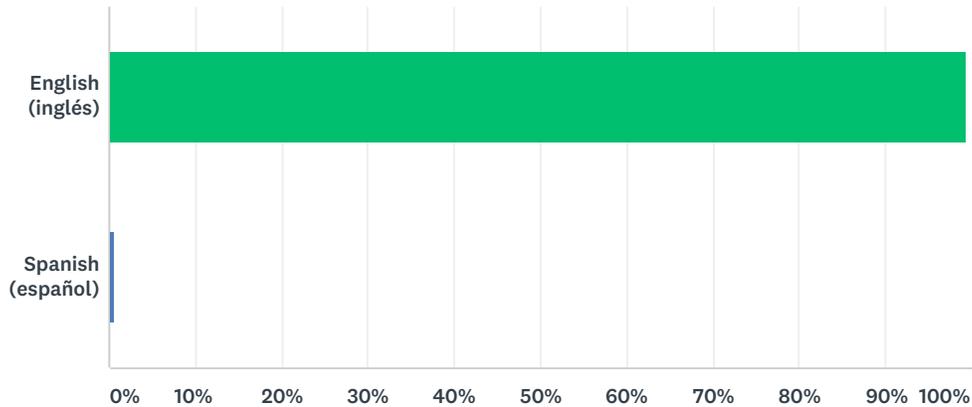


## Q1 Survey Language Preference (Preferencia del idioma de la encuesta)

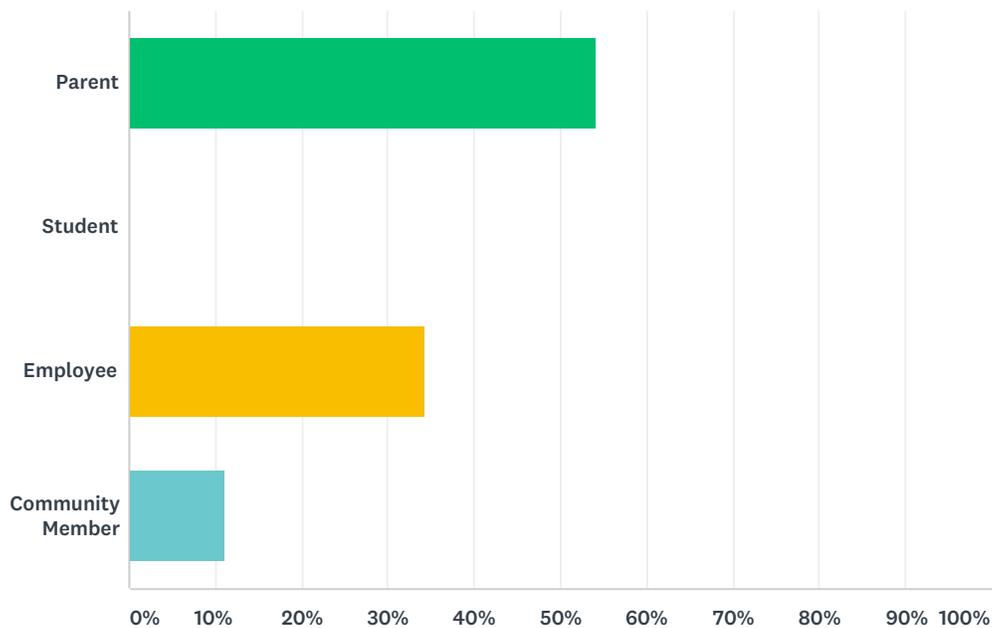
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
English (inglés)	99.44% 352
Spanish (español)	0.56% 2
TOTAL	354

## Q2 What best describes your relationship with the Walla Walla Public Schools

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Parent	54.26% 191

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Student	0.28%	1
Employee	34.38%	121
Community Member	11.08%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>352</b>

### Q3 What advice or opinions would you have to offer related to the possible development of an Early Learning Center in Walla Walla?

Answered: 262    Skipped: 92

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please make sure, if public dollars are used, it saves everyone. Period.	4/30/2019 1:54 PM
2	I think it's a great focus--I would like to make sure these opportunities create the most racially and social class integrated classrooms and learning environments possible. The way low-income students have been concentrated at Blue Ridge is shameful and a mark against our community.	4/29/2019 12:56 PM
3	This sounds like something that is needed in our community, provided that it is well-researched and planned.	4/29/2019 10:07 AM
4	I support a model similar to Pendleton.	4/29/2019 8:57 AM
5	It would be a good thing make it easier for parents with children with special needs especially to navigate and access early intervention	4/28/2019 11:47 PM
6	I am very much in support of an Early Learning Center in WW. Our entire community benefits from enriching the lives of our youngest members.	4/28/2019 8:46 PM
7	This is long overdue. I am very much in support. Make sure you hire an administrator and teachers who are Early Learning specialists, and well regarded in their field. Check references beyond what applicants provide. If they are reputed in the community, they will be known to the leaders at YWCA, WWCC, and Children's Home Society. I am very much hoping that the curriculum will be integrated and pre-K level appropriate, preparing young ones for school through a model of hands-on play.	4/28/2019 7:16 PM
8	Is early learning for low income only or for all 3 and 4 year olds?	4/27/2019 4:37 PM
9	Good pickup/drop off and more understanding and compassion when children are sick and can't be at school.	4/27/2019 4:12 PM
10	I support expanded access to early education programs.	4/27/2019 10:56 AM
11	None at this time	4/27/2019 7:31 AM
12	I think it would really need to focus on Kindergarten readiness; more structure, more education. There needs to be a well balanced day between structured learning and free play. Free play is great of social learning but structured lessons teaches them how to focus on an activity, sit still during a teaching lesson and how to answer critical thinking questions. Kindergarten seems to be more challenging then ever and we need to prep our kids appropriately.	4/27/2019 12:54 AM
13	As a retired employee of WWPS\ Head Start \ECEAP Program (30 yrs) I can say with confidence that this is a much needed endeavor and has been discussed for many years. I see this as front loading the ever changing needs of k - 12 education system. Children who attend quality early learning programs will be better equipped.	4/26/2019 5:41 PM
14	I believe it is needed.	4/26/2019 5:19 PM

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15	Walla Walla could really use something like this. We have significantly limited options for children before kindergarten and many of them are quite expensive. I hope that a center like this considers both low-income families and also middle-income families who are stuck in the gap of not being able to afford, or easily afford, pre-school child care but who also don't generally qualify for low-income benefits. In most states, including ours, preschool costs more than college tuition and many families have more than one child in at a time. This can be cost-prohibitive for even middle-income families and often keep a parent out of the workforce which impacts the local economy.	4/26/2019 1:13 PM
16	It's sad that we've entered this place in our society where the care of children birth-3 is the role of the public schools. No one loves a child more than the parent. I believe the model should be like the cooperative preschool at the community college where the parents are taught alongside their children how to play, talk, read, count... interact with them. Young parents (all parents) need mentors that will help with some of the basics such as setting up a sleep schedule, feeding, potty training, etc. An Early Learning Center in Walla Walla should be centrally located and should be a facility that is all on one level.	4/26/2019 12:51 PM
17	Should be in a central location and offer all of the above mentioned services, including a health center that provides medical, dental, and most importantly, mental health services.	4/26/2019 12:46 PM
18	I think it is a great idea, but not at the expense of consolidating schools and making classroom sizes larger than they already are.	4/26/2019 12:45 PM
19	It seems appropriate to keep it where preschool is currently located.	4/26/2019 11:53 AM
20	I think an Early Learning Center is a wonderful idea! It would be very helpful for families to be able to take care of WIC appointments, and other services when coming to their child's school. I would love to see that become a reality in Walla Walla. I think it would be important to make sure there is a city bus stop at or very near the Center. Down the road, it would be fabulous if a new building could be built specifically with early childhood in mind.	4/26/2019 11:49 AM
21	Go for it. It seems to be needed	4/26/2019 9:27 AM
22	I was a preschool and daycare director for 14 years. I believe that children who receive many enriching experiences early in their life will be life long learners. I support the forming of a centralized early childhood program.	4/26/2019 9:10 AM
23	Ok	4/25/2019 6:43 PM
24	could be beneficial to all except for preschool who have established a program already.	4/25/2019 12:51 PM
25	I would support the development of an Early Learning Center in W2 wholeheartedly and would volunteer and advocate to help make this happen.	4/25/2019 11:10 AM
26	It is much needed and I would welcome such a center.	4/25/2019 11:09 AM
27	Would it be possible to incorporate some of these things that are already happening in the community? (such as the Community College's parent coop, Tot Spot, etc)	4/25/2019 10:43 AM
28	I agree with having a HUB where families can get all of their services in one place. It does need to be accessible to middle and lower income families. Often times these programs are only offered to our low income families when often times our working poor don't have accessible services.	4/25/2019 9:14 AM
29	How would this effect early learning centers already in place in the Walla Walla area? Will there be a need for private pay/state care for preschoolers apart from the proposed early learning center? Will this center be able to meet the needs of all children and families at all income levels?	4/25/2019 8:46 AM
30	I think it is absolutely needed and the community would benefit greatly.	4/25/2019 8:04 AM
31	It sounds like a good option for this community. I just wonder if there are already those resources available (such as the WWCC program) that might overlap	4/25/2019 7:49 AM
32	There is definitely a need for more early learning services to ensure all children are ready for kindergarten and that all parents have an option for affordable child care. A building seems to have many advantages. Collaborating with services might help too as a complimentary or parallel strategy.	4/24/2019 8:56 PM
33	I believe this is a fabulous idea, and an investment with long term benefits. The potential is endless, for serving - and supporting families with young children.	4/24/2019 6:58 PM
34	I agree that a central location is needed to centralize parents and staff. Staff can collaborate with ease, admin can direct and facilitate events, and parents can have a common place to volunteer, gather and even receive training when necessary.	4/24/2019 5:13 PM

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35	Partner with existing service agencies (Children's Home Society, BMAC, etc.) who already are in the Early Learning arena.	4/24/2019 4:22 PM
36	Great idea	4/24/2019 3:41 PM
37	My kids are to old for an early learning center but what I will say is we recently purchased a house in a certain area to be in the Prospect Point district for the school. We paid more money to be in that district as did other families and for the city to take that school away would be a crime.	4/24/2019 2:53 PM
38	That it is centrally located so that all students have access to the Learning Center.	4/24/2019 2:52 PM
39	It should be centrally located for the whole community. Busing for parents who cannot transport is important. Parenting classes for child development is important. Aligned to the common core so the students exiting early learning into the kinder classroom are ready to function in a group setting with basic knowledge of numbers and alphabet.	4/24/2019 2:52 PM
40	I would like the school district to consider adding a transitional kindergarten classroom as well to the early learning center.	4/24/2019 2:35 PM
41	As a community member and a staff member, we are long over due having an Early learning Center. With the implimentation of the Common Core Standards and the rigor of the state assessment, these children need to enter school fully prepared to meet the needs of the curriculum.	4/24/2019 1:49 PM
42	I think that it is a much needed support in the community. I am concerned that it will only benefit low income families. I think we need to consider this Hub idea on a bigger scale because child care is a concern and need across all economic levels.	4/24/2019 11:52 AM
43	It is time to do this!	4/24/2019 10:43 AM
44	access to QUALITY special services - speech/language, PT, OT and education should be factored into the plan	4/24/2019 9:43 AM
45	I think having a "one stop shop" for these services would be amazing for families with young children. Having this also be a place where families are able to learn about all the services that may be available to them in the valley would be a huge benefit to families. Currently families have to bounce around from one place to the next to get answers and find services, having a central place with all of this information available would help in assisting families with accessing additional services in addition to early learning.	4/24/2019 9:37 AM
46	I think it is very needed in Walla Walla. Especially if it is an affordable option. For those that do not qualify for ECEAP preschool can be very costly and unaffordable for the middle class.	4/24/2019 8:53 AM
47	Be thorough in your research and do what is best for children, not just economically prudent	4/24/2019 8:10 AM
48	I think that it would be helpful for relevant services to be housed or at least nearby an early learning center. That being said, I think it would be incredibly important to make sure that there is work being done to tie in any organizations or programs that might not be a part of a learning center (i.e. private pay preschools). I think it is important that the early learning community within Walla Walla work closely together and communicate regularly.	4/24/2019 7:32 AM
49	My personal opinion is that 3yrs old is to early for kids to be in school, but if we are going to go forward and with declining enrollment in the Walla Walla area lets give them their own site and condensate the remainder elementary schools	4/24/2019 6:15 AM
50	None	4/23/2019 10:04 PM
51	A central location is wise. Using BR as the site makes sense. I am in favor.	4/23/2019 9:34 PM
52	It sounds like a very beneficial idea. Focusing on the youngest students often pays off down the road.	4/23/2019 9:26 PM
53	Being able to house all aspects of what parents need for their young children would be ideal!	4/23/2019 9:20 PM
54	Yes! We need this!	4/23/2019 9:00 PM
55	Great idea! It would be awesome if you could consider making preschool affordable for those over the income guidelines.	4/23/2019 7:19 PM

