



LRSD Survey and Sessions Ideas - SWHS Community Input

SURVEY RESPONSES

Please share your thoughts about the preliminary ideas for the new Southwest High School.

1. These are great. EVERY high school should have them. Has planning begun for staffing the school and ensuring success?
2. So far the plan seems adequate.
3. Sounds like a good high school that our city will benefit from!
4. I think it's amazing that they have a whole area or areas dedicated to special ed students. I like how they're focusing on what the students need while still making the school presentable.
5. A new state of the art building is not going to fix the problems of LRSD.
6. The plans are very much needed. Hopefully, it will provide what the students in that area need.
7. I think that it is great and will be a great benefit to our students.
8. The new facility should be amazing. It will put the district in a better place to compete with surrounding districts. Having a state of the art sports complex will allow the district to host more state conferences. As the school is opened, great consideration must be made when staffing the school. There must also be a concrete plan for integrating the student bodies of the two existing high schools.
9. Sounds very student-centered and I believe that the goals are truly amazing.
10. Sounds good
11. I'm excited about the new high school for the families in SWLR. But I'm concerned about the domino effect it may cause to the other schools.
12. Sounds great. I hope it someday happens.
13. I am glad we are getting a new high school. I worry about the student dynamic of mixing three different high schools.
14. Ok
15. I think it is very important for all students in LRSD to have access to new facilities. This new high school is a step in the right direction.
16. Have you considered building with LEAN Management Processes, monolithic dome structures for built-in shelters, or outsourced cafeteria functions to improve economic efficiencies? How about beefing up ALE identification and services to include more LRSD students (increase revenue by \$4640 per student)?
17. I am glad we are investing in a state of the art facility to replace McClellan and Fair.
18. It sounds good for the residents and students in the Southwest area. Be sure to provide continued support and not just a facility for the community of SWLR.
19. They are great. It will serve a growing community and should ignite excellence for the whole city.
20. This new high school seems exciting and very needed for the Little Rock School District
21. The plans sound good however I have concerns about the lack of school options in the Southwest area if all the students from Fair and McClellan will be combined in one location.
22. Great opportunity for the students
23. Sounds like it will benefit the students in the community
24. In order for it to be successful you are going to have to have a strong hold on discipline and teaching. More often than not, I see former students sleeping, fighting, and playing posted on



- Instagram, with no teachers in site. When I do see the occasional teacher, they are sitting at their desks. In order for the new school to be successful, we need to expect the very best, by setting examples, and holding all stakeholders accountable.
25. It's already being built so a little late for this question. But why close two schools & bus hundreds of students halfway across the city only to try and use the same two schools later. Remember Busing students was part of the downfall of the LRSD.
 26. The facilities sound impressive. McClellan drastically needed to be replaced. JA Fair's building was fine, though. I'm concerned that, like with the relocations of students following the conversion of Forest Heights to a K-8 school, there will be big issues with fights and out-of-school conflicts affecting the learning environment. I certainly hope that the district puts much forethought into how to combine student populations and integrate changing student populations that result into their new school homes.
 27. I really feel the plan will work with the right leader in place. With the school being new there will need to be a lot of support from students, parents, and the entire staff.
 28. It sounds great.
 29. Sounds great!
 30. Sounds great
 31. Much needed
 32. Great! But every school - especially our existing schools should have this, too.
 33. I think the ideas presented on the previous page are fantastic. I love that these opportunities will be available for an area of the city that I feel like is mostly overlooked. I also appreciate that the arts are taken into account and prioritized. I'm also appreciative that project-based learning seems to be prioritized.
 34. sounds great and badly needed for that community
 35. Starting on the outside, hopefully it will be more aesthetically pleasing than the youngest, currently used High Schools. This area of the city is overdue for a school with advanced tools and spaces, mentioned above.
 36. There is no need for state of the art sports facilities. Intramural sports teams should be encouraged. Varsity sports benefit only a small minority of students
 37. great ideas
 38. I also think that it should include military and civics pathways of learning.
 39. Neither agree nor disagree.
 40. Need more sports options other than Foot Ball and Base Ball.
 41. Exciting for the kids in that community.
 42. Good initiative, Thanks to LRSD
 43. I am concerned about school choice for my kid to go to high school, do not want them at hall, even though I live near there because of the terrible reputation.
 44. Sounds great
 45. These seem like promising ideas, though I would also like to hear more about the media center and about facilities for ESL students.
 46. Sounds great!
 47. Sounds great! But you're ignoring Hall High. Hall needs these resources. Do not ignore the central city!
 48. All sounds great, I have no further input. I live much farther north and don't have friends/neighbors zoned for that school.
 49. I am concerned about whether or not the school district will provide an adequate fine arts



