

New Middle School Task Force

91st & College Site

Northview Middle School

Virtual Meeting

April 23, 2020 ~ 5:00 - 6:00 PM



**WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

Agenda - Monday, April 23, 2020

Welcome – Ms. Britain-Smith, Director of Operations

- Meetings will be facilitated by MSDWT
- Task Force Profile
 - District Staff
 - School Board Members
 - Parents
 - Community Organizations
 - Community Leaders
 - Professional Partners

Referendum Update - Mr. Tony Dzwonar, WT Board Member

Project Planning Timeline – Ms. Burrell, Architect (Schmidt Associates)

Overview of Current Conceptual Project Layout – Ms. Burrell, Architect

- 91st and College Site (New Northview Middle School)

Feedback Review - Digital Input (Gaining Stakeholder Input)

Q & A - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=AllUPIdGdkCqtk2ryeAoVHB2I_kgGwVMgex-fFet88JUN1pFRzBSNUNYMTBRR1hWVzNDQIFITE9YOS4u

Referendum Update

Mr. Tony Dzwonar (WT Board Member)

Pre-Referendum Site Development Update

Update of Resolution for usage of 91st & College Site

Resolution approved by the MSD
Washington Township School Board -
February 26, 2020.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township ("District") has reviewed a preliminary site plan for the proposed construction of additional school district facilities on District owned property at 91st Street and College Avenue (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the District has been discussing use of this Property with stakeholders and community members for many months, listening to concerns and attempting to address needs while being responsible to taxpayers and community members; and


WHEREAS, the District desires to be abundantly clear to community members, parents, neighbors, taxpayers and voters that its intent, if after examining alternatives, the District determines to develop the property, that the best use is to construct a new middle school building for classroom instruction using monies from the May 2020 construction referendum; and

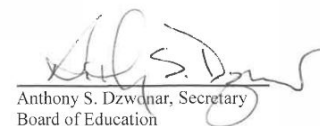
WHEREAS, the District believes that it is in the best interest of the students, families, and the school community to approve the construction of a new middle school building for classroom instruction on District property at 91st Street and College Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Education supports the District's plan to construct a new middle school building for classroom instruction on District owned property at 91st Street and College Avenue using May 2020 construction referendum monies. The Superintendent or her designee is authorized to undertake necessary actions to implement the actions authorized by this Resolution, pending the outcome of the May 5, 2020 Construction Referendum vote.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 26th day of February 2020 by at least a majority vote


