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I am a KCPS Teacher/Staff Member

School facilities and renovation needs: Leaky roof at various spots and new driveway at KCMS

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure: In favor as it provides greater opportunities to differentiate courses to meet individual student needs.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized? Utilize as local community centers.

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Parent

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I don't have a problem with it. Fairfax County, VA which is a very well respected school system, has several secondary schools. I know Dr. Couch said that there was a problem with gym time and cafeteria time if all the students were at the HS though.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

WES could house the Board of Ed?

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

I really hope something productive can be done with the playground equipment if it is going to go to waste. Does Parks and Rec still use the WES playground equipment?

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Community Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

I'd like to see a space dedicated science. It would be great if there was one space indoors that could be used to study science, do experiments, things like that. STEM is such a huge part of 21st century jobs and economy. It would be great to have a space kids could have access to do experiments and things like that. Especially with the new smaller classrooms, it's hard to imagine how to handle the space needed to do some hands on learning.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I think this could be done and could be done well. I would hope it would open up the opportunity for a broader access to academic specialists and extra-curriculars.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

One of the reasons we moved back to KC from Pennsylvania was so our kids could be in a community school for elementary school. I wouldn't mind seeing Worton turned into something else (county offices perhaps?), but I would love to see the district grow to the point of being able to support a school in Millington again.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Because we're so small, we could do some really great things. I am glad to see us planning for the kinds of facilities, learning, and staffing that we want to have rather than planning how to "make-do" with what we have. I'm really glad to see the efforts of the SPC and to hear about what is happening in the meetings.

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Parent
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School facilities and renovation needs:

I DO think it would be great if the schools could reflect more of an open, welcoming, modern learning space than the concrete boxes that they are right now. But I also believe that an investment in teachers should be more of a priority. We could have great facilities but if we can't get teachers to stay and be successful the facilities won't matter.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I think it's not a bad idea but I don't believe that locating them in Worton is a good idea. Though I know that Worton is centrally located, it's removing kids from their communities. It's much harder for stakeholders who AREN'T involved in the schools to care much about them when they are out of sight and out of mind. Having schools be a part of population centers is important - having community members have access and familiarity with school events and spaces and staff plays a big role in their buy-in. Right now one of the biggest problems the schools have (in my mind) is that the broader communities feel no ownership, and therefore aren't willing to put tax dollars into our schools or volunteer or support our schools in any number of ways that they would if we put the schools front and center.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and

I would leave that up to the communities where they are. But then, I'm someone who thought they never should have closed in the first place. In an ideal world, this is what I would do: re-open MES so that there is a school in each (larger) municipality in the county. (Sorry, Worton, I feel like you don't really count, not enough centralized community there!) Have each elementary school be a specialized boutique learning experience. So, you'd have a Montessori in C-town, a Waldorf in Millington, an outdoor/nature-based school in Rock Hall and a STEM in Galena (or whatever). Partner with the local communities to use the facilities for other community-based purposes (like what people are using the Fire Halls and Elks Lodges etc for now) and partner with them for maintenance. Allow parent choice for the schools in that if they can deliver their kid to their preferred school, they can go there, otherwise they'll get bussed to whichever is local-est to them. (I would say make these schools K-7, and then make the HS 8-12, but I'm sure there's someone somewhere who knows better than I do what the best cutoff is - my thoughts on K-7 is that when you have mixed age learning experiences like at least Montessori and Waldorf, part of the success comes from older kids interacting with and helping younger kids. I feel like 7th graders are still up for this kind of interaction and community building, but I could be totally wrong). This would have multiple benefits: 1. allowing "school choice" which is something some parents care about 2. luring interested families to particular communities in the county based on which

MES) be utilized?

