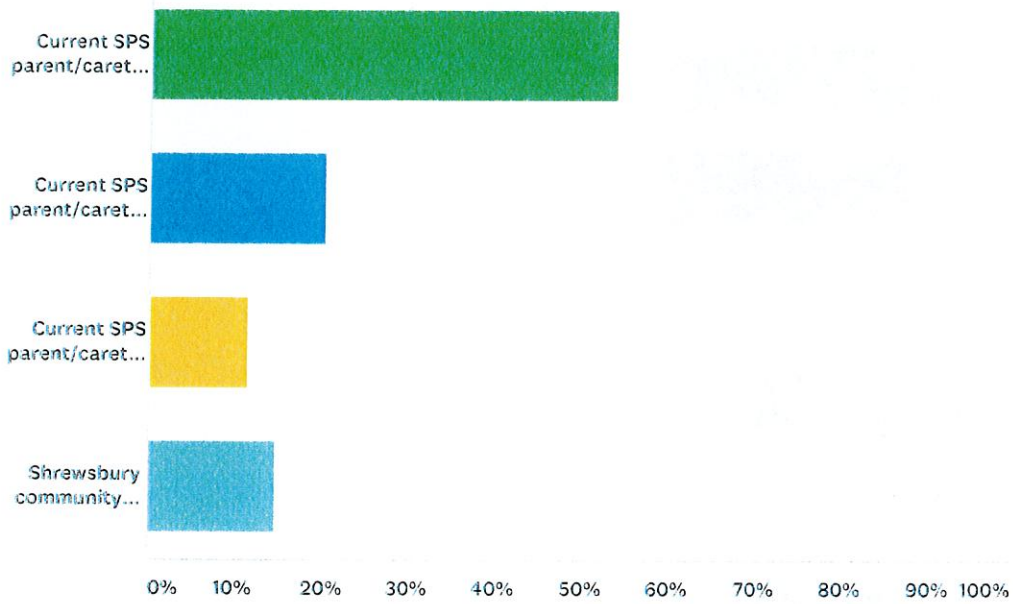


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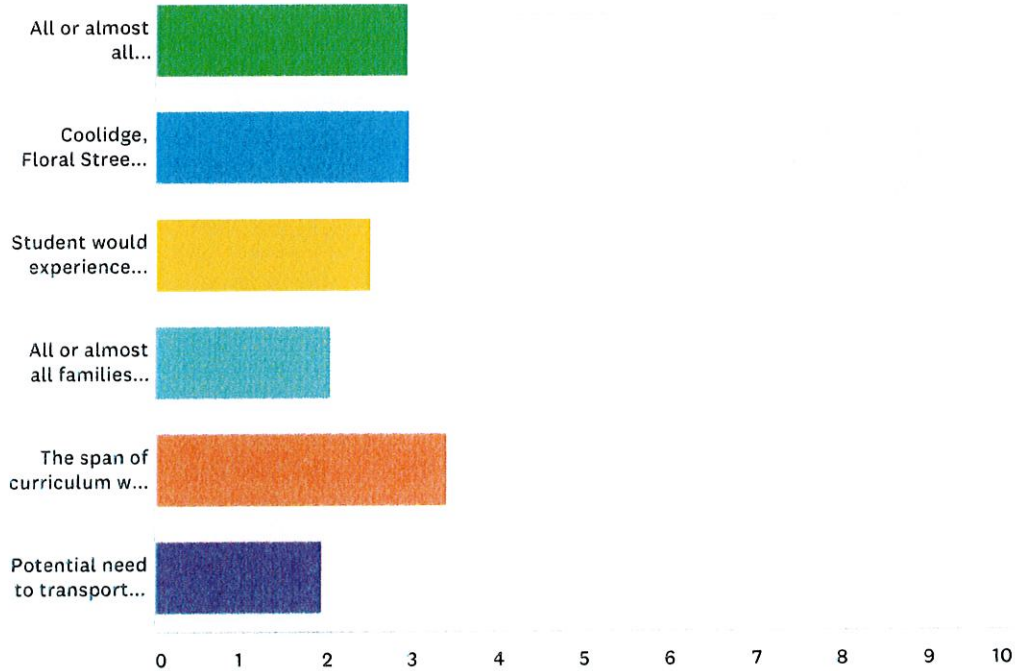
**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

Current SPS parent/caretaker – youngest child is in early childhood/elementary school (Preschool-Grade 4)	53.92%	495
Current SPS parent/caretaker – youngest child is in middle school (Grades 5-8)	20.26%	186
Current SPS parent/caretaker – youngest child is in high school (Grades 9-12)	11.22%	103
Shrewsbury community member (not a current SPS parent/caretaker)	14.60%	134
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>918</b>

Q2 Please indicate whether you think the following considerations related to a Grades K & 1 configuration would be a drawback or a benefit:

