6/10/16

TO: Camas School Board

RE: Potential Change in Location for new Project-based Learning High School

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Timeline
- Winter 2015 - Bond Opportunity on horizon
- March 2015 - FACTSS Committee assembled
- June 22, 2015 - FACTSS Recommendations
- Sept 2015 - Design Advisory Team for new high school assembled
- Nov 2015 – Design Advisory team recommendation to Board
- Nov 2015 - Feb 2016 Bond Planning & Outreach
- Jan 2016 – Begin exploration of Middle School Project Based Learning Pilot Program
- Feb 9, 2016 - Bond Passes!!!
- March 10, 2016 Sharp property purchase & sale agreement to explore
- March - May 2016 - Sharp due diligence
- May 2016 - FACTSS reconvening
- May/June 2016 – Electronic feedback from community
- June 9, 2016 – Listening Posts
- June 13, 2016 – Board Workshop on new PBL HS & Location
- June 13, 2016 - Board Resolution on purchase of Sharp property
- June 27, 2016 – Possible public hearing on change of location for new high school
Rationale

The February 2016 bond included “build a new, standalone, 600 student capacity high school next to the CHS campus.” The design committee made the recommendation to build the new, project based learning high school back in November of 2015. At the time of the recommendation, the site next to CHS was deemed the best possible location for this school for a number of factors including the opportunity for shared resources and staff, and easy access for students to Camas High School.

The committee also recommended to start pilot project based learning experiences at the middle school level in 2016, so that when the new school was built students and staff would be ready and excited to attend. The district explored placing modular buildings on both Skyridge and Liberty campuses to house the pilot program. The estimates for those modular buildings were high and led us to start investigating other options. The passing of the bond in February of 2016 included direction to purchase property. The Sharp property became an attractive option for both supporting the middle school pilot because of the existing building that could house students with little modification, and acquiring property for future district use.

As the design team for the new project-based learning high school met with architects this spring to plan out the new school, the idea of placing the school at the Sharp campus, instead of the Camas High School, was raised. The more we investigated the option, the more it seemed like the location for the new project based learning high school was something we should raise as a possibility.

Community trust is very important to us in Camas. It provides the foundation for what makes our community such a great place to live. The new opportunity the Sharp campus presents us is something our school board felt we needed to share with our community and solicit feedback. We’ve tried to create multiple opportunities for stakeholders to learn about the opportunity and share their thinking.

Process details

- The committee recommended a project based learning approach for the new school, creating another option for our secondary students. Regardless of where the school is located we will be following this recommendation.
- Traffic & parking improvements were recommended for the CHS campus. $5.2 million was budgeted from the bond to complete these improvements, $2.7 million for the existing CHS campus and $2.5 million was allocated for the addition of the new high school. If the location were to be changed, $2.5 million would be used at the Sharp campus and $2.7 million would be invested at the CHS site.
- The Facilities Advisory of Citizens, Teachers, Staff and Students Committee was reconvened in May 2016 to consider the question of location for the new high school. They felt the question of location was compelling enough for further community input and study.
A visual of the FACTSS committee’s thinking about the location for the new school is below. Consideration was given in the categories of public trust, communication, site considerations, and program considerations. Committee members were asked to place their sticky notes on the site their preferred location with a reason. A summary of the themes are below.

CHS SITE Considerations
- Opportunity for “crossover” courses
- Familiarity with campus and crossover opportunities may help with recruitment
- Traffic congestion
- High density of use on campus
- Shared resources between CHS/new HS
- Potential staff sharing (certificated and classified)

Sharp Site Considerations
- Synergy of a 6-8 and 9-12 campus with a Project-Based Learning focus
- Proximity to industry for partnerships
- More opportunity for outdoor learning
- Program autonomy (scheduling and culture, e.g.)
- Athletic/Activity bus to CHS
- Shared resources between middle school/new HS
- Potential staff sharing (certificated and classified)
- Alleviates density of use burden on CHS campus
- Change from what was communicated to voters
Process Details (continued)

- Electronic Feedback – emails were sent out to all parents and staff with information on the website as well as asking for feedback. 405 people responded to the survey. All individual comments are included.

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Related to moving the PBL high school to the Sharp site, I feel the school should...
Absolutely be built at CHS 1.......2.......3.......4.......5.......6 Absolutely be built at Sharp

- Listening Posts – two listening posts were held, one in the AM and one in the PM on 6/9/16. Approximately 30 people attended. The listening posts began with a presentation by Jeff Snell, slides are included, and then there was an opportunity for community members to share their thinking. Comments are included.
AM Listening Post Comments

Individual Table group Comments

- PBL middle school timeline caught community members “off guard” and came about too quickly
- The Sharp site lends itself much better to PBL than other options
- PBL “experiment” away from CHS has a risk to it because the education system could not revert back easily to traditional high school experience if PBL was a failure
- More information about enrollment and transportation costs - equity around schools within the district - HFHS cannot be transported to CHS for “cross over”, but PBL MS will get transported?
- What does the long term growth look like in Camas? How does this building solve the growth issue over the next 5-10-15-20 years? Have you guys thought about the growth over the next 20 years?
- Transparency is very important - why was their no information about the DNR property within our school community?
- Overcrowding at CHS is certainly a problem - what are the immediate fixes?
- The hastiness of this process is eroding public trust - particularly the MS experience - Students do not have the opportunity to experience PBL to know if it is what they we going to do in the next year?
- This process is distracting from the current students who need admin support at CHS
- Concerns about 24 credit and administrator focus on PBL on not current students and the need to meet 24 credit requirement: THERE SHOULD BE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE (this was a 30 minute conversation so I thought it warranted all CAPS!)
- Parent has few concerns on macro level. What opportunities would a PBL HS student lose at Sharp vs. CHS site?
- What about counselors? Yes, and counselors/staff will be charged with creating internships.
- Misunderstanding that MST magnet students will move to PBL school
- Will the staff in cool program maybe move to PBL high school? Could those programs potentially disappear if PBL siphons off innovative teachers?
- Community member loves the idea of moving to the Sharp site: traffic, program separation. The CHS gravitational pull would negatively affect the PBL school. Let’s do Sharp and do it right.
- Community member thinks there really could be more crossover with CHS- another community member says no.
- There seems to be more flexibility with building it at Sharp for future.
- Concerned about overall curriculum in elementary/middle school- wants us to look at bringing foreign language to earlier years.
- Sound system bad at CHS. need to do something ASAP!
- 5 years from now if PBL isn’t working- worried we build Sharp to PBL: what do we do with building if it is built in mind for PBL?
- Concerned -transportation for back and forth to Sharp and CHS cross over classes; what does it do for the taxpayers in future for Levy voting?
- Knight’s point association: they support tentatively what we’re proposing as of now...need more details, they would like to be involved once more decisions are made
- PBL is good for our community(new ways of doing things for students); happy to volunteer in future of program(Seppo Saarinen- community member- seppo.saarinen@comcast.net)
- Concerned with 24 credit and what does this do for that?
- Overcrowding at CHS currently; what does PBL do for that?
- What does long growth look like for Camas?
PM Listening Post Comments

- Likes spreading buildings from east to west. Add on and synergy. Very strong support for Sharp.
- Love the Sharp location, balance on across the town. Voted no, but now in support of the bond program.
- Like the Sharp site, likes PBL HS being discreet, own school. For students and staff who want to learn and teach in that model. As long as kids can still participate in activities.
- Suzie appreciates the board and district are always looking for the best for kids, the best way to spend our money; Incredible opportunity.
- Free middle school out of the deal.
- Excited for another choice for students.
- Maybe talk about the cost associated with activities bus--not bond money.
- When opportunities come up the people grab them. This district has my trust want them to keep it.
- Like the option for kids to have.
- Separate site, has its own identity.
- Outreach to neighborhoods near the site?
- Have there been talks with the City on trails for walking/biking to school?
- Sharp neighbor - worried about traffic on Payne with new schools, especially where the new access would be located. Very narrow, small road. Wants it well thought out. Must improve traffic intersection at Payne and Pacific Rim.
- Live near the CHS campus. Voted no on the bond because 600 additional students at CHS is too much. Already a parking problem in their neighborhood. Prefer the Sharp site because it provides a second site for high school students. Also like the options available at the Sharp site.
- CHS is already crowded. Another building will be too much.
- The older kids can mentor the middle schoolers in assignments and leadership. Senior projects could include guiding middle schoolers.
- Adjacency to industrial facilities is a bonus. Walk to industrial facilities and employees can visit on site easier.
- Want to be added to an email list - we need an easy way to make that happen.
- Want to access athletics on a less formal basis like intramurals. There are limited opportunities for sports with so many high school students. Also appreciate the non-traditional offerings.
- Additional operating cost of transportation to new site. Interschool student transportation for sports and 0 period bussing too.
- No matter what we do now, we will most likely need another high school in about 5 years.
- Would choose the Sharp site due to the above issues. Both are 6’s on the chart.
- Be more clear about the new PBL building for HS students AND Sharp building for middle schoolers.
- Credit recovery could also be accessed at this site. CAP program after school could work too.
Questions/comments I have about the CHS site: (176 responses)

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Just from a transportation pov, it should be housed there.