- budget for the new school for things like art supplies, costumes, sets, purchasing the rights to perform plays, musical instruments, etc.
50. Sounds good. Hope there will be an extensive effort to wrap community social services around the students and their families. In addition to social/health services, maybe ESL classes for community since you already administer adult education for Little Rock.
 51. Very satisfied with all of the preliminary ideas.
 52. I am beyond thrilled!! I grew up in Southwest Little Rock and am so pleased for the community to have an updated school facility. I sure do hope LRSD and the City work together to put a stoplight at the Y-Intersection by the Home Depot. With all the teen drivers...I fear there will be an uptick in crashes right there.
 53. Emphasize safety for students and staff when deciding on design. I care far less about sports than I do academics
 54. Great
 55. Sounds good
 56. I'm concerned with the demographics of students and teachers!
 57. Will this be a STEM school? Will Hall also be a STEM school?
 58. If you don't teach kids how to read then a fancy HS doesn't mean jack.
 59. I want to see more vocational teaching leading to professional votech careers with ability to keep out of some apprenticeship time if possible. I want to see focus on computer education and basic coding as well as literacy and math fundamentals.
 60. Pleased SW is getting this school.
 61. The preliminary ideas sound promising. I am particularly excited about the performing arts complex, as well as the modern technology labs.
 62. There may be some initial drawbacks and negativity due to the logistics and learning new geographic/logistics issues for students and parents but new and modern facilities are overdue and needed.
 63. Sounds good
 64. I hope the students take of it and not screw it up
 65. I think it is great that students in SW Little Rock will have a new building with great facilities in their community. I like the idea of the performing arts/concert facility will also benefit the whole community.
 66. I will like to include classes about the nature conservation and been pro-active and how to reduce and reverse the pollution of our planet
 67. Sound great.
 68. This is a very good plan. I am happy that it will a a space that focus on the special needs children and that the school is offering a lot of more things that will help the students of the community.
 69. What you have described sounds terrific. A big question for me is if teachers have the skills and/or or are willing to acquire the skills to use all the terrific resources that the school will have to offer. What will school leadership do to develop a positive school climate that goes along with all the fancy new building? To succeed, Southwest will need much more than just an amazing building.
 70. Will there be enough students who want to attend this school?
 71. sounds good
 72. none at this time
 73. Needs to keep people in a good school closer to where they live



74. Sounds great!
75. While this sounds like a first class facility, I don't know if it meets the true needs of the community or if it will be accepted and used to its full potential by the students assigned there.
76. We need it for the students from both schools.
77. I think it's to have a new high.
78. Excellent! However, what about the schools that have long been a staple in the community...why are we not investing in them to ensure they continue to produce achieving students! i.e. Parkview
79. Ok
80. Amazing and so needed!
81. Sounds great!
82. The plans are okay but I would be concerned about bringing rival students under one roof.
83. The ideas are exciting, but my concern is whether it will even matter to the students attending. JA Fair and McClellan are two schools that are known to not get along well with each other. The environment is going to be key as to whether this works out well for all involved. A brand new school doesn't mean the learning will be better. The community issues need to be addressed and resolved in order for this school to have a chance at being a positive learning environment. It doesn't really matter if you have a brand new school, but still have to same issues that the two previous schools had to deal with daily. That is potentially 40 to 50 million wasted.
84. A focus on science is greatly needed. Students today in SW are not aware of the careers opportunities that are available to them in science based fields.
85. No opinion as my home is too far away from this location to consider it as an option.
86. Newer technology and bigger space and bigger lockers for the students.
87. They sound great to me, but I am concerned that I am hearing community comments that don't support the new school.
88. Ideas noted above sound great but need to consolidate / close other high schools for cost savings and efficiency when SWHS opens.
89. I think is great ideas
90. I would say it was much needed
91. Sounds like it addresses multiple interests to reach broad variety of student needs. Career tech opportunities important for students not entering traditional college after graduation.
92. While Little Rock needs a new high school, I want to ensure that it does all that is possible to make education more attainable and achievable for all students from all cultures. Also, I want to ensure that it is not too heavy of a burden on taxpayers. Let's make SWHS the model for all other schools to follow.
93. The preliminary ideas for the new Southwest High School are wonderful ideas, the only problem is all of our deserving students will not be able to partake in the modern facilities. Therefore I feel that plans for the new Southwest should have been on hold until all those ideas could have been implemented in the current schools within the district, then begin on the new Southwest. Instead of just focusing on the 2400 new Southwest students, the focus should have been on the approximately 22,000 other students who have been waiting as well.
94. I think Parkview's Arts Magnet should move to the new Southwest High School with the newer auditorium.
95. We need local control of LRSD back and the ability to elect a school board and hire a



