

December 5, 2018

Dear Families of Westport Students,

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, December 3, I was requested to provide all options that I felt were viable for next year. To that end, I shared that the following were feasible for 2019-20, knowing also that most likely any plan we put in place would be with us for not just next year, but a few years as we rebuild lost space;

Original List at BoE Meeting (not in prioritized order)

Option 1 (Mod.)	Grade 6 at elementary	Some impact to program	Design team meeting all day tomorrow	Preschool rent in range of \$350 -500k/yr. Portables
Option 6	BMS 6-8	All programs offered	Further feedback sessions	Portables
Option 8	Rent space for 6 th Grade Academy	Continue search		Cost in range of \$2M/yr.
Option 9	Redistrict for 6 th Grade Academy	Feedback on impact forthcoming	Close CES or GFS and redistrict	Preschool rent in range of \$350 -500k/yr. Portables


At that same meeting, the **Community Advisory Committee presented three options** for consideration:

- Rent space for 6th Grade Academy.
- Rent space for CMS.
- Grade 6 remains in elementary schools and Stepping Stones stays at CES.

On Monday evening, the Board of Education voted to remove from consideration the redistricting plan option.

At this morning's Finance and Facilities Meeting, I shared my prioritized list of options with 6th Grade Academy as my preferred choice, followed secondly by a K-6 structure. Committee members prioritized their ranking of **all remaining options** as follows to be presented to the full Board at its meeting on December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

BoE Finance and Facilities Remaining Options to be Presented to Full Board



Tier 1
6 th Grade Academy
Tier 2
K-6 in elementary with portables
a. Keep Stepping Stones at CES
b. Find rental space for Stepping Stones, if needed
Tier 3
CMS in rented space
Tier 4 (default option)
All 6-8 at BMS

Would you like to discuss these remaining options? I will host a feedback session tomorrow evening, **Thursday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. in the SHS cafeteria.** Please join me or watch from home.

Sincerely,
Colleen Palmer