



LRSD Survey and Sessions Ideas – J.A. Fair Area Community Input

SURVEY RESPONSES

Please share your thoughts about the Proposed J. A. Fair K-8 school.

1. We love the K-8 model and want everyone to have access to it.
2. The facility needs to be upgraded and consideration given to what students are placed in the new configuration.
3. I think it's a good idea
4. Middle school and elementary should be totally different entities.
5. Logical ideas
6. Same as with the other one just the difference in age
7. I don't think that an entire school built around environmental science is a good idea. It would be more effective for it to be a school inclusive of all sciences: biology, chemistry, and environmental. Also, will school zones still affect where kids go to school? If I don't want my kid in an environmental building do I get a choice to send him or her to another school?
8. Agreeable contingent upon domino effect.
9. I don't like it. Why can't it stay a high school if it's in such good shape and you change one of the schools you're closing to house K-8?
10. I feel if McClellan is becoming a K-8, then we do not need Fair as a K-8 as well.
11. Okay
12. In general, don't like the idea of K-8 in one building, even if separated. Would 6-8 grade students go from 8:45-3:45 as they do now, or switch to elementary start & end times? How would this affect sports? K-8 on same busses is a bad idea too I think.
13. The ideas of K-8 is wonderful thinking just be sure that all k-8 are well staffed and trained. No outgoing teachers should be staffed because we are potentially marking students from entry to high school to substandard education if not done/staffed properly.
14. I would definitely like to see a K-8 facility there as the community continues to grow, the environmental and science aspects are appealing also.
15. Good idea
16. A good school shouldn't go to waste, so this is a good idea.
17. K-8 is good. but if this school is in excellent shape why are you shutting it down as a High School.
18. Because the building is in good shape, it should be used for a school in the area. I would defer to parents, however.
19. I love it..
20. It sounds wonderful.
21. Excellent.
22. Sounds good
23. Great. And we should invest in other schools too.
24. I am not a proponent of K-8 schools. If the school is in excellent shape, surely there could be another use for it. Kindergarteners and 8th graders should not be attending schools together.
25. It would be wonderful for a LRSD facility to finally host a state-wide event.
26. Cooperation and assistance of local community college.
27. Sounds great!
28. don't want it to interfere with forest heights k-8



29. Sounds good
30. It's interesting that K-8 schools are a remedy for both areas with dwindling populations and ones where more families with children are moving in. If proposed K-8 schools at McClellan and Fair would receive the same quality of teachers, administrators, and resources that Forest Heights STEM Academy enjoys, I expect they would be very successful.
31. Agreed
32. Again, just renovate and don't abandon or repurpose these old schools. Upgrade Fair and Hall to where they deserve to be -- right alongside Central as a top-of-the-line high school.
33. I like this plan.
34. Interesting. Are the schools with various focuses going to be open to easy transfer of students at other schools to better fit their interests?
35. Completely in favor.
36. This is fantastic! Arkansas, America as a whole, we lack providing children with scientific knowledge and basis. This proposal would strengthen LRSD students, our community, city, and hopefully keep people from "fleeing" to charter/private schools.
37. Two gyms seems excessive. If you are not aware, many students in middle and high school do exactly nothing in gym. Sometimes they walk in a circle. It is embarrassing these coaches/teachers make the same pay as classroom teachers. Exercise is important. Teach it in a classroom (with health) and exercise can be homework or afterschool activity.
38. Yes
39. How will this affect Parkview's enrollment?
40. Is every new school going to have a STEM focus?
41. This plan sounds excellent.
42. I like this plan
43. This sounds like an excellent plan to me.
44. Sounds like a much needed update and good plan
45. Sounds good.
46. I personally would not be interested in sending an elementary aged student to a theme or focused school. I think it is great in the upper grades as students have more clarity on their strengths and interests. Elementary aged students need strong instruction focused on the basics - reading being the most crucial in the first few grades. If the science focus was predominately for the 6-8 grades, that would work better in my opinion.
47. I like the idea.
48. Sound good.
49. My thoughts are the same as my comments on McClellan.
50. Yes a great idea
51. middle school is fine.
52. Sounds awesome
53. I think this is a reasonable plan but LRSD must be mindful of flooding the system with K-8 schools. Not all parents want this.
54. Ok
55. Great plan
56. Sounds good
57. excellent ideas
- 58.



