

# Reimagine 2025

**School Board Meeting  
October 3, 2024**



# Reimagine 2025 - Guiding Principles

Raise academic achievement

Expand opportunities for students

Meet student developmental needs

Maximize operational efficiencies



# Reimagine 2025 Proposal

Proposal: For the 2025-2026 school year, reconfigure middle school grades to include sixth grade students, becoming a Grades 6-8 middle school.



# Opportunities to Learn More

September 9th, 5pm: Wyoming Elementary PTO

September 9th, 6:30pm: FLE/FV PTO

September 10th, 4pm: Scandia PTO

September 10th, 6:30: Lino Lakes PTO

September 16th, 5pm: FLAMS PTO

September 17th, 6pm: Community Conversation at the High School

September 18th, 5pm: Columbus PTO

September 24th, 5pm: Special Education Advisory Council

September 26th, 5:30pm: Linwood PTO

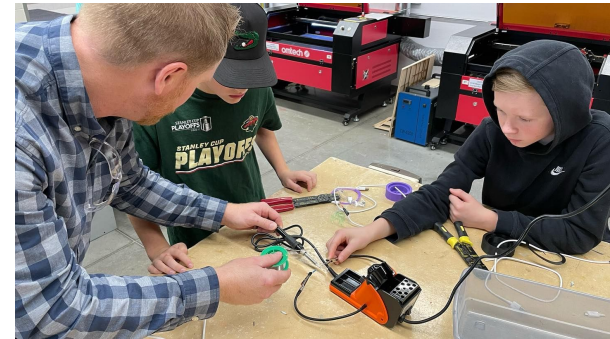
\*\*Parent Survey



# Reimagine 2025 - Middle School

## Inclusion of 6th Grade - Core Advantages

- Robust and comprehensive middle level program
- Increased academic, exploratory, and co-curricular opportunities (core subjects, gateway courses and the arts)
- Subjects taught by disciplinary specialists (6-8 banded standards)
- Developmentally appropriate
- Enhance student agency
- Opportunities to expand instructional time within content areas
  - ex: Science and Social Studies
- Opportunities for Academic Acceleration & Support



# Reimagine 2025 - Middle School

## Additional Opportunities & Considerations

- Expanded academic and co-curricular experiences
- Opportunities for movement - more frequent physical education and lunch recess time
- Support for the Arts
- Maintain core middle level model → teaming, counselors, advisory, etc. with 6th grade students “housed” in the same wing of the building
- Enhance community, relationships, & leadership over the three years

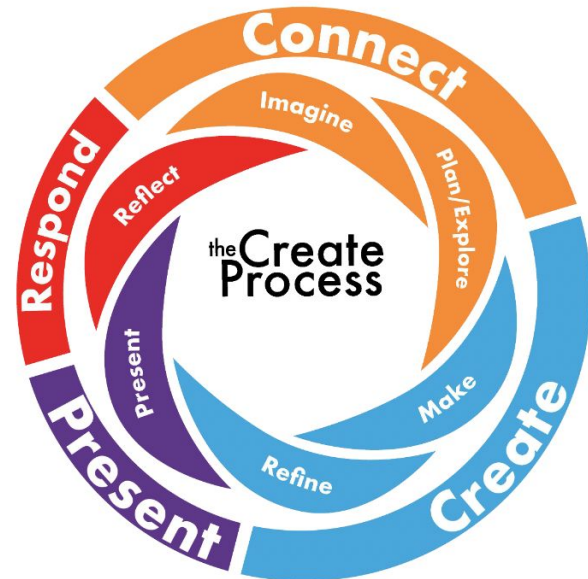


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## Course of Study Foundations



Middle Level Program that offers gateway experiences for students in each of the career pathways



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## Classes and Student Schedule

- Core courses taken in the same wing
- Student Courses will include:
  - English/Literacy (Honors option)
  - Math (6th Grade, Pre-Algebra, Algebra)
  - Earth Science
  - Social Studies
  - Physical Education/Arts (Music/Fine Arts)
  - Electives/Gateway Course(s)
- Academic support, Immersion, accelerated courses