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56	This is an important need for the district, how could it grab support from College Place school district to serve as many students as possible (and perhaps grab dual students down the road)? I think Blue Ridge is a great building choice for this (although it pains me as a Blue Ridge Elementary educator to say it. It has a central location in the valley, classrooms already set up for preschool (bathrooms in room).	4/23/2019 6:53 PM
57	Great idea! What opportunities are there for collaboration with Dixie, Waitsburg, Dayton, Touchet, College Place?	4/23/2019 4:35 PM
58	I paid for private preschool, would have loved to have had an option for all children to attend regardless of ability to pay.	4/23/2019 4:32 PM
59	Definitely needed! A HUGE plus for the community!!	4/23/2019 3:50 PM
60	Sounds good. Please explore graduate pay scale opportunities so that low, medium, and high income kids can go to preschool together.	4/23/2019 3:47 PM
61	Study the trends carefully, verify the need and plan for the future.	4/23/2019 3:47 PM
62	Understand the differences in policy and law between Oregon and Washington before diving in	4/23/2019 3:38 PM
63	I would be in favor of an Early Learning Center in Walla Walla.	4/23/2019 3:36 PM
64	Create a space that is welcoming to ALL families, not just targeting those who qualify for state or federally funded programs. Partner with existing providers - including child care and Child Care Aware - to understand current capacity. Really listen to what parents need, this may include a centralized location or neighborhood hubs of service located within elementary schools. Consider home visiting and other family engagement models for connecting with families before kindergarten.	4/23/2019 12:56 PM
65	Have a Play Gym that is open to everyone, especially during the winter with spaces for infants and toddlers, and 3-5 year olds.	4/23/2019 10:24 AM
66	Will there be quality teachers at this Early Learning Center? Expanded services if unqualified doesn't mean better. Is the district washing its hands from the ESD takeover?	4/23/2019 10:15 AM
67	I think it's an important acknowledgement of an area in our community that is lacking and needs intentionality in its development.	4/23/2019 9:37 AM
68	I think that a full time Early Learning Center is a great idea.	4/23/2019 8:39 AM
69	I think this is a great idea especially providing this service to low-income families who are not able to expose their children due to limited funds. Developing an Early Learning Center in Walla Walla would be one way the district ensures equity for all students.	4/22/2019 6:33 PM
70	Prospect Point, with it's individual buildings throughout the campus, small cafeteria and small gym, make it a natural fit for the Early Learning Center.	4/22/2019 4:09 PM
71	How will this program help those students who don't qualify for the services?	4/22/2019 4:06 PM
72	I think an Early Learning Center sounds like a great idea. I think for the best success for young students, preschool classrooms should have small class sizes (under 15) and adequate support for students with special needs.	4/22/2019 3:39 PM
73	I think it would be great to add a health clinic if possible. When I taught in the Head Start program there was no where for sick children to go while they were waiting to be picked up so they had to back to the classroom. Not a great solution.	4/22/2019 3:20 PM
74	Remain aligned with the rest of the district. Use "backwards planning" techniques to get kids and families where they need to be. Continually connect families with their attendance area schools to ease transition and strengthen relationships.	4/22/2019 3:10 PM
75	Definitely in favor	4/22/2019 2:57 PM
76	Great idea	4/22/2019 2:47 PM
77	I think early childhood education is not focused on enough nationally. Students who do have access to pre-K programs generally come from more affluent families, while most other children do not get the preparation they need, socially and academically, for kindergarten and beyond.	4/22/2019 2:19 PM
78	Should be offered to all, not just financially based	4/22/2019 1:33 PM

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79	I strongly agree that the Walla Walla community is in need of expanded early learning services. I would like to see preschool have its own location. I would also like to see the district collaborate with other preschool providers in order to build a strong, consistent foundation for as many students entering the WWPS system.	4/22/2019 1:19 PM
80	YES, sounds great!	4/22/2019 12:53 PM
81	Low cost, effective, nurturing	4/22/2019 12:25 PM
82	I think it would be a great idea. Early intervention is the key and we need to support this idea.	4/22/2019 12:24 PM
83	What demographics are you targeting?	4/22/2019 12:13 PM
84	If you are going to offer this, it needs to be offered to everyone who has a 3 to 4 year old no matter the income level.	4/22/2019 11:45 AM
85	This sounds like a good idea - hopefully for connecting families and providing a "safe place" to get information. I have been involved with facilitating Ready for K classes in the district and the hardest thing is getting families to show up. If there is a "center" that families know about, frequent, rely on, are comfortable at/with, it might help bolster attendance and "buy in" for classes of all sorts.	4/22/2019 11:34 AM
86	Is the Learning Center primarily for the sake of gathering income for the district? Does the district need to advocate for school employees in more effective ways?	4/22/2019 11:21 AM
87	Absolutely needed and a worthwhile endeavor.	4/22/2019 11:15 AM
88	Be able to accomodate as many families as possible and provide transportation for students and parents.	4/22/2019 10:52 AM
89	I believe that an all inclusive Early Learning Center would be a key step in closing the achievement gap. Our current reality is one in which students are entering school with academic deficits among other challenges that can inhibit learning. With the increase in expectations and academic demands, we have many students starting school with a disadvantage as early as kindergarten. An Early Learning Center akin to a Pre-K program would help to prepare students for kindergarten; thus laying the foundation for life long learning.	4/22/2019 10:48 AM
90	We should have one of the excess elementary schools devoted to early learning- use the space in a productive way.	4/22/2019 10:28 AM
91	Provide options for not only low income families but for families that are willing to pay for childcare and preschool, there is not enough private licensed childcare/preschools in Walla Walla.	4/22/2019 10:19 AM
92	I think the Valley is lacking in these services. Infant childcare is extremely difficult to find and even finding space in preschool can be a challenge.	4/22/2019 10:06 AM
93	Who is the target audience? What happens to the 26 (approximate) private childcares offering a pre-school curriculum?	4/22/2019 9:54 AM
94	I think an Early Learning Center in Walla Walla would be a fantastic resource for our community.	4/22/2019 9:50 AM
95	Dedicate the Blue Ridge building to this exclusively. It is already being used for early learning purposes, so it makes sense to keep it there.	4/22/2019 9:41 AM
96	This is an important need in our community for all kids to have this opportunity, regardless of family income and work schedules.	4/22/2019 9:30 AM
97	Early learning is essential but WWPS has some significant challenges to overcome in its current k-12 schools, including rapidly changing demographics, ELL continuing to lag behind at middle and HS level, etc. Be cautious of expanding the mission and just waiting for things to get better in later grades by providing opportunities to young kids without addressing problems for current students.	4/22/2019 9:24 AM
98	This is massively important for the future social and academic success of our young people in Walla Walla.	4/22/2019 8:55 AM
99	I support the development of an early learning center here. The need is clear.	4/22/2019 8:47 AM
100	Early learning supports later success in school, work, and life. The district should pursue partnerships with strong organizations like Children's Home Society and the Early Learning Coalition to provide wrap around services for families and future district K-5 students.	4/22/2019 8:46 AM
101	how is this funded?	4/22/2019 8:41 AM

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102	I would hope that the school district could offer Early Learning as early as possible for the WW population.	4/22/2019 8:40 AM
103	Lots of professional development	4/22/2019 8:38 AM
104	I think it's a great idea.	4/22/2019 8:36 AM
105	I'd love to see something done without eliminating an elementary school. There is a need for more pre-school options, but I'd like to see it on its own campus, not on an existing elementary campus.	4/22/2019 8:26 AM
106	Early learning center is a good idea	4/22/2019 8:21 AM
107	Every 3 months to check on IEP, instead of once a year to check on progress of child.	4/22/2019 8:20 AM
108	When my children were ready to start preschool, we were limited in our options due to the fact that we needed childcare after preschool. Both parents work full-time.	4/22/2019 8:19 AM
109	Let staff, parents, kids, and community know as soon as possible where they will be. Not knowing causes anxiety.	4/22/2019 8:17 AM
110	I think this is a great idea. The more services and options for activities that can be provided through community partnerships the better. The United Way study provides some very interesting information about what parents are hoping for.	4/22/2019 8:13 AM
111	The decision needs to be made BEFORE the new school year begins.	4/22/2019 8:03 AM
112	That is needed desperately for successful development of young children.	4/22/2019 7:45 AM
113	I support this idea	4/22/2019 7:32 AM
114	A community hub for early learning is needed in our community. I constantly hear parents of young children talking about limited pre-school/early-learning options.	4/22/2019 7:14 AM
115	I think you have to be careful that you aren't treading on the side of requiring children to enter school at 3 years old. It can be perceived as you trying to indoctrination of children	4/21/2019 9:54 PM
116	My opinion is that the development of an Early Learning Center in Walla Walla would greatly benefit our students and families.	4/21/2019 9:14 PM
117	My kids are beyond the preschool age, but one thing that we looked for in a preschool was one that was taught in Spanish, or at least bilingual. My kids entered preschool knowing some English, but I wanted them to further develop their native tongue, Spanish, before being fully immersed in English. They did fine, but that was one thing that we looked for and could not find a few years back.	4/21/2019 9:03 PM
118	An early learning center in Walla Walla would be a benefit to those qualified to use the services.	4/21/2019 7:24 PM
119	I think it is absolutely crucial.	4/21/2019 6:40 PM
120	I think it's a great idea and desperately needed.	4/21/2019 6:22 PM
121	It should be heavily phonics based. Everything else should be play based. Lots of exploration and play. With the fact that the school district does not have enough people to identify and treat dyslexia, I urge the school district to utilize peer reviewed, multi-sensory phonics based approaches in preschool in order to give all students the best reading boost possible.	4/21/2019 5:55 PM
122	I believe it is of the utmost importance that Walla Walla Public Schools provide an integrated educational experience for special education and typical students. As well as trained counseling support in early life.	4/21/2019 4:16 PM
123	Great idea!	4/21/2019 3:43 PM
124	I think the biggest thing that I can stress is that you have a large amount of families that aren't able to get their children into early learning programs because they are over income for eceap programs but can't afford \$1000+/-month for preschool a few days a week on top of paying daycare for times not in preschool. It would be amazing if an ELC could provide an affordable option for those of us caught in the middle.	4/21/2019 2:31 PM
125	Strong EC centers and preschool programs are key to kids success and well worth the investment	4/21/2019 1:39 PM

