

Mercer Island School 6 and Facilities Options



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Current Facilities are Inadequate

Mercer Island Schools are overcrowded

2012 School Populations

High School

178 over capacity

Middle
School

184 over capacity

Elem

Elem

Elem

361 over capacity



Capacity & Enrollment

	Capacity	Current Enrollment	Projected 2023 Enrollment
Island Park Elem.	450	546 (96)	625 (175)
Lakeridge Elem.	475	602 (127)	625 (150)
West Mercer Elem.	525	663 (138)	625 (100)
Islander Middle	840	1,024 (184)	1,049 (209)
Mercer Island HS	1,200	1,378 (178)	1,645 (445)
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,490	4,213 (723)	4,569 (1079)



Why can't we fit more students in existing schools?

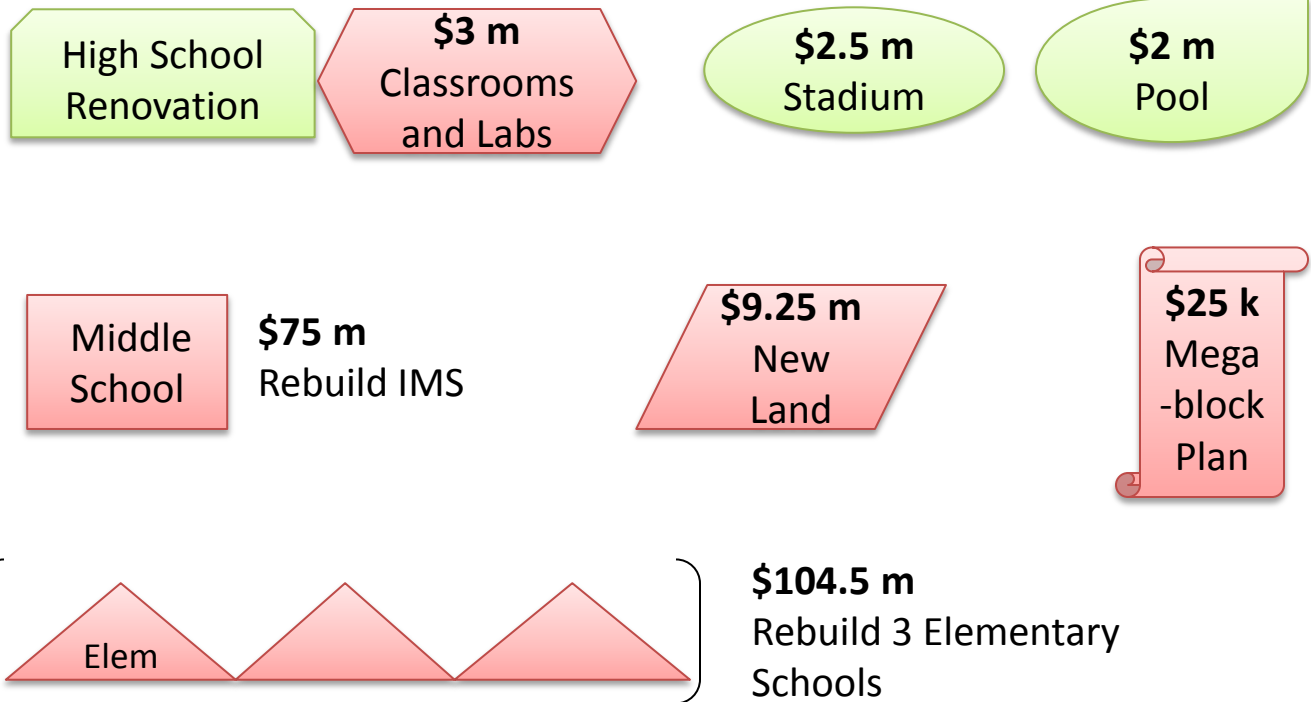
- Programmatically—school space needed per student is greater than in the past
- Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
- The existing schools were not designed or built for the current and projected population of students



2012 Bond Initiative: \$196 m

Did not pass. Would have provided capacity for the foreseeable future and modernized facilities.

