



COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS
2018 FACILITIES TASK FORCE

LEARNING FROM COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

THE ROLE OF THE FACILITIES TASK FORCE

COMMUNITY-LED TASK FORCE SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT STAFF WHO RECOMMENDED PROCESS FOR SCREENING BASED ON NATIONAL BEST-PRACTICE, LOCAL HISTORICAL WORK, AND SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTISE.

REVIEW DATA AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS FOR CLOSING OR CHANGING ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES AND/OR GRADE CONFIGURATIONS.

PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE A **STATEMENT OF RATIONALE**.

RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE BASED ON OVERALL BALANCE AND **OBJECTIVITY OF FACTORS LISTED IN BOARD POLICY 7105**.

ISSUE DRAFT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BY THE END OF AUGUST. **FINAL REPORT BY OCTOBER**.

TIMELINE

APRIL 12	2018 Facilities Task Force Organizational Meeting	X
APRIL 27	School Work Group proposes and Task Force approves recommended criteria for initial screening of schools.	X
MAY 10	Task Force approves recommended criteria for initial screening of administrative sites.	X
MAY 25	School Work Group shares school-specific data on Phase 1 initial screening of all schools.	X
JUNE 14	CANCELLED	X
JUNE 29	School Work Group shares Residential Growth Info. Administrative Site Work Group shares results of Phase 1 screening of all administrative buildings.	X
AUGUST 17	School Work Group presents results of Phase 2 and 3 screenings, offer recommendations for consideration.	X
AUGUST 20	Administrative Site Work Group presents results of Phase 2 and 3 screenings, offers recommendations.	X
AUGUST 30	Facilities Task Force finalizes Draft Recommendations on School and Administrative Sites.	X
SEPTEMBER 4	Presentation of Facilities Task Force Draft Recommendations to Board of Education.	X
SEPT/OCT	Community outreach and public meetings to gather feedback on Draft Recommendations.	X
OCTOBER	Facilities Task Force to offer Final Recommendations on School and Administrative Sites to Board of Education.	
NOVEMBER	Vote by the Board of Education on the 2018 Facilities Task Force Final Recommendations.	

IMPRESSIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Thousands of voices throughout the city were heard through our Community Feedback efforts.
UNFILTERED FEEDBACK SHARED DIRECTLY WITH ALL TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- **IN PERSON:** 7 Community Meetings
 - Linden-McKinley STEM Academy
 - Marion-Franklin High School
 - Columbus North International
 - Columbus Education Center
 - South High School
 - Mifflin Middle School
 - East High School
- **STUDENTS:** Hundreds of student responses during in-school presentations
- **EMAIL:** More than 100 emails to talktous@columbus.k12.oh.us
- **WEBSITE/APP:** 60 Responses to online survey
- **PHONE:** Dozens of calls the Office of Customer Relations



SCHOOL SITE
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS
FEEDBACK

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION 1

**BOUNDARY CHANGE
HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY • WEST BROAD ELEMENTARY • WESTGATE ELEMENTARY**

RECOMMENDATION 2

**BOUNDARY CHANGE
MAIZE ELEMENTARY • NORTH LINDEN ELEMENTARY**

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Minimal Community Feedback
- Service to ESL students: A new English-as-a-Second-Language classroom will likely need to be established at Maize, which would also relieve pressure on current ESL classroom at North Linden.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION
3

RELOCATION

**COLUMBUS NORTH INTERNATIONAL • COLUMBUS GLOBAL ACADEMY •
DOMINION MIDDLE SCHOOL • COLUMBUS SPANISH IMMERSION ACADEMY •
ECOLE KENWOOD FRENCH IMMERSION • HUBBARD MASTERY SCHOOL**

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

FROM COLUMBUS NORTH INTERNATIONAL/COLUMBUS GLOBAL ACADEMY:

- Full Capacity: Can Brookhaven site really accommodate both Columbus International High School and Columbus Global Academy?
- Lost Identity: Some staff at Columbus North International expressed concern about identity of school disappearing after co-location with Columbus Global Academy and ESL offices.
- International Athletics: Are athletic facilities at Brookhaven site up-to-date and appropriate?

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

FROM DOMINION, CSIA, ECOLE KENWOOD, AND HUBBARD:

- Overall Positive Feedback
- Middle School Athletics: Continued concerns about relationship with Bishop Watterson on use of fields.
- Dominion Improvements: Recouping PTO investments in the auditorium and sound system at Dominion.
- Repairs at North High School: Will condition of the facility be addressed prior to their move?
- Building Future: What will happen to the Dominion site?
- Specific Positives: Remaining in neighborhood; Unique outdoor space; Space for STEAM learning; Broadened access to curriculum and immersion program.
- Take time to plan program.....