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126	Love the idea! It is key to make sure to get the voices of traditionally marginalized voices. We need to make a concerted effort to hear from the Spanish-Speaking community and the parents/caregivers of disabled children (developmentally disabled, physically disabled, children on the Autism spectrum --1 in 59 kids now according to the CDC--and children with mental health issues. And let's not forget the working poor and middle class working parents who are struggling to find quality childcare and can't afford private preschool but make just a little bit too much to qualify for HeadStart.	4/21/2019 11:28 AM
127	I would like to see a preschool at every elementary school instead of a "One Stop Shop". They would be served in their home school in which they will go on to kindergarten.	4/21/2019 10:53 AM
128	It needs to happen. We need all children to arrive in school ready and able to be eager strong learners. This helps everyone.	4/21/2019 10:24 AM
129	We need it. I think this is a proactive approach to what I see in the classroom with youth at a neighboring school district.	4/21/2019 8:20 AM
130	None	4/21/2019 8:09 AM
131	We are huge supporters of this.	4/21/2019 5:47 AM
132	A one-stop-center would make it so much easier for families with limited information and resources, to access services for our children. It's currently really difficult to find out where to go, for what, or to be able to arrange transportation to multiple locations.	4/20/2019 11:17 PM
133	None	4/20/2019 11:12 PM
134	none	4/20/2019 10:44 PM
135	Be sure to tie in community supports like Children's Home Society, WW Valley Disability Network and others.	4/20/2019 8:58 PM
136	Sounds like a good idea?	4/20/2019 7:35 PM
137	More the better	4/20/2019 4:12 PM
138	It is much needed. As an employee whose job it was until last year to provide services to families 0-3 (I'm an SLP), many families could benefit from said service - good child care as well as providing a rich language environment that I found missing in many homes to help children move forward and be ahead. Having good language skills is key to all other learning and it begins early - from birth	4/20/2019 3:19 PM
139	Start an assessment at birth. My child had a delays. I took him to 3 pediatrician before one would believe me. I finally got referred to birth to 3, then to DDA and WWVDN. I wished it would have been sooner. Pediatrician's need to be educated to make referrals.	4/20/2019 3:07 PM
140	It is a necessity, for a strong community and culture.	4/20/2019 1:07 PM
141	This concept has been discussed locally for over 20 years. It is time to make it happen to better meet the needs of families with preschool aged children. Research clearly indicate that early intervention is critical to success as a student and life in general. This seems like a perfect opportunity to look beyond the current way preschool is funded in the school district....add a reasonable personal pay option to supplement the legislative funding limits imposed by the state and federal government. There are families that do not meet the income guidelines for low income preschool programs but who also struggle to pay the cost of a private preschool program. Sadly, these children often acquire minimal kindergarten readiness skills. I strongly support ONE location that also houses community resources such as WIC, DSHS, parent education classes, mental health counseling, basic medical services free or at reduced co-pays, screening for developmental delays, etc. Early Head Start, Head Start and ECEAP are excellent programs staffed by highly committed and skilled people. Let's give them the facility they need and recognition for their work!	4/20/2019 1:02 PM
142	We need more access and options	4/20/2019 12:54 PM
143	Academics provided: Developmentally appropriate for age ranges and each child. Nothing pushed too soon.	4/20/2019 12:52 PM
144	It sounds that it is necessary and beneficial to have such a center to better prepare young students.	4/20/2019 12:48 PM
145	As a working parent of 4 children, I agree that 0-5 childcare is lacking and a real problem for parents in our community. I would like to add that support for affordable infant care is also crucial.	4/20/2019 12:41 PM
146	Hire qualified, certified people.	4/20/2019 12:34 PM

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147	I would rather see money from this given back to parents to put children in a smaller private preschool their choice.	4/20/2019 12:15 PM
148	I am a College Place District parent. With reference to earlier education, I would like to see OPTIONAL services for preschool-aged children, but I believe strongly that these should be part-time (half-days, mostly 2 or 3 days per week). Quality daycare is obviously always needed but also needs to be OPTIONAL, if a parent wants to be home with their child. Along with the optional services, I would love to see more resources for parents of young children (parent education/classes, resource libraries and/or media presentations, & counselors available to provide support). I believe very strongly that it is absolutely NOT okay to REQUIRE parents to place their younger-than 5 children in school or daycare. Developmentally, young children need consistent, loving, interaction with an attentive parent(s). Educational goals are important, but more school will not create children with better character. Strengthening families will.	4/20/2019 11:53 AM
149	Consider all stakeholders that will be affected by change or movement. Understand that early learning opportunities directly impact the community and the community will benefit from the ability to access those opportunities easily in a facility focused on those experiences.	4/20/2019 11:32 AM
150	Like the Pendleton example, come prepared with real data of existing programs - that have 10+ years (if possible) of experience, in smaller rural settings so that the community can make a true apples-to-apples comparison/decision.	4/20/2019 11:28 AM
151	I'm concerned about whole day preschool for young children and to much emphasis on academics rather than free thought and unassisted play. With that said I realize it is beneficial to families who cannot afford to do half day preschool and thus children do not go at all	4/20/2019 11:06 AM
152	Being new to the area, this is a need in the community, but would need to be available to all families. Very few resources exist in this area for parents with small children.	4/20/2019 10:39 AM
153	Absolutely needed	4/20/2019 10:27 AM
154	This is MUCH needed! If you build it, they will come. YES, YES, YES!!	4/20/2019 10:06 AM
155	It would be helpful if it was in a set location.	4/20/2019 10:04 AM
156	I agree with and support all the work done on early learning in the Walla Walla Valley. It seems to me that the work can be a bit disorganized, underfunded, redundant in some areas, and inefficient. It could benefit through consolidation and centralization. I would also like to see it benefit families in College Place and surrounding communities that don't have immediate access to the resource.	4/20/2019 10:01 AM
157	It's a great plan!	4/20/2019 9:23 AM
158	An early learning center would be great for our community. With so many kids coming in to kindergarten without the skills they need to be successful, greater access to quality preschool and other family support services is critical to maintaining a vibrant community.	4/20/2019 9:09 AM
159	Believe this is worthwhile. We were able to pay for 2 years of preschool for our son but know many can not. We had to find someone to transport him to and from because we both worked, again know not everyone can do this	4/20/2019 9:03 AM
160	Providing a dual language strand within that preschool.	4/20/2019 8:52 AM
161	Considerations for the most impacted with I.e medical or Autism to have other learning opportunities besides with 15-20 other preschoolers. These children need structured classes rooms with teachers who have had training to teach to these kids . Just Putting them in gen ed is not best to meet their learning and social emotional needs .	4/20/2019 8:13 AM
162	It is needed as	4/20/2019 7:57 AM

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163	While a coordinated effort like this makes sense on a surface level, there are many questions that need to be answered on a deeper level. Some of those questions include: where would this be housed? Who is served? Where does the funding come from? For the first question, rumor is that this would close blue ridge as an elementary school. Is this another disingenuous survey where you tell us partial information when you already have a plan you will enact, much like what happened with the bilingual program? We were told with the bilingual program decision that blue ridge provided an exceptional program for its students who have special needs so therefore the blue ridge program would remain. If blue ridge is closed as an elementary school and used for an early learning center what happens to the needs of the blue ridge students if they are spread out across the district? As for the second question of who is served. Is this for ALL preschool aged children in the community the way elementary, middle, and high school are public and open to all or is this a program specifically for low income families? As for the third question, if tax payer money is used for this program then it should be open to ALL children the way all other public school programs are open.	4/20/2019 7:53 AM
164	Good idea	4/20/2019 7:51 AM
165	The idea sounds good. However, I worry that the services will be available only to families below a certain income level. This would leave many families no better off than before, and potentially worse, for example, if taxes are raised in order to fund this, or if existing resources or infrastructure are diverted. If the idea is to be an extension of school district services, it would be appropriate to offer these services to all families. The families who already arrange for their young children's preschool preparation (or who have done this in the past) should not be overlooked. Our family values education, so we have paid for preschool for our children. We've made significant financial sacrifices to do so. I suspect MANY other families could say the same.	4/20/2019 7:49 AM
166	It would be nice to have one location for. All early learning services.	4/20/2019 7:29 AM
167	why would you consider handing an entire building over to the ESD?	4/20/2019 7:18 AM
168	Not a single center; integrate prek at each school. Parents want all their young kids in one place and wont utilize a single center as effectively as having them at the same school as, say, their 1st grade sibling.	4/20/2019 6:13 AM
169	Great idea....	4/20/2019 6:04 AM
170	None	4/20/2019 3:06 AM
171	Love it!!!	4/20/2019 12:21 AM
172	I'm glad we are finally getting around to this. Matt Bona suggested this years ago and it didn't go for some reason.	4/19/2019 11:36 PM
173	This is a good idea but not at the expense of other school age kids as presented here.	4/19/2019 11:08 PM
174	It should be free and inclusive to all families of all income levels. Right now it is targeted towards "poor" kids. It needs to be targeted towards all families.	4/19/2019 11:05 PM
175	Proper child to staff ratios - 'time' to be in consideration with other schools start/stop times - consider potty training/diapering abilities - special food needs ie needing bids, spoon fed, etc - strict illness policies as smaller children often are unable to wash their own hands, wipe their own noses etc - it is proven in many studies across the world that 'play' is one of the most critical components in early learning, ensuring that an early learning center can be focused around the adapting and learning in social environment and not based on academic standpoints.	4/19/2019 10:41 PM
176	Have enthusiastic and kind people in positions that come indirect contact with each child.	4/19/2019 10:37 PM
177	An Early Learning Center located in a central location would be ideal. Having the center at one of the outlying area schools would not be as beneficial as it is farther from services and public transportation.	4/19/2019 10:04 PM
178	It is a program I'd support. A need in our area.	4/19/2019 10:00 PM
179	Our community would benefit from an ELC.	4/19/2019 9:47 PM

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180	If there is truly a need, then this would help parents out who need child care, however it should not come at the cost of our current students, teachers or schools. To close down an elementary school or two to make a pre-school/early learning facility is a bad idea. It will lead to poor quality education for the K-5 students, due to over crowding and exhausted teachers and staff to start with. We should not compromise the quality of K-5 education that we currently have for anything. With 20-25 or more students in most classrooms already we will soon have a huge problem of over crowding, increase in bullying and a decrease in actual education, especially quality education. We are against consolidating elementary schools. Let little kids be kids. Starting formal education before Kindergarten will create 'burn out' for these kids by the time they get to high school, and then we will have huge issues helping high school students to even graduate.	4/19/2019 9:27 PM
181	Would this affect the established preschools in the area (ie mustard seed)? Are they going to be free services? Why pay for it over here if you can here and get it free, meanwhile established organizations may lose income? (Really just asking, not accusing :))	4/19/2019 9:08 PM
182	It would be a great idea. Make it a formal Montessori program and have a transparent accountable director and program managers.	4/19/2019 9:00 PM
183	Based on current trends it seems like a good idea. However, where the funding comes from would impact my opinion as the districts budget is extremely tight and seems to be shrinking.	4/19/2019 8:57 PM
184	An early learning center would be best since it offers so many services to families.	4/19/2019 8:57 PM
185	I fully support an Early Learning Center. It has been long overdue. I feel it is a huge mistake to replace Certificated teachers with Non-Certs.	4/19/2019 8:49 PM
186	I think that it is a good idea. As members of the middle class, we do not have the extra funds to pay for pre school for our youngest, so public schools offering that would be great.	4/19/2019 8:47 PM
187	I think having an early learning center is a great idea. I think it should be easily accessible in a central location. I think preschool is highly beneficial and have used it for all my children.	4/19/2019 8:40 PM
188	Providing accessible early learning opportunities for all would be wonderful.	4/19/2019 8:39 PM
189	Do it.	4/19/2019 8:33 PM
190	It would be nice to have the option of tuition based preschool for those who are over the income threshold. I am also worried about students from whichever elementary is closed losing their neighborhood school. Research shows neighborhood schools are good for kids.	4/19/2019 8:32 PM
191	Consolidating Blue Ridge makes the most sense in order to make room for an expanding learning center.	4/19/2019 8:25 PM
192	Allow children of working parents instead of only low income families	4/19/2019 8:21 PM
193	I would be interesting in cost and where the funding would come from. Also, how many children would be expected to be served at the center.	4/19/2019 8:20 PM
194	Looking at the research it would be a poor investment of money as kids in the very large Tennessee study actually under performed their peers who did not go to pre-k and were in the same economic group as them. <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0885200618300279?via%3Dihub">https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0885200618300279?via%3Dihub</a>	4/19/2019 8:19 PM
195	More staff to support students. Not being so strict to these little kids. Especially in early learning.	4/19/2019 8:13 PM
196	Would groups be based on ages or abilities?	4/19/2019 8:12 PM
197	It will be important to provide resources for as many demographics as possible	4/19/2019 8:10 PM
198	Seems like it would be a good idea.	4/19/2019 8:05 PM
199	I think it's an amazing opportunity to offer our families in Walla Walla a chance for these kids to be able to attend preschool at no cost to them.	4/19/2019 8:03 PM
200	Do it! Sounds like a wonderful idea. My daughters greatly benefited from 3 years of preschool.	4/19/2019 7:54 PM
201	I fully support and early learning center in Walla Walla !	4/19/2019 7:50 PM
202	We need to develop our programs so that our kids are as prepared as possible	4/19/2019 7:44 PM
203	Sounds like an investment if different organizations can pay for using our WWPS space.	4/19/2019 7:43 PM
204	Let more than just welfare/learning impaired kids in. I can't afford private preschool but I make too much for head start, so my child will be behind and that's not fair for him.	4/19/2019 7:42 PM

