

Student Survey--4/10/02
Student Comments

New high school....not two.....don't remodel

Activities are too political

For the adults who want our opinion and are in support of two schools: Two schools is NOT a good idea! It's not overcrowded at Valley and I feel like I have more opportunities than ever. Valley is fun, not scary.

If teams were split in half, there would be less social opportunities...and the result would be a proportionally lower involvement. I like having such a large class.

I have other activities out side of school that are keeping me busy.

I'm not athletic.

I don't have time.

They don't offer anything that is of interest to me.

I work and don't get things handed to me like the majority of the kids at this school.

You need ultimate frisbee as a club.

I am very involved in church and work outside of school so I don't get involved at school.

There is no way that there are too many students. Look at the class sizes, not big. There are plenty of opportunities for kids to get involved. If you want individual help go get it. It's there!!!

Coaches in Iowa suck.

I just moved here. I'm not athletic, I'm artistic, but without boundaries, this is a staff where only preps fit in. Not people like me. I will go home after graduation. Bug off.

Not in activities because I wanted to wait and see what all of my options were for athletics, classes, during school and how I could manage my time.

Teachers should explain the answers on tests. I was in a college course last semester. I had to study to get good grades on the tests. I almost never have to study for a test here.

I don't think administration cares for its students....they are out to intimidate us.

Not in activities because I must work full time in order to pay for college and pay bills. Teachers assign to much busy work that is pointless and doesn't help prepare us to the future.

I choose not to, don't have time or info about groups.

Valley is great, there is no need for another school.

Nothing at this school interests me.

Valley Southwoods is very different than Valley. Middle school prepares me better. VSW only damaged my previous, correct, perception.

I have to work everyday after school to pay for my car.

Keep Valley ONE school Don't divide it. Wrestling rules!

Bowling is awesome. Should be a letter sport.

Pay more attention to vocal music programs. That's what won Valley the Grammy award, not athletics!

Organized sports are lame and all based on winning rather than fun.

You need some sort of community service club. My parents mentioned something about a Theta/Beta Club.

I work 22 hours a week.

I thought that I needed a lot more credits than I needed.

I play ice hockey for the Des Moines Oakleafs all year.

Keep Valley one! Students who want to participate can and do. There are equal chances for everyone. Every school will have competition. You already split Valley once...don't do it again!!!!!!

One high school is much better than two!

I attend post-secondary classes.

I work a lot so I can't be in activities. This is my choice. I know the activities are great but I work for personal reasons.

Competition will occur at any school, regardless of size. Survival of the fittest is the eliminating of the weak and old. It has nothing to do with Valley.

Don't split Valley up. Get more sports!

I feel at VSW they make everything much harder. They think they are preparing their students best in the long run. I feel that it hurt the students. Teachers at Valley care more. They want to help you. They want you to do your best.

I have other interests outside of school sports such as paintball. I use to do every sport offered but strict coaches that could care less about you after you do bad once get on my nerves and I think it's crap how they treat people. I have a friend who was at Valley during football season, but after that he kept the same grades up and got sent to WCC. It's sad.

Activities is a waste of my time.

I don't want to.

I work.

The only sport I play is hockey which takes up nearly 6 months of my time and it is not school sponsored. Need to recognize hockey as sport club that one who participates can get a varsity letter.

There are too many people and I wasn't aware of deadlines or if they even existed because of the way this school makes people aware of events is horrible. It has been since I got here and it hasn't changed. But I don't see why I'm writing this because until the administration gets off their high horse they'll always think they do everything right.

Southwoods needs to change. It's awful.

Valley is filled with rich spoiled preps.

I'm not involved in activities because there is not enough room for everyone to be involved and there are not enough choices in things to get involved.

I don't like all of the competition in sports and none of the clubs interests me.

I work two jobs and have family obligations that supercede my school life. I don't like Valley.

I work after school and it interferes with my schedule.

I feel like I have no time to participate and I only attend Valley in the mornings.

Two schools is a BAD idea.

Valley Southwoods was horrible!

Valley should stay as one school. We get an awesome education here and if changed ultimately it would hurt students, not help them.

I think that people should participate in two sports or more. They should put it in different times i.e. Monday is soccer, Tuesday is track, etc.

There are no school activities that interests me. Get Coke machines instead of Pepsi.

NO TWO SCHOOLS.

We do not need two schools.

I don't have time or the interests for activities.

If I would tryout I would get laughed at and the coaches would yell at me. It would be hell. I would sit on the bench the whole time. The only way teachers (administrators, principal) get to know you is if you get in trouble, then they get to know your name.

I think students would get to see the results of this questionnaire.

Not interested in any of the current clubs.

Stop the insanity! Tear down Valley Southwoods. Find a better way of sharing announcements at Valley.

You have to be good enough for Valley. If you haven't been doing it for years, then you won't make any team.

I like marching band, but that's all. Too much homework. Teachers are all different.

Two schools is a bad idea.

Valley is a good school.

I am busy outside of school.

Keep Valley as one school.

Keep one high school.

ONE SCHOOL.

No two schools.

Valley is great how it is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I work and take a heavy load of classes. You only get to play if you are better than good.

It's all political.

I would rather do anything than spend extra 2 hours at school.