59. It is rumored that this property is being looked at by a private school for purchase. It would be a shame to lose more students to a private school
60. Better opportunities for students to engage in the learning experience.
61. I support the K-8 concept.
62. Agree with the plan to convert J.A. Fair to a K-8 school.
63. Fine
64. I will support such a project just as long as enrollment includes seats for zone students, seats for "scramble" students, and seats for "school choice" students. A mixture like this will prove to be fairer than just simply relying on one within itself.
65. Seems like it would be the ideal school but why consider only elementary and middle schools. All of our high schools are not in excellent condition and possibly not even on the list for improvements! Consider a high school to move there.
66. Would J.A Fair compete with Forest Heights for students? Does every school need to focus on STEM? Can we do something creative if J.A. Fair has two Gyms?
67. Love the environmental science theme concept!
68. I think the K-8 is a good idea and could help us re-use the Henderson facility as a sports complex. It also could help an aging elementary like Dodd, have a more dynamic space that is close to its current location.
69. Consider that the student may be bused far from home and keep that in mind when zoning. This is not fair to families. I grew up 3 miles from ja fair and had to bus to Robinson, which was an hour ride. It was very difficult for me to do homework and participate in extracurricular activities.
70. Doesn't affect me.
71. It should become the home school for Parkview.
72. Location is not central.
73. Sounds promising
74. How many science schools do you need???
75. I support K-8 schools and science focused schools.
76. Sounds great
77. By all means, preserve and utilize this large facility if it is in excellent condition. But again, don't call it J.A. Fair. That school will end with the last high school graduating class. Re-brand this new K-8th school as fresh start and put old perceptions to rest.
78. Sounds alright, but don't think this is what is needed next. A high school out west would be money better spent. You would retain more families out west in public schools if a high school was built.
79. It's a good idea. But how would you keep the younger kids and the older kids separate?
80. Well-thought out plan
81. None
82. Good plan
83. J.A. Fair does poorly academically, so at this point make sure to keep your focus on improving academics when you make your changes.
84. I believe district events should be held at midtown schools as opposed to being held farther and farther west.
85. If J. A. Fair is on excellent condition use it for the Science Program. I believe scientific technology at this school will help the district.
86. I believe that all the schools should have equal opportunities for education no matter the zip code you live in.



87. thumbs up
88. I am very familiar with the J.A. Fair facility and believe the transition to a K-8 will be successful.
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90. Again, money spent on a new building could keep J. A. Fair in operation and updated for a long time.
91. Close JA Fair
92. Based on the proposed uses, I feel that that money would be better spent on up-grading Parkview High School which has not been considered at all in up-date renovations. For instance, Parkview's gymnasium has no air conditioning which gets unbearably hot in the summer. There is no football field and paying to park at War Memorial during home games is ridiculous. In addition, there are a number of renovations that could be made to classrooms to bring them up-to-date.
93. Again, this sounds like a good solid plan. I am glad we can utilize the buildings that are in good shape.
94. ok
95. Great plan
96. This seems like a very good idea.
97. Love the idea
98. Sounds good
99. Should remain a high school
100. Sounds like a good plan
101. none
102. Another good idea
103. Great
104. JA Fair could also be repurposed and Parkview could move there since Parkview is in desperate need of repairs as well
105. I think that sounds like a great facility but I think it will be under utilized in that location
106. I believe this is a resourceful idea
107. another bad idea
108. NO! That need to be a High School only. I think Parkview should go over to J.A. Fair. Parkview building need to be remodel and it also need its only baseball, football and any other sports field.
109. I hope it works
110. Again, I believe the K-8 model is wonderful, as it provides cohesiveness for the students. If done correctly with a good leader, it will be a great program.
111. I just have a concern about K-8 schools in general. there is a HUGE difference between K and 8 and I am afraid that 1) the younger kids will feel lost with such big kids around and 2) the younger kids will hear and see things that the older kids do that may not be appropriate for younger kids.
112. I am reading about a lot of science being implemented. What about the arts and music? They need to be brought back into the curriculum to help the talents of all students.
113. Parkview should be moved there
114. I support it fully
115. Did you ever consider that the reason the FHSS (k-8) is successful because of its address? Once upon a time there was a thought that a GT school would attract students but the address of school proved that the city of Little Rock really does care about what neighborhood a school is in more than anything else. Especially since the district does not provide security for k-5 on its



campuses at all times.

