

**St Francis of Assis Parish – Springfield School District  
Settlement Agreement Summary – New High School**

Several months ago the Springfield School District made Application for Variances and Special Exceptions for a new High School. With the complexity of the Zoning Hearing process and intricacy of the School District's project in mind our Parish retained the Law Offices of Vincent B. Mancini & Associates in Media.

The primary concerns we have are for the safety of the children of our parish school and our religious education program along with ensuring continuation of our parish mission given the construction of a new high school and campus.

Since April our attorney has had extensive meetings and phone conferences with Fr. Costa and two members of our parish to draft a settlement agreement with the School District. Our attorney has had many meetings and phone conferences with attorneys representing the School District to draft a settlement agreement. Our attorney has also met with the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils regarding the potential settlement agreement.

Several main aspects of the settlement are:

Upon completion of the Project, access to Speakman Drive from Lownes Lane and access to Lowens Lane from Speakman Drive will be restricted to emergency access only.

Pending the terms of Township approval of the School District's redesigned adjacent access to Murphy Drive, the Parish would receive the right to access drive called Murphy Road and a gate will be installed and used by the Parish as needed. The District will pay the Parish the sum of \$4,320.00 to be used by the Parish for the purchase of a manual gate.

A berm with trees and shrubs and grass planted on top will be constructed by the School District along the boundary of the High School Property with the Parish Property.

During construction of the Project, no construction activities shall take place after 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sunday.

The School District will pay the sum of \$150,000.00 to our Parish for building and air handling improvements to mitigate noise and dust generated during construction.

Upon full execution of the settlement agreement our Parish withdraws its opposition to the Zoning Application provided that the Conditions of Approval are made a part of any approval of the Zoning Application.

If the School District does not receive all Approvals required for the Project, the Agreement shall be null and void.