

What is in the Phase 1 \$65-\$70 million plan and what is not? – Chris Fellin

On October 18 the \$863,000 consultant FNI will present their 85% plan for a new consolidated high school. There will be time allocated for Q&A from the public after their presentation.

I have reviewed available information and have these questions:

1. What is the transition plan for the students? Where will they be during demolition and construction?
2. Where will the students be if the tax proposal fails?
3. What is included in the \$70 Million phase 1? What is pushed off to future tax increase requests?
4. What will be done with Lahser once it is emptied? Will it be emptied?
5. Has the traffic study been updated? It is several years old.
6. How is this plan going to address the 21% of students who have to take remedial classes in college because they were not ready when they graduated?
7. How is this plan going to address the demographic achievement gap in MME scores?
8. What are athletes going to do during the transition?
9. What is the plan for combining all co-curriculars – How will they be structured? How will participation opportunities compare?

I think that this board is taking the “Fire, ready, aim” approach. Build a new school or else, then figure out how to adapt education to the new facility.

The administration has provided an exhaustive list of plans for plans. I want to know how the board is addressing today’s academic shortcomings. I want to know how this new facility will address the enormous number of students who the administration is unable to reach as shown by MME scores and college readiness reporting.

I believe the majority of our board needs to be replaced with people who will refocus on why our current administration cannot get to these students.

We deserve board members who will find ways to balance the budget without relying on a new high school as the panacea --- with or without enrollment declines.

Also, it appears the administration intends to do a “scientific” survey to determine when it will be easiest to get this phase 1 high school consolidation plan approved by voters. It is indisputable that November is the best time to get the most voters involved – especially in a Presidential election year. I believe that if the survey says they can get their money for phase 1 in February or May, that’s what they will do.

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