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OPTION A – Remodel Valley High School for grades 10-12. Retain Valley Southwoods as a ninth grade facility. Walnut Creek remains as an alternative high school for grades 9-12.

BENEFITS

- Does not require a referendum
- Retains 9th grade center
- Keeps 9th graders apart from 10-12
- Does not split community
- Operating costs are conservative
- Healthy environment/healthy air
- Cheapest option for tax payer

CONCERNS

- Will it take care of educational needs for the next 45 years
- Students will be jeopardized in educational learning process with construction
- Potential open enrollment or transfer to Dowling through years of construction
- Safety of students during construction
- Food service facility
- Auditorium
- Student center access

QUESTIONS – No questions

OPTION B - Retain Valley High School for grades 10-12 with major new academic addition. Retain Valley Southwoods as a ninth grade facility. Walnut Creek Campus remains as an alternative high school for grades 9-12.

BENEFITS

- Maintains programs
- New auditorium critical
- Not jeopardize classes and learning environment
- Creative environments can be formed for learning
- 2-3 stories will better solve the parking problem
- Design down, Administrative support
- Does not split the community
- The list is obvious that it is the preferred choice
- Maintains existing excellence in program while addressing 21st Century organization and infrastructure

CONCERNS

- Needs referendum vote of 60%
- 1000 seat auditorium makes more sense – entire student body does not need to be in auditorium at one time anyway

QUESTIONS – No questions

OPTION C - Remodel Valley High School for grades 9-12. Provide new academic and support spaces at Valley Southwoods for grades 9-12. Walnut Creek Campus remains as an alternative high school for grades 9-12.

BENEFITS – No benefits listed

CONCERNS

- Annual operating costs ½ million -2/3 million more
- Does not provide 9th grade space
- Splits community
- Jeopardizes K-8 curriculum cost wise
- Transportation costs between buildings and loss of instructional time
- Dilutes the dynamics of the academic programming
- Creates 2 “average” schools
- Not taxpayer friendly over the long run
- May create logistical nightmare for sharing of programs or students
- Creates 2 big schools anyway

QUESTIONS- No questions

OPTION D – Remodel Valley High School for grades 9-12 with a major new academic addition. Valley Southwoods becomes a small high school for grades 9-12. Walnut Creek Campus remains as an alternative high school for grades 9-12.

BENEFITS

- I really like D if it is set up as a cooperative school, sharing facilities, perhaps combining for band, choir, athletic (know that is anathema to those wanting more opportunity for sports)
- I think this would be a good life model – cooperation rather than competition

CONCERNS

- Competition between 2 schools
- The WDMCSD is not growing in population
- Split the community in half
- Lose the 9th grade unit
- What if everyone in the south area wish to go to Valley? Open enrollment?
- Will create image of “have” and “have not” schools
- Sharing programs will be a logistical nightmare
- VSW would become a 4A school, but would not be able to compete with large schools

QUESTIONS –No questions

OPTION E – Remodel Valley High School for grades 9-12. Reconfigure Valley Southwoods for grades 9-12. Walnut creek Campus remains as an alternative high school for grades 9-12

BENEFITS –No benefits listed

CONCERNS – No concerns listed

QUESTIONS

- Not a consideration