

**The purpose of this discussion guide and response question is to seek input, promote discussion, understand potential options and identify the preferred facility option.**

### **Lakewood City Schools Facilities Master Plan**

2003: Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) plan designed and approved

7 elementary schools

2 middle schools

Lakewood High School

Phase I: 2005-2007:

2 new elementary schools

2 new middle schools

Phase II: 2007-2009:

2 renovated elementary schools

Renovated west half of Lakewood High School

Phase III: 2010-2013: estimated

Complete east half of Lakewood High School

Renovate or rebuild 2 of 3 remaining elementary schools

**The State of Ohio will release \$47 million to Lakewood City Schools upon OSFC approval of the master plan and community approval of local funding to complete Phase III.**

### **Community Forum: April 2009**

Community consensus:

- Receive \$47 million from OSFC for completing Phase III
- Finish rebuilding Lakewood High School and complete a 6-elementary school plan
- Provide safe pick up and drop off areas
- Maintain class size and program quality
  - Smaller teacher: student ratios district-wide
  - Math and reading intervention programs
  - Comparable classroom environments
  - Comparable art, music and physical education environments

Community priorities:

- Board of Education/Administration focus:
  - Maintain neighborhood/walking schools
  - Make sound investments in school facilities
  - Rebuild or renovate schools for all students
  - Increase community access to school facilities
- Phase III Committee focus:
  - Evaluate financial impact for community
  - Balance geographical configuration
  - Keep safety paramount
  - Consider walking distance
  - Minimize transition impact

## Site review: 8 potential sites considered

- Non-school sites:
  - Location (students served, site characteristics)
  - Availability
  - Unnecessary/unknown costs (purchase, demolition, abatement, land swap)
  - Timeline delays (result of above)
  - Community impact (schools closed, best use of space)
- School sites
  - All will accommodate a 65,000 sq. ft. school building
  - Total project costs are similar
  - OSFC requires compliance with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver standard, an internationally recognized green building certification
  - All elementary school boundaries will need to be redrawn

### Grant: 168,851 square feet

- High density residential area
- Adjacent to a commercial area
- Creates three south, two north and one central school configuration
- Difficult car access, reasonably safe bike and pedestrian access
- Largest site, irregular shape
- Greatest potential for re-use

### Lincoln: 112,140 square feet

- Medium density residential area
- Adjacent to multi-lane thoroughfare
- Creates three north, three south configuration of schools
- Difficult car access, reasonably safe bike and pedestrian access
- Smallest site
- More limited potential for re-use
- Possibly keep existing newer, larger gym

### Roosevelt: 130,680 square feet

- Ideal location to serve south central student population
- Good and safe access for cars, bikes and pedestrians
- Large, uniformly shaped site
- More limited potential for re-use
- Possibly keep existing newer, larger gym
- Deemed best overall site by committee

**Walking Distance:** (based on 2008-2009 Lakewood City Schools K-5 students)

- Current seven-school configuration:
  - Approximately 2,275 total students
  - 94% of students walked under  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile
  - A few elementary students in border areas walked 1+ mile
- Grant decommissioned:
  - Potential receiving schools: Emerson, Hayes, Horace Mann, Lincoln, Roosevelt
  - District-wide approximately 250 students (120 additional) could walk greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile
- Lincoln decommissioned:
  - Potential receiving schools: Emerson, Grant, Horace Mann
  - District-wide approximately 200 students (70 additional) could walk more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile
- Roosevelt decommissioned:
  - Potential receiving schools: Emerson, Grant, Harrison, Hayes
  - District-wide approximately 240 students (115 additional) could walk more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile

*All elementary boundaries will be redrawn at some point during the process.*

**Transition:**

- Elementary schools:
  - Adequate potential sites available for whichever option chosen
- High school:
  - Continue to use existing modular classrooms at LHS

**The Cost to Lakewood:**

The costs of the various options are based on careful estimates by qualified and experienced architects and construction managers. They are estimates based on the current 2009 construction industry. More exact cost estimates will occur as the educational specifications are finalized and costs are developed by architects. The amounts presented here should be viewed as careful approximations for strategic planning purposes. These costs include demolition, design, construction, professional fees, and furnishings and equipment.

- Phase III Bond Issue:
  - \$28 million
  - \$56 year/\$4.65 month (per \$100,000 of home value)

In addition, the state requires that the community pass a permanent improvement levy to pay for routine maintenance and repair to ensure that the community's and the state's investment will be maintained long into the future.

- .5 mill Permanent Improvement Levy:
  - \$15.31 yr/\$1.28 month (per \$100,000 of home value)
- Bond Issue + Permanent Improvement Levy:
  - **\$71.31 yr/\$5.93 month** (per \$100,000 of home value)

**Committee Proposals:**

**OPTION A: Complete LHS East, Roosevelt, Grant, decommission Lincoln**

**OPTION B: Complete LHS East, Roosevelt, Lincoln, decommission Grant**

**Important Note:**

*Phase III decisions will affect the entire community during transition and when completed. All elementary school boundaries will necessarily be redrawn at some point in the process to accommodate the finished 6-school elementary plan.*

REFERENCE NOTES:

### Table Discussion

- Please review the facility options presented carefully in light of the background information received at the beginning of this meeting and the information in this packet.
- Complete the response sheet at the end of this packet individually and be prepared to discuss your preferences with the other members of your table.
- A discussion leader will moderate the discussion at your table and ask you to reach consensus as a table group on the option that best meets the educational needs of the Lakewood community to complete Phase III of the Facilities Master Plan.
- Following your small group discussion there will be a review of the table consensus. Results of this evening's meeting will be posted on the Phase III Committee's website at <http://lakewoodcityschools.org>.
- Members of the Phase III Facilities Plan Steering Committee are scheduled to present the results of this meeting and the committee's analysis to the Board of Education October 19.

Please indicate the option below that you believe best serves the Lakewood community. Please place an **X** in one open box below to indicate your choice.

OPTION	CHOICE
<b>A: Complete LHS East, Roosevelt, Grant, decommission Lincoln</b>	
<b>B: Complete LHS East, Roosevelt, Lincoln, decommission Grant</b>	
<b>Either Option A or Option B serves Lakewood well; either is acceptable</b>	

Please share what you value by listing the top three reasons for your choice:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_