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Madison, IN: E.O. Muncie Elementary School will close at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

In a joint statement, the Board of School Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Ginger Bolinger have announced the closing of E.O. Muncie Elementary School at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

The academic opportunities and programming at Madison Consolidated Schools continues to expand as we offer stellar opportunities for students PreK through Grade 12. District-wide, our teachers are passionate, our students are engaged and everyone is working exceptionally hard to provide learning experiences and growth opportunities to increase student achievement. It has been our goal to seek responsible solutions for our aging facilities in order to continue in a positive direction for improvement so our physical learning environments begin to match the quality and expectations of our academic offerings.

After years of discussion, exploration, and research the Board of School Trustees has voted to close E.O. Muncie Elementary School at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. “After review of our recent ThoughtExchange survey data we do have some community members who are open to a new elementary facility, while others indicated a preference to remodel the existing site, there were still a number of individuals who reiterated there was no action necessary at all. It was clear a large number of the responding individuals had significant concerns regarding financial impact to taxpayers and would not support an increase in taxes to support our facility projects. After careful consideration of several previously presented options, we feel our next best option is the renovation of the former Anderson Elementary School building,” Bolinger stated.

The renovated facility will be a three section building which is planned for completion for the beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year. While there will likely be some re-districting within the county, through open enrollment, families will continue to have the option to request a transfer to the elementary school of their choice.

The results site for the recent ThoughtExchange survey is being completed and will be shared with our community as soon as it is available.