

Appendix E: Comments from Respondents who Self-Identify as East Bethesda Residents

I think sixth graders belong in elementary school, not middle school. Social and emotional needs at this age are as important, if not more, than academic needs and affect academic outcomes in the long run more than having special academic enrichment programs (especially considering the excellent education they are likely to get either way). This is very important to me.

You should ask this of all survey respondents as it is not clear who would attend a new school.

would like to have thru 6th grade in Elementary School (not middle school) without sacrificing academic programs (e.g., spanish, etc)

Bethesda Elementary (K-5) combined with building a new (second) Middle School would be my preferred option.

I have always felt the kids should start middle school at the 7th grade.

Elementary schools should be K-5. 8-9 Kindergarten and 1st grade classes is not a reasonable setup for primary education. ALL kindergarteners require assistance and with so many in one school and very little extra help, the teachers have a difficult time and recess is a nightmare. 3 K and 3 1st grade classes mixed with K-5 is much more manageable.

The north half of East Bethesda wants to go to North Chevy Chase because they generally get out of the neighborhood on Jones Bridge Road. The south half of East Bethesda wants to go to Chevy Chase because they get out of the neighborhood on East West Highway.

Preference is for a new middle school, rather than a new elementary school

I really am opposed to the pairing system because I'd like my children to attend school with their siblings and would like to prevent an additional transition for my introverted shy child that has a hard time with such transitions.

Open up a new middle school that is closer to the East Bethesda neighborhood.

Why can't our children attend a school that is a mile a way versus sending our children to schools that are between 2-5 miles away? That 30 minute bus ride is HELL for a newly minted kindergartener.

RHPS K-5; BE K-5; NCCES K-5 and CCES K-5. We would attend BE or NCC.

We believe that children, in grade 6, succeed at NCC and CC ES as well if not better then at WMD.

The only option that for us would be better than Rosemary -North Chevy Chase 3-6th would be if our neighborhood school Lynbrook, that use to be k-8 reopened and that won't happen

If the quality of sixth grade at NCC and CC is not maintained, my preference is for the two schools to be brought into line with other schools in the county.

I would like all of my children to be able to attend school together. I would also like a more cohesive neighborhood assignment for our neighborhood. Additionally, Rosemary Hills is way too large for the young population that is has....it is overwhelming for quiet children like my son!!

My concern is more focused on the middle school, so while I have an opinion on the above, my responses may vary depending on the middle school choices.

None of these are my first choice. because what I want is a new middle school and to attend either Rosemary Hills/NCC or Bethesda to grade 5. If there is no middle school, then I would like to keep the kids in 6th grade at NCC.

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Attend a new elementary school K-6, or turn Lynbrook Community Center into either K-6 or a middle school, and turning RHPS (or any other elementary school we could attend) into a K-6 school.

I'm not sure how you plan to use the information from this survey but if you expect to represent it as the views of the East Bethesda Community you need to ask for, and validate, addresses.

We prefer a new middle school, rather than a new elementary school.

As above, I would like a k-5 school option that keeps not only my children together, but the neighborhood children together. We currently ship out all over the place due to a lack of a cohesive assignment. I am opposed to keeping 6th grade in the elementary schools because the school system is not providing them the funding necessary to support the programs.

The last suggestion would be to make the childcare center on Lynbrook back into a community elementary school.

See above

Same as before. If Lynbrook school were reopened and had k-5 and the kids were all together k-5 and than westland 6-8 I would having a slightly better feeling although I believe 6th grade is better spent in elementary.

I do not want 6th grade in the elementary schools if the school system cannot support appropriate curriculums.

To me the option isn't another elementary school but another middle school option other than sending all the kids in the BCC cluster to Westland.