Facility Recommendation

743 Technology Drive

Parent Survey Feedback

March 2026

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Parent Engagement Since Announcement

Goal: To engage as many ECS families to gather as much **initial** feedback on proposed move as possible.

- **December 5, 2025 and January 15, 2026 PCO-led virtual sessions – almost 90 participants**
- **February through early March — 93 registered participants**
  - Feb 24 | 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM In-Person, ECS High SChool
  - Feb 25 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Virtual Town Hall
  - Feb 26 | 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM In Person, Primary School
  - Feb 27 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM In Person, Intermediate School
  - March 3 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Equity & Inclusion Focus Group: Virtual Town Hall
- **Survey - Opened mid-January and closed early March 2026**
- **322 respondents**

Guided by Our Values: Facility Criteria

Environment

- Programmable Space: Academic and Innovative
- Building Design (Green & Values Aligned)
- Building Infrastructure (Quality / Shell)

Equity

- Equitable Access Across the City of Pittsburgh
- Public Transportation Access
- Access to Outdoor and Green Space
- Community Partner Access

Collaboration

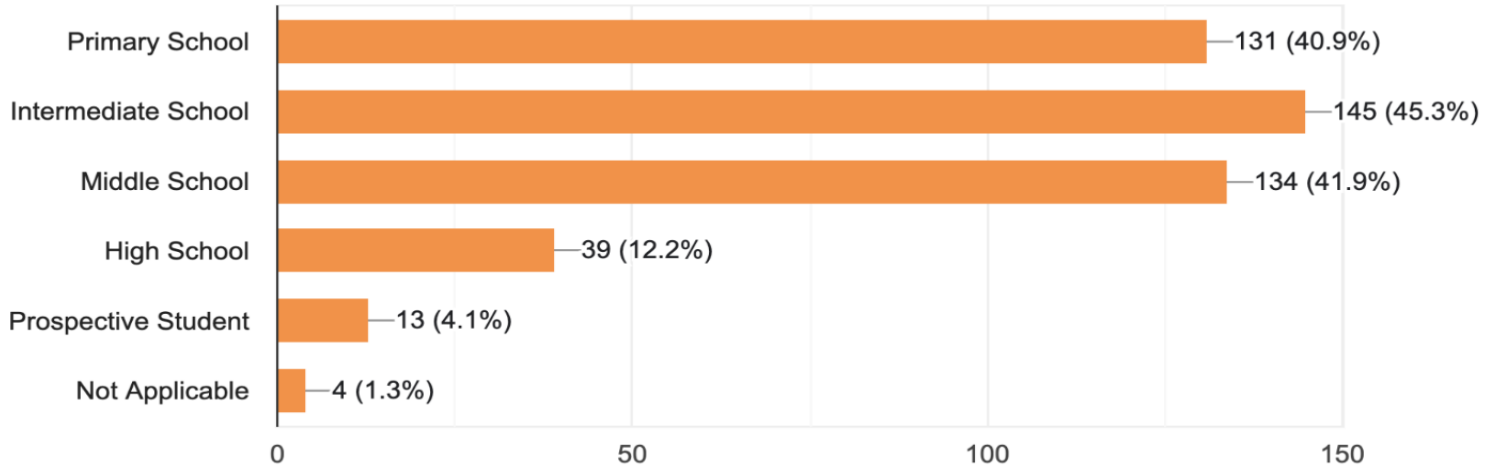
- Staff Collaboration
- District / Community
- Staff & Family Retention
- Lease Cost
- Tenant Improvement Allowance
- Ownership Group

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Survey Response Summary

I am a parent of a student(s) in the (select all that apply):

