



WEST BLOOMFIELD
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Middle School Transition Plan Recommendation

11 February 2020

Middle School Transition Task Force



The Board of Education tasked district administrators with creating a workgroup of district stakeholders to study the feasibility of **transitioning the student bodies of Abbott Middle School and Orchard Lake Middle School onto the same campus** prior to the opening of West Bloomfield Middle School in 2022.



The need for a **transition plan** was driven by **construction timelines** for the new West Bloomfield Middle School. Vacating Orchard Lake Middle School during 2021-2022 is necessary to ensure that the new West Bloomfield Middle School is completed on time.



OLMS estimated demolition timeline

Teacher move	1 week	Concrete paving	2 weeks
Building decommission/tech	2 weeks	Asphalt paving	1-2 weeks
Abatement	2-3 weeks	Landscaping	1 week
Building demo	4 weeks	Punch list	1 week
Earthwork and utilities	2-4 weeks	Weather contingency	1-2 weeks

TOTAL

17-22 weeks



Task force members

- **Kyle Anderson**, Assistant Superintendent
- **Deanna Barash**, Assistant Superintendent
- **Dana Bennett**, Scotch Parent
- **Dan Durkin**, Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator
- **Nanci Gelsey**, Abbott Counselor
- **Jerry Hill**, Superintendent



Task force members

- **Amy Hughes**, Middle School Principal
- **Gerry McClelland**, AUCH Construction
- **Lynne Robertson**, Transportation Manager
- **Kara Sawarynski**, Sheiko and OLMS Parent
- **Tom Sawarynski**, Sheiko and OLMS Parent
- **Aaron St. Dennis**, AUCH Construction



Task force members

- **Ted Stinson**, Director of Maintenance and Operations
- **Christel Tillman**, Abbott Parent
- **Andrea Williams**, OLMS Teacher
- **Monique Williams**, Sheiko Parent



The task force was charged with **evaluating transition options** and **making a recommendation** to the Board of Education.



Evaluation criteria



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Is the **extra cost** of the plan feasible?

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Is the overall **student experience** positive?

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Is the **impact on instruction** acceptable?

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Is the **number of transitions** acceptable?



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Is the plan **safe**?

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Will the **transportation** system work?

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Is there **enough space** available?

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Is the plan **efficient**?



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Is there adequate **space for special programs**?

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Is the level of **traffic congestion** acceptable?

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Is **staff well-being** considered?



Task force recommendation



Recommended transition plan

- **2020-2021:** All students in Grade 6 attend Abbott, and students in Grades 7 and 8 attend Abbott or OLMS as regularly scheduled
- **2021-2022:** All middle school students in Grades 6-8 attend Abbott.



Student counts

		Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total
2019-2020	ABBOTT	199	233	213	645
	OLMS	155	150	198	503
2020-2021	ABBOTT	311	199	233	743
	OLMS	0	155	150	305
2021-2022	ABBOTT	300	311	354	965
	OLMS	0	0	0	0



Transportation cost analysis

	Additional Bus Runs	Additional Buses	General Fund	Bond/ VW Settlement
2020-2021	3	3	\$150,000	\$300,000
2021-2022	3	3	\$150,000	\$300,000
Total	6	6	\$300,000	\$600,000



Staffing

- Some staff from OLMS will move to Abbott in order to maintain staffing levels, class sizes and elective offerings consistent with current middle school practices



Timeline





**FEB
10**

Task force recommendation
presented to Board of Education
at study session





**FEB
11**

Transition plan presented to
parents at district meeting





**FEB
11**

Public comment period on the
transition plan opens





**FEB
20**

Public comment period on the transition plan closes





**FEB
24**

Board of Education votes on
adoption of the middle school
transition plan



Transition activities



We must recognize that **properly supporting the transition of students, parents, and staff** to a new school is critical to the success of any plan.



The principal will begin working with the parent organization and staff to develop **transition activities** that address the needs of students, parents and staff moving to a new school.



How to provide feedback



Public comment on the recommended Middle School Transition Plan

February 11-20

<https://forms.gle/omNj4YE14izrBDUL7>