Concerned about the crowding at/near CHS anyway. Feel the PBL high school would become part of CHS, when it could really flourish as its own entity. Additionally, I feel it would be a shame to squander money on building a building when we have a beautiful building available to us right now. I'm not supportive of the CHS site.

Is there space?

I would like the PBL students to feel inclusion with the High School teaches and students, rather than feeling exclusion and/or isolation. Thank you for taking the time to post the question to parents and the community.

Far from most of the population growth in Camas. Concentrated with CHS and LH Elem may lead to traffic issues.

I have significant concerns if the new HS is located by CHS - mainly in terms of congestion, as well as impact on surrounding neighborhoods/areas.

We need to reduce traffic to the high school.

I would not allow my child to go to pbl if it isn't located at CHS. Address the overcrowding at the high school. It isn't going to get better because of pbl.

Traffic and parking is overloaded at CHS site

CHS is too big and impersonal for the students. It is hard for students to find a place they fit in such a large community.

CHS is already exploding with growth and overcrowded. The project-based learning kiddos need their own culture and facility.

Sports? PE? Electives at CHS?

Wouldn't they feel more like the community and have access to other classes at CHS and cheaper transportation to go to the other classes and sports programs too after school, etc.
CHS is already experiencing overcrowding issues and I am sure their available office space/land will need to be used for other programs in the near future.

Having the PBL school on CHS will allow students to have access to a greater variety of classes. Being 20 minutes away limits students' ability to have a flexible schedule to their wants and needs.

The CHS site is not easy to get to for all parts of the school district. Having a location on the West side would be very convenient.

The CHS location is not optimal. There are no sidewalks (safety issue) and there is limited access by one lane roads. The Sharp site is really ideally located for expansion and many of the surrounding communities.

My concern is the kiddos wouldn't feel the full high school experience being separated.

Seems like traffic is the main issue at CHS site

Too much traffic to add another building.

Camas High School is already over populated, I feel the added traffic and school congestion would be a mistake. It already takes quite awhile to get in the parking lot in the mornings and afternoons, and no matter the time of day there is no open parking in the lot. Also, the strain of more students inside the building wouldn't be fair to current students, they can barely get thru the halls in between classes now. Plus, there is already not enough places for students to sit at lunch time, they already are sitting on the floor to eat.

Undecided

I think it is important for students at the PBL school have access to language and some AP. If that is built into the PBL program maybe Sharp. Also access to after school activities/sports would be easier.

The bond did not state building the PBL high school at a different site. This would show lack of integrity when putting bond measures before the public. Students at the PBL high school would be isolated from the rich offerings at CHS. Why not use the Lacamas site for the PBL building rather than just a robotics area/storage building. Build new Lacamas and then use that site to build the PBL, allowing students to walk between the PBL and CHS. Additional parking and entry would be at the old Lacamas site, possible food service, shared staff members, creating a campus that offers the best of both experiences on the two adjacent property sites. Buses would easily serve both campus with one stop.

It will be too crowded and will not make the distinction between the two schools clear enough. It should be recognized as a stand-alone school rather than linked to CHS.

CHS should remain ONE CAMPUS -- build another middle school at SHARP
You've done a good job about listing the pros/cons, but it should really come down to a cost-analysis and the burden it has on tax payers. Should the cost be a wash, then you can look at the pros/cons. But, it's hard to say an absolute either way if we don't have all of the facts in front of us.

Overcrowding with students and parking

None

The CHS site is crowded enough, as well as a lack of parking.

crowded in that area. will cause huge traffic delays and ineffeciency

The congestion is a concern for sure and the Sharp site will alleviate that. Also moving the alternative HS to Pac Rim will allow future growth of the traditional HS to happen if needed someday down the road.

Moving it away from the high school will limit PBL students from being able to participate in things like sports, band, etc.

Having it here would be okay but not ideal. The traffic issues would be a challenge and it just wouldn't feel like a separate program. I'm thinking it could result in the programs not being as different over time.

It's already overcrowded with too much traffic

This can help solve the parking/traffic issue and leave more options available for the high school future.

This entire PBL approach is pretty embarrassing in my view. This can be done under the same roof as a traditional school or integrated into traditional learning at a lower cost. Clearly the city leaders are torn between a one high school town and the growth which necessitates two. We are witnessing the unintended consequence of trying to appease all. Construct one traditional high school on a seperate property. This is what every city in America does when population growth calls for it.DO NOT construct a quasi school on chs property. Otherwise we are left with this confusing hodge posge of admin buildings, quasi high schools, second tier and alternative tracks.. It's confusing and sends a bad message in my view. I greatly appreciate the community input, but the execution on this has been less than efficient.

With all that said- camas is awesome and we love our schools! Let's keep it that way.

Crowding and traffic are already minor problems at the CHS site.

Too crowded. Too much traffic. Eventually you will need two high school sights anyway. Start the process now!

With the PBL to be built at the Sharp site, the resources for the students will not be easily shared between the 2 sites. Different geographic locations (despite they are not that far apart) will have a gap/delay in communications and access to resources (both material and personnel)

Avoid future potential overcrowding at existing school location. As it is, the highschool is needing to expand parking and traffic is an issue.
This is really about a population increase, not about what method of learning should be added to the district in high school. I think students will do fine at either site, HOWEVER, if you split off some students to Sharp without making it a full facility (with sports fields, etc.), you will lose for them the great school spirit & comraderie that comes from physically being on one property. Moving extra students to Sharp, if it is not built out as a full facility, means risking having them be ostracized by the kids at the "real" high school. Regardless of the site for the overflow, PLEASE hire additional admin staff in counseling. Ms. Andersen already runs too many programs at CHS; I would be very disappointed if she was *also* put in charge of anything at the overflow high school.

It will help relieve the parking and traffic problems at CHS. It needs to be a full encompassing high school with pe/health, music - only sports gather in one place in camas. This is how to ensure success for students to have this identity and feel like its a respected, full offering of a high school experience.

Building at the CHS campus would just increase the traffic issues that are already beyond insanity.

Seems like there are some great student culture benefits to building at CHS including access to other services at the school and its what the original plan was. This change seems somewhat sudden and the planning and funding already slated for the new CHS site would be a waste at this point.

Traffic patterns and future congestion would be much better at Sharp.

The traffic issues at CHS need relief, not additional students! The PBL focus will be better supported away from the traditional approach of CHS.

I think too many kids in one location can cause problems.

Over crowding an area with poor road access from all sides. Having to share library, gym, cafeteria time between the 2 schools. How will the school schedule work? What happens to the property where the new school was going to go by CHS?

It was sad that the reason the new HS was being built by the old one was to ncourage students to flow between the two thus offering more choice to the kids. This is better than housing the new HS at Sharp.

I think that this proximity will feel "comfortable" for many but in reality, this school is not about maintaining the status quo. I think a unique identity is essential to its success. We might want to consider the "deal breakers" for students -- music, sports, drama -- and how we can structure the schedule at the Sharp campus to either include those in the program OR allow for flexibility. For example, we could have rolling starts in which students in sports could attend earlier and students in band could attend later.