116. Sounds good.
117. The ideas presented above sound appealing. I still worry about the neighborhoods where schools would close. With that said. I'm not opposed to the idea of a k-8 school there.
118. Ok
119. Can the district support 3 k-8 schools?
120. As the campus is in excellent shape, why is such a large school being built in southwest Little Rock? I feel we are just moving to make space for charter schools to move in and take more quality students away.
121. Fantastic!
122. Good idea, especially since this school is in excellent shape. Let's use that for a K-8.
123. Your plans sound great! If Fair can be all of these things why is it not being used as such now? I live in the Romine area and am not happy with what you are proposing. Why are we being denied having neighborhood schools? When you look at your plan, where are the neighborhood schools for African American students and Latino students? Why do we have to bus our students miles away from the neighborhood? Why can we not have the same opportunities as students and parents in other areas of the city namely north of I-630?
124. I fully support K-8 schools, and it sounds like Fair is a great facility for this proposal.
125. Strongly agree with plans set forth
126. Interesting
127. The idea above is not bad. Additional idea our group had in the community meeting is designating it as the high school or grades 10-12 for West Little Rock, PVMS population (by keeping grade 9 at Pinnacle View).
128. Again I like the K-8 model and want to see it expand
129. it sounds really great
130. Sounds good. Wondering if it will all be accomplished
131. Sounds good. I am concerned about long bus rides for elementary though.
132. If it is so good, then leave it as it is. This sounds like a good school already. I like the new ideas, just bring them into the high school and make a HS worth competing against other HS's.
133. I believe the Fair campus would be better served by Parkview moving to that location. Parkview is need of a football field and bigger facility. it's a shame that the top performing High School has to operate in their current facilities.
134. There might be better purposes for JA Fair than K-8 or a specialized school. We already have several magnet schools in LRSD. Though I value having those options out there, a fair amount of the children I work with are interested in Science and Art curriculum. Given its location, it would make an ideal candidate for a West Little Rock High School.
135. It sounds wonderful-- I think more information needs to be given to patrons and community-- pros and cons--more community meetings and focus groups done in a very respectful and sensitive manner. Change is always challenging!
136. Good
137. I believe J.A. Fair should remain a high school allowing more students options to return to the LRSD that have left to attend private, home, or charter schools. I think it could stand some upgrades that would be more inviting to students, educators, staff and administrators who are currently there and to attract new ones.
138. I like the idea of a science program and large lab/library spaces.
139. Sounds like great plans. Would be good for the community.



140. Solid idea, but does nothing to meaningful address the abysmal academic performance or growth of a majority of LRSD elementary schools.
141. Please move Parkview High School to JA Fair.
142. I don't understand why Fair cannot continue to serve as a high school!
143. The same comments as before about separate media centers for elementary and middle that I stated about the other k-8 proposal. I also like the idea that the west Little Rock parents shared about using JA Fair as a true High School for that side of town. Rezone and send west students there for grades 10-12 and have a 9th grade academy at Pinnacle view.
144. Use J.A. Fair for 6 to 8 grade and close Dunbar. Dunbar could be used historian site.
145. It sounds great! :)
146. I like the idea of k-8 schools
147. K-8 is a great idea to encompass smaller elementary schools as well as accommodating middle level students. There has to a shift in the mindset that K-8 schools are fraught with danger for younger students. They exist in other states and I see no reason why we cannot move to a K-8 model in Little Rock
148. Sounds good
149. no need for another k-8 school
150. Science, math, technology, literacy are underserved and there is great need to focus on those areas of study
151. It sounds like a good plan.
152. Let Parkview move there and move two elementary schools into the old Parkview
153. J.A. Fair field could become home for Parkview Patriots.
154. Sounds like a solid plan, what about a playground?
155. Sounds exciting.
156. K-8
157. It would seem as though, that if JA Fair is decent condition, then why leave Parkview High school in such bad shape. Parkview High School could use two gyms and the baseball fields. Parkview is falling apart and it is not even mentioned in this planning process. Please don't leave Parkview Arts and Magnet behind.
- 158.
159. The proposal sounds good.
160. I think that Parkview could be moved to JA fair, we (Parkview) need a football field and more things since it is such a popular school.
161. Along with Environmental Science make this a 'Service Learning (or Public Service) school focus' as well.
162. I think this is an excellent idea for Fair -- if the district only added 1 K-8 school, I think this would be the better option. I think the environmental theme is excellent -- especially with the greenhouses & land.
163. I think that an Environmental Science K-8 with strong media center could be great.
164. It sounds like a lovely facility. I'd be concerned about students losing their neighborhood schools
165. I love this idea
166. The school needs to be closed
167. This plan sounds fine. Again, meeting the needs of children with autism and other special needs should be included in plans.
168. Parkview High School and the students here deserve to be able to be moved to JA Fair. The