- Build/Rebuild
- Renovate/repurpose
- Existing Facility
- Possible new facility



Process Steps for School Capacity Concerns

Phase 1: School Board Reflection (April-May 2012)

The Board:

- Considered 2012 bond results
- Conducted listening sessions
- Reached out to YES and NO campaigns to frame questions for survey
- 2012 Bond goals=stabilize tax rates over 25 yrs, create 21st-century classrooms, preserve North Campus; **New Goal=short-term capacity**

Phase 2: Community Survey (May-June 2012)

- Conducted survey of community to determine:
 - Opinions about Mercer Island Schools
 - Level of understanding of school overcrowding
 - Reasons for bond failure
 - Community desires for how to move forward

Phase 3: Development of Options (July-September 2012)

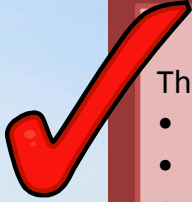
- Examined private property and park land options, opted for North Campus site

Phase 4: Concentrated Public Outreach (October-December 2012)

- Hired Triangle to inform public about capacity concerns, key issues and options, and to obtain public input about options and process; hired Transpo to study transportation impacts
- Multiple approaches – social media, press, newsletter, small meetings, large meetings

Phase 5: Board Decision and Implementation (December 2012-April 2013)

- School Board hopes to make a unanimous decision based on public input
- Possible bond in 2013



Key Information

- School capacity is a significant concern
- Issues and choices are complex
- Each Option under consideration now includes building a “School 6” on the North Mercer Campus
- Tradeoffs exist for each Option



Ripple Effects of Options

Each Option requires additional work to fully resolve the capacity needs—a new school alone will not solve the need for more space at other schools



Current Effort

The School Board is seeking public input on 3 options for a sixth school on land the district currently owns:
the North Mercer Campus.



Important Public Role

- Become informed about the issues facing Mercer Island Schools
- Provide your input!
- Talk to your neighbors and local groups, and encourage them to give input
- Timeframe: **Now - NOV. 25th**



How can you provide feedback?

- **Community town hall meetings**
 - ❖ November 15, 7-9 pm, Crest Learning Center
 - ❖ *PAST (2 on November 7)*
- **Informal “Coffee Klatch” sessions**
 - ❖ November 27, 9:30-11:30 am, MISD Board Room
 - ❖ *PAST (November 9 and 12)*
- **For *everything* associated with this issue:**
www.engagemercerislandschools.com
- **Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/engagemercerislandschools



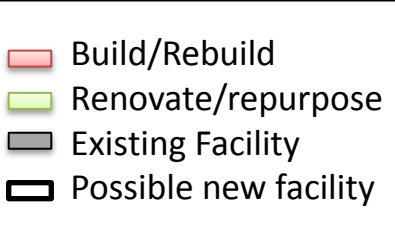
The 3 Options

The upcoming slides will introduce each of the 3 Options.

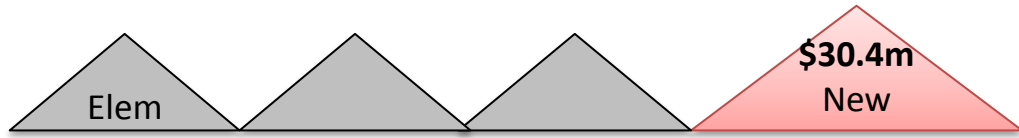
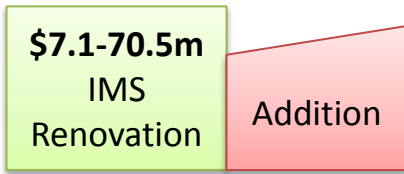
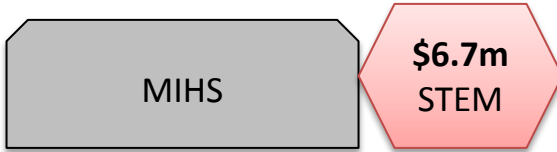


Option 1

School Six (6) is a new K-5 Elementary School



- Build/Rebuild
- Renovate/repurpose
- Existing Facility
- Possible new facility



Core Needs

1. New Elementary School for 500 K-5 students on Mega Block
2. Middle School Options:
 - A. Build 14 new classrooms (\$7.1M)
 - B. Build 14 new classrooms; enlarge commons for 400; new gym for 1200, new admin/entry area; expand Student Center (\$33.2M)
 - C. Rebuild IMS for 1,200 (\$70.5M)
3. New STEM addition to HS: 4 science labs and 8-10 classrooms