Splitting Valley into two schools would ruin school pride of students and graduates.

I don't get involved with activities because I have no self-esteem.

Have one school.

Valley should stay as one school! It will split the community, the students and everything else. Everything will suffer if it splits!

One VHS....stop asking!

Valley should stay as one school (10-12). They shouldn't split us up. Listen to the students!

I like the environment. Activities: swim manager

No activities: I devote my time to study.

There should be self-scheduling for seniors.

The administration is ruining my experience at Valley with all of its unnecessary changes.

VHS has too many teens enrolled here.

We need more schools.

Don't have or want to make time for activities.

Not in activities because they get too competitive.

I don't think you should have two high schools. It would be really sad.

I work after school. No activities.

School is so boring. I think I'm going to die everyday. I sit in these horrible jail-like conditions. It is hell.

More intramurals are needed.

Two schools.....NAH!

Valley sucks.

I don't want two schools.

This questionnaire was an insult.

If Valley splits, it was the decision of the school board and not of the students. There are very few students who hate Valley's environment. Those who do are weak and will most likely fail in life. Life is not fair, life is a bitch and if you are not prepared, you are screwed. Trust me, I have seen it first hand. I may be a cynic but at least I live in reality. I mostly feel that the school board and officials do not. They ignore the wants and

needs of students for the whining weak willed students who complain to their parents because they lack social skills. Furthermore, go and talk to the students. You may learn something.

I like having a lot of students at Valley!

No two schools!

No two schools.

I believe that we should just remodel because two schools is an awful idea. It would take away opportunities for students.

Splitting the school will affect many students badly and socially. People that want to go out for activities do. The only plus would be that it would allow more people to be the best and participate more.

VSW didn't prepare me for Valley! The teachers and staff weren't the best. They are either too nice or don't care about kids learning or they are not good teachers. VHS is a much better school.

Bump two schools.....two schools would suck.

Two schools is a terrible idea. Pods are a terrible idea.

I would really like to get more involved in schools activities but work and have a back injury. The school should not be split.

I feel like if you're not the best at a certain sport you wouldn't be able to play it.

I don't participate in any activities because I don't feel like it and want to keep focused on school.

There are not many clubs that I really want to be in. I'm busy with other things everyday so I don't have time.

You can take your two schools and shove it.

Keep one school

I believe that Valley High School should NOT be separated. It will separate friends up with other friends and it would cost more money to build another high school.

I would be involved in more sports, but you only offer general sports. You should start some sort of extreme intramural sports or even make students aware of how to create a club or something so there is a diverse group of clubs.

I want to do well in school and I am too busy as it is. I want my schoolwork to come first.

I believe that Valley is at a good size and I get the help/opportunities that I need. Having two schools is a bad idea.

Making Valley two high schools would tear apart everything that Valley students have worked for. Teachers are outstanding and I get much one on one attention. Most importantly, VHS prepares me for "the real world".

Two WDMCSD high schools is a bad idea. One gives unification.

Don't form two schools because over zealous parents want to pamper their little dolls until they are 18. VHS is a good building block for life.

Sports don't get everyone a chance to play its just the best. Activities: some have little groups with the activity that leaves people out.

Some of these questions make no sense. Survival of the fittest...what's that? It's not like kids fight just to get good seats. So I really have no idea of what this could mean.

I think Valley should stay one school.

Two schools would omit opportunities offered to students. Specifically on our debate team. I believe that funding shared between the schools would raise student costs (already high) preventing many from being on the team and travelling to tournaments.

Why in no activities: politics, coaches (dance team)

Southwoods is sooo much harder than Valley...especially in the _____ area? *[Could not read it.]* Not all student activities are noticed at Valley assemblies. Only athletics are announced.

Not involved: No time!

Don't split us up!

I don't think you should have two high schools. It would be really sad to split up what we have. I don't understand why everyone wants two schools. I love Valley, most or almost all do. Why side with parents or people who don't have to go through it because they have already or just want to protect their children. I think without Valley's experience, I would be half-complete and really lost and dependent.

Valley is a good school for the number of students who are here. I wish there were more opportunities for college specific major classes here at Valley.

"Survival of the fittest" is good for people and prepares them for the real world... Can't coddle high school student too much.

If Valley is truly supposed to prepare students for college, the school should have as many students as possible, as most students will go on to colleges with large student bodies.

I would rather work than go out for activities.

The vice-principals don't care about the students...all they care about is giving out points and in schools. If you have a problem, they don't care. Valley needs a skateboard club then I would be involved.

Not involved: because I feel that if I am not popular, I won't make the team. That is a fact at Valley, not fiction. The school needs to make equal opportunities for every student, not just ones with money to participate I sports.

I believe that if they have two high schools there will be a big problem with sports and activities. Our school population is not going to increase much more. There isn't much more land. Look at what has happened to Urbandale. They had to lay off teachers for this reason.

I think this school should drop PAA and just send us stuff in the mail.

I think that we should have more sports.....but let the students decide.

Drugs are bad.

PAA=Waste of time.

PAA = Bad

I like Valley. As much as anyone could like going to school for 7 hours or so.

I'm lazy. I prefer working on my car.

Blah, blah, blah.....no more PAA...pointless.