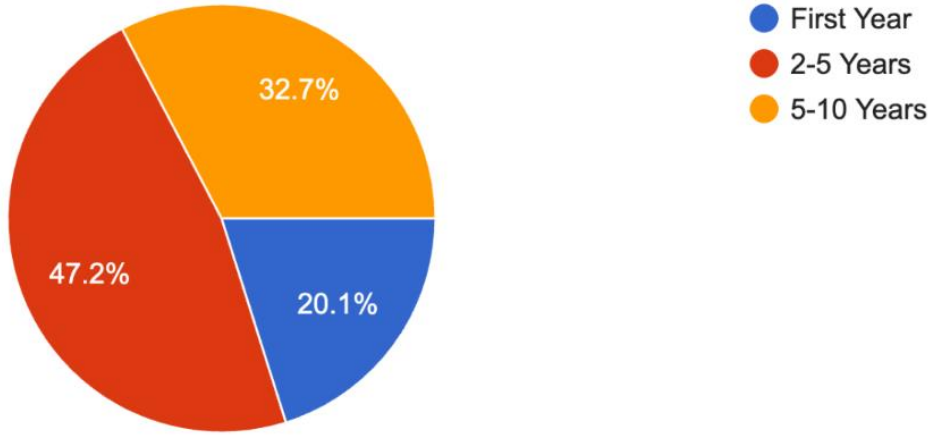
320 responses



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How long has your family had a student in ECS?

318 responses

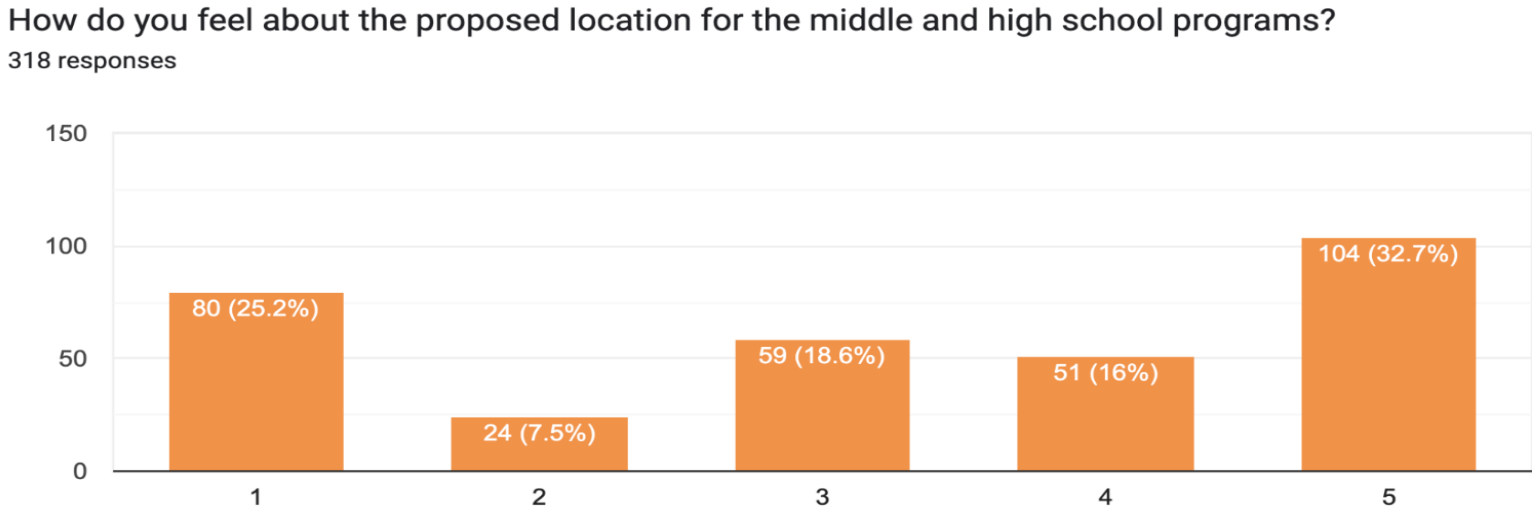


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Scale:

1 - Don't like it

5 - Thrilled by it

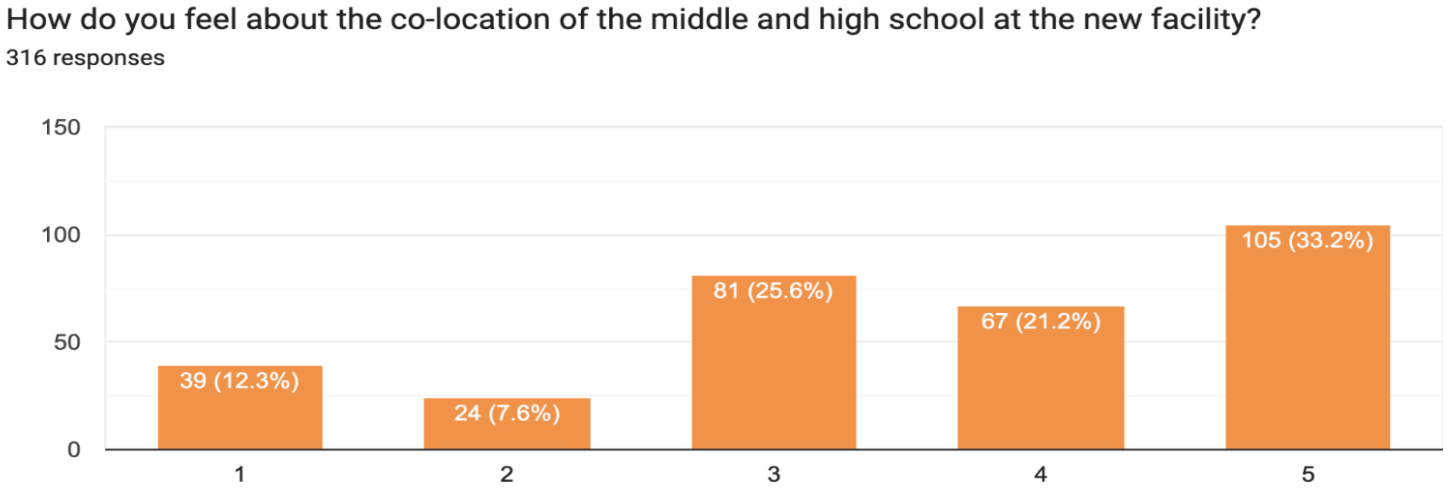


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Scale:

1 - I think the schools should remain separate

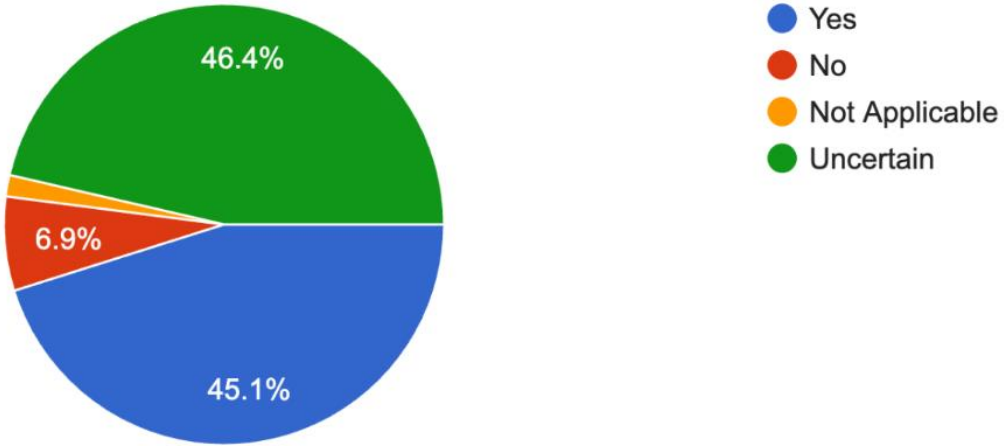
5 - I think colocating provides exciting opportunities for students



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Does your student(s) plan to attend ECS at the proposed new campus?

319 responses



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Areas of Concern

Public Transportation

- Overwhelming majority of negative comments focused on access via public transportation – PRT

Environmental Concerns

- Some respondents expressed concern about potential environmental issues related to soil and air quality

Neighborhood

- Some respondents expressed concern about the school not being located in a neighborhood

Parent Feedback
Transportation

“Transportation to and from the new location will be prohibitively difficult. The later start time will probably disrupt extra curricular activities as it will necessitate a later end time.”