If the point is to alleviate class sizes. It would be nice to have it off sight.

Would students still have access to clubs and after school activities if it's at Sharp?

We have been concerned over the congestion of an additional building at the Camas High school site for several years. Having the new PBL high school on the new site would address this issue and reduce
traffic and student flow. This would also allow the high school students and middle school students to share resources and possible project interaction in a much more accessible way.

Will this further impact the parking problem if another building is put on this campus?

My comment is that the program should be located at the Sharp campus to reduce crowding at CHS

The traffic congestion will be multiplied by adding the additional campus and the PBL campus will be subsumed by CHS, losing it's unique identity. Cross over between the two programs should not be an issue as the compatibility of the two programs just isn't there.

The primary benefit with proximity to CHS is the ability to take classes such as band, choir, etc. at the high school. Also need to think about testing, assemblies, after school activities, clubs, etc. which would all still be on the CHS campus.

If PBL school is a different high school, it makes sense to be on a different site.I with unique identity. PBL school on same CHS site does not alleviate traffic congestion and crowded facilities . Preserves CHS field rather than building.

Traffic is a mess up there now. If we keep it there is the traffic going to ease off?

Weren't we going to use the buildings from Lacamas Elementary already on the site?

I have always been concerned with the over crowding and traffic. This seems like a great solution. Win win

It should be next to the high school so students can easily choose where they want to go without problems and/or changes of transportation. Stick to the original plan. It's already a lot of change.

As a neighbor to the current campus, this seems to be a MUCH more common sense approach. As a parent with a child potentially entering the PBI middle school, I much prefer this option and watching a unique community develop.

Being a resident of Waterleaf sub division, any attempt to move students and cars parking in front of my house is supported. Camas HS has not handled the parking situation in a timely or considerate manner.

I am very concerned about the addition of more students and traffic to the CHS site. It is too crowded already and I worry that extra curricular activities will be over full and overly competitive (teams hard to join, theater productions hard to get into, etc.)

Concern it is just an expensive bandaid for what is really needed to relieve the overcrowding.

I think it is going to cause more traffic problems. Also, kind of unrelated but for the future, I think, if Camas considers a second high school, they should consider a Junior/Senior campus and the old high school be a freshman/sophomore campus.

What would be taken Away from chs so build pbl on site?
Please don't build it at the CHS site, there is not enough parking for the students who already attend CHS and we don't need another school to compete with for parking space. Question though, why have you never addressed building a parking structure for CHS students? Wouldn't that make the parking so much safer for the students so they aren't out parking on the road?

There is little enough parking at CHS so I do not think adding the PBL there will help.

How would you address an already overcrowded CHS parking lot/traffic patterns by building another school on the same site?

The traffic near CHS is already horrible. The roads near Sharp are already built to handle more traffic.

I feel whichever would be the most economical choice

Sticking with this plan enables CSD to build the structure exactly at it would like and not have to reconfigure another space that was not intended to be a school.

This allows a sharing of resources.

The CHS site is already too crowded and the new building needs its own identity.

Why can't you build an entirely new high school at the Sharp location? The chs is a small bandaid, we NEED ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL!

There is no parking as it is. Move it!

It is important for high school students to be able to access all of the programs available at CHS. If they were at the Sharp site, there would be more cost to the district for transportation and lost instructional time.

Please do something about flow of traffic and parking

The traffic will only get worse. Use the land that was the school was to be built on and make more parking.

The CHS high school area is already overcrowded with the number of students and vehicles that travel through that area.

Too much traffic and congestion in one place, two places would help a lot!

Built at the CHS

This site is clearly too packed as it is and is only going to delay the inevitable new school site.

PBL students need the same access to sports, music, arts, and all other activities that CHS offers. Keeping it fair and square.

too much traffic
We need a second high school at a different location, this school is too big.

I think Sharp would be the perfect location for it, but I think it could be the beginning of a 2nd high school. Having one Camas high school is the key reason why the Camas community works. It ties the entire area together.

We want to keep the cross-over opportunities/courses with the CHS programmes & schedule. We want the PBL HS students to stay close and in contact with other HS students/friends that are not in the PBL programme.

Don't want to lose cross-over opportunities. Also, don't want to separate PBL HS students from their other HS friends.

I don’t think this school will ever function like the ones it is modeled after (High Tech HS in San Diego) if it shares a campus with CHS. There will be cross-over kids who will want to also access all of the opportunities at CHS and will not be available to work with their groups through the day.

Too many limitations on schedules and students would still be seen as Camas High School students. This should be a district program (and eventual school) offered to students.

Traffic is definitely a concern at the CHS site. Everett St. will also be impacted by the future residential development north of Lacamas Lake further exacerbating the issue. I'm not concerned about the expansion deviating from the bond's original plan.

CHS campus is too crowded already

Traffic management

This year was my first vote against a Camas school levy. I am in favor of creating a second high school to ensure that each student gets ample opportunities and attention rather than continue to grow the student body in a single high school. In so far as the Sharp Site would mean a second location, I support the concept.

Keeping it on the CHS campus makes them part of the student body. Part of the culture, this also helps prepare students for college campuses. This is what the voters agreed on.

Concerned about over crowding.

Overcrowding on roads and in buildings is a big concern. But I feel the cost is already very high to taxpayers, and do not want to pay more. Also, I did not like the fact that you sent letters to my kids who graduated in 2013 and 2014 asking them to vote for the bond for the PBL school. They are not homeowners and not responsible for any of the costs. I thought that was an underhanded way to try and get support for the bond.

It is already too crowded. No need to add to the traffic or portables.
The CHS site was approved and disadvantages were known. Any change should result in a net improvement over the approved proposal.

Hate the location and the traffic.

AP and Electives courses are crucial to HS level students regardless of their enrollment into PBL or Traditional school. I remember a friend of mine in HS who up to senior year never seemed super motivated regarding his future, however he spent his entire senior year running for offices, taking electives, joining sports teams, and struggling through any AP course he could get into all to be admitted into the Coast Guard academy. Turns out he had childhood asthma, and they rejected him but he landed a scholarship to Clemson for Track and is now an orthopedic surgeon. Unless we have the capacity to change the criteria for colleges and universities (we don't) these more traditional functions are crucial to students as they progress. I don't want any child to be hamstrung or feel locked into something during this pivotal time. That said, if the current High School is truly constrained lets not limit our options.

Not optimal for the growing west side.

Campus is too crowded!

I'm very concerned about adding to traffic on Lake Road and Everett. I'm not sure the existing site can or should handle more cars each day.

Due to traffic issues is why it shouldn't be built at the high school.

Traffic is going to be bad no matter what unless they fix the roads in and out of there. You are not adding more students going to the HS, simply taking a chunk from the mainstream and putting them in a new program, which I strongly feel should remain right by the main campus as originally planned!

traffic congestion is bad around the camas high school

The CHS site is already overcrowded. Providing another location helps space issues.

Building at the high school site will only add to the already stifling conditions of traffic and parking. With all of the new home constructions going on down the road to the east, the already constricted roadway infrastructure in and out of the high school will become unbearable and even more dangerous to students, parents and local residents.

I believe having the PBL at Sharp will alleviate the overcrowding @ HS and offer more focus for students in this learning module. However, recognize this is a complex issue so I weigh in favor but not absolutely in favor. Glad the school board seeking input from community. Once again showing how well they work in unison with the community. Thanks

There is simply no room at CHS - rooms are already maxed out in capacity.

I think it will be better to keep those kids together on their own campus 6th through 12th
CHS site is very congested already and adding more students on the site seems like a real traffic challenge. Also, it seems problematic to widen the key thoroughfares to actually get to CHS for much of Camas. (Due to the constraints of the lake by SR-500,)

The voters voted for this site. This is what was agreed on.

I'm sure this could work well too. It would be convenient for transport to have kids in the same family at the same site and there are already a variety of opportunities and resources that could be tapped here for the pbl group

You "told the public" the building would be at CHS and now you want to do a "bait and switch". That is deceitful!

