ThoughtExchange Summary -
Middle School Boundary Realignment
Presented to the Board of Education

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Exchange Opened on December 7, 2021, following the Committee’s presentation to the Board of Education.

The Primary Question:

• Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?
PARTICIPATION
Breakdown of Total Participation

748 Participants
933 Thoughts
23,306 Ratings
Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?

- 60 Participants
- 58 Thoughts
- 840 Ratings

- 25 Participants shared thoughts (42%)
- 36 Participants rated thoughts (60%)
- 47 Participants explored thoughts (78%)
PARTICIPATION
Breakdown of Participation - Parent whose youngest child attends preschool

Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?

- 83 Participants
- 113 Thoughts
- 1,785 Ratings

- 54% Participants shared thoughts
- 70% Participants rated thoughts
- 59% Participants explored thoughts
PARTICIPATION
Breakdown of Participation - Parent whose youngest child attends elementary school

Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?

- 366 Participants
- 523 Thoughts
- 15,653 Ratings
- 192 Participants shared thoughts
- 264 Participants rated thoughts
- 256 Participants explored thoughts

52% 72% 70%
PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation - Parent whose youngest child attends middle school

Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?

128 Participants
156 Thoughts
4,206 Ratings

55 Participants shared thoughts
89 Participants rated thoughts
76 Participants explored thoughts

43% 70% 59%
Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?

- 31 Participants
- 28 Thoughts
- 257 Ratings

- 13 Participants shared thoughts (42%)
- 23 Participants rated thoughts (74%)
- 25 Participants explored thoughts (81%)
Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?

- 39 Participants
- 33 Thoughts
- 198 Ratings
- 9 Participants shared thoughts (23%)
- 16 Participants rated thoughts (41%)
- 25 Participants explored thoughts (64%)
Now that you have viewed the Middle School Redistricting presentation, what thoughts do you have about the recommended Options 4 and 5, which are now being considered by the Board?

- 41 Participants
- 22 Thoughts
- 367 Ratings
- 12 Participants shared thoughts (29%)
- 28 Participants rated thoughts (68%)
- 31 Participants explored thoughts (76%)
Transportation for the 6th graders to a center would result in many kids having extremely long bus rides. Behavior problems that occur on school busses typically are exasperated the longer amount of time a student spends on the bus.

I absolutely am AGAINST having Rosa be only a 6th gr. school where my 6th grader would have to move to another school .. NOT right! These children have just started to have some normalcy in their lives belonging to a school community & you want to take that away from them?

Moving 6th to one school is a terrible idea. I moved back to CH so my kids could walk to both middle and high school.
The current 6th graders should be grandfathered and be able to attend their current school for 8th grade. Their lives have been disrupted so much since March 13th, 2020 and they have missed out on so much. They deserve to graduate with current classmates.

Grandfather current 6th & incoming 6th Grades 6th grade students (cur&inc) have been through enough change during Covid. Please don’t make any changes to current students enrolled.

PLEASE GRANDFATHER in the students already at Rosa!!! If my 6th grader had to move in his final year of middle school it would be detrimental to his mental health!!! They’ve been through so much!!!
THOUGHTS
Split Barton

Option 4 is bad for the entire community, not just Barton. Mental health is a health crisis, don’t add to it! Splitting by grade will make transitions harder and mental health challenged.

terrible options!! The worst two. You r splitting my children and their friends. I cant be at 2 schools at once and don't want my kids split during such an important time as preteens.

Unfair Barton would be the only elementary school splitting in option 5. This is unfair.
THOUGHTS
Change

Our children need stability and consistency and are still acclimating to post-covid learning. These proposals foster continued change and tumult. Students need to feel safe and stable.

why aren't CH residents able to vote on this?! These options affect CH students and parents, we deserve the right to vote on this major change.

6th grade students who also lived through pandemic schooling cannot be traumatized by another big change. Will add trauma, especially for those who struggle with transitions.
Transportation for the 6th graders to a center would result in many kids having extremely long bus rides. Behavior problems that occur on school buses typically are exasperated the longer amount of time a student spends on the bus.

The drawbacks for Option 4 are significant. Longer bus times impact students AND increase traffic for the larger community, making it harder to get the bond passed.

I disagree with both Options 4 and 5—why make students travel all around Cherry Hill when they can attend a school closest to their home. Less traffic, less time sitting on a school bus.
Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.