



Reorganization of the Elementary Schools

Idlehurst and Maple Wood

Student and Family Benefits

- All grade level students will progress together
- Stabilization of student-teacher ratios
- Addition of a Health and Computer Special
- Students will be offered greater instructional differentiation
- Students will have equal access to resources
- All students will have the opportunity to experience both school settings
- School wide culture and climate programs can be targeted
- School placement will no longer be based on where a family resides

Student and Family Benefits Cont'd

- Creation of Autism and Behavioral programs at both schools
- Both schools will have a diversified student body
- Both media centers will be specialized and age appropriate
- Bus safety will increase as less kids will be on each bus
- Transitions from 5th to 6th grade will be handled more effectively
- Elimination of transitions from Pre-K to K in a different school
- No student will have to transition from K to 1st grade in a different building

Staff Benefits

- Increase in collaboration between grade level teachers
- Staff will have access to specialized professional development
- Less competition between the schools, creating unity, focused on student learning
- This configuration lends itself to competency based education
- Special education redistribution possible based on the number of Individual Education Plans at each school



Budgetary Benefits

- Transportation savings
- Staffing/salary savings
- Special Education savings