

**WESTERN ATTENDANCE AREA
FACILITIES STUDY/DEVELOPMENTAL PLAN COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

2. In which Attendance Area do you reside?

Central Attendance Area includes BWMS, WAHS, WAEC, & SSEL	0	0%
Eastern Attendance Area includes SAMHS, SES & AVES	0	0%
Northern Attendance Area includes EMHS, RES & SGES	0	0%
Western Attendance Area includes YEMS & YHS	58	100%
Other, Please Explain	0	0%
Total	58	100%

Existing Conditions/ Existing Student Capacity

Considering all the District's existing facilities (buildings, quantity, size, condition, location, site, parking, playfields, etc)...

3. What do you think are the strengths and/or positive qualities of the existing school facilities?

#	Response
2	cleanliness
11	they all have money to do extra activities and they all carry a lot of students.
12	Small school are better because we can learn better and have sports
17	Good schools and teachers
18	YEMS, YHS, RES, and SSEL are all more up to date and efficient facilities. Should not require majir improvement for some time.
21	newer schools that are community based
29	I think children have a better opportunity to learn in the smaller schools because of the smaller class sizes. The children can get better attention with smaller class sizes.

63 Students are able to participate in activities they are interested in.

66 They give students a sense of community and many things are centered around the current local schools however some of that may have to be sacrificed in order to create better learning environments for the students. See answer to question 4

67 the fact that we have a small school district so the students receive more one on one time with the faculty

71 Class sizes

76 The new Elementary centers at Youngsville and Warren are facilities of which the district can be proud.

83 they suck

92 We have new school at Youngsville attendance area and a high school that is under capacity. We should fill this school and all schools . If we have to redraw line of attendance . Then do so.
start using our brains. Ike H.S. should be closed and redrawn the line and send these students to warren and Yville. We cannot afford to build another H.S. and have the other H.S sitting at 50 m Capacity.
We have A.V. 1/2 empty and Sheffield Elementary at 40% . Why are we not sending all these students to A.V. Its a newer school ?

100 Good locations for area students

103 There are some, like youngsville high school, that are still in very good shape. They are kept very clean and up to date. Granted, some minor repairs are needed, but nothing major.

109 location...easier to access by students and parents

112 Need to consolidate to two schools

113 the building is relatively new and in good shape, decent parking, right size for youngsville

117 lots of room for more students! a few new buildings

132 Playgrounds are nice
YEMS is a good building
My observations are that YEMS teachers are quite good. Some are ones I taught with at Pittsfield.

141 Better looking chicks in schools
It use to be warm in schools
more jobs

149 ih

162 The existing school facilities are at great locations

164 The elementary centers in all areas are wonderful. Youngsville High and Warren High seem very adequate.

183 The teachers and fantastic.
The grades and fair.
Its good that this school wants to be the first to get the graduation projects complete

212 Location of present schools is good. Any more consolidation will only destroy the community feeling that now exists.

234 I think that we are able to meet the needs of the kids and parents by having schools close different areas in this county. I think it was a mistake to take away some of the schools that we did...

241 The Youngsville schools are renovated and attractive, clean and a credit to our community. These schools seem to be the exception rather than the rule. The new Warren elementary school was an excellent strategy of consolidation. It is good to have smaller elementary schools and keep them closer to the communities where the children live throughout the county. YEMS is an excellent configuration and program for middle school students.

249 I am not familiar with all the existing school facilities, but Beaty Middle School has such history and character it would be a shame to see it destroyed.

255 Community support. Close to home for students.

283 i think the new school is great in youngville

300 Smaller community schools - more opportunities for students to participate in activities i.e. less competition.

350 Community ownership

353 none--there are too many

393 good condition
good location

395 don't know

412 consolidating elementary schools

427 Youngsville buildings and grounds are some of the newest and finest in the district.

450 new buildings (should be more energy efficient as such)

452 With the additions of YEMS and the new elementary centers, the District has made
good strides toward updating our schools and approach the student capacity issues.