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205	We need it. Students of poverty and ELDs need early exposure to foundational skills as early As possible.	4/19/2019 7:26 PM
206	I'd be interested to see the option to enroll a 5 year old in early learning who even though they may turn 5 by the age cutoff, would benefit most by another year in preschool to solidify emotional and/or academic intelligence. This could prepare more kids for kinder rather than setting them up for failure. It also would allow parents to consider that as an option rather than feeling the need to enroll them whether they were ready or not because they may not have another option while they are working.	4/19/2019 7:25 PM
207	Yes. Teach teachers to implement Conscious Discipline.	4/19/2019 7:22 PM
208	Having one place for all early learning needs would be ideal.	4/19/2019 7:19 PM
209	I just moved to Walla Walla from Wenatchee. All 3 of my girls were enrolled in the early learning centers in that area, the learned so much and it helped them develop great social skills. The program was also very helpful for me to be more hands with my childs learning, because they set home homework such as reading logs and so on. Great Program my family loved it..	4/19/2019 7:15 PM
210	It is needed in Walla Walla.	4/19/2019 7:10 PM
211	Really listen to teachers and parents	4/19/2019 7:09 PM
212	As an elementary school teacher I am definitely in favor of an early learning center that would improve Kinder readiness skills and help with the foundation needed to attain the rigorous common core standards at each grade	4/19/2019 7:06 PM
213	It's important that this research-based concept become a reality in WWPS!	4/19/2019 7:06 PM
214	Good idea	4/19/2019 7:03 PM
215	This would be a great benefit to the community as well as staff with younger children.	4/19/2019 6:58 PM
216	It's imperative that it be free and available for all children of need. It's also key that certificated staff are lead for each classroom.	4/19/2019 6:55 PM
217	None	4/19/2019 6:54 PM
218	Preschool/Early Learning Centers are an amazing idea. While benefiting the parents of kids by giving them a much needed break, it also opens many opportunities for children to start early and long friendships as well as great learning opportunities. Preschools are a much needed thing in our city, especially as our population grows and the need for assistance with child care grows with it, more facilities in Walla Walla would make a big difference.	4/19/2019 6:54 PM
219	I'm unfamiliar with the entry requirements here in Washington, however, inTexas it was limited to low income families and English as a second language families. I would hope, the WWPS would consider multiple facilities and make it available for anyone interested in providing their children a head start.	4/19/2019 6:50 PM
220	I think it would be a benefit to the community.	4/19/2019 6:49 PM
221	I think it's a great idea.	4/19/2019 6:49 PM
222	I think it's a good idea.	4/19/2019 6:48 PM
223	It seems to benefit the kids. However, we have amazing preschool, why couldn't the district cost share with a few students at each school paid for by the district.	4/19/2019 6:48 PM
224	House it at Blue Ridge.	4/19/2019 6:48 PM
225	All inclusive	4/19/2019 6:45 PM
226	Not sure if it's a good idea. Especially with our budget not looking good. We need to focus on our staff and supporting them	4/19/2019 6:44 PM
227	I personally am all for any type of pre-K expansion to our children and the idea of a possible type of "one stop shop" for parents like our neighboring towns would be a great idea for our community. Focus in early learning is very important I feel	4/19/2019 6:44 PM
228	Our town definitely needs this	4/19/2019 6:41 PM
229	This is something our community has needed for a long time, and if we can be part of the solution, we should be.	4/19/2019 6:40 PM

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230	Provide parent education as part of the Early Learning program with parent selected topics and a variety of time offerings with child care for siblings/food.	4/19/2019 6:37 PM
231	Yes!	4/19/2019 6:37 PM
232	None	4/19/2019 6:36 PM
233	I believe it's a good thing. The more early learning / early intervention the better.	4/19/2019 6:36 PM
234	Offer hours that are in line with standard working hours. Don't assume each home has a stay at home parent.	4/19/2019 6:35 PM
235	Waste of money.	4/19/2019 6:34 PM
236	I am in favor of an ELC in WW. I would continue the practice of half day preschool, four days a week for the ELC.	4/19/2019 6:17 PM
237	A definite need in our community	4/19/2019 6:03 PM
238	Yes Yes Yes! There are too few openings for our little ones right now. Would this be application based or open to the public like public school?	4/19/2019 5:40 PM
239	It should be a one-stop shop	4/19/2019 5:17 PM
240	I don't see any issues with this, provided it is well conceived. Please pay special attention to the Birth-3 population, as science tells us those are the years that are most likely to influence a child's future. I know the district is limited in this area, but community partners would make this a more robust area.	4/19/2019 4:03 PM
241	I would question if it would be offered to all children, or only those who may not otherwise be able to afford private pre-school.	4/19/2019 3:55 PM
242	Free or reduced cost for low-income families, dual language program option, all day services,	4/19/2019 3:49 PM
243	Kinders need to know much more when starting than they did 10 years ago. Any headstart that we can give our children will pay off in the end.	4/19/2019 3:29 PM
244	We are in serious need of help for parents with young children	4/19/2019 3:09 PM
245	It appears that early childhood learning works very well and not enough children are receiving it. Let's make sure we have these opportunities for our children in Walla Walla	4/19/2019 3:01 PM
246	Great idea. We have a great opportunity to increase early learning capacity not just for our school but agencies to collaborate.	4/19/2019 2:54 PM
247	I support increasing preschool access and consolidating services in a specific location.	4/19/2019 2:24 PM
248	I think it's a great idea if we can come up with the funding, which is already an issue for our existing programs. Also, extensive outreach would be key to reach the kids in our community who would most benefit.	4/19/2019 2:19 PM
249	It's a great idea. How would staffing change? Would additional staff/teachers affect the budget for the district? How would the center be advertised?	4/19/2019 2:15 PM
250	I believe it is something that is needed for all students no matter the family income	4/19/2019 2:12 PM
251	I think that this is a very needed support for the community of Walla Walla.	4/19/2019 2:09 PM
252	I think one is definitely needed in our district. There are such high expectations for kindergarten and many students do not start school academically ready.	4/19/2019 2:06 PM
253	Preschool should be a free option to parents for their children, not one that we have to pay for if we wish to enlighten them in the areas they need before starting kindergarten.	4/19/2019 1:49 PM
254	Ensure that the programs are available to every member of the community regardless of income level. Too many programs are geared towards lower-income families while many middle-income families are also struggling. If the program is available to one family at no cost, then it should also be available to all families at no cost.	4/19/2019 1:29 PM
255	I do believe an early learning center for young children would give them a head start for Kindergarten and Elementary school. However, I would not like to see this as a "babysitting" scenario. I do have concerns for starting this too early since children need family bonding as well.	4/19/2019 1:27 PM
256	An Early Learning Center that serves children and families in our community sounds like a great idea!	4/19/2019 1:17 PM

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257	I think that it is good to have more educational opportunities for children before Kindergarten, although I worry about the academic emphasis placed upon Preschools. Children should have more opportunity to play and develop social and emotional skills, and explore the natural world around them. I would not like to see more academics forced down to younger age children, before its developmentally appropriate.	4/18/2019 10:34 PM
258	It should incorporate play-based learning and not be strictly focused on traditional elementary learning metrics.	4/18/2019 9:00 PM
259	It is a great idea. For ease of access, it should be at one location.	4/18/2019 7:41 PM
260	I would agree that we need an early learning hub for our younger students and families. Earlier opportunities for families allow children to receive educational, health, and social/emotional support that lead them to a successful transition to their formal learning career.	4/18/2019 9:47 AM
261	I support this.	4/18/2019 8:01 AM
262	We need more opportunities for early learning in WW. Students coming into Elementary school are at so many different levels of preparedness and it makes teaching difficult.	4/17/2019 4:16 PM

### Q4 What advice or opinions would you have to offer the school district related to the elementary enrollment decline and empty classrooms?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Redraw the boundaries and don't "red line" by income or ethnicity.	4/30/2019 1:54 PM
2	The district could use this opportunity to more fully integrate all the schools and re-balance the distribution of low-income and wealthier students into all the schools and address the wealth concentration at Prospect point in particular. The district could also take the opportunity to reduce class sizes a little--which have been a little on the high side from time to time. The district could also take off-line classrooms without features like windows and use them for other purposes--windowless classrooms are depressing.	4/29/2019 12:56 PM
3	Rearranging schools for efficiency makes sense but you also need to look carefully at transportation and ease of access--a child's "neighborhood" elementary school should not be located so far away from home that it's inconvenient. I am confused as to why the dual program is now expanding back to two schools when the original plan was to consolidate it into one "magnet" school. Are the changes to the dual program (which we just changed a couple of years ago) going to affect/impact the changes/consolidation of elementary schools? And can the two issues be addressed together?	4/29/2019 10:07 AM
4	Consolidate and dedicate one Elementary School to Early Learning.	4/29/2019 8:57 AM
5	Keep them fluid but active as this population trend could change.	4/28/2019 11:47 PM
6	If you close an elementary school or reassign one, please take the time to reconsider the school boundaries. We would have an opportunity to redraw boundaries and reduce the differences among SES/free and reduced lunch at different schools	4/28/2019 8:46 PM
7	As far as I know, the leading proposal is to make Blue Ridge be the Early Learning Center, and use the other 5 schools as elementary schools. This sounds reasonable.	4/28/2019 7:16 PM
8	Move grade 6 back to elementary which leaver 7 and 8 as middle school.	4/27/2019 4:37 PM
9	Just stop being so regulated and remember that kids are still kids! Situations arise and nothing and no one is perfect. They had it right back in the day, which is why schools are going downhill.	4/27/2019 4:12 PM
10	As the principal bilingual-education site, Edison should become a district-wide school. Neighborhoods for the remaining schools should be redrawn. An early education center would be a great way to use extra facility space.	4/27/2019 10:56 AM

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11	It seems that there are other valuable uses in those classrooms based on needs in in schools today. While the use of a whole classroom is a waste of space, schools were not built to accommodate all the needs of regrouping for academic needs and the social/emotional needs of our students today.	4/27/2019 7:31 AM
12	I think this surveys needs to show the classroom size of every grade at every school. Studies have proven that smaller class sizes are more sucessful. I personally think we would see a better outcome in children's grades with smaller class sizes then time changes.	4/27/2019 12:54 AM
13	Combing schools seem to be the logical answer. I also think it would be great to have kinder classes combined with the early learning center as there will still be some children entering kinder as well as some older preschoolers that would benefit from being able to spend time in in a dual type of program, such as younger kinder student spending time in preschool classrooms and older preschoolers spending time in kinder classes.	4/26/2019 5:41 PM
14	I'm not a futurist and I won't pretend to be one so I'm not sure I have any advice here. Additionally, I've already heard about the possibility of turning Blue Ridge into an Early Learning Center to better utilize those empty classrooms which I fully support. So I don't think I can objectively answer this.	4/26/2019 1:13 PM
15	What is the definition of a classroom? For example, Sharpstein has available rooms but they aren't specifically classrooms. From my understanding, Sharpstein was built to be a 3 section school. Green Park, too, is a 3 section school but the common area is being considered as a 4th classroom. There are factors that are complicating this and are causing mistrust. Edison was named the dual school yet the dual program is being restarted at Green Park after being phased out. Sharpstein is phasing out dual but still has dual programming . BlueRidge has a one way Spanish program. Why not look at the data to see what is actually working? Which of the programs: Edison, Green Park, Sharpstein and Blue Ridge shows student success? When the plan was to make Edison the Dual School in Walla Walla, why not concentrate on the success of one school before branching out to add another Dual School. What is Edison's data showing? I believe Edison is a 4 section school. Let there be a waiting list if the Edison and the Blue Ridge models are full. We're dealing with the foundational skills of our students! If they are unsuccessful in the early grades, it will impact their learning for their entire school career! I understand that the demographics in Walla Walla are changing. Along with fewer students, I'd have to look on OSPI, but I would have reason to believe that we also have fewer Native (NOT HERITAGE) Spanish speakers. Let's slow down and have a plan. My advice: 1. Fill the true 4 section schools. Have a walk through with the board and stakeholders to look at the empty rooms to see if they make sense for classrooms and are geographically in the same vacinity for grade level collaboration. 2. Let Edison have the dual program and track the data to see if students are successful. (And only let strong students IN the program). 3. Keep a one-way model if the data shows it works. 4. Move the Early Learning Center to the school with the least capacity for elementary students to allow for potential growth in the future.	4/26/2019 12:51 PM
16	consider using one of the elementary schools as an Early Learning Center	4/26/2019 12:46 PM
17	I believe that the student enrollment will eventually start to grow once again. We have more people living in Walla Walla that have waited to have kids in their 30's rather than in their early 20's as before. If we consolidate and take a school away, we will ultimately make classroom sizes much bigger. If we are thinking about whats best for students, this is not the way. I feel with the decline in student enrollment, it allows us to teach students in smaller class sizes and students will benefit more from those relationships.	4/26/2019 12:45 PM
18	Reducing the number of Elementary schools seems like the best option.	4/26/2019 11:53 AM
19	Would it be possible to partner with private day care providers to have a spot at the elementary schools? This could possibly serve children who do not qualify for the Head Start or ECEAP programs.	4/26/2019 11:49 AM
20	Open up use of the empty classrooms to the community for clubs and other programs; consider things like a free class on teaching elders how to use smart phones and text and social media; or can some be converted to bathing facilities for the homeless or a free laundry place? Look first to see the problems in Walla Walla and then use our classrooms to help with solutions	4/26/2019 9:27 AM
21	This is a wish... Inwish we could use some empty classrooms to establish a Lindamood Bell School based program to help students that have dyslexia and other reading difficulties.	4/26/2019 9:10 AM
22	And why is enrollment dropping? Might be worthwhile to figure thstmtout	4/25/2019 6:43 PM

