

Sept. 13, 2022

I am hopeful we can pass the bond issue and very excited about the plans for a new high school. My one concern is traffic patterns, especially at start and end of school. Do you have any information about how 3000 students will be dismissed (or be dropped off/arrive) without creating traffic jam?

- Yes, we will soon air a video on social media showing our planned traffic patterns. Essentially, this is a three pronged approach:
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Has there been any studies as far as traffic would be impacted? Each individual school alone, currently, has their own headaches with pick up and drop off. To have 3000 students being picked up seems to be a disaster. Thank you for your time.

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I am hoping the bond passes, but if it doesn't, are you still planning to bus the high school students to their new schools being 2 miles away?

- Yes, this was part of our commitment as we planned consolidation.

If the bond levy does not pass, is Parma Senior still be demolished? Will another attempt be made at trying to pass the bond?

- Yes, Parma Senior High School will be demolished after the 2022-23 school year regardless of the result of Issue 9. We have not yet decided on a future attempt if Issue 9 fails and do not plan to discuss this until we see November's results.

What will happen to class sizes at the existing 2 high schools while we are potentially in flux awaiting a successful passage of the bond? Will high school students be 'realigned' based on class requests in order to hold classes (i.e. AP classes with 7 students at one high school and 6 at another) to benefit our students?

- We have projected staffing levels for the newly configured two high school model based upon the same class sizes we employ now (25-28 average). We have worked with our teachers to plan means of broadcasting from one campus to the other in selected situations such as small numbers of AP students on both campuses. We have not yet piloted this approach but would look to do so in the case you describe.

Do we have the teachers union support on the bond (even though a large number of teachers in the district send their children to private schools)?

- The Parma Education Association has expressed their support of our bond issue in multiple ways, including through contributions to Partners in Education, our Political Action Committee.

Does the new design include a theater and natatorium? How many lunchrooms and gymnasiums are included? How soon after the building do you plan on adding the additional parking? There doesn't seem enough looking at the image. You will have more students driving as they will be living farther away or will you now offer bussing with a consolidated school.

- Yes, the new school includes a Performing Arts Center and a pool (natatorium). The gymnasium space is ample, as it is based on enrollment and 3000 students is high. We will decide after the bond issue how we want to divide this space (one large gym? Multiple smaller gyms?) and include community input in this conversation. The number of parking spaces is based upon an equation provided by the OFCC largely dependent upon enrollment and staffing. We would build any additional parking before opening the school.
- We will offer bussing to the students who live outside of a 2.0 mile travel to school.

September 8, 2022

The proposed bond amount was determined prior to current spike in inflation. Will the bond issue cover the cost of the new building - taking into account the current inflation

rates? What happens if the project runs over-budget? Will the district need to come back to the voters to ask for more money to finish the project?

- *The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, not the Parma City School District, sets the projected cost of the project. They understand and plan for cost increases between their projection and the actual construction of the building. If the cost increases beyond the funding allocated by the bond issue, we would first turn to our Permanent Improvement fund (separate from operating budget) to accommodate this increase.*

I appreciate the breakdown of the new HS (though in my opinion it can be a bit more aesthetically pleasing). I do have 2 concerns and they involve traffic. Will busing increase and how will the district handle the influx of students and parents driving to the school. I live on Grantwood and it is bad enough with parents rushing to get to Shiloh in the morning and afternoon. I would like to see my kids get busing as well (we live near Broadview Rd). I can't imagine fighting the traffic to drop my kids off, especially if the buses will be by passing our home anyways.

- *We will bus students who live more than a two mile travel to school.*
- *We are strategically designing our campus to ensure "one function" routes during pick-off and drop-off areas. Buses will enter and exit from W. 54th in a loop exclusive to them. Parents dropping off and picking up will have their own driveways, one off of Loya Parkway, a second off of W. 54. Students will enter from Longwood. Segregation of traffic by purpose will allow for a smooth flow of cars.*
- *We are also working with the city to potentially open up a second driveway off of Loya, this one more toward the east end of campus. Finally, we will create two right hand turn lanes on our property, adjacent to W. 54 to get traffic onto our campus and off of the main thoroughfare.*

Are you going to provide bussing for high school students?

