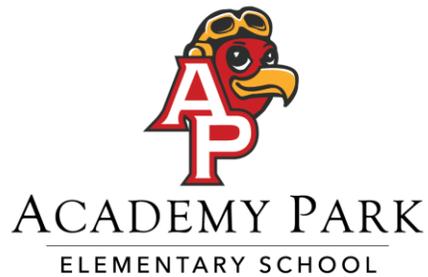


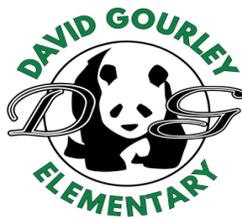
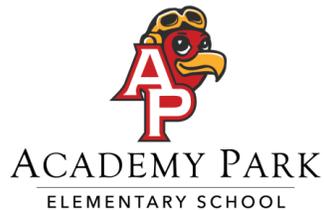


KENNEDY JR HIGH NETWORK RECONFIGURATION MEETING



KENNEDY JR HIGH NETWORK RECONFIGURATION TIMELINE

Councils informally discussing reconfiguration	2018-2020
Network community council informational meeting (public invited)	October 2, 2019
Vision statements drafted by each school	January-February, 2020
Vision statements from each school sent out to all patrons by Communications office	February 18, 2020
Survey conducted by Lighthouse Research	February-March, 2020
Survey results meeting (public invited)	April 8, 2020
School Community Councils meet to discuss pros and cons	April-May, 2020
School Community Councils voting (publicized with a few weeks notice)	April-May, 2020



Kennedy

The Kennedy School Community Council has met several times over the last two years to discuss reconfiguration for the Hunter Network. The School Community Council members voted unanimously in favor for the reconfiguration for the 2021 school year.

Kennedy has held both formal and informal meetings over the last two years to discuss reconfiguration. Meetings with school staff as well as Hunter Network School Community Councils and district personnel were in attendance at different meetings to help us understand what reconfiguration would look like in our network and the impact it would have. Administration shared information during an evening event with parents regarding reconfiguration and also with elementary school community councils at their request.

Kennedy is prepared for incoming 6th graders and have dedicated one specific hall for our 6th grade core classes to help support transitions, learning and social emotional needs for our 6th graders.



Academy Park Elementary

Academy Park Elementary (N=78)



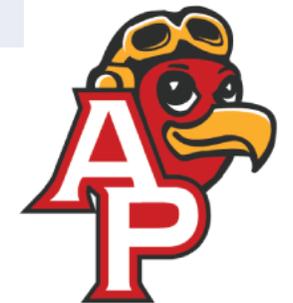
Academy Parks Community Council voted in May with the results of 6 members in favor and 2 against the 6th grade configuration to take place in the 2021-2022 school year.

- The principal from Kennedy came to the Community Council meeting in December 2019. The council was able to ask questions and get feedback from her.
- In April the results of the survey were given to the community council with the result of 55% in favor and 30% against the reconfiguration. Which is a net +25% in favor.
- The community council vote took place in May 2020.



Academy Park Elementary

Pros for Reconfiguration	Cons for reconfiguration
Students in Jr. High have access to more subjects and extracurricular activities not offered in elementary.	Concern for the social and emotional well-being of students in a bigger community. The students would need to be checked on regularly, so no student fell between the cracks.
6th grade students would perform better in a larger community.	Students would lose the individual connection they can make with one teacher.
The 6th grade students would receive more college and career readiness skills not offered in the elementary.	
There is more availability for intervention and extension in the Jr. High.	



David Gourley Elementary (N=45)



Gourley Elementary Community Council has held both formal and informal meetings over the last 3 years to discuss reconfiguration. Community Council met on 4/7/2020, digitally, to vote on the reconfiguration of both Kearns and Kennedy Jr High schools. 6 out of 8 members were present, the vote was 6-0, all of which were in favor of the 6th grade reconfiguration. Our Council has representation from both Kearns and Kennedy networks.

Community stakeholder survey results: 29% apposed, 20% neutral, 51% for 6th grade reconfiguration, with a net + of 22% in favor of 6th grade reconfiguration.



David Gourley Elementary

Pros for Reconfiguration	Cons for reconfiguration
<p>Gourley currently has 9 relocatable classrooms. Reconfiguration would allow for the entire second grade class to move into the building making it much safer and more inclusive.</p>	<p>The maturity level of 6th grade students may not be at the level to associate with older students. However, the maturity contrast from Kindergarten to 6th grade that exists now is far greater.</p>
<p>Council is looking forward to 6th grade students having more educational opportunities and extracurricular activities at the Jr high level, preparing them for college and career readiness.</p>	<p>Split feeder schools may struggle if the reconfiguration is not done simultaneously.</p>
<p>Council discussed the k-5 core curriculum and agreed that 6th grade students may not be receiving the intended learning experiences in an elementary level school compared to a 6-8 configuration as the core suggests.</p>	



Hunter Elementary School

Hunter Elementary (N=78)



The Hunter Community Council met via online platform on 5/18/20 to vote on the reconfiguration within Kennedy Jr High School. Council members voted 6-0 in favor for the reconfiguration for the 2021 school year.