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23	Would be looking at geographic location of the schools, and see if combining some schools that are close in boundary would make improvements. Also look at the Walla Walla future developments and where they are to be located compared to the school. Such as the 500 lower income location south of town, if that occurs that will probably bring in several more kids to that geographical area.	4/25/2019 12:51 PM
24	Pursue the development of an Early Learning Center. Also, consider re-purposing empty rooms as community use spaces to promote civic engagement with school populations and with issues around P-5 education. I would support softening security measures (which BTW I feel perpetuate our current lack of social trust as much as school shootings do) to enable better community-school integration.	4/25/2019 11:10 AM
25	Make on of the elementary schools (preferably the ones that have not yet been renovated) into the center and consolidate the students into the other school that does not have many students.	4/25/2019 11:09 AM
26	This is the first I've heard of it--my kids are at Sharpstein and they've had to use every space available for classrooms. Of course in an ideal world, we would hire more teachers and reduce class size.	4/25/2019 10:43 AM
27	College Place has plans for growth, open up a school for College Place to send their students. They can put money into the school so that we don't have a school left empty due to lack of students.	4/25/2019 9:14 AM
28	And yet, College place schools are over crowded I understand. Is there not a way to help them out by changing or sharing boundary lines?	4/25/2019 8:46 AM
29	Consolidate buildings so they are not half full.	4/25/2019 8:04 AM
30	Difficult to say for certain, but some consolidation may be in order. Are the schools with full enrollment facing larger class sizes such that some students could be shifted to less-populated schools?	4/25/2019 7:49 AM
31	If one building could be freed up to be a space for early learning, that could be an interesting experiment to try.	4/24/2019 8:56 PM
32	Be mindful of the stress and burden placed on families when a major change in attendance areas take place. Plan for a roll out that considers the families affected. That being said, consolidating schools makes sense, given the enrollment, and FINALLY planning for an early learning center is wonderful news!	4/24/2019 6:58 PM
33	Seems best interest to consolidate so that schools function to their best capacity	4/24/2019 5:13 PM
34	Redraw existing boundaries to provide equity in service to all students. Practice what you preach about equality and equity.	4/24/2019 4:22 PM
35	One school dedicated for early learning which should fill the other elementary school.	4/24/2019 3:41 PM
36	Don't use them. If you need 3 classrooms for 3rd grade have 3 classrooms. If you need 4 have 4. It's not rocket science. This town is growing and the schools will be populated again. Take one school and make the zoning area smaller and have that school have an early education program. Don't close the top ranked school in the district that people choose to purchase their houses in.	4/24/2019 2:53 PM
37	Take a look at zoning and making sure that parents have a choice that best their needs.	4/24/2019 2:52 PM
38	Look at zoning and also parents have ample opportunities to opt out of dual language.	4/24/2019 2:52 PM
39	Be cautious. I would hate to see an elementary collapsed only to result in classrooms at or above capacity in every other school.	4/24/2019 2:35 PM
40	Consolidate!! This is the most economically feasible solution.	4/24/2019 1:49 PM
41	I have many questions about this, including the increase in schools like prospect point where my children attend and is within blocks of our home saw the need for an additional classroom in Kinder this year. I am concerned of how you would redraw lines and how you would decide which families to up heave into an new school for there children. this is a big deal worth considering.	4/24/2019 11:52 AM
42	Consolidate schools, closing extra building or make it into an early learning center. As a taxpayer, it is not fiscally prudent to keep schools open they are running a 50 percent occupancy rate. It is foolish and irresponsible.	4/24/2019 10:43 AM
43	DO NOT sacrifice the education of older students Smaller class sizes for elementary/middle should be a consideration	4/24/2019 9:43 AM

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44	It may be worth looking into the benefit of having smaller classroom sizes both for the sake of the children and staff.	4/24/2019 9:37 AM
45	There are so many Elementary Schools. School boundaries can be adjusted and possibly 1 school can be used as an early learning center.	4/24/2019 8:53 AM
46	How do you get 25 classrooms from 250 students? 250 students divided by 25 per classroom = 10 classrooms?	4/24/2019 8:10 AM
47	I think that any unused resources could be directed to support mental health. I get the impression that there are holes/gaps in terms of consistent processes, available resources, etc. when it comes to identifying and supporting students with mental health needs. I know this survey is specifically about early learning, but I think that it is important to have more support in developing processes for students that might be struggling because of mental health related challenges. If we are only focusing on academics then we are not viewing the whole child.	4/24/2019 7:32 AM
48	Consolidate and fill up the empty class rooms	4/24/2019 6:15 AM
49	None	4/23/2019 10:04 PM
50	It makes sense to consolidate. It also makes sense to eliminate classrooms at the building least effected, ie the smallest attended and smallest staffed.	4/23/2019 9:34 PM
51	Smaller class sizes (if it can be afforded) is always a good thing. I worry that closing an elementary school because of low enrollment causes such a ripple effect...it's often not beneficial to anyone.	4/23/2019 9:26 PM
52	Consolidation is financially responsible. It would be best to move all staff to other locations.	4/23/2019 9:20 PM
53	Use them to support early learning	4/23/2019 7:19 PM
54	It is frustrating to be in a year of such transition and have the board process drag on and on. As an educator watching it happen, I feel that many decisions have been made already behind the scenes (announcement of Green Park dual expansion, subsequent lack of announcements about Blue Ridge dual still existing, losing our principal to Garrison--interim principal for a year, expansion of pre-school already happening at Blue Ridge) yet we will be left with a year of awkward decisions and academics as we await "a decision." With Kim's transition to Garrison, wouldn't it have been easier to announce the closing of Blue Ridge?	4/23/2019 6:53 PM
55	Would there be any opportunities for community groups (maybe Campfire) to utilize the spaces?	4/23/2019 4:35 PM
56	Since Berney Elementary needs remodeled, turn it into the Walla Walla Early Learning Center for 3 and 4 year olds. Redistribute the Berney population to nearby schools.	4/23/2019 4:32 PM
57	Consolidate schools. Also, smaller class size/lower student:teacher ratio would be fabulous!	4/23/2019 3:50 PM
58	Maybe. It would be helpful to understand how enrollment in neighboring schools has also changed - public and private (are they all declining, or are kids moving to different schools?). If the population is indeed aging, it is not clear to me why decline of the young population would stabilize - it seems like it would continue to decrease. Do we have some good demography on this? Birth rates continue to decline, nationally and regionally, and in-migration seems to be retirement age, but this should be verified. First generation/immigrants tend to have high birthrates because they have a low median age, but we have fewer and fewer immigrants. Seems like there are no empty classrooms, so an inventory would be interesting. What about a dedicated art space in each building? Something that after school programs could use as well?	4/23/2019 3:47 PM
59	Displacing children to different neighborhoods and schools is a big decision. It will effect more than just classroom space. Transition planning and parents need to be involved in the planning process	4/23/2019 3:47 PM
60	Use this as an opportunity to offer more experiential learning curriculums. Increase physical activity opportunities with the increased space	4/23/2019 3:38 PM
61	Consolidation seems prudent	4/23/2019 3:36 PM
62	The district is on the right path with possible consolidation and preschool expansion. Families love their neighborhood schools; this is a great opportunity to build a sense of community around these existing "hubs" and connect efforts to the larger community.	4/23/2019 12:56 PM
63	I think using the available space for an early learning or community center is a great idea.	4/23/2019 10:24 AM
64	How will dual program grow or survive as the consolidation happens and for years to come? The district is very inconsistent with its dual program.	4/23/2019 10:15 AM

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65	I think there needs to be an understanding of the changing demographics, but with an intentional eye into the future needs of our students - awareness of dual language development and multicultural competencies being key lessons for the future of our children	4/23/2019 9:37 AM
66	I think we should distribute the students from Blue Ridge among the other elementary schools and use BR as an Early Learning Center.	4/23/2019 8:39 AM
67	If you are going to close Blue Ridge, you should not enroll students in Kindergarten there this year. It is not fair to families. I have serious concerns with the way in which the decision to make Edison a Dual Only school was made, and to claim Blue Ridge is the overflow option for families who want dual, and now to re-open dual at Green Park, after only two years. The impact on teachers and families and buildings who have had to shuffle and move and make difficult decisions is not right. Get it together...This is another huge decision for the district with new boundaries and enrollment. This is very hard psychologically on staff and families.	4/23/2019 8:23 AM
68	while the district needs to be financially responsible, packing kids into classrooms at the max of 26 at the elementary level is not what's best for kids or staff either. I want to see WW make a commitment to smaller class sizes in order to reduce staff burnout, and maximize learning outcomes for kids. The social-emotional/behavioral needs of our students is also a trend that has increased over the last decade. Consolidation means more kids in each classroom, ask any teacher, the bigger the class size the harder it is to manage, and the harder it is for all kids meet the rigorous standards that have been set.	4/23/2019 5:42 AM
69	I understand the lack of enrollment in the Walla Walla Valley, which is why I know that there are discussions about potentially closing a school. My only concern is the way that will play out and what the plan would be.	4/22/2019 6:33 PM
70	I would hope the decisions of consolidation are based on what makes the most sense for students, staff and their families and not what will rock the boat the least. In addition, whatever school is shut down, I would hope the displaced staff's years of service and education are considered as part of the staffing process. For example, a displaced seasoned teacher should be able to be placed in a job similar to the one they had been doing. If there is that type of position being held by a much less experienced teacher, the displaced teacher should be able to have that placement. In short, all elementary schools should feel the change & reconfiguration - not just the staff whom are being scattered about the district.	4/22/2019 4:09 PM
71	Place the budget for review by our community. I am certain the public can provide good number sense of where funds might be over the top. Title one funds for instance, how are they utilized and are they utilized accordingly. There are classrooms with general education students of 3-12 students. The class size is great for that staff but when others are at full capacity and on overload it starts grumbling. I believe no matter what the small classroom loads should not be allowed no matter what. This has taken place at the Middle Schools and High School and it certainly has happened in the Elementary in past years.	4/22/2019 4:06 PM
72	Many special education classrooms are small for the population they serve, consider some of that space to expand the space available for these high need rooms.	4/22/2019 3:39 PM
73	I think neighborhood boundary lines need to be redrawn.	4/22/2019 3:20 PM
74	Opening up preschool classrooms in each elementary school would have the advantage of reducing busing costs and may create a stronger connection to neighborhood school. Transforming one of the elementary schools into an early learning center would have the advantage of providing more comprehensive family and Birth to 3 services, as well as provide space to bring in other agencies to participate in providing support, making it an efficient option.	4/22/2019 3:10 PM
75	My child will begin kindergarten in the 2021-22 school year; I'm mostly curious how the rapid development of new housing in WW, in combination with the decrease in expected enrollment, PLUS the expansion of the dual-language program might impact or influence the current geography boundaries/ designated school districting.	4/22/2019 2:57 PM
76	Early learning opportunities at each building would be amazing; however, if it's not fiscally possible, we should consolidate.	4/22/2019 2:47 PM
77	I would first like to know what the average class size is in our elementary schools. I think it's vital that elementary classroom sizes stay relatively small (around 20-23 students). If it is possible to keep classroom sizes small, it may be in the best interests of the district to close a school and have the other schools absorb the student population.	4/22/2019 2:19 PM