- superintendent of our choice.
96. It sounds lovely
 97. The new Southwest High School plans sound fantastic, with facilities to inspire kids to "feel motivated to learn".
 98. I think it is a positive thing that is meeting the demand of a growing area of the city.
 99. I think it should have been done years ago before Roberts or Pinnacle View.
 100. Good.
 101. Sounds great. Need one in west Little Rock
 102. Very encouraged by this plan.
 103. Doesn't affect me.
 104. Sounds good
 105. They sound like good ideas for our students.
 106. Sounds good
 107. It seems too large. Needs smaller divisions in which students can find a home base. Make the administration supports teachers.
 108. I think it's a great thing to want a better environment for the kids to better themselves.
 109. Excited about the plans. Much needed.
 110. I think it is a positive step for the surrounding community
 111. Great for those students and neighborhoods but need something in West Little Rock too!!
 112. The ideas are fine if you are going to have a staff of dedicated, motivational people that's willing to put their foot down to make the culture of students that are going to attend there, take the opportunities at hand. If you can't get them to want those opportunities or possibilities it's a waste of having them
 113. That all sounds great.
 114. Sounds great, but I am located in west Little Rock
 115. Awesome
 116. It will be an extremely nice facility and campus. It must be a priority to KEEP in well-maintained, treated with respect and literally just kept clean so that it is viewed as desirable for many years to come -- i.e. not fall into disrepair which is the very predicament of so many other current LRSD properties.
 117. Sounds good. Wish you were doing the same thing with a high school out west.
 118. I'm neutral on the issue
 119. Very happy for the southwest part of our city; long overdue.
 120. I have none at this point.
 121. Seems solid, but wonder if spending money on technology centered classrooms is the answer to fixing our underperforming high schools
 122. YOU are the experts in facilities and how to implement them. At least you should be. What you described above sounds very good, except I would downplay the state-of-the-art sports facilities...unless you eliminate concussion and injury prone sports like football.
 123. That is fantastic. This part of the community deserves a school they can be proud of. I do worry at times that our elementary schools continue to make sacrifices it seems our secondary schools are not making in order to tighten our budget to make some of these changes possible.
 124. I think the facilities will be great and produce a conducive learning environment for all students.



125. By combining two - three of the least attractive schools in the district into one high school, how do you plan to attract others to the school? I live by the new school, do you plan to widen road? Worried about traffic build up. I was hoping you named the school after someone, not just what you called it before construction began. What was the point of asking for name suggestions?
126. It is a great investment in our students who will be the future of Little Rock.
127. It's about time!
128. Great opportunities for students and addresses needs of a large variety of people
129. I like the preliminary ideas for the new LRSH. This will be an asset to the district, the SWLR community, and the City of Little Rock. I do have concerns about resourcing and leadership. The school could be a great success with the right leadership and necessary resources. It could attract many students back to SWLR who left as academic distress transfers. Without adequate (and equitable) resources, we would not meet the expected goal of consolidating two schools into one center of excellence.
130. It sounds good, but why can't we use the funds to improve the existing high schools in the city, especially those that are underperforming at this time?
131. The kids deserve this.
132. Good
133. I think this will be wonderful for those students
134. I think opening the Southwest High School will be a valued addition to the community.
135. They sound great! SW Little Rock needs this new HS.
136. It sounds good. I am hopeful that it adequately meets the needs of the community and that the prospective attendees are integrated across all races and socioeconomic statuses. I am also hopeful that the school provides an array of educational choices for students, including advanced courses and career-ready curriculum.
137. That is needed in the community.
138. Facilities sound great. How will you attract great teachers?
139. I LOVE the Performing Arts Complex and Concert Venue. It's for the children, AND relatives/family members also!!
140. This new school sounds exciting but unfortunately my kids will not be attending as it is outside of our zone.
141. Sounds good
142. Sounds great
143. Great idea should have been completed years ago.
144. Sounds great! But we need the same options in West Little Rock! I have 3 kids, 2 of which have gone to Private schools because of the limited high school options in our zone
145. We need a new high school for that area.
146. Sounds great but I feel that those items could have been added to the current schools instead of closing them to build another. The money used to build the new school could have been used to update the old schools.
147. Sounds like some good plans
148. The school sounds excellent. It seems far for me to drive to though.
149. I think this is a good idea to reach that area of LR
150. All great ideas and great resources for children. West Little Rock still pending?
151. It sounds great



