

Strategic Consolidation Meetings

Fall, 2019

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This document will provide a “running record” of community input. We will update it after each Strategic Consolidation meeting.

Attendance to this Point: 225

Survey: 66

Elementary School Options (Including Survey 1)

- 6 (83)

- 7 (40)

- 8 (15)

Survey: Elementary Option A (Six Schools)

- No (7)
 - Crowded (3)
 - Students further from home
 - Parma is too big for six (2)
 - More busing
 - Less neighborhood schools
- Yes (37)
 - Less schools leads to better support for staff
 - Builds school district unity
 - Keep them same number of students
 - Minimizes properties used (maximize selling options, maintain fewer properties) (3)
 - Most economical option (7)
 - Larger schools lead to more 21st century features
 - Less maintenance costs
 - More academic opportunities with a larger student population
 - Six would best mathematically align with three secondary options
 - Keep presence in three communities while reducing total number

Survey: Elementary Option B (Seven Schools)

- No (10)
 - Don't need the extra building/too many
 - Too costly
- Yes (12)
 - Neighborhood feel is important (5)
 - Less maintenance costs

Survey: Elementary Option C (Eight Schools)

- Yes (8)
 - PCSD is too big not to have eight
 - More individual attention/smaller classes (2)
 - Smaller, neighborhood schools (6)
- No (24)
 - Too costly (5)

Secondary Option A (-)

- Too many kids w/one high school (6)
- Not educationally sound
- Not psychologically healthy
- Perception would be negative
- Highest transportation costs
- Would need more busing
- Least preferred (6)

Secondary Option A (+) Includes Survey I

- Preferred option (28)
- Would be cost effective

Survey Secondary Option A

- Yes (15)
 - Unity would increase (3)
 - More students leads to more curricular opportunities
 - Lower admin costs
 - Better sports teams (2)
- No (35)
 - Transportation/traffic a concern (8)
 - Students will lose identity
 - Where could you put it?
 - Loss of extra-curricular opportunities (3)
 - Less sporting teams (2)

Secondary Option B (-)

- Do not have three campuses

Secondary Option B (+) (w Survey)

- Preferred option (48)
- Presence in three communities (2)
- Smaller schools
- Even numbers in each school

- Cost-efficient
- Minimize busing
- More extra-curricular opportunities

Survey: Secondary Option B

- Yes (15)
 - Smaller number of students
 - More extra-curricular opportunities
 - Presence in all three communities (3)
 - Keeps tradition of three
- No (15)
 - Traffic
 - Same as we have now
 - Do not want high school students influencing younger students (2)

Secondary Option C (-)

- Limits visibility of CTE programs

Secondary Option C (+) (w Survey)

- Preferred option (93)
- Place one campus in each city
- Make CTE centralized

Survey: Secondary Option C

- Yes (30)
 - Reflects societal/21st-century trends (5)
 - CTE programs concentration is a strength (8)
 - Stronger sports teams (2)
- No (8)
 - Transportation is a concern (4)
 - Too expensive to move central office again
 - Eliminates sports opportunities (2)
 - Eliminates three community identities (2)

What current properties should we continue to utilize (elem)?

- Pleasant Valley (6)
- TP (4)
- PP (4)
- JM (3)
- RB (2)
- GV (7)
- DN (2)
- Hillside (5)

- VF (7)
- NR (5)
- PSH (4)

What current properties should we continue to utilize (secondary)?

- Normandy (22)
- Valley Forge (23)
 - Proximity to Tri-C
- PSH (16)
 - Should be used for CTE building
- Hillside (11)
- SHL (7)
- GB (6)
- PV (4)
- TP (2)
- JM (1)
- DN (2)
- Make sure every city has an elementary campus (4)

Which phase should we prioritize?

- Elementary (40)
- Secondary (81)

Which LFIs should we prioritize?

- Auditorium (44)
- Gymnasiums/Rec Center (19)
- Pool(s) (46)
- Public library
- Community center

Questions

- Board office location?
- Is vocational still an option with three-campus option?
- What is plan for Byers?
- Will we lose any vocational programs by consolidating?
- How do we convince negative residents our kids need better and our property values are worth the investment?
- What is the difference in transportation/operations costs between elem options?
- What is the difference in transportation/operations costs between secondary options?
- Will students stay together in middle and high school with all three elem options?
- How will the number of athletes be impacted w different secondary options?
- Where would high school be built if we went w secondary Option A?
- What happens to STEM?

- Why not phase in as clusters?
- Will class size increase?
- What will Plan B be for overcrowding in future?
- Will there be a pre-school?
- How will staffing be determined?
- Can an elementary school be designed as a possible middle school for population shifts?

General Comments

- CTE is very important
- Rename all schools
- Elementary schools need to be smaller and in various neighborhoods (2)
- Please keep First Step
- Partner w Seven Hills Rec Center (2)
- Partner w Cassidy Theater
- Parma Senior should be the CTE Center (2)
- Rec center is important
- Keep at least one school in each community
- Traffic flow/parking will be an issue (2)
- Transportation a concern (3)
- Overcrowding is a concern (2)
- Flexibility for population growth/loss (4)
- Integrate smaller schools into larger ones
- Class sizes are a concern (2)
- Shared campus: should have parking lots and entrances on either sides
- No schools next to a cemetery
- Keep a campus in Seven Hills
- Teachers should get a one-hour inservice on this plan.
- STEM is important
- Build a Tech Lab