

# Scranton School District

2021-2022

Phase 1- Recovery Plan Initiative - F03  
Reconfiguration Proposal

## Vision Statement

Our district is committed to ensuring that all students and staff are provided with a healthy, safe, and educationally appropriate learning environment.

# Summary

School year 2021-2022

- Close George Bancroft Elementary
- Close Whittier Annex
- NEIS and SSIS- Grades 5-8
- Special Education Reconfiguration

# George Bancroft Elementary

- George Bancroft will close at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- All K-4 students from George Bancroft will attend Isaac Tripp Elementary
- 5th grade students will attend NEIS
- George Bancroft was built in 1928
- Capital Improvement Costs - \$1,950,040.00 - PFM

# George Bancroft to ITE

**150**

Bancroft - 2021 Projections
NA
Grade 1= 34
Grade 2= 45
Grade 3= 37
Grade 4= 34



ITE - 2021 Projections	2021-2022 Combined Projected Enrollment for Bancroft and ITE
K - TBD	K - TBD
Grade 1= 96	Total Grade 1= 130
Grade 2= 110	Total Grade 2= 155
Grade 3= 92	Total Grade 3= 129
Grade 4= 116	Total Grade 4= 150
Grade 5= 111	Total Grade 5 = 111 will remain at ITE

**675**

# Isaac Tripp Elementary

- Isaac Tripp will include K-4 students from George Bancroft for the 2021-2022 school year
- 2021-2022 - Projected Enrollment
  - Bancroft + ITE = 675 + incoming Kindergarten students
- Year Built - 2011
- Capacity - 1,000
- Assistant Principal will be Re-Assigned to Tripp

# Breakdown - 2019-2021

School	October 2019 Enrollment	November 2020-2021 Students	2021-2022 Students	Net Staff Changes	Transportation Increase
Bancroft	243	226		(1) clerk	
ITE	723	636	675 plus K	(2) teachers	+ 2 buses

# Bancroft / ITE Cost Analysis

Costs Added	Cost Reduction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transportation Cost: 2 buses to transport K-4 students to ITE will be \$110,820</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 less teaching positions (\$118,360)</li><li>• 1 less elementary clerk (\$43,344)</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilities Savings - Minimal until building is sold. Once sold approx (\$39,965) yearly based on 2019 utility data.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sale of building - (Need appraisal) Potential \$50,000 - \$200,000 based on Lincoln Jackson and Marshall Sale</li></ul>

# Whittier Annex to Main Building

- Whittier Annex will close at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 4th grade students will attend Whittier Main.
- 5th grade students will attend either SSIS or NEIS - 108 students
- Whittier Main - Year Built - 1966 - Renovated 2011
- Whittier Main Capacity - 525
- Transportation - Reduction of 1 bus



# Whittier Grade 4 - To Whittier Main building

2020-2021	2021-2022 Projected Enrollment Whittier K-4
K = 68	K = TBD
1st Grade = 99	1st Grade = 68
2nd Grade = 88	2nd Grade = 99
3rd Grade = 101	3rd Grade = 88
4th Grade = 109	4th Grade = 101

Total = 356

Whittier Main capacity = 525

# Benefits of Whittier Grade 4 Attending Whittier Main Building

- Provides daily administrative supervision in one building to oversee students, staff, and building activities.
- Ability to maintain uniformity of programming K-4 students in one building
- Allows for continual collaboration between staff / grades around student academics / data.

# Cost Analysis - Annex to Main Building

Costs Added	Cost Reduction
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Utilities - (\$39,194) based on 2019 data</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Reduction of one bus (\$55,410)</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Lease - (\$57,288) <b>2022-2023</b></li><li>● Clerk (1) Annex (\$43,344)</li></ul>

# Fifth Grades Moving to Intermediate Schools

<i>Grade 5 students moving to intermediate schools</i>	<i>Intermediate School</i>
Armstrong	Northeast Scranton Intermediate School
Adams	Northeast Scranton Intermediate School
Bancroft	Northeast Scranton Intermediate School
Morris	Northeast Scranton Intermediate School
Prescott	Northeast Scranton Intermediate School
Kennedy	South Scranton Intermediate School
McNichols Plaza	South Scranton Intermediate School
Whittier - Based on address	South Scranton Intermediate School
Whittier - Based on address	Northeast Scranton Intermediate School

# Benefits of Fifth Grade in our Intermediate Schools

- An intermediate school provides a dynamic, nurturing, student-centered education, where fifth through eighth graders thrive academically and socially.
  - The Association for Middle Level Educators identifies ages 10 through 15 as being young adolescence. Fifth grade students fall into this age group. Middle level programming is designed to meet the unique needs of these students. Our intermediate programs are designed specifically for the intellectual, social, and physical development of this age group.
- The intermediate school structure allows for flexible groupings to address students' academic needs. It can provide a personalized approach to learning when needed. It allows for the ability to provide a variety of academic grouping patterns and opportunities for remediation.

# Benefits of Fifth Grade in our Intermediate Schools

- Improves consistency in programming, as all students will participate in Industrial Arts, Family and Consumer Science, Spanish, Art, Music, and Physical Education/Health throughout the school year.
- Based on the similarities between fifth and sixth grade students, intermediate school allows for the introduction of appropriate skill development which benefits them personally, socially, and physically.
  - It will serve as a basis for planning social activities which are uniquely focused on their development, separate from the typical social functions of seventh and eighth grade students
- Access to after-school clubs
- In an effort to ensure a positive transition from elementary school, our district will develop a transition plan specifically tailored for our fifth grade students.

