

Dear Press – Please tell the whole story – Chris Fellin

To understand the Bloomfield High School plan cost figures better, please see the note below from Rich Andrews and additional notes here from me.

The base cost is \$69.5M not \$65M as stated in the Eccentric article. Also, the upper end of the current estimate is \$86M. Please [click here for the district document](#). They must relocate maintenance to build this new school (to the Farm I presume). They must purchase technology related equipment to build this new school. These are not "options"; they are part of the base cost.

Also, this "base cost" excludes expenditures to consolidate administrators at the Doyle Center.

The district also continues to say that they will save \$2.5M by consolidating the high schools, but that cost savings figure included consolidating the administrators. They can't have it both ways.

Also, for future reference, I hope that you will publish numbers accurately and clearly. The next set of numbers you will see will be the bond proposal number. They will probably target \$50M or less for the bond proposal by taking funds on hand such as: Foundation, Sinking Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and the Capital improvement fund. I would also expect to see the proposal cost to creep higher based on community expectations for the "options". The district will likely keep this under the radar so that you tell the public that it's a \$50M high school.

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Thank you.