- *Yes, we have committed to adding busing for high school students who live outside of a two mile radius from school.*

How are you going to be able to fit all them children and all the teachers and all their cars, in that small area? It seems like the school should be higher like three or four floors instead of only two, and at least a parking lot big enough to hold over a thousand vehicles, good luck!!

- *Much of the academic space is actually three floors. We will publish floor plans that show this. The parking lot size is determined through a formula that the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission applies, largely utilizing data such as enrollment and number of staff members.*

My son is in 8th grade has to walk 50 minutes to school and an hour back. How are you bussing them as it's over 2 miles for most people and right now you can't bus the kids who need bussing? I'd ask you to walk his route then want to learn . It's outrageous and now going into winter he will have to walk in snow because nobody does their driveways. It's not safe as there's zero crossing guards at very busy intersections and the one the crossing doesn't work and has to cross carefully at his own risk. I'd like to talk more about this issue. It's not safe for adults let alone a child.

- *We bus all kindergarten through eighth grade students who live outside of a two mile travel of our schools. If you feel that your son should qualify for busing, please contact our transportation department at (440) 885-2326.*

As a former attendee of Parma Schools since elementary, I have been 90% against the bond issue..mainly for closing the existing schools. Renwood is an amazing school which offered my daughter more individualized care, attention and education than I was offered at Pleasantview. I am not happy about having to have her attend Thoreau Park as I hear so many bad things about the students and education at that school. That being said...I am still considering what may be best for my kid after high school. Also I am considering the implications of an extreme influx or traffic on west 54th. It already gets PACKED during school pick up and drop off for both the high school and Thoreau Park and it's difficult to get down my street and cut over to get my oldest to school and younger two to daycare. What are the plans to deal with this traffic situation? I feel like this community that surrounds the schools is going to be drowning in school traffic and having too many groupings of kids in the neighborhood. I see a lot of issues with that. I cannot in good conscience vote for something that would cause my family and my neighbors such a huge problem.

- *The bond issue is a different subject than closing Renwood, Parma Park, and Parma Senior High School. We are closing these schools to save operating expenses. Thoreau Park is an excellent school; if possible, please schedule a meeting and tour with Mr. Bickley (Principal) before deciding to seek an alternative.*
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Just want to know how you plan to deal with traffic at the new school with kids coming from everywhere to get there... Traffic at Normandy can be terrible even at the back path

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I would like to know what safety measures will be put in place besides separate entrances per grade and lunchrooms? 3000 students in one building is a big amount one children in one building . All these school shootings going on is very worrisome . I just wanted some reassurance.

- *The topic of safety and security in schools has emerged as a critical point of emphasis as we plan potential new construction. We will continue to work to “harden” our current facilities as much as possible, but new construction offers opportunities that we cannot efficiently replicate in current buildings. The following are all features that we will incorporate into our planning:*
 - *Learning pods and grade level wings that we can instantly, remotely lock down.*
 - *Smaller common areas and cafeterias which allow for improved supervision and more appropriately sized groups of students.*
 - *Secure separation of “public” space (dining, gymnasiums, etc) from “private” space (classrooms, administration) for after-hours control.*
 - *Increased and improved camera coverage of the building.*
 - *Improved and safer traffic flow: distinct separation of foot traffic, buses and other vehicle traffic.*
 - *“Air Lock” vestibules at points of entry which require staff to unlock two sets of doors before entry is permitted.*
 - *Emergency buttons under desks that can dial emergency services, control locking doors, and activate unique lockdown tone.*
 - *Backup generators that ensure that doors, cameras, network equipment and phones remain active if the building loses power.*
 - *Exterior doors that feature “position switches” which indicate if door is open.*
 - *Laminated glass and safety film.*

I have heard about this. Is this a sure thing? Cause I don't think it's gonna pass there's not enough people in parma vs people who do not plan on having kids and sending them to school.