455 YEMS is a great building, very modern, well kept, parking is not a problem...YHS is
fine, not that great but fine, somewhat dark and depressing

460 size

469 I feel some of our strengths are the scores we are finally seeing on the PSSA tests for
math and reading.

471 Most Elementary School buildings in good shape and well located

489 Computer lab, library

495 The building is excellent. The playground is large. Plenty of parking

501 I believe our district is making very positive advances by combining students into
state-of-the-art facilities.

514 the small schools are good

525 Recently updated buildings are in good shape.

528 I think the schools are nice.

535 For the taxes I pay it is hard to think of any (\$6,500+)

545 The newer schools are well-equipped and up-to-date. The schools are distributed
throughout the county.

550 Consolidating the Warren Elementary schools was a good idea.
YEMS is a beautiful building, although it should have been built bigger in the first
place, instead of adding more wings/hallways to it.

551 The community can know what's going on within the school easier.

558 Some buildings need maintenance. Beatty should be closed.

567 Newer buildings are nice because of the modern technology. we need to have our kids
ready to be able to compete in the world outside Warren County

572 Location - use those buildings that are centrally located for all students and that are
mechanically and structurally sound.

Long-term, District-wide Improvement Plan

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

The October 2004 enrollment for grades K-5 was approximately 2300 students. Beginning in 2005-06, Warren County School District has seven (7) elementary schools varying in grade configuration and size from approximately 141 students to over 700 students.

4. What do you think are the weaknesses and/or negative qualities of the existing school facilities?

#	Response
2	not enough parking
11	they are no weaknesses i think there are to the existing school facilities except they are old (some of them are)
12	the school board sucks!! They only think of themselves and don't care about our education, they want to put us in one big school for the sports but everything is fine now. we have a good selection of classes and have good teachers, if you want to shut our schools down why dont you try to take a class with 30 some people in it and have 200 or more in your graduation class, you wouldn't know anyone.
17	Too many administrators in a building the district does not own. Why not use the empty elementary schools and vastly downsize our administrators in Central Office
18	Other than the 4 cited above, all are outdated or have major defieiciencies. ex: EMHS - water quality problems, BWMS - antiquated, WAHS - poor design and very energy inefficient, many others outdated and not energy efficient.
21	under utilized
29	I'm not sure that I have any negative comments.
63	Not all activities are avaiable at all school. (ex. Drama, AP classes)
66	The buildings are outdated and the technology in the schools still could use a lot of updating such as we have all these laptops why not install wireless access points throughout the buildings so we dont have to sit next to the wall with an RJ-45 cable update the buildings and the technology if it means losing schools sometimes ya gotta do what ya gotta do get a few excellent schools instead of several outdated schools
67	the conjoining schools, i'm sorry but i do not want my 5th grade brother attending the same school as 8th and 9th graders.
71	Empty schools
76	Some facilities, such as EHS, have begun to show their age.

- 83 school board
- 92 ?
- 100 Not a well balance of advanced classes among all schools. Some classes are available at only certain schoools.
- 103 Some have been allowed to become run down, and in need of major repairs.
- 109 physical condition and maintenance costs
- 112 Tax burdens
- 113 because the district keeps executives and trims teachers, some classes have too many students. the baseball field needs work.
- 117 some have not had the needed maintence done on them (and at least one has had major neglect (pittsfield, with the damage caused by leaving the water on--)
- 132 Parking and pick up area at YEMS is horrendous. There should be a much, much larger area for picking up children without their having to cross any driving area
Too many students in classrooms; don't try to say classes are too small per teacher.
Small is good. I am a retired teacher. Any class with more than 20 children is too big. Mega buildings are unacceptable. Children should be taught in buildings as close to their homes as possible; some busing is necessary for children in the very rural areas. Your mega elementary school building in Warren is preposterous.
- less jobs
- 141 God Damn retarded fuckers can't pay our heating bill
- We have a gazillion million buses that need gasoline
- 149 ih
- 162 the parking at some facilities, like youngsville, could be improved
- 164 Beatty and Eisenhower have really outlived their usefulness, as they are both very deteriorated, and would probably cost much more to fix up than to possible close and move students to other schools. We would like the board to look at the possible of the students from Eisenhower moving to Youngsville, (actually it would probably not be any further for them, then the kids from Enterprise, etc.), and the kids from Sheffield to Warren at some other point in time.
- 183 The Drugs. So many ppl bring in drugs to school.
- 212 Lack of up to date educational facilities like labs, etc. in outlying schools

