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[CE SBAC] Thoughts about school proposals

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Thanks for your hard work and for soliciting community input.

Questions

1. Long term total costs. Why are 2 options, G and C, for a 20 year period while the others are for 40 years. Does that change the way they can be compared?
2. High School renovations are not spelled out. I remember the stadium bathrooms but can't remember what the other addition accomplishes. I think the bathrooms should be done through fundraising just as the stadium was paid for. Probably not a huge number but on principle it should be paid for by those who use it .
3. How is it that even you go all out for option G you still only obtain half your goals for agile/flexible classrooms. What on earth can't be accomplished with two totally new schools?

Comments:

1. Even with climate change I can't see how buildings used primarily from September through June, would require HVAC through out. Perhaps a few areas open to the public in the summer... auditorium? But that expense is just toooooo much to add.
2. I vote for Option E. I toured the buildings last round and feel strongly that a new middle school building is required. The elementary school kids will get the benefit in a few years when they get there and in the lower grades environment is less noticed by them. I don't remember what "hardships" the teachers endure in that building but hopefully the renovations will remedy many of them.
3. It would be nice to have separate entrances for cars to the buildings, though anything that could be done to reduce parking areas would be appreciated.
4. School Board Chair made a good point at recent meeting. If we were to try do option G it would mean that in the future both the buildings would "age out" at the same time. Better to stagger the new building for us financially now and for future residents when improvements will be required.
5. Find ways to to lessen the financial burden on folks who are struggling with taxes as they are now. I don't want anyone forced to leave town because the can't afford to keep their home.

I'll be very interested to see the option for the placement of the new Middle a school. I don't understand comment under Option E "new building to be used as a swing space" Aren't we building a new school for middle schoolers that would be in a new location and allow students to stay in the current building? I understand the band wing go early but placing the school as in option G would eliminate need for moving students at all?

Thanks for listening,
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