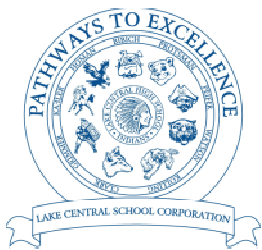


**Lake Central School Corporation
Lake Central High School &
District-Wide Facility Master Plan**

Community Dialogue #2 Results



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Introduction

The Lake Central School Corporation held a community dialogue on March 30, 2010 in the Kahler Middle School Cafeteria to discuss the facility master planning process and gather input from the community regarding preferences for school facilities options. This was a follow-up to the initial community dialogue held on February 3, 2010. Over 300 community members, staff, students, and other interested individuals attended and participated in the dialogue. Participants first listened to a presentation from DeJONG describing each facility option, and then worked individually on questionnaires regarding those options. Next they worked in groups of 6-8 people to discuss the same questions, listen to each other's opinions, and try to reach consensus on the group questionnaire. Members of the District's facility master planning steering committee helped to moderate discussions for each of the groups. Staff from DeJONG helped to facilitate the community dialogue.

At the conclusion of the community dialogue, the results from the group questionnaires were posted on large flipcharts for participants to see the preliminary results. After the community dialogue, the individual and group questionnaires were tallied by DeJONG. Additionally, the questionnaire was made available online for one week after the dialogue to allow those who could not attend the opportunity to participate. Over 300 additional people participated online.

The results of the community dialogue, including the web questionnaire, are included in this report. For each question, individual, group, and web responses are tallied separately, and a summary of those results is reported.



Above: Participants work together to answer the group questionnaire



Elementary & Middle School Options

Three options were developed to address the needs at the elementary and middle school levels:

- Option A – K-4, 5-8 with one new ES
- Option B – K-4, 5-8 with one new thematic ES
- Option C – K-5, 6-8 with two new ES

[For more information on these options, please consult the Options Packet]

Questions 1-3: Please rate the desirability of the following elementary/middle school options:

	High			Moderate			Low		
	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB
1. Option A	51.54%	55.81%	25.53%	33.46%	34.88%	40.78%	15.00%	9.30%	33.69%
2. Option B	8.88%	2.38%	14.59%	30.50%	35.71%	26.69%	60.62%	61.90%	58.72%
3. Option C	29.50%	23.53%	27.24%	26.82%	55.88%	20.43%	43.68%	20.59%	52.33%

In Questions 1 – 3, respondents were asked to rate each elementary/middle option based on desirability. As the above table describes, the majority of individual and group respondents rated Option A as high, while the majority of web respondents rated Option A as Moderate. The majority of individual, and web respondents rated Options B and C as low, while the majority of group respondents rated Option C as moderate and Option B as low.



Question 4 asked the respondents to rank order the elementary/middle school options to show their first, second, and third choices. As the accompanying results table describes, the results were similar to the results from Questions 1-3. The majority of individual, group, and web respondents rated Option A as their first choice. The majority of individual, group, and web respondents rated Options B and C as third choice, except where web respondents rated Option B as second choice.

Question 4: Please rank order [1-3] the elementary/middle school options, where 1 is your first choice, 2 is your second choice, etc.

	1 (1st Choice)			2			3		
	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB
Option A	58.85%	70.45%	47.60%	34.23%	22.73%	33.21%	6.92%	6.82%	19.19%
Option B	9.34%	4.55%	16.85%	38.91%	45.45%	46.44%	51.75%	50.00%	36.70%
Option C	33.46%	27.91%	36.90%	23.74%	34.88%	14.39%	42.80%	37.21%	48.71%

Comments Summary

Several common themes developed from the respondent comments for the elementary/middle school options. Several comments stated that the elementary and middle schools should be addressed after the high school. Many comments stated a preference for 5th grade students to remain separate from middle school students, whether at a separate school or in a different part of the building. A mix of respondents stated preferences for K-4/5-8 and K-5/6-8 configurations. Mixed opinions for a thematic school at the elementary level were also described.



High School Options

Eight options were developed to address the needs at the high school level

- Option A - Prior Bond Project
- Option B1- One HS on Current Site (Primarily Renovation)
- Option B2 - One HS on Current Site (Primarily New Construction)
- Option C - Two 9-12 High Schools (One on current site, one on new site)
- Option D1 - New 9th Grade Center on New Site/ Renovate Current High School for 10-12
- Option D2 - Keep 9th Grade Center on Current Site and Build New 10-12 on a New Site
- Option E - Renovate Current High School and Develop New Thematic School(s)
- Option F - One New 9-12 HS for 3,500 Students on a New Site

[For more information on these options, please consult the Options Packet]

In Questions 5 – 12, respondents were asked to rate each high school option based on desirability. As the accompanying table describes, the majority of respondents rated Options B2, C, and F as the most desirable options, although the results for Option F are well-distributed. Individual, group, and web respondents rated Options A, D1, D2, and E as low.

