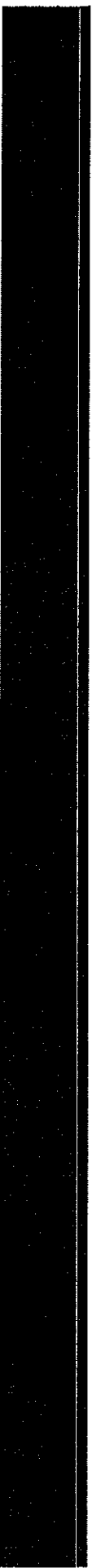


School Board Workshop

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Benefits of Consolidation

Consolidation would be greatly beneficial to students, educators, administration, and tax payers by centralizing resources, reducing duplicate costs, and providing a consistent and appropriate educational environment to students by providing them with the best possible education for their future.



Student Centered Benefits of Consolidation

- More socialization and friendship for students.
- Students would have the opportunity to make friends with a larger number of their peers.
- Prepare them for academic environments beyond Juniata County where they will need to learn how to make friends and appropriately collaborate with peers from different backgrounds.



Student Centered Benefits of Consolidation

Better intervention for truancy with the home and school intervention needs.

When students move into another township within the district, they will not be leaving their school.

Class sizes would be more equal.

More consistent instruction across grade levels.



Parent Focused Benefits of Consolidation

Housing all students, and all student needs in one building.

- Ease of travel, pick up and drop offs, and special events for parents with children in multiple grade levels.
- Better coordination of academic intervention.
 - Easier for parents to access support for their child and meet with all teachers involved in student's education.
- Ability to separate students due to conflicts in grade levels.
- More flexibility for scheduling for learning styles with teachers or parent choice of teachers.



Parent Focused Benefits of Consolidation

Home and School centralization would increase benefits for students.

- Ability to pool and focus monies for extended student experiences.
- Easier to coordinate with H&S for 6th Grade Band and Chorus Fests

Better collaboration with the secondary schools for transitioning.

- Ability to work with teachers to address student needs and concerns.



Parent Focused Benefits of Consolidation

Staff availability in the buildings after hours with secretary and principal for busing needs and parent concerns.

Resources all under one roof that would allow for better use for student education and emotional needs.



Administration Focused Benefits of Consolidation

Easier grant ability use.

Better use of technology, deciding where technology needs are.

Ease of scheduling for the students.

Better coordination and distribution of supplies.



Administration Focused

Benefits of Consolidation

Better use of principal resource due to elimination of travel.

Better use of resources through a central library.

Savings on the purchase of materials due to centralization (Foss Kits, etc).

Consistent administration of teacher expectations, duties, procedures, and curriculum.



Educator-focused Benefits of Consolidation

Sharing of Educational Materials

- Materials between music teachers could be easily shared and multiple copies of resources would not need to be purchased.
- Christmas programs, sheet music, periodicals such as Music K-8, and Music Express Magazine.
- Sharing of district owned instruments.

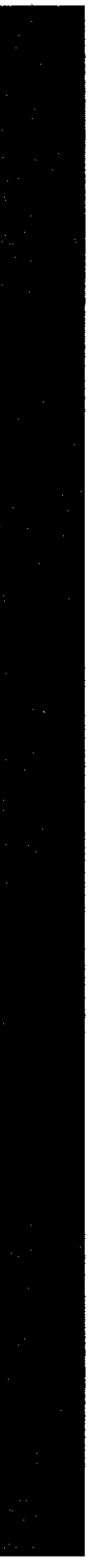


Educator-focused Benefits of Consolidation

Ease of Departmentalization

- Use of teacher strengths
 - Mr. Snyder's strengths are in vocal/general music, while Ms. Rygel's strengths are in instrumental music and music technology.

Grade level conversation and collaboration through ease of scheduling of PLC meetings.



Educator-focused Benefits of Consolidation

Special teachers more readily available

- Due to elimination of travel between buildings, music teachers would be readily available in the mornings and throughout the day to discuss and conference with classroom teachers regarding students concerns.
- Increased availability for instrumental make-up lessons, extra rehearsals, and special ensembles.
- More planning time for itinerate special teachers due to elimination of travel time.
- Better use of teacher time and cut costs from eliminating the cost of travel reimbursement.

Educator-focused Benefits of Consolidation

Classrooms for every teacher instead of teachers on carts, on the stage, or in hallways.

- Provide a designated music room
 - Music classes would be free from outside disruptions and would not disturb other classes.
 - Would not disrupt teacher plan time.
 - Storage space for music equipment in one place.
 - Ability to utilize teaching methods that require set up time such as centers and Orff instruments.
- Provide an opportunity have a technology such as a SmartBoard or use Chromebooks.

Challenges of limited teaching space

Regular classroom

- Disrupts classroom teachers' plan time.
- Need to move desks/chairs
- Wastes time
- Creates chaotic environment at the beginning of class
- Not enough space in some rooms for movement activities, especially with older students
- Lack of storage for music equipment
- Books, rhythm sticks, hand percussion, Boomwackers, etc.

Challenges of limited teaching space

Cafeteria

- Frequent disruptions
- Cooks and custodians talking and other adults and students moving in and out
- Some students still eating breakfast at the beginning of class
- Environment not conducive to learning
- Heat and noise from freezers/refrigerators
- Smells from cafeteria
- “Live Room” - echoes make it difficult for students to hear me and for me to hear them

Challenges faced with limited teaching space

Outdoor space in front of Modular

- Disrupts the special education room and other classrooms.
- Noise and distraction for students inside.
- Weather dependent

Stage

- Too small, currently filled with shelving for books and other non music related supplies.
- Disruptions from gym class when weather is cold/raining.
- Poor environment for learning
- Hot, loud, smells from the cafeteria, noise from freezer/refrigerators, disruptions from talking/movement in and out of the cafeteria

Benefits of Consolidation

Consolidation would bring larger grade levels not necessarily larger class sizes.

- Beneficial to band and choir
 - More musicians would provide students with the experience of playing in a band with full instrumentation and a choir with more voices.
 - Fayette currently has only 13 students in its 5th/6th grade band
 - 5 flutes, 3 clarinets, 3 saxophones, 2 percussion
 - This would prepare students for their middle school band/choir experience with many more instruments and voices.
 - Instrumentation would be xxxx if all the elementary schools were combined.