VSW offers very little activities and we were treated like babies. It should be more like Valley. Valley is not too crowded and it is getting smaller.....not growing. Valley has no connection to Walnut Creek that I see.

One high school is better.

If a student wants help, they can get it. If students want to participate in athletics, they get many opportunities to do so. There is no reason to split the school so there can be two football teams. Valley's competitiveness is what makes it great, it has made me work to get better.....both academically and athletically.

Get bigger lockers!

Two schools are completely unnecessary!!

Two schools is a stupid idea!!!!!!!!!!

The idea of having two schools is ridiculous. Don't split up Valley...there are too many opportunities for students inside the classroom and outside of it to split it up. Please don't ruin a great school. It has a great history and will have a great future remaining as one school.

I would rather take drugs than run around with meatheads.

Who made this survey? So many of these questions do not apply to us as VHS students. I strongly dislike Valley and I cannot wait to get out of Valley. The parking situation here is a bunch of BS. I started out the year with a senior lot pass and was then demoted to junior lot because I quote "you haven't served your time" in the junior lot. I'm hoping my younger siblings will not have to put up with all the crap at Valley. Did I mention Valley is too crowded?

We know that this survey is just for show and that the administration is going to do what they want regardless of student opinion.

I think the survival of the fittest attitude at Valley really prepares students for the real world. I also think that if we make two high schools, one should be smaller and maybe more into the arts or something. Otherwise, two major schools right down the street from each other could cause problems. By making one, maybe a 3A school, the competition between the two wouldn't be as great.

I don't think there should be two different high schools. I think they should keep the schools just like they are now!

Splitting into two schools will break up a lot of activities and some smaller, yet essential, courses. The remodeling or building of one new school for all would be a better choice.

I think you should have (on the surveys you mailed out) just come right out and ask the question "would you like one high school or two high schools?" I believe it was a waste of money in a year with a budget as tight as this one, to send "propaganda" out without asking the question.

Valley may be a large high school, but there is a place for everyone. True, not everyone can be the star at everything here at Valley, but dealing with rejection is part of life. If it's not learned in high school, then when? Valley provides an excellent education for all types of students. If it's not broken, don't fix it!

I think building another high school in WDM would decrease the quality of the 4 A's in both schools.

Just remodel the school. Work with Central Campus better, there are a lot more opportunities there than VHS, VSW and WCC.

You should remodel the school before splitting it up!

I thought that a school was for providing information and making sure there is a wide variety of classes and opportunities. Valley has a "no cut" policy in athletics, and one of the lowest student-teacher ratios. So listen to the students, and not parents who do not even have kids at Valley.

Valley high school is perfectly fine the way it is. The only complaints come from people who are not students. They have no idea what goes on here, they just make assumptions and don't listen to any other opinions. Separation will diminish the name of our school. Question #11 is poorly written. I like lots of course offerings, but I also like to be involved.

Stupid question.....redo question. I won't know if you prepared us for after high school if I'm not out of high school yet.

One high school is sufficient. I like it....please don't separate students in this area. It will only lead to rivalry and chaos.

I'm not in activities because I don't want to.

If this survey is to determine whether or not to split up the school into two, this is what I have to say: Most of the people who want two schools and feel strongly about it have never stepped foot in VHS. The class size is big for Iowa, but the individual classroom size is average. I've never been in a class that was over populated. By being a big school we have more opportunities, if the school splits we lose that advantage. In 9th grade I open enrolled here because I believe Valley's size and curriculum offered more opportunity than the school I was currently attending. Please consider this!!!

I don't want to be in activities so leave me alone.

Valley offers a lot, taking that away by building another high school is ridiculous and a big waste.

Though I appreciate the survey, it was written in a somewhat biased form. Look at #6....to be unbiased it should have asked "The current enrollment at Valley is a) too small b) about right c) too big d) don't know e) no opinion

My disability limits what I can do. It's not fun for me.

There is no way that there are too many students. Look at the class sizes, not big. There are plenty of opportunities for kids to get involved. If one wants "one on one" help, go get it...it's here!

The number of course offerings has nothing to do with the number of activities. #17 and #21 are yes or no questions, you can not have different levels.

ID's failed after semester. Classes are too competitive, I am around halfway for class rank, but my ITED scores were 97% IPR and 99% NPR. It is discouraging to feel like my strengths are going quite unnoticed. I can't imagine life at Valley as a lesser student. Please research ways to make my rank reflect more of my abilities.

Include bowling club on lists and yearbook.

Valley is a great school to break it up can only hurt all students.

I think there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, even if a person is not the best at any activity. In each facet of activities, there are ways to get involved. In drama, one can participate in state group speech contest. In sports, students can compete on the JV level. I enjoyed competing at the JV level and doing well (while still feeling challenged), knowing that if I went to any other school, I would be on varsity. At

another school, however, I would not be as good because there would not be as much inner-competition to challenge me to be my best. I won't be let down in college because I won't think I'm a star, either, as I might at a smaller school. If there were fewer students, I wouldn't have as many opportunities to join the clubs which have fewer members and wouldn't survive with fewer students (for example, Young Democrats).

I have no time to participate in these activities. With homework and other activities, music lessons and church, I have no time.