- *We are very hopeful that the issue will pass. Studies (Neilson and Zimmerman, 2014) have shown that “School construction raises test scores, public school enrollment, and home prices.” We are optimistic that our residents will see this bond issue as an investment in their community.*

Will there be a swimming pool in the proposed high school? If no swimming pool why not? Please clarify what this means for the middle schools. What grades and locations for middle school? How will school traffic run in and out of the school? Please clarify how security will be set up in and around the school. I understand the need to use this location due to the size of the available lot. However, I am concerned about the safety of the area.

- *Yes, we will have a swimming pool; this is included in the cost of the project.*
- *If the issue passes, Normandy and Valley Forge will become middle schools (grades 5-8) when the high school opens.*
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My only question is why would you build the new high school on the Longwood site? How do the people in Seven Hills feel about having to send their kids across town? Why not try to build in a more central location? The parents that I have spoken to so far are

not happy with the location and we stated that at this time we will vote no on the issue. It also seems like this is another nightmare location to try and get in and out of on a daily basis and now you are going to have 3000 students???

- *The corner of W. 54 and Longwood is actually the most centrally located of our three largest properties (Normandy, Parma Senior High School, and Valley Forge). Either of the other two options would have led to even more travel from the opposite side of town. As we have explained in other answers, we are taking multiple steps to maximize the efficient flow of traffic (single function driveways, additional access point off of Loya Parkway, and right hand turn only lanes adjacent to W. 54).*
- *We are hopeful that parents will take the time to learn as much as they can about the issue. Operating two aged high schools presents many challenges and limitations in comparison to the opportunities we can provide through the construction of one new campus.*

September 2, 2022

I've seen different levy amounts that would cost the homeowners in the district, \$11.53 per month per \$100,000 home value, also \$22.00 per month per \$100,000 home value which is correct?

- *The 3.95 mil bond issue will cost \$11.53 per \$100,000 home value.*

How many years is this bond issue for?

- *36 years*

Clarification on the future renewal levies in 2024 and 2027, are they going to be combined and voted on also how many years would the combined levy for?

- *We have not yet made this determination. However, we have discussed combining two ten-year emergency levies set to expire in 2024 and 2027 into one continuing levy through a Substitute Levy which would not cost existing taxpayers any additional expense than that they currently pay.*

What, if any, elective classes had to be canceled at each school due to low enrollment? How many kids were enrolled, and what would that look like in a consolidated school environment?

- *Yes, this happens often. The chart below shows classes that we could not run because not enough students registered for them. Then, the column to the right shows three courses that we would have been able to run had in a one-campus scenario.*

NHS	PSH	VFHS	Courses that would
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Did not run	Did not run	Did not run	336 Multimedia and Image Management
078 Theatre Arts 3 students	080 Literature and Film 5 students	785B Topics Ceramics III 2 students	425 Accounting II
336 Multimedia 12 students	153P AP Euro 9 students	336 Multimedia and Image Management 9 students	080 Lit and Film
425 Accounting II 12 students	Astronomy 11 students	080 Lit and Film 11 students	
	Accounting II 4 students	145A Topics in SS: US Involvement in Vietnam 14 students	
	Music Theory 8 students		
	Weight Training II 9 kids		

Over the last few years, several of the sports teams have lacked in membership - is this still an issue? For what sports, and how would that look in a consolidated school environment?

- *Yes, this is still an issue that we discuss and monitor. Overall membership in athletics has continued to decline annually. There are some teams which we have struggled to maintain. For example, Girls Freshman Basketball is "offered" intermittently, depending upon interest year to year. Those athletes can still participate at the JV level, but the freshman numbers have been low. We have had a similar experience with Girls Freshman Volleyball. As an example, at Valley Forge we have two JV Teams and do not have a true freshman team due to low numbers of freshmen. As another example of the numbers, we have 40 freshmen on the football team at Valley Forge, but only 8 sophomores. Some minor injuries last week and subsequent low number of athletes caused us to cancel the JV game last week.*

Consolidation will help us field more competitive teams at the varsity levels and enable us to carry more lower level teams, which is something that we struggle with now in

many sports. We may be able to offer more opportunities as well. For instance, we may be able to offer girls golf, bowling and boys volleyball.

