

Public Forum
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Public Comments

Use Bright Start Elementary as a revenue source (Leasing)
Putting 8th Graders at the High School will benefit gifted students
Third Graders should be with younger kids
Should Eighth Graders be alone (for social reasons)
Either configurations does not work well for Third and Fourth Playgrounds
Communicate Final Option and Justify
Public Relations at the Local and State Level
Possibility of renting the building that is closed
Negotiation - Contracts
Re-evaluate Health Care Benefits/Plans for more options (staff)
Do not cut sports - have "Pay to Participate"
Do not remove computer classes/courses
Improve planning/expectations for coaches to increase revenues
Work on timing of Exterior lights in the parking lot to save money
Any more grant that the district could get?
Where would Central Office be? Is this undecided
Has it been discussed to share business/financial concerns?
There is a Consolidation Committee at the ISD considering this option.
Mecosta ISD consolidates technology.
Our district has had conversations with Montabella, Vestaburg, & Greenville re: consolidation.
Talk of sharing staff (i.e. foreign language, MCC and Baker College)
Preschool - Our philosophy is to include preschool in all scenarios (P-12)
What sizes are projected for classrooms? Contractual language is 2nd (5 sections and will go to 4)
Probably will be bigger classes
High School rooms are small for large classes. Special Education rooms only accommodate 15 students
Not comfortable with 3rd or 4th grade at Middle School
Not practical to have bathrooms down the hall (takes 40 minutes from the day)
Better to have 3rd grade with their developmental level children
Would rather see 7th or 8th grade at high school
ELA/Middles: Big rural district geographically
Configure what makes the best of grades that the district has
Use Elementary Strategies and best practices with ELA/Middle
Beneficial to loop 8th & 9th if possible
Concern about large numbers of students at the high school and lack of supervision
Elimination of computer classes is a concern
Suggest posting information, budgets, and Public Forum on district's website
Both elementaries have bathrooms in classrooms
Lakeview Elementary will have a new playground
If a building is closed, how will it be used for another revenue or how would district get rid of?
A closed building requires maintenance
Can Middle School hold 5 grades?
Concern of 7th & 8th grade sports and logistics/practices
Eighth grade at High School would allow for high achievers to move forward
If just bringing 8th grade, who would be their peer group?
In the early 80's, Kindergarten was at the middle school and 8th grade was at High School

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Consolidate Central Office services

Re-bid all contract

Team Teach/Multi-Age

Volunteer Services

Use Solar Lighting

Ask/solicit gifts from local businesses or individuals to help reward kids and help with programs

More volunteers (across the board/every function)

Minimize "Class size reduction" idea

Improve marketing/minimize cuts to reduce "outflow" of students

Positive - the fewer transition years, the less students lose educationally

Look at K-12 buildings, but does not work in a rural (bussing) district

Bathrooms in all classrooms at Elementary

Scenario 1

16 votes

Scenario 2

24 votes