

The Right Way to Consolidate School Buildings

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What is the Biggest Barrier?



FEAR

Fear of Unknown

Fear of Change



What to Consider





**Most importantly,
WHAT BENEFITS
THE CHILDREN!!!**

What to Consider

- Educational Goals
- Health, Welfare and Safety of Children
- Grade Configuration and Teacher Licensure
- Funding



What to Consider

- Building Administrators
- Staff
- Parents
- Alumni
- Community
- Buildings
- Demographics



Planning

- **Determine who should be included**
- **Form District Planning Committee**
- **Form Parent Committees**



Suggested Activities

- Create a consolidation/transition theme
- Create a new neutral name of the school
- Create new mascot/school colors
- Include past administrators, staff, parent group presidents and board members in planning



Suggested Activities con' t.

- **Do a group service project**
- **Have building tours**
- **Have receiving school activities for incoming school(s)**
- **Create mementos**
- **Make it a celebration!**



What if the planning doesn't work?



- **Figure out the bottom line**
- **Work on team building**
- **Create new activities/
approaches**
- **Be empathetic**
- **Focus on positives**



Closing Procedures

- Consider creating resolutions for transference of assets and liabilities for school organizations
- If PTA unit, call Ohio PTA to help walk through process



Closing Ceremonies

- Have current and past principals, presidents of parent groups, alumni, school board members participate



Questions?



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