152. Need one in West Little Rock too
153. It will be a great use of funds for that underserved community
154. It sounds great but I am worried about the students that will be attending. All of our High Schools should have the same up to date technology, performing arts complex and sports facilities.
155. Fine. Also need a WLR high school because of number of students in zone.
156. Much needed for that area
157. It's great for people that live in that area, while West Little Rock still has no high school.
158. Sounds like a plan?
159. Will college courses be provided or a college pathway program?
160. I think it is a great step in the right direction for the students in that area.
161. ideas are good but
162. I really don't like how they are consolidated J.A. Fair with McClellan.
163. I believe it will be beneficial to have some type of transitional activities or classes for students and parents before merging the schools.
164. It sounds great, I hope there is a good student/faculty ratio because fancy environment can't make up for huge class sizes too
165. I do not like the name of the school. Little Rock High School sounds much better than Southwest High School; and I was born and raised in Southwest Little Rock.
166. It is a great first step in providing much needed capital improvements.
167. Providing students with the finest amenities is great. What resources are being allocated to consistently meet the basic needs of these students?
168. I think it sounds great and I wish my student (NW LR) had a high school like this in our district to be able to attend.
169. I think it is great but am worried about the mix of students that will be sent there. I have been told that there will be lots of rival gangs thrown together. Sounds like a recipe for disaster.
170. Why can't these features be put in to existing High schools. What do the other schools get?
171. While Little Rock needs a new high school, I want to ensure that it does all that is possible to make education more attainable and achievable for all students from all cultures. Also, I want to ensure that it is not too heavy of a burden on taxpayers. Let's make SWHS the model for all other schools to follow.
172. I don't think LRSD paid attention to the community when they voted down the millage.
173. Sounds good if teachers don't lose their jobs.
174. I think it is great for the community.
175. Are you segregating the Special Education students?
176. Excited for the new high school and hope it will be amazing! I do NOT want the Waltons or other charter schools to get their hands on it. I do want the state to misuse this school as a way to re-segregate our city.
177. Sounds good
178. I am excited to see new facilities for students in Southwest Little Rock.
179. While it is good to have a southwest high school, it is not fair for some schools to have all the bells and whistles and mothers to be left far behind.
180. Everything sounds great.
181. I am excited about the new high schools as students from both previous high school will