August 24, 2022

It's my understanding that state funds can not be used for auditorium, pool or gym construction. Is the construction costs for these facilities included in the bond issue or will separate bond issues be needed for those?

- *The current 3.95 bond issue includes all of these facilities. Gyms and stages are co-funded (in our case at 37%). The pool and the seats for the auditorium are Locally Funded Initiatives, meaning we have to pay their entire cost. These are all built into bond issue.*

After the construction of all the schools is completed and we are down to less, more energy-efficient schools, can some of the old levies be retired as there should be a surplus of funds that is not needed for the upkeep of the schools?

- *There is certainly a possibility that we could look to reduce the millage we collect after the construction of all seven new campuses. However, that answer is dependent upon the answers to many questions that we simply cannot yet answer: When do we receive state funding for the second phase (middle and elementary schools)? Will the state legislature actually fully fund the new school revenue formula they developed? How many students are enrolled in the district when we complete all new facilities?*

Hello. My question is this, has there already been a contractor selected to build the school or will this be bid on by different contractors?

- *We have not formally selected an architect nor a construction manager. In 2018, we hired GPD Group as an architectural consultant to help us through our facility planning process. We selected them after interviewing three firms (TDA and AVG were the others). GPD has continued to assist us in this process even though we have not paid them since the 2018-19 school year. We imagine that they will formally apply to become our architect if we are fortunate enough to pass our bond issue.*

Part 2, if a contractor has already been selected, how was that selection made and did they have any part of the construction of Euclid High School? Thank you.

- *In 2018, Parma administrators requested proposals from local firms to assist us in our facility planning process. This group of administrators narrowed the 10-12 applicants down to three finalists (AVG, GPD, and TDA) who then interviewed them. GPD emerged as the consensus choice.*

GPD was not involved in the construction nor design of Euclid High School.

How long will the taxpayers be paying on this bond if it passes?

- *36 years*

My question is regarding the closure of Parma Senior high, and transportation options for those students to the alternative high schools next school year! My child currently resides on Yorkshire and I've researched the public transportation route he would have to take to get to the closest high school and in order to be on time he would have to leave our residence at literally 6am walk 40 minutes to a bus stop, get on and after being dropped off walk another 15 minutes to the school! This doesn't seem like a good idea at all it's not even light out at 6 and the children will be exhausted by the time they get to school especially in the winter! I'm a parent with a disability and I don't drive, will you guys offer to bus these students?

- *We will offer bussing to all students who live outside of a two mile radius of their respective school.*

Hello, I have e-mailed with you in the past regarding some of the consolidation plans which have been on and off the table. I understand the new plan to close Parma High and some of the elementary schools. Sounds like a good idea to me. In regards to this I have a comment and a question.

The comment: When you change the boundaries of the schools I think it's imperative that kids currently attending a school continue to do so. If you are a Normandy Invader, you should remain one. Green Valley Sprout now should be a Sprout in the new system. The kids coming in from Parma and the closed elementaries will *have to change*, but making kids change from their current schools would be unnecessarily detrimental.

- *We are working on our design of new boundaries and are on track to release these in mid-September. Unfortunately, there will most likely be some displacement. For example, we currently have almost 900 5-7th graders at Greenbriar. This brings us close to capacity, yet Greenbriar next year will have 5th through 8th grade. We will have to re-assign some current Greenbriar students to Shiloh or Hillside to make room for an additional grade. We will minimize these movements to the extent possible.*

What is the Parma Academy of Gifted Enrichment? I have a Third Grader who is gifted and talented now. What's the plan for this Academy?