I believe that the CHS congestion would increase causing a traffic nightmare.

I'm not sure that CHS can handle PBL and the technology/maker space on top of growth.

I vote against the bond because I live in the neighborhood near Camas High School. Adding the PBL school there, with the parking and traffic problems that exist today, made no sense. Adding 600 more students in this area was asking for trouble.

It would be great if the PBL kids could be close to the traditional high school so that they can feel connected to the school spirit, dances, sports, electives. I think the program will be more successful if it doesn't take away a lot of these traditional right of passage activities, etc. from the kids just because they choose the PBL program.

Is the PBL program going to run independently of CHS programs? How will crossover for electives be ensured?

Easy to remedy traffic at CHS

If CHS has a capacity of around 2,100 students and we are going to add a 400 student PBL high school, I am concerned that the property cannot accommodate that many students. Can traffic and parking really handle 2,500 students? Plus it will take away from the sports practice fields. Is there space somewhere on the CHS campus where those missing sports fields could be rebuilt?

overcrowding

I just hope everybody realizes that soon a new full-capacity high school will need to be built in the Camas School District, despite what it will do to the sports programs. Camas is a growing area and the current high school already is overcrowded. The Sharp site is a wonderful opportunity for purchase! And it would be a great location for a second full-capacity high school. A second, smaller high school on the site of the current Camas High School is kind of a silly proposal. I realize the budget has a lot to do with decisions. But plan on a full high school at the Sharp site in the future.

I think being part of the larger group is important. They would be pretty isolated over at Sharp.
CHS site is already too crowded and traffic is becoming a problem for the local residents, especially as new housing developments are being built near the CHS site.

Chs would be too overcrowded with pbl

I think we should keep things at one location as long as possible to facilitate ease of access for extra-curricular activities such as sports, band, etc.

The current roads and parking cannot support more students

CHS is already over crowded. Parking is horrible, route 500 is horrific due to traffic. More accidents have happened as well.

This keeps things at a central location and allows students to interact more in the school community

By building the PBL high school at the sharp site, it would help with the parking problem we currently have at CHS. There will be less students needing to park, and hopefully, this will help with the problem our neighborhood has with students parking there as early as 6:30 every morning. Thank you for considering this option.

I prefer the CHS site because it would allow students to potentially attend assemblies and events more easily. Additionally, if sports are not going to be separated, it would be easier to have everyone at a more separate location. How will this sort of thing be handled if the Sharp site is utilized?

I thought the CHS parking was overcrowded as it is. I would think this would cut down on that issue.

Removing students from CHS campus limits their ability to participate in after school clubs, sports, activities- also physical separation will create feeling of not being part of the HS- if we need a second high school, let's discuss that instead of siphoning off students and calling it CHS

We live on the same road as the current high school, the traffic impact on the road it much to great to continue adding to it. Not only has the road become increasing dangerous for the residence who need to pull into and out of driveways- but the kids who are now walking home along the road with no sidewalks and cars speeding regularly by at 40 plus MPH and sometimes in excess of 50 plus MPH

concerns with parking, lunch (too many kids to feed at once)

I am concerned about the traffic situation at CHS site.

I have concerns about overcrowding at CHS campus site and traffic. However, I also have concerns about students' ability to access all electives, especially choir, drama, band, art, etc. At the same time, now that local newspapers list the # of seniors graduating from area high schools, I become more intrigued that we were told during the recent bond that CSD did not think it the time to build a complete new high school. Here's the list of HS and graduating # students: Battle Ground HS:440; Camas HS:455, Columbia River HS:265; Fort Vancouver HS:318; Heritage HS:404; Hockinson HS:163; Hudsons Bay HS:220; La
Center HS:120; MVHS:450; Prairie HS:380; Ridgefield HS:149; Skyview HS:450; Union HS:532; Washougal HS:180; Woodland HS:130. So, again my question is the same as before we voted on the recent bond: why is CSD not just building a 2nd HS, especially since CSD now owns property on 28th St & 232nd Ave? I understand PBL is an upcoming learning experience, but as a taxpayer and parent of freshman, I'm not certain this purchase is a wise one for ALL students and the community. I'm still very concerned about over-crowding at CHS more. What is the district discussing about schedules for the school days for HS students, especially now that Evergreen will be starting 1 hour later?

I have no strong feelings about the possibility of using the Sharp site, as my son will be on the CHS campus. I must say, it sounds like the Sharp campus could be a good option for PBL and it could help with some of the traffic woes as well. My main concern has to do with possible trust issues this could bring about within the community, as we voted on a bond that was different than this plan. Is there a way to get an updated vote--possibly electronically?

Will the PBL school have space for the school's STEM clubs? Will the school include a cafeteria?

1. what AP courses will be offered at this site? 2. how will you decide who gets to attend? Is it going to be a lottery like the new MS program? (A lottery does not lead to equality! - saying it does is merely dodging the issue. ) 3. will there be any opportunity for out-of-district students to attend? 4. how will kids get here from Hayes HS? 5. won't this site's bell schedule be determined by the bell schedule at CHS? and thus not really be able to be the PBL school it voted to be? 6. won't this site lead to even more overcrowding and parking issues at CHS? 7. are teachers going to walk between the buildings with the students?

There is just no parking. The neighborhoods are having EXTREME issues.

Will be too much traffic if it is built there

Being on site with CHS students will give the kids a much better high school experience than being isolated at Sharp.

I think it's better to be closer to the larger school environment than in a remote location.

This site provides the opportunity for kids to be logistically closer to the rest of the student body and hopefully would have some interaction with them.

It appears to me that the extended school should have fairly good and close access to our regular high school.

Initially, the bond said that it would be built near the CHS site. We are misusing the public's trust by moving it to SHARP. Additionally, I feel like this is just being 'rammed down' the public's throat in a rapid fire manner. If it was a 'temporary move' I would have no problem with it, but it seems like this is a permanent move. It also seems like it is a quick move. This is a bad time (end of the school year) to have meetings and listening posts (and meetings in the summer time). This building has been for sale for about two years, why all of a sudden is this an issue?
It is already congestion and hard to get in and out of Lacamas Summit the neighborhood that is acrossed from the high school. The city is not concerned about it and it is time to be concerned about it and the problem. Not enough parking and room for all the students who drive to school.

Opportunity for “crossover” courses like AP, Electives, Physical Education, sports teams, band, music, drama, other clubs, tutoring afterschool Familiarity with campus, access Potential staff sharing (certificated and classified) Transportation costs lower roads are already packed going to/from CHS. Isolation from the other facilities, staff, classes, students, clubs, and after-school opportunities limits collaboration and learning. Time and money spent on extra busing is a waste. Also, could CHS campus be used during summer for special programs? Advantage CHS

I would really like one of the high schools to have an ORCHESTRA. My son plays the cello and my other children all play string instruments. Camas is one of the only high schools in Washington without an orchestra. This was so surprising considering how high caliber we are in other areas. I love Camas School District, but this aspect has been extremely disappointing for our family. PLEASE consider incorporating an orchestral program into our school district, preferably starting in 6th grade. Not all musicians play band instruments.

If they are chs students, then stay on same campus, unless ur starting a 2nd camas SD hs

I do not feel the CHS site would complement the concept of the school like it would at the Sharp site.

The campus and roads can't handle the parking and traffic.

Traffic & congestion. Safety concerns with lack of sidewalks on road.

It will still be too crowded and there will probably be "identity" issues.

The CHS site seems to be overwhelming the traffic in the area and clearly a new FULLY functioning high school, with athletics, etc needs to be developed in Camas. The different learning style being proposed is terrific, though it should not overshadow the need for another high school full stop.

