



Cornerstone Master Planning Meeting Notes Summary

Wooster City Schools' first Master Planning Town Hall was held at Cornerstone Elementary on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. This is one of four currently scheduled Master Planning Town Halls open to Wooster City community members to help create a new WCS Master Plan. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting.

Key Discussion Items:

Cost/Funding:

- Taxation due to rising costs and assessed property values
 - Most school revenue does NOT increase with increased assessed property values due to HB 920.
- Renovation over new construction
 - If renovation is included in the new Master Plan, it may have to be completed in smaller increments due to space capacity issues in our current buildings.
- Interest in learning about maintenance costs to maintain current buildings
- A portion of the funding is still available from The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, but the district will have to reapply to confirm the co funded portion
- What should be done with Cornerstone?
 - Renovation, Rebuild, or transferred to private investment

Building Configuration:

- Grade Level Bands vs. Neighborhood Schools
 - Leadership opportunities for students and collaboration opportunities for staff
 - Equity and efficiency of facilities
- Redistricting is in the foreseeable future due to overcrowding at current schools
- Redistricting could be done as early as 2025-2026
- Safety concerns and procedures are being addressed in current buildings but new construction provides additional deterrents

Getting Feedback from our community:

- Suggestions were given on how to reach more community members
 - Town Hall flyers are posted at 30 locations in the community
 - Hard copies of the survey will be the WCS Board of Education Office and at all WCS School Offices
 - Additional school tours including the other 3 elementary schools are being considered

Please join us for our next Master Planning Town Hall at Beuhler's Milltown Community Room on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.