

COMMUNITY FORUM NO. 1

WHITE PIGEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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SMALL GROUP REPORTING NOTES

Group #1

1. Why do we live in White Pigeon and is that a reason others would choose to live here?
 - Small community; people know each other
 - Great staff support system
 - Affordable homes
2. How do we make White Pigeon the school of choice in the area?
 - We do well with what we have
 - Our schools do a good job. Parents need to do research. We have good test scores.
 - Once they come, they will stay
3. What do you think are the highest priorities/needs?
 - Parking and site circulation improvements
 - Play area; grounds improvements
 - Lighting; outdoors/safety
 - Cafeteria; food preparation/dining
 - Elementary gym floor replacement

Group #2

1. Why do we live in White Pigeon and is that a reason others would choose to live here?
 - Lakes, lots to offer, good location to bigger cities, Lake Michigan is nearby.
 - More personal, know each other, kids can be involved in several activities
 - Good social clubs, hospitals and services
2. How do we make White Pigeon the school of choice in the area?
 - Better appearance
 - Need good daycare
 - More jobs
 - Busing
 - Winning sports teams
 - Technology
 - Better school "marketing"
 - Distance learning
 - Improved newsletter

3. What do you think are the highest priorities/needs?
 - Technology
 - Modernization/updates
 - Safety
 - Newer bus fleet
 - Better weight room
 - Better science labs

Group #3

1. Why do we live in White Pigeon and is that a reason others would choose to live here?
 - Community involvement
 - Small town
 - Safe
 - Quality of staff – caring
 - People stay
2. How do we make White Pigeon the school of choice in the area?
 - Need to “toot our horn”. Let people know what our “grab” is.
 - Do well with what we have
 - Bring back vocational programs (replaced portables in the past).
3. What do you think are the highest priorities/needs?
 - Safety; parking and lighting; pave the stone paths
 - Learning space, staff space
 - Technology
 - Replace chalkboards
 - Abandon basement classrooms
 - Address accessibility issues