I like football, but it interfere with hockey because I practice with my hockey team everyday after school and play hockey games every weekend. I just made a select hockey team so now in the spring I can't participate in any sports. I think we should get a hockey team at our school.

I have a job, and involved in other activities outside of school.

They shouldn't have different schools because it is a bad idea. Kids will hate it! Kids will get split up. They will need to get use to having lots of people in the hallways because when they get to college they will have classes with 100 people in them!

Not in activities because I work after school and have to pay bills.

I don't think that Valley is too big. I don't agree with two high schools.

I think what is best for Valley is one high school. The worse thing you can ever do for the school is make two high schools. It would ruin sports, music (band, orchestra, chorus), KWDM and other school activities.
KEEP ONE HIGH SCHOOL.

I was involved in a few activities last year. Not any more because I am busy with my life right now. I have other things to do.

I am not interested in out of school activities.

Keep Valley as one school. More class options is better than more activity options.

Reinstate Russian I as a class.

Pods are terrible!!!!

Keep senior privileges.

Start Ultimate Frisbee.

The C lunch is too large. We need to spread students out better, because seniors don't eat at Valley very often.

The clubs are not publicized enough. If I knew when meetings were, I would attend, but I don't know.

I believe that Valley is over populated with people. It's hard to get around at Valley.

Not in activities because I don't want to be.....too busy!

I do not participate in school activities because I hold a part time job, I volunteer, and I hold many other responsibilities outside of school besides homework.

I firmly disagree with the idea of dividing VHS into two separate schools. While the numbers are large at Valley, in no way will two high school benefit the student population. Valley is able to offer many classes and activities that would not be available if we were to cut the student body in half.

I think splitting the high school would be a very big mistake.

I have two jobs and I am in activities outside of school.

Please keep Valley one school. Don't divide the school.

I do not know if I am prepared for after college because I am still in high school.

I am only involved in one activity and that is German club, which you are automatically in when you are in German. The reason I am not in more is because I never know how to get involved or I don't make the tryouts (cheerleading especially).

Not in activities because they aren't fun.

Great course offerings. I don't want to lose all that Valley has to offer. However, I would like to have more opportunities with activities.

I have little time to be involved in activities. I feel that they should have a boxing club or self-defense club or martial arts club. I would think it would be great idea. I would find time to do something cool like that. Other things don't interest me much. I might try out for basketball next year.

I think we should have a more diverse athlete program and also have more teams. For example, I tried out for golf but I couldn't be on the team because I wasn't one of the best. That's not particularly fair in my opinion.

I can't play anymore because I have an F.

The administration in ruining my experience at Valley with all of its unnecessary changes.

I WANT ONE HIGH SCHOOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Leave Valley as one school. It's fine the way it is.

I'm not in activities because I just moved here.

There needs to be more well organized intramural sports. Need fencing and martial arts clubs. Need a science club. Science classes need to be taught better. I feel short changed in AP Physics. There are not opportunities to pursue extra curricular science and math. There are too many cliques.

I think this school has a little bit too much "emphasis" on sports.

This was retarded. Please never do this again.

Academic activities (debate, mock trial, etc.) deserve more recognition at Valley. Course selection should not be a trade for increased participation in athletics; Valley is a school and as such the highest focus should be in academics!

Just to say it... Splitting Valley would be pointless and overall a really bad idea. Supposed benefits would be far outweighed by negatives.

I hate this place and can't wait to get out of here.

Need more activities.

Because I like to work for myself and accomplish things for myself and not do things for a team. Also school activities suck.

Not in activities because I don't have time because I work. I tried out for dance team and didn't make it.

I think Valley should stay exactly that.....VHS. Not two separate schools! We are fine, we just need a new building.

The ID's are stupid.

Not in activities because I don't want to be at school any longer that I have to be.

I have to work so I can't be at school when activities meet.

Individual attention received is from TEACHERS only....not from ADMINISTRATION.

Because the sports are taken too serious and I wouldn't have fun.

Valley is sweet. Keep it as one.

Valley could use some sort of expansion, at least.

I wanted to join soccer but I was not chosen.

Valley is stupid and I don't support anything so I don't want to be in any sports/activities here.

I can't play any because I have an F in a class.

I choose to have a job where I work right after school, so it's not an option to be involved.

I like my free time.

Don't have time.

I didn't participate because of coaching and other athlete's attitudes towards playing. Also, things I do this school does not offer.

I think that we should always stay as one high school.

I don't like activities.

I don't care for school activities. The school is way too big and they've extended it way too much. It hurts to carry a 40lb bag a 1/2 mile. Too crowded, too many people.

There aren't enough choices. No one ever hears about outside activities unless they are already involved. The system doesn't work.

I am getting the best education possible. People that don't attend Valley can't understand that.

Valley school is constantly being "dumbed down". People will not aspire to greater heights if we don't let them. Also, it needs to be understood that the term "excellence" can not and will not apply to everyone. People need to come to terms with reality and take personal responsibility.

Having two high schools would divide an otherwise united community. Valley's size is great so there is no need for another school.

I was involved then all of the cocky jocks took over and ruined it for me. Counselors did absolutely nothing for me!

I am not in any activities because it's way too political. It's a pure popularity contest.

