Community Education Center Proposed Closure

Regular meeting of the Walled Lake Board of Education
February 2, 2017
History & Rationale

• 2010-2011 school year Facility Study recommendation to close CEC, Twin Sun, Maple Elementary and Twin Beach Elementary

• Annual Budget cycle conversation about CEC

• Several prior discussions and exploration of program relocation with department heads

• Decreasing enrollment & available space
History & Rationale (cont.)

• Functional aspects of multiple programs without main office

• Security & building navigation challenges

• Fiscal responsibility related to Phase 4 of the bond work
  • Outfitting a building with instructional & security infrastructure when eventually it has to close

• Better reallocation of those funds to improve student programs

• Cost of bringing things up to code
Financial Considerations

• Market value for property = $700,000 (approx.)

• Future savings related to maintenance, utilities, custodial & security measures = $225,000 annually (approx.)

THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES CAN BE COVERED BY A COMBINATION OF BOND & SINKING FUND:

• Demolition -- $750,000 (approx.)
  • Potential additional costs for soil testing / underground tank
  • Renovations related to program relocation = $1 million (approx.)
Existing Programs

• Post-Secondary Transitions (3-tiers)
• Prime Time Care
• Community Recreation
• Pre-School & Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
• Levels for Assisting Transition in Education (LATE)
• Lakes Area Youth Assistance (LAYA)
• Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
• Adult Education
  • English Language Learners
  • Generalized Education Diploma (GED)
Program Relocation Options & Impact

• Post-Secondary Transitions to Western High School
• Prime Time Care
  • Manager’s office to ESC or Geisler
• Community Recreation
  • Supervisor’s office to ESC or Geisler
• Pre-School & GSRP
  • 5 classes to existing elementaries
  • Supervisor’s office to ESC or Geisler
• LATE – exploring options with the District & Oakland Schools
• LAYA – to ESC or Geisler
• WIC – more than likely would not be able to continue due to space limitations
• Adult Education – any existing secondary building
  • However, possible impact on daytime classes
  • Director’s office already housed at ESC
Communication & Timeline

If we move forward ..........

• **February**
  • CEC Staff meeting
  • Parental notification of proposed closure
  • Community Forum Meetings –
    • Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m. – Wixom Community Center
    • Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 10:30 a.m. – Commerce Twp. Comm. Library
  • Email account for feedback – budget@wlcsd.org

• **March**
  • Board of Education vote – March 2, 2017 Regular meeting
  • Parental notification of decision and respective program relocation information
  • Transition plans developed for students
  • Meetings with Wall of Fame Committee, Walled Lake City Council & other municipalities
Communication & Timeline (cont.)

- **April until end of school year**
  - Demolition & relocation preparations (meeting with Architects)
  - Storage purging, planning & packing
  - Technology & infrastructure preparations

- **June**
  - CEC Farewell Ceremony

- **Summer, 2017**
  - CEC summer programs will continue
  - Program relocations

- **Fall, 2017**
  - Tentative demolition to begin in November/December
  - Land sale process moves forward
Questions & Discussion