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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** – No benefits listed

**CONCERNS**

- Some students may spend their entire “career” in a remodeling situation under this option. I do not like this option – either B or C is better than this
- Living with remodeling is stressful!! Noise, chemicals, dust and disruption
- Very concerned about disruption and construction to students
- Concerned this option will be the default and our building will still be inadequate

**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 Valley's tradition of excellence with all the many academic and extra curricular programs. I just don't believe this can be replicated twice. We moved to the Des Moines area 4 years ago and specifically chose WDM over Johnston (where my husband works) because we wanted a large high school with many different programs.
- Easier to implement, but not easy. More enticing challenge to deal with than option C for administration, staff and parents
- Go for least disruptive to students and programming – keeps mega achiever school

### **CONCERNS**

- Kids get lost at Valley – or rather they can drop out of activities, athletic or arts and no one notices. Do not make the assumption that the child is taking the opportunity to try something else.

**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**

- This is what a majority of this community wants. Please listen to the parents this time
- More leadership opportunities for students
- The middle 60% are important

### **CONCERNS**

- Breaks up a super school – would need time to build programs again
- Challenging some major problem solving type thinking required. I think parents are up to the challenge

### **QUESTIONS**

- If we end up going with two comparable HS – get feedback from those who have been there for the split of DM Roosevelt in the late 60's

**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** – No benefits listed

**CONCERNS** – No concerns listed

**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**

- I've heard from students they feel this option would have a very dominate "Valley" and one much lesser HS with lots of conflicts among students in the district

**QUESTIONS** – No questions