My concern is that the kids are already going to be segregated being in a so called magnet school. Moving them to the sharp facility further challenges those kids who may have less social skills to be segregated even more. By keeping them at the Chs location they can at least Intermix with the general population. That is the problem today is that with all the segregation kids are not taught how to deal with other kids and when they go to college this is a necessity

access is difficult now - how will you accommodate more students/traffic

1) I do NOT want the new PBL HS to ever be vulnerable to poaching by the huge comprehensive CHS, and being further away on the Sharp campus is protective against that. 2)The traffic and congestion problems at CHS are already notoriously hideous and put an disproportionate burden on that “side” of the city of Camas. Having the new PBL HS at Sharp mitigates the already horrible transportation challenges at CHS and allows for a less stressful environment for the PBL students.
It will alleviate traffic to build at Sharp.

The point of building a new school is to relieve congestion. If students can travel from one site to the other they have all the opportunities of cross-curricular studies without being forced to pick one site or the other.

Specifically, what outdoor learning opportunities would a student not be able to partake in as a result of a CHS-based PBL program? What is the logic/rationale of a CHS-based PBL program limiting opportunities to take advantage of local-area industry/business (this doesn’t appear to be an issue with other programs that tie into the local business community).

While overcrowding of campus & traffic remain major concerns, it's hard to ignore the benefits of synergy & potential overlapping use of the 2 facilities side-by-side leaving the Sharp land available for future school space needs.

The CHS campus is already at or over capacity. This will only get worse if a second school is located in the current location.

Will a separate PBL building accommodate the capacity issue at highschool and middle school level in the next two years? How will common core curriculum differentiation happen at PBL?

Great solution!
Questions/comments I have about the Sharp site: (186 responses)

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I feel it's important to keep the kids as close as possible to their peer group at large. Even though the kids will have friendships among the PBL school they have forged friendships through the years that would benefit from close proximity to CHS giving the kids a sense of community. My (going into 7th grade) son was very interested in participating in the PBL program until he learned he'd have to go to Liberty and would never see his Skyridge buddies that were not participating in the PBL program. (None were). I don't think the importance of these long term friendships and connections should be discounted.

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It seems like it's far away (it's close to fishers landing elementary).

This is a great resource that we should capitalize upon. I also feel potential internships and mentors would be readily available at or near the Sharp site.

Is it too far away for kids to feel like they're in a comprehensive HS?

Good way to distribute the District's assets. Could increase operational costs due to being farther from other district properties / facilities.

It would be nice if have a HS at this side of town.

I believe the pros greatly outweigh the cons in regards to having the new PBL HS built at the Sharp site. Being able to share resources with the PBL MS will be a great asset, and spreads the burden on surrounding neighborhoods/areas by having the HS in a different location.

Will it be ready by fall for student use?

Will it make chs a smaller school by moving the project based program to sharp? Yes! We want 2 high schools!!!!!!

This location is in a great location. The traffic would be less and there is plenty of room to grow and for outdoor use. I think this would be GREAT!

See above.
I really don't care. I trust the board will take all facts which will benefit ALL students.

LOVE the idea of both PBL schools being co-located. That makes it truly a "special" place for students to learn in a different way.

Assuming that there would be minimal site mitigation at the Sharp location, taking advantage of retrofitting the existing facilities would be a better use of public funds.

You never want to pass on great office/land opportunities in Camas, knowing that the area is limited for space and that this is one of the biggest and most affluent communities in Clark County. Continue to grow with these types of programs and work to mirror some of the great programs that Vancouver has to help accelerate your learning rate of your students.

Are there any sports facilities available?

Lack of access to CHS electives.

I would be interested in knowing the cost comparison in the two options along with the total student capacity available with each option.

What improvements will be made to insure safety on what has been a privately owned area, including traffic and students? Will recreation facilities be available (i.e.. track, tennis/basketball courts, etc.)?

Sharp site would allow PBL in one location and ease traffic concerns at CHS site at the same time

Where would the new entrance be?

Undecided

Why list that this building will be built at the high school on the bond then change it? Transportation is another concern between CHS and Sharp.

You've done a good job about listing the pros/cons, but it should really come down to a cost-analysis and the burden it has on tax payers. Should the cost be a wash, then you can look at the pros/cons. But, it's hard to say an absolute either way if we don't have all of the facts in front of us.

And advantage of the Sharp site is listed as : "proximity to industry for partnerships". What industry is close to the site? The rest of Sharp Labs or any other industry?

Transportation to and from high school to Sharp building

I am a parent of 2 students who've recently grad from CHS. Just to share a few thoughts from when I had to change to a brand new high school in my junior year due to overcrowding. Obviously change is inevitable but I remember clearly how difficult the transition was. It took the full year for the transition to happen and even after that point it wasn't a cohesive environment. I don't have a clear opinion on where CHS expansion should be but this initial change in my opinion might be smoother if it were closer to the CHS campus. Small change to begin with, let the community know it can work. The next change
can be larger and more dramatic. Either way the students moving to a 'new' high school will always feel a little left behind until full services, sports, music, etc are completely in place for several years. But Camas can do this.... Thanks for all your hard work!

this makes the most sense as it will not have the pressure on the area plus kids can bus or drive in between schools for after school sports, etc.

How much remodeling does the site need to operate, and will it be the same or less than building new, and will it be as good or better than the proposed facility at CHS? These answers are critical to the decision.

If the SHARP site were used, it would feel more like its own program - separate from CHS. I feel that is a good thing. As the info email states, there would still be communication and shared programming between the schools so that shouldn't be an issue.

It makes much more sense to have the PBL middle and high school all part of the same campus

If moving it too far away limits kids access to the H.S. or the shuttle of kids is too complicated, this could be a deal breaker.

Good site, save us some money and use the existing Sharp building

All else being equal, smaller is better in education. Also, it makes sense to channel student growth toward the western part of Camas.

Provides a high school location on the other side of town with room to grow. Best fits the needs of this growing community. Thank you for giving us a say in this decision.

if we truly want decrees crowding @ Skyridge, Liberty & CHS you must fully utilize this building

Why build when perfectly suitable building exists. Reuse, recycle and reduce commercial waste (ie commercial buildings).

Although no real stats were given about student size or facilities to be duplicated (sports, health, labs) at Sharp -- I'm pretty sure the Sharp site is bigger than the piece currently designated for CHS overflow. In that way, it's a better choice. A facility for only 400 students on the CHS "extra" high school land sounds like a band-aid. The district needs to take a hard look at predicted incoming numbers and plan for those, which probably means a fully-built-out, second Camas high school, with extra bus routes, etc. I can't vote in favor of more and more bonds if the money is not used wisely and/or the planning is not realistic. I am concerned that "all of a sudden" the district bought the Sharp property; I've heard that the district has done some interesting land grabs in the past without being accountable for the spending. Also, I am VERY suspicious of the PBL plan. It will come and go; it will create too many new demands on new teachers and ultimately be ditched anyway. I seriously think someone in the district is proposing the PBL model as a darling trial for a mini-high school for temporary bragging/marketing purposed. Let's
just keep the same models in operation which apparently have served Camas High extremely well so far. Please don't fix what isn't broken.

If the PBL truly wants a chance to develop its own autonomy, it would be best to build the PBL HS on the Sharp site. Another advantage is continuity for PBL Middle Schoolers as they transition to HS. Lastly, having space for more outdoor activities is a BIG plus!

This is a pretty large deal in terms of dollars. Why wasn't this mentioned as a possibility even when the bond info was released. This feels very rushed to me given the little bit of info that has been released. Not opposed to the idea but there needs to be more (lots more) details given regarding the whole project scope.

I believe separating the two sites makes good sense to minimise congestion at CHS, also because the focus of the two schools are different.

This is close enough for minimal time and transportation for the students.

Awesome opportunity to expand the PBL program and have outdoor learning experiences, easier transition for PBL middle schoolers to high school.

How would students be able to be involved with other high school activities?? From sports to the arts?

Less traffic,...less issues from too many kids in one location.

To be honest, the main reason Sharp attracts me is because it is within walking distance and I hope to have my now elementary student go there for PBL.

Access to electives only offered at CHS? A PBL school isn't enough of a draw if my child is not able to access foreign language, music and fine art electives. I like the idea of it not adding to the traffic headache at CHS. However, Not having the same kind of access to a big library, theater, and outdoor space, is a big concern. I think the district should build a second high school all together. Seems ridiculous.