type of school they want their kid enrolling in 3. having to worry less about the capacity numbers if you are partnering with the local towns for maintenance (I know towns will say they don't have money like state money, but if it is done right then communities will start rallying around their community space and be willing to invest in them) 4. Bringing teachers in who don't have opportunities to teach in those particular modes of teaching (Montessori, Waldorf, etc) anywhere on the shore 5. Not to mention that we all are aware of the actual pedagogical plusses of those particular types of teaching/learning experiences 6. Tight-knit student communities moving into the larger county high school (instead of being thrown into a county middle school) would have fewer disciplinary problems (pipe dream?) because the relationships built all through elementary school would still be strong (the 7th grader who mentored the 5th grader becomes the 12th grader who mentors the 10th grader). 7. This would certainly put us on the map as cutting edge creative thinkers when it comes to education. I know it's probably impossibly complicated, but just thought I'd throw it out there for pie-in-the-sky ideas, since that's what you're asking for at this point. And note that this kind of setup is ONLY possible because we are a small and agile community (or, we should be, at least, given our numbers). A big school district couldn't do this but we absolutely could.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Oh, you got an earful on the last question, but I would like to reiterate that the schools should be set up as multi-use facilities. Rather than sitting empty on weekends (and in the evenings!) there should be programming that involves the communities. When I was in high school I drove out to Worton in the evenings a couple times a week to take advantage of continuing ed classes out there (mostly drawing classes) - if such a thing were happening closer to where I live now as an adult, I would totally be interested in doing it. Schools should be CENTRAL to their communities, and we've managed to totally flatline their presence and that's part of why we have so little buy-in from the larger community.

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Yes

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Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure: No

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized? police, EMS, Arts center, homeless shelter, BOE

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School facilities and renovation needs: KCHS new roof; ceilings leak; new planetarium that can be used by schools, colleges, and community

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure: do not feel this is needed

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized? either allocated to county for use (i.e. 911 center) or sold to private organizations

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities: none

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KCPS Teacher/Staff Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

Expand the Health rooms. Possibly allowing School Health to become KCPS employees as we are subcontracted through the State local health department. That way, IF it's in the budget we could upgrade Health Office supplies.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

Keep schools as they are. 10 year olds do NOT need to be in the same building with 17 18 year olds.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

They need to be "maintained" at the very least for the possible growth in the future.

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Parent
KCPS Teacher/Staff Member
Community Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

Up to date if not state of the art equipment in all areas of instruction.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

When I emailed about this during the first round of consolidation, an extensive email was sent back with reasons as to why this could not be done. Why consider it now?

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

If keeping KCHS open, WES could be used as the BOE and house 7th and 8th grades. MES and the former BOE in Rock Hall can be used as community centers since not everyone can access the facilities in Worton.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Give all facilities except KCHS back to the County Commissioners, tear down KCHS and build one mega school that houses headstart and pre-k to twelfth grades, and place the BOE in the front lobby. This way all resources are shared and classrooms are even sizes.

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KCPS Teacher/Staff Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

Light bulbs replaced, bugs exterminated, rodents exterminated, cobwebs and corners of building cleaned up, leaking ceiling fixed, water bottle filling stations, doors on mens bathroom stalls, curtains fixed.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

Nearby would be okay. Same would cause many issues.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

BOE, move it to a more central location (WES). MES and RHES can be used for storage, Maintenance headquarters, bus depot, police station, etc.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Make WES an 7-8 school possibly. Or an 8th grade academy. Then use the middle school for 5,6,7 allowing k-4 at the elementary schools.

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KCPS Teacher/Staff Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

Up to date equipment in all areas of instruction, building infrastructure needs to change to accommodate the one-to-one technology of our classrooms. For example, more outlets in classrooms for students to plug in laptops.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

This was suggested before with consolidation and could work, but would still leave us with vacant buildings and parents with concerns over their 10 year old being in the same building as an 18 year old. If we could isolate the middle schoolers (maybe put 6th back in the elementary level, just bring up 7-8) and make sure their schedule was different it might put parents' minds at ease.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

I think WES should be turned into a JR High school for 7th and 8th grade, and that the Central Office should be relocated there (to the actual center of the county.) MES and the former Central Office in Rock Hall could be utilized by the county as community centers (extensions of the one in Worton that is less accessible to all in the county.)