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78	A realignment of school boundaries might need to be done as some schools have had to open more classrooms in portables which is not ideal. Also, Kinder class sizes should be reduced! This would put kids in those empty classrooms!!!	4/22/2019 1:33 PM
79	Consolidate classrooms at 5 of the buildings, redraw the boundaries and make Blue Ridge a building dedicated to early learning. I am in strong favor of taking BR out of the boundary equation since it is the school with the lowest socio economic status. This would give us the opportunity to balance SES more evenly among 4 schools since Edison is also not part of the equation.	4/22/2019 1:19 PM
80	lower class sizes K-5, change boundaries	4/22/2019 12:25 PM
81	Lower class sizes and rezone so that schools can have a similar number of students at each grade level.	4/22/2019 12:24 PM
82	Sounds like consolidating schools and using 'freed' up building makes sense economically. Would be concerned about kids needing busing long distances. It might be nice to have some 'walking' bus routes if possible.	4/22/2019 12:16 PM
83	consolidate	4/22/2019 12:13 PM
84	Close Blue Ridge and make it a pre-school for all kids in the WWSD	4/22/2019 11:45 AM
85	equalizing demographic populations as much as possible with numbers as much as possible. It appears to me that one school is heavy in enrollment numbers, but because it does not receive title funding, staffing is stretched very thin. It would be wonderful to have all elementary schools look similar with regard to numbers and demographics. This is - perhaps - to be considered outside of our dual programming???	4/22/2019 11:34 AM
86	I would like to see an equal number of students per classroom. Regardless of which elementary school students attend.	4/22/2019 11:21 AM
87	Every dollar counts, every resource needs to be spent wisely. Consolidation just makes good fiscal sense.	4/22/2019 11:15 AM
88	Consolidate schools and make sure that each school has a well-balanced diversity of students.	4/22/2019 10:52 AM
89	I would support the decision to designate one elementary school as an Early Learning Center.	4/22/2019 10:48 AM
90	Use the space for identified needs for early learning or remedial programs.	4/22/2019 10:28 AM
91	First I would survey how many kids are being born and moving to Walla Walla to ensure that the numbers are going to stabilize and not go up. We lived in an area that closed numerous schools because of declining enrollment and then two years later they had to scramble because enrollment went up. I think that changing a school over to early education and childcare would be a great resource for the community.	4/22/2019 10:19 AM
92	I understand that consolidation makes financial sense but I would be very sad if my elementary school would have to close. I would miss the community that we have developed around our school and wouldn't like to make my student orient to another school/kids/teachers etc...	4/22/2019 10:06 AM
93	Offer preschool space to private entities. What about accessing services such as WIC, Birth to 3, parent to Parent?	4/22/2019 9:54 AM
94	One school could become the early learning center. The other school should remain open in order to have smaller elementary schools.	4/22/2019 9:50 AM
95	Reduce to 5 elementary schools, using Blue Ridge for early childhood only. All six buildings will still be in use for young kids, so it is simply a shuffling of usage. I don't think the community at large will even notice that much. It will only make a difference to those families with kids who currently attend Blue Ridge.	4/22/2019 9:41 AM
96	Make a small school an early childhood center.	4/22/2019 9:30 AM
97	Find a way to be more flexible - not less. Some classrooms have crowding issues while others are under-subscribed. Families and teachers are both reluctant to move schools... maybe consider a younger cohort of teachers that could be part of a lightning strike force - capable of moving from year to year wherever need is the greatest... a cohort with lots of challenges, a bulge in population, one school that has more students. Pushing problems through from one year to the next is not an acceptable solution and WWPS needs to be able to respond to changing conditions in real time, not over a 5-year phased approach, for example. These kids deserve better.	4/22/2019 9:24 AM
98	Make the decisions that are best for students in the long run, as well as fiscally responsible.	4/22/2019 8:55 AM

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99	It would be helpful to set aside at least one empty classroom per school for a space for itinerant teachers to work with students. It's often hard to find a good, quiet place to pull students who are only seen occasionally.	4/22/2019 8:47 AM
100	Hasn't this occurred because of the dual language program at Edison and parents electing to withdraw children from certain schools and send them to Edison? How about having targets schools with open enrollment-example: classes centered around music, or math, technology, sciences, etc	4/22/2019 8:41 AM
101	It would make me feel good to know that the least amount of disruption would occur per family with empty classrooms. And the preservation of employment within the school district.	4/22/2019 8:40 AM
102	Make sure you account for the new development slated on the south side of town. That will effect Prospect Point tremendously. It will be younger families.	4/22/2019 8:38 AM
103	Please re-zone, and soon. While enrollment is declining at two schools, it is increasing dramatically at the other schools that are not equipped to house more than 3 sections.	4/22/2019 8:26 AM
104	Increase pay for teacher and para-educators	4/22/2019 8:20 AM
105	Using Blue Ridge as a full-school preschool, open to many more families, is a good idea. We need more early learning options.	4/22/2019 8:17 AM
106	I think it is time to look at "redistricting" so that we can get the most out of our mostly wonderful elementary schools. An Early Learning HUB would be a great use of one of the buildings.	4/22/2019 8:13 AM
107	The school district needs to re-draw the boundaries (NOW). Our school is overflowing while others don't even have half full classes.	4/22/2019 8:03 AM
108	I would suggest that the students living in their district should attend their area school.	4/22/2019 7:45 AM
109	As decisions are being made, clear communication will help people understand and prepare for the change. Moving from one school community to another as a staff member or a student is a challenging and often scary step. One of the reasons I love my job is because of the team I work with and the leadership at my school.	4/22/2019 7:32 AM
110	Provided an early learning center at one location and combine our elementary schools (i.e. 5 buildings instead of 6) for financial reasons, in addition to the clarity of each facility's purpose.	4/22/2019 7:14 AM
111	What would you do if the school district started growing again? What about offering a preschool class at each school like you do the other grades	4/21/2019 9:54 PM
112	The school district needs to adjust accordingly to the changes in enrollment. If that means identifying classrooms/teachers that are not necessary then unfortunately the district would need to take steps necessary to downsize.	4/21/2019 9:14 PM
113	I feel that the last school boundary change (10ish years ago) was a bit unfair, racist in my opinion (based on Prospect Point and Blue Ridge populations specifically). What I see the district pushing for is to close one school in the coming years. When the school boundaries are drawn, I hope that SES is taken into account when drawing those lines. Please be very intentional about where those lines are drawn and be transparent about why they are to be drawn that way.	4/21/2019 9:03 PM
114	Could empty classrooms be used to reduce classroom sizes or could they be used for an early learning center/preschool classrooms? Could an elementary school be turned into an early learning center by combining elementary school classes?	4/21/2019 7:24 PM
115	I think we need to consolidate schools.	4/21/2019 6:40 PM
116	Make one elementary into an early learning center and only have five elementary schools.	4/21/2019 6:22 PM
117	Reconfigure the boundary lines :) You have schools that are bursting at the seams and others that are not. Clearly this is not O.K.	4/21/2019 5:55 PM
118	It may be best to consolidate elementary schools and use one of the elementary buildings for preschool.	4/21/2019 4:16 PM
119	Make sure ALL groups are consulted and listened to BEFORE making any decisions	4/21/2019 3:43 PM
120	Expanding on the Early Learning opportunities, couldn't the empty classrooms be used to serve early learning needs? As far as gaining and keeping enrollment numbers, before moving to this school district, the school we were in found ways to set themselves apart for other schools in the area; activities such as a steel drum music club, dual language programs, art classes.	4/21/2019 2:31 PM

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121	The further away families are from schools the less involvement and support from parents and the harder it is for kids to build in the friendships they make in school. Careful of closing a school based on a projection that may change. I know of other cities where I grew up that did this and then 10 years down the road they had no enough space and not the money to build a new space.	4/21/2019 1:39 PM
122	Use one of the elementary buildings that we have and make that an Early Learning Center that houses stakeholder agencies -- Birth to 3, Walla Walla Valley Disability Network, Children's Home Society, etc.	4/21/2019 11:28 AM
123	Start phasing out one of your elementary schools.	4/21/2019 8:20 AM
124	Make a plan and put it into place - no slow roll out	4/21/2019 8:09 AM
125	N/A	4/21/2019 5:47 AM
126	Make sure that you share publish and publicize—loudly—the numbers behind your decision to close and/or rearrange the boundaries for any schools. We have emotional attachments to our home schools, and there can't be the perception that certain groups were favored over others, in those decisions over boundaries and school closures—that would be a huge wedge between people.	4/20/2019 11:17 PM
127	Place the early learning program in these buildings	4/20/2019 11:12 PM
128	I will come back up in the next 5 years because more people will move here with young families	4/20/2019 10:44 PM
129	I like the idea of consolidation. Due to the difficulty of some families with personal transportation limitations, a school central in WW may be best, Sharpstein? Edison?	4/20/2019 8:58 PM
130	I guess it makes sense to consolidate/close one or two schools, based on the above? Would hate to see any students have to travel significantly farther to attend school, though - we are currently within easy walking distance of our elementary school.	4/20/2019 7:35 PM
131	Work with business leaders to bring in more family type jobs	4/20/2019 4:12 PM
132	Redefining boundaries and having several K classrooms in one building is a benefit to all kids. But it is important to keep class sizes down. I have worked in schools where they had grades K-2 or 3 and 3-5 in one building. This provided a way for kids to be with others, for activities and learning to be age based, as well as a way to help build the social-emotional skills of similar age kids. Their brains do think differently and misperceptions of social situations are often because their brains see the situation differently based on development. Development can not be sped up - it is part of normal maturations	4/20/2019 3:19 PM
133	Have birth to 3 preschools for babies and there parents. Teach them about parenting and mental health. Teach middle schoolers and teens about mental health! Walla Walla has the highest suicide rate in the state. The school is the best at Educating kids and parents!	4/20/2019 3:07 PM
134	Boundary changes, use classrooms for staff payed daycare. Make mindfulness rooms.	4/20/2019 1:07 PM
135	I appreciate the transparency of school district leadership and their forward-thinking! It seems prudent to consolidate building space, such as reducing 6 elementary schools to 5. This could create adequate space for an Early Learning Center. Blue Ridge would seem like a logical choice given the fact that K-5 enrollment is below all other elementary schools and Head Start / ECEAP are already settled there, meeting current licensing requirements. Many families who qualify for preschool also live in that attendance area. One option that has been mentioned that I am not a fan of is placing preschool classrooms at individual schools. It would be difficult to meet all the federal and state requirements and manage multiple sites. There were challenges in the past when one Head Start / ECEAP classroom was located at Green Park.	4/20/2019 1:02 PM
136	Allow for community use with some form of contract.	4/20/2019 12:54 PM
137	Notice to staff as soon as possible when staff will need to face a decrease at a grade level and possible transfer.	4/20/2019 12:52 PM
138	The empty classrooms could be used as the Early Learning Center. Transforming an elementary school into the Learning Center instead.	4/20/2019 12:48 PM
139	It makes sense to address inefficiencies and I'm glad it is being addressed even though it is a contentious issue.	4/20/2019 12:41 PM
140	The kids that are causing so many behavior problems and distractions to the learning process should utilize those spaces and allow the kids that are ready to learn and be respectful to have the opportunity to excel instead of being held back by the children who continue to be a disruption.	4/20/2019 12:15 PM

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141	I would love to see these buildings offer alternatives. Many parents who homeschool their children would love to have part-time and/or full-time school/activities. Schools that approach education in non-traditional ways can be extremely valuable for students that don't learn as well in the typically 25-30 student classrooms (per 2 adults) & homogenized structures.	4/20/2019 11:53 AM
142	I think taking dual language from 2 schools was a mistake, when a family can't rely on a program for all the kids in the family it is very disruptive and can drive them away	4/20/2019 11:48 AM
143	Make the best use of staff and facilities so that the student populations we serve are served in the best most responsible way possible.	4/20/2019 11:32 AM
144	Don't hold onto to tradition. The community will adjust. Be fiscally conservative, be direct and transparent in communication, and align with like-minded community members who can battle in the arena with you to make the right decisions. The people who don't engage and complain don't know what it is like to try and fail - and their opinions can't drive the decision-making process.	4/20/2019 11:28 AM
145	Consolidation is probably the best avenue for financial solvency. Hopefully as boundary line are adjusted the board takes into account that students will need to be grandfathered in if they have been in a school for a certain number of years or they will have difficulty adjusting. My other hope would be that staff is moved accordingly	4/20/2019 11:06 AM
146	Combine schools & use those buildings for the early learning center.	4/20/2019 10:39 AM
147	Are there ways the community could use the classrooms? Perhaps free or low cost enrichment classes could be offered to parents such as more esl classes in the district, art/music/drama classes. Youth mtg placrs?	4/20/2019 10:27 AM
148	Turn BR into an Early Learning center and fill classrooms throughout the district. Look at changing boundaries so that the extremes of social needs are not so wide.	4/20/2019 10:06 AM
149	Either consolidate those classrooms to fill out some schools or put a few preschool classrooms in each of those schools.	4/20/2019 10:04 AM
150	This is a tough question...Are there services, partnerships, etc. that can ultimately address social service gaps in the community? More diverse after school and summer program opportunities would be welcome.	4/20/2019 10:01 AM
151	Let staff have smaller class sizes to improve quality of instruction	4/20/2019 9:46 AM
152	Be sure that in worrying about empty class rooms your solution isn't larger class sizes.	4/20/2019 9:32 AM
153	Make an early learning center in one elementary school like blue ridge. Make new boundaries and redispere the students to make all schools equitable. Make it fair to all students and employees!	4/20/2019 9:23 AM
154	The district should consolidate to 5 elementary campuses, and change attendance boundaries to reflect 4 attendance zones (leaving Edison off).	4/20/2019 9:09 AM
155	Use an elementary school for early learning center	4/20/2019 9:03 AM
156	Consolidate sooner than November.	4/20/2019 8:52 AM
157	Allowing preschool to stay in one building is best option as support to teachers , specialists and equipment their size could all be at one location	4/20/2019 8:13 AM
158	turning one of the elementary schools into an early learning center (perhaps Prospect Point which would even out the socioeconomic's in the district) is the logical solution	4/20/2019 8:02 AM
159	Keep class sizes small.	4/20/2019 7:57 AM