234 I think one major weakness is that a lot more money goes into Warren school simply because it is Warren, and the other schools are often overlooked because it's figured that eventually they won't be there. That's a mistake...in winter, do you really think you can bus everyone over an hour away? And what if this county ever brings in more residents? You will have to rebuild new schools after closing down some...

241 Eisenhower, Beaty, and Warren (and Sheffield to some extent) are run down and out dated. We have too many high schools for the few students so that we cannot offer good educational opportunities for our high schoolers. Beaty is old and rambling. Fortunately there is a good program there, but the students would also benefit from a newer facility. Too much bussing is required to so many schools. People think that bus rides will be longer if we consolidate, but not necessarily so.

249 Too many facilities for one school district.

255 The conditions of the schools themselves and the decline of student population.

283 i think there should be 2 high schools in warren co because the students could have more subjects to choose from

300 Smaller schools - less competition, fewer academic opportunities - what we have now may be more comfortable now, but it will not prepare students for the future. The future is global competition and lifetime learning.

350 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$---Equal educational opportunities

353 too many to maintain, all courses not available at all schools,some classes too large, job assignments are not equitable throughout county.

393 too large, too many grades in one building, not enough parking

395 don't know

412 beatty

427 Many buildings throughout the district are underutilized and in need of major repairs

450 throughout the District, there are several buildings that are under-utilized and in poor repair

452 In my opinion, we still have too many high schools to support our current and future student population. We also need to combine AVES and SES. I can also see Sugar Grove combining with Russell Elementary sometime in the future. BWMS according to reports is an issue, but I am not sure of the issues with BWMS. Building capacity and building maintenance are two key issues and weaknesses with the current configuration. We cannot continue to support all the schools we have with the existing student population and projected decline of both students and tax base.

- 455 YEMS and YHS-cramped, needs more offices for ancillary staff, needs rooms to hold meetings IEP, child study, it is difficult to have more than one meeting at the same time, teachers are on carts, students get shuffled around for related services, which takes away time that should be spent reviewing the service (since there isn't enough space available on a consistent basis)
- 460 too many buildings for too few students
- 469 Maintenance - schools are too big and we have way too many for the amount of students in our district. How do we maintain that many schools when the student population is dropping drastically?
- 471 Too many high schools. Beaty maintenance is a money pit should be replaced or eliminated.
- 489 Sports that are offered at some schools are not at others. If a sport is in the district it should be available at all the schools. Also not the space for all day kindergarten for all students.
- 495 It seems crowded.
- 501 Unfortunately, with declining enrollment, we cannot continue to support the number of high schools that we have in the district.
- 514 they are too cold
- 525 Some classes have too many kids. Getting in and out of the parking lots (both YEMS and YHS) can be an adventure.
- 528 I do not know
- 535 Lack of long range vision and the ability to act on one even if you were able to stick to a plan for more than one year.
- 545 The range of ages in some schools isn't necessarily good socially for the younger children. There's too wide an age range in some schools, but consolidating & bussing the children all around the county isn't the answer.
- 550 The room temperature is cold in the winter and there is no air conditioners for the warm weather.
The classrooms need more wall space for stapling students' work up and hanging instructional material/posters up.
Youngsville Elementary Middle School is still not big enough to hold the 8th grade coming even with the additions that have been built.
- 551 The distance from one school to another. It may be snowing in one place but not in

another causing unneeded delays for some schools.

- 558 Energy saving methods should be investigated. Geothermal, solar, gas wells, etc.
- 567 too many buildings to maintain and keep modern
- 572 Some buildings are not energy efficient and are structurally and mechanically not cost effective for continued use.

