



MEMORANDUM

TO: Greenfield-Central Board of School Trustees
FROM: Dr. Harold Olin
DATE: November 10, 2025
RE: Potential Restructuring; An Update

Potential Restructuring

Since the last school board meeting in October, we have added a section to the home page of the corporation's website that highlights the work that has been done over the last two years to investigate potential restructuring options. Based on feedback we have received from some of our staff and community members, we know that some of our community members are appreciative of the resources we have collected for their viewing.

Specific to this topic, the event of most significance in the past month was the community information night that was held on Tuesday, November 4th at Greenfield Central High School. Approximately 50 people were in attendance for the meeting that took place in the auditorium. More than half of the attendees were Greenfield-Central staff members.

The presentation was 40 minutes in length. Mr. Cary, Mr. Day and I addressed four main topics with an accompanying slide deck on display for all to see: 1) a brief history of Greenfield-Central enrollment, 2) a current snapshot of how GC compares to our school corporation peers, 3) an overview of GC's use of school finance, 4) a review of the resources that led to the restructuring recommendation we have presented.

At the end of the presentation, 6 community members approached the microphone to make comments and/or ask questions. Additionally, 10 people posted 11 unique comments or questions on the form that was made available to our community members. This was within the first 24 hours. Input shared on the form has been collected and shared with the board as an attachment to this coversheet. We did not hear any new concerns presented during this event. I acknowledge (based on the feedback) that we will need to be very intentional about establishing culture and creating equal access to after school activities for all students if we move forward with the recommendations. Additionally, we have some challenges related to site-specific logistics and transportation that our team of educational leaders will have to address to ensure a positive experience for all students impacted by the transitions.

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From the perspective of the corporation leadership team, we thought the forum provided a great opportunity for information to be shared, questions to be asked, and answers to be shared. We are aware that some misconceptions were beginning to spread within our community, and this event provided an opportunity to be very clear about the goals and the precise recommendations to help Greenfield-Central achieve those goals.

After considering all the feedback from the community that we have received up to this date, the administrative team continues to believe these three recommendations are the right steps for Greenfield-Central Schools at this time:

1. Combine the two intermediate schools, and place all Greenfield-Central 5th and 6th grade students at **Maxwell**.
*This change could be effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Combine Weston and Harris into one larger elementary school (utilizing the combined **Harris/GIS** site).
*This change could be effective for the 2027-2028 school year.
3. Locate all preschool programs at **Weston**.
*This change could be effective for the 2027-2028 school year.

We certainly welcome input and feedback from the board of school trustees to help us establish the next steps for the school corporation.

Recommendation: That the board approves the action to combine the two intermediate schools and utilize Maxwell as the school site effective for the 2026-27 school year.