You have also read the cons of having students miss out on traditional schooling by just engaging in a pb HS site would allow for a better rounded student education.

I have not looked closely at the site. Is placing a high school on that site the best use of the acreage? Is there potential to build additional high school, middle or elementary school magnets in the same setting? I am wondering if it could be a magnet campus, eventually (thinking LONG term), on which there were several specialized schools. The unique elements like music, drama, sports, could be more like a college campus with multi-age, intramural, exploratory focus. Just a thought. :)

How will the students be involved in activities such as band, choir and drama. Logistically getting them to and from seems to be a problem.

When will the new PBL school be completed?
This is a separate school/learning way. Having a different site helps differentiate and also helps the traffic issues at CHS. Seems to be a win win.

Moving students to Sharp would be good for traffic.

Will the students in this program get everything they need in this building or would they need to be shuttled to the main building to take some classes?

The structure is already in place, as is a great deal of infrastructure for the PBL middle school.....adding the PBL high school will allow shared services and staff that is trained in PBL and the traffic will be greatly ameliorated. As I see it, CSD gets MUCH more "bang for the buck" with Sharp over CHS.

Would there possibly be an opportunity for students to attend electives at CHS campus, or through partnership with local colleges?

It would definitely ease congestion around the CHS campus if the PBL HS were to be built on the Sharp campus. The PBL HS and MS could both benefit from all the space/open area at the current Sharp site.

For my 7th grader, his class will be the first through the PBL middle school and if the school is at Sharp for High School, I am concerned he will lose access to the extras (Band, Drama, sports). If there were a contingency for this, I would be more supportive of the PBL being located at Sharp.

Reuses existing site and building rather than building all new. Where will the entrance be? What other buildings or businesses would be at the same sharp campus.

Will electives, sports, etc programs be available to students at this location? How will they get to these or after school programs? Will middle school and high school students be separated? I don't think 11 year olds should co mingle with high school aged students. At the middle school they have their own hall now.

If you move it there it gives the Camas bus drivers more time. And it would be less traffic at the high school

How much are we spending on infrastructure at Sharp in addition to the infrastructure changes planned to improve traffic flow at CHS?

WAY TO GO CAMAS. I will admit I voted no on the bond because of the idea of an enormous high school campus! If this was what was proposed my husband and I would have supported it! This is very creative thinking and giving families a real choice in education in Camas.

Build it at the Sharp Site. Also construct a PE area/Band Area/Art Area/Computer Lab and all other specialist area so they can stay there. No need to drive to Camas High School.

What kind of tools or equipments do students have access to at the facility?
I think the students will feel less connected to CHA if not near them, in general. But if a connection to on can be built and participa8 I spoets, band, theater etc continue at CHA them I would be more likely to support you

How will students at this site access extra curricular activities?

Separation of students both at the site and from their appropriate school activities. Challenges will be for those participating in after school activities with travel time and traffic traveling to those activities. Cost - need to know the numbers- need a more accurate accounting. There is a trust factor that is diminished because you have moved in a direction that wasn't communicated until the last stages of the purchase.

How will this affect students schedules and abilities to have lunch. I know that in the past students who went to running start and such programs were not able to make it back to school in time to eat. And how will students be chosen

This is close & easily accessed plus has the bonus of it's own parking on a multi-laned & enteranced road.

What would you do about not making this the "rich kid" school that doesn't mean busing kids for an hour or more?

Building a HS structure at a different location than CHS, leaves open the possibility of a second town HS of which PBL would be apart. It would start as PBL HS and could evolve. In fact, it could be located and designed with the idea of expansion in mind. This would mitigate future costs. Good planning and vision are excellent justifications to voters for the minor change in details of the bond request. Also, Sharp site has good traffic infrastructure, unlike CHS.

I think this would alleviate some of the traffic congestion at the CHS location, and from what I've read makes a lot of sense on many levels.

I think this is great! It would give PBL it's own identity and help with long term traffic problems etc.

If I read Doreen's summary correctly, both middle and high school students (grades 6-12) will eventually be housed at the Sharp site beginning in 2018. I am very opposed to this idea. I don't want to see middle and high school students on the same campus. This survey is confusing. You are asking about the site of the high school but you are not asking for feedback about the middle school portion of this project, which I have very strong reservations about. In both cases, high school and middle school students will encounter a lot of wasted time during their day commuting between campuses for electives, extra-curriculars, etc. that they can't get at the Sharp campus. What is the projected cost to remodel/renovate Sharp beyond the $12.5 price tag to bring it up to speed as a school and not a corporate environment?

Seems more expensive and exclusive.

What an amazing opportunity. How can you pass this up?
Why can't we build an entirely new high school at the sharp site?? We don't need just a chs building, we need another high school!

None.

This will help to relieve traffic and congestion issues if the PBL is off the CHS campus.

The Sharp site seems like a great option for middle school students.

where is it? Please include address in communication

Good idea. Away from heavily congested areas.

I think it is exciting to have students out in the community. I believe it will enhance the partnership between CSD and Camas.

Students will have more opportunities to collaborate with each other having the middle and high schools together.

not a good site

How many students would it house?

Seems to be a perfect site for a new high school, even if you want to call it an "extension" of the existing for now. Camas, by nearly any standard, has already outgrown it's current school. It's ridiculous for a city with the tax base of Camas to have 7-800 graduating students at one school, more on the way in the next few years based on elementary enrollment, and not build for the future. The current path only leads to the demise of our city due to the lack of faith in city leadership when then leads to failed levies and property value declines. I've seen it happen first hand in many cities.

will there be more than one entrance? will a stop light be added? with the road running parallel to the Sharp road, I see confusion and accidents...

Having the PBL High School at Sharp is a good start for a 2nd high school! I'm all for it!

Perfect for PBL type school. Just make sure it is a "remote campus" of CHS.

CHS students would lose contact with other HS students/friends that are not in the PBL programme. With both MS and HS students using the same facility, HS students may feel that they never left middle school.

I have no idea what the Sharp site offers beyond the opportunity to develop its own identity. My daughters attend VSAA in Vancouver and benefit as 7th and 9th graders from their HS age peers. They have each started thinking about their own Junior and Senior projects based on the presentations whey have seen this week. By housing both the middle and high school programs together that sort of cross-age mentorship will be possible.
I think locating it on the Sharp Campus will have a beneficial effect on students understanding that this knowledge is "real-world" and makes a difference.

This location would offer more flexibility in scheduling as well as give students their own identity, like our Hayes students.

55,000 square feet. All usable? Is the price/sq. ft. less expensive than building new? I imagine the improvement costs associated with converting from lab to school may be sizable as well. Given the bond barely passed, going back to the "well" so to speak might be difficult next time around. I imagine a lot of community feedback will be centered around which is the most cost effective direction to take. It's a beautiful building and I can see the potential.

This site will help keep a clear distinction between the two schools - a much better plan

This is a special program for the district so should be held at it's own campus

One open space that can make it hard for a student's full attention. Need a quiet space for those that need it for concentration.

Two items regarding the Sharp site that I consider as HUGE advantages are: 1) Move-in ready! How often do you hear of construction projects (of any kind) that have come in on budget, or on time.....practically never! How often do you hear of such projects encountering permitting, code, environmental, political, etc. hurdles.....almost always! The Sharp location is THERE, is in great shape, and I believe will be a terrific asset to the Camas education community, and community at large. 2) I can't think of a better, more simple, solution which immediately addresses the current traffic problems at the existing school location! There are several other advantages I see in the Sharp site, but these are two of the biggest, in my opinion. THANKS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT!

Would not allow students access to elective programs - choir? band? drama? what about AP classes?

Great location and would prevent over crowding.

The site at Sharp will help cut down on the traffic issues on Everett and also Lake Road and not put a burden on parking on the CHS campus.

An awesome solution. Able to have functioning this fall, deal with the small conflicts. People with need to accept that when they approved the land purchase it would be mean something would be built on it.