*\*Address state learning standards that are written for grades 6-8*





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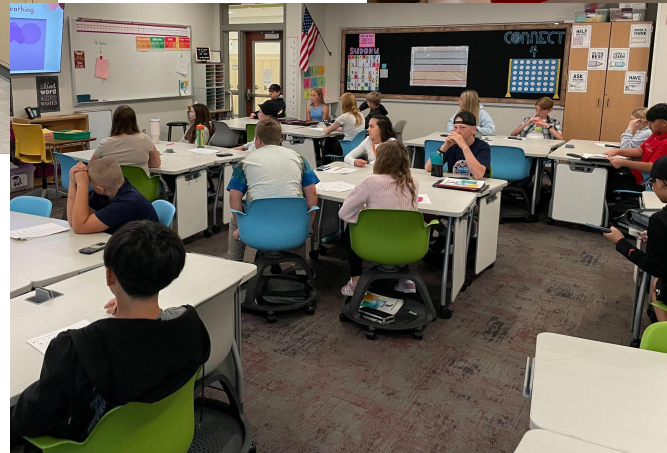
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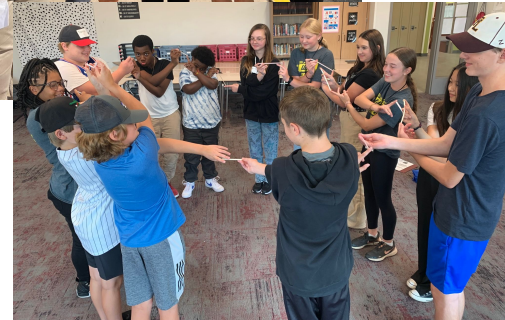




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## Supporting the Middle-Level Learner

- School counseling model
- Transition Events - We Are Rangers Week, WEB Program, Tours & Visits, Parent Info Nights
- Advisory Program - small homeroom experience
- WYN/FLEX Time
- Increased exploratory opportunities through clubs, activities, and the course of study
- Special education services (transition meetings)
- Parent Involvement



# Reimagine 2025 Proposal

## Transition Process and Milestones

- 5th and 6th grade graduations/celebrations (tradition varies between schools)
- Track and field event at the High School
  - 5th Grade: Tuesday, May 20th
  - 6th Grade: Wednesday, May 21st
- Other 6th grade events will now include a similar 5th grade event



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Supporting the 5th grade student as they transition to 6th grade

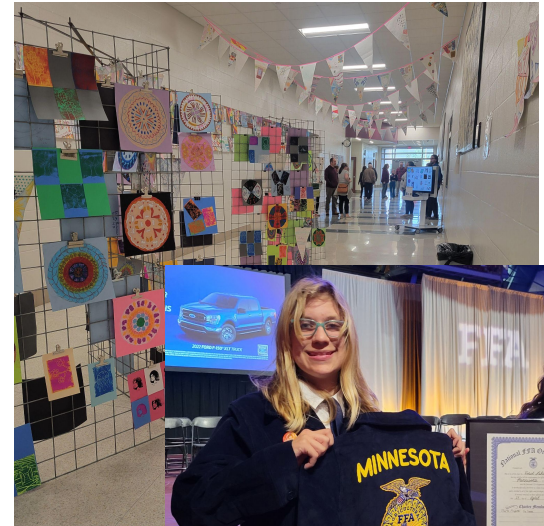
- 5th grade teachers prepare students for 6th grade
- School-specific 5th Grade Tour and Information Nights
  - Jan. 6th - Scandia at 6:00 p.m. & Lino Lakes at 7:00
  - Jan. 7th - Columbus at 6:00 p.m. & Wyoming at 7:00
  - Jan. 9th - Forest Lake at 6:00 & Linwood at 7:00
- Counselor visits to classrooms (week of the January 20th)



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## Student Activities and Athletics

- Clubs & Activities (i.e. musical, strategy club, art, FFA, etc.)
- Athletics (6th grade and middle level sports)
- Showcase of Learning



# Reimagine 2025 Proposal

## Bus Routes - Secondary Tier

- In 2022-23 the District conducted a review of bussing with CESO and the two tier model is more than adequate for the inclusion of 6th grade at the Middle School.
- Administration will be reviewing the makeup of each tier to balance ridership





# Reimagine 2025 Proposal

## Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Making it easy

Administration is working with FLPD and traffic engineers to evaluate traffic flow patterns that will improve efficiency during student drop-off and pick-up.