- *We will open the Parma Academy of Gifted Enrichment at Parma Park at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. Planning is in its infancy stages and we will keep our families up-to-date as we proceed.*

I'm a proponent of the new plan, am leaning toward voting for it, though I have concerns on what it will do to traffic on West 54th, State, and the adjacent side streets (and say that not as someone who lives in the immediate vicinity (though my Mother-in-law is on Woodrow). A dedicated right turn lane off 54th North might be of value.

- *We will also access the campus from Loya Parkway, which runs from W. 54 to State in an effort to minimize traffic but allowing as many entries into the school as possible.*

All that said, my main reason for writing is related to busing. Recent past levy attempts talked about restoring busing for high school students. What is the plan for high schoolers should this levy pass, i.e. will they be bused or not, and if yes, outside what distance from the school (example > 1 mile, .2 miles, etc.)?

- *Students outside of a two-mile radius will be eligible for transportation.*

August 15, 2022

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe that the district has discussed combining some of our existing levy renewals into a new single operating levy. What is the timeline for that operating levy to be on the ballot? Is the plan to put that up in 2023? 2024?

- *We have discussed placing a substitute levy on the Spring, 2023 ballot. This would combine the renewal levies scheduled to expire in 2024 and 2027. We project this to be a 7.9 mill substitute levy. Current taxpayers would not experience any increase in their tax bill. However, a substitute levy allows us to collect 7.9 mills on future construction instead of lowering the overall millage for all residents.*

If the bond does not pass in November, will you try again in the spring?

- *We are working hard to secure passage this fall.*

What is the latest election cycle that we can pass the bond to still get the state funds?

- *This is the last election for which we are qualified to recoup 37% of the cost of co-funded segments of new construction. We will have to again apply to participate in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission program if this fall's bond issue fails. We do not yet know what the state share would be if we are again accepted into the program.*

If the bond issue passes, what is the projected timeline for starting to build and for project completion? Do we have an estimate what school year we would hope to have this building up and running? 2030? 2035? Or no estimates at this time?

- *The standard estimate is three years: one year for design and two for construction. So, we would aim to open the new school in time to begin the 2025-26 school year.*

Why not KEEP the original clock tower?

- *We have committed to availing a “clean slate” to our architects. This allows them to design the best possible school for our needs, instead of trying to build around an already aged component of the current school.*

Looking at the published video and reading the accompanying explanation, I noticed nothing was said about the gyms, pool, auditorium/performing arts area, or any other career-tech program other than culinary and cosmetology. My question is, where will the other career-tech programs be housed, will there be an auditorium large enough to seat all of the students, how many gyms will be present, and will there be a pool present?

- *We will have all of these things. We will have a very generous allotment of gymnasium space but have not decided if we will split into two permanent gyms or use temporary walls and have one large space. Yes, there is a pool. The auditorium is set to be built for approximately 800 seats. It is meant to be a more intimate Performing Arts Center. Schools do not do “full school” assemblies very often. All 17 Career Tech programs will be housed in the high school.*

I coach at a different high school but live in Parma. This year there were about 90 kids on the three high school swim teams in Parma. If there is no pool, these kids will have nowhere to swim and the district will be killing a very successful program. Also, there are very few things that are taught in school that can literally save you life and knowing how to swim is one of them. Since Parma doesn't have a rec center, and Seven Hills has a rec center but not a pool that can hosts meets or practice, there is literally nowhere else for those kids to swim on swim team.

- *We will have a pool. In fact, you can see it in the rendering. The exterior is glass and is labeled with “Aquatic.”*

With over 3000 kids in the building, how many gyms is the building going to have. I remember being at Normandy, with one gym, and how hard it was to have multiple gym classes in the one gym at a time. With over twice the number of kids the new school will have, this issue will be even more pronounced.

- *Gym space is based on the student population, so, again, the gymnasium space will be plentiful.*

All three schools have good music and theater programs. It would be a shame for these to go away if they did not have a place to perform.

- *We think the performing arts center will be a very intimate setting for our most talented students!*