All the activities that are given do not appeal to me.

Valley does not prepare students for college because it doesn't teach kids to take responsibility for themselves.

I spend time learning on my own and taking continuing education at DMACC. I also run a small consulting business.

Great course offerings. I don't want to lose all that Valley has to offer. However, I would like to have more opportunities with activities.

I was involved in a choral reading with drama teacher and I am waiting to do that again.

Two schools, don't do it.

I am involved in activities but I do not feel a part of this school. I was forced to move here senior year and it was not what I wanted. I feel the school is too large and it does not provide a welcoming environment for new students.

I don't think it is a good idea to separate the schools. It is fine here at Valley and also Southwoods doesn't prepare you for Valley.

I love Valley!

Nothing fits my interest, don't want to spend time at school.

Because I don't like being in school sports.

Get bigger lockers!

Keep one school! Two schools will split the community and provide less than what is provided now.

Non-school sponsored activities and work take over.

I think that Valley High should be rebuilt like Roosevelt. Southwoods should remain freshman school.

With sports things are all politics. Why join when you know you won't play.

Played last year but didn't get to play.

You wouldn't sponsor high school hockey so I have no choices.

No!

I'm not involved in Valley activities because none interest me. This survey is really quite sad. If your kid doesn't do well at a big high school how do you think he'll do at a university?

I don't participate in Valley activities because I personally don't like Valley and find activities worthless.

I don't have the time when I have work and have schoolwork to do.

Valleys large size is harmful to students who need extra attention and students who work a little slower than others. Sending them to WCC is not an option.

I am very busy outside of school and homework is my first priority, not a game or sport.

They are not my thing.

I have other things to do.

Valley takes all the fun out of sports. All work, no play. Loosen up.

VHS, VSW, and WCC have no involvement with each other. Sports and activities are not what school is about.

Shouldn't school obviously be about academics and not sports? There is no survival of the fittest but there are high standards, which make you work harder.

I do not want two high schools. Remodel VHS instead.

Don't want to.

Just remodel the school.

I also attend WCC for night school.

VSW over prepares you for VHS. VSW is a lot harder than VHS.

VSW is the worst school I have ever been to. It is terrible and should be torn down. Don't build another school like VSW. VSW is awful and is a terrible work habitat. The teachers are terrible as well.

School sucks. Get rid of the ID's. It feels like I'm going to prison.

There should not be two schools. It would be a great loss to the students of Valley if there were two schools.

I really think that we don't need a second high school. I think that we should just expand.

Those who don't have any kids in Valley don't know how great it is because they haven't experienced it for themselves and don't care.

I don't want to spend any more time here than I have to.

Take your two schools and shove it. This survey was an insult.

I don't want two schools.

Take your two schools and shove it.

No two schools.

One school.

11 does not make sense. There are many opportunities to be involved now and many courses being offered.

Keep one high school.

O'Doyle rules!

Keep Valley as one school.

Question #12...we're still in high school.

No activities that fit my interests.

#12 is dumb. We can't know until we're out.

Too critical. No one ever gets the chance to play in sports.

I don't have time or money.

I like to be an athletics manager. I'm in boy's track manager, P.E.O.P.E.L PE.

I don't want to.

I go to Valley but when I went to VSW it was bad. They treat kids like kindergartners and portfolio is a dumb idea, there is no point to it.

Valley is a good school.

Two schools is a bad idea.

I like marching band but that's all. Too much homework. Teachers are all different.

Because you have to be good enough for Valley. If you haven't been doing it for years then you won't make any team.

I work and activities would cut into my hours and I would be in SADD but I feel that its members are hypocrites.

Open campus should be for everyone and if a student doesn't come back than it's their loss. Besides, most kids get caught when they're coming back for class. Go figure!

I really don't care for all the snobby people in the sports clubs. I don't like Valley.

I enjoy Valley a lot. I take courses that probably wouldn't be offered if the school were split. I don't participate in sports because I don't want to, not because there aren't enough spots on the team.

I did not like the POD set up of VSW.

We have a lot of great hockey players at our school yet we don't have a Valley sponsored hockey team. We definitely should.

I was involved in a few last year, but not anymore. I'm busy with other stuff in my life right now.

I think what is best for Valley is one high school. The worst thing you can do is make two high schools. It would ruin sports, music/band, orchestra, chorus, KWDM, and other school activities. Keep one high school.

Valley isn't too big. I don't agree with two schools.

Two high schools would lose all pride at Valley. It would be dumb. Thanks for the offer though!

I don't like that stuff with this school.

Valley sucks! I don't like Valley!

We don't need another school.

Because I wanted my senior year to be easy and I didn't want the stress of activities.

The POD system at VSW did not work well or allow for individual growth.

We are not overcrowded. We are actually a normal size nationally.

Keep Valley as is.

Southwoods ruined my 4-year high school experience.

I don't like school activities.

I think this school is fine.

Keep one school.

I feel like if you're not the best at a certain sport you wouldn't be able to play it.

Most are mistaken when they say that kids at Valley can't be involved in activities because Valley is too big. All the clubs I've ever been in have always been happy to get new people. Some kids just don't choose to take the opportunity.