- student athletes at that school deserve better than what they have to use as “fields”
169. Again, pretty facilities do not ensure excellent instruction or educational outcomes. All such facilities require long term budgeting to support maintenance and equipment upgrades. Has Fair site been approved for outdoor ed by environmental study and EPA history?
 170. Henderson will be the middle school that moves in.
 171. Again, I am a proponent of K-8 environments.
 172. Again, I prefer to have K-5 school separated from 6-8 school.
 173. Love it
 174. As long as the appropriate changes are made BEFORE the building opens to operate as a K-8 facility (separating the ages, etc.), this seems like one of the easiest renovations and changes to make. Let's do it.
 175. I think that Parkview High School should move to JA Fair. Parkview as a magnet school could attract students from other districts. Parkview Magnet High School at JA Fair would meet the needs of all magnet students.
 176. Make sure the students who move know how to do simple arithmetic and to both read and write and write in cursive.
 177. Many of these schools already have pockets of discipline issues and parent problems. Placing them in one large population is not educationally or in the best interest of our students
 178. Great!
 179. I think that Henderson middle school would definitely benefit if they were placed in this facility.
 180. It could also be a 10-12th grade high school for the West Little Rock students currently attending PVMS
 181. Move Parkview to this location
 182. I don't believe this would be properly funded by the district, over time I believe the district will end up cutting budgets and these items will not continue to be funded
 183. Sounds cool
 184. So where does Parkview Stand In the District? They are Little Rock School District right? No improvements to the school one of the oldest schools that does not have air in the gym, nor a Football field where they can play games nor a track so will it be Hall High school or J.A. Fair? The building is old the gym is old and small, how do you not include Parkview Arts and Science Magnet High School in Your Improvements?
 185. Would boundary lines change? Currently zoned for Henderson and JA Fair is significantly further away from my home
 186. Same concern here as expressed about K-8 at McClellan. Great thought should be given to attracting students for increasing diversity by having some open enrollment seats from across the district or beyond.
 187. Ok
 188. Same as with McClellan. K-8 buildings seem like a good model and I wish my kids could have had the opportunity to attend one.
 189. I would love for the old JA Fair building to be repaired and house Parkview so that we can have a football stadium. Parkview campus is smaller and I feel that it is older than JA Fair.
 190. Sell it if not needed for a school. No need to try to come up with ways to spend money to repurpose. Look at numbers of where you are losing students.
 191. none
 192. It seems like #3 above could be held anywhere. The location and building are great. It definitely needs to be used in some way.



- 193. Great
- 194. It should remain a public school serving those who live closest to it.
- 195. It is great. But East little rock needs some option for K-8 and that answer is Booker. Lower cost to upgrade. Has the location and potential and partnerships in place.
- 196. Oh! This is already proposed.
- 197. I like the idea of K-8 schools. I think too many of our students get lost/overlooked in the big and overcrowded middle schools. I am hopeful that a K-8 campus would help address that issue. However, if it basically functions as a separate elementary school and middle school that just share a parking lot, then those benefits may be not seen. I like the idea of environmental science as a focus as that is an area of study that our students could pursue as a future career.
- 198. Don't want it.
- 199. I agree with this plan.
- 200. Good idea
- 201. I don't think it is a good idea. Fair needs to be a high school. It already has the facilities needed for a high school, not a K-8
- 202. Same as my thoughts for McClellan.
- 203. I support K-8 at JA Fair
- 204. I like the plan that is outlined above.
- 205. J.A. Fair is a great campus in a growing part of our city. Keeping the property for LRSD is vital because it would be a prime target for another school to appeal growing population in the area.
- 206. It sounds like an appropriate repurposing of the campus.
- 207. All of the ideas are good ideas
- 208. The district is in extreme need of more middle school options. Whatever happens the middle school portion must be retained.
- 209. Great idea.
- 210. looks good

Suggestions for combining facilities into JAFair

Henderson Middle	206
Dodd	196
Romine	136



We can design options for repurposing the facilities that are affected by setting up the new Fair K-8. Please check any of these OPTIONS that you think might be sensible.

Henderson as Sports Complex	Henderson as District Admin.	Sell some of land around Henderson	Dodd could be teacher STEM & PD	Romine Birth-PreK	Romine: Crisis Center	Sell property west of Romine for development
142	170	94	112	140	93	127

If you have New Ideas for reuse or repurposing any of the facilities in the list above, please describe them briefly in the box below.

1. A resource center for reading, afterschool study centers (with broadband access), meeting place for tutors and students, etc. could work as well.
2. Please consider what had been selected.
3. Build walls in Dodd and Rockefeller there should not be any open space rooms anymore.
4. Current IRC needs to be closed and placed in an area that does not put individuals attending professional development in harm's way. Currently the facility is "safe" but to get to the facility is in a high crime area. Traffic lights, single lane traffic, unexpected car problem, ... at any time of day, but particularly after dark, puts anyone traveling to IRC in danger.
5. I like the Henderson repurpose idea but not the price tag
6. Henderson is a great location for sports complex. I don't like the idea of closing either Romine or Dodd unless they are converted to ECE facility. There must be a great effect to get families to come back to the LRSD. Like a "there is no competition" campaign showing how LRSD excels more than charters and offers opportunities that charters do not.
7. Could be a language center for those parents/ families that want to learn English and teachers/ staff that want to learn another language.
8. Dodd needs to be torn down or sold. Not a good location.
9. Can the DOD facility be repurposed into the mental health crisis center, the Romine area build the birth to preK, sell additional land to expanding community.
10. A public venue for health And recreation would be nice.
11. Please remember that Remember Busing students was part of the downfall of the LRSD.
12. I still think it is important for parents to have options for K-5 schools. Perhaps Romine should remain a K-5 school if the area is gaining in school aged population. The McClellan building is so old that perhaps it should just be sold or razed and JA Fair could serve the needs of a larger 6-8 building or open enrollment middle school.
13. I have no other ideas.
14. After school and summer programs and alternative programs to in school and out of school suspensions, like the one currently operated by St. Mark Baptist
15. We need more pre K
16. I do not. Love the repurpose ideas for Henderson, but what areas would need to bus/drive their kids way out to Fair??