“ECS is within walking distance of our home with the Columbia street location. I'm not sure I would feel safe allowing my child to catch public transportation.”

“I prefer my child not travel downtown for school.”

“The far distance and lack of school transportation is a major deterrent. Unless PRT comes up with a single bus route from Shadyside to the new campus, we likely will not be continuing onto middle school. I may not have the correct information about transportation, but when I entered the route into google maps, it suggested a transfer route with a long walk. I won't allow my future 6th grader to walk on that side of town to get to school.”

“The location is not convenient via public transportation from regent square.”

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What respondents liked:

- **169 responses – 58.7%** - said they liked this property because it “will feature modern labs, maker spaces, digital studio space, a gymnasium and more.”
- **152 responses – 52.8%** – said they liked the property because it “offers strong outdoor learning opportunities connected to the ECS environmental mission.”
- **141 response – 49%** – said they liked this option because “this property offers room to continue expanding programs, and allows more students to participate.”
- 1**27 responses – 44.1% – s**aid they liked this property because it “offers access to the Monongahela River and even more hands-on learning about our waterways.”
- **77 responses – 26.7%** – said they liked this property because it “will have separate entrances and dedicated staff although they will share a campus.

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What excites you most about the new proposed building and campus?

“I like the prospect for an expanded campus that has access to more opportunities in the city.”

“I like the fact that the building is modern and that it is convenient to Pitt and to the bike trails.”

“Way more green space, ability to expand to full enrollment for all grades, more collaboration across all grades in specialities such as robotics and maker space, a new build out building in top repair (lessen load of "old Pittsburgh building" seemingly endless repair needs).”

“Currently driving my son to school, which requires 2 hours each way. This will help with transportation and give him more time to rest and be at home.”

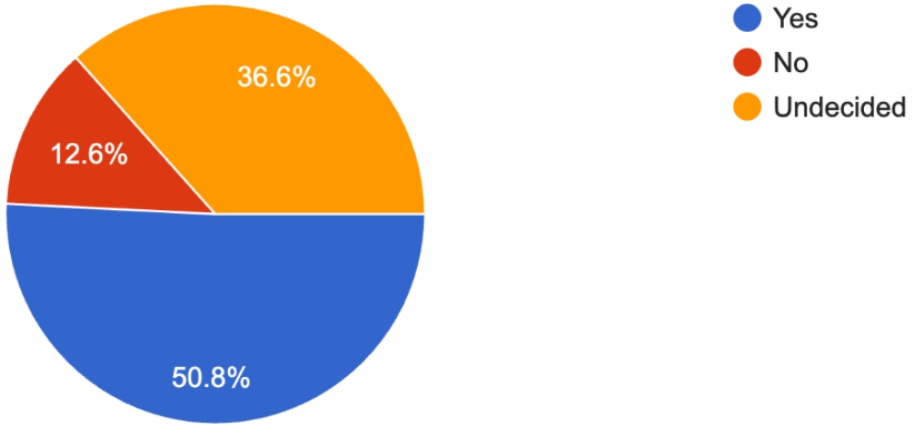
“Honestly nothing, moving the schools out of the East End will significantly impact my family's ability to attend. A large factor in choosing ECS was the location.”

“Looks like way more space, seems much more professional than the current high school set up. I think my child would have a better experience.”

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Based on what you know about the proposed campus, would you recommend to other families that they consider applying for and attending ECS?

317 responses



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What other information would you like to have about the proposed campus?

“A firm and realistic time frame of whether it will *really* be ready for the 27-28 school year or not.”

“What kind of outdoor space will be available to the students and what kind of sports high school students will have available.”

“What specific opportunities will be offered outside the classroom.”

“I would love to learn more about how equity will be advanced by choosing this location.”

“Possible blueprints, more information on the outside space and how it will be used.”

“Confirmation of the lease length would be helpful, understanding financial plan and potential future grant applications.”