I'd rather work and make money than waste my time. I am in martial arts outside of school. I think you should pay attention to these questionnaires.

I don't think we need two Valley High Schools. This one is just fine with need for few repairs.

I don't think we should have two high schools. It would rip apart the Valley excellence because it would take away and split up all the good athletes.

I work everyday after school.

No time for school activities. They need programs that teach Flash and Adobe.

There's nothing here that I want to do. It's all too competitive and if you're not the best than you're nobody.

The athletics departments at Valley and Southwoods are pure politics. If you don't have a big name than the coaches will single you out. I only participate in golf because I determine whether I play. When I go out for team sports the coaches ignore the people who don't have big names and attempt to make everyone else quit and they are good at it.

I have to go to work and I do a lot of community service after school.

Need more soccer uniforms.

Southwoods is so much harder than Valley especially in the HW area. Survival of the fittest?

School is tough enough and I'm actively involved in scouts.

I don't feel up to it this year.

Because I feel that I am not popular so I won't make the team. That is a fact at Valley not fiction. This school needs to make equal opportunities for every student, not just ones with money, to participate in sports.

I don't care about the school issue because I'm out of here before it will affect me.

I think these are stupid and I never want to fill one out again.

Valley High School is not too crowded. Everyone is treated equally and the number of students helps people interact together.

I participate in radio but work a lot.

I don't know why I had to do this, but, ok.

There's not many things offered that I enjoy.

Valley should not be two schools. Students have a choice to attend a larger school (Valley) or smaller schools like Waukee. By taking away that choice by making Valley two schools the community fails to equip ambitious students with the means to prepare themselves for larger cities and areas.

Students want to be on teams, but never make it or don't do anything but sit on the sideline. Valley has a bad reputation.

Comments from Valley Southwoods:

VSH has nothing, everyone at Southwoods knows it and everyone at Valley does too. The reason why half the students don't go out for sports in because the coaches choose favorites and it's always the rich prep people too.

I wish that freshmen could take drama at Southwoods.

I think Valley truly prepares students for life after high school. There are many ways to be involved at Valley/VSW.

A lacrosse team would be cool or as a club. More passing time is needed at VSW. Improve lunches at VSW. More field trips needed. Open campus should be for all high school....grades 9-12.

I think that there is a strong sense of Valley pride in our schools. I think that people that get involved in activities tend to be more likely to feel that school pride. I think that VSW pails in comparison to Valley. We don't have as many activities but yet there is still opportunity to participate.

I don't have much time to enroll in an activity. I'm too busy.

Valley Southwoods is a good school and I like it....but it doesn't prepare you for Valley at all. It's like going back to elementary school.

I don't go involved in activities because there is nothing I'm interested in.

I am busy with other activities, and a job, and I don't have enough time.

A lot of the people who are involved in choir wish that we would have more money for greater exposure. I know we got a Grammy but we aren't living up to it.

My main activities come from places outside school like ballet, 2D and 3D art, ice-skating, piano and there are camps I am going to in summer such as French and Debate.

I think they need more space for parking. I also think they need more money to go to the FCA.

Girls and boy's athletics should be more equal.

Valley Southwoods needs to get more attention cause we have outstanding athletics and won both football and basketball conference championships which is very rare.

I really feel that we need to have all 4 grades of Valley in the same building. We shouldn't have two high schools, but keep all of the students together to make a more friendly environment, not splitting anyone up from each other.

I work and don't have time for activities at school. I think drama needs to be added and Valley and Valley Southwoods should have all the school dances together.

We need to have rugby at our school. It is way better than football and more people get to participate.

I STRONGLY think Valley/Valley Southwoods needs to include synchronized swimming as a Valley sponsored team. What is it showing? That our school only wants to sponsor "big" sports. This year in synchro we have at least 30 people which is the size of the girl's basketball team, so it's not like we have less people. Valley needs to add synchro to show we care about all schools and not just a "club". And make it so Valley/Valley Southwoods connect or don't say it's a part of Valley because we are not included with Valley.

I don't participate in activities because they don't offer anything I am interested in.

I feel we should have drama at Southwoods and more music opportunities at Walnut Creek.

I'm involved in high school hockey, but it's not related to any one high school.

I am going to try out for dance team, but a lot of the choices at VSW are for the "smart" people, so it's hard to participate. I did do I-Care though.

I think Valley and Valley Southwoods are very clean, neat, organized, smart people schools.

They don't have a hockey team and the people in the groups make me mad. These are really stupid questions.

Not involved just because.

Making two schools would be a horrible idea. The athletics might be worse, but more importantly, the academics would go down the drain!

Unlike most students, my life does not revolve around school. I have much better things to do with my spare time.

We are treated like we are 7th graders. Too much supervision (sign in, computer monitoring) can't do art in the library, dirty bathrooms. There should be no second school before you clean up the ones we have.

I'm only involved in one activity because I received a lot of homework at school and I have Taekwondo twice a week.

I don't participate because I always get a TON of homework. I think VHS should stay how it is.

I think that Valley needs to be split up and be renovated. Maybe they could build a new high school.

I think Valley Southwoods needs to be set up different so we aren't in pods.

I'm too busy to do sports.

I think that splitting Valley into two high schools will completely change it's high-level of sports and the greatness of it's other activities.