Questions 5-12: Please rate the desirability of the following high school options:

	High			Moderate			Low		
	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB
5. Option A	1.15%	0.00%	12.87%	23.28%	15.91%	29.04%	75.57%	84.09%	58.09%
6. Option B1	9.16%	4.88%	20.43%	45.80%	51.22%	32.97%	45.04%	43.90%	46.59%
7. Option B2	50.19%	55.81%	29.37%	30.27%	32.56%	30.86%	19.54%	11.63%	39.78%
8. Option C	34.73%	34.88%	49.46%	20.23%	32.56%	14.80%	45.04%	32.56%	35.74%
9. Option D1	3.47%	0.00%	10.66%	11.58%	6.67%	25.00%	84.94%	93.33%	64.34%
10. Option D2	4.96%	0.00%	17.63%	14.89%	15.91%	22.30%	80.15%	84.09%	60.07%
11. Option E	3.07%	0.00%	7.64%	20.69%	18.18%	20.00%	76.25%	81.82%	72.36%
12. Option F	38.22%	35.56%	25.36%	25.87%	37.78%	24.29%	35.91%	26.67%	50.36%



Question 13 asked the respondents to rank order the high school options to show their first, second, and third choices. As the accompanying results table describes, the results were similar to the results from Questions 5-12. The majority of individual, group, and web respondents rated Options B2, C, and F highly. Option B1 was rated in the 2 – 3 range. The majority of respondents rated Options A and E as the lowest choice.

Question 13. Please rank order [1-8] the high school options, where 1 is your first choice, 2 is your second choice, etc.

	1 (1st Choice)			2			3			4			5			6			7			8		
	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB
Option A	1%	0%	9%	5%	3%	8%	12%	5%	14%	17%	18%	8%	14%	16%	10%	10%	5%	9%	13%	16%	13%	27%	37%	29%
Option B1	3%	0%	9%	22%	26%	19%	34%	39%	14%	11%	13%	12%	7%	5%	9%	12%	8%	14%	8%	8%	18%	2%	0%	6%
Option B2	40%	50%	18%	24%	28%	11%	9%	5%	20%	14%	10%	15%	6%	3%	12%	5%	5%	14%	1%	0%	4%	1%	0%	6%
Option C	28%	16%	41%	12%	27%	5%	8%	5%	7%	9%	11%	8%	14%	24%	10%	7%	5%	5%	6%	3%	7%	16%	8%	17%
Option D1	2%	0%	4%	4%	0%	6%	6%	13%	8%	10%	3%	24%	13%	11%	22%	31%	42%	17%	22%	24%	11%	12%	8%	8%
Option D2	1%	0%	4%	6%	3%	22%	12%	5%	12%	8%	8%	10%	18%	14%	10%	17%	30%	21%	28%	35%	15%	11%	5%	6%
Option E	2%	0%	4%	8%	3%	13%	7%	5%	7%	12%	15%	9%	10%	21%	13%	12%	10%	9%	17%	13%	15%	34%	33%	29%
Option F	25%	28%	20%	21%	12%	14%	12%	12%	11%	11%	14%	9%	10%	4%	7%	6%	0%	4%	3%	14%	11%	11%	16%	23%

Comments Summary

Several common themes developed from the respondent comments for the high school options. Respondents want focus to be on the delivering the highest quality education possible. Some comments expressed concern for a new high school possibly being located in one corner of the district. A mix of responses expressed preference for one or two high school configurations, as well as ideas to move high school facilities to other district locations.



