

Eccentric distortions speak volumes regarding credibility to this community – Rich Andrews

With all due respect to your commentary regarding the BHSD one school plan, your thoughts fall way short of being knowledgeable about the details. And remember, the devil is in the details.

1. The cost of \$ 65 Million is only for starters. That is not the total cost. By your own admission, for an additional \$ 16 Million athletic facilities and updated classrooms would be included. Now we are at \$81 Million. And by your own admission this costing does not include actual specs and the possibility of a 'couple of options' that could be added later. This is the devil in the details conveniently missing. Would you guys sign a personal note if this were your money and being loosely addressed as it is. Hell no, you wouldn't !

2. You totally fail to ever mention/reviewing site size, density, roadways, access, traffic flows/congestion, etc. This oversight on your part is not minor. And there is much more . . .

3. You have totally neglected to consider and mention what can/will happen to costs of this project over the period of time (4 years ?) it will take to complete. Cost increases will likely pile up. Overruns can be astronomical. And you don't even go there. And what about carrying charges and other related costs? Not a peep.

Hey, maybe B 20/20 has been obnoxious from time to time. So be it. It is a part of the overall process of challenge. But measure all of the facts both pro and con about this community fiasco and there is a legitimate story to be told - and *in fact* tips the scales in favor of what B 20/20 has addressed all along. Prudent spending, especially in this new economy is the responsible approach. Your comments, on behalf of the Birmingham Eccentric, fall way short, are totally irresponsible, rather distorted and quite shallow, and are worthy of raising red flags.

An honest approach would have been to develop a spread sheet with the facts - pros and cons of each side totally spelled out and not taking sides. Your public distortions should speak volumes regarding 'awareness and credibility' to this community.