Considerations include:

- \* Changing bus patterns to minimize traffic impacts and interference with parent drop off
- \* Satellite pick-up and drop off site



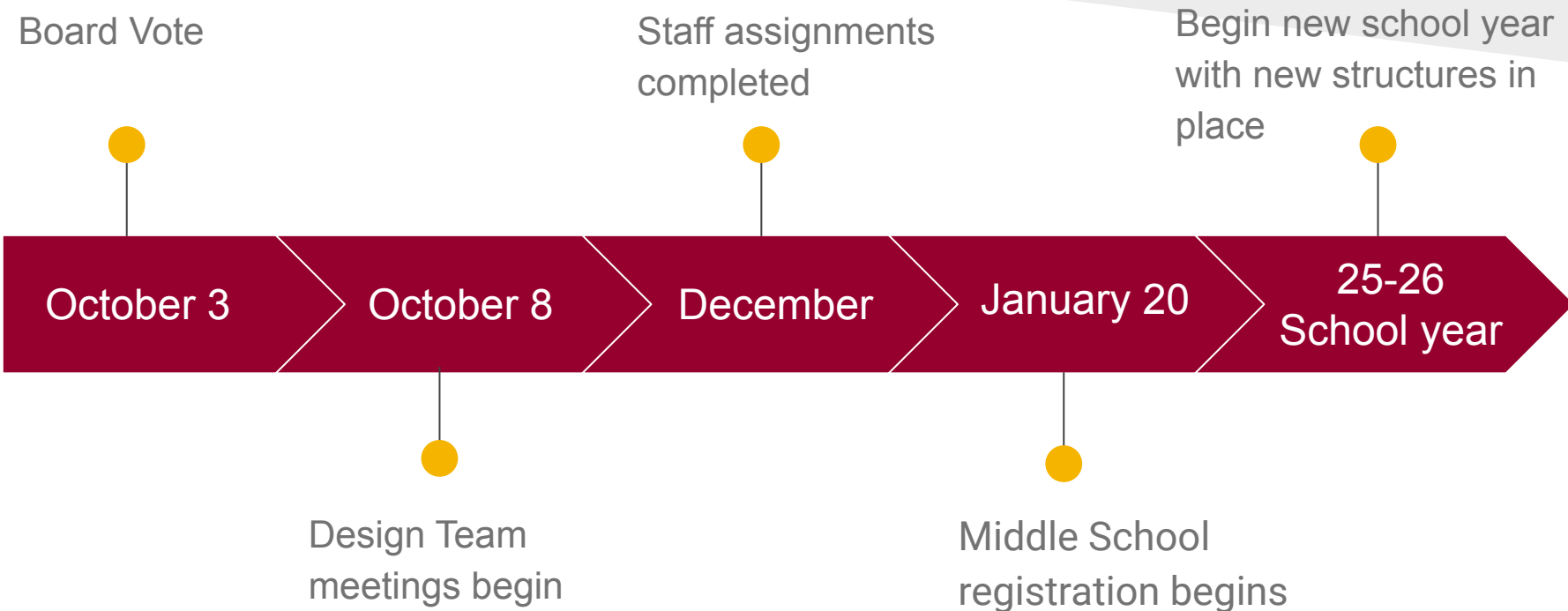
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## Food Service

- Five lunch periods with two of these periods dedicated 6th grade students.
- Smaller groups of students for each lunch period
- Free-play (recess) time for students during lunch period



# Process & Timeline - 6-8 Middle School



# Recommendation

For the 2025-2026 school year, reconfigure Forest Lake Area Middle School to include sixth grade students, becoming a Grades 6-8 middle school.



# Reimagine 2025 Proposal

Proposal: For the 2025-2026 school year, consolidate Forest Lake Elementary and Forest View Elementary, becoming a pre-k through 5th grade elementary school.