John P. Fencel, President
Board of Education


Anthony S. Dzwonar, Secretary
Board of Education

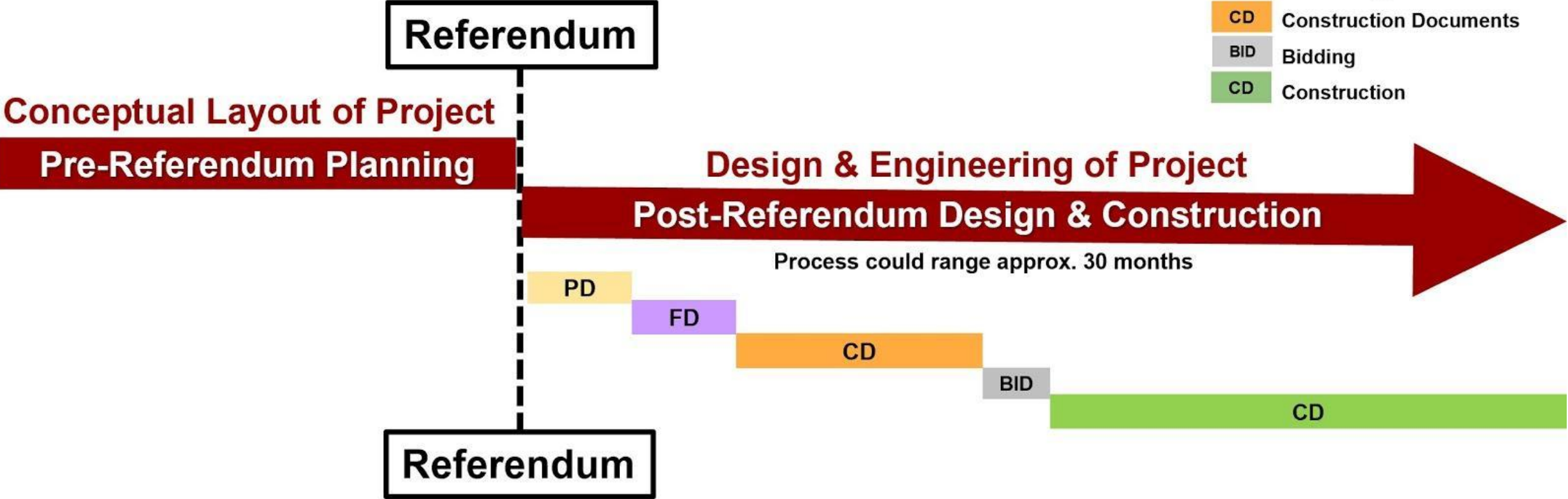
Project Planning Timeline

Ms. Burrell, Architect (Schmidt Associates)

Site Development DRAFT Timeline

Design & Approval timeline for Referendum Projects

- PD Preliminary Design
- FD Final Design
- CD Construction Documents
- BID Bidding
- CD Construction



Referendum

Conceptual Layout of Project

Pre-Referendum Planning

Review of available site information:

- Comprehensive plan
- Zoning
- Topography/Drainage patterns
- Vegetation/Wetlands
- Roadway/Pedestrian access
- Utilities

Conduct Traffic & Environmental Study

Conceptual layout of property

Evaluation of total project costs

Community discussions & presentations

- Community Collaboration Meetings
- Nora Community Council
- Individual Discussions



New Middle School Taskforce

91st & College Neighborhood Meetings Update

Nora Community Council Meeting Review (March 5, 2020)

- No proposed design plans for egress on or off Central Ave. & Washington Blvd. East Drive into the property.
- Recent meeting with Nora Council leadership to learn more regarding resident concerns.
- School district has plans to follow-up on process for requested legal recordings that would provide protection from egress on or off Central Ave. & Washington Blvd. East Drive into the property.



91st & College Neighborhood Meetings Update

Nora Community Council Meeting Review (March 5, 2020)

Preliminary Site Assessment Checklist

- ✓ Preliminary Site Analysis
- ✓ Review of Existing Site Documents
- ✓ Preliminary Planning & Zoning Review
- ✓ Preliminary City & County Regulatory Coordination & Review
- ✓ Preliminary Ecological Review
- ✓ Preliminary Utilities Review

Preliminary Site Assessment Checklist		91st and College Site MSD Washington Township		SCHMIDT ASSOCIATES		
Site Checklist Area of review	Task Started	Task	Comments			
Site Analysis	✓	Review acreage for intended use	60 total acres - Approximately 30 acres needed for Middle School			
	✓	Review site context, surrounding circulation, pedestrian paths and function				
Documents Review	✓	Receive hard and digital copies of any existing surveys	Mapindy parcel and topo data reviewed; survey ordered at this time.			
	✓	Site Visit - Verify Survey Accuracy	Site reconnaissance conducted July 2019			
	✓	Review property for existing easements: title commitment?	Easement language for drainage easement obtained from School district.			
Planning/Zoning Review	✓	Review comprehensive land use plan	Suburban Neighborhood (allows large school) with some areas of environmentally sensitive indicated (ES area restricts large school). Critical area 002-01 modifies some housing requirements.			
	✓	Establish current zoning classification; is rezoning necessary?	SUZ, approval			
	✓	Research zoning required for desired use	SUZ follows DMD admin			
	✓	Review applicable development standards: open space, setbacks, building height	Metro context requirements from ROW, etc.			
	✓	Review with owner local neighborhood or community groups, contracted to site	Dynamo, Not			
	✓	Review any Planning/Zoning approval processes and associated dates	In process of scheduling			
City/County Regulatory Coordination & Review				Ecological Review		
	✓	Review Drainage Standards	City of Indiana	✓	Conduct ecological review	Ecologic assessment of site by EcoLogic Complete
	✓	Meet with Fire Marshal to review initial design	Fire marshal	✓	Heritage trees	18" DBH, certain species per Indianapolis ordinance, mapped in Ecologic report
	✓	Review site lighting restrictions	City of Indiana with light shad will allow site	✓	Invasive plants	Mapped in Ecologic report
	✓	Review sign ordinance	Sign ordinance	✓	Soils	Mapped in Ecologic report
	✓	Traffic study	ASF in process	✓	Potential wetland areas/delineation/Mitigation?	Mapped in Ecologic report
	✓	Traffic signal warrant	To be determined	✓	Review Fish and Wildlife wetland mapper	No wetlands or surface waters indicated
	✓	Condition of surrounding road network and potential of upgrades required	Request for in DPW	✓	Determine if site is in a Wellhead Protection Area	Yes, per IDEM
	✓	Review any City/County approval processes and associated dates	In process of scheduling	✓	Review FEMA maps: floodplain/floodway/legal	Area of minimal flood hazard per FEMA
					Utilities Review	
			✓	Establish Electric, Gas, Water, Telephone, Cable providers	Indianapolis Power and Light, Citizens Energy Group, in process of review with Telephone & Cable providers	
			✓	Identify location of water mains and sizes with Water Co.	Water: 16" ductile iron main in College, 12" cast iron main in 91st; per citizens energy group: no current concerns/issues with existing infrastructure; utility will need load information to analyze when available	
			✓	Verify water pressure and volume with Water Co. (secondary)	Gas distribution in the area is strong, near regulating station, 8" main in College, 2" steel main in 91st - per citizens energy group: pressures should be good for additional feeds, will need load information to analyze	
			✓	Identify location of gas mains and sizes with Gas Co.	No reported capacity issues; final design to be reviewed by utility	
			✓	Verify gas load with Gas Co. (secondary)	Sanitary 15" gravity sewer main in 91st Street, per citizens energy group: no current concerns/issues with existing infrastructure	
			✓	Identify location of Sanitary Sewer and sizes with utility	No reported capacity issues; final design to be reviewed by utility	
			✓	Verify sanitary capacity with Utility	Overhead electrical on west side of college and north side of 91st	
			✓	Identify location of electrical infrastructure	Holly Creek regional basin (being redesigned) in SW portion of site; site drains to the SW and into the regional basin; regional flooding of Holly Creek acknowledged by DPW and statement that design was being prepared. Schmidt has corresponded with city engineers about coordinating efforts and has sent all know information to Commonwealth	
			✓	Identify Storm Sewer location and sizes & Drainage Patterns		

