

# Evesham Township School District

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 23, 2016

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### **NJ Department of Education Approves Evesham District School Closure**

*Florence V. Evans Elementary School to Close on July 1, 2017*

**Marlton, NJ** – On Monday, August 22, 2016, the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Facilities and Finance, issued an approval for the closure of the Florence V. Evans Elementary School. As per the Evesham Township School District Elementary School Consolidation Plan, initial transitions already have begun, but the Evans School will remain open for grades one through five throughout the entire 2016-2017 school year. The closure will be effective on July 1, 2017.

According to Superintendent of Schools, John Scavelli, Jr., "In 2003, the Evesham Township School District peaked with 5,436 students attending its nine schools. Since 2003, school district enrollment has dropped by more than 1,000 students. The anticipated enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year will be approximately 4,400. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, Evans School students will attend the remaining elementary schools within the District because there is sufficient space within those buildings to accommodate these students as well as new students from approved housing development. The Evans School building will remain part of the Evesham Township School District and be repurposed for other uses such as a rental property."

During the upcoming school year, students will participate in various transition activities with their new schools in anticipation of the following year. The school district expects the consolidation will enable it to maintain an average class size at the elementary level of less than 20 students per general education class. The consolidation also will provide for the continuation of all educational programs and services over the next several years.

Specific details regarding the consolidation plan can be found on the school district website at [www.evesham.k12.nj.us](http://www.evesham.k12.nj.us).

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August 22, 2016

Mr. John Scavelli, Jr., Superintendent  
Evesham Township Public School District  
25 South Maple Avenue  
Marlton, NJ 08053

**RE: DETERMINATION ON CLOSURE AND/OR DISPOSAL OF A SCHOOL FACILITY**

**State Project No. 1420-050-16-1000: Facility Closure**

**Florence V. Evans Elementary School**

**Evesham Township Public School District**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY**

Dear Mr. Scavelli:

Evesham Township Public School District has submitted a request of the above-referenced land and to close the above-referenced school facilities pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:26-7.4 and 7.5. The New Jersey Department of Education Office of School Facilities and Finance (Department) has also received a recommendation from the NJDOE Executive County Superintendent with regard to this request for closure and/or disposal of the subject facilities/properties.

This one or two part request has been deemed complete by the Department and has been reviewed to determine consistency with the District's approved Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) and compliance with the remaining regulatory requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-7.4 and 7.5 or an **LRFP Amendment Letter** has been written.

**All parts of this request must receive prior written approval from the Department before the District may proceed with that part.** For example, if the Department approves of the school closure but not the land disposal, the District may proceed with the school closure but not with the land disposal.

**Subject Property and, if applicable, Facility(s) Therein:**

*Location: Address & Municipal Block/Lot of subject land & improvements:*

*400 South Route 73, Marlton, NJ, a.k.a.,*

*Lot 4 of Block 26.00, Marlton NJ*

*Description: The building/property known as: Florence V. Evans School and Grounds*

**Regarding this school facility closure project:**

- A. This is the Department's determination(s): **The closure of above-described school is approved.** All of the requirements of Item B below are met. **This approval does not include any disposal, sale, forfeiture, or lease of any property, or improvements within the subject property.**

August 22, 2016

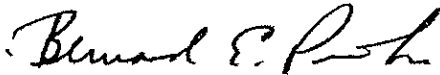
B. Compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-7.5:

1. The proposed closing is consistent with the District's approved Long range facilities plan (LRFP). The LRFP was Amended to include this Closure on August 4, 2016.
2. The use of substandard spaces (if any) in the remaining schools in the District does not result or increase from an overall facilities shortage caused by the school closing.
3. The reassignment (if any) in the remaining schools in the District does not produce, sustain nor contribute to unlawful segregation, separation or isolation of student populations on the basis of race or national origin.

As required by N.J.A.C.6A:26-7.4 and 7.5, the Department is hereby notifying the Executive County Superintendent's Office of its determinations by a copy of this letter.

Please contact your Educational Facilities Specialist Jeanne Dunn at the Department's Office of School Facilities and Finance with any questions regarding this matter at (609) 341-3097 or by email to [jeanne.dunn@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:jeanne.dunn@doe.state.nj.us), or feel free to contact me directly at (609) 984-5351 or by email to [bernie.piaia@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:bernie.piaia@doe.state.nj.us).

Sincerely,



Bernard E. Piaia, Jr., Director  
Office of School Facilities and Finance  
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**enc: District Request dt. 4/13/2016; County Statement dt. 8/16/2016; LRFP Amendment dt. 8/4/2016**

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