Sub-Category Respondent Analysis

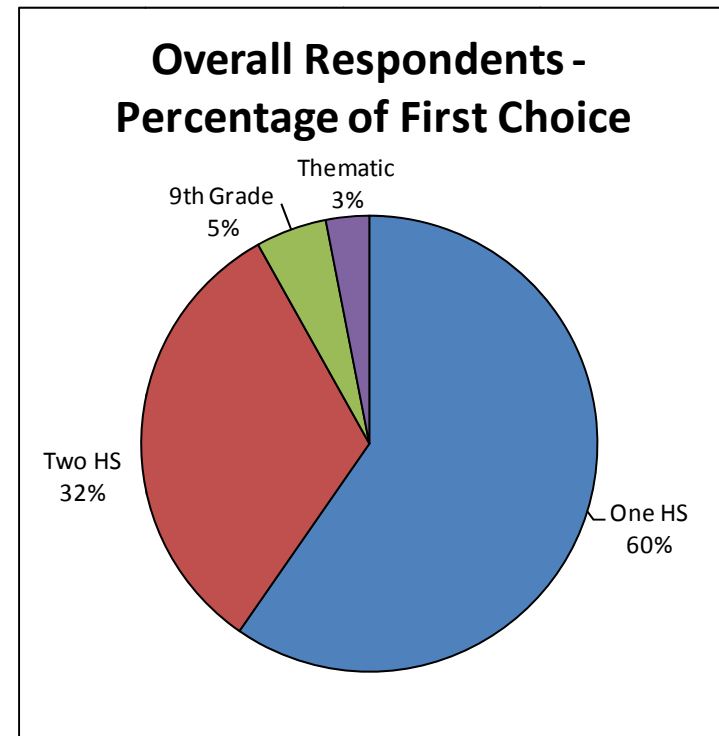
Responses for the first choice of High School Options were also aggregated to describe preferences for each type of option. As shown, these preferences were analyzed by overall respondents, by staff respondents, by non-staff respondents, and by parent respondents (categories are based on responses made in the Demographics section).

In the following charts, the following labels include all individual and web respondents for:

- **One HS** – Includes Options A, B1, B2, and F
- **Two HS** – Includes Option C
- **9th Grade Center** – Includes Options D1, and D2
- **Thematic School** – Includes Option E

High School Option First Choice – Overall Respondents

As the accompanying pie chart describes, for all of the individual and web respondents, 60% preferred a One HS option as first choice, 32% preferred a Two HS option as first choice, 5% preferred a 9th Grade Center option as first choice, and 3% preferred a Thematic HS options as first choice.





High School Option First Choice – Staff Respondents

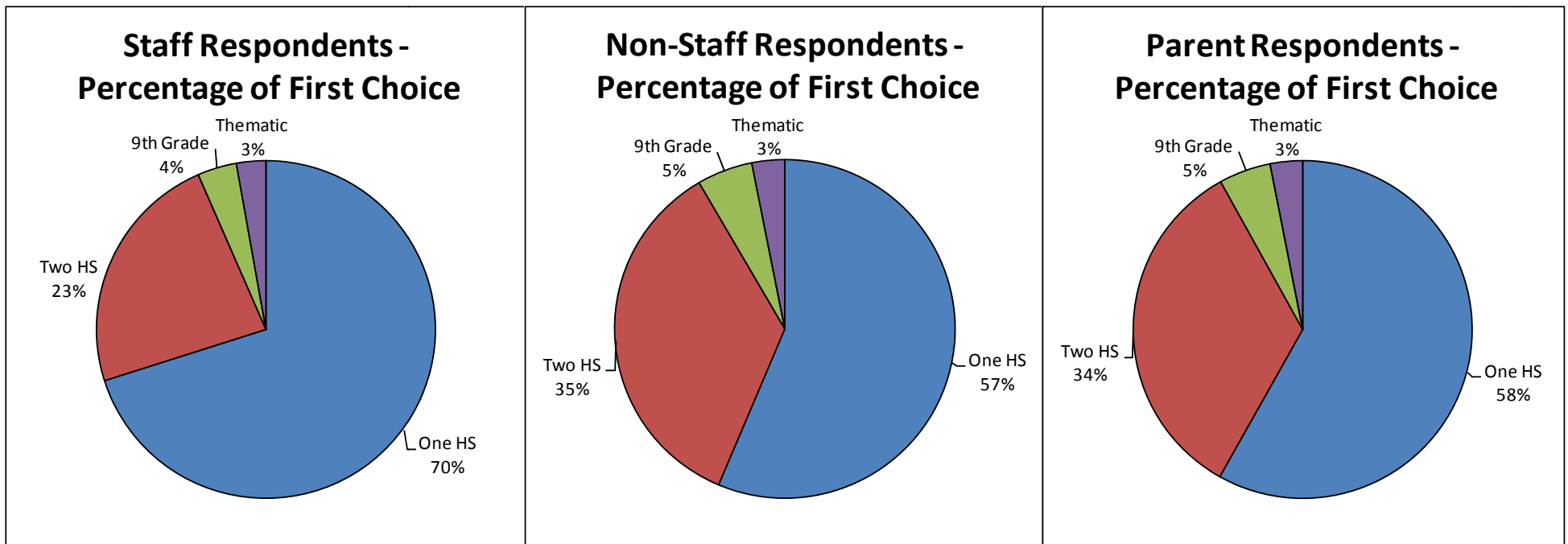
As the first accompanying pie chart describes, for all of the individual and web respondents, 70% preferred a One HS option as first choice, 23% preferred a Two HS option as first choice, 4% preferred a 9th Grade Center option as first choice, and 3% preferred a Thematic HS options as first choice.