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

I just hope that whatever is done is not done piece-meal. Small changes that later need drastic ones are constantly disrupting this school system. Just rip the band-aid off and fix what needs fixing. We had a "small" renovation at the high school 2005(ish) and it left us with unpredictable classroom temperatures that we cannot control, rooms with no call buttons, and a faculty lounge that doesn't have a sink. Plus it completely eliminated an upstairs faculty lounge. We have offices that are not really necessary and water fountains that have produced warm water for 10 years.

Also, put actual working phones in all of the rooms. We should be able to call for help if needed and our cell phones do not always get the best reception.

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**Thoughts on relocating
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school students in the
same or nearby
structure:**

I think its a good idea.

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KCPS Teacher/Staff Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

RHES - roof leaks, we need more playground equipment and fencing around our playground, we are completely out of space and no room for our Title I tutors to work with students, Music room and Kindergarten rooms are cramped

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I think this is a good idea, but only if new buildings are built to support this.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

WES should become the central office. MES could be used as the alternative school.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

We are so small and getting smaller that I could see one large campus for the entire school district. However the campus would be divided into sections Pk-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

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KCPS Teacher/Staff Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

classroom storage, outdoor play areas

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

no, I do not agree

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

summer school, so the other schools can be finished in a more timely manner

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I am a Parent
Community Member

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

It makes economic sense in our small county to have a single high and middle school building or campus with shared facilities. I am happy with HS and MS sharing a building or a campus. However if the MS and HS are to be consolidated then I would like to see it start at G8 or G7 at the earliest. G6 should be in the elementary schools. Definitely close the MS building in Chestertown and move kids to Worton campus. Sell MS building

- Rockhall: Move BoE to an under utilized school building elsewhere. Pick most appropriate of 2 school buildings in Rockhall for the Elementary school that can house Pre-K to G6/7. Sell other building
- Chestertown: As Chestertown buildings are likely to have the greatest value and could be sold to the College or to developers for assisted living for example I think that we should consider selling these buildings. Move kids to Worton
- Galena - keep as Pre -K to G6/7 elementary school. Clear out the end building used for storage and utilize for something for the school or that space could be converted to additional classrooms for G6/7/8.
- Worton : repair / update current HS building for the new high/middle school from G7/8 upwards. Unused space can be utilized by BoE
- Worton Elementary school - repair and move Chestertown elementary into it and utilize unused space for BoE or other functions such as rent / lease space to day care providers etc. Alternatively sell / lease out completely and build additional wing on HS to share facilities such as cafeteria / library/ gym with HS
- Millington Elementary - sell the building

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

1. Need to understand the value of the buildings to make a decision on most economic place for school buildings. This isn't the main consideration, but is an important factor
2. CC's need to confirm that they will sell the buildings and reinvest the monies in Education infrastructure in addition to their annual MOE (or whatever they pay, sorry don't know the correct accounting term)
3. It may become an economic necessity to create a single campus in Worton. As the geographic center it makes sense that this would house the ES, MS and HS kids with shared facilities. Same start and end times would allow all kids from a town, eg Galena to ride a single bus, keeping journeys short and transport costs reasonable

Cecil County only provide half day Pre-k so they don't need as

**Additional
thoughts/ideas for
facilities:**

many classrooms and teachers. Not saying that we should do that as I do think that universal Pre-k is such an awesome idea and so helpful to working and less well off parents. Not only does it get the lower income kids into education sooner, but it attracts the kids of wealthier parents as well into the schools rather than them going straight into private schools. I would hate to see this cut. It is a fantastic program.

