



### **WCS Master Planning Town Hall #3: Cornerstone Elementary, October 13, 2023**

Wooster City Schools' third Master Planning Town Hall was held at Cornerstone Elementary on Friday, October 13, 2023 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. This was one of four currently scheduled Master Planning Town Halls open to Wooster City community members to help create a new WCS Master Plan. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting.

#### **Next Master Planning Event(s):**

Town Hall @ Buehler's Milltown: Wednesday, October 25th: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tour of Cornerstone Elementary: Saturday, November 4th: 9:00 a.m.

#### **Key Discussion Points:**

##### **Master Planning Update:**

- No designated timeline for the Facilities Master Plan
- Continued emphasis on re-engagement through the town halls and survey
- We could possibly engage voters in November 2024
- Suggestions made to connect more community members with the survey
  - The survey is on the website and social media
  - Hard copies of the survey are available at the WCS BOE office and our school offices.
  - Suggestions to have surveys available at school events i.e. football games, parent/teacher conferences etc.

##### **Cost/Funding:**

- Assessed values of Wayne County properties could increase by an average of 38%
- Due to HB 920 from 1976, WCS would not receive significant funding increases with the property value increases

##### **Building Configuration:**

###### Neighborhood Schools vs. Grade Level Schools

- Our current configuration will not work in the future due to population growth on the north end (Kean)
  - We will either need to redistrict or move to grade level schools
- Our current elementary schools are assigned based on location (neighborhood schools)
  - As the district has reduced the number of elementary schools to 4 the geographical area of our neighborhood schools has expanded
- Once Master Planning meetings are complete, we will evaluate scheduling tours of the other buildings
- Suggestion: Engage district staff to share their thoughts on grade banding

##### **Cornerstone:**



#### What should be done with Cornerstone Elementary

- Demolished and rebuilt, renovated, or sold to private investor
- Could Cornerstone be the Middle School?
- Discussed the importance of a downtown educational presence
- If it was decided to renovate Cornerstone that could only occur in addition to constructing another building due to the fact there is no room to accommodate CS students during reconstruction.
  - Therefore, renovating Cornerstone would require a larger millage ask to the community than 1 building
- Discussed the option of moving forward with one building and completing a new master plan in smaller increments

#### Next Steps:

- Website Update and Documents
- Gather additional data to share with the community-
  - Repair/Replacement cost of building(s) maintenance
  - Potentially share a few master plan options with the community for additional feedback