

# HIGH SCHOOL CAPACITY ANALYSIS

## AND ANNUAL K-12 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

### Community Comments:

(What concerns do you have? What are your thoughts or ideas? What else should we consider?)

- I want a new HS to be built. Parents do not want their kids from JHS to be bused to CHS. Kids do not want to be in portable classrooms. A new HS benefits my child because she goes to Silver Lake ES and JHS is closest to our home.
- My meeting with the council member did not result in viewing option A as necessary to review the option of expanding the facilities. The issue remains of athletic team and bond sizes, etc.
- Vouchers to allow private schools to alleviate the load, with tax breaks
- If a new school is decided, build sooner than later
- I feel as if everyone in official capacity wants the new school and this is a show. Not showing more than 3 non-tenable options leads my thinking.
- I have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Forest View and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Gateway. I began participating in this HS planning process many years ago, never thinking we would be at a point where he will miss out completely on a new HS. A new HS is already years overdue and is the only real solution. Please hurry! Portables do nothing for the size of the common areas or traffic flow. We all purchased our homes in this location for a reason and we are not comfortable having our kids bussed to Everett.
- Currently at Jackson there are many kids who bring lunches because their lunch is over by the time they get through the lunch line. There are safety concerns and the crowds in the hallways. Staff is outnumbered. Kids sign up for popular electives year after year and never get in. Only the best few kids can play sports. Many kids are opting for online education simply to avoid JHS.
- Staggered/extended schedules would interfere with outside sports, after school jobs, family, travel plans and parent work schedules.
- Please no busing. We moved from a district that did that and it was miserable. No sense of community, lower parent participation, resentment among the families chosen for redistribution.
- You are telling me we are in crisis mode but your attitudes are more of the same. I want a proactive, assertive school board. Energy. Enthusiasm. You are our Master Builders Association? (Builders lobby group).
- Developers are benefiting from the growth. Impact fees need to increase and there needs to be a direct contribution, significant contribution, to our school system. The school board needs to be proactive and aggressive about lobbying the county to protect our kids. If a January bond fails, please immediately analyze why and address those concerns so as to address them before an April vote.
- My concern is the influx of new residents may be immigrants (non-registered voters) so although they would support the bond for a new school, they will not have a voice. What could we do to get this population involved? And could we do a pulse check to see how many registered voters are new to the area that would be in favor of the bond? Please continue these meetings for community input.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus at Gateway

- Do not build a campus that straddles a major natural gas pipeline. We don't want a repeat of what happened in Bellingham impacting an entire classroom or more.
- Start 9<sup>th</sup> graders later. Their bodies are going through major changes, so that are sleeping most of the time. Bus them to Heatherwood. They have time to walk to Jackson and hang out in the commons. Varsity sports would train during 7<sup>th</sup> period. Teachers would have to share rooms.
- We are very concerned about our children being bussed to a school 30 minutes away (from JHS to CHS). Could students get a variance to Glacier Peak? Another thought is to change the promotion grades to K-6 for elementary, 7-9 for middle and 10-12 for high school if that helps to equalize enrollment numbers. Final thought, lease available college space or other buildings (Boeing) temporarily until it is time for the new HS to be built.
- Too many kids with not enough facilities to support such as bathrooms, parking, cafeteria
- Safety! More kids, more issues and more getting lost in the crowd. No protection for kids in the portables against a potential shooter.
- If shipping kids off to another school, it will add at least an additional ½ hour to commute per day.
- Staggered! Studies show kids do not do well early morning.
- Must build a new school. Will be too expensive to wait another 10 years.
- I wasn't at the meeting this evening, but I understand there were three options proposed to deal with overcrowding in the south end of the district. My family and I wholeheartedly support a high school bond issue being put on the ballot as soon as possible. We are NOT interested in having more portables at Jackson High or bussing students to another school.
- Restructure schedule at Jackson HS
  - 9th-graders would ride the same buses as Heatherwood students and arrive at JHS in time for second period
  - An additional period would be added to the end of the day for 9th-graders
  - Everyone else would come at regular time
  - There would probably be a need for three lunches
  - Teachers would most likely have to share rooms

## Board members: What did you hear?

(Themes, thoughts, ideas, concerns)

Traci Mitchell

- Heard that all these options appear to be interim options only and heard there was support for a new high school
- Health in portables not good – headaches spike in portables, light, mold
- New high school with choice/magnet
- Ninth grade campus at Gateway MS
- Natural gas pipeline at high school concern
- Ninth graders late start and go longer
- Use interim old Safeway space for classes
- Add second story at schools

Caroline Mason

- Heard positive support for a high school
- Other options seem to be an interim option
- Heard safety concerns with 30 portables at Jackson HS
- Growth is not slowing down
- Detailed questions, now what?
- The board appreciates the voices of the people and values your input in making decisions

Pam LeSesne

- Heard portables cause safety concerns
- I understand that you may have moved into the area to go to a good school
- All our schools are good schools
- People are supportive of a new high school
- As time progresses, it will get more expensive
- Concerned - at Jackson HS there are students who choose to bring their lunches because they can't get through the lunch line with enough time to eat their lunch
- Safety is a concern, fire drills, evacuation drills, where will the kids go?
- Thank you for your voices. We will have to compromise and make the funds fit all of our students

Carol Andrews

- Heard that a new high school is needed
- Have we looked into expanding existing schools?
- Incorporate online courses to take at home vs being physically in school
- Develop magnet schools at Everett HS to draw students from Jackson HS to Everett HS
- Do school districts ever re-district to use other districts' high schools (Jackson HS to North Creek HS)?
- Heard people don't like option of busing students to Cascade HS
- Reach out to our voters very carefully
- Positive comments about a new high school
- Options
  - Expanding existing facilities
  - Brick and mortar buildings instead of portables
  - Online courses
  - Magnet programs to draw students to less crowded schools
- Staggered scheduled are not looked upon fondly
- New high school is an opportunity to look at focusing on vocational programs