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The children are the focus...working together is the method.

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Dear Mt. Pleasant Township Supervisors and Planning Commission:

The Fort Cherry School Board of Directors has been made aware by several concerned parents about the possibility of new developments in Mount Pleasant Township related to natural gas drill pads, wastewater/freshwater impoundments, and compressor stations. Specifically, we have been notified of a potential gas well pad (Yonkers) located relatively close to the School District's property lines.

While we understand the importance and the benefits of natural gas development, we have a collective concern regarding the health and welfare for our students and their learning environment. Our school system is driven by the collective tax base and revenue capabilities of its surroundings. We encourage the Township to formulate good faith decisions related to zoning, ordinances, and local regulations which positively affect the development and growth of this area. It is paramount for collaborative decision making in order to meet the needs of all residents while maintaining a high quality of living for the residents of Mount Pleasant Township.

The Fort Cherry Board of Directors would like to encourage the Township Supervisors and Planning Commission to carefully review and analyze the location of all future natural gas sites in relation to the School District boundaries. The impact of gas well pad locations surrounding the boundaries of the School District's campus may potentially impact the well being of our students and faculty. We are not only concerned about the holistic impact of close site drilling, but specifically the daily implications of traffic, noise, and overall facility safety. Important decisions of this nature are for the protection of our most valuable resources, our students and their future.

If you desire any additional information, please feel free to contact a District Representative at 724.796.1551 ext. 2421. We acknowledge the difficult task that lies before you; however the next generation's future is created by the decisions adopted today.

Sincerely,

Jill Jacoby

Dr. Jill M. Jacoby

Superintendent of Schools

on behalf of
The Fort Cherry School Board of Directors