5. Considering the long-term, district-wide improvement plan, theoretically, which of the following approaches to an ELEMENTARY configuration do you think is best?

Seven (7) elementary schools of varying sizes(no change)	15	26%
One (1) elementary school per attendance area	17	29%
Develop primary/intermediate elementary centers similar to the Central Attendance Area	11	19%
Consider K-12 facilities as building capacity and enrollment figures dictate	3	5%
Consider K-8 facilities as building capacity and enrollment figures dictate	6	10%
Other, Please Explain	6	10%
Total	58	100%

5. Considering the long-term, district-wide improvement plan, theoretically, which of the following approaches to an ELEMENTARY configuration do you think is best?

#	Response
13	We have 3 new elementary centers and and almost A.
17	Please read what we answered above.
23	K-8 facilities but redistrict to one HS
46	whatever is cheaper
53	ConsiderK-8 bldgs that are schools withing schools
57	Make sure all day kindergarten is available to all

MIDDLE-LEVEL SCHOOLS:

The October 2004 enrollment for grades 6-8 is approximately 1500 students, WCSD has one (1) middle-level building and three (3) middle/high school facilities, varying in grade configuration and size.

6. Considering the long-term, district-wide improvement plan, theoretically, which of the following approaches to a MIDDLE SCHOOL configuration do you think is best?

One (1) middle-level building for 1500+ students	2	3%
Two (2) middle-level buildings for 750+ students	20	34%
Three (3) middle-level buildings for 500+ students	11	19%
Combined middle/high schools as building capacity and enrollment figures dictate	11	19%
Combined K - 8 buildings as building capacity and enrollment figures dictate	10	17%
Other, Please Explain	4	7%
Total	58	100%

6. Considering the long-term, district-wide improvement plan, theoretically, which of the following approaches to a MIDDLE SCHOOL configuration do you think is best?

#	Response
6	One middle level school per attendance area
18	no changes
61	whatever is cheaper
73	Combined K-8 blgs that are schools within schools

HIGH SCHOOL:

The October 2004 enrollment for grades 9-12 is approximately 2065 students. Enrollment for 2013-14 is projected to be approximately 1776 students. WCSD currently has four (4) secondary buildings, (Middle School/High School) that vary in grade configuration and size: (1) 6-12 building, (2) 8-12 buildings, and (1) 9-12 building.

7. Considering the long-term, district-wide improvement plan, theoretically, which of the following approaches to a HIGH SCHOOL configuration do you think is best?

Maintain existing configuration (no change)	12	21%
One (1) grade 9 - 12 high school building for 2000+ students	5	9%
Two (2) grade 9 - 12 high school buildings for 1000+ students	22	38%
Maintain combined Middle/High Schools and consolidate the number of buildings as building capacity and enrollment figures dictate	13	22%
Other, Please Explain	6	10%
Total	58	100%

7. Considering the long-term, district-wide improvement plan, theoretically, which of the following approaches to a HIGH SCHOOL configuration do you think is best?

#	Response
2	Leave the schools where they are.
35	whatever is cheaper
42	Two grade 9-12 is best, but may need three. See 14
47	Youngsville and Warren
51	Four 9-12 buildings

8. Are you willing to support the consolidation of secondary school facilities in order to reduce excess capacity in the schools?

Yes	43	74%
No	15	26%
Total	58	100%

CLASS SIZE (Used for determining quantity of classrooms)

9. KINDERGARTEN - Which "Maximum Class Size" (maximum students per classroom) do you think is best to use for long-term planning?

25 maximum students per classroom	5	9%
22 maximum students per classroom	7	12%
20 maximum students per classroom	19	33%
18 maximum students per classroom	20	34%
Other	7	12%
Total	58	100%

9. KINDERGARTEN - Which "Maximum Class Size" (maximum students per classroom) do you think is best to use for long-term planning?

