

Clymer, Panama schedule focus group meetings

As part of the centralization feasibility study for the Clymer and Panama central school districts, a series of public focus group meetings will be held in both communities. Focus group meetings are open to the public and are expected to last one hour.

The groups will answer specific questions with facilitation by a consultant group working with the districts. The meetings begin Monday, May 1 and conclude Monday, June 5.

Focus groups include parents, students, senior citizens, faculty, support staff, booster groups, volunteer fire department and other service organizations, agriculture and business leaders and representatives of the Amish community.

Shared Superintendent Bert Lictus is encouraging participation at the meetings.

“Input from our communities is really important,” said Lictus. “We hope people will engage in the focus group they most closely relate with. Each session will last approximately an hour. We are trying to get as many people as we can to these focus group meetings. The meetings are an opportunity for residents of Clymer and Panama to participate in the study and share their perspectives.”

The consultant team will review current data about school enrollments, expenditure projections, community demographics and more during the meetings. Focus group attendees will then be asked a series of questions. Their answers will be summarized for use with the Feasibility Study Committee and represented in the study.

Information about these focus groups is being shared on both districts’ websites, in the local media and newspapers. Visit clymercsd.org or pancent.org for up-to-date information.

The Clymer Central School District is located at 8672 E. Main St., Clymer; the Panama Central School District is located at 41 North St., Panama. Focus group attendees are asked to please check the signage at the main entrance of the respective school districts. The exact location of the focus group meetings will be posted at the main entrance on the day of each meeting.

Focus group schedule:

Clymer meetings

- Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at Clymer High School: Volunteer Fire Department and other service organizations
- Wednesday, May 3 at 1 p.m. at Dutch Village Restaurant in Clymer: Clymer Senior Citizens
- Monday, May 8 during the last period of the school day at Clymer: Students

- Monday, May 8 after school at Clymer: Faculty
- Monday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at Clymer: Clymer Board of Education
- Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at Clymer: Parents
- Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. at Clymer: Support Staff
- Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at Clymer: Booster Groups
- Monday, May 22 at 5 p.m. at Clymer: Amish elders and representatives from the Amish community
- Monday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at Clymer: Agriculture and Business Leaders
- Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. at Clymer: Community

Panama meetings

- Tuesday, May 16 during the last period of the school day at Panama: Students
- Tuesday, May 16 after school at Panama: Faculty
- Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at Panama: Parents
- Wednesday, May 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Panama: Senior Citizens
- Wednesday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m. at Panama: Volunteer Fire Department and other service organizations
- Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Panama: Booster groups
- Thursday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m. at Panama: Support Staff
- Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. at Panama: Panama Board of Education
- Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at Panama: Community
- Monday, June 5 at 5 p.m. at Panama: Agriculture and Business Leaders
- Monday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at Panama: Amish elders and representatives from the Amish community