

STEELTON HIGHSPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 4, 2020 PRESS STATEMENT

We would like to address the March 2, 2020 decision of the Commonwealth Court relating to the citizens of Highspire seeking to leave the Steelton Highspire School District (“SHSD”) to join the Middletown Area School District (“MASD”). The SHSD is disappointed in the decision handed down by the Commonwealth Court. The District was hopeful that it could put this matter behind it so that it could focus all of its resources on the most important issue-providing a comprehensive education to the students of SHSD. With that said, the District is currently evaluating how it will proceed. The options before the District are as follows:

1. Appeal the Commonwealth Court’s decision to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.
2. Request oral argument before the full Commonwealth Court.
3. Proceed to a hearing before the Court of Common Pleas for a determination as to the allocation of revenues and debt between SHSD and MASD.

Although some have the impression from press accounts that the transfer of students that reside in Highspire is imminent, that is not the case. Even if the district did not pursue an appeal with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court or request oral argument before the full Commonwealth Court, this is only step two of a four part process. The final resolution of this matter will take some time. As this process moves forward you can rest assured that the District will continue to zealously advocate for the best interests of our students and community members.



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