

## Jefferson Facilities Feedback FAQ (Answers Provided by Supt. Marty Brewer)

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade/Stevens**

Q: The gym/kitchen cannot hold all student snow. How will you fix this?

A: *Unfortunately, I believe a lot of misinformation was out in our community during our last capital effort. As an example: one rumor I heard was the building would not be large enough for grades 6-8. This is not true as Stevens school has an eligible area of 67,345 sq. ft. for revitalization and 42,200 was in the plan for expansion, totaling 109,545 sq. ft. The state formula allocates 97,200 sq. ft. for 900 middle school students. Another piece of misinformation out there was that details like hall space, computer labs, etc., were not large enough and/or included. This is not true, as those details would be determined by the EdSpec team (teachers, administrators, and community members) only after a bond/levy is passed.*

Q: Sell 16 lot spaces at SMS and the 2 view lots. Renovate ½ of SMS over summer. What is the cost of renovating ½?

A: *We did have an appraisal of the undeveloped property at Stevens in 2010. At that time, it was worth \$150,000 plus timber. We have not had the two view lots or the timber appraised. Let's estimate very high with the city block, timber and view lots at \$1,000,000. The estimate for the modernization of Stevens for the last capital levy was \$30,970,000. \$9,264,920 of this was eligible funds through the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP). It must be noted, this is not free monies, and we need to spend \$270 per square foot to get maximum funding (the building is 67,345 square feet). This construction work was scheduled for 27 months. Also, if we modernized ½ of the building and use the SCAP, the rest of the building would not be eligible for SCAP funds for 30 years.*

### **Ball Fields at Monroe**

Q: Can the city help with the fields? Rent? City doesn't/can't maintain their fields now. County?

A: *City and county currently help with the fields. The city maintains Civic Field. We have been approached by several groups with funds that want to help. At this point, we do not charge groups for field use. As always, PASD sports would take precedence over non-district groups.*

Q: I like sports fields at Monroe site. Who will do the upkeep? Will they have better drainage than Civic and Volunteer field?

A: *We will hire an architect to design fields that will meet all our needs. The school district will maintain it. These will belong to PASD and we will do the maintenance. Also, the Monroe site was built on river drainage. That helps, but the design would be focused on making sure we do not have the same issues as Civic or Volunteer fields.*

Q: Yes! Who pays? Would these be city owned/rented? Would this make money?

A: *The school district will pay with capital funds and community partners. It would be up to the Board to change the policy and charge for the fields.*

### **Other Ideas**

Q: Has anything, re: regionalization, changed since Chris (state superintendent) came to speak?

A: *Only substantial change being discussed at this time is raising the levy lid which I am against as it would require our local tax base to cover the state required McCleary funding solution.*

Q: What will the out of pocket/out of my paycheck and amount be for the new medical?

A: *This is still in legislation. We don't know yet.*

Q: What is the rationale for waiting until March to get staff feedback vs. getting input earlier in the year?

A: *I must prioritize my work. Earlier in the year, I was focused on balancing the budget, then mid-year I was focused on reduction in force. Now my focus is turned to capital issues.*

Q: How can we (public) get this 6% regionalization to be permanent, or possibly increase?

A: *Continue to communicate with the legislators.*

Q: What is being done on a district admin. Level to get the state to stop discriminating against property poor districts like ours?

A: *I am working with Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and legislators. It's a huge problem that will require well-coordinated effort from all parties, including Public School Employees (PSE), Washington Education Association (WEA), WASA, Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA), Teamsters, etc.*

Q: What can be done by all of us to let the state know that the legislature is not funding us?

A: *We have spent multiple days in Olympia and have gone public with the messaging in the newspaper and the radio station. Teachers Angie Gooding and Tiffinny Blore coordinated a letter writing campaign to legislators earlier this school year.*

Q: Does the state take into account our high drug and poverty rate when allocating funds for special education?

A: *No.*

Q: TOSA positions are a question I often have...Can we put those positions back in the classroom to help with class size concerns? They have been an incredible help to me, but in classrooms probably more beneficial for more folks.

A: *TOSAs are necessary to carry out the current Teaching and Learning practices and provide professional development for our staff. These positions are funded with categorical dollars (Title, LAP) and can't be used as Basic Education Allocation (BEA) funds. Also, by eliminating the TOSA positions and returning those experienced teachers to the classroom we would have to RIF that number of less experienced teachers.*

### **RIFs**

Q: When will we know when/if people will get hired back, moving schools to fill needed positions?

A: *All necessary RIFs have been communicated at this time.*

### **CSB to Lincoln**

Q: How much will moving CSB cost? How much will it cost to remodel to suit the needs of CSB? Files room?

A: *Cost will be minimal. Our maintenance staff will move CSB and very little construction will need to occur. A wall for file storage and inner office mail boxes are the only current projects.*

Q: Doesn't emergency services want Lincoln Center? Can we share with them?

A: *It is not big enough to do both. If the Board does approve this move, they will have the option of buying CSB to house their staff. We are trying to save support costs that help save personnel.*

Q: Could a non-profit like Clallam Mosaic take advantage of space at Lincoln Center? They work with families who have children (even adult children) with disabilities.

A: *If this concept is approved, yes, we anticipate sending out a request for proposal (RFP) so all community organizations can submit a plan.*

Q: When will the CSB move be decided?

A: *I will recommend a proposal to the Board on May 23.*

Q: How many square feet would CSB grow if moved? Will it be near the same size? Can we use the space remaining for students?

A: *CSB is 9,000 sq. ft. and the Lincoln Center is 29,000 sq. ft., so there is space for community partners. There is not appropriate space such as lunch room, gym, classes and outdoor space for housing students.*

**Fairview**

Q: What about approaching a university such as WSU to use Fairview?

A: *We are open to all conversations.*