

Hello Everyone.

I recently went on a tour of all three school buildings along with the superintendent, business administrator and the mayor. As a newly elected board president I thought this would be a good idea to get a better feel of what is taking place in the schools.

It is not uncommon for the mayor to visit the schools and has been done here in New Egypt by past Mayors. It is a great way to meet the many administrators and teachers that work hard to educate and help our kids. It also helps everyone to know who we are and how important they are to us.

One of the reasons it is important for the mayor to be there is to discuss possible shared services with the town and how the town can help the school system. Some of the items we discussed during our tour included:

1. School funding issue and any services that the town could share to help.
2. We discussed the solar panels at the back of the school and how they help provide power to the school and their age and what is to come.
3. We discussed the connection to the UT trail.
4. Seeking county, state or federal investment/grants.
5. We toured the engineering department in the high school and discussed the DeWalt donations. I have worked with Mike Hammerstone on getting DeWalt to donate \$10,000 worth of tools to the school. I have recently followed up on this and DeWalt has agreed to provide the donation. It is working its way through DeWalt, and we hope the donation will be coming soon.
6. We also discussed the plan to open the primary school.

It was a very productive time with a lot of ideas discussed on how we can help the school and town. Several weeks later I met one of the administrators and they mentioned how much it meant to everyone in the school to see us there. It promoted the feeling that they are cared about, and help is readily available to them. They mentioned how excited so many of the students were, seeing us there and especially meeting the mayor. All in all, it was a very positive time.