

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE
SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 34

A public hearing will be held in the Tinner Board Room at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA on Thursday, **October 24, 2024** at 6:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing all relevant matters relating to the construction and equipping of the West Broad Elementary School building project (the Project). A description of the Project, including facts with respect to educational, physical, administrative, budgetary and fiscal matters related to the Project, will be presented and will be available for consideration at such public hearing. The booklet will be available beginning **October 04, 2024** during business hours of the School District at the Souderton Area School District Administrative Office Building, 760 Lower Road, Souderton, PA, and on the District's website: www.soudertonsd.org. All residents are invited to attend.

The Board of School Directors of the School District by resolution duly adopted has authorized a "maximum project cost" of **\$11,624,885.00** and a "maximum building construction cost" of **\$6,166,562.00** in connection with the Project. This public hearing is being held pursuant to requirements of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, approved March 10, 1949, as amended and supplemented, including amendments made pursuant to Act 34 of the Session of 1973 of the General Assembly.

The following procedures have been established for public comment:

1. **Verbal Presentations at the Hearing.** Verbal presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual. Persons seeking specific agenda time may do so prior to 1:00 P.M. on **October 18th, 2024**, by contacting the Secretary to the Board of School Directors, Mr. Michael Taylor, at 215-723-6061.
2. **Written Testimony for the Hearing.** Residents of the School District or District employees may submit written testimony regarding the proposed project no later than 1:00 P.M. on **October 18th, 2024**. Such written testimony should be mailed via first class U.S. mail or hand-delivered to Mr. Michael Taylor, Board Secretary, at the address listed above. Electronic mail shall not constitute acceptable delivery. Written testimony shall include the name and address of the person submitting the request, identification of the sender as a District resident or employee, name of project of concern and a description of the support or objection to the project. To be of most benefit to the School Board, a statement of objection should be followed by a viable alternate solution.
3. **Testimony from the Floor.** Comments from the floor shall be allowed after all who have requested a place on the agenda have completed their testimony. Comments from the floor shall be subject to a three (3) minute limit. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all parties testifying the first time have been heard.
4. **Written Comments Following the Hearing.** Written comments regarding the project will be received by the Secretary of the Board of School Directors for thirty days following the Hearing, until 12:00 P.M., **November 25th, 2024**. Statements shall be submitted via first class U.S. mail or hand delivery. Electronic mail shall not constitute acceptable delivery. All written comments should include the name and address of the person submitting the comments, identification of the sender as a resident or employee, and a description of the support or objection to the project.