





OUR DIRECTION/PROGRESS



GRADE LEVEL CONFIGURATION FOR CONSIDERATION...

The BAC Facilities Master Planning Committee recently completed the process of determining a grade level configuration based on educational best practices, research and recent studies. The committee weighed the advantages and disadvantages of several potential configurations, taking into account factors such as school size, ease of student transition between buildings, age level groupings and cost effectiveness.

Buildings	Cornerstone Site	High School Site		
	Building 1 	Building 2 	Building 3 	Building 4 (High School) 
	NEW	NEW	NEW	RENOVATIONS
Grades	Grades PK-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12

Total Cost:
(including demolition & abatement of current buildings):
\$102,910,509

State (33%) vs. Local (67%) Share
State: **\$33,960,468** Local: **\$68,950,041**

- Additional Clarifying Points:**
- Buildings 1 and 3 will be the first builds.
 - While building 1 is being constructed (at Cornerstone site), Edgewood Middle School will serve as a "swing space" for current Cornerstone students.
 - Building 2 and renovations to Wooster High School will follow to leverage state funding.

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(Phase II)

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BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW

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OUR CURRENT REALITY: WHY ARE WE HERE?

- We currently operate six educational buildings
- We face long-term maintenance and space availability issues with most of our facilities
- Our enrollment is growing and is projected to continue to increase
- Our operating costs continue to rise
- We need to provide an equitable experience for all students in the district

BUILDINGS FOR CONSIDERATION...



New Building 1



New Building 2



New Building 3



New Building 4
(Current high school)

Why four total buildings and not neighborhood schools?

- Our current buildings, apart from Wooster High School, fall under the OFCC's two-thirds recommendation. This recommendation states that when renovation cost exceeds two-thirds of the cost of new construction, new buildings should be considered.
 - Partnership with the OFCC provides state aid to the district. The breakdown of project costs is as follows:
 - » **Current state share: 33% contribution**
 - » **Local share: 67% contribution**
 - Parkview, Melrose and Kean Elementary Schools were all built in the 1950s and 1960s, while Cornerstone Elementary School is almost 100 years old. As they currently exist, the buildings are not energy efficient and would require long-term maintenance upgrades to meet 21st century learning requirements and safety standards.
 - We can better provide an equitable experience for all students in the district. This building configuration solves equity issues such as, the socio-economic breakdown and the minority makeup in individual buildings.
 - Teacher collaboration immediately improves as same-grade teachers are now able to work together in the same building. Academic achievement results will follow.

CREATING OUR PLAN: HOW ARE WE MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS?

- Communication engagement sessions
 - » *What are the needs and wants of our community?*
- Professional consultation (Ohio Facility Construction Commission (OFCC), GPD Architectural Firm, City of Wooster, BAC Facilities Master Planning Committee)
 - » *What makes sense from a feasibility standpoint?*
- Financial analysis
 - » *How can we be most cost effective and fiscally responsible?*
- Education best practices
 - » *What benefits our students most? Developmentally? Socially? Academically?*

LOCATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION...

Why these locations?

- The district has access to plenty of land that can be developed on our high school campus.
- It is important that we maintain a presence at Cornerstone and preserve our prior investment in our Play Lab and Littlest Generals Preschool.
 - Ease of shared resources and programming
 - Savings on transportation costs
 - A proposed land swap was recently canceled in which Wooster would have acquired 32 acres north of our high school stadium in exchange for the 29 acres adjacent to Kean Elementary on Old Man Road.



New Building 1
will reside at the current
Cornerstone location



The location of
New Building 2
is still TBD



New Building 3
will reside near the
High School