#	Response
4	15
15	10 max... more one on on basis
22	there should be all day kindergarten
39	whatever is cheaper
46	all day
58	20 with a classroom aide
59	15 maximum students per classroom

10. ELEMENTARY - Which "Maximum Class Size" (maximum students per classroom) do you think is best to use for long-term planning?

25 maximum students per classroom	11	19%
22 maximum students per classroom	9	16%
20 maximum students per classroom	26	45%
18 maximum students per classroom	8	14%
Other	4	7%
Total	58	100%

10. ELEMENTARY - Which "Maximum Class Size" (maximum students per classroom) do you think is best to use for long-term planning?

#	Response
3	15
18	whatever is cheaper
24	K-3 (20) 4-6 (25)
28	15 maximum students per classroom

11. SECONDARY - Which "Maximum Class Size" (maximum students per classroom) do you think is best to use for long-term planning?

25 maximum students per classroom	23	40%
22 maximum students per classroom	13	22%
20 maximum students per classroom	15	26%
18 maximum students per classroom	2	3%
Other	5	9%
Total	58	100%

11. SECONDARY - Which "Maximum Class Size" (maximum students per classroom) do you think is best to use for long-term planning?

#	Response
3	15
19	whatever is cheaper
25	7-12 Gen Ed (30) and Science/Math/Lang Arts (25)
26	With in house disciple 35 would work
31	15 maximum students per classroom

GRADE GROUPS - The District currently has the following grade groups ranging from K-4 to K-7, 5-8 and 6-12 to 9-12.

12. Do you feel that this is the best way to group students?

Yes	15	26%
No	43	74%
Total	58	100%

12. Do you feel that this is the best way to group students?

- | # | Response |
|-----|---|
| 2 | 6-12 should not be grouped together. Neither should 8-12 like YMSHS is. |
| 8 | this is because some kids are better with other certain kids. Plus they will be able to work with other people and that's what they will need in the future in order to get along with the outside world |
| 11 | Smaller class sizes is a proven educational tool, counting dollars is not sound. |
| 12 | 7 & 8 need to be seperated from elementary students, need to be held to higher expectations in preparation for secondary levels. Currently too many moving from middle schools to secondary schools are poorly prepared. |
| 49 | No, because younger elementary studnents have different intrests than middle level students, and high school students have different interests than middle level students

Elementary School=K-5
Middle School=6-8
High School=9-12 |
| 52 | This is the normal used many places througout the country it is a good setup as students learn that things in life do change and itsn ot making them change when they are extremely fragile emotionally and it also helps keep the more mature high school students from having a bad influence on the younger students with things such as drugs, sex, and other things. |
| 56 | K - 5
6 - 8
9 -12 |
| 82 | The grouping should be more standardized |
| 83 | The age groups are appropriate and there dosent seem to be a problem with it. |
| 89 | it's confusing to everyone...teachers tend to specialize their techniques to a specific subject or grade level which is hard to do when every school in the district is different...collaboration among teachers would be easier and encouraged...also students are more comfortable when surrounded by peers instead of others that could be 6 years older or younger |
| 91 | lacks consistency throughout the district |
| 93 | similar age range seems to be best, altho when i went to school 8 grades were in one room with absolutely no problem (of course things were different then) |
| 103 | K - 4 is fine. K - 7 is okay. 6 - 12 is unacceptable because 6th graders are really not mature enough to be in a school with 12th graders. I wouldn't want my 6th grade |

granddaughter in the same school as high schoolers. 9 - 12 is very good.

111 They will make more friends

128 We feel K-7 is adequate, as this is a good age for further adjustments, as well as 8-12 is also a pretty good balance for students.

142 9-12 in one school (where the credits count) and 8 and under other school where u learn your basics

177 I'm biased to K-5, then 6-8, then 9-12, but many ways seem to work.

The configuration is a result of gerimandering outdated geographic attendance areas rather than what makes sense.

We need to look at the needs of Warren County students without current and arbitrary attendance area boundaries and configure the schools to meet the educational needs of students in today's world (and it is much bigger than Warren County, even if they never leave the area!!!) Build a new centrally-located high school and renovate or build others as needed. Buildings are a TOOL for education. We need to get our focus off of WHERE our kids go and onto WHAT they will learn there.

