).
- The number of active buses with routes on Central Campus will NOT increase in the proposed Plan.

Another important benefit of this recommendation is that space will be freed up for needed educational programs and site improvements on the North Central, Eastwood, and Westlane Middle School campuses.

As you review the drawings below of the proposed Operations Service Center and Centralized Bus Storage, please remember that Indiana school districts do not receive one penny from the state government for school construction and/or renovations. Those decisions are left to all of us as local taxpayers. That decision will be made by you and other District residents on the June 2nd school referendum vote.

I would be remiss if I did not remind you and other residents that studies have shown that the quality of schools has a direct benefit to the quality of home values. Having new school district facilities and new and renovated schools has the potential to increase property values for you and other residents.

I appreciate you taking the time to review our plans to relieve overcrowding and enhance safety on our Central Campus, including North Central High School. It is important to emphasize that we will save taxpayer dollars by housing all transportation and operations support services at a centralized location, positively impacting the entire School District. In addition, construction of a new middle school will provide a brand new learning environment for 1,050 students that is designed specifically for middle school students, incorporates the latest in technology and school safety, and is aligned with both the Eastwood and Westlane Middle School renovation projects.

You can learn more about the project by visiting the District's website using the following link <https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/future-planning/>. I welcome your questions about the proposed project. Please feel free to email me at [nwoodson@msdt.k12.in.us](mailto:nwoodson@msdt.k12.in.us) and/or call me directly at 317-845-9400, ext. 77200. I have also included below a draft plan of the above mentioned projects located on the South side of Central Campus.

Thank you for making the Washington Township school district your home.



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Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent

Cc: MSDWT Board of Education

## Proposed Bus Maintenance Facility, Parking & Berm



Additional Resources:

<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/future-planning/>

<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/central-campus-south-end-information/>

[Future Planning FAQ's](#)