91st & College Traffic Study Update

- Traffic Study has been completed as of March 18, 2020
- Summary of Findings:

Given the traffic forecasts and the capacity calculations, it can be concluded that normal traffic patterns will not be negatively impacted outside of approximately a 30-minute morning window and a 30-minute afternoon window when school begins and ends. However, turn lane improvements, as well as the use of a traffic control officer or traffic signal at the access point(s) will allow traffic to flow efficiently into and out of the site as well as along the adjacent public roadway system.

- A & F Engineering



Site Access Point from 91st Street



Site Access Point from College

Design & Engineering of Project

Post-Referendum Design & Construction

PD

FD

Preliminary & Final Design Phases will include a scheduled series of input meetings & collaboration work sessions with end user & community representatives. This would include the New Middle School Task Force.

- **During this time there will be continued discussions & presentations with Nora Community Council**

CD

Construction Documentation Phase that upon review and approval of concept the project moves into engineering of the design

End of Construction Documentation Phase is when:

- Completed site engineered drawings are submitted for DMD Approval
- Completed drainage/entrance plans are submitted for City Approval
- Completed architectural & engineering drawings are submitted for State & City Approval
- Project is Publicly Bid for Construction

BID

CD

To begin the Construction Phase the contractor uses DMD approval & drainage approvals to obtain an Improvement Location Permit to be able to begin the process of building the project

Referendum

Overview of Conceptual Project Layout

Ms. Burrell, Architect (Schmidt Associates)

- New Northview Middle School - 91st & College Site

91st & College Middle School DRAFT Plan

Overall Preliminary Site Plan



New Construction of Northview Middle School

MS Site Plan

Feedback Review - Digital Input (Gaining Stakeholder Input)

Ms. Burrell, Architect (Schmidt Associates)

- Sharing of Digital Input received from Task Force for the New 91st & College Middle School

Exercise - Gaining Stakeholder Input

Individual Digital Exercise - Design Kick-Off Comments

Taskforce members were sent a digital input opportunity prior to the virtual meeting.

Purpose: To gather additional information and questions from the Middle School Task Force on what they individually think the district and architects should be thinking about as the conceptual design begins for the New Northview Middle School at 91st & College.