184 As I listen to parents in the community, it's the fact that they do not feel welcomed and accepted in the schools by staff and other parents. They lose something when their children leave their area and go to school in another Warren County community because adults discriminate against each other depending upon where they live! Perhaps if we really listen to each other, we can hear parents express what THEY need at school in order to become involved at school so that they will support re-configuration of the District buildings. What are we REALLY afraid of "losing" if we consolidate? Then plan accordingly.

I for one would like to see sports teams consolidated NOW or stop them altogether until we become fiscally sound for good education. I care how well today's students can read, because they will be passing out my meds at the Rouse some day!

190 I beleive that K-5, 6-8, 19-12 is the best way to group students. Fifth is too young for middle, and eighth is too young for high school.

195 I agree with my choice below.

220 city of warren has the best set up

233 The only groupings I agree with are the 5-8 and 9-12 groupings. K-4 is too great a range at that age. K-7 is also too great a range for the ages. 6-12 is the least desireable of the current groupings. I'd like to see K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. I realize that's a dream. But maybe there is a creative solution. What we ahve now is not effective.

277 These groups may be ok but you need some secondary teachers in the middle school to better prepare these students for their high school career. There is too big a change from middle to secondary school and these students are not being prepared for it.

307 It needs to be consistent across the district

309 don't know

324 i feel children would be happier in elementary through 6th grade

335 I don't understand the question

355 We need to become consistent. Either adopt a bldg philosophy that supports K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 or my choice would be K-8 insuring that they are schools within schools (K-2), (3-5) and (6-8). the latter configuration will allow for fewer schools while addressing bldg capacity issues. High Schools (two maybe three) should be (9-12)

358 I have seen more behavior problems in school 5-8 and with students 6th-7th grade students included with higher grade students. I think that K-7/8 is more successful and just a better choice in general

367 I think the kids need to be separated to have control of all the pressures of the older grades and to let the younger kids grow up at a little slower pace.

369 Not sure

383 Groups should be consistent such as k-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

388 Young children need to be around children their own age. K-7 is too large of an age difference.

394 Students need to be separated based on age and maturity levels. Some younger students should not be exposed to what older students do and how they talk.

402 K-4,5-8 and 9-12 the kids need to be around kids their age but not too much older because they can be bad influences

413 I think the kids would benefit if you had K-6 & 7-12

419 K - 6
7 - 12

429 I especially don't agree with the K-7 & 6-12. This is too large an age range, especially for those children in Kindergarten. Ideally, I believe in K-5, 6-8, & 9-12, standardized if possible.

433 I do not like 6-12 together at all. Other than that, the others are fine.

434 there should be definite elementary schools, definite middle schools, and definite high schools. No mixing of grades.

439 This system seems to work, but I don't think that it is necessarily the best

445 K-5, 6-8, 9-12
Developmental levels

13. Do you feel that any of the following is a better way to group students?

K-5, 6-8, 9-12	23	40%
K-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11-12	0	0%
K-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12	4	7%
K-1, 2-5, 6-8, 9-12	6	10%
K-6, 7-8, 9-12	9	16%
K-8, 9-12	8	14%
Other, Please Specify	8	14%
Total	58	100%

13. Do you feel that any of the following is a better way to group students?

#	Response
41	No, as we said above, we like K-7 and 8-12
95	don't know
102	K-6, 7-12
106	K-7, 8-12
112	K-8 that are schools within schools and 9-12
122	k-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12
126	K-5; 6-8; 9-12
128	k-6 7-12

14. Please use this space to provide additional information on any item (s) contained within this survey:

#	Response
5	the school board sucks!!!We need a new board!

8 The overload of Central Office administrators and support staff is an "albatross" hanging on the neck of Warren County education.

46 We are a group of small schools with small class sizes. Even if we consolidate we would be a group of small schools with small class sizes. As compared to the rest of the country.