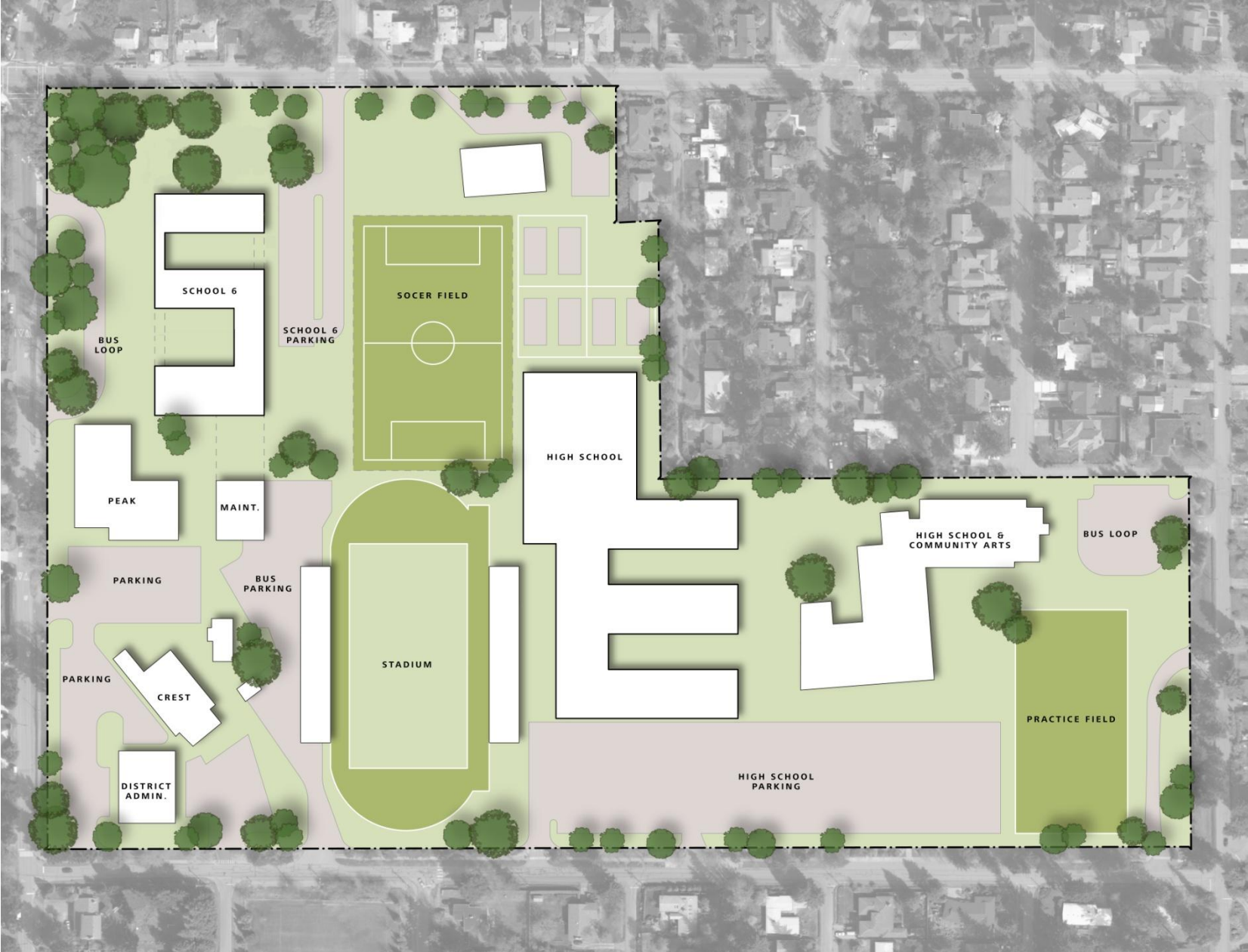
New Elementary

Short Term Solution



New Elementary

Long Range Master Plan



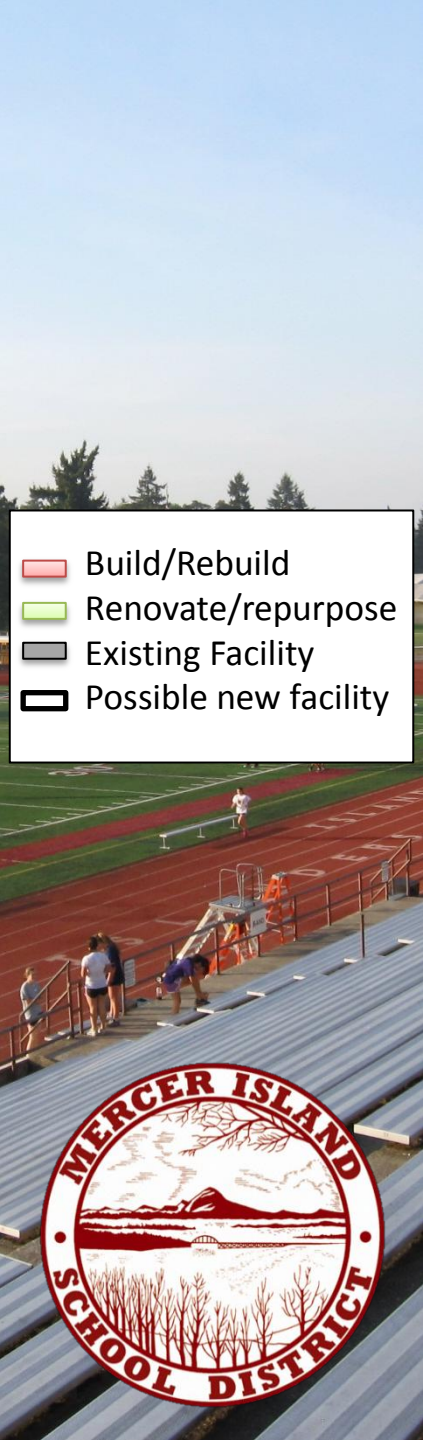
Considerations for Elementary School as shown in Option 1

- Limits ability to build future new HS on North Mercer Campus
- Middle School would still have 1200+ students
- \$7.2M option for IMS would not solve core facility issues at IMS (lunchroom, library, gym, etc.)
- All buses remain on North Mercer Campus
