

Regional High School Feasibility Study

**Wayne County School Districts
Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES**

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Purpose of the Meeting

- To explain the purpose and process of the study
- Share Options
- Clarify Options
- Gather Reactions and Input
- Articulate the Next Steps

Purpose of the Study

This feasibility study examines ways of maximizing educational opportunities for students, and the potential savings, management improvements, and benefits to the community in developing *regional high schools*.

Wayne County School Districts

Clyde-Savannah	North Rose-Wolcott
Gananda	Palmyra-Macedon
Lyons	Red Creek
Marion	Sodus
Newark	Wayne
	Williamson

Origin of the Study

- All 11 Wayne County Boards of Education passed resolutions in support of the study
- BOCES issued a Request for Proposals seeking interest in conducting the study
- Consultants were identified

Study Timeline

September – October: visits to high schools

September – January: monthly meetings with
superintendents

October – November: online survey

October – December: information gathering &
development of options

January – February: development of draft report
& community presentations

March: completion and submission of final report

Areas to be Studied

- Enrollment
- Instructional program offerings
- Athletics/extra-curricular program
- Facilities
- Regional high school locations
- Transportation
- Finance

Community Visits, September & October

Students, staff, and community expressed overwhelming opposition to the creation of new “regional high schools” as an option for consideration.

This sentiment also emerged from the survey.

Clearly, people want to maintain their school environments as they currently exist.

Online Survey---nearly 1900 responses

Top priorities

Maximize educational opportunities for their students, by

- increasing academic rigor
- increasing the number of electives in high school
- increasing the depth of program offerings, and
- increasing opportunities for specialized programs like
Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate

And, at the same time, to

- control the costs of operating schools, and
- have schools maintain their local identity.

Lower priorities

A greater number of opportunities for students to participate in
more sports and clubs

Study Foundation

The foundation of this study is maintaining, if not enhancing, the quality of instructional programs available to Wayne County high school students in a cost-effective manner.

A declining enrollment scenario requires school districts to consider various forms of sharing of resources, to include programs.

Economy of scale becomes especially important with a diminishing enrollment base.

Comparison with High Schools of 400,800,1200

High Schools	Ave. No. of AP Courses	Ave. No. of IB Courses	Ave. No. of College Courses	Total	Project Lead the Way
High Schools of 1200	15	10	16	41	2 of 3
High Schools of 800	9	0	13	22	1 of 3
High Schools of 400	3	2	9	14	
High Schools	No. AP courses	No. IB courses	No. College Courses	Total	P L T W
Wayne 809	10	12	15	37	yes
Newark 741	11	0	17	28	yes
Palmyra-Macedon 702	7	12	20	39	yes
North Rose-Wolcott 468	2	0	12	14	
Sodus 416	0	0	18	18	
Williamson 406	7	0	16	23	yes
Gananda 361	5	0	10	15	
Red Creek 321	0	0	9	9	
Marion 314	0	0	13	13	
Lyons 305	0	0	11	11	yes
Clyde-Savannah 285	0	0	13	13	

High School Enrollment

High School	2004-05	2009-10	Change from 04-05	2014 - 15	Change from 09-10	2018-19	Change from 09-10
Clyde-Savannah	334	285	-14.7 %	232	-18.6 %	199	-30.2 %
Gananda	337	361	+7.1 %	308	-14.7 %	313	-13.3 %
Lyons	323	305	-5.6 %	241	-21.0 %	214	-29.8 %
Marion	360	314	-12.8 %	263	-16.2 %	271	-13.7 %
Newark	853	741	-13.1 %	621	-16.2 %	637	-14.0 %
North Rose-Wolcott	549	478	-12.9 %	435	-9.0 %	359	-24.9 %
Palmyra-Macedon	712	702	-1.4 %	621	-11.5 %	570	-18.8 %
Red Creek	360	321	-10.8 %	276	-14.0 %	255	-20.6 %
Sodus	452	416	-8.0 %	369	-11.3 %	332	-20.2 %
Wayne	882	809	-8.3 %	699	-13.6 %	667	-17.6 %
Williamson	444	406	-8.6 %	309	-23.9 %	303	-25.4 %
Total	5606	5138	-8.3 %	4374	-14.9 %	4120	-19.8 %

High School Enrollment

Whether or not change is desirable will not be the issue for the future.

Change is inevitable.

With high schools losing nearly 20% of their population over the next nine years, business as usual will not be an option.