- have the chance to join in order to create a new school community.
182. Great ideas regarding the physical plant. What about the students that you are combining from different areas of the city? There are concerns regarding the size that you are creating. How do you plan to address such a large population in one area that is going to be very diverse?
 183. I am very happy that a state-of-the-art high school is being built in a community that has needed updated facilities for a long time. I like that there are diverse foci as far as tech, the arts, and science.
 184. I strongly believe in the plan that has been put forth at this time. Let's try and see what works for this school and what doesn't.
 185. While new facilities are a great way to draw in students, a new building will not heal internal issues. Also I don't like how it's segregated. Mainly black and brown students being shipped here doesn't sound right. Big beautiful buildings only hide the roots of issues for so long.
 186. We need to make sure the high schools match the other high schools throughout PCSSD and LRSD.
 187. All positive! Really like the plan and the renderings of the facility.
 188. It sounds great.
 189. It sounds great, but a brand new state of the art building will not fix the current problems with southwest high schools (teacher apathy, student behavior issues, etc)
 190. Sounds good. Wondering if it will all be accomplished
 191. It sounds like a nice facility that will replace older, less modern facilities.
 192. I am excited about the new HS in the SW area of LR. I hope it will generate a lot of good buzz for LRSD and be a pioneer school for a new direction for our district.
 193. The overall plan on paper seems wonderful. However, I am concerned that the zones will be redone before the school is complete. If the district keeps its word and transfer Fair/McClellan students there, it would be wonderful. We don't need another Pinnacle View smoke screen.
 194. It sounds like the perfect opportunity to help engage our students of differing abilities and interests in a dynamic learning environment.
 195. It has been needed for a very long time and is very beneficial to a positive future for our district.
 196. It sounds "grand!" It would be like a "dream come true" for that area of Little Rock, and, hopefully, people from other areas of Little Rock would want to support this excellent educational endeavor for LRSD students. In reading about it, it is said there will be a performing arts/concert component that will have different venues to draw in people from all over the Little Rock community with varied interests to explore educational, career, and entertainment opportunities presented at the new school.
 197. Good
 198. I believe the Southwest High School was not envisioned with the community in which it plans to serve. It would be great if there was some intentional pause taken to build community involvement in decision making process here to forward. Parents, students, educators and community should be a part of the developmental plans and processes along the way. Not much interest nor efforts have been visibly made to ensure that the student populations and their families are a part of the decision making process that include them been moved from their current schools to a "new school." There may be an opportunity to better invest in students, families, educators and the school communities of McClellan, J.A.



Fair and Hall before they are closed and forced to be displaced without their consent. If these plans were being made in communities with more wealth, there would have already been several community meetings hosted by the LRSD and the communities to ensure that the processes of change that are occur meet the standards and needs of the students and adults involved prior to breaking ground, developing blueprints and hosting city wide community conversations.

199. They sound good on paper. They will be good for the community if they are done correctly.
200. Long overdue, but so is meaningful and sustained academic growth at current Fair and McClellan, both 'F' schools.
201. It sounds like a good school
202. These are big goals.
203. Will there be too many students at this school? With combining Fair and McClellan and the 300 students from Hall, that sounds like potentially a lot of students to control/handle in one space. This this school being built in an appropriate area? What is the max distance some of these students will have to travel to get to school? What will happen to the old campuses? Will they be empty and cause issues for the neighborhoods?
204. It is a great idea
205. The new school is well deserved. The Southwest LR community has been ignored for far too long. I hope that the district will continue to value this part of the city.
206. No thoughts
207. It sounds wonderful! I'm excited about the new opportunities for the children to learn and grow! :)
208. Sounds great. Long overdue
209. It sounds like a great opportunity for students in high school.
210. The preliminary ideas for the new Southwest High School sounds good but that is a lot of students in one location.
211. Please ensure that you are well prepared to serve Latino students who may be ESL students also. Culture and language should be represented in what you offer.
212. The ideas are excellent, but dramatically better than any other school. What about equality of facilities and services?
213. Great investment
214. New buildings with access to advancing technology and more educational resources are always a good thing
215. Very excited about a new facility especially in SWLR.
216. I feel this is an important and overdue addition to the LRSD. Hopefully, all middle and high school students will have access to the sports facility.
217. I like it
218. None ... my kids won't go there
219. Great for that community.
220. Sounds good.
221. As a drama specialist I was pleased to note that a performing arts complex and concert venue is integrated into the plans for the Southwest High School. This provides amazing hands-on opportunities for our students that are passionate about the arts. I'm hoping that the Southwest High School Arts Complex will be designed in a manner that allows for project based learning. If so, the hands-on experiences could absolutely lead our students into careers in drama, broadcasting, music, visual arts and other multi-media art forms.



