

LOGAN LAKE STAFF & PARENT SURVEY RESULTS & NEXT STEPS

November 19, 2024

Dear Logan Lake Parents:

Thank you for participating in the consultation about the request of Logan Lake parents to consider moving Grades 5 and 6 students back to Logan Lake Elementary School for the Fall of 2025. You will see a review of the community engagement that we have done so far since October 16 to the present on the Logan Lake website [here](#).

At the October 23, 2024 webinar, Logan Lake parents asked to understand Logan Lake staff perspectives of this potential grade reconfiguration:

- **Move in now approach:** All Grade 5 and 6 students are together in the Logan Lake elementary school in the Fall of 2025;
- **Phased approach:** Grade 4 students stay at Logan Lake Elementary School for Grade 5 in the Fall of 2025 and then for Grade 6 in the Fall of 2026; or,
- **Stay the same:** Keep the grades the same at both schools.

Staff Survey. To respond to this request, Logan Lake staff completed a survey that asked them to consider these approaches and choose one and provide reasons for their choice. On November 12, 2024, we reported the Logan Lake staff survey results and responses in a letter that you may access [here](#). Below, we will provide a high-level summary of the Logan Lake staff survey results:

- **The majority of Logan Lake staff (60.9%) recommended reconfiguring over 2 years and not to move students:** This would mean that current Grade 4 students would stay for Grade 5, students would be at the elementary school in September 2025 and remain there for Grade 6 in 2026. No other students would move.
- **Themes in comments:** The majority of comments focused on support for the move of Grade 5 and 6 to the elementary school for the leadership opportunities, extracurricular opportunities, playground access, and the avoidance of more mature, often negative influences, and taking a phased approach where Grade 4 students stay for Grade 5 in the Fall 2025 and for Grade 6 in the Fall 2026, providing time for both students and staff to adjust to the change.

Parent survey. Following the Logan Lake staff survey results, Logan Lake parents then responded to the same survey (November 15-18, 2024), and these are the results:

- **Survey respondents:** 49 parents
- **Parent participation:** 40.8% will be directly affected in the Fall of 2025.
- **Quantitative results:**
 - **Phased approach:** 49% of parents who responded support a phased approach.
 - **Move now:** 46.9% support a move now.
 - **Stay the same:** 6.1% think that leaving the current configuration is best.
- **Qualitative theme:**
 - 16 comments: Support for a move to elementary for Grades 5 and 6 – general support without further explanation about the choice.

- 14 comments: Support for a move now – belief that it is better due to negative influences and potential safety concerns.
- 12 comments: Support of Grade 5 and 6 students moving in a phased-in approach – disruption will be difficult for their kids and they have not had concerns since their children have settled into secondary routines.
- 10 comments: Do not move back/too disruptive/know routine/not necessary – some parents are very concerned that a move back to the elementary school will be very disruptive and not handled well by their children.
- 4 comments: Only reconfigure if there is space and/or will not cause the high school to close or be affected.

The next step in this community engagement is to meet with a focus group of staff and parents to make an informed recommendation based on a closer examination of the implications and what will be best for students if the recommendation is a “phased” approach (i.e., how we will address the parents’ concerns who wanted an immediate move) or a “move now” approach (i.e., how we will support students who may be very unsettled by a move back to the elementary school after just adjusting to the change this year).

Timeline remaining for community engagement:

- **November 18:** In-Camera Board meeting to review feedback.
- **November 19–December 1:** Focus group reviews feedback and makes a recommendation to the Board.
- **December 9:** Board reviews the recommendation and approves (or not).
- **December 10–11:** Communication of the Board’s decision to Logan Lake Parents and Staff.
- **January 2025:** Plans to follow up on suggestions that came from consultation (e.g., peer leadership).

Results from both the staff and parent surveys were shared with the Board of Education on **Monday, November 18, 2024.**

Considering this decision directly affects Grade 5 students, Principal Collins has reached out to Grade 5 parents directly today to gather their feedback on the potential grade reconfiguration recommendations. A focus group of staff and parents will participate in a final review of results and implications, and to make a recommendation to the Board regarding a grade reconfiguration at Logan Lake Elementary/Secondary School.

You will receive a letter about the focus group recommendations to be taken forward to the Board at the December 9, 2024 Board Meeting.

Please continue to review the Community Consultation [webpage](#) for FAQs, survey results, feedback email links, and a timeline for consultation and decision-making.

Respectfully,

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