

**PREBOND ASSISTANCE  
HEATH CITY SCHOOLS  
HEATH, OH  
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**FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE  
GROUP DISCUSSION**

Discuss in your group the topic of 2 separate vs. one combined elementary school and document your discussions below

- 2 Separate Elementary Schools
  - Pros
    - Keep buildings as is – no new construction
    - K-5 elementary is a wide range of ages.
    - Smaller student body
    - Transportation?
    - Separating older/younger students (could be con, too)
    - Keeping the old because of our hearts
    - Divide traffic
    - More separate age groups
    - Smaller children – closer to home
    - Older kids separate from younger kids
    - Existing facility. Might be faster to renovate
    - Allows for growth/expansion
    - Separate PTOs.
    - Keeping kinder away from 5th graders
  - Cons
    - Transportation to 2 different buildings
    - 2 kitchens, cafeterias
    - Transition from 2nd to 3rd grade
    - Pickup from multiple buildings (times overlap)
    - Displacement during build
    - The area around Garfield
    - Safety evacuation place is the mall.
    - Dangerous (Garfield) for little kids
    - “Jail” yard
    - Disrupts social relationships
    - Busing
    - Redundant support staff (Cafeteria, Maintenance)
    - Facilities to maintain and Mechanicals
    - Keeping kinder away from 5<sup>th</sup> graders
    - Cost for school continuation during construction (trailers, off site)
    - How long would a reno last?
    - Is it worth the money?

## **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE GROUP DISCUSSION**

- One combined Elementary School
  - Pros
    - Personnel & saved
    - Synergy between all elementary teachers
    - Communication
    - All costs may decrease
    - Same daily schedule
    - Shared facilities (library, gym, cafeteria, offices, etc.)
    - Bus drop off/pickup
    - Peer mentoring
    - Less travel time for shared staff
    - Dialogue K-5
    - Sell Garfield
    - One location for parents/buses
    - No displacement
    - Security
    - More space at Stevenson property
    - More secure
    - Selling Garfield for \$
    - Learning family consistency
    - Easier child transition
    - Utilize staff efficiency/buses/etc. services
    - One stop for buses. Bus garage is there.
    - Can sell the other site
    - Reduction in support staff
    - Maintenance and facility less expensive
    - Single PTO
    - Allows for additions
    - Resources
    - Multiple children in one family (logistics)
  - Cons
    - Personnel cut
    - Doubled amount of traffic
    - Sentimental attachment to building site.
    - Parking/traffic
    - Traffic flow
    - Can't walk
    - Traffic pattern shift
    - Limited gym space
    - Single PTO
    - Crowded hallways
    - Congestion
    - Job loss?
    - Allow for expansion

## **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE** **GROUP DISCUSSION**

Discuss in your group the topic of the Garfield site vs. the Stevenson site and document your discussions below

- Garfield site
  - Pros
    - Selling Garfield = more \$
    - Within housing area
    - Established community safety plan
    - Centrally located
    - Multiple access points
    - Visible to find
    - Could be sold
    - Nostalgia
    - Central location (lunch close for teachers)
    - History
    - Walkable for kids
    - K-2 building keeps younger kids together
    - Could redesign the pickup/drop-off process
    - A lot of people around
    - Accessible
    - Increased security
    - 30th Street
    - Fire Department (access on all sides)
  - Cons
    - On 30th Street for students parents
    - Low income housing
    - Fence around
    - Late/tardiness a problem in apartments.
    - Busy street
    - Limited parking
    - Difficult exit/entrance – traffic backup in commercial area
    - Safety (location)
    - In middle of commercial property (more marketable)
    - Visible to find
    - Parking lot not lit at night
    - Jail
    - Apartments
    - 30th Street
    - Limited security
    - Use of school grounds off hours
    - Limited parking
    - Nowhere to evacuate
    - Busing traffic
    - Site location
    - Limited parking
    - Congestion
    - Pickup/Drop-off chaotic

## **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Garfield truly is not capable of holding K-5 drop-off/pickup. Approximately 150 cars at Stevenson.
- Accessible
- Pickup/Drop-off
- Not as safe as it could be
- 30th Street
- Fire Department (lots of people)
- Other thoughts/issues
  - How much space to expand at Garfield?
  - Garfield property could be sold “easier”
  - Could continue school if built in back
- Stevenson site
  - Pros
    - More acreage
    - Bus garage
    - District offices
    - Central Site
    - Close access to Geller Park
    - Peaceful environment compared to Garfield.
    - Quiet location
    - Extra space to expand
    - Decent amount of parking
    - Close to Central Office
    - Capacity to feel like a campus
    - Multiple entrances to property
    - Space for new builds.
    - Utilize park/activities
    - Closed place for evacuation
    - More secluded/space
    - Better outdoor environment
    - Site is secluded. Location is private
    - Closer to the park
    - Off of 30th Street (not as busy)
    - Size
    - Could still have school while building
  - Cons
    - Traffic/access to school
    - No crosswalk for walkers
    - No revenue from taxed farm land
    - Railroad track
    - Residential streets – traffic pattern
    - Railroad
    - Don't want to look at bus garage – would we leave bus buildings?
    - Space is land locked
    - 30th Street
    - Limited security

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**GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Limited parking
  - Neighbor disruptions/traffic/walkers
  - Railroad track noise
  - We own only up to Carey Lane – would need city to “okay” opening
  - Isolation
  - Sidewalks on Lancaster and Maureen, but not on Cynthia, Claren, Louise, Swainford
- Other thoughts/issues
    - Traffic
    - Parking lot not lit at night.
    - YMCA room space
    - Preschool
    - Adding a light at Cynthia. Other access?
    - Working with City to manage the process
    - Access point (Carey Lane)