17. While I do not support selling district-owned land to developers, I think all of the other suggested ideas range from good to great.
18. Renovate and re-establish. Rename Dodd. Concentrate renovations on older schools in areas of the central city that are closer to the poverty level. These neighborhoods need these local neighborhood schools.
19. Birth to PreK-Center, a part of the LR SCHOOL district? You've got to be kidding. It would be better to provide honest conversation about the link between poverty/disenfranchisement/low success in life and having babies out of wedlock, especially for low-income, unskilled, uneducated women; the disgraceful behavior of "baby daddies" and the realization that the subsequent instability of black families is the result of personal choices and not "white privilege," capitalism or a racist society.
20. Please do not sell off land that the district might need in the future or put commercial facilities close to schools (I have lived here 50 years and watched the city give developers pretty much whatever they want re zoning) Question the need to use \$50M of our scarce resources for school/ community recreation and then ongoing administration/maintenance--actually the city of Little Rock should be doing a better job of providing this for the community. I do appreciate your consideration of such a variety of uses.
21. A centralized sports complex only makes sense if you then do not build gyms at every site. I could agree with this as a cost saving measure but \$50 million is pretty steep and I suspect the district would still have to maintain current buildings/gyms/tracks/soccer...it is expensive. Who would fund the Crisis center? I am all for this type of facility but not under the Educational system's budget. County and city officials with donors and grants need to build, staff and maintain these type services. Your job is education
22. Henderson would be great spot to serve five Schools it's right by the highway and will be better to have for an administration building
23. I would love to see district tennis courts for kids who play. Maybe we don't need 15 basketball courts.
24. Do not sell the land. We need to keep the land for temporary gardens and parks if possible. Then when the new buildings and changes are made and settled, we can look at building more schools like PreK facilities in those empty lots.
25. I like Henderson as the sports complex. It's not in a densely populated residential area so repurposing is ok. Romine is in a densely populated residential area and I believe any school in residential area should be salvaged as a school. Schools are the back bone of a community. Facilities along interstates and aren't in convenient walking distance for residents should be considered for repurpose
26. As long as the focus is benefiting for all students, any improvement is welcome and needed.
27. Turn Henderson into a sports complex strictly for 6-8 grades. We don't have enough basketball courts or baseball fields for kids in these grades. If it's used by the public it will get in bad shape quickly. The gyms can be rented to associations that run tournaments and can partner with the local boys and girls club for inner city youth after school programs
28. My comments are the same as above on the schools in SWLR. I love the 0-5 concept!!
29. I don't have experience in education and repurposing. I am not the right person to ask.
30. Consolidate admin, sale land, and slight sport upgrade
31. I love the idea of creating a sports complex at Henderson.
32. If Henderson is re-purposed as a sports complex for use by all schools, this should allow LRSD to significantly reduce future expenditures on sports facilities at the remaining schools.
33. I do not agree with any of the options above, because it appears that it will comfortable and



efficient for some while others suffer in the current buildings, and I do mean suffer!