# Background and Context

Fewer students living in the district:

- 2020 U.S. births lowest since 1979 and flat in 2021, 2022 and 2023

Population aging

- More 65 year olds than school age children.
- Housing mix different; more apartments, condos, and townhomes. Unit types with few school age children per unit
- Smaller percentage of households have children



# A look back, a look forward

We once served close to 7,500 students. Today, we serve just under 5,600 students.

District schools were placed in communities that met the needs at the time (1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s). Development and population growth is shifting.

School district is rooted in community-based elementary schools and is one of our greatest attributes.



# Enrollment has diminished over the last 10 years

Grade	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
K	484	435	412	441	422	397	394	383	418	323	362
1	456	481	424	412	434	402	391	403	374	410	344
2	444	460	478	423	423	443	400	394	425	385	417
3	539	446	467	471	429	430	441	406	413	419	391
4	499	546	459	463	470	431	409	449	419	412	412
5	551	493	522	430	450	463	413	411	465	418	416
6	480	535	465	502	415	442	423	410	411	451	393
7	524	561	572	467	511	437	459	439	450	435	491
8	557	526	545	554	472	515	451	466	457	455	430
9	551	550	508	535	546	501	525	465	488	488	503
10	521	543	541	509	527	565	511	523	470	506	487
11	491	504	510	517	461	518	530	484	513	453	490
12	459	481	498	511	512	462	506	568	506	535	479
Total	6,556	6,561	6,401	6,235	6,072	6,006	5,853	5,801	5,809	5,690	5,615

Includes ALC



# Enrollment will stabilize over the next 10 years

	K-6	7-8	9-12	Total
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>5,615</b>
<b>2028-29</b>				
Low K/Low Mig	2,637	875	1,931	5,442
Low K/High Mig	2,639	878	1,968	5,485
High K/ Low Mig	2,737	875	1,931	5,543
High K/High Mig	2,740	878	1,968	5,585
<b>2033-34</b>				
Low K/Low Mig	2,719	823	1,792	5,335
Low K/High Mig	2,720	829	1,830	5,379
High K/ Low Mig	2,920	861	1,808	5,589
High K/High Mig	2,921	866	1,846	5,634

Includes ALC

Source: Hazel Reinhardt Consulting Services

# Background and Context

Building utilization has changed over time

## Elementary Schools

	Year Built	Current Enrollment	2014 Enrollment
Columbus	1975	433	449
Forest View (prek-3)	1967	340	557
Forest Lake (4-6)	1958	315	382
Lino Lakes	1958	460	441
Linwood	1961	403	445
Scandia	1962	315	390
Wyoming	1987	440	635
Montessori		NA	123

Middle School (930 students)

High School (1835 students)

Community School (100 full-time students)



# Elementary School Consolidation

## Consolidation of Forest Lake and Forest View Elementary Schools

- Preserves community-based elementary schools
- Examination of building capacity and utilization
- Approximately 500 students (PreK - 5th Grade)
- Grade level classroom configurations
- Special education services
- Specialists - PE, Music and Media/Art/Innovation Spaces
- Preschool classrooms



# Forest Lake to Forest View

- Total Building SF 77,577 SF
- Approximately 500 Students
- *Diagram is for model purposes only to demonstrate classroom section needs and how they fit in the existing school*
- Grade level classroom configurations
- Specialists - PE, Music and Media/Art/Innovation Spaces
- Preschool classrooms
- Special education services



# Elementary School Consolidation

## General Fund Cost savings:

- Administrative, Custodial and Clerical
  - Current employees will be re-assigned within district
- Reduction in utility costs
- Up to \$750,000 in anticipated savings annually
- Consider leasing the Forest Lake Elementary building to an external organization or use it for future district specialized programs



# Forest Lake Elementary

## A building with a rich tradition

- Constructed in 1958 - one of our oldest buildings
- Over 25,000 students received their formative education in this building by hundreds of talented and gifted educators over the last 66 years
- Building will remain an asset for Forest Lake Area Schools and its future use(s) will be determined in the years to come



# Process & Timeline

## School Consolidation: FLE/FVE