Due to the many emotional and discipline issues with students as young as kindergarten, I feel it is in the children's best interests to keep class sizes small. Teachers are doing a wonderful job despite the fact that it is very apparent there is very little parenting happening in many families. The general public doesn't have a clue what really happens and what teachers deal with everyday in the classroom.

49 While I understand community loyalties to their schools, the tax base in the WCSD cannot continue to support numerous schools. The students would benefit from a 2 high school configuration with more academic opportunities and the possibility of producing more championship athletic teams. Perhaps those who don't qualify to play on varsity sports could participate in intramurals.

I have a concern about the inability to sell the now-empty elementary schools and wonder if this will also happen in the event of a 2 high school configuration with the remaining high school buildings.

62 With the school population in continual decline, something has to be done. The graduating class size of all high schools this year is less than graduated from WAHS alone about 12 years ago. We have to consolidate and give all students the chance to take advantage of all courses available in the school system. EX. Warren has many more AP courses available than any other school in the district. For a student to take advantage of this they have to transfer. Combine the schools and let all students have this chance.

70 Good Luck....we've been working this direction for decades...it has to come soon

72 comment:taxes are driving retired people from their homes---cut the frills in all areas

81 I really do not understand why Warren County feels it must build mega schools that cost millions of dollars when schools can be repaired for less. That aside, classrooms should have no more than 20 children at any age level. Aides should be employed in grades K - 2 and even K - 3, if possible. PLEASE do not build a mega school to house the whole county middle schoolers. Children should not have to be bussed long distances, nor put in buildings with many children. Also, there are cultural and background differences in the areas of Warren County and it is much more comfortable to be in a school with children and families that are similar to your own.

My daughter says she will move if you build a central middle school. Well, I doubt that is possible, but I'll try to pay tuition to put the children in the Christian School for those grades if you do that.

102 We really feel that several elementary centers are great, but as students get older we would think that blending them together into two larger high schools, such as Youngsville and Warren, would be an asset to the students as they would all have access to many more subjects, including languages, etc. Thank you for considering what we have stated. We really feel this would be much more cost effective and less stressful for the students.

145 If you honestly look at the children and the impact it will have to consolidate, ask yourself if it's in the best interest of the child. Will they LEARN better? (not test higher...they aren't the same thing.) Will they be better off emotionally, physically, mentally? It's not just about money. It should be about giving our children the best well-rounded education, which includes many things besides the academic portion of their learning.

149 While I understand that you want to know what people think, I strongly suggest that we look at the research and local successes in grade configurations. Sheffield is 6-12. Their 6th graders show more drug and alcohol use than any other county 6th graders. Is there a cause and effect relationship? YEMS demonstrates to this observer the benefits of middle schoolers staying younger longer during this awkward growth period. There needs to be consideration of transition programs for many 9th graders to high school. They need much more emotional and programming support than they now receive at Warren Area High School for instance. They come from a supportive environment in Beaty and are "thrown to the wolves" at WAHS, with little to no adult support. It is necessary for them in today's world to move on with more educational opportunities, but some are still too immature socially and emotionally to handle the high school environment.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

154 If we can combine AV and Sheffield that would make sense, but whatever happens we need to keep elementary class sizes down. It doesn't matter how many students are in one building as long as the class sizes stay small. Now that special ed has gone the inclusion route that should free up some more classroom space for the forgotten "regular" kids.

158 Even though there will be a lot of controversy, two high schools (east and west) would be most economically feasible for WCSD. The sports teams would greatly benefit from this. The same academic curriculum would be offered equally to each school as well.

176 i think this was a good way to get our thoughts on this

209 School Board MUST make decisions to allow for the best possible education for the lowest cost. This simply CAN NOT happen the way the district is set up now.

210 My concern is that with the decreasing school population the central administration seems to just keep growing by leaps and bounds--new secretaries everywhere and new

positions created, such as the teacher coaches. When does central office personnel decline? You cut teaching positions and increase class sizes and number of preps but you just keep growing.