- Amazing!
222. Very well
223. I think that everything appears to be up to par and I hope that the students will be able to reap the full benefits of the new school and hopefully we draw more students into the area.
224. Great ideas!
225. It may not have been the best idea to combine 3 of the worst performing high schools altogether. This could be problematic for reaching academic targets.
226. Sounds interesting, hoping students will thrive there and attend.
227. I think a new high school is essential in our district. We have a large population of students in that area. The school sounds fantastic.
228. I think that is a great idea.
229. It sounds like it will have the facilities that should be at all LRSD schools -- will it have a specialty to attract students or will it simply be drawing from the neighborhood? If it does not have a specialty, why not? It seems like the successful schools in LRSD have something that draws students in -- we may be moving away from this notion, but it seems like a school where students are being dumped (even with modern facilities.)
230. I think that area of the city needs a new school.
231. Perfect
232. Sounds good
233. Great new space for SWLR students. Hope there are inclusive environments for special needs students. Would love to see more embedded/integrated health services (primary care, mental health, dental, etc.) to help students succeed.
234. I feel the concept is good; the location poor.
235. Fine I guess if the school will be diverse in its population
236. The plan sounds good. There need to be opportunities for special needs students to mingle with other students, when appropriate, while maintaining a separate learning environment.
237. I am excited for the students that will be zoned to attend this school. They deserve the very best, as do all LRSD students. I do have frustration at the lack of HS options in the northwest section of the district.
238. I hope they don't half way do this like they have done with the football field at Pinnacle View. Finish something 100%
239. I am concerned about moving three groups of high school students into one building. I'm hoping there are plans to support them coming together and dispel old rivalries.
240. Pretty facilities do not make a good education. In the past LRSD has undertaken upgrades to facilities and programs without budgeting for ongoing maintenance, upgrades and staff development necessary to continue the programs.
241. I think the physical plans for the Southwest High School are wonderful, however I worry about the diversity of the student population.
242. I like that.
243. The administrator chosen to lead the school is of the utmost importance. A transition plan will need to be thoroughly thought out.
244. Sounds like a good place to go to/to teach.
245. I look forward to the outcome. Concerns of the reputation it is already being given.
246. These plans sound good for a comprehensive high school. Since money is an issue, I like the idea to convert old elementary facilities and lands to a district sports complex, so I



- would only build practice level sports facilities at the actual high school. Funnel that money towards the district level (might include a swim center at the district level).
247. Needs to meet the needs of the students to prepare them for the future.
 248. All sound great
 249. Love the concept of the new school, and all of the opportunities that it will provide for this community. However, I am most interested in the diversity of the school population, and how this will affect the merging of the affected high schools.
 250. Make sure grads know how to read and write and to do simple arithmetic and to write in longhand.
 251. All sounds amazing. I just hope we are able to fill it with law abiding students willing to take ownership
 252. I feel it's a little late
 253. It sounds fantastic!
 254. I feel that new facilities are a plus for the district. I've worked in northeast and northwest Arkansas where there has been a lot of new construction. Our kids need buildings that can support technology and are without mold that tends to make staff and students sick.
 255. Good
 256. Agree with the district's plan for the new school
 257. Sounds good
 258. Ok, it can have all the great top notch technology but will it attract the TOP GRADE A teachers to teach the kids from schools that are already underachieving You need to hold these teachers from all these schools accountable McClellan, Fair, Hall kids. The teachers have to care about the kids, and love what they do and not just be there for a paycheck and Act as if No Child Is Left Behind get back to older Days Morals and Values it take a Village to raise kids. Do not let a kid go hungry. Stop tripping about if the backpack isn't netted, get metal detectors, if Asa Hutchinson can spend all the money at War Memorial he Definitely Can Put Money Into Arkansas Children for Our Children's Protection In Schools And Make Sure they All Get A Fair Shake At A Great Free Education Here In Little Rock Arkansas where He Is Governor at. Not just in NW Arkansas stop spending our money up there. Where all the kids are getting adequate Education graduating with Honors, our Kids Are capable too.
 259. Impressed
 260. It appears that the new Southwest High School will have a state of the art facilities that will be devoted to all students. However, will students be recruited to attend this school from other attendance zones or will the students in Southwest Little Rock will be given the opportunity to attend as well?
 261. Facilities sound great. Very concerned about the hyper racial/ethnic segregation of the school. Consider a number of seats for open enrollment.
 262. Sounds good!
 263. It sounds like a wonderful opportunity for students!
 264. Too far for WLR
 265. I think that this is a great idea to bring a better school to the area but there need to be some type of training for all incoming students prior to them transitioning to this new school to change their mind set so that the school will not be destroyed.
 266. Not where you are losing students out of the district.
 267. I think it is a fantastic option for students living in that area.
 268. The state-of-the-art facilities will be great. My biggest concern involves how you will