Next Steps - Middle School Task Force Exercise (April 23rd)

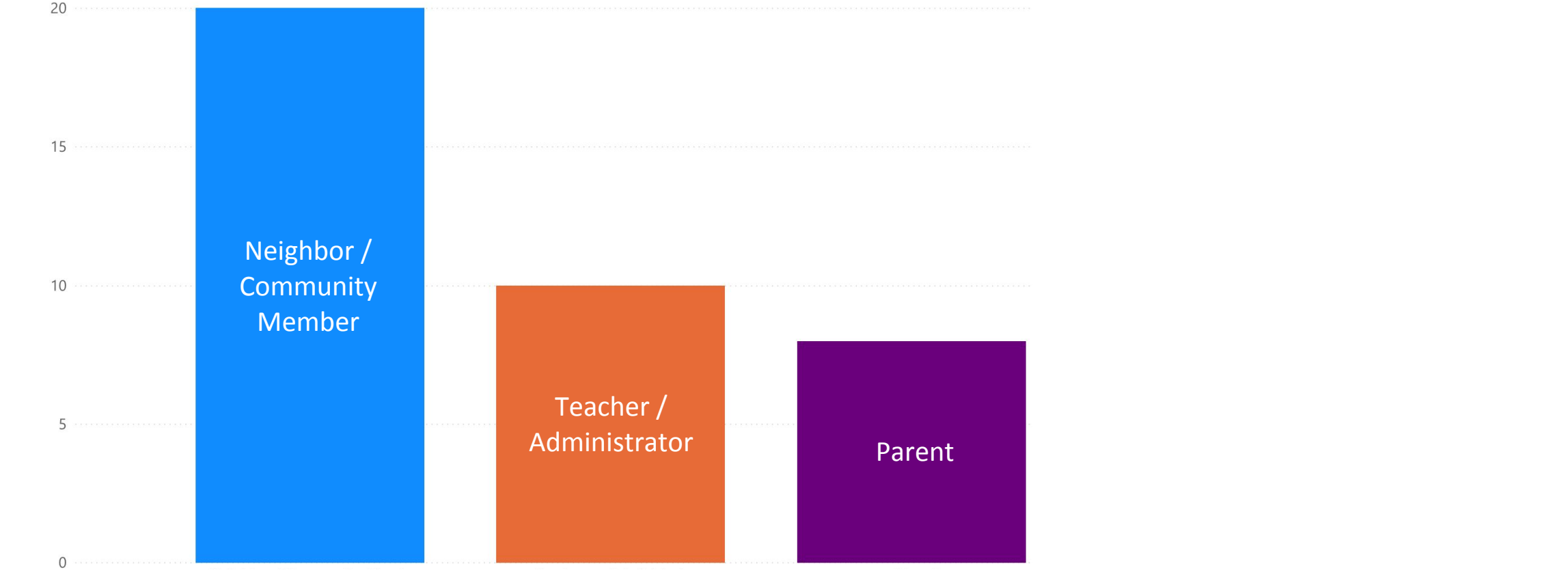
The following questions were asked for Individual Stakeholder Input:

The screenshot shows a survey form titled "New Northview Middle School Input Form". It includes a header with the title and a sub-header "Individual Stakeholder - Design/Build-Only Comments". Below the header is a map of the school site at 91st & College. The form contains five numbered questions, each followed by a text input field for the respondent's answer.