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION

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ADJUST FEEDER PATTERN

MARION FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL • SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL • BUCKEYE MIDDLE SCHOOL • SIEBERT ELEMENTARY K-6 • FAIRWOOD ELEMENTARY K-6 • LINCOLN PARK ELEMENTARY K-6 • LIVINGSTON ELEMENTARY K-6 • MOLER ELEMENTARY K-6 • STEWART ELEMENTARY K-6 • SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY K-6 • CEDARWOOD ELEMENTARY • PARSONS ELEMENTARY • WATKINS ELEMENTARY

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- History/Legacy: Marion-Franklin High School is central to community identity; What would happen to the trophies? Which mascot will be used?
- Neighborhood Growth: Open neighborhoods around Marion-Franklin are primed for growth.
- School Site/Outdoor Space: Room for additional construction on Marion-Franklin site; Marion-Franklin has everything on site for athletics and event parking.
- School Site/Indoor Space: “Will everybody fit in both buildings?”; Marion-Franklin has a large band; If combined, is there enough space for classes/practices inside South High School.
- School Site/Service: Both groups noted continuation of Nationwide Children’s Clinic inside school.

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS: (CONTINUED)

- Safety Concern: How would District address long-standing South Side rivalry?
- Added Transportation: How will the further distance affect bus routes, pickup times?
(Distance between South and Marion-Franklin is approximately 3.1 miles)
- Student Feedback: Worried about distance from younger siblings, requirements on uniforms (South has uniform policy), and future of beloved teachers.
- Staff Feedback: South staff feels the 7-12 model is working, allows for vertical integration of curriculum, provides opportunity for advanced student classwork.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION

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ADJUST FEEDER PATTERN

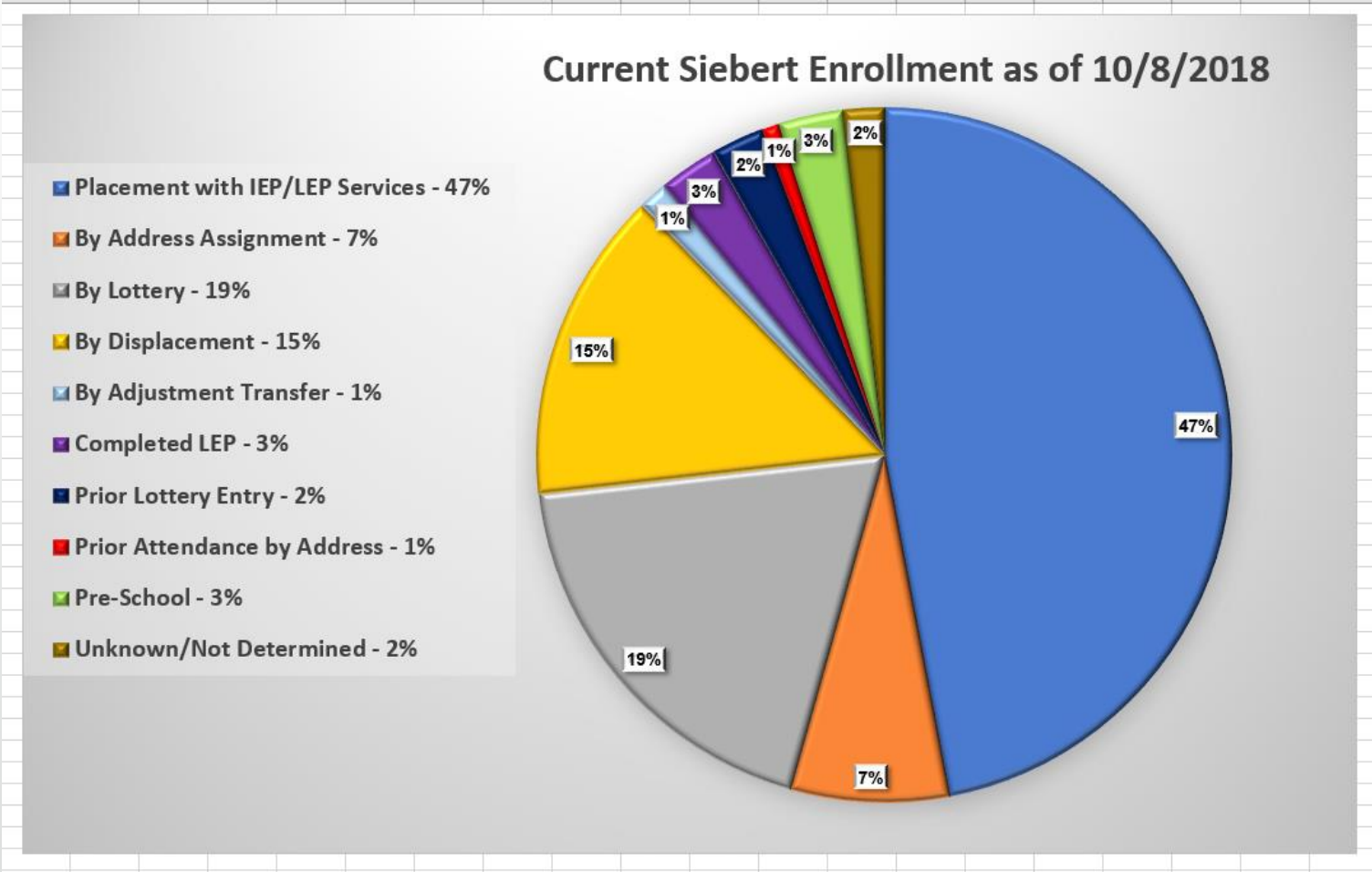
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COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS FROM SIEBERT ELEMENTARY:

