
Media Information: VCSC Board of School Trustees Meeting

Overview:

- Elementary Schools (10)
- Middle Schools (4)
- High Schools (2)

Elementary

- Benjamin Franklin (K - 5)
- DeVaney (K - 5)
- Fayette (K - 4)
- Fuqua (K - 5)
- Lost Creek (K - 5)
- Riley (K - 5)
- Terre Town (K - 5)
- Honey Creek MS to be repurposed into an elementary school (K - 5)
- Otter Creek MS to be repurposed into an elementary school (K - 5)
- Sarah Scott MS to be repurposed into an elementary school (K - 5)

Middle School

- North HS to be repurposed into a middle school (6 - 8)
- South HS to be repurposed into a middle school (6 - 8)
- Sugar Creek Consolidated to be repurposed into a middle school (5 - 8)
- Woodrow Wilson (6 - 8)

High Schools

- New High School (Consolidate North and South into one HS)
- West Vigo High School

Alternative Educational Center (1)

- Farrington Grove ES to be repurposed into an alternative school

Career Technical Education Center (1)

- Dixie Bee ES to be repurposed into a Career-Technical Education Center

Early Learning Centers (2)

- Deming Early Learning Center
- Sugar Grove ES to be repurposed into an Early Learning Center

Schools to be Closed (4)

- Davis Park ES
- Hoosier Prairie ES
- Ouabache ES
- Rio Grande ES

Quick Facts

- Vigo County has had an overall population decline. VCSC enrollment is down.
 - Multiple buildings at half capacity is a drain on our resources. Combining resources gives our kids new opportunities.
 - We live more within our financial means and maximize the facilities
 - Approximately 220 of the 288 school corporations in Indiana have declining enrollment.
- The recommendation is data driven (facilities study, demographic study, listening sessions, community forums) - the results are what is best for the future of VCSC and our community.
- We have GREAT students, teachers and staff! This gives them what they DESERVE! Imagine the amazing things they can do with the right tools.

VCSC “Wins”

- This is a comprehensive plan - touching all of our schools, not just the high schools.
- The plan is for VCSC to get a NEW HIGH SCHOOL
- By combining schools we will be creating more consistent class sizes.
 - At some schools we have only two classes within a grade. At others we have six classes within a grade. This plan offers the chance to standardize the number of classes within each grade.
 - ***Consolidating **DOES NOT** mean a “MEGA SCHOOL” and “MEGA CLASSES”. All classes will be the standard for grade level (example: elementary 19-22).
 - What happens to teachers and staff?
 - Schools will combine in future years, but expanding offerings, classes and buildings means we will continue to have a need for our principals, teachers and staff.
- We are expanding alternative education options. Students in the alternative program will have their own dedicated school, space, etc. Not the “afterthought” added on to another school any longer.
- This plan doubles the amount of Early Learning options - giving parents a chance to have one on the South side of town. Dedicated learning space, teachers and preparing our students for success in elementary school.
- Currently high ability/GT programs are only offered at certain schools. Students are bussed to those schools from their “home school”. With a smaller pool of schools, we will

be able to combine resources and hopefully offer more opportunities for high ability classes in more schools.

- Transportation could not be an issue for students traveling for GT classes.
- Expanding high ability outside of just math and English
- MORE arts and music programs, high ability classes
- Bigger schools means the opportunity for elementary schools to offer cross county, robotics, etc - When you have enough students to have these teams. Many of our smaller elementary schools didn't have the chance for those things because they didn't have enough kids to fill the team. Example - DeVaney had a robotics team this year. Not only did they have the team but the team WON competitions! Don't we want that for all our elementary students?
- With the success of programs like the CEO program, school internships and work study, we will be expanding opportunities for students with a dedicated Career Center. Located near Ivy Tech - we look to capitalize on the location with more partnerships with the college.
 - Partnerships with Ivy Tech means Ag and FFA programming

Additional Information

- The bottom line is: Better management of our resources means better opportunities for our kids.
- This plan meets the needs of our corporation and community for the future
 - This plan allows us to maximize our resources
 - Tax payer money, government funds - with fewer buildings to upkeep at the rate they are, needs to function as schools, money can go further. With fewer buildings to keep up with, the focus moves to upkeep of the facilities we have.
- We are excited about the opportunities this can give our kids. They deserve this! Terre Haute and Vigo County deserve this!
- Terre Haute and Vigo County are constantly getting passed over - growth, new companies, funding - NO MORE!
- This is our chance to compete and WIN against other communities in the state!

Who, What and When?

- We cannot do this in one year.
- **This is a working plan, a “living plan” that will continue to evolve over time. Many of these changes and updates will happen over a 3 - 7 year period.**
 - **Changes will happen like a domino effect, one change needs to happen to make another and so on...**
- When will a new high school be built? The EARLIEST 2029-30

