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From : "Rebecca Strimer"

To : "Maggie Fehrman"

Subject : Re: Additional information and data

Thank you for this invitation! I've been keeping a list of questions for myself to stay focused on solid planning for the district. Here they are:

Student Experience/Academic Effectiveness

- How many students can AMS hold while preserving the pod design that ensures the small school feel within a larger school setting?
- How much will class sizes grow next year with consolidation? Without consolidation?
- How will we improve academic experience for all middle schoolers by learning from the success of MNSA? What are the lessons from MNSA that are scalable for a single larger school? In particular, what lesson does MNSA have for closing the achievement gap?
- Could a 2024-25 transition year include pods specifically for MNSA students with current MNSA teachers? Are there additional ways to honor the choice parents made in selecting MNSA during a transition to a single school?
- Could a transition year include one-time funding for principal mentorship? Could we afford to have a summer institute for middle school teachers for them to plan together?

Budget Shortfall

- What are the primary components of the \$4.5 million shortfall? *[I believe I already know the answer - \$1 mil state ADM drop, \$1 mil ESSER, \$1.5 mil in increased costs, \$1 mil in new salary increase (2 pts in local supplement)]*
- How can we share more now about the reality of making up \$4.5 mil over the next 2-3 years? (middle school consolidation plus central office streamlining and moving into schools, elementary school consolidation, etc - many strategies will be required)
- How are we estimating the impact of lowered middle school enrollment from some amount of parents pulling their kids out next year? What analyses are we doing to consider how this could impact the ACS budget?
- What happens with funds from the sale of an ACS building? *[I believe I already know the answer - After paying back any debt, funds are earmarked for capital improvements only]*

Education & Career Academy

- What are all the location options for placement of ECA?
- What resources does ECA need now and to grow in the future?
- Who are the leaders that can build/grow the program effectively? *[I don't expect an answer here as I suspect there could be some HR confidentiality components, my question is for your consideration only]*

Thank you again!

Rebecca

On Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 9:30â€PM Maggie Fehrman <maggie.fehrman@acsgmail.net> wrote:

Good Evening,

As Iâ€™m reflecting on what parents and staff shared this evening, I wanted to reach out and make sure Iâ€™m providing the Board what you need in this process.

Please send me an individual email with a list of the additional information you feel is needed so you can make an informed decision regarding the middle schools.

Have a great rest of the week!

Maggie

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Sent from a mobile device.