230 We live in Brokenstraw Twp. in Warren County. The property taxes are horrible. We have a very small 22x40 home, one bath, 2 bedrooms & a 2 stall garage. Our taxes are almost \$2000.00 a year! On top of that 3 yrs. ago I lost my job of 30 yrs. because of corporate greed. We've gone from \$40,000 a yr. combined income down to \$13,000 a year. But you know what? We still have to shell out almost \$2000.00 property taxes and they go up every year. They are so unfair it is ridiculous, not based on income. Warren County is the third most depressed county in the state. Thousands have suffered pay freezes, pay cuts, job losses. How many cuts have the teachers and administration taken? They are making too much money for our poor county. Also there is too much time, money, and emphasis put on sports. These programs need cutback. We don't care what you do with the schools or class sizes or whatever, just cut costs so our taxes don't break us. The Nonpartisan Commonwealth Foundation said it best in a recent commentary when it pointed out that Pennsylvanians never actually own their homes. Instead the commentary stated, they only rent them from their school board. Thank you. Upset in Warren County.

241 I think most of the concern in WUSD is centered in Warren. Eisenhower has some clout because of influential residents in its area. However, Sheffield and Youngsville are left in the dust. And we all know what happened to Tidoute. Why not put Beatty students at Warren High? If it becomes too crowded, bus 9-12 students on the edge to Eisenhower, Sheffield, Youngsville. This might help resources be spread more fairly.

250 I support consolidation and maximum use of buildings since 90 some % of students already ride buses to school. With students concentrated in fewer buildings, it would be easier to maximize class sizes and courses offered. We may not save money on transportation, but the savings on staff for fewer schools should be significant, and the education available to all students would be equalized.

267 Ideally, two high schools would be best, but I don't know all the travel criteria to support that at this point. I can see an Eisenhower Area High School, a Warren Area High School and a Youngsville Area High School. A Warren Area High School is a given, but which of the others could be eliminated will have to be justified.

274 I feel that this district would work much better being set up as an east and west format. Therefore there would be 6 school buildings total. 2 elementary (K-5), 2 middle schools (6-8) and 2 high schools (9-12). Start closing some schools - even if the areas that need to be closed aren't happy - we can't afford this big of a school district anymore. If that means cutting some teachers - I guess that will have to happen. We can't keep all the teachers if we're losing this many students. Also - I think it's time to start trimming some of the management. We only had one superintendent when I was in school in the early 80's and we had more students back then. Now we have 2 and less students - tell me why?????

275 Meed a strict hair and dress code for both students and teachers. Estblish in house discipline whether the mommies like it or not. Behave by the rules or stay home.

283 All day kindergarten should be available to all. The students would have additional learning time and it would make families not have to find transportation/daycare for the students for 1/2 a day. Many parents work day time jobs and have no way for the students to get to school or daycare when the times are different than older siblings.

288 Considering the task before the school board and central office in coming up with a budget that is workable, I feel we need to focus on what the primary purpose of school is all about -- and that is providing our students with the BEST possible education that we can to prepare them for today's ever-changing society. While I realize that the sports program is near and dear to many people's hearts, if we truly are interested in our students then hard decisions must be made by those who have the power to do so. I hope that class size and educational expenditures are not sacrificed so that schools can put a team on the field or floor. Let's stop passing the buck to outside groups and make the hard decisions that need to be made. I'm not supporting that the sports program need to be dropped entirely, but we may need to look at a major adjustment to the way the sports programs currently exist in WCSD. Maybe there could be one football team, one basketball team, etc. While that may be a hard choice to make, the tax paying citizens in this district can only take on so much with increased mills. Think of what is the best choice for the children in our district and the educational opportunities we give them and act on those.

295 The schools are to cold

302 If we go with consolidated schools, what guarantee would we have that, in the future, classes won't become overcrowded when the district eliminates teachers due to more budget cuts?

310 Consolidation into one large mass of a school is not going to be a healthy environment for our children, regardless of whatever bells & whistles are placed in the main schools. Our children need to be surrounded by their peers in a classroom of legitimate size, but not travel halfway across the county to do that.

313 Kindergarten needs to be a full day program!