

Middle School Transition Plan Recommendation

11 February 2020

Middle School Transition Task Force

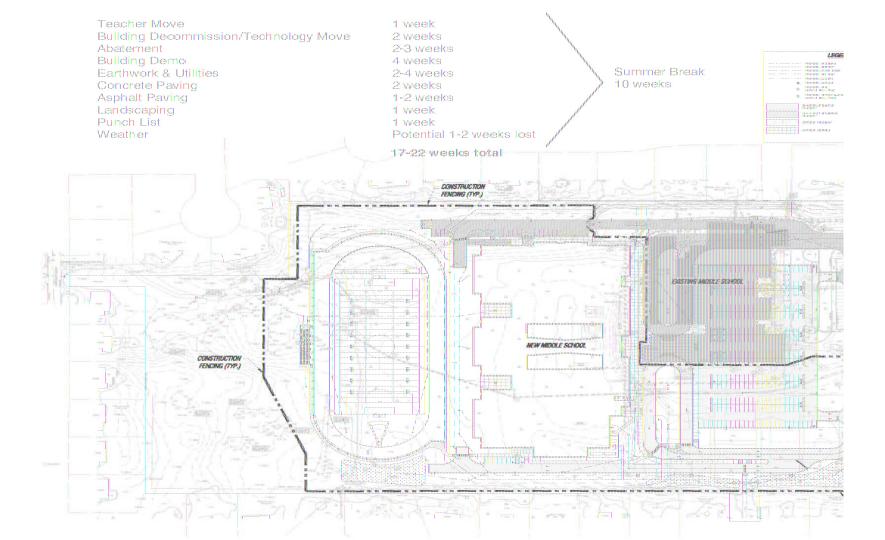


The Board of Education tasked district administrators with creating a workgroup of district stakeholders to study the feasibility of transitioning the student bodies of Abbott Middle School and Orchard Lake Middle School onto the same campus prior to the opening of West Bloomfield Middle School in 2022.



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



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

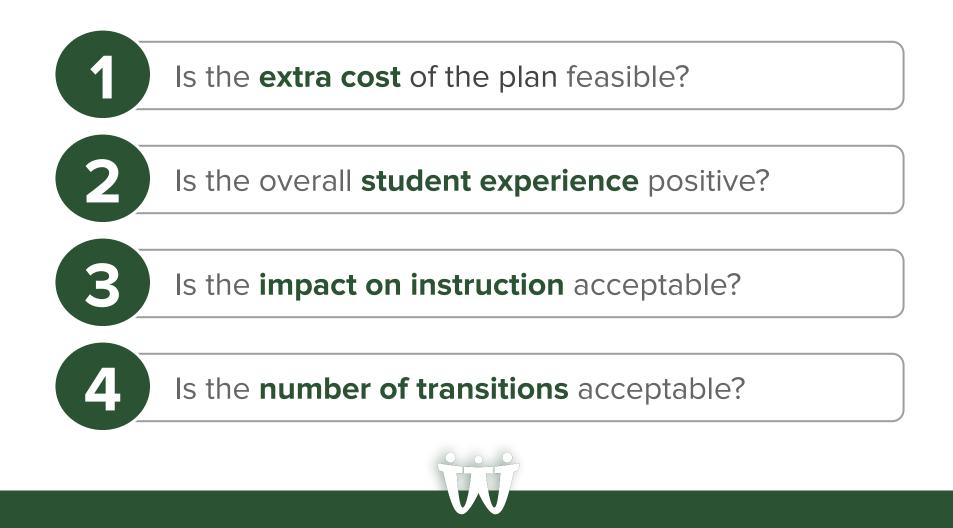


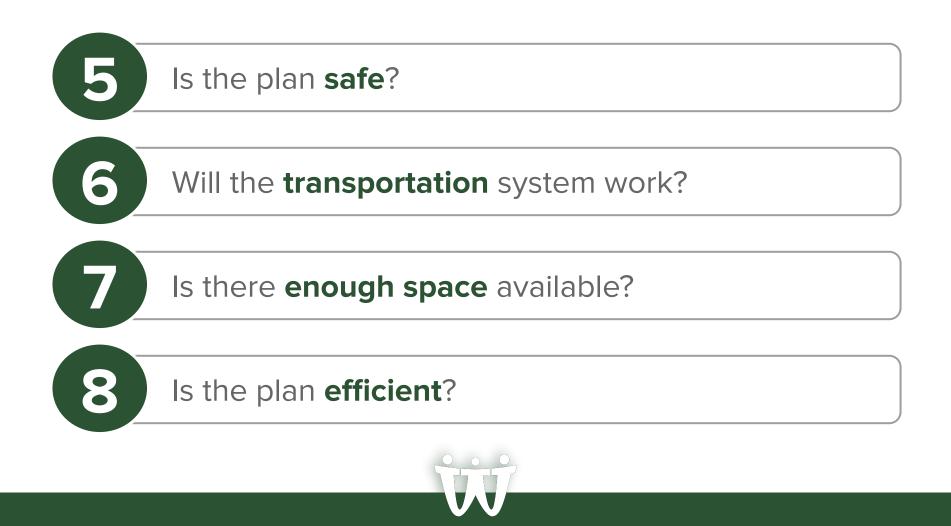
The task force was charged with evaluating transition options and making a recommendation to the Board of Education.

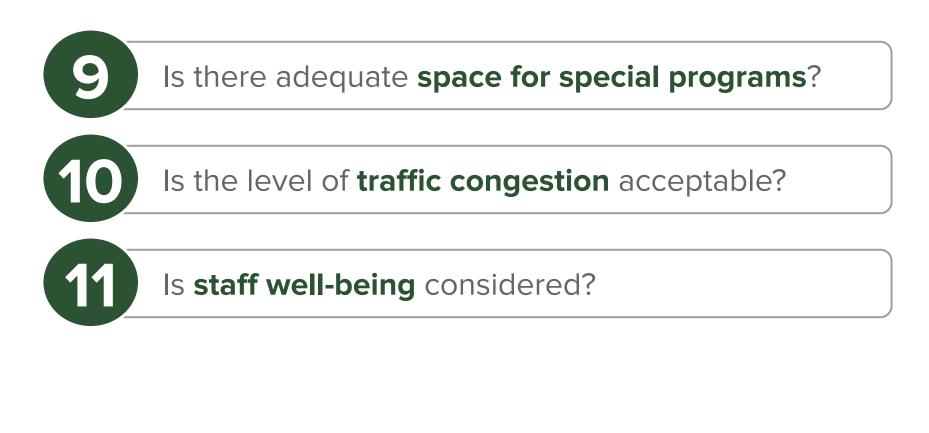


Evaluation criteria











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



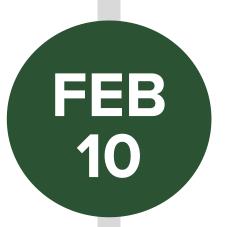
Staffing

 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



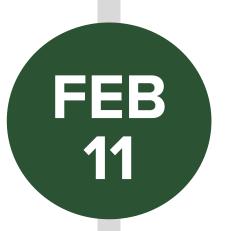
Timeline





Task force recommendation presented to Board of Education at study session





Transition plan presented to parents at district meeting





Public comment period on the transition plan opens





Public comment period on the transition plan closes





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

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