- Compared with other options, places the fewest overall students on the North Mercer Campus
- Does not include operations/maintenance costs for other schools

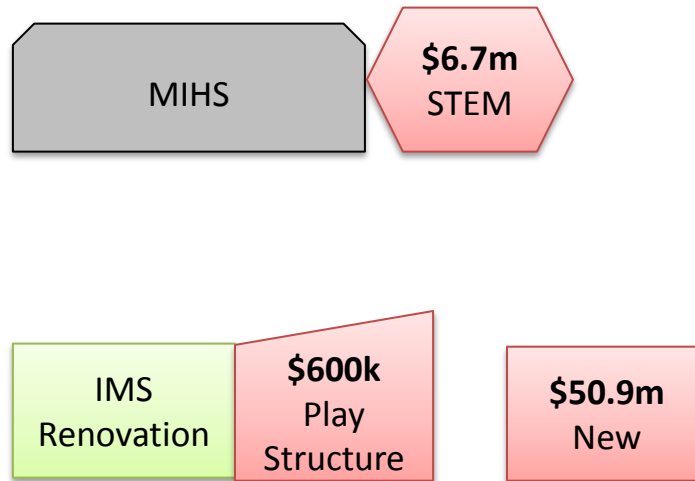


Option 2

School Six is a new 5-8 Middle School

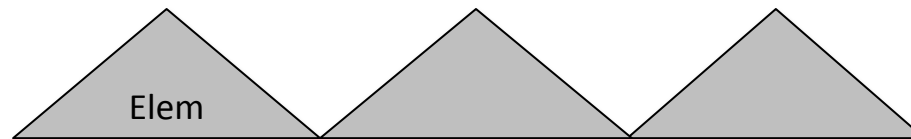


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Core Needs

1. New Middle School (grades 5-8) for 775 students
2. New STEM addition to HS: 4 science labs and 8-10 classrooms
3. Playground facilities for grades 5-8



