



Executive Summary

As a result of the small group work activity

Community Engagement Session #2

NOV. 9 | NOV. 15 | NOV. 16 | NOV. 17 — 6-8 p.m.

Approximately 117 community members and staff participated in the second of two community engagement sessions (CES) for ENGAGE District 7 and discussed the Planning Principles for Development of Improvement Plan. For the second session, meetings were held on Nov. 9, 15, 16 and 17, 2022, at four locations in D7 (Worden, Columbus, Woodland and Cassens elementary schools).

Presentations at each event included a brief overview of the Engage D7 program and a report on CES #1 findings by community co-chair, Lucas Siron; and an overview of District 7 facility projects, including which projects are needed, projected costs, proposed options and timelines, by Superintendent Dr. Patrick Shelton and architects from Cordogan and Clark.

After the presentations, participants divided themselves into small groups for discussion and to prepare responses to the following activity and steps. Twenty-three small groups met and collaborated over the course of the four evenings. To view the presentation and verbatim responses, visit EngageDistrict7.org. Following is a summary of the responses from the groups.

STEP 1: Options for Lincoln Middle School

- Twenty-one groups said they preferred Option A for Lincoln Middle School, which calls for rebuilding the school on-site with other sections to be torn down and rebuilt in phases over a 36-to-42 month period.
- One group selected Option B for Lincoln, which would involve building a new school on an undetermined site, (2025 projected bond).
- One group indicated it was undecided/split.

STEP 2: Options for Hamel and Midway elementary schools

- Seventeen groups said they preferred Option B, which would provide asbestos remediation/classroom build (300 students) for Hamel Elementary School.
- Three groups preferred Option A, which would provide asbestos remediation/classroom build (175 students) for Hamel and repairs at Midway Elementary School.
- Three groups indicated they were undecided/split.

STEP 3: Priority Rankings

Each group was asked to rank a list of nine facility projects in order of priority. Based on input and rankings from all the groups, the priorities ranked from highest (1) to lowest (9) were as follows:

1. Double-entry doors at remaining schools (Glen Carbon, LeClaire, Nelson, Columbus and Woodland elementary schools, Lincoln Middle School and Edwardsville High School)
2. Lincoln Middle School rebuild on-site (preferred option)
3. Hamel Elementary School asbestos remediation/classroom build (preferred option)
4. Expanding the commons at Edwardsville High School
5. Office relocation at Nelson Elementary School
6. Safe and accessible playgrounds at all primary and intermediate schools

7. Safe and accessible gymnasiums at Leclaire, Glen Carbon and Columbus elementary schools
8. Media centers at Woodland Elementary School and Edwardsville High School
9. STEM Lab at Edwardsville High School

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