I am concerned that building the PBL high school on the same campus as the PBL Middle School will result in a segregation of the school community. Students deciding to go to the PBL route will be more isolated from students choosing the traditional route. Students may feel less inclined to switch from one style to another.

cost study
30 acres will support one heck of a campus. My two cents would be: Pilot the PBL Middle school at Sharp as planned. Build a real HS Campus there, PBL and traditional fully integrated with a size and scope that will scale with our community for the next couple decades. When the High school its ready, in a year or two, move the Middle school PBL to the old High school and move the High school to the campus. I went to a small school with few options for expanded programs and I "got by". My wife was privileged to attend Ashland in So. Oregon and they had so many programs there that pretty much everyone could find a place to fit. We just migrated back to the PNW and settled in Camas largely for the schools. I'm not here for the commute. It seems we could be at one of those decision points where we could opt to take it to the next level. Lets have faith in ourselves and our community and go for it.

An opportunity to obtain land on the west end of town may not be available when growth becomes a crisis issue. Sharp is divesting -- may be able to make a good deal now.

How would the electives and health and fitness work? Maybe a teacher can come to sharp instead of bussing the kind da back and forth

How many students are you hoping will be housed at the site? Will these kids have access to CHS resources, such as a counselor, sports, etc

When the new CHS was built 13 yrs ago, we were nearly at capacity by the time it opened. By the time a new school is built, we'll probably need a 2nd high school, not just a supplemental one. The Sharp site seems a good location for a 2nd high school.

Not only would having PBL HS at sharp separate those kids from all the activities at CHS, but having it separate could create something elitist at Sharp something Camas doesn't need more of.

I strongly feel this should be kept as the Middle School site, NOT the High School site.

Would high school students have to travel back and forth between campuses throughout the day? Or if a student is in the PBL program, ALL classes would be at the new location?

The PBL High School should be located near the PBL middle school, providing opportunities for both schools to work together on projects, teacher communication, etc.

Building at the Sharp site will not only accommodate all parking and traffic needs, but it will help to alleviate the same congestions at the high school.

The Sharp site is entirely inappropriate for a school, being situated adjacent to a professional scientific research lab and sales organization. There are numerous aspects of such siting that are problematic. It is much better to maintain an academic "campus" feel at the Camas High School site.

Is there going to be a school speed zone implemented on Pacific Rim Blvd? Will PE, music classes, art, foreign languages and other electives going to be eventually taught/offered at the Sharp Campus? What about after school extracurriculars, like clubs?
It would make sense to keep the PBL students together, and I'm referring to both middle school and high school students.

The Sharp site seems to have considerably easier access and room to grow which seems like a good tool for the district as the population in the area continues to expand.

Could this be the future site of a second high school?

Sounds like we need more space, this space seems inspiring and like there will be room for further expansion.

Will the cost of renovations and the Sharp building be more than the Plan at the high school?

I'm concerned that the PBL exclusive site would not have resources and classes that would be offered at CHS.

Completely agree this is the best place for it. It will increase traffic around Prune Hill Elementary but since it is only 600 students rather than 2000, it should be manageable.

As long as kiddos have access to the arts programing. Having it at the sharp campus will also aid in terms traffic congestion at the high school.

Would the kids still be a part of CHS in other ways, like sports, leadership, dances, electives, etc. if they were at the Sharp facility? If so, then the Sharp facility could be a good option. If not, then I think keeping it close to the traditional CHS would be better.

I do not support a PBL site away from a student's middle school or CHS IF there is not access to performance art programs: choir/band specifically. Just because a child is gifted in a specific Program, it should not exclude them from accessing the arts which they are entitled to. They should not have to choose between programs that they excel in.

Will the combination of the high school and middle school PBL schools, allow for more electives, activities and community building opportunities to ensure that students to do not feel isolated from the traditional campus?

Difficult and expensive traffic impact to the surrounding area that is already burdened by traffic due to Prune Hill Elementary school.

It will surely benefit our children in a long run

Better transportation, bigger space

Now that there is land please consider building a NEW HIGH SCHOOL there. Lets make our schools smaller. Please provide this school with their own music room, art room, office staff, outside area as well as fields. Thanks for considering.
I prefer the PBL be constructed on a campus other than the CHS site. But I am concerned the Sharp property is not the answer long-term. It will be very inconvenient for these students to access the other high school amenities they deserve (sports teams, clubs, band, etc.). Why not build the PBL high school (presumed to be about 400 students annually) on the second comprehensive high school campus? It could be much better planned out on a virgin site. You could have a 1,000 student comprehensive high school and a 400 student PBL high school. Now you don't have a giant campus that is overwhelming to some students, yet you can share some school infrastructure and more easily allow the PBL students to all the extra-curricular activities. Putting the 400 PBL high school next to a 1,000 student comprehensive high school sounds way better than putting it next to a 2,100 student high school that already has major traffic and parking issues.

It's a no brainer. I have small children that will greatly benefit from this program if it moves forward. Kids will have a chance to be apart of a tight knit, smaller community instead of another cog in the larger system. Better for traffic, better for families that live on that side of Camas.

How could they get to know the rest of their classmates and participate in extracurricular activities if they are so far apart? Sounds like a lot of wasted time on a bus.

This makes perfect sense. I like the idea because it physically moves 600 students away from the high school thereby making the traditional high school more management for students and staff. I am also excited about the PBL high school as a continuation of the PBL middle school. Brilliant idea! Thanks for going out on a limb and hopefully making this change.

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Would the costs of transportation be managable?

Why can't Hayes freedom be moved to the new sharp site, and the PBL middle school campus be at Hayes freedom. ..then, when the PBL high school is built, the two high schools can share resources

Would it be possible for students to be transported to CHS for sports, band, etc?

Seems like an ideal location

My biggest concern with moving to the Sharp site is that the PBL students will not be able to participate in the more traditional high school type activities offered at CHS. I have also heard that this move will limit or remove the PBL student's opportunities to take AP classes.

This would be far from some of the electives that are at CHS, like band. Also, some people that want to be in the PBL high school might have other friends that aren't in the program and they would be separated. This could repeal people from the program.

I like the idea of the Sharp site as it is already built and possibly be less expensive to remodel than building a brand new site near CHS. There are pros and cons to both. My comments are more for

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thought, although I am sure the board is already considering these things. Thank you for your diligence and willingness to hear from the community.

My only concern would be about transportation between CHS site and Sharp site if my student had to be at both places on same day. I live in Prune Hill and my son could walk to the campus.

I don’t think the general public was aware of Sharp when they voted for the bond- maybe I missed that part in the fine print or at a meeting I could not attend. Sharp may be a good solution- but it’s not really what I voted for- so I’d want a lot more information about the long term plans of the district before supporting expansion to Sharp.

No access to high school activities.

I feel that it makes this whole Camas High School feel so separate. Already with Hayes at a different location there is a disconnect. I say another high school entirely or build by the current high school. I also would like the students that pick PBL to be able to have a "high school" experience as well.

Does the site have sufficient space for future expansion and to provide at least basic athletic services?

If the program is well executed, run and marketed it won’t matter where it is located; they will come! What a great opp for our school district to acquire this land.

With the passing of the school bond in February, I remember and can find no information about purchasing the Sharp facility. I understand real estate deals come along and also that purchase can need to happen quickly. I get that PBL is a new learning style that CSD wants to offer students, and that was the origin of building a new building on the current CHS campus. This addition of a middle school site at Sharp came out of the blue it seems. I’m confused about home middle schools, how the day will be scheduled between home middle school for electives and PBL site, and how the transportation issues that most likely arise will be handled effectively. Since we are a community that has city, county and state funded roads with greatly limited funding for construction and maintenance, and few alternative roads due to the lake effectively blocking additional timely routes, this seems like a potential impact to students’ school days. Now adding the potential of HS students to this mix, with their desire to be able to choose from all the electives offered at CHS, it does not add up for me yet. I will be interested to learn more at the listening post, both from CSD and from the community attendees able to be at the meetings. As tax payers, we are being given little time to digest this new turn of events, especially without having a solid perspective on the overall vision for all facilities in the pipeline for CSD. When will the 2nd complete HS be built? Doesn’t it make sense to address that, especially with the new graduation requirements?