I'm not involved because there isn't anything that I like to do that my school offers. I think that at the beginning of a new school year, or at the end of one, there should be a survey that asks the students to tell one activity that should be made open to students.

I think we should be able to talk and eat in study hall. We should have the same study hall rules as Valley so we can leave if we wish or do what we want because they don't take attendance.

I don't think that the division of Valley into two separate schools is a very good idea. Also, Southwoods doesn't have enough activities. We need optional PE and open campus.

How could Valley prepare you for the outside world? Too much crap is required to take so we can't go to the courses that might actually help us. My definition of crap: Lang and Lit, Speech, Fine Arts, Geo Cult. Study, Science, and some math courses. Stuff we learn is crap...nothing important to actually help us. Only electives.

I believe that Valley and Valley Southwoods are both major examples of crowded schools that have a decent amount of sports and other activities. But there are just too many students doing these activities but is it fair to the rest of the students that are average that don't get to participate due to the amount of students already in that sport or activity?

VSW is like returning to elementary school. We are in pods. This arrangement keeps you isolated, you don't meet as many new people. Since in junior high we didn't have pods, I think it is a bad idea to have pods just in 9th grade. Having an individual 9th grade is okay, but you don't get to meet as many people as you would in Valley to prepare us for Valley. They shouldn't isolate us. For our sports program you have to be the best to play. If you are on the "C" team you practice as much or more than the other teams but play only 2 or 3 games.

I like having just one big high school. It makes me feel like I'm in one big community. I have much more of a chance to make friends and choose friends with the same interests as me. I think Valley is a great school as is. If we hire a whole new staff for a new school, how could we keep up pay when the teachers that already are hired get such bad pay already???

The main purpose of a school is to educate. There is a need for two schools but sports shouldn't be apart of the factor. One high school should be for people that want more education and less sports and one for people that want more sports than education. The class sizes are not too big, but the academic class is very large. The teachers make time for you but it is hard with a lot of faces. The schools are crowded. Maybe you could build a junior college for the small high schoolers.

There should not be two high schools. The population of Valley is about the same as it was after they built Southwoods. It is not too crowded at Valley. Most kids I know are in favor of keeping it just how it is. It's mostly parents who want two high schools and it's just because they think their kids are athletic stars and should be on a team. Why create a rivalry in the community? We don't need that.

I think we should build a whole new Valley next to old Valley....but DO NOT make two high schools.

I think that Valley is fine. Academic wise the teachers have plenty of time with each student. If a student isn't doing well, it's their fault for not trying. Athletic wise, I play sports. There are tons of opportunities to play, and the ones that play don't have natural ability...they work harder. It's how hard you work for it not the number of people.

I really like the size and environment of VSW. It would be great if we could replicate this throughout the district.

Just redo Valley. Don't build another school because it will cause problems.

I don't know of any activities I would be interested in.

I strongly disagree with having two high schools. It separates everyone, and would split up the community into high school rivals.

Leave the schools the way they are!!!!!!

No interests in school activities.....boring and dull.

If I could change one thing in my life, it would be to have never gone to Valley Southwoods. First quarter I was diagnosed with CFS and my grades dropped dramatically because of this. The school made absolutely no accommodations for my illness. Nine months have gone by and I still have CFS.

I think VHS is fine the way it is as far as athletics and academics. It might be nice to do a little construction to the school to make it more updated.

I think that when the questionnaire described Valley/Valley Southwoods as "survival of the fittest" they were being very correct. I feel that I would participate in more sports if I was able to, but in order to receive the slightest amount of playing time, you need to be almost perfect at the sport. I had a 3.867 grade point average and I was ranked 89th. Valley/VSW is "survival of the fittest."

I own a horse and in order to support my horse, I have to work. That takes up all of my free-time. If I had more time I would participate in school activities but I don't.

I think we should have two schools because it will give those kids that don't have opportunity in sports with those other kids that are really good.

I think that it is nice that you're letting students have a say in what is going on with the high schools. It lets us feel apart of it.

Having two schools would break up a community, students and already well developed music and sports/arts programs. High school isn't about those things it's about academics and Valley is good at that.

I am too busy to be in any activities. I was in cheerleading but now it's over with.

I don't even try to do a sport because so many people try out there is no way I would make it. Plus I dance after school. I really want the second high school because there are way to many students at Valley.

I think that having two high schools is not a good idea and that it would cause too much rivalry. I also think that the teachers are getting enough help to every student.

I think that Valley has way too many students enrolled. This make learning more difficult. There are definitely enough athletic opportunities encouraged. But other clubs aren't encouraged nearly enough.

Southwoods doesn't seem connected to Valley at all! I hate it.

It's an elementary school layout we have and I don't care for it.

I'm involved in 3. I'd be in VSW activities if there were any. You should start up a girl's wrestling team.

Valley Southwoods is way to babyish. It doesn't prepare us well enough for Valley. Freshmen can be Varsity or JV. The trip back and forth is annoying.

This survey sucks.

I have too much homework to do.

Because the activities I am in are out of school.....taekwondo and work at HyVee.

I'm in activities outside of school.

I don't like VSW. BAD SCHOOL!