1. What is your personal connection to the NEW Middle School Project at 91st & College?
2. If applicable, describe how you currently utilize the EXISTING Northview Middle School Building and Site?
3. Describe how you, personally, would like to be able to utilize the NEW Northview Middle School Site at 91st & College when the building project is completed?
4. Describe how you would like to see others in the community to be able to utilize the NEW Northview Middle School Site at 91st & College when the building project is completed?
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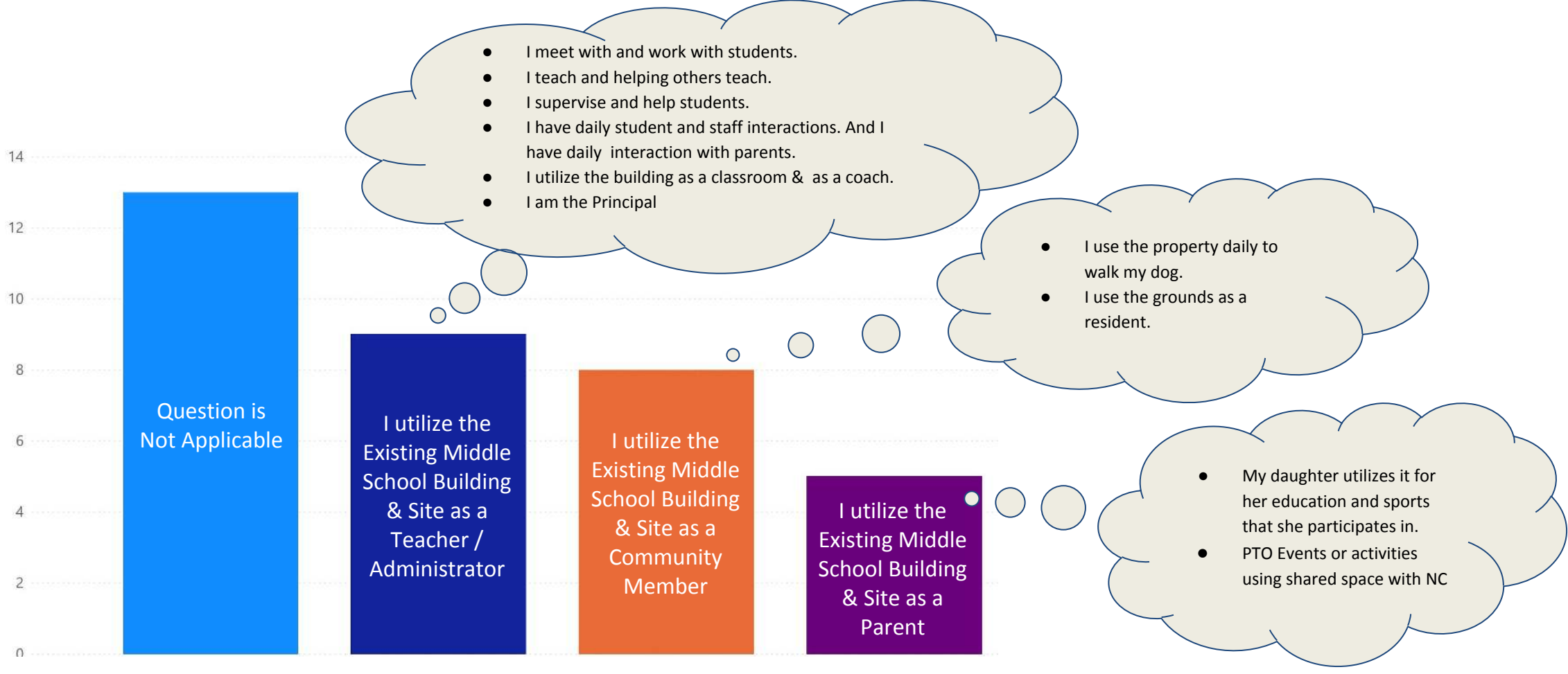
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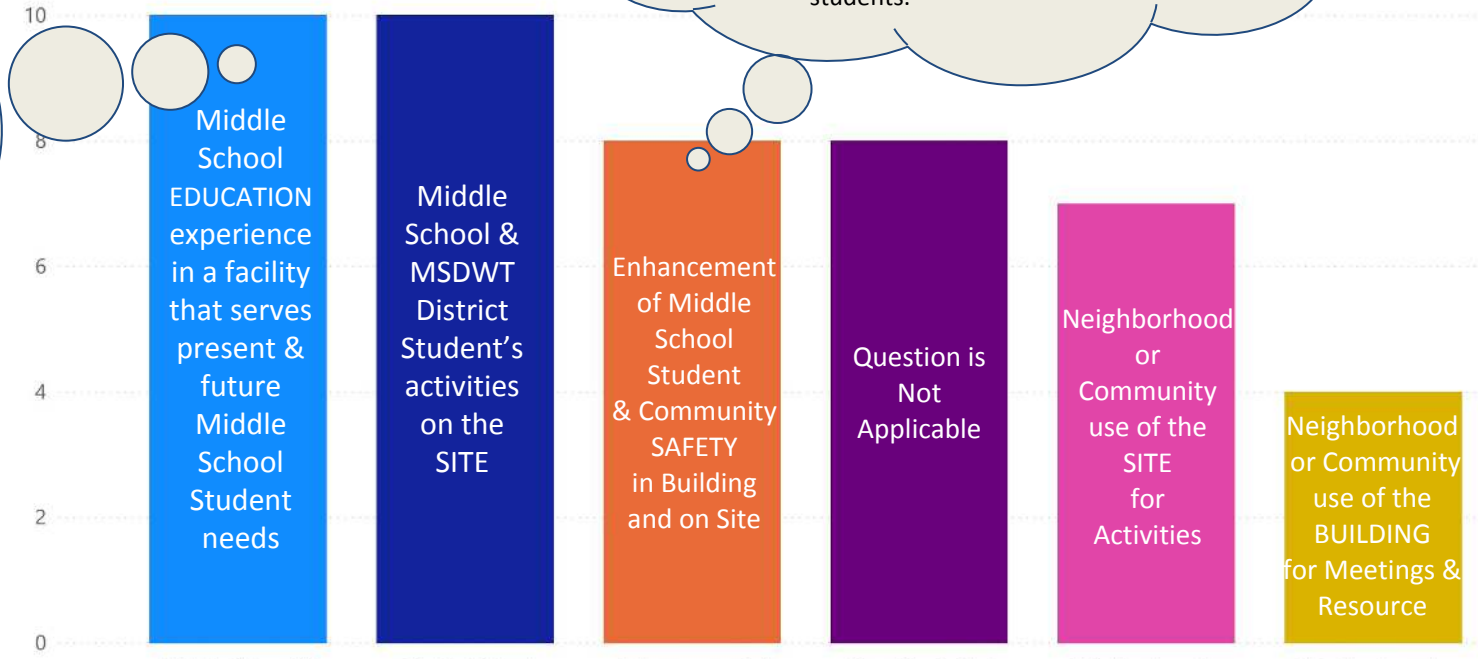


