GTSD News from the Superintendent's Office

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Feasibility Study

As you may remember, the Boards of Education of Greenwich Township and of Bloomsbury voted to engage in a study to determine the practicality of merging the school districts of Greenwich Township and Bloomsbury. The Comegno Law Group (CLG) was hired to conduct the study.

The Feasibility Study is now complete! Board of education members and I are currently reviewing the 300+ page document in preparation for a meeting with the CLG which will be held in February. The CLG will present its findings to both communities on dates and times to be determined. I will notify you immediately so you can make plans to attend.

Decisions cannot be made without the consent of both communities. Rumors suggesting decisions have been made are grossly inaccurate.

The process is as follows:

1. The CLG presents its finding to the Boards of Education.
2. The CLG, then, presents its findings to the Greenwich Township and to the Bloomsbury Communities-at-Large. Dates to be determined.
3. Both communities vote on the merger of the Greenwich Township and Bloomsbury School Districts. Dates to be determined. If a special election is called, registered voters will receive sample ballots in advance of the election. If the election takes place in November, the sample ballot will include a question regarding the merger.
4. If both communities do NOT vote in favor of the merger, the discussion terminates and the districts remain separate entities.
5. If both communities vote in favor of the merger, a regionalized board of education will be appointed by the Executive County Superintendents of Hunterdon and Warren Counties as required by State Statute. The regionalized board of education will work with the communities to determine the make-up of the newly formed school district.

This process is fluid as dates and times of presentations and the vote have yet to be determined. Again, rumors suggesting otherwise are grossly inaccurate.

Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the merger and/or rumors you have heard.