Your name

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I am a Community Member

School facilities and renovation needs: New pre k building ,new middle school same property

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure: Can not mix 7 grade and 12 in same building

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized? Tear down

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities: Will not have economic growth with out. New schools can have investors buy land under schools lease back, get 20 year lease payment up front, use money to rehab or build new

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Community Member

School facilities and renovation needs:

A total reset with elementary and middle schools in each community

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

Don't think so

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

They need to be opened again for their community and students

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Schools in your own community are important and healthy

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Parent
Community Member

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I'm more of a fan of having PreK-8 at our elem schools.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

I would like to see WES become the location for the school board. Having meetings all the way out in RH makes it difficult for many people to attend. I actually live closer to the Dover Mall in Delaware, than to the board office in Rock Hall.

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I am a

Grandmother

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I think K-8 is a better option.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

MES a community center. Move BOE to WES which is a more central location.

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I am a

Parent

School facilities and renovation needs:

Maintain the buildings appropriately. Expand parking availability at the current school sites.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

Restructure school system to accommodate 7-9 middle and 10-12 high. Have those two tiers use the same building. Pre-k-6 under elementary system.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

Alternate class rooms, alternate facilities for special after school enrichment programs. Open to parks and rec use, allow the public to use under guidelines to generate income for the school system.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

One it's sold it is gone and we can't get it back. Use what we have to increase revenue for the school system and in turn use that to enrich our students.

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Parent

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

why not explore k-8 schools instead...the middle school system isn't working...

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

it's not up to us...the buildings belong to the county....WES would be great for combining middle school and high school...could create a campus there

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I am a

Parent

School facilities and renovation needs:

Make existing elementary schools into K-8. Renovate the planetarium at the high school.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

If we have K-8 in elementary schools, we won't need a middle school.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

The BOE building should move to Worton Elementary. Lease out some space to a daycare facility.

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Parent

School facilities and renovation needs:

We need to plan now for our needs for the next 20 years and take a long term view. While there may be interim steps we can take by combining K-6,7 or 8 in a "juniors" school format, which i support, longer term I feel we need to look at a single campus model centrally located so that we can reduce facilities, maintenance and other administrative costs associated with having six or more underutilized building throughout the county.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

A campus with separate buildings or wings would be favorable to co-location in the same building.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

Sold or long term lease with proceeds to be committed back by the Commisioners as a non-recurring funding to the BOE for use in capital improvements and programming.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Thank you Francoise for providing options for feedback and input for those that cannot commute back in time from our jobs in northern Delaware (did we mention lack of economic opportunity in KC?!) to make it to these sessions.

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Yes

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Parent

School facilities and renovation needs:

Yes, much needed. Galena ES needs expansion due to increased student capacity.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

Good idea.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

Sell these buildings and reinvest the profit into the other schools equally.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Move BOE offices to worton. Before doing so research and see what bldg would potentially sell the fastest (worton es or where the Boe offices are currently held).

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Parent

**Thoughts on relocating
middle school and high
school students in the
same or nearby
structure:**

I don't think it's a good idea. I feel we will have more middle school students leave our schools if this happens

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Parent

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

Perhaps K-6 lower schools and 7-12 upper school, with HHGES moving to KCMS, and the current HHGES being repurposed for BOE offices, food and supplies staging/storage, bus parking in back. Sell playground/green space to Chestertown for children's park, perhaps even to purchase WES playground equipment. Could that alleviate some bus coordination if all early starters are going to the same upper school?

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

If no upper school consolidation occurs, could WES be used for BOE and admin?

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Parent

School facilities and renovation needs:

I toured the high school. The cafeteria **MUST** be addressed! I don't know the best way to do so, but it needs to be larger and/or configured in a better manner. The entire building seemed to need some modernizing, at least paint. The gymnasium has very old and loud lighting. I am far from an expert of any kind on facilities, but the building seemed very dark.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

Regarding other schools, my opinion is they all need upgrades. I won't go into details, however, as I feel a campus center type model where all students are near the high school is likely best for Kent County.

