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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 referendum
- Maintains Valley tradition
- Lower operating costs
- Most economical
- Keeps 9<sup>th</sup> grade facility
- Less stressful transition
- Valley will continue to provide superior education. Currently there are many opportunities for small groups and close teacher/student association
- Best economic plan
- No bond
- Operation costs stay low
- Least disruption to the kids-programming

**CONCERNS**

- It's like fixing up a 50 year old car while you are driving it
- Disruption to students for the long-term! Affects a generation of students
- Doesn't make Valley the best it can be
- Adaptability for the future
- Doesn't address "pod" issue in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade school
- Lack of expansion of auditorium
- Why are some of the items listed as "benefits" in Scenario A when not included as benefits in the other scenarios

**QUESTIONS**

- Why aren't VHS and VSW on the same schedule?
- This document was presented as a Design Down committee product, when in fact the document contains the benefits and concerns of the district and secondary administrators. That point was clarified at this meeting, but would be unclear to the community as a whole
- You were not clear that the \$30,000,000 include the required improvements

**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**

- New construction
- Improved fine arts facility
- Minimizes traveling for special classes
- Retains 9<sup>th</sup> grade school
- Gives new school
- Much easier on the student body – significantly reduces disruption
- Facility that is competitive for the future
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Alleviates parking issues
- Supports structure for Valley's progressive programs
- Allows WDM to maintain all that is good about Valley, and provides the opportunity to improve any weakness with a clean slate
- Maintains freshman school benefits
- Large school better prepares students for college and life experiences
- Keeps Valley Southwoods
- Updated facility Better/Statement

### **CONCERNS**

- Bond issue – will it pass?
- Too big – 2000 seat auditorium
- Doesn't support research
- Keeps travel and schedule difference
- Keeps 9<sup>th</sup> grade school
- Know and lift every child requires bond referendum
- What about the community input? There were 1700 surveys returned and the administration did not report it as a benefit or a concern – they paid it no heed
- Why is the portion of the community that supports the VHS tradition given more weight in the benefits and concerns of the administration than the community as a whole

### **QUESTIONS**

- What is the meaning of “doesn't address survey gap” on page 7 of Scenario B
- Why are VHS and VSW on different schedules?

**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**

- Meets vision
- Personal
- More participation opportunities

### **CONCERNS**

- Program cuts to sustain operation costs
- Increased athletic opportunity at the expense of the arts/clubs, etc
- Sharing of facilities and programs is not realistic – will students really go to a competitive school to participate?
- Two schools will not be equal
- Some students just don't participate, regardless of the number of activities or level of competitiveness
- Coaches are paid to win, they will play their best players – even if kids play both sides – this is life!
- Where is the money going to come from for the startup costs? Uniforms and equipment for athletics and the arts
- Expensive
- Increase in annual expenditure
- Divides community recruiting between schools – it will exist
- Public will not understand that the figures described as “increased operating costs” do not include any change in current staff numbers. Programs and district standards will be greatly compromised. This needs to be addressed!
- Programs that have been fought to keep in the past. We don't want to lose these programs or have them jeopardized by having 2 high schools!
  1. elementary art
  2. Spanish
  3. reading
  4. band/orchestra
  5. AP classes at Valley
  6. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade assistants
  7. media assistants
  8. kindergarten assistants
  9. supplies

### **QUESTIONS**

- You should discuss specifically how you would handle the annual increase

**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**

- Meets need of smaller environment to know and lift every child

### **CONCERNS**

- Terrible idea. Will either turn out to be elitist or second-rate
- Absolutely unacceptable
- Public will not understand that the figures described as “increased operating costs” do not include any change in current staff numbers. Programs and district standards will be greatly compromised. This needs to be addressed!
- Programs that have been fought to keep in the past. We don’t want to lose these programs or have them jeopardized by having 2 high schools!
  - elementary art
  - Spanish
  - reading
  - band/orchestra
  - AP classes at Valley
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade assistants
  - media assistants
  - kindergarten assistants
  - supplies

### **QUESTIONS**

- You should discuss specifically how you would handle the annual increase
- It would be interesting to have the community choose which school they would want to send their child to – to have the choice between these two options – small or large

**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**

- Absolutely unacceptable
- Public will not understand that the figures described as “increased operating costs” do not include any change in current staff numbers. Programs and district standards will be greatly compromised. This needs to be addressed!
- Programs that have been fought to keep in the past. We don't want to lose these programs or have them jeopardized by having 2 high schools!
  - elementary art
  - Spanish
  - reading
  - band/orchestra
  - AP classes at Valley
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade assistants
  - media assistants
  - kindergarten assistants
  - supplies

### **QUESTIONS**

- Why can't this scenario E be done? Per DD, this option was feasible, with no bond referendum