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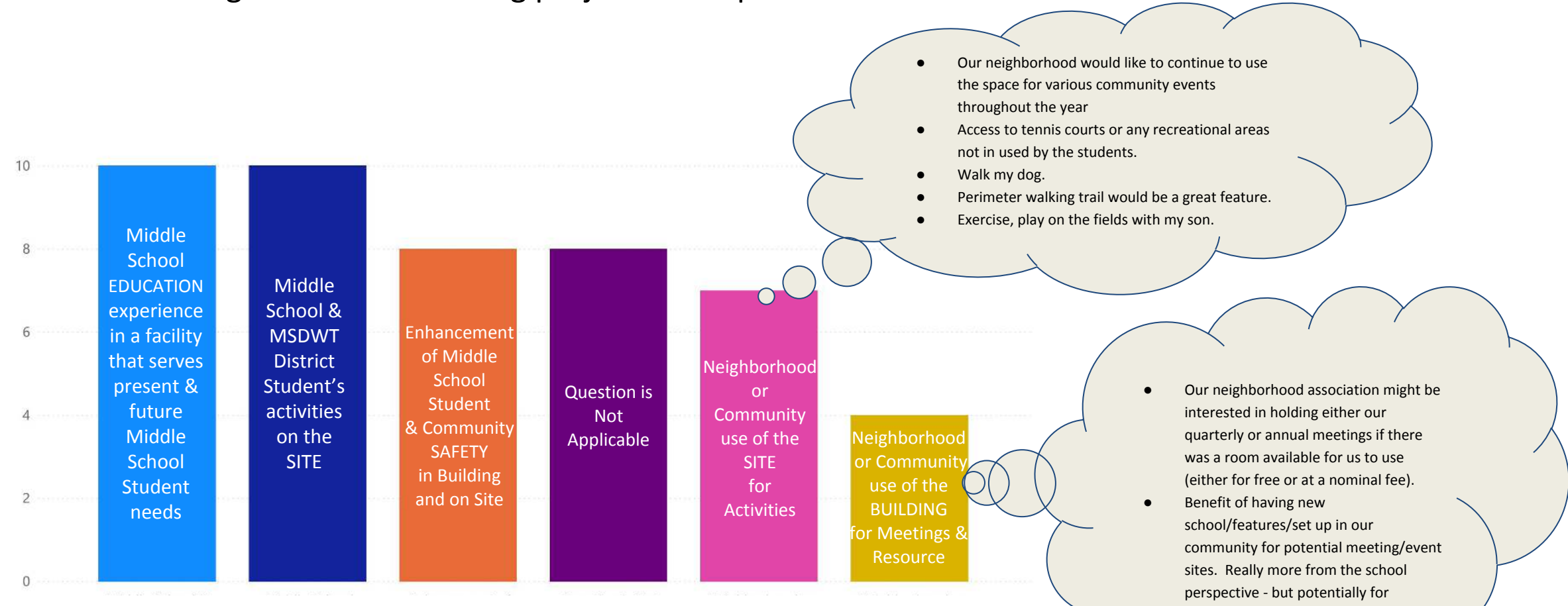
- Educate students in a facility that is better suited for 2020. After being in the new elementary schools and walking back into NV, I feel as if I am stepping back in time into very "old school" surroundings, practically, logistically and aesthetically.
- I would love to utilize the building more for small group and collaborative spaces.
- I imagine classroom and lab spaces that are placed with their grade-level peers to foster collaboration among all teachers.
- Teach in spaces that are flexible & large enough to accommodate 35 Middle Schoolers