- High Transfer In: Staff feels Siebert Elementary is a “choice school.”
- Test Scores: Belief that Siebert is higher performing than other South Side elementary schools.
- Room to Accommodate: Is there space for the students who attend Siebert to attend other South Side elementary schools?
- Building Future: Fear that District is vacating property to sell to developer and that closure will add to gentrification of community.

ADDRESSING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON SIEBERT ELEMENTARY CLOSURE

RECOMMENDATION
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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION
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ADJUST FEEDER PATTERN

**EAST HIGH SCHOOL • LINDEN-McKINLEY STEM ACADEMY • HAMILTON STEM K-6 •
LINDEN STEM K-6 • SOUTH MIFFLIN STEM K-6 • WINDSOR STEM K-6 •
MEDINA MIDDLE SCHOOL • MIFFLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- History/Legacy: Linden-McKinley is central to community identity; Families have legacies of graduating from both of these schools; What would happen to the community traditions associated with each school; “Please don’t change the name.”
- Safety Concern: Does the Task Force/District have a realistic perspective on safety challenges?
- Student Support: Will East have same trauma-informed supports as provided at Linden-McKinley?

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION 5

ADJUST FEEDER PATTERN

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS: (CONTINUED)

- East Utilization vs Linden-McKinley Stabilization: Concern that negative impacts to Linden-McKinley because of under-utilization at East High School; Staff recognizes stabilization in staffing and building leadership which would be impacted by change.
- Distance from Linden: Student concern about distance of students who live in Linden area and how they would participate in school activities; distance away from younger siblings; inability to walk to school.
(Driving distance between Linden-McKinley and East is approximately 5 miles)
- Merging Academics: How would students coming through Linden pathway catch up with Health Sciences Academy students from current East pathway?
- Community Planning: Would change at Linden-McKinley impact City's revitalization efforts in Linden?

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION
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ADJUST FEEDER PATTERN

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS FROM MIFFLIN MIDDLE AND MEDINA MIDDLE:

- Academics: Staff at Mifflin Middle School were concerned about impact to academic progress.
- Previous Conversations: “We have done everything you have asked us to do, so why close us?”
- Community Partners: Strong alignment at Mifflin Middle to academic, non-academic support.
- School Site/Land: More open land on the Mifflin Middle site with opportunity to rebuild.
- Distance: How will the move affect transportation?
(Driving distance between Mifflin Middle and Medina Middle is approximately 3.5 miles)



ADMINISTRATIVE SITE
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS
FEEDBACK

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

RECOMMENDATION 1

CLOSE
MORSE ROAD BUS COMPOUND • BEERY/MARION-FRANKLIN OPPORTUNITY CENTER
• ADULT EDUCATION AT LEXINGTON AVE.

RECOMMENDATION 2

RELOCATE
LINMOOR EDUCATION CENTER • SEVENTEENTH AVE. FACILITY •
HUDSON DISTRIBUTION CENTER

RECOMMENDATION 3

STUDY
DOWNTOWN CEC • FOOD PRODUCTION CENTER • KINGSWOOD DATA CENTER •
FORT HAYES TRANSPORTATION COMPOUND

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Community Impact: Recognize impact of closing/relocation three buildings in Linden neighborhood.
- Redevelopment Opportunity: City of Columbus ready to assist with redevelopment of sites.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK **QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**



BRIEF BREAK



SCHOOL SITE
**ALTERNATIVE
SCENARIOS**

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 1

RECOMMENDATION

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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Instead of converting Marion-Franklin, convert South High School into a middle school. Marion-Franklin instead becomes the south side high school.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Larger site with more athletic facilities, additional parking, room for development.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 2

RECOMMENDATION

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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Move Buckeye Middle School to co-locate at Marion-Franklin High School. Close Buckeye building.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Requires creation of two separate programs: 6-8 middle school AND 9-12 high school, with separate administration, programming and service.
- Recommend additional planning year for implementation (2020-2021 School Year).