34. At this point in general LRSD should NOT give up land at any location. Green space and/or wooded space help the community and gives LRSD options for the future. I would make an exception for selling all or part of Romine if it were to be used for a growing neighborhood of homes.
35. See answer to item #3
36. Please do NOT sell any LRSD facilities to Charter Schools
37. The ideas proposed are amazing!
38. As long as all the buildings are used and students kept as close to home as possible, I will support the changes.
39. Fair should become Parkview High School
40. Small business incubator.
41. Sports facility would be much needed. Could even use a few rooms to rent to the public for private use hourly.
42. The library near Romine has a well-used feeding program for kids after school and on weekends. Utilizing it as a feeding place might be duplicating services already available or it might help more kids.
43. Henderson is in a relatively high-profile location between the city's mid-town and the beginnings of west LR. What the re-purpose, make it look NICE and FIRST CLASS so that our citizens and new community members moving in will see LRSD as first class.
44. Would it be in the budget to build a new state of the art middle School in the same area as Henderson? The busing issue is still an issue to me.
45. Every effort should be made to ensure lands are not sold to become charter schools.
46. I would like to see JA Fair accommodate all the elementary schools that are in need of repair. LRSD will bus students or be in a financial dilemma trying to repair dilapidated buildings.
47. Do not allow any of the facilities to be sold or repurposed for the use of charter or private schools.
48. Any facilities that are being shifted to new locations should be used to either consolidate admin locations or sold to help fund other initiatives.
49. Dodd should stay for the fact it has national history
50. The focus on wellness and health ... open up a gym/wellness facility for LRSD employees and their families.
51. Do we have a place for students with severe behavior challenges? Teachers need more support in handling students that are disruptive to their day.
52. Put Parkview in fair
53. Our city needs a sports complex and this area will be a well suited for one although relocating all of the LRSD administrative offices to one location is needed too, therefore, I fully support these two options. While I support a Crisis Center providing mental health services, food, soft-skills, and life skills training, I do not believe that Romine is the best location for it, I feel that Cloverdale would be better suited for this. I am not too fond of selling land unless it for a housing development that spurs an increase in homeownership with a vision of LRSD creating or supplementing a Community Development Corporation. I AM ALWAYS FOR BIRTH TO ADULT EDUCATION PERIOD, LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN FOR SURE!
54. Do not spend \$50M on anything sports related!!!!
55. I do not have any new ideas for reuse or repurposing of the facilities in my neighborhood but the lease favorable option for Henderson is a sports complex. Here again where is the neighborhood middle school for us? Why is Henderson losing students? I have more questions because I am not sure that you included neighborhood people in on these discussions before you drew up your



blueprint? Romine is our neighborhood school, the area is expanding so why would you move the school out of the neighborhood?

56. Strongly agree with plans set forth
57. Really love the ideas above that focus on educating our community (parents & young children) and health. In the 21st century the keys to a thriving community are education and health. As someone from the east coast, we are far behind in AR. Let's change!
58. I don't think Romine is critical in need of reuse or repurpose. I know Dodd. It is a great community school but too small. Maybe they could move-in with another school close to them? Dodd could be a Crisis Center. I agree with Henderson proposal and using as admin.
59. Fair campus should become Parkview. Parkview does not have a football field and the gym is too small for the amount of students. Also the Parkview campus is in need of updating. With some remodeling an upgrades, this location would be a great move for Parkview. It would also give Parkview students the use of two gyms, baseball and softball fields. I believe this would be a better service than another K-8 location.
60. Convert it into a West Little Rock High School. A second option is to have Pinnacle View's office building house a 9th grade Freshman High and J.A. Fair could host a 10-12 population they feed into.
61. The price tag for change is always a concern to citizens. I believe more discussion is needed in the form of community meetings and focus groups that are handled in a sensitive manner. Perhaps, pictures of positives as well as concerns should be made available to the public to examine and discuss. Patrons have emotional connections to their schools and areas and worry about things such as time involved in transporting their children elsewhere, personnel changes as well as recruitment, cost, property values and prevention of deterioration of areas that are impacted by change, etc.--just thoughts.
62. I believe that it is the responsibility of the LRSD not to close any of these schools nor to repurpose them without the explicit support of the communities with which they already serve and those with which they are located. It is not a reasonable suggestion to improve the state of the LRSD by only focusing on financial models that seek to shrink the district size, rather than to promote a vision for growth that is endorsed by and supported by the LRSD communities where these schools are currently located and by the people they currently serve and have served.
63. My main concern about closing Dodd is that it has a strong Pre-K program. I notice that you are closing neighborhood pre-K programs down and moving them into other buildings. What if parents cannot transport their children to Romine to attend pre-K because they have to take their other children to J.A. Fair, Otter Creek, etc. We don't require pre-K so I am concerned that pre-K enrollment will drop when it stops being convenient to get to. Also have you paid attention to the parking at There is a lot that was paid for by the district several years ago that is attached to Dodd. However it is not being used and the parking at Dodd is limited. Once you put up walls it will make the learning space smaller. I fear this will eventually stop being used as for PD or STEM and will then be sold. How can we keep this facility from becoming another building bought by charter schools?
64. If unused or underutilized by district, offer to approved open-enrollment public charter schools as required by law.
65. Move Parkview to JA Fair.
66. Again, who is paying for the above? If LRSD isn't paying for it, why are we deciding?
67. Use JA Fair as a high school. Rezone west Little Rock so PVMS students attend there. Continue with the renovations and upgrades.
68. Renovate these schools to keep community growth



