

7th Grade Community Meeting

March 22, 2016

Motion from the BOE meeting

“I move that the Board of Education authorize the administration to close Dunckel Middle School and establish the Highmeadow K-8 STEAM Academy in that location starting with the 2017-18 school year.”

Background Context

- High Expectations From Our Community
- Declining Student Population
- Expectation of Financial Stewardship Within Stagnant Funding Environment
- Recommendations From Capital Planning Advisory Committee
- Recommendations From Building & Site Utilization Committee
- Board of Education Action Regarding Grade Configuration and Building Usage

Why We're Here Tonight

- Listen
- Gather Questions & Concerns
- Enhance Our Transition Plan
- Prepare For Surveying Our 7th Grade Families

Considerations We're Balancing

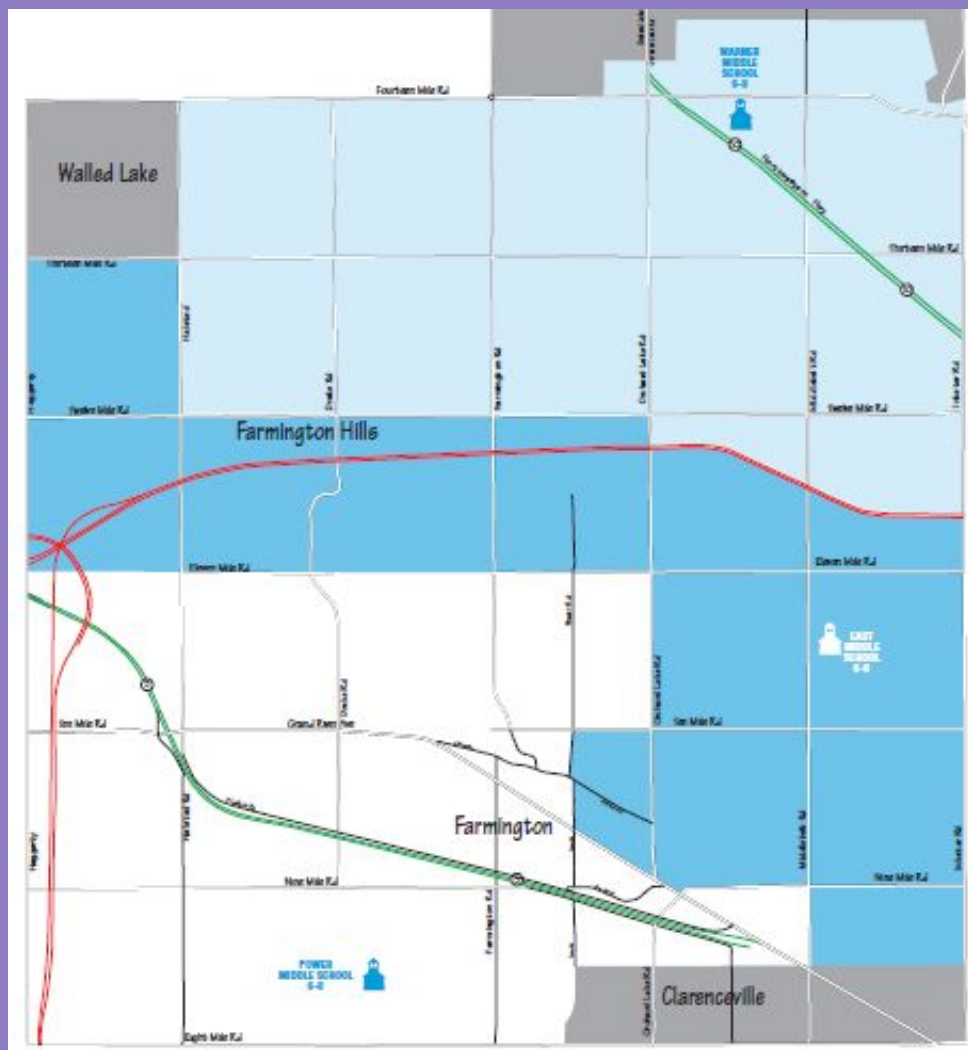
- What decision is best for all of our students: academically, emotionally, socially
- What decision supports our staff
- What decision represents successful financial stewardship, with savings up to \$800,000 for next school year
- What decision allows us the best opportunity for a successful transition

Our Current Timeline

- Tuesday, 3.22.16 – 7th grade community meeting @ NFHS Auditorium
- Wednesday, 3.23.16 – Finalize construction of survey
- Thursday, 3.24.16 – Issue survey to families
- Wednesday, 3.30.16 – Close survey window
- Thursday, 3.31.16 – Compile survey data
- Week of April 11th – Meet with middle level staff members, share survey data, collect feedback
- Friday, 4.15.16 - Develop decision, inform Board of Education
- Tuesday, 4.19.16 – Announcement to staff and families the plan for next year

Topics We're Currently Working On

- Start Times
- Staffing Timeline & Placement
- Building Administrative Teams
- Support Staff Placement
- Special Education Program Placement
- Extra-Curricular Coaching Assignments
- 6th Grade Elective/Specialist Offerings
- 6th Grade Scheduling
- Attendance Boundaries for 6-8



The Essential Question

Will we make the transition to
3 middle schools in 2016-17 or
will we do it in 2017-18?