- I hope to continue to serve my students and staff, but in a SAFER, more effective facility.
- I look forward to a secure entrance at our school.
- I would utilize the much needed updates to security for staff and students.



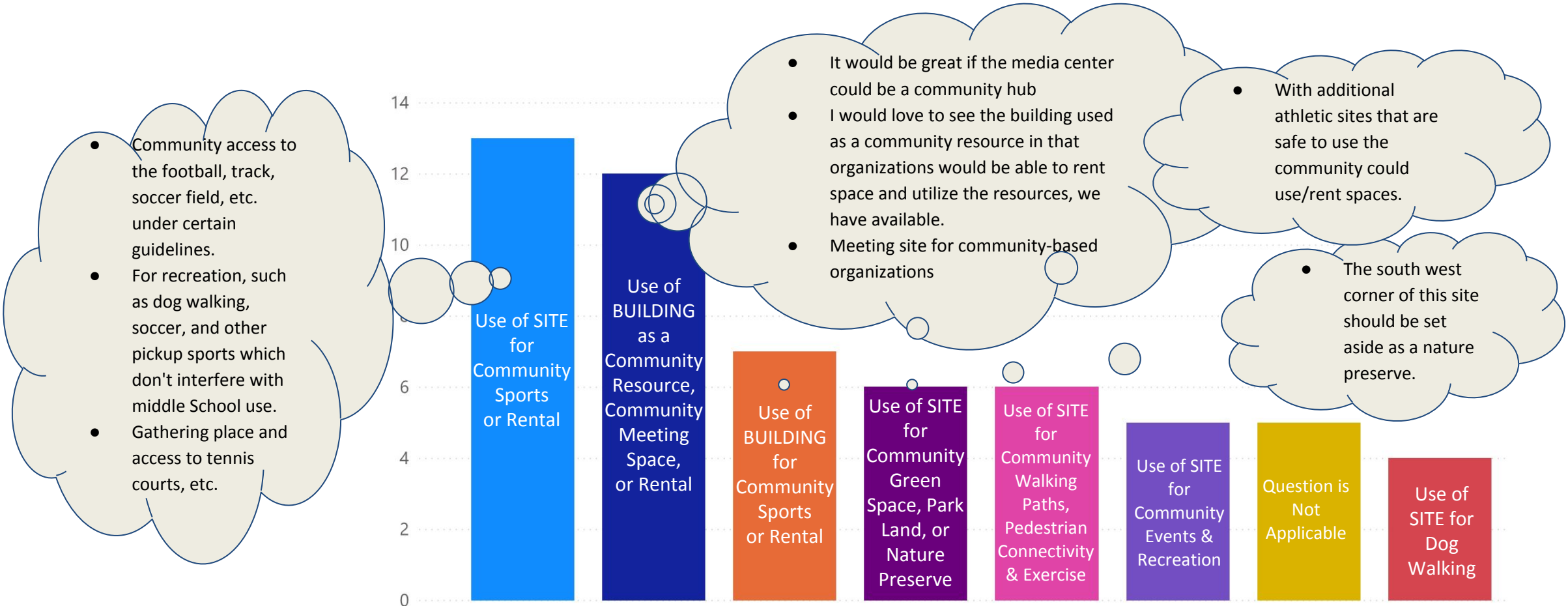
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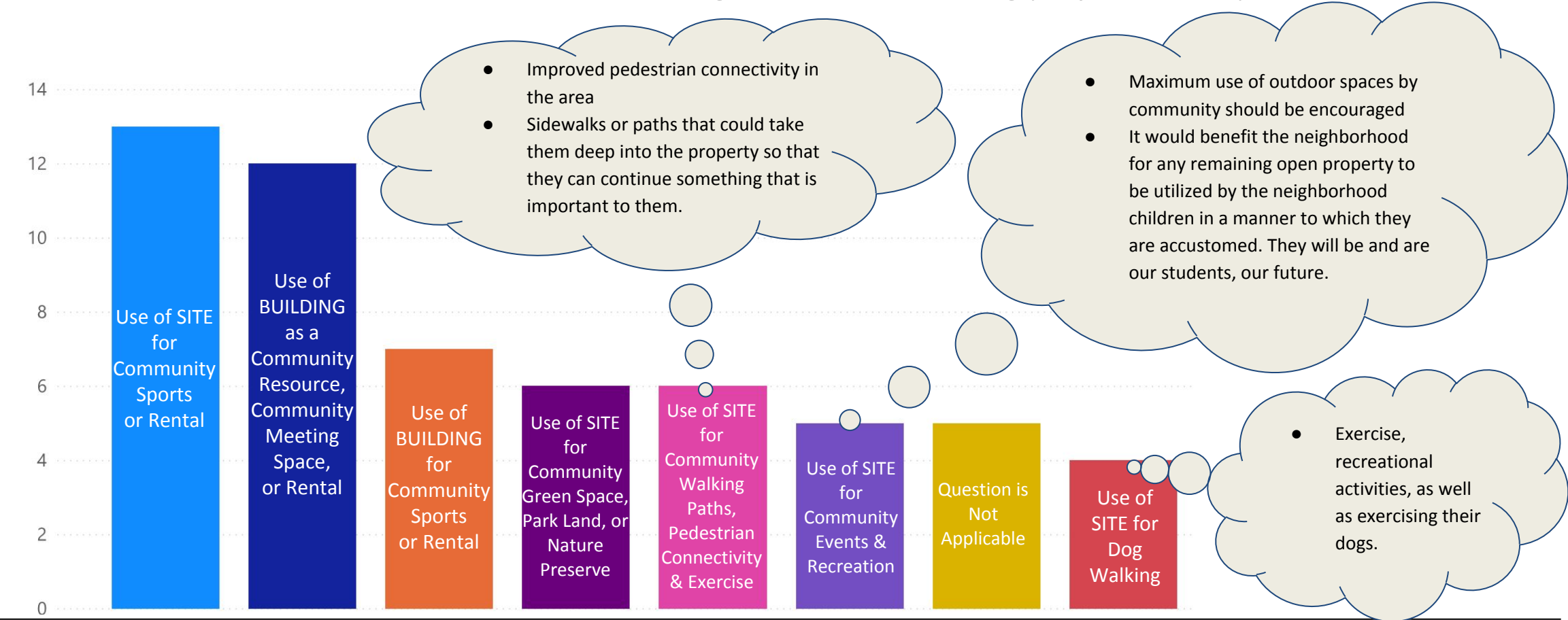
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Is there anything else you would like for us to consider during the design/construction of a new Northview Middle School at the 91st & College site?