High School Option First Choice – Non-Staff Respondents

As the second accompanying pie chart describes, for all of the individual and web respondents, 57% preferred a One HS option as first choice, 35% preferred a Two HS option as first choice, 5% preferred a 9th Grade Center option as first choice, and 3% preferred a Thematic HS options as first choice.

High School Option First Choice – Parent Respondents

A the third accompanying pie chart describes, for all of the individual and web respondents, 58% preferred a One HS option as first choice, 34% preferred a Two HS option as first choice, 5% preferred a 9th Grade Center option as first choice, and 3% preferred a Thematic HS options as first choice.





Implementation

Question 14 asked respondents to describe at what phase of the plan each school facility should be included. As described, the majority of respondents preferred Protsman ES, Grimmer MS, and Lake Central HS in the first phase. Kolling ES was preferred in the second phase by the majority of respondents. The majority of individual and group respondents placed the Freshman Center in Phase 3, whereas web respondents preferred to include it in Phase 1. The majority of all respondents preferred the remaining facilities in Phase 3.

Question 14: If the implementation of a plan were to be divided into three (3-5 year) phases, in which phase would you put each school?

	Phase 1			Phase 2			Phase 3		
	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB	IND	GRP	WEB
Bibich ES	5.42%	0.00%	9.91%	29.58%	25.58%	29.73%	65.00%	74.42%	60.36%
Homan ES	7.17%	5.00%	4.07%	34.18%	25.00%	35.29%	58.65%	70.00%	60.63%
Kolling ES	27.53%	22.73%	13.33%	55.87%	65.91%	51.56%	16.60%	11.36%	35.11%
Peifer ES	4.89%	2.44%	9.46%	32.89%	24.39%	30.63%	62.22%	73.17%	59.91%
Protsman ES	51.44%	51.16%	41.35%	41.56%	48.84%	37.13%	7.00%	0.00%	21.52%
Watson ES	4.76%	0.00%	11.21%	36.36%	39.02%	33.63%	58.87%	60.98%	55.16%
New ES	21.37%	18.60%	31.39%	37.61%	53.49%	24.66%	41.03%	27.91%	43.95%
Clark MS	1.75%	0.00%	1.82%	1.32%	0.00%	10.91%	96.93%	100.00%	87.27%
Grimmer MS	70.70%	77.78%	38.40%	23.44%	20.00%	45.99%	5.86%	2.22%	15.61%
Kahler MS	6.14%	2.38%	10.27%	35.53%	28.57%	42.86%	58.33%	69.05%	46.88%
Lake Central Freshman Center	35.74%	35.71%	54.69%	18.47%	16.67%	21.48%	45.78%	47.62%	23.83%
Lake Central High School	95.70%	95.56%	88.13%	3.91%	2.22%	6.47%	0.39%	2.22%	5.40%



Funding Considerations

Questions 15 – 17 asked for respondent preferences regarding funding considerations. A large majority of individual, group, and web respondents indicated that they would support a bond issue to fund projects. The majority of those respondents indicated they would be willing to support between \$100m and \$199m. Additionally, the majority of those respondents stated that they would be willing to support a General Fund tax increase to support the operations of a second 9-12 high school.

Comments Summary

Several common themes developed from the respondent comments regarding financial considerations. Many comments stated that the School Corporation must be fiscally responsible and get the “most bang for the buck.” They also would like to explore all possible funding alternatives. Some comments expressed concern regarding relying on tax increases to pay for operations.

15. Would you support a bond issue to fund projects?

	IND	GRP	WEB
Yes	98.05%	97.67%	89.30%
No	1.95%	2.33%	10.70%

16. If yes, what bond amount would you be willing to support?

	IND	GRP	WEB
a. Less than \$50m	2.02%	0.00%	6.56%
b. \$50 - 99m	3.64%	4.88%	14.34%
c. \$100 - 149m	38.06%	41.46%	39.34%
d. \$150 - 199m	47.37%	48.78%	21.31%
e. Greater than \$200m	8.91%	4.88%	18.44%

Would you support a General Fund tax increase to support the operations of a second 9-12 high school?