VSW is like elementary school all over again! The building setup is a joke. What's with the colors?

I don't like how VSW is set up like an elementary school.

No activities interest me.

Valley and VSW should be together. Smaller class size.

I don't want to be in activities.

I don't like school rules. School is boring.

I'm in zero activities because they are gay.

We get too much homework. I have no free/family time. Then I get depressed/stressed and my grades go down. Only two of my teachers really care about me.

VHS/VSW shouldn't be separate!

We need a lacrosse team.

I think that those who fail should fail and learn from their mistakes rather than move up a grade earlier than "normal" people. That is what I call cheating. I seriously think that WCC is poorly educated. I had a friend who started at my grade and is already a sophomore 5 weeks before I did. I think there shouldn't be an "easy way out" of education.

VSW is much like a prison. I hate it. I like the teachers...they're awesome...but the school is set up crappy. Homework should be limited. If the teachers can't teach us enough during school hours, why is that our fault? I have life that isn't based on school.

Don't split up the high school!!!!!!!!!!!!

They do a good job of letting VSW participate in VHS activities.

Don't split the high school.

I hate the school....period!

I hate VSW. Get rid of the pods!

I hate VSW...it's like a prison. I hate pods or teams.

Change it so you don't have to be in concert band to be in jazz band. Valley should have a lacrosse team because a lot of people play lacrosse, but there is no team.

It would be nice to have a girl's sport other than basketball in the winter.

Not in activities because I don't want to.

I don't think teachers give enough options to people who fall behind. I strongly think that sophomores, juniors and seniors shouldn't act like they are so much better than us freshmen. I think of it as a kind of like racism in school.

I think that VSW doesn't get to be involved at Valley because we never get the opportunity.

I'm interested in other kinds of sports.

I don't want to compete for medals. I just want to have fun. VSW doesn't provide this.

Less homework.....would get better grades.

I'm not in activities because they are almost all sports and I'm not athletic.

I don't want to split from my friends. Build a second level on Valley.

I think the schools are too far apart so there is no way we know what's going on at Valley.

In sports the best people play.....get over it! Valley is big but when I want to talk to a teacher I can.

I think activities are for preps.

None of the activities are interesting to me.

I am involved in zero activities because I don't even have enough time to get my homework done!

I work so I don't participate. There are less opportunities at VSW than at VHS even though we're part of the school. We need more activities.

I choose to have a job and make money. School should end in grade eight!

I feel that I don't have to be in activities to show my school spirit. I'm not athletic anyway. I think the schools are fine the way they are.

I don't tryout for any athletic activities because of other students. I'm good tennis player but didn't tryout. I want to get involved in cheerleading so bad but I won't make it because backflips and others.

I think that kids that come from middle schools and attend this school don't really grow up. They still have the side of playing.

VHS and VSW have a good relationship. WCC doesn't. Bowling team would be nice.

VHS and VSW have good communication, but I don't know about WCC.

I don't like sports. If there was a fencing team or club I would be in that but that's about all.

Valley and VSW are similar but they are so different from Walnut Creek.

I don't have time for activities....I have a job.

I like VSW but I don't think there should be two schools. I not in sport because I don't like them.

Don't need a new school.

I am involved in many activities, but a lot of my friends who could be really good at these activities but can't make them.

Activities are stupid

I am offended that you would even consider two high schools. This would divide our district, split up good teachers, and worsen the academic standards of our high-quality district!

Two high schools is bad. We need lacrosse club.

Don't make two high schools.

Valley Rocks! I'm offended that you would consider disrupting a healthy environment that took years to establish.

Creating two Valleys would harm the top 1/3 and bottom 1/3 of students. Athletic teams are not crowded. Everyone gets a chance to play.

Do not make two high schools.

Because I'm a loser and nobody likes me.

Timing and transportation.

I think they need two high schools.

I don't do sports because I won't do anything for my school, I'll do it for myself.

I would rather go to a smaller school. VSW is perfect.

Even if we had more teams and activities students still wouldn't participate because they show no interests now so why waste the money.

There is no hockey through the school.

I would rather do things outside of school.

I work.

I like Valley. Stay the same.....two schools would be bad.

I am involved in zero because I now I wouldn't make A teams. C teams don't get attention like A and B.

I don't participate because of my grades.

I like Valley. Stay the same. Two high schools would be horrible.

Valley and VSW are adequate to teacher students. And if we split into two different schools our resources would also be split. So it doesn't make sense to have two high schools.

I don't care about the sports and activities at VSW.

I'm doing other things (besides activities).

VHS and VSW have hardly any communication. I strongly think that needs to be fixed.

Valley is a great school. I really like it.

I don't think school has an atmosphere.

I don't have time for activities.

Walnut Creek Comments:

I don't choose to do activities

There are none I know about

I work too much to pay off rent, insurance, car payments, utilities, and my phone bill.

I'm too busy to be involved with anything but school.

I work all the time.

Just because.

Only reason why I go to school is friends, girls and graduation

Valley is too stuck up and ignorant. Get rid of Valley and expand WCC

They do not offer things I am interested in.

I have no time....but I helped with prom.

I don't know. Stop getting in my head these crazy people.

Because I don't want to.

I want my cheerleading money back.....I never got to cheer.