# Northeast Scranton Intermediate School

Classroom space to accommodate grade 5?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, once the 1904 side is abated/repared.</li> </ul>
Ability to group grades 5 and 6 together and 7 and 8 together? <i>(limit contact of grade 5 with 7 and 8)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes <i>(grade 5 will <b>NOT</b> be assigned into classes or lunch with grade 8)</i></li> </ul>
What additional resources are needed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional SBBH personnel <i>(assigned by SCC)</i></li> </ul>
What needs to be done to the building prior to grade 5 being assigned? <i>(approximate cost listed)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New main doors on Gibson Street \$55,000</li> <li>• Remediation/abatement/repair of 1904 side \$250,000 <i>abatement/ventilation improvement</i></li> <li>• Parking spots \$400/month</li> </ul>
Other concerns? Items needed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School type master schedule             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade levels sharing related arts</li> <li>○ Grade levels sharing lunch periods</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Furniture             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student and teacher desks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total - 2021-22	Capacity
260	266	244	249	1,019	1,439

# South Scranton Intermediate School

Classroom space to accommodate grade 5?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
Ability to group grades 5 and 6 together and 7 and 8 together? ( <i>limit contact of grade 5 with 7 and 8</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes (<i>grade 5 will <b>NOT</b> be assigned into classes or lunch with grade 8</i>)</li> </ul>
What additional resources are needed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional SBBH personnel (<i>assigned by Scranton Counseling Center</i>)</li> </ul>
What needs to be done to the building prior to grade 5 being assigned?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing</li> </ul>
Other concerns? Items needed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School type master schedule             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade levels sharing related arts</li> <li>○ Grade levels sharing lunch periods</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Furniture             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Student and teacher desks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<i>Grade 5</i>	<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Grade 8</i>	<i>Total - 2021-22</i>	<i>Capacity</i>
<b>231</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>1,130</b>



# Additional NEIS and SSIS Information

<i>School</i>	<i>5th Students 2021-2022</i>	<i>5th Feeder School Teachers</i>	<i>Teachers Needed at Intermediates</i>	<i>Net Teacher Impact</i>	<i>Support Staff Requested</i>	<i>Transportation Increase</i>
<i>Northeast</i>	260	(17)	+16	(1) (\$59,180)	Hall Monitor - 2 \$51,361 Cafe Monitors (Aramark) 2	2 Buses
<i>South</i>	231	(16)	+15	(1) (\$59,180)	Hall Monitor - 2 \$51,361 Cafe Monitors (Aramark) 2	2 Buses

# SPECIAL EDUCATION RECONFIGURATION

<b>PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>NEW LOCATION</b>	<b>FORMER LOCATION</b>	<b>GRADE LEVELS</b>
Autistic Support	Kennedy	Whittier	1-3
Emotional Support	Whittier	Annex	4-5
Life Skills Support	Willard	Tripp	2-4
Emotional Support	Sumner	Tripp	1-5
Autistic Support	Armstrong	Prescott	K-5
Autistic Support	Armstrong	Morris	K-5
Emotional Support	Prescott	Bancroft	1-5
Emotional Support	Prescott	Armstrong	1-5



# 2021-2022 Transportation Impact

School	\$ Decrease	\$ Increase	Total Amount
Bancroft	-	-	-
Whittier Annex	(\$55,410)	-	(\$55,410)
Tripp	-	\$110,820	\$110,820
South Intermediate	-	\$110,820	\$110,820
Northeast Intermediate	-	<i>(cost included with ITE - dual runs)</i>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$55,410)</b>	<b>\$221,640</b>	<b>\$166,230</b>

# 2021-2022 Financial Impact

School	Personnel Costs	Capital Costs	Operational	Transportation Costs	Net Capital Fund	Net General Fund	Total Amount
Bancroft	(\$161,704)	(\$1,950,040)	(\$89,965) Assumes \$50K sale	\$0	(\$1,950,040)	(\$251,669)	<b>(\$2,201,709)</b>
Whittier Annex	(\$43,344)	\$0	(\$39,194) To (\$96,482) In 22/23 SY	(\$55,410)	\$0	(\$137,948) To (\$195,236)	<b>(\$137,948) To (\$195,236)</b>
Tripp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,820	\$0	\$110,820	<b>\$110,820</b>
South Intermediate	(\$7,819)	\$0	\$0	\$110,820	\$0	\$103,001	<b>\$103,001</b>
Northeast Intermediate	(\$7,819)	\$309,000	\$0	\$0	\$309,000	(\$7,819)	<b>\$301,181</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$220,686)</b>	<b>(\$1,641,040)</b>	<b>(\$129,159) - (\$186,447)</b>	<b>\$166,230</b>	<b>(\$1,641,040)</b>	<b>(\$183,615) - (\$240,903)</b>	<b>(\$1,824,655) - (\$1,881,943)</b>

# Next Steps

1. **Public Hearing** (PA Statutes Title 24 P.S. Education § 7-780)-3 months prior to actual board vote to close a school. Recommended-January 2021.
  - a. *Must be advertised in newspaper at least 15 days prior to date of the hearing*-Recommended-December 2020.
2. **Board Meeting for Approval**-April 5, 2021
3. **PDE Approval Notification** -(22 PA CODE § 349.28)-By July 31, 2021 (effective for July 1, 2021)-may be submitted by 6/14/21.
  - a. Must include
    - i. Letter from the Superintendent
    - ii. Board Minutes

# Thank You

## Questions