



Facilities Planning Community Engagement Session 6 Participant Feedback Responses

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What additional thoughts would you like to share with the Board as they contemplate options during the Decisions Phase?

I believe the new middle school will be a huge addition for the district

Having land that is accessible for activities will vital for scheduling

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I don't understand the purpose of relocating the stadium in phase 2 of option a at cassingham. Can we see what the space comparisons are of the outdoor space at cassingham complex in each option versus today? Can you add timelines in for all of these?

"Fine - we definitely need a building for Lockers, concessions, storage at this site - if you don't move tenth Avenue, how do we keep kids safe in crossing that road? It seems like a safety problem and that the road ultimately Needs to be moved "

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"My kids go to cassingham so I don't have thoughts for the other schools. I do think a new middle school is a good option for the Cassingham complex and making it free standing with no dependency on another building is worth the added cost.

Overall the cost is so high, I worry that the community won't support it. Continuing to show people how much it will cost to keep up with repairs vs doing phase 1 will be important. There is



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no zero cost option but how will the school fund the repairs if the community doesn't support phase 1? Explaining that and including that in the conversation will be helpful. " I knew the district had been looking for land for a long time but a lot of people didn't and I think it surprised people. It was a big purchase for the school and having people see the benefits of it sooner rather than later would be nice. I've been involved with the team building meetings from the very beginning and it's exciting to see the process finally wrapping up!

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"It is clear that all options for the Cassingham complex involve reducing the amount of open outdoor space. This raises an important question: Where will our students play? Currently, Cassingham is equipped with turf and blacktop, while other elementary schools in the district have significantly larger outdoor play areas that include real grass. Furthermore, Cassingham's students do not have access to nearby parks, as other schools do, leaving the Cassingham complex as the primary outdoor space for both the school and the surrounding community. The ""playspace"" within the field is labeled as such in the plans, but this area is not accessible to elementary students during the school day. Additionally, it is often unavailable due to sports games and practices. Given these constraints, I believe it is misleading to refer to this as available playspace for our younger students. Moreover, the proposed plan includes dedicated outdoor learning spaces at Maryland and Montrose schools, while Cassingham students are facing a significant reduction in outdoor space—without any designated area for outdoor learning. This raises concerns about how equity is being addressed in this proposal. Why are Cassingham's elementary students being left with fewer opportunities for outdoor play and learning, while other schools receive more robust offerings?

I urge the board to reconsider these plans and ensure that the needs of Cassingham's students are fully met, especially when it comes to equitable access to quality outdoor space for play, learning, and community engagement.

- Like dedicated secure entry, daylight, thoughtfulness in classroom logistics and locations
- Would like to see some separation in the cafeteria to keep elementary students from high school students
- Deprioritize \$ allocated to parking spaces- this is a walking community and with the overall cost estimated for this project- believe funds need to go towards the academic buildings not parking



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- Do we need 6 tennis courts over outdoor play or learning space?" While I recognize that sports and extracurricular activities are an important part of the school experience, they should not be prioritized over the core academic needs of our students. In my view, the Cassady Complex should be seen as a "want" rather than a "need," and as such, I believe funding for this project should be pursued separately from the academic funding request. Given the extreme costs associated with the Cassady Complex, I would also like to suggest that the school explore alternative funding sources, such as private donations or alternative fundraising efforts, to help cover these expenses. Many families are already facing significant financial pressures, and these costs could be a substantial burden.

"Cost Concerns: While I believe our facilities absolutely need significant changes and improvements, this cost is huge for our community to shoulder. What options is the district exploring to finance this outside of 100% relying on residents to fund?

Donations/grants/business partnerships other funding options?

- How to reduce costs for the new middle school? \$76 million and is in every option

Timing Concerns:

- What's the timing for phase 1? Will my kids have to live with this construction for the rest of their Bexley years? How and when will the construction happen? During the school year?

During the school day?

- When will my children see the end product and will we even get to experience it or just pay for it? Weighing the pros and cons of staying in Bexley or moving to UA/NA with similar current taxes but already finished facilities

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Yes. Move forward. Let's get kids out of Wolf Park. Please increase parking at CS complex.

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I think that getting playable fields as soon as possible for some of our teams to relieve pressure is ALWAYS a great thing.



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Seeing what amounts to a total project cost of approximately half-a-billion dollars presented to the community with little to no hesitation is more than disturbing. The scope of this process without a clearly calculated financing plan, regardless of the time frame for implementation in the current economic climate is reprehensible. The preparation phase for this property that has already been purchased for more than \$6.5 million is projected to cost the community an additional \$14-17 million BEFORE a projected development cost of up to \$56 million + is an outrageous expenditure for high school athletics. Additionally, there is no discussion of the cost of maintenance & upkeep, security & safety, replacement costs for artificial turf and other equipment over time, or any other ancillary costs of operation. This is a colossal waste of financial resources, magnified by the concurrent proposal for the academic buildings within the district.

Again, there appears to be little to no appreciation of the irresponsible financial commitment being asked of the community in order to fund this type of project. Restraint and realism are the first thoughts that come to mind. This administration and school board need to realize that Bexley is and always will be essentially a bedroom community, and as such the burden for our schools falls squarely in the laps of our residents. Without alternative funding plans and options, these projects in their proposed form are a tremendous over-reach which will place an undue financial burden on the entire community, disproportionate to the intended results.

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My apologies, I missed the feedback window. I'm sentimental about the old buildings, but it occurred to me that an entirely new building might actually provide a healthier option for students? Are there concerns about lead, asbestos or other exposures in the current middle and high schools? Would starting over create a safer long term plan for the future generations of the community? Also, has the air quality during construction/renovations been considered and a plan formed to keep the students and staff safe?

Although a new building won't be historic, it could be designed to look historic. Providing sketches of a potential new high school exterior might sway many residents to support phase 2 option A. I've watched all the videos and don't recall seeing any exterior renderings yet? Perhaps that's the next step and I'm just skipping ahead.