- combine the two high schools in such a way to make it a seamless transition. I'd suggest several meetings between the two schools plus Hall in order to make the transition as best as it can be.
269. The Southwest High School is great but as a parent of an 8th grader at Pinnacle View I am concerned about options in the WLR area for high school
270. Sounds nice, but I would be more interested in a high school in WLR.
271. District should not be building schools or closing schools until we have an elected school board. We won't have enough students to support the new school as more and more children leave for charter and voucher system.
272. I think it is good that the Southwest section of the city will have modern educational environments for the students that reside there. In the past they have been overlooked by not getting state of the arts learning environment and facilities.
273. That is great for the high School. It is very important that we have this same type of space so our children can succeed from the time they start school. Booker Arts Magnet is a great place to start to implement these types of improvements. They have the space, capacity and location. They can also be converted into a K-8 to fill that void in Eastern Little Rock Attendance Zone.
274. Tradition in Mabelvale has always been the colors of Red and White. It was Mabelvale High School which was red and white and the lions since the beginning. When it transitioned to McClellan, it was still the Lions. It is making the community of Mabelvale no longer have a mascot that's been identifiable for over 75 years! It is going to be a great resource in the community. Perhaps an alumni room could be added much like the one at Dunbar.
275. I think having those assets sounds wonderful. I am unclear as to whether or how other schools and community members will be able to share those spaces. For example, can an elementary school perform in the performing arts complex or utilize the project based learning areas?
276. The ideas are great and are much needed advances for LRSD.
277. I would prefer that the building be used for UALR as a teaching facility as proposed earlier in the first survey. I do not think a high school in this neighborhood is a good idea; especially so close to an elementary school. The traffic from students driving, etc. will be too much for this area and the intersection.
278. I support the new Southwest high school for that area of our city. However, I would like to see the students currently at Hall have a choice on whether or not they would go there. Is it possible that it could be optional for those students to stay at Hall if they want to? Will transportation be provided for them?
279. It sounds like a great option for students living in an underserved part of the city
280. Good
281. Sounds great!
282. As a McClellan alumni, I am pleased with this idea.
283. These sound like promises that the LRSD has had difficulty delivering in the past. Expanded programs are fine, but the LRSD has difficulty teaching the basics to children.
284. It's long overdue. The opportunities presented with the new Southwest High School are endless, and present the LRSD with the opportunity to move the district's students and staff forward like never before.
285. Sounds Great
286. The ideas are great for any school. What do you have in place for the two rival communities that will be joining together? Neighborhood issues may be brought to school. What



- systems are in place to prevent or decrease these things?
287. I am supportive of the new school and I believe it will allow us to attract and maintain enrollment.
 288. A great resource for the city. It provides vital tools for a deserving population.
 289. It sounds like exactly what the LRSD needs to be offering.
 290. Excited that this underserved area of town will have such a wonderful facility.
 291. These are great changes. When will they be brought to all schools k and up which are South of I 630?
 292. If it takes away money from our public schools without actually benefitting and helping our public schools, then why is it happening? Is any money going to increase wages for faculty? How would you ever think larger classrooms with more technology is a good idea?
 293. The Southwest LR community certainly needs attention rather than the long period of neglect.
 294. They are great ideas but why couldn't they be incorporated into the current high schools?
 295. Fantastic, hope we can get something similar for north west Little Rock.
 296. Sounds good

DESIGN SESSIONS SUMMARY

Positive

Overall, people were very excited about the new high school and applauded the LRSD for investing south of I-630.

Concerns

1. Several people expressed concern about security at the new high school, citing traditional local rivalry and asking that the LRSD take special care in bringing the students and families together before they enter high school together. "It will take a monumental effort by PARENTS, church leaders, and student leaders to work with students to coexist." Some who work on the ground in these communities said the concern was overblown, but they still recommended that LRSD work intentionally and thoughtfully in laying the groundwork for this new school population. Many said that leadership was key. The right principal and leadership staff, they said, would determine if it succeeded or failed.
2. Another stated concern in some of the design sessions was the cost. People do not understand how funding and development decisions are made in the LRSD. "Sounds interesting, but how much in property tax will people in the Southwest area be responsible for? The new high school has already hit our pockets hard as it is."
3. Repeatedly, citizens reminded the LRSD that although they are happy about the new facilities and feel that they are important, they are not as important as improving the academic performance within the schools. Many are concerned about the D and F ratings of the Little Rock high schools and do not feel they have heard from the LRSD what it will do about that.
4. There are some worries about the size of the school. Several community members feel that big schools are not right for every student. They are hoping there can be alternatives.