

Timestamp	What are the benefits of this initiative?	What are your concerns?	What further information would you like to have?	What additional questions / comments do you have?
12/6/2018 20:04	I love all of the benefits discussed; teaming, win time, desicated spaces, full day kindergarten etc.	Making sure a bus is provide to get across town is my only real concern.	The bus information.. additional tax expense.	I am very happy the board has put so much time and effort into a plan that appears to provide a better educational experience for our students.
12/6/2018 21:18	More space which is needed	I do not want my children to have to be on a bus, go to school across town or have my property value affected in a negative way. I walk my children to/from school weather permitting. Bloomingdale would be redistricted for k-2, would still have to share teachers and counselors, still have no cafeteria - eat in the gym.	Money cost for a new building Will there be crossing guards for major streets How long will children spend on the bus? Will they have a longer commute than adults? How will busing affect snow days/bad weather ? How to get smaller class sizes?	
12/6/2018 21:51	full day K?? if you even want it. (which i don't)	bussing, no focus on students. this plan prioritizes the administration and not the kids/families	WHY? no good reason for this	i am not happy with the plan
12/6/2018 22:00			What will the start times be for each school?	
12/6/2018 22:03	what is the problem we are trying to solve here? full-day kindergarten if that is what you want, many don't	transporting, unnecessary busing, class size, destroying community feel, home value, focus on administration and not the children, taxes	what is the involvement of outside consultants like Ross Haber and Assoc?	
12/6/2018 22:20	Full-time kindergarten, space for specials, 3rd graders not at same school as 8th graders, more of a connection through the town with all kids in one school beginning earlier	Transportation across town for grades 6-8; distance from home to bus stop; losing convenience of having OAS very close to house for grades 6-8	Feasibility of expanding OAS and Hillside to make 2 schools for grades 3-8, as an alternative; while still getting the extra space at the 4 grade K-2 schools.	At the high school presentation and the beginning of the BAS presentation, it was very confusing how the proposed plan would alleviate the space issues at the K-2 schools and allow for full-day kindergarten. For example, Bloomingdale is K-2 and would remain so under the proposed plan. During Q&A at the BAS presentation, it was explained that a portion of BAS families will go to Brookside (which would be going from K-5 to K-2), and that is where the space comes from. Presumably, the same thing will be happening with Walnut. Redistricting should be added to the presentation if it is part of the plan, as opposed to something families need to ask about or guess. This would both give families needed information, and more importantly, better explain why the proposed plan, including moving kids out of Brookside for 3-5, is necessary to give full-day kindergarten across the district.
12/6/2018 22:30	Full day kindergarten	I do not like the idea of a very large 3-5 school and 6-8 school. I teach in a pre-k-8 school in Jersey City with approximately 1000 students. Our class sizes vary from 18-28 students depending on the grade level. Every year we have families enrolling their middle school children into our school because they do not like the large middle school environment that has been created in the neighboring area. Obviously Jersey City and Cranford are completely different, however, my students have a sense of home, family, comfort and safety in their neighborhood school in which they walk to everyday. They see the teachers who have supported them throughout their school "careers" from pre-k through 8th grade on a daily basis. Our older students go into the younger grades to teach them new things in technology or just to be a reading buddy. Younger siblings get excited when they see their brother or sister. I moved my family back to Cranford for my son to attend his neighborhood school, play with the kids from his neighborhood, play after school at the school playground, and walk to and from school, just like I did when I grew up in Cranford. Four square miles is too large to be a neighborhood. What are the possibilities of having more k-5 neighborhood schools and 2 6-8 schools instead of one very large middle school?	Transportation is a huge factor. What are the statistics on walkers and those that drive to or from school. If my child has to go to HAS for middle school I wouldn't qualify for a bus under the 2 mile law. I live 1.7 miles away.	Tonight's meeting at BAS focused a lot on the team and having common planning time. As a middle school special education teacher, I have been in many situations where I've worked with multiple grade levels. I have also taught as a resource teacher for students in grades k-2. In my school, we are fortunate to have one extra prep period a week for the purpose of grade level/department planning and meetings. In addition, we also have an 8:00-8:30 time period daily where we are required to plan together as well as meet with parents, counselors, and other staff members. On top of that, we also have a common prep period everyday. With all this time, the truth is we do not plan together collaboratively every single day. Do the Cranford teachers have a contractual time, such as 8:00-? or 2:45-3:30, already in place for collaborative planning, parent meetings, etc? Maybe better scheduling needs to be put in place. Additional teachers, counselors and other support staff could be hired. Additional classrooms could be built at the schools. What are the other options? Please show us the other plans before the December 17th meeting. (On a side note, I have been involved in instructional rounds for 3 years. Don't bring the unnecessary pressure to the teachers and students. It becomes a big show. It is not authentic at all. My school scores very well each year with our instructional rounds. At this point, our administrators are even tired of it.)