Only concern here would be that it will diminish some possible class options for CHS kids who are not in the PBL program. When we voted for this bond, I liked the idea that teachers and students could teach/access classes at both CHS main campus and PBL sites easily--walking from one to the other. Would there be the possibility of bussing/shuttle service between the campuses?
Will the PBL school have space for the school's STEM clubs? How will the school operate in regards to a business a few yards away?

more independent learning

1. can it be completed in the same time or sooner than what we voted for? 2. what would the building look like? 3. Will it be a separate high school or part of CHS or HFHS? 4. will there be room for more than the 600 kids the bond talked about? 5. will kids be there full time or, half days and then returning to their home high school for the other half of their day? 6. what AP courses will be offered at this site? 7. how will you decide who gets to attend? Is it going to be a lottery like the new MS program? (A lottery does not lead to equality! - saying so is merely dodging the issue.) 8. will there be any opportunity for out-of-district students to attend? 9. could this school have a four-day 9 hour school day ... with the fifth day for internships? 10. what is the district and city plan to NOT have the same parking issues here as are currently at CHS ? 11. are you also going to use a lottery to decide which teachers get to move to this new building? why not? - the same reason is why you should not use a lottery for students at the hs or ms level. 12. would this plan leave more of the current Lacamas building intact for use by the public and clubs after the HS are moved to their new site?

Alleviates traffic at CHS; additionally, provides a seamless transition at the secondary level for a 6-12 "academy" --this will allow for great mentoring opportunities for the high school and middle school. However, opportunities to take the same AP classes should be offered at the PBL High School, as well.

Too much will have to be replicated to even make this work at too great of a cost for such a small number of students

The isolation from the rest of the student body limits the high school experience.

Would the kids still be able to participate in sports and band?

I do not really know enough about the Sharp building, but think perhaps the PBL and regular campus should be in close proximity. I would think the Sharp building may be great for our afterschool robotics program shop.

This site is TOO far from the Camas school district. It was NOT what the public voted for so if the SHARP site is chosen, we have a public trust issue. Also, it is difficult for students who participate in sports, after school activities, band, that type of extracurricular activities to participate in those activities AND be in the project learning base (how are they getting back to their home school, they will miss activities/meets, etc). Since I found out about it, I have talked to many parents who DO NOT want it to be there (at SHARP). It is 'dividing' the high school community. Supposedly, this community wants only ONE high school, but with the PBL being so far away you are isolating a segment of the kids. They are not able to commune with other kids. When I was on the facility committee, we talked about kids 'being fluid' to move to and from the high school and the 'new high school', if we put it there, they will be isolated and not be able to be fluid (they would NOT be limited to only taking classes at the say, magnet school, but could easily flow to and from the main CHS campus and the other school). I also feel that it's
abusing the public trust by having these listening posts at the end of the school year and summer time when the public is swamped and not able to participate. Having one summer time meeting makes it so the public CANNOT participate in the change of program. Again, abusing the public trust. The administration talks about transparency, but it is not so transparent when you have meetings when things are crazy (at the end of the school year) and we are all swamped (I have had more than one meeting/performance each night). This is not like the administration and this upsets me. I have talked to several parents who have expressed to me that they feel as if this high school is not what they thought they voted for, either.

It would free up the current congestion that is going on at Camas High School and the neighborhood. Would be more room to grow and stay together with the middle school.

Will the students have regular classrooms in the Sharp building?

This may be an excellent site for an eventual 3rd middle school. There is a lot of land available.

This is an exciting time for CSD! I see the idea of the Sharp location as creating a PBL campus that would be complementary to both the middle school and high school.

Continuity of education with CHS. How will students access counselors in person for support if needed for forecasting? Transportation. Busses how will students safely get to/from Sharp campus to CHS? How many teachers will be added or transferred to Sharp campus? How will this be delegated? Safety concerns with NO traffic light at entrance on SE 34th street. There is only one stop sign on SE 34th street how will this affect busses and student safety? If there was a disaster or major emergency what is the safety plan for Sharp campus? Will there be a health room/Nurse available for medical issues? There is no fence on roadway on top of Sharp campus, student safety concern with easy access to walk on/off campus near parking lot and road by any bystanders.

We support the Sharp location. Is there any thought that this campus location might have room to locate a second full blown high school in the next 10 years?

How will students be able to take classes such as art, music, PE, and other electives? Will students be able to take AP classes? How many students can is house? Can it be added on to?

A new identity, a new location, new admin, a fresh start!

One of the reasons that I think that the PBL HS should be built at Sharp is due to the overcrowding and traffic at the CHS campus. This will help to mitigate some of those issues. Will students have access to all of the same activities that are available at CHS (sports, music, theatre, etc)? If so, will they be bused from PBL at Sharp to CHS?

If the Sharp site can eventually house a high school including athletic facilities down the road, than this is a GREAT move. I don't like the thought of busing children across town to do electives - this should only be a short-term solution, and there should be clear and precise objectives in place to creating the Sharp site as a new high school - e.g. Camas North and Camas South.
seems like a good location - will you provide busing service between Sharp/CHS so students can participate at both locations throughout the day/week so services don't have to be duplicated. Seems like a great opportunity to introduce kids to remote learning via teleconference/Skype type services between classrooms - early intro into what the business world already does.

1) The new PBL HS should be at *Sharp* to foster a dedicated PBL community on that campus. 2) Having the HS at Sharp eases the transition to HS from middle school, particularly for middle school PBL students. Thank you - please, please, please, do NOT build the PBL HS at CHS. This is a wonderful, one-off opportunity to provide a dedicated PBL campus to this community. I am unable to attend this morning's (6/9/16) meeting, but my spouse will attend this evening's session on behalf of our family. We care about this issue a lot. Thank you for reaching out to the community!

Why can't we just build a whole second high school at the Sharp site? We don't need an extra school for just 400 students—we need a WHOLE SECOND HIGH SCHOOL, and we need it immediately. My biggest worry for my about-to-be-8th grader's future education is that CHS' student body is just too dang big. An overcrowded school is one where learning can't happen and behavioral problems fester, with tragic results. I'm literally afraid to send my daughter to Camas High School.

It makes sense to use the existing Sharp building and site. Since it's existing, we could start the PBL program this coming fall for the middle school students. I believe the sooner we can start running this program, the better.

Love this option!

Is there any reason we can't have a nice music program at Sharp? Is there any reason we can't have a nice intramural program that allows for participation? Very involved athletes can still participate at CHS.

I'm not comfortable with the fact that it was never mentioned on the ballot when we voted for it.

Specifically, what opportunities would a student MISS OUT ON (or become challenging to participate in) as a result attending a Sharp-site based PBL? AP classes, P.E. facilities, labs, foreign language, music/drama, before school and after-school extracurricular?

I attended the AM Listening Post today. Upon seeing the specific site information, I have changed my opinion above from a "2 or 3" to at least a 4 slightly in favor of Sharp location. HOWEVER, there are NUMEROUS items/issues to be considered such as cost/logistics of busing to 2 locations vs 1 + before/after school activities, need for gym/auditorium etc facilities @ now 1,000+ student Sharp campus, etc. I can sum up my feelings with this 1 statement: Public Trust IS being badly damaged BY RUSHING: 1) The signup process & implementation of the PBL pilot Middle School, and 2) this decision about location of HS PBL. Since CSD is gaining a 400-500 student capacity building @ Sharp site which alleviates overcrowding @ MS immediately, WHAT IF MORE TIME is given to: inform/involve community, provide detailed transportation cost comparisons, and making final decision EVEN IF opening of PBL HS is delayed by 1 year to 2019-20? Could have: 120 students 6/7 @ PBL next yr as planned, then 270 - 6/7/8 sudents in 2017-18, THEN 480 - 6/7/8/9TH at the PBL "Middle School" 2018-
19, before PBL HS opens in 2019-20. SLOW DOWN so community members & planners have time to really consider info & options before making a big decision!

Moving the PBL high school to this location would allow students to develop their own unique identity.

Will there be separate PBL teacher group trained to teach team based learnings?