- Would love to explore the opportunity to utilize the new site as more of a "Community" school. (Laundry facilities, food bank, tech lab, gym space - similar to the YMCA concept).

- Traffic flow will be very important in this area.

- I think keeping grade levels (6, 7, & 8) as separate from one another as we can and keeping the community spaces (media center, cafe, office, LGI) central is important and helpful to all.

- Including some kind of makerspace for use by science, PLTW, robotics teams, etc.

- I would like to see some sort of greenway/trail encircling the perimeter of the school, which would provide place for daily community walking/running.

- Downward lighting and a lighting buffer for residents that live in the neighborhood. To avoid headlights during our dark winter and early morning times.



What we heard the most consistently

Design to create a safe and forward thinking educational environment for the Northview Middle School students and community

- Suggestions such as a building design to foster Middle School team & student collaboration, various small group/flexible resource spaces, Middle School appropriate project/activity labs and enhanced technology.
- Suggestions such as zoning the building and site for safety and intentionally planned entry points.

Design to embrace & welcome the community/neighborhood in both the Middle School site and building design

- Suggestions such as walking path connectivity, preserved natural and green spaces, ability to utilize amenities such as athletic fields, tennis, or play areas.
- Suggestions such as the building as a neighborhood resource hub, small group & event meeting space usage and athletic space accessibility by neighborhood.
- Existing Northview staff and administration are excited about the opportunity to make Northview the neighborhood & community hub.



Homework for next time

Eastwood & Westlane Virtual Videos

Links to virtual videos - MSDWT website

<https://www.msdt.k12.in.us/future-planning/project-schedule/>



Next Meeting - Virtual

Tuesday, May 19, 2020
5:00 - 6:00 PM