69. Focus on reusing facilities to meet district needs for greater operational proficiency then focus on how we can extend that to the greater community.
70. A sports complex facility may be a good idea.
71. It would seem as though, that if JA Fair is decent condition, then why leave Parkview High school in such bad shape. Parkview High School could use two gyms and the baseball fields. Parkview is falling apart and it is not even mentioned in this planning process. Please don't leave Parkview Arts and Magnet behind.
72. I think Henderson is pretty centrally located, so it would make sense to use it for a sports complex or the district offices option.
73. Dodd facility has leaking from cracked slab and some wiring issues. It would need much more than walls and cosmetic changes. Might be cheaper and better long term to clear the land and create the type of new facility from scratch that is desired.
74. Sport complex, if available to community, should be open to families/adults and during evenings/weekends/summers AND affordable for lower-income families. Are there any thoughts about additional options for trade training (welding, electrical, a/c, etc.)?
75. I do not agree with the creation of public/private partnerships using district-owned properties. The district needs to maintain ownership of the properties it has. Allowing private involvement invites private interference. These are public facilities. Let the for-profit entities pay market prices for other properties.
76. All the plans for Henderson and the Elementary schools could be moved into Parkview's High School and they would have everything they need for a middle school both academically and Athletically. Parkview could move to JA Fair and have everything they need all on campus. This would help with school spirit and participation in ALL extracurricular activities. The fact that there isn't 1 mention of new baseball / softball fields in any of these plans is crazy. Baseball is GROWING in the Central Arkansas area and our student athletes are FAR behind. Parkview and Hall share Kanis Park that gets ZERO help from the district and/or the city. The coaches are responsible for doing everything to it with only a mower as a resource. We are losing top tier students / student athletes to schools with FACILITIES both academic and athletic. Look at Joe T Robinson, Benton, Bryant, Conway etc. growing rapidly because of their FACILITIES.
77. Sell Henderson site to expanding hospital and health facilities in the area. If population around Romine is increasing, keep it a neighborhood school. Centralize all district admin in a single building-and reduce the size of administrative staff
78. What are the feelings of the parents, teachers and neighborhoods?
79. Question: How would the crisis center be funded? What agency is that--state/city/county? How is that tied to the school? Affirm all opportunities to sell unused resources.
80. My idea would be to move Parkview Magnet High School to the JA Fair site. Move Henderson School as K-8 school to the old Parkview site.
81. Birth to pre K? What the hell is that, Soviet style babysitting that would be impossibly expensive and logistic nightmare!
82. Buildings of any kind should be put into use by anyone other than a Charter School.
83. There is nothing wrong with Henderson middle school nor Romine Elementary or David O Dodd Elementary Keep these School's up and Running with the minor repairs you can say what money but come on get outta here fix the work
84. It makes no sense to me to close Romine in the middle of a growing area. Neighborhood schools matter.
85. Using Henderson for district wide purposes makes sense because it is easily accessed from 630.
86. I feel that we should move Parkview to JA Fair in 2020.



87. I agree that if you don't truly need a building for school, then sell. Do not spend more money to repurpose for something that is not the reason you are losing students. Numbers show you lose the majority of students in LRSD once there is not a North West option for them.
88. Do not sell any of our land! That land is owned by all of us, who pay taxes. Please try to keep school buildings in the district. Once the land is sold it cannot be regained.
89. Again....we already have WCC and it is not even used to its potential.
90. Because Henderson Middle school is the main feeder school for Hall High School, what middle school will become the feeder for Hall as the new Southwest Middle and repurposed J.A. Fair Middle will now take those students?
91. Are there any thoughts of using space for Vo-Tech programs?
92. Parkview should be moved to JA Fair. Parkview has no on campus facilities except a gym. Fair has all sports facilities on campus and they could be renovated. Fair is in better shape than Parkview. It has a football field, track, baseball and softball facilities and two gyms. This is exactly what Parkview and all other high schools are lacking. Henderson and one other middle school or elementary school could be placed in the current Parkview building.
93. I like the options presented above.
94. The city needs the sports complex. Many of our teams travel to Ft. Smith, Memphis, and Tulsa for tournaments that could be hosted in Little Rock. Dodd is an old campus that may not have much value to the LRSD and could be sold. The area is growing with residential developments.
95. Leave Romine as a neighborhood elementary school and provide upgrades.

DESIGN SESSION RESPONSES

J.A. FAIR AREA INPUT FROM MCCLELLAN

1. [There were a few positive responses to the] K-8 combined with elementary student bodies from Dodd/Henderson/Romine(maybe) – pro
2. Plan the system of a social & culture orientation phase for all students involved in the changing & relocation of J.A. Fair/McClellan schools spring 2019 – Funded by LRSD.
3. Idea--could be good if bathrooms separated for younger and older (like FHSA)- thought
4. Moving staff too helps continuity for students.
5. [Repurposing] Henderson to state of the art sports complex in a central area could be a great idea - pro
6. Dodd building has a cracked slab and wiring issues that (with other issues) would need to be addressed to repurpose – con

J.A. FAIR AREA INPUT FROM J.A. FAIR

1. [Love] idea of state of the art media center - pro
2. Favorite Future options
 - Henderson [to become] sports complex
 - Romine [to become] birth [through] pre-K
 - Dodd [to become] use land and build new
3. JA Fair has two gyms – pro
4. [Love] idea of district science fairs in more central location - pro
5. K-8s decreases the number of transitions the students have to go through – pro
6. Creating an Afrocentric emphasis school – idea
7. K-8 decreases the number of transitions the student has to go through.



