

Can we still probably get Crescent City?

If the referendum with Unit 9 is voted down, Crescent City can approach Iroquois West 10. However, if IW passes a bond before the consolidation with any district, that district would not assume the long-term debt of IW. Consolidation would need to occur first in order for the debt to be shared between the two consolidating districts.

Can we still get the football fields added to the plan?

The board will consider that option. However, including all athletic facilities will add an additional 30 cents to the tax rate. The athletic facilities can always be added at a later date when they can be afforded. Iroquois West will continue to use the existing athletic fields.

Can the school be in town rather than in the country?

The board will consider land acquisition that has proper infrastructure and is fair to the economic interest of both economic centers of the district.

I strongly recommend listing all of the code violations that need to be addressed in the buildings.

There are no current code violations. However, buildings built in the 1920s have different code requirements than modern facilities.

Why has everything been allowed to fall in such disrepair?

In the last seven years, \$1,160,000 have been put into maintenance and day-to-day repair costs at the high school alone. The district also has four other buildings to maintain the physical plant.

Do we have escape plans if anything were to happen to the school?

Yes, the school district has emergency and evacuation plans at all five buildings and meets annually with local emergency personnel and crisis management teams to update and review these plans.

Could this be done with a sales tax increase rather than a property tax increase?

The Districts in Iroquois County have tried twice to pass a 1% sales tax, which was defeated both times. The district has inquired into the possibility of adding a .01 gas sales tax through home rule.

If our enrollment dropped, would we be able to put the Middle School and High School in the same building?

No, enrollment would have to drop drastically and our enrollment has remained consistent for many years. However, the building being considered would not house more than 350 combined students.

What do other schools in the area look like compared to IW?

The district will not comment for the boards of education in other districts.

Have you given consideration to consolidation of the county or partial possible county?

This option was considered approximately 15 years ago with a High School near Woodland. However, with Iroquois County being the third largest county in the state there would be transportation issues.

Can you guarantee that building costs will not go up like they did at KCC and Milford?

The IW board of Education will not speak for another district's issues. However, the KCC project was started 8 years ago, but had to be put on hold due to loss of funding from the state. Over 8 years, with construction costs increasing on average 3% yearly, there was considerable increase. IW is working very closely with their architect and is being methodological in its planning process and not rushing, ensuring that costs are accurate and mistakes do not occur.

Five Components of a New High School That You Value Most (Decreasing Value)

School safety	64
Air conditioning/HVAC	36
Larger soundproof classrooms	24
Updated technology opportunities	22
Space	19
Flexibility of space for future needs	17
Plumbing/electrical	16
Science lab	16
More bathrooms	14
working bathrooms	13
Learning environment/class size	11
Energy efficiency	11
Better education	10
Easy acces for all driving to and entering the building	9
Music room with practice rooms	8
On one story - Handicap accessible	8
Teacher storage in each room	7
Sports	6
All sports facilities in the same area	6
Ability to use new technology to teach	5
All on one level	5
Future proof	5

Taxes	5
NOT sports facility	5
Common use areas such as gym, lunch room, and locker rooms	4
Comfortable learning areas	4
Water fountains	3
Music and Art	3
Updated classrooms and labs	3
One location for all buildings	3
Cleanliness of building - especially the bathrooms	3
Update classrooms	3
Medical science labs - Technology	3
Bigger classrooms for larger classes	3
Locker Room Facilities that are up to date	2
Social Environment/Accessible/bathrooms/Fun place to be	2
Larger capacity than 350	2
Locker rooms	2
Nice appearance	2
More class options	2
Updated facilities	2
Computer science room	2
Outdoor facilities	2
State of the art labs	2
Size of classrooms	2
Extra room for the future - our community is growing	2
Modern Bathrooms	2
A/C comfortable learning environment	2
Ability to add on	2

Additional Comments

- Lots of space
- Clean and updated facility
- Easy access to classrooms
- I am satisfied with present plans
- Easy flow-accessibility
- Keep/Maintain the open/connected concepts because the future of education will involve collaboration amongst teachers and cross-curricular projects.
- Keep easy access between classrooms.
- Talk to teachers that are currently on technology and teach computers and science about what they want.
- Talk to the technical and agriculture teachers.
- Close or sell current buildings rather than invest in repairs.
- Future of our youth depends on us to give them a safer and better school for maximum learning to take place.
- Locker rooms are in poor shape.
- No heat in some offices.
- We do not like how students have to eat in the same area where weight lifting takes place.
- Consistent leaky bathroom floors.
- Don't like classrooms that have cage like bars on them. Feels like prisons and seems like a fire hazard.
- Don't like that intercom does not work in the hallway. Seems unsafe if there was an intruder or an emergency.
- Should be able to teach without worrying if electricity will blow.
- Concern construction costs will go up if it's not done now.