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Community Meeting about New Middle School - June 27, 2023 Frequently Asked Questions

Design Questions

Q: Could the parent pick up/drop off and bus parking be flipped so that parent pick up/drop off is occurring more to the south of the school to encourage car traffic to come from the south?
A: The design attempts to maximize parking lot space by using the bus lot for event parking for athletic fields. We intentionally placed athletic fields to the south and west of the building for access to that lot and to place them farther from the neighborhood. The building is designed to sit on the high point of the property which limits where other aspects of the site can go. If bus parking was moved to the north side of the site, some athletic fields would need to move to the north side as well and that did not seem practical.
Q: Could a 3rd access drive be constructed off of 100S to the west side of the school property to encourage car traffic to come from US36?
A: Our available land for use on that side of the site is more limited and the topography of the land would make that challenging. This would require movement of the wet pond and restructuring of the entire layout – which has been designed to accommodate the topography of the property. Construction of a 3 rd access drive would also be very expensive which is not in the project budget.
Q: There is a wet pond on the design. Will that be fenced?
A: Yes – the wet pond itself is fenced and it also sits within the athletic complex which is also fenced.
Q: Will the new school impact our utilities (ex: water pressure)?
A: No - the development would only improve surrounding infrastructure performance.
Q: Is there a soccer field in the design?
A: No – we do not have middle school soccer. However, there are two practice fields on the west side of the design. These fields could accommodate middle school soccer, should a soccer program evolve.

School Questions

Q: When will start/end times and redistricting be completed?
A: The redistricting process and determination of start/end times will be completed early in the fall of the 2024-25 school year. Both of those processes will involve committees made up of ACSC administrators, staff, transportation personnel, and parents.
Q: Will this new school impact my property taxes?
A: This project is being completed with no impact to the property tax rate. ACSC has debt that is being paid off and can finance this project with no impact to the taxpayer. Also, no referendum funds are used for construction purposes.

Traffic Questions

Q: Will students from the neighborhood walk to school?
A: School boundaries won't be established until fall 2024 so it's too early to know any details about school assignment and transportation offered to assigned schools.
Q: What can the school do to minimize traffic through the neighborhood?
A: In our designs, we have placed the entrance to the front of the school on 450E to encourage traffic to come from the south. Additionally, ACSC will ensure that school busses are routed to come from the south and will not come through the neighborhood (other than those that are picking up students in the neighborhood). We will also work with the Town/County to explore other traffic calming options that were discussed – including signage, speed limit signs, increased patrols to monitor speed, intersection improvements, etc.
Q: Will a traffic study be completed?
A: Yes, that is required prior to the submission of the designs to the Town. The traffic study will be shared on the ACSC website .

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