Hunter Elementary Community Council has held both formal and informal meetings over the last 4 years to discuss reconfiguration. Secondary administrators and district personnel were in attendance at different meetings, to help us understand what reconfiguration would look like in the secondary schools and the impact it would have. Discussions were held with council members who had 6th grade students and they felt that their student was ready for Jr. High while in 6th grade.



Hunter Elementary School

Pros for Reconfiguration	Cons for reconfiguration
<p>It creates an opportunity to increase support for transitions to secondary school. Appropriate and more extensive interventions and extensions can be offered at the secondary level.</p>	<p>The maturity level of 6th grade students may not be at the level to associate with older students. However, the gap is not as large as the maturity contrast from Kindergarten to 6th grade.</p>
<p>There are more opportunities for the students in leadership roles, college and career readiness exposure, athletics, and other activities, including elective classes.</p>	<p>Split feeder schools may struggle if the reconfiguration is not done simultaneously.</p>
<p>Due to 9th grade already moving to the high school in our network, moving 6th grade will ensure the enrollment needed for a diverse master course schedule, and will increase consistency across the school district.</p>	



Jackling Elementary (N=86)

30%		22%	48%	+18%
Pros for Reconfiguration		Cons for Reconfiguration		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clear vision and plan at Kennedy Jr. that will meet the needs of the 6th grade students. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The maturity level of some 6th grade students may be concerning and not be at the level as other junior high students. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fewer students at the elementary means more individualized access to programs (PE, Art, etc.) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Families who have younger children may be slightly impacted by having children at two different schools. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th Graders will have more opportunities for leadership roles. 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elimination of three relocatable buildings on the playground, creating additional blacktop space for students. 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Positive impact for K -5 students 				



Carl Sandburg Elementary

Overall Support to Reconfigure Grades

Carl Sandburg Elementary (N=74)



The Sandburg Community Council has held formal and informal meetings over the past 3 years to discuss reconfiguration. The council members have been in favor of the reconfiguration for the past 3 years. Council members, parents and staff attended the reconfiguration information meeting with the superintendent. Representation was also present during the skype meeting held on April 8th to review results of the reconfiguration survey. They have been waiting to see what the results of the community survey would show. The survey showed 25% were opposed, 18% were neutral and 58% were in favor.

The Sandburg Community Council met via online platform on 4/15/20 to vote on the reconfiguration within Kennedy Jr High school. Council members voted 6-0 in favor for the reconfiguration for the 2021-2022 school year.



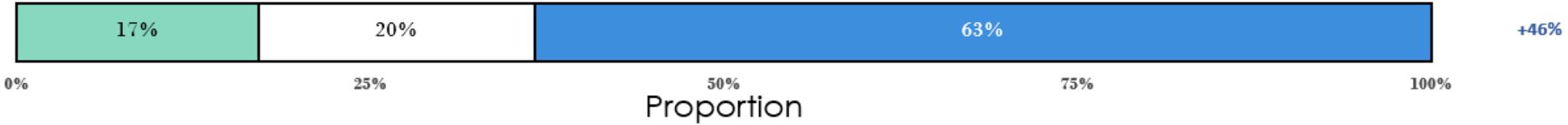
Carl Sandburg Elementary

Pros for Reconfiguration	Cons for reconfiguration
<p>The council members feel that the recent changes in the 6th grade curriculum would align with a Jr. High instruction model and provide a better learning opportunity for the 6th graders.</p>	<p>The maturity level of some 6th grade students.</p>
<p>Other district schools have already moved 6th graders to the Jr. High. The council members feel this would allow for consistency around families moving and consolidation situations such as Sandburg was in this year.</p>	<p>Family support of older siblings with younger siblings after school.</p>
<p>The council members felt 6th graders would benefit from the opportunity to participate in additional activities, elective courses and leadership roles.</p>	



SILVER HILLS ELEMENTARY

Silver Hills Elementary (N=43)



Silver Hills voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of 6-8 grade reconfiguration and would like it to take effect the 2021-2022 school year.

Silver Hills Community Council has held formal and informal meetings over the past 3 years to discuss reconfiguration. The council members have been in favor. Council members also attended the information meetings on the reconfiguration with the superintendent and then via digital meeting with Ben Horsley. They have been waiting to see what the results of the community survey would show. The survey showed 17% were against, 20 were neutral and 63% were in favor. +46% net support.



SILVER HILLS ELEMENTARY

Pros for Reconfiguration	Cons for reconfiguration
<p>6th grade students are ready for the rigor of Jr. High. They are ready for changing classes and teachers and having more in-depth study of different subjects.</p>	<p>The maturity level of 6th grade students is not what it needs to be to associate with older students.</p>
<p>There are more opportunities for the students in leadership roles and other activities.</p>	
<p>The council members had 6th grade students and felt that their student was ready for Jr. High while in 6th grade.</p>	





Questions?