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160	<p>Asking for opinions is lovely but it feels as if this is a repeat of the process that happened with the bilingual program where opinions were asked for but the district already had a plan ready to enact. This disingenuous seeking of feedback is a waste of EVERYONE'S time. On the off chance that you truly are seeking opinions I am taking the time to complete this survey. The changes you made to the dual immersion bilingual program are a large reason the empty classrooms are no longer evenly distributed across the district. For one example, enrollment at Sharpstein at the kindergarten level the past 2 years declined when the dual program was removed. Presumably the students who would have enrolled at Sharpstein enrolled at Edison. Edison is now over enrolled so the bilingual program is being returned to green park. This inequity across the district is not ok. Additionally, having a lower enrollment is not a problem if you take the chance to lower class sizes. Having upwards of 25-30 children in an elementary classroom is not ideal for optimal learning outcomes. Teachers are unable to focus on ALL children leading to a teaching to the middle abilities. There are programs for those identified as gifted and those identified as special Ed, but not for the students who need more or less than the average. Additionally, with so many kids in a class the number of behavioral issues take time and attention to address and are a distraction to kids trying to learn. Lowering the class sizes would improve the educational experience for ALL children.</p>	4/20/2019 7:53 AM
161	<p>Redraw boundaries and close rooms where the need isn't not based on building age...</p>	4/20/2019 7:51 AM
162	<p>If you already have a plan in mind, then say so. There farce of "here's a survey but we already know what we're going to do" is offensive and we've seen this game played already (with the restructuring of the elementary school bilingual program). Perhaps this is an opportunity to offer smaller class sizes. Studies also show that this would be a way to improve student outcomes.</p>	4/20/2019 7:49 AM
163	<p>Consolidate to fewer elementary schools for efficiency and to have kids have more program options.</p>	4/20/2019 7:29 AM
164	<p>Don't close Blue Ridge! College Place all over again. Brown kids matter too! Too many programs designed to 'level the playing field' for these kids have already been marginalized by [REDACTED] AVID, some bilingual programs, busing kids to provide services, ... now Blue Ridge?</p>	4/20/2019 7:18 AM
165	<p>Lower the class size. You are looking only at maximum capacity for students when calculating numbers. This is not what is best practice for teachers or students.</p>	4/20/2019 6:26 AM
166	<p>They need services for all their kids in the same school, not requiring the parent to take one child to prek at blue ridge amd another to school at Sharpstein or prospect point, for example. Part of the decline May have to do with the college place school, and kids having opportunity to attend closer to their home...nothing wwps can do about that.</p>	4/20/2019 6:13 AM
167	<p>Let's utilize our facilities...</p>	4/20/2019 6:04 AM
168	<p>[REDACTED]</p>	4/20/2019 3:06 AM
169	<p>If the empty seats refer to the the max class size, consider if they are truly empty. Just because a first grade class has 20 students, and the state says it could have 25, doesn't necessarily mean that it is best for students to fill those 5 'empty' seats.</p>	4/20/2019 12:21 AM
170	<p>Adjust boundaries! Balance out enrollment.</p>	4/19/2019 11:36 PM
171	<p>The increased choices such as CP school dist. Touchet, and private options are the likely reason for this. Because out school dist is not providing the smaller class size of the other options possibly. This will only get worse if the dist doesn't change.</p>	4/19/2019 11:08 PM
172	<p>Home visits for children who miss a lot of school. Mandatory meetings with parents when children miss school. Doctors notes. Etc. I Have step children who live primarily with their father and I, but when they are with their mom they miss a lot of school. It is frustrating and I wish the school would do more about it.</p>	4/19/2019 11:05 PM

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173	Is the decline due to aging community or increased other resources? Students have more freedom now to be home schooled, have 1:1 teachers at home via online resources, private schools offer incentive and becoming appealing by portraying the idea that the private school can shelter your child and keep them 'safer' than a public school can. People are also having less children compared to ten years ago. The national mean family size was 3 or more children where the national mean family size is now a single child. We would anticipate a decline based on the increasing cost to have children. Can these classrooms be repurposed? Can they be rented out to someone or something else in an effort to generate income? Could any of the colleges use them for something - the colleges education programs could utilize them for on site training. Could we turn some classrooms into a dedicated room for special needs children and pool resources so that those children could have more focused attention at one location? Could the school work in tangent with another organization such as the YMCA for an early learning program or the hospital to teach healthy choices. Could a classroom be turned into an indoor playground to allow for some activities inside during inclement weather or something along those lines. I imagine that many parents would donate funds to help a project like that.	4/19/2019 10:41 PM
174	Have smaller classroom sizes. Form enhancing relationships with each child, creating empathy and enthusiasm for learning.	4/19/2019 10:37 PM
175	If the idea of a centrally located Early Learning Center cannot be accommodated, then placing preschool classes at each campus to serve the families in each elementary school's boundaries seems logical. This way all children in one family are on one campus. This would be easier on parents and transportation. This would be an opportunity to keep the neighborhood schools neighborhood schools and also allow for preschool to be available to all areas of Walla Walla.	4/19/2019 10:04 PM
176	Obviously we need to merge 2 schools, but the decision as to how to redraw school boundaries will be ultra sensitive, especially after the changes with the Dual program.	4/19/2019 9:47 PM
177	This is a growing city. Wait. The children are coming. New construction everywhere and houses for sale are selling fast. Have smaller classes, 15-20 per classroom and see the students thrive! I see break out groups and guest groups meeting in school hallways, not in these "empty" classrooms that I hear about. If we have a need for an early learning center then we know there are kids coming up for our elementary schools.	4/19/2019 9:27 PM
178	Are the smaller class sizes not a plus?	4/19/2019 9:08 PM
179	Realign the school boundaries to reflect higher utilization. Rather than firing teachers, relocate them.	4/19/2019 9:00 PM
180	Do not get rid of/sell buildings, but find creative uses of space that would also benefit the community. Obviously consolidation of schools may make sense at some point	4/19/2019 8:57 PM
181	Consolidate and shut down one elementary school.	4/19/2019 8:57 PM
182	Consolidate elementary schools and use an existing building to house the Early Learning Center.	4/19/2019 8:49 PM
183	I think that many people who have children see that the public schools are suffering in staff and funds so much that they opt to put their kids in a private school or homeschool. I know many people who have children that go to private school or homeschool. My experience is that homeschooled children are incredibly smart, and extremely well rounded individuals. That is something our schools are lacking- smaller classes , the ability to teach the children with their learning style. Every child learns differently, and I see many children suffering from not being taught the way that they learn. Obviously , that is a lot to ask, but there needs to more options.	4/19/2019 8:47 PM
184	Close Blue Ridge and redistrict so that students are not segregated as they are now (the populations of Prospect Point and Blue Ridge provide an example of this segregation). I wish I could support the use of Blue Ridge for the Early Learning Center however I don't think kids should be using those facilities with the radon exposure and associated health issues.	4/19/2019 8:39 PM
185	Has the school board considered smaller class sizes?	4/19/2019 8:32 PM
186	If the numbers aren't there, then we should consolidate the schools.	4/19/2019 8:25 PM
187	Reduce classroom sizes to utilize empty classrooms also will increase educators in the city.	4/19/2019 8:21 PM
188	I would like to see schools used to their best. A realignment of boundaries would cause a lot of strong opinions but is probably the best solution.	4/19/2019 8:20 PM
189	Close a school and save money?	4/19/2019 8:19 PM
190	Be more family oriented. More family nights, community activities ect.	4/19/2019 8:13 PM

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191	Do the open classrooms provide the ability or opportunity for lower class sizes? How many teachers will lose jobs? Do we have the opportunity to deliver unique learning opportunities for our students with the additional teachers available?	4/19/2019 8:12 PM
192	Remember that the community supported the renovation and building of several school buildings in our community, carefully choose which one is selected to house this program.	4/19/2019 8:05 PM
193	I find this so surprising. When we moved to Walla Walla in 2017, our daughters were in 3rd grade, and we discovered that there was only one third grade opening in the whole district (we needed two), and so the school added 2 additional seats into the third grade classes at our neighborhood elementary school. It seems as though our elementary school (Berney) is pretty full. Maybe you could utilize empty classrooms for the new early childhood education/preschool programs?	4/19/2019 7:54 PM
194	I believe that we should consolidate our students into fewer buildings so that we efficiently using our facilities. Maybe having early education in one school and all k-5 in the others; that is if it would save on expenses. We need to be fiscally responsible. And right now we are not.	4/19/2019 7:44 PM
195	A careful analysis of school boundaries needs to be identified and presented to the public to have stakeholders input. During the last review for change, Blue Ridge student population resulted in higher percentage for inequities compared to other elementary schools. Careful anylisis needs to take place for movement among students and staff. Blue Ridge preschool staff already underwent a program change with the expansion of preschool; consequently, making another change would be problematic.	4/19/2019 7:43 PM
196	Stop doing open enrollment. People are choosing to go to schools out of boundaries and it's making it so even if a kid moves in 2 weeks after school they have to drive across town to go to school because the one they live by is too full.	4/19/2019 7:42 PM
197	In a perfect world we would be able to provide our K-5 students with smaller class sizes. Question: If it weren't for the deficiencies in the McCleary ruling, would this be a conversation beyond where to put the expanding preschool?	4/19/2019 7:26 PM
198	Combine 2 elementary schools.	4/19/2019 7:25 PM
199	Create safety. Create s nurturing environment.	4/19/2019 7:22 PM
200	Possibly finding a way to make smaller class sizes.	4/19/2019 7:19 PM
201	As i said im new to the area, in Wenatchee we had smaller class sizes no more then 20 kids to each room. I think having more then 20 elementary aged children in one class can be overwhelming for some kids and they dont get the one on one with the teacher as much because they have too many kids to split their time with..	4/19/2019 7:15 PM
202	Some of the classrooms do not have a full class, but are being used for small group instruction. It is nice to have these rooms and not have to teach in the hallways.	4/19/2019 7:10 PM
203	Perhaps if you wanted our real opinion you should have shared the data earlier	4/19/2019 7:09 PM
204	Having two schools running under capacity does not make sense, especially if there is a way to consolidate to five elementary schools that are all full. Sharpstein In particular is designed to be a three-section school, with clear areas for each grade level and facilities to support 18 classrooms, so it doesn't make sense for it to serve less students than that.	4/19/2019 7:06 PM
205	I would support solutions that would: 1. Fill schools and classrooms on one or a number of campuses, even if it means "closing" a school or re-defining it for another, useful purpose (e.g. larger pre-school program). and 2. Re-drawing boundary lines so that each elementary school was, in itself, a representation of WWPS demographics as a whole (55% on the free and reduced lunch program). Not only would this provide a rich diversity across our school district, but would also allow each school to be funded and staffed as a "Title School", without relying on unreliable levy monies.	4/19/2019 7:06 PM
206	Re-zoning, move kids east from Prospect Point area.	4/19/2019 7:03 PM
207	The idea of one of the schools becoming strictly an early learning center is a great idea. Another added benefit would be able to contract out use of the building for childcare purposes. Reliable childcare is hard for younger families to find in the area. Especially district employees.	4/19/2019 6:58 PM
208	Do we help fund willow school? And if we do. Are we required to do this?	4/19/2019 6:55 PM
209	Could a raise be instituted to all staff?	4/19/2019 6:54 PM