New Middle School

Short Term Solution



New Middle School Long Range Master Plan



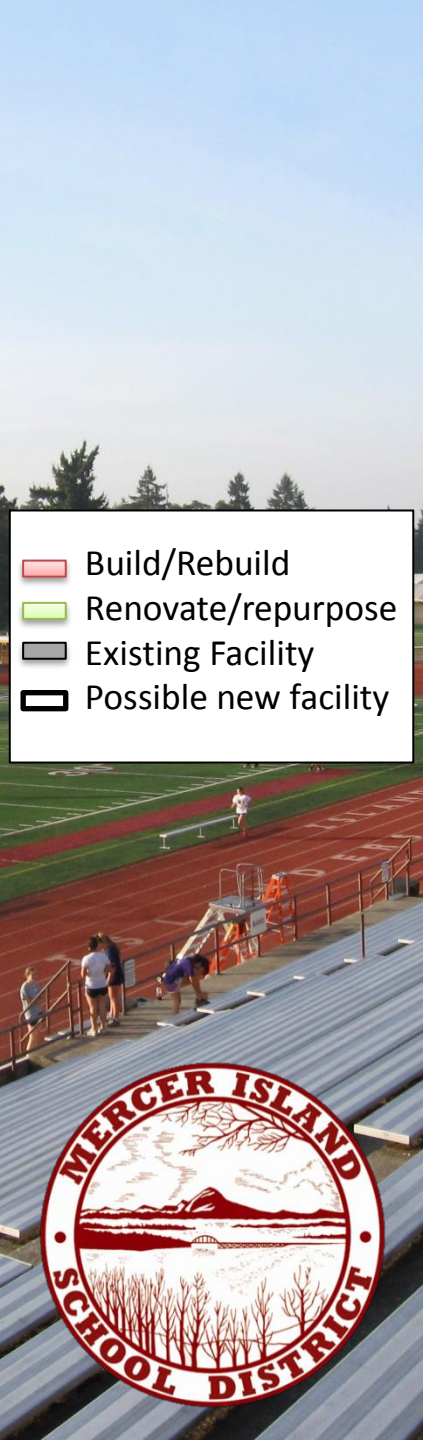
Considerations for Middle School as Shown in Option 2

- Change from Grades 6-8 to 5-8
 - ❖ Eases Elementary capacity concerns
 - Elementary → K-4
 - Middle → 5-8
 - ❖ Other Districts have used this model
 - ❖ 4 years provides stability for students
 - ❖ 2 story configuration (5-6 on one level, 7-8 on another)
 - ❖ 5th graders have access to science, music, art facilities
- Two Middle Schools
 - ❖ Still 3 Elementaries and 1 High School
- Does not include operations/maintenance costs for other schools



Option 3

School Six is a new 9-12 High School



- Build/Rebuild
- Renovate/repurpose
- Existing Facility
- Possible new facility

\$111.6m
New High School

\$3.1m
Conversion HS → MS



Conversion
IMS → Elem

Core Needs

1. New High School for 1,700 students
2. Convert MIHS into a Middle School for 1,200 students
3. Convert IMS into an Elementary for 475 students



New High School

Short Term Solution



New High School

Long Range Master Plan



New Middle School Alternative Short Term Solution



Considerations for High School as shown in Option 3

- Existing facilities can be used for full extent of lives at capacity without renovation/significant investment
- Simplifies future rebuild of elementaries/IMS and improves safety
- All buses off North Mercer campus
- Highest # total students on North Mercer Campus
- H.S. could include new pool for similar cost to Mary Wayte Pool rebuild
- 8th graders have increased access to H.S. facilities
- 2 elementaries in south end
- Does not include operations/maintenance costs for other schools



Additional Improvements

District also faces needs for modernizing/maintaining facilities (*see handout*):

- Mary Wayte Pool: \$2.5m, \$6.2m, or \$7.9m
- Stadium Improvements (minor): \$2.5m
- Stadium Improvements (major): \$5.9m



Questions & Dialogue



Our Questions for You:

- Do you feel you understand each option, its ripple effects, its component parts, and the facility improvements?
- What input do you have on the 3 Options?
 - ❖ **1a)** New K-5 Elem. + \$7.1 M renovation IMS
 - ❖ **1b)** New K-5 Elem. + \$33.2 M partial rebuild IMS
 - ❖ **1c)** New K-5 Elem. + \$70.5 M rebuild IMS
 - ❖ **2)** New 5-8 Middle School
 - ❖ **3)** New 9-12 High School
- What input do you have on other improvements?
 - ❖ Mary Wayte Pool
 - ❖ Stadium