8. How will they divide middle and elementary?
9. In 2022, where(s) the 1420 kids come from?
10. How many different sport teams will they have?
11. J.A. Fair has two gyms
12. Surrounding schools
13. Different activities for different grade levels
14. Parent center includes info for each grade level/community activities
15. Continue doing what they're doing
16. Compete on all levels
17. Have quality teachers/stuff come from each school that the school district is closing
18. Allow community members to use the space when school is out.
19. Bring diversity from teachers to staff; Have no attendance boundaries varies teaching styles and learning styles. Have different electives that interesting for students
20. Change the image of the schools – people think the schools are bad. Take pictures post on social media parents come and tour schools – like open house
21. K-8 good idea because parents are able to take their children to the same campus if they have more than one child. Make it more convenient for the parents instead having to go to more than one campus.
22. The ideas below are starters:
 - Keep # 2 and 4
 - Need a pool will bring in students into the district. Swimming would be a big pull and draw for the school district.
 - Have trade skill at all schools
23. Curriculum but need something long-term, with less Euro-centric curriculum to advance goal of self-realization
24. Concerns: staff morale of Romine and Dodd for 2 years
25. Losing pre-K in neighborhood- CON
26. How long will the kindergarteners be on the bus to get to fair? – con
27. How many different sport teams will they have? – con
28. Make Fair with 5-8 – con
29. Will K-8 all be on the same bus? – con
30. Concern: what would happen to duplicate specialists in combination plan? Ex: Dodd, Romine, Henderson
31. Music, PE, Art, Library, etc.
32. How will the lunches be? How many will they have? – con
33. How will they divide elementary and middle at J.A. Fair? – con
34. 1 Question: Student and staff for new JA Fair will come from Romine, Dodd, and Henderson and JA Fair.
35. Use Dodd space for adult community English language lessons?
36. Ensure teachers from closed/consolidated schools have jobs still
37. Continue EAST program in JA Fair building w/ combine K-8
38. Use renovated Dodd location for PD and rent out to public meetings
39. Make Henderson Jr. High/Pre-School
40. Create some sort of restorative alternative to suspension that separates “disruptive” students. Tendaji has a role, s does social/emotional curriculum, but need something long-term with less Euro-centric curriculum to advance goal of self-realization

J.A. FAIR AREA INPUT FROM PINNACLE VIEW



1. Romine could be Birth to PreK-4 or Dodd could be Birth to PreK-4
2. Move Lawson to Fair instead of Romine.

J.A. FAIR AREA INPUT FROM BALE

Plus

1. J. A .Fair remodel with Dodd kids going in
2. Large library and lab space is a good idea.
3. Need pre-K in this area

Concerns

1. Question: how do we ensure diversity if J.A. Fair becomes a K-8 school?
2. Question: what will happen to the students coming from Dodd, Romine and Henderson?
3. Henderson 15 basketball courts seems like a lot: why so many?
4. Insure specialists are placed within the district after the combination occurs [between Fair and McClellan at the new Southwest].

J.A. FAIR AREA INPUT FROM DUNBAR

1. Earlier Career Development Planning & Mentorship
2. Art/Music partner with city for after school programs appealing to students
3. Easy access to mental health
4. Parents have a real voice at the table
5. Mental health behavior/conflict resolution
6. Parent involvement
7. ROTC student clubs, resources example;
 - a. 100 Black Men
 - b. OK Program
 - c. GEMS, etc.
8. Look a the Parkview/ NLR model
9. Relationships & Partnerships with Business nonprofits, College/trade schools, primary
10. Cultural integration of students from Fair/McClellan/Hall – Con
11. Smaller Classes
 - a. kill the competition
12. Removing neighborhood schools leaves whole in the [community]
13. No DIVERSITY BLK AND BRW kids
 - a. Kicked out of Hall
14. Where is the Diversity in the new High School? – question
15. Consolidation impact of loss of community schools to the neighborhoods
 - a. Property value
 - b. Crime
16. Why are all of the Elementary schools in southwest proposed to close? A large elementary school creates large classrooms that aren't beneficial to learning!!
17. Student: Teacher ratio
18. Re-segregation of LRSD schools
19. Busing
 - a. Commute time
 - b. Age discrepancy of students



- c. Peer influences
- 20. Preparation of Fair/McClellan staff for a larger ELL population
- 21. Other McClellan
- 22. Open space causes more triggers for our autistic students JA Fair facility would be better to keep kids safe and help prevent triggering/running