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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 school while maintaining accountability to you on the use of those funds.

That is why I am writing to you today.

We have proposed utilizing a presently vacant site at 91<sup>st</sup> & College for use as a new Northview Middle School. This 60 acre land parcel, 30 of which would be developed for the new Northview Middle School, is owned by Washington Township Schools and will not result in any funds being used for land acquisition. Unfortunately, the State of Indiana does not provide any funding for the capital construction of schools. For that reason, the proposed new Northview Middle School will cost \$72.2M. Please note that we have retained professional partners with considerable experience in design and construction management to assist the District with this project. The estimates provided reflect their best efforts to build a new school that will last for decades, will utilize cutting-edge technology in the classroom, will include the latest designs to ensure student safety, and will be designed to be built on time and on budget.

By developing land already owned by the District for a new Northview Middle School, we will be able to provide outstanding educational opportunities to accommodate 1,050 students each day.

This will continue our commitment to using tax dollars in the most effective manner possible, making sure that the new facility will be aligned with newly renovated Eastwood and Westlane Middle Schools. This project is part of the overall "Planning for Our Future" initiative of your Washington Township Schools and is part of the 2020 Washington Township School Referendum that will be decided by voters on June 2nd.

I would also like to emphasize the following facts about this proposal:

- We are not planning to build an Operations/Transportation Center on the 91st & College site. The School Board has passed a Resolution that reinforces that commitment.
- We have continued and will continue our outreach with residents in the community to discuss this proposal and have maintained total access for input.
- We have held discussions with leaders of the Dynamo Soccer program so that they are informed about our plan and can plan for the future.
- The new Northview Middle School will allow for eco-friendly design opportunities and will not take away the natural environment that the neighborhood has grown to use and love.

As you review the drawings of the proposed Northview Middle School, 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. 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 a new Northview Middle School at 91<sup>st</sup> & College has the potential to increase property values for you and other residents.

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 new Northview Middle School.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Nikki Woodson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent

Cc: MSDWT Board of Education

# 91st & College Middle School DRAFT Plan

Overall Preliminary Site Plan



Additional Resources:

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

<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/91st-college-information/>

<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/new-nvms-task-force/>

[Future Planning FAQ's](#)