	IND	GRP	WEB
Yes	61.13%	61.90%	63.35%
No	38.87%	38.10%	36.65%



Final Question

Respondents were also asked “If there is a question that we forgot to ask, what is the question and what is the answer?” to provide an opportunity to describe any preferences not otherwise included on the questionnaire.

Comments Summary

Several common themes developed from the respondent comments for the final question. Respondents suggested alternative grade arrangements and different uses for existing district facilities. Respondents expressed concern regarding a non-centrally located high school if it is the only high school in the district. Also, respondents wanted to ensure that the whole community become more involved in the planning process, and that the three towns work together.



Demographics

The following tables include the responses to the optional demographics questions on the individual and web questionnaires.

Age		
	IND	WEB
Under 18	6.37%	0.72%
18-29	3.98%	7.22%
30-39	23.90%	26.35%
40-49	45.02%	46.21%
50-64	16.73%	15.16%
64+	3.98%	4.33%

Gender		
	IND	WEB
Male	38.49%	36.56%
Female	61.51%	63.44%

Education		
	IND	WEB
Current Student	3.69%	1.02%
High School Graduate	6.56%	8.50%
Some College/Trade School	18.44%	23.81%
College Graduate	43.03%	42.86%
Advanced Degree	28.28%	23.81%

Employment		
	IND	WEB
Manufacturing	7.56%	7.28%
Retail Trade	2.67%	4.98%
Educational Services	32.89%	29.12%
Health Care/Social Assistance	9.78%	11.88%
Accommodation/Food Services	0.44%	1.15%
Government	3.56%	5.75%
Other	43.11%	39.85%

How Did You Find Out About the Community Dialogue?		
	IND	WEB
Newsletter	28.85%	25.18%
Community Flyer	16.92%	7.09%
District website	21.54%	26.60%
Word of mouth	35.77%	38.30%
Radio	0.77%	0.35%
Television	0.00%	0.00%
Phone Call	41.15%	20.57%
E-mail	26.54%	37.94%
Newspaper	29.62%	43.97%
Other	15.77%	6.03%

Employee of the School Corporation?		
	IND	WEB
Yes	24.58%	19.13%
No	75.42%	80.87%

Mark all that apply:		
	IND	WEB
In the past 12 months, I have attended an event at the HS	61.15%	64.89%
In the past 12 months, I have attended an event at one of the middle schools	60.00%	49.29%
In the past 12 months, I have attended an event at one of the elementary schools	60.77%	57.80%



Parental/Guardian Status (Select All That Apply)		
	IND	WEB
Do not have children in Lake Central Schools	22.69%	17.73%
Parent/Guardian of child less than 5 years old	14.23%	16.67%
Parent/Guardian of kindergarten student	14.62%	8.87%
Parent/Guardian of 1st - 3rd grade student	30.77%	31.21%
Parent/Guardian of 4th - 5th grade student	25.00%	25.18%
Parent/Guardian of 6th - 8th grade student	24.23%	25.53%
Parent/Guardian of 9th - 12th grade student	16.54%	21.28%
Parent/Guardian of private/parochial student	2.31%	3.90%
Parent/Guardian of former student/graduate of LCSC	11.92%	11.70%
Grandparent of student or graduate	1.92%	3.90%

Resident of the District?		
	IND	WEB
Yes	94.49%	95.70%
No	5.51%	4.30%

Select Schools Your Children Attend or With Which You Are Affiliated (All That Apply)		
	IND	WEB
Bibich ES	12.31%	7.45%
Homan ES	10.00%	12.41%
Kolling ES	8.46%	13.12%
Peifer ES	7.31%	12.41%
Protsman ES	18.46%	17.02%
Watson ES	15.00%	8.16%
Clark MS	12.69%	13.83%
Grimmer MS	19.23%	17.38%
Kahler MS	18.85%	13.12%
Lake Central Freshman Center	16.15%	15.25%
Lake Central HS	24.62%	26.60%

How Many Years Have You Lived In The School Corporation?		
	IND	WEB
Less than 2	2.64%	2.17%
2 - 5	15.42%	13.77%
6 - 10	25.99%	30.43%
11 - 15	23.79%	17.75%
16 - 20	12.33%	10.14%
More than 20	19.82%	25.72%