I am opposed to combining all middle school students and high school students in the same building. I am, however, in favor of moving 8th graders to the high school. It seems (by the numbers shared) there is room for the 8th graders in the high school, and with renovations and upgrades, the school could hold grades 8-12, improving utilization percentage.

I am not opposed to having all students in nearby structures, regardless of grades.

In my vision, there is a campus center or central campus model. The current high school would be for grades 8-12. There would be a **NEW** school built which would be for PreK-7.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

They should be turned over to the county as soon as possible for disposition.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

If there are two schools for all students in Kent County in the same location, and adjacent to the community center and Worton Park, then it would also be ideal to have the Board of Education and secure storage for the county buses in the same area. This will allow for a central area for all school related activities. Ideally, this will foster a greater sense of community and Kent County pride. In the future, we should consider bi-annual community fundraisers (large scale) to raise funds for the schools. This central location and close proximity to the community center and park will be an ideal location for planning of those types of events.

It should be clear to all that the government funding will not be increasing, and, if we do not do something different in our county, we will continue to lose students to private schools and other counties. Adopting a K-7 or K-8 program will allow us to avoid the "Mayhem in the Middle" school phenomenon that is documented so well by scholars and researchers, and provide a

new, more enriching environment for our children. Our high school already has a strong foundation to provide young adults with employment and education opportunities that are impressive. When we, as a county and community, are finally able to focus on our school staff, programs, and students, instead of budgets, school consolidations, and bus contracts, then we will be on the path to excellence for the children of Kent County.

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Yes

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Parent

School facilities and renovation needs:

GALES needs a new roof and more parking.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

The middle and high schools should be located in separate structures and should not share buses. There is too much developmental difference between an eleven-year-old and a seventeen-year-old for them to be put together on the same bus or to be interacting in school.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

They should be sold.

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I am a

School facilities and renovation needs:

Unsure

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

No position

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

I have had inquires about the vacant elementary schools. Worton Elementary for space for a daycare facility, leasing part of the building. Millington Elementary about office space for Cambio WiFi and possibly a business incubator.

I don't know the process of how these buildings are declared surplus and who makes the decisions as to what happens to them, time frames, etc. I am sharing and would appreciate any information on the process.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:

Sorry I will not be able to make any of the meetings.

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Yes

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I am a
Parent
Community Member
Community Organizer

School facilities and renovation needs:
School facility and renovation needs - Reuse and make great what we have. No MEGA budget new construction or Debt needed. Facilities to serve the child, family, educators, and community. No "Pavement" development. GREEN initiative.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:
Only if it is economical.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?
By community. And, by community based decision.

Additional thoughts/ideas for facilities:
Slow down and welcome in the whole community. No Big decision recommendations in a vacuum. Less myopia. Embrace the two sides - (1) do more with less and (2) provide great schools that build economic and student development here in KC. Expertise is in the county. Less contract driven conversations that move out the engagement and participation of parents and teachers.

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Yes

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Community Member
Life long resident and graduate of Kent County Public School system and two sons who are as well.

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

They share the same bus why not the same building.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

There should be consideration of a public private STEM Center of EXCELENCE venture utilizing WES facility

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Parent

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I think that middle school student and high school students need to stay separated.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

Board of education should use WES as their headquarters. It would make them more centralized in the county. Not sure for MES

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Parent

School facilities and renovation needs:

If worton elementary school could be reopened and renovated

Thoughts on relocating middle school and high school students in the same or nearby structure:

I'm not at all a huge fan of bringing the two schools as one. Middle school age kids are very vulanable and can be influenced by highschool kids.

How should the former elementary school buildings (WES and MES) be utilized?

I believe since the schools are closed and empty that they should be used for some type of youth recreational use or a boys and girls youth groups to meet and have mentors, study halls, tutors and things of this nature.