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 3

RECOMMENDATION

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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Convert South 7-12 into two separate programs: South Middle School (6-8) and South High School (9-12); Move Fairwood Elementary to East feeder pattern; Move Grade 6 from K-6 feeder elementary schools; Close Siebert Elementary.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Requires creation of two separate programs: 6-8 middle school AND 9-12 high school, with separate administration, programming and service. Provides middle school experience in South feeder.
- Recommend additional planning year for implementation (2020-2021 School Year).
- Move of Fairwood increases utilization at Champion Middle School and East High School.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 4

RECOMMENDATION

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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Close Siebert Elementary (if no changes to South High School feeder).

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Reassign students to Stewart Elementary and Southwood Elementary.
- Would consider phasing-out closure (example: elimination of Kindergarten, no new lottery, no new neighborhood student assignment starting next year)

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 5

RECOMMENDATION
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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Convert Linden-McKinley 7-12 into two separate programs: Linden-McKinley Middle School (6-8) and Linden-McKinley High School (9-12); Move Grade 6 from K-6 feeder elementary schools. Maintain Mifflin Middle and Medina Middle as currently operating (no merging or closure).

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Requires creation of two separate programs: 6-8 middle school AND 9-12 high school, with separate administration, programming and service. Provides middle school experience in Linden-McKinley feeder.
- Recommend additional planning year for implementation (2020-2021 School Year).
- Increases utilization at Linden-McKinley site. Creates space at elementary level for Pre-K and other student support services.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 6

RECOMMENDATION
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ADJUST FEEDER PATTERN

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ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Redraw Linden-McKinley feeder attendance boundaries (North: Weber Road; South: I-670; West: I-71; East: Sunbury Road)
- Reopen Linmoor Middle School; Build a new Linden-McKinley High School on Linmoor site; Sell current Linden-McKinley High School; reopen Hudson Elementary (Lexington Ave).

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Creates a “campus environment” with elementary, middle, and high school on same site.
- Expands number of students residing in Linden-McKinley feeder zone.
- Requires funding/bond issue.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 7

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Move Eastmoor Academy to co-locate with East High School.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Co-location of two programs would exceed current capacity at East High School, which would reduce number of students who could lottery into Eastmoor.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 8

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Move Columbus Alternative High School to North High School.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Still leaves unaddressed over-utilization at Dominion Middle School.
- Creates capacity concerns when moving Grades 7-12 from Columbus North International to former Brookhaven site.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 9

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Move Columbus Alternative High School to East High School.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Co-location would not be possible because of building capacity.
- Closure of East High School would impact investment/partnerships in Health Sciences Academies.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 10

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Move Columbus Alternative High School to Linden-McKinley High School.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Co-location would not be possible because of building capacity.
- Closure of Linden-McKinley would impact entire feeder pattern, with no middle or high school assigned for the Linden community.

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 11

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

- Convert Beechcroft High School into a middle school and move Woodward Park/Woodward Park @ Walden to new Beechcroft Middle School.
- Reassign Beechcroft High School feeder to Northland High School.
- Convert Woodward Park @ Walden into Pre-K/Early Childhood Education Center.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Closure would significantly impact student assignment at Northland High School and Mifflin High School.
- Eliminates number of student transitions between K-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8.
- Requires further long-term study which may be better addressed through FMP/new construction.



ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

QUESTION: Are there any alternative recommendations that the Task Force wants to consider as amendments/replacements to the original draft recommendations?

ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 1	Convert South into a middle school instead of Marion-Franklin
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 2	Co-locate Buckeye Middle School (6-8) at Marion-Franklin High School (9-12)
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 3	Convert South into separate South Middle School (6-8) and South High School (9-12)
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 4	Close Siebert Elementary
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 5	Convert Linden-McKinley into separate Linden-McKinley Middle School (6-8) and Linden-McKinley High School (9-12)
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 6	Redraw Linden-McKinley feeder; Reopen Linmoor Middle and Hudson Elem; Build new Linden-McKinley; Sell current Linden-McKinley High School
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 7	Move Eastmoor Academy to co-locate with East High School
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 8	Move Columbus Alternative High School to North High School
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 9	Move Columbus Alternative High School to East High School
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 10	Move Columbus Alternative High School to Linden-McKinley High School
ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO 11	Convert Beechcroft High School into middle school; move Woodward Park; Reassign Beechcroft to Northland High School.



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REMINDER:

**NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY
OCTOBER 22**