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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Board of Education and District Administration have received several expressions of concern regarding the footprint and construction of the portable classrooms at Monroe Township Middle School. The safety and security of our students and staff is of the highest priority in considering this needed addition to the facility as a result of the continuing increasing enrollment and educational programs at our middle school.

The decision to lease the additional portable classrooms came to fruition following a year-long deliberative process. During this process, the Board and District Administration analyzed, among other items, current and projected future enrollment, the need for additional teaching and support staff, safety considerations and feedback from our past experiences when the Board added portable classrooms to our schools. The Board of Education and District Administration publicly discussed this project at numerous committee meetings and Board meetings throughout the past year, allowing for public comments and suggestions from community members at Board meetings. The site plans, financial investment and subsequent final approval were validated by a very rigorous and transparent process.

The current footprint and construction of the trailers was deemed necessary for efficient connection to underground water and sewer lines. This condition of the project was based on administrative and community input that these additional classrooms must have in-house access to water and bathrooms for students and staff. Our experiences in the past are consistent with the fact that trailers with in-house water and bathrooms allow for optimal learning and secure environments for our students and staff. The safety and security of our students and staff remains our number one priority. To this end, discussions regarding the installation of protective barriers along the perimeter of the trailer footprint, among other items, are continuing. Once a final decision is arrived at in this regard, I will provide the parents in this District with additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert Goodall  
Acting Superintendent of Schools