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210	I believe that the decline in enrollment is due to things the school district cannot change (such as couples not interested in having children) so I cannot give any advice.	4/19/2019 6:54 PM
211	Decline probably has something to do with the cost of living in Walla Walla sky rocketing over the last decade and employment opportunities not meeting family needs. People can move 45 minutes from WW where the cost of living is 1/3 less and employment opportunities are more lucrative. Wineries and Tourism are the main focus of our local government. Unfortunately, the trend will continue to spiral downward unless we get a local government who finds interest in the local citizen and not the tourist and winery owners (who don't even live here). Or maybe we should stop sending our tax dollars to Olympia and Seattle every time a new building project happens here.	4/19/2019 6:50 PM
212	I would recommend considering how the unused classroom could be repurposed or if the elementary schools could be consolidated. However, this would impact having "neighborhood: schools	4/19/2019 6:49 PM
213	If this is the case why are we opening 2 more dual language classrooms at Green Park when it was decided to go to one elementary school for dual? If we need to consolidate school this seems to be going backwards.	4/19/2019 6:49 PM
214	I think it's ok, smaller class sizes mean better resources and educational opportunities for the kids we so have.	4/19/2019 6:48 PM
215	The school should run like any other forprofit business. If the students are not available for the current staff size then cuts need to make staffing to students relative.	4/19/2019 6:48 PM
216	It depends on the "data" that was collected as to where these empty classrooms are projected to be at. If you have collected data you should know this. To vague to give a detailed answer. Without the data I would say move all dual language to Edison all preschool to Blue Ridge and disperse the rest between the remaining four schools.	4/19/2019 6:48 PM
217	Are 6 campuses really needed? Why not join campuses and have better resources and increase productivity having to deal with less campuses	4/19/2019 6:45 PM
218	Not sure if there is a solution. Maybe we need to work with the city of Walla Walla and try to get some more job opportunities brought to our city. In return we might get more younger families to Walla Walla. Young people can't afford to live here. Not enough high paying jobs. Walla Walla is expensive to live in	4/19/2019 6:44 PM
219	I don't really have a advice on this matter but my opinion is that we definitely will see a ripple effect and unfortunately the effect will be negative to our kids	4/19/2019 6:44 PM
220	None	4/19/2019 6:41 PM
221	It seems fiscally responsible to consolidate a school and rent a building out to early learning providers.	4/19/2019 6:40 PM
222	Pull in community collaborated services that are on campus, such as mental health, health care services, DSHS, etc.	4/19/2019 6:37 PM
223	Consolidate elementaries, which means redistricting. Dedicate one elementary school to be the new early learning site.	4/19/2019 6:37 PM
224	Balance the enrollment between all schools not just the popular Prospect Point which has 4 over populated kindergarten classes. 25 students in kindergarten classes with limited classified help is ridiculous.	4/19/2019 6:36 PM
225	Decrease the number of elementary schools, and redraw the school zones.	4/19/2019 6:36 PM
226	Your district boundaries are terrible and student populations are centered on programs that in high demand, such as the dual language program. Consider offering that in other schools and redraw districts in a more logical way.	4/19/2019 6:35 PM
227	With all these Hayden homes coming in you need to redevelop the boundaries so they equal out.	4/19/2019 6:34 PM
228	I was under the knowledge that a fourth classroom was added to prospect point school this year. Is that not accurate? Perhaps spreading the students in schools with higher numbers would keep staffing from being negatively affected.	4/19/2019 6:17 PM
229	Reallocate resources for ECEC	4/19/2019 6:03 PM

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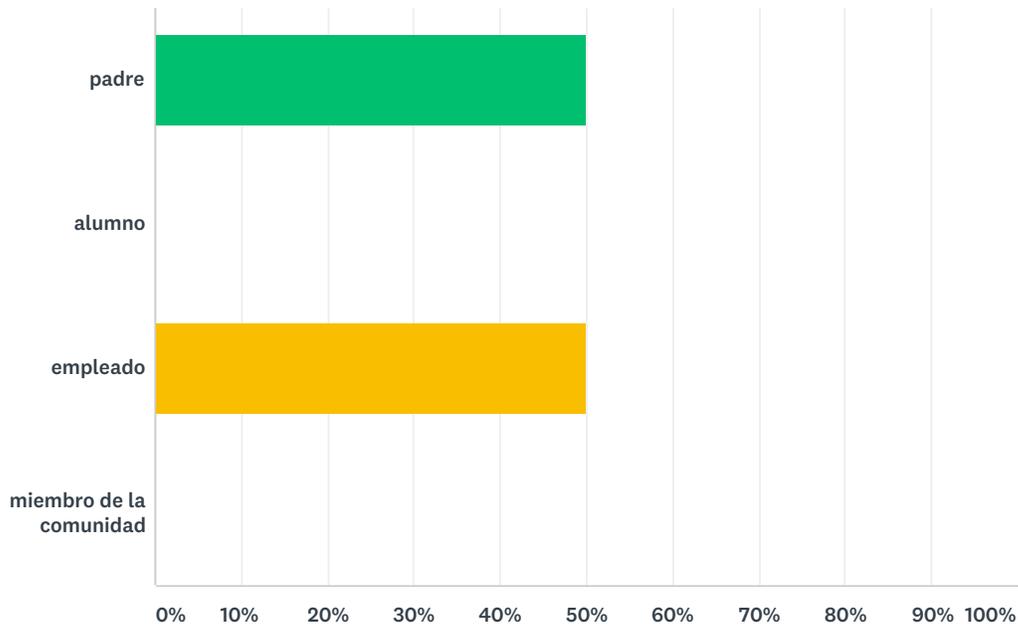
230	Class size matters. Does this vacancy take that into account? My child is currently in a packed classroom with so many highly impacted students whose behavior make it difficult for the teacher to teach, difficult for my student to learn. I know the district is trying to do something with social/emotional but I worry it's too little too late. For goodness sake lower class size so my kid isn't traumatized anymore than they already are because someone is throwing chairs again or screaming profanities at the teacher.	4/19/2019 5:40 PM
231	Use some of that unused space, combine students in schools to make fuller use of existing space.	4/19/2019 5:17 PM
232	This answer looks like it was designed to help the reader draw the conclusion that consolidating schools is the right answer. It may be the right way to go, but please be diligent in choices not only about which school is best to be 'shuttered', but also how all schools and students are realigned. We have some schools that are very outdated and some that are very crowded. Another consideration will be trying to maintain neighborhood schools. Perhaps trying to run five 450 student schools isn't the best move. Perhaps trying to restructure our schools so they have smaller student and staff populations and a more intimate feel would be the better move.	4/19/2019 4:03 PM
233	redraw the districts. you have some schools where kinder is overwhelmed. others where enrollment is low. with all of the growth on the south side, the students can't all keep going to Prospect Point. the school boundaries need to be redrawn to even things out.	4/19/2019 3:55 PM
234	Possibly consolidate schools with K-3, and 4-5 at different campuses so that children can stay with their class cohort and not be split.	4/19/2019 3:49 PM
235	I would think looking at redrawing school boundaries would help this situation.	4/19/2019 3:29 PM
236	I am glad to see the district trying to utilize those spaces to help the community	4/19/2019 3:09 PM
237	I am of the opinion you should be careful about closing schools. My home town did that and then population mix changed and they had to buy back and build and reopen schools	4/19/2019 3:01 PM
238	Transparency is vitally important. Addressing busing and sections which will be affected is important. Walking to school, etc, etc.	4/19/2019 2:54 PM
239	What is the 'goal' class size to make classrooms sustainable? Smaller classes are better for kids and teachers. When calculating full/empty, what numbers are you using? Please explain your calculations.	4/19/2019 2:24 PM
240	Which schools have the 25 unused classrooms? It seems like most city growth is heading south (especially if the ridiculous Hayden Homes project is approved) so Prospect Point will end up being overpopulated. Students may have to be bussed away from their home schools to even out the classrooms.	4/19/2019 2:19 PM
241	Looks like new boundary lines are in order. Our family is in the Prospect Point boundary and there are zero empty classrooms there. In fact, we are bursting at the seams. With additional houses in consideration in the Cottonwood development, where will those kids go? Prospect Point. New boundary lines could shift demographics, and make the numbers at each school more even.	4/19/2019 2:15 PM
242	none	4/19/2019 2:12 PM
243	Keeping class sizes smaller is very important to learning.	4/19/2019 2:09 PM
244	I feel this will stabilize over the next few years. One good option, expensive, would to have more, smaller classrooms.	4/19/2019 1:52 PM
245	Perhaps endorse smaller classrooms to utilize all of the classrooms/staffing so that children can get a more personal learning experience.	4/19/2019 1:49 PM
246	It makes sense to consolidate services but I would like to see unused properties either sold so they can be put back into the property tax base or re-purposed into a community building.	4/19/2019 1:29 PM
247	I am not convinced that an aging community population is the only cause for drop in students. Many parents, over the past few years, have opted to send their children to religious/private schools due to discipline problems and chaos in some classrooms. Also, with the amount of new housing under construction in our community, I don't believe those moving in are only older folks. i would like to see more info on the stats for this.	4/19/2019 1:27 PM
248	The entire Early Learning Center could be housed in one of our current elementary school buildings due to declining enrollment. However, if it isn't too fragmented, each school could house a couple Early Learning classrooms, also. Transportation might be easier that way, but it sounds nice to have the program all under one roof.	4/19/2019 1:17 PM

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249	I think the district could choose to see this as a positive opportunity to be more progressive in its educational philosophy. Reducing class size across the whole district could result in better results in test scores and behavioral issues. Teachers who have smaller class sizes are able to give more individual attention and tailor lessons to the needs of the students in their classroom. A teacher-student ratio of 1:15 would be incredibly impactful.	4/18/2019 10:34 PM
250	Consolidation is costly and might create problems if population trends reverse and enrollment begins to increase. Use empty classroom for electives. Use them to expand programs that used to have more funding, e.g., Art and music education.	4/18/2019 9:00 PM
251	I think it is smart to look at ways to consolidate students. I know it won't be a popular move; especially for those who lose their neighborhood school, but it doesn't make sense to pay for maintaining a building when the kids can fit in somewhere else in the district. I would imagine that bussing may become more of an issue since I would hope we would offer bussing for those who lose their neighborhood school. I am also concerned for the staff who lose their building but I am confident the district will find homes for everyone.	4/18/2019 9:47 AM
252	I support moving to five district elementary schools and one supporting early learning options in the community.	4/18/2019 8:01 AM
253	I would ask the school board to consider utilizing empty classrooms to lessen the class size in kindergarten.	4/17/2019 7:37 PM
254	I am very concerned about the loss of the neighborhood school if you were to close one school. I do not have any constructive advice.	4/17/2019 4:16 PM

### Q5 Opción que mejor describe su relación con las Escuelas Públicas de Walla Walla

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	Count
padre	50.00%	1
alumno	0.00%	0
empleado	50.00%	1
miembro de la comunidad	0.00%	0

## Q6 ¿Qué consejo u opinión ofrecería en relación con un Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 352

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	El Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano será un lugar de apoyo de educación para los niños ya que la mayoría entra a kinder con falta de destrezas, habilidades y lenguaje. Aparte que será un lugar de apoyo adicional para padres en donde se puedan informar .	4/19/2019 11:58 PM
2	En mi experiencia como padre la educación temprana es muy buena para nuestros hijos porque los ayuda a que lleguen con éxito a la escuela,pero aveces la barrera es los ingresos que hay familias que no califican para que sus niños tengan una oportunidad de aprender en un lugar seguro .	4/19/2019 6:57 PM

## Q7 ¿Qué consejos u opiniones tendrían que ofrecer al distrito escolar relacionado con la disminución de inscripción en las escuelas primarias y los salones vacíos?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 352

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Definitivamente consolidar escuelas	4/19/2019 11:58 PM
2	Te memos que seguir trabajando para motivar a los padres que es lo mas importante y que ellos se sientan seguros de inscripción de sus hijos y preparar esos salones que estén listos para cuando lleguen esos niños y los padres que no sean equivocados de poner a sus hijos en el distrito.	4/19/2019 6:57 PM

Translated comments from above:

-The Early Learning center will be a place of educational support for children as most will enter kindergarten with a lack of skills, abilities and language. Besides that it will be a place of additional support for parents to receive information.

- In my experience as a parent early education is a very good for our children because it help them to reach school successfully, sometimes the barrier is the income that there are families that do not qualify so that their children have an opportunity to learn in a safe place.

- Definitely consolidate schools

-We need to continue working to motivate parents, which is the most important, so they feel safe enrolling their children and preparing those rooms that are ready for when those children arrive and parents who are not mistaken by enrolling their children in the district.