Distances Between High Schools

<i>MIN/ MIL</i>	Cly-Sav	Gan anda	Lyons	Marion	Newark	NR-W	P - M	Red Creek	Sodus	Wayne	Wil msn	BOC ES
Clyde-Sav		48/30	13/8	25/16	15/7	23/9	27/16	30/25	22/15	34/28	30/23	30/23
Gan anda	48/30		36/23	15/10	26/16	44/34	12/8	49/40	29/22	11/9	17/12	21/14
Lyons	13/8	36/23		25/16	15/7	23/17	27/16	30/25	22/15	34/28	30/23	27/21
Marion	25/16	15/10	25/16		24/17	33/24	15/10	37/30	18/12	15/11	4/3	8/5
Newark	15/7	26/16	15/7	24/17		36/23	17/10	45/32	24/15	34/23	26/19	27/17
NR-W	23/9	44/34	23/17	33/24	36/23		46/34	11/8	20/14	33/26	28/21	25/19
Pal-Mac	27/16	12/8	27/16	15/10	17/10	46/34		51/40	30/21	20/15	18/13	21/15
Red Creek	30/25	49/40	30/25	37/30	45/32	11/8	51/40		25/20	37/32	32/27	30/25
Sodus	22/15	29/22	22/15	18/12	24/15	20/14	30/21	25/20		18/13	13/8	10/6
Wayne	34/28	11/9	34/28	15/11	34/23	33/26	20/15	37/32	18/13		10/8	9/7
Wilmsn	30/23	17/12	30/23	4/3	26/19	28/21	18/13	32/27	13/8	10/8		3/2
BOC ES	30/23	21/14	27/21	8/5	27/17	25/19	21/15	30/25	10/6	9/7	3/2	

Options

- Wayne Student Exchange
- New Vision Programs
- Thematic High School Programs
- College Level Courses
- E-Learning
- Alliance High School

Wayne Student Exchange

- Current program enrollments are declining
- Upper level classes have insufficient enrollment
- Students could take classes at nearby high schools in order to have enough students to justify offering the course
- Examples: Upper level math and science, foreign languages, business classes

New Vision Programs

- ½ day program for seniors in a career exploration environment with embedded academic credit
- 4 credits: 2 Career, 1 English, 1 Social Studies
- BOCES: Medical, Engineering, Renewable Energy
- Examples: Law and Government, Education, Business, Communications-Radio & TV

Thematic High School Programs

- Usually a 3 period program
- Advanced Placement: Gananda, Newark, North Rose-Wolcott, Pal-Mac, Wayne, Williamson
- International Baccalaureate: Pal-Mac, Wayne
- Project Lead the Way: Gananda, Lyons, Pal-Mac, Wayne, Williamson
- Other options for other districts: Arts, Radio & TV, Bioengineering, Environmental Science

College Level Courses

- All districts have college credit opportunities for their students
- College courses enrich the high school experience, keep some students in school, and give students a head start on college
- Goal should be to equalize opportunities across the county

E-Learning

- On-line courses for homebound students, electives, low enrollment classes, and credit recovery
- Distance learning for foreign languages, advanced math and science, other electives and low enrollment classes
- Every district would transmit and receive distance learning classes

Alliance High School

- Full day, four year program at BOCES
- Theme....perhaps health occupations
- Students acquire high school diploma/credits
- Format is contextualized learning
- Students would work in teams to solve problems
- Community service, job shadowing and internships would be part of the curriculum
- Students graduate from home high school

Bell Schedules

- No two districts have the same schedule
- Some districts have block schedules
- One district has a semestered schedule
- Starting and ending times are very different
- Bell schedule issues are a major deterrent to developing shared programming

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Some districts want to add more clubs and sports
- Participation levels in current activities are minimal
- Future declining enrollment will further erode opportunities for students
- Sharing between districts will be necessary in order to maintain options for students

Facilities

- 11 current high schools would remain
- Issues with regional high schools
 - Loss of local district identity
 - Incompatibility of neighboring high schools
 - Increased busing time
 - Less personal attention in larger high schools
 - Waste of money re: recent capital improvements
 - Too much competition for X-C activities
 - Vacant high schools would be bad for communities

Wayne County with Regional High Schools

Northwest Wayne High School-1,271 students

Wayne (699) + Williamson (309) + Marion (263)

Southwest Wayne High School-929 students

Gananda (308) + Palmyra-Macedon (621)

Southeast Wayne High School-1,094 students

Newark (621) + Lyons (241) + Clyde-Savannah (232)

Northeast Wayne High School-1,080 students

Red Creek (276) + North Rose-Wolcott (435) + Sodus (369)

Cost of One 1200 Student High School

300,000 square foot building
x \$200 per square foot-construction

\$60,000,000

+ 8,000,000-site work

\$68,000,000

+\$17,000,000-25% incidentals

\$85,000,000-estimated total cost

What's Next ?

- Complete visits to all 11 communities to continue to gather input
- Meet with 11 Superintendents to continue discussion on the report
- Write final report by March
- 11 Boards of Education receive report, discuss, and determine future course of action