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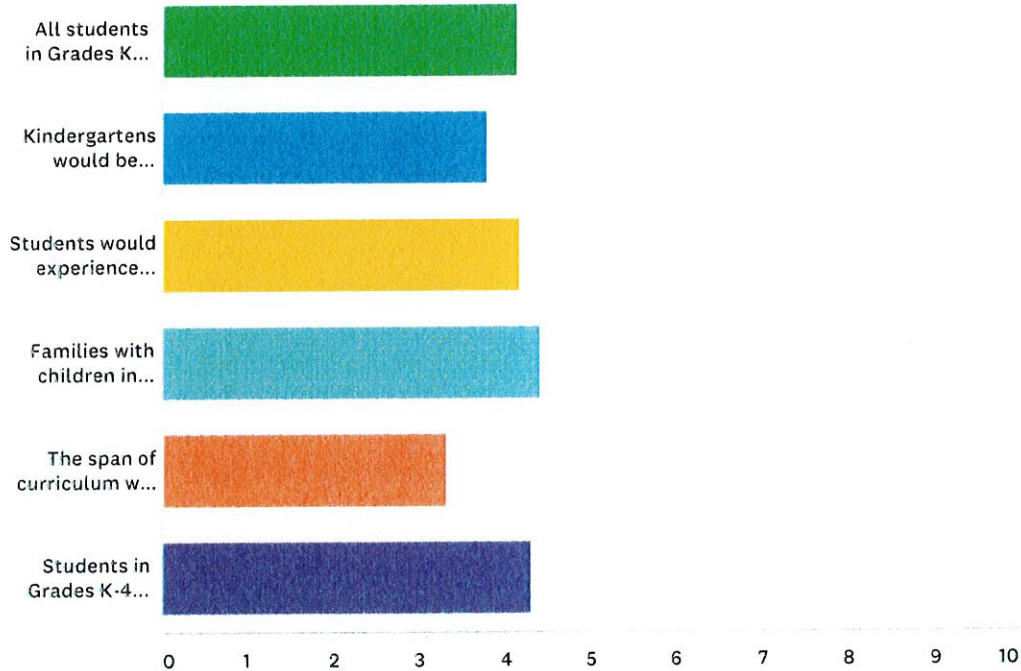
	SIGNIFICANT DRAWBACK	DRAWBACK	NEUTRAL	BENEFIT	SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
All or almost all Kindergarten & Grade 1 students in town would attend Beal for those two years	17.54% 141	24.75% 199	18.41% 148	24.00% 193	15.30% 123	804	2.95
Coolidge, Floral Street, Paton, & Spring Street would primarily house Grades 2, 3 & 4.	14.93% 120	23.51% 189	23.63% 190	24.75% 199	13.18% 106	804	2.98
Student would experience attending two different schools, one for Grades K and 1 and one for Grades 2 through 4.	25.47% 205	27.08% 218	24.60% 198	17.14% 138	5.71% 46	805	2.51
All or almost all families with a child in Grades K-1 and another child in Grades 2-4 would have the children attending two different schools.	34.83% 280	33.83% 272	24.13% 194	4.60% 37	2.61% 21	804	2.06
The span of curriculum will be focused on a smaller number of grade levels in the same school (Grades K-1 early childhood center for one school and a Grades 2, 3, & 4 elementary school for the other)	8.21% 66	11.07% 89	28.73% 231	34.70% 279	17.29% 139	804	3.42

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Potential need to transport students from the same neighborhood on separate buses to two different schools (Grades K-1 and Grades 2, 3, & 4) at approximately the same time	37.02% 298	38.76% 312	18.63% 150	3.23% 26	2.36% 19	805	1.95
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Q3 Please indicate whether you think the following considerations related to a Grades K through 4 configuration would be a drawback or a benefit:

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	SIGNIFICANT DRAWBACK	DRAWBACK	NEUTRAL	BENEFIT	SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
All students in Grades K through 4 would attend a neighborhood elementary school.	1.81% 14	5.70% 44	12.56% 97	35.88% 277	44.04% 340	772	4.15
Kindergartens would be included in all neighborhood elementary schools rather than having an early childhood center model.	3.36% 26	14.08% 109	17.70% 137	30.75% 238	34.11% 264	774	3.78
Students would experience attending one school for the five years of Grades K through 4	1.56% 12	4.02% 31	15.82% 122	32.68% 252	45.91% 354	771	4.17
Families with children in Grades K-4 would have their children attending the same school	0.90% 7	1.03% 8	8.53% 66	34.24% 265	55.30% 428	774	4.42
The span of curriculum will be focused on a larger number of grade levels in the same school (Grades K-4 elementary school)	3.63% 28	17.75% 137	40.67% 314	20.21% 156	17.75% 137	772	3.31
Students in Grades K-4 from the same neighborhood would be transported to the same school	1.68% 13	1.68% 13	9.82% 76	37.60% 291	49.22% 381	774	4.31

## Q4 Please share any feedback or questions you have regarding the choice of grade configuration for the Beal building project. Thank you!

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I liked my children starting school with all the students being young. I found when they went to Coolidge they started having some injuries on the playground. I didn't want the exposure of the older students right away when they started school. My children were in a family daycare setting until school. I understand the teachers that are in a K setting in the elementary school would like to have other K teachers to collaborate with so they would like to have more than one classroom of K in the elementary setting. I also found that the having K-1 together the students meet other students in town. When they get to middle school and high school they will know other students than the neighborhood friends. Keeping siblings together sounds good but they will be apart when transition to middle school and high school and there will be different start times then.	10/3/2017 8:51 AM
2	I think continuity is important to elementary school kids. It's better for them to "grow up" in the same school. I think a wider age range, K-4, creates positive social opportunities. Younger kids learn from older and older kids can be encouraged to be protective of and mentor the younger kids.	10/2/2017 8:56 PM
3	We need a new school. Beal served its purpose, but we're trying to put a square peg in a round hole now. Move on.	9/29/2017 5:08 AM
4	The K-1 model is better because of the special focus on younger students.	9/28/2017 8:55 PM
5	I feel Beal should stay as a K and grade 1 school and NOT become another neighborhood school. It is the best option as it has the least amount of reconfiguring and changes to the districts.	9/28/2017 8:35 PM
6	Neighborhood schools k through 4 is most desired solution.	9/28/2017 6:37 PM
7	Realizing the options I think the schools should be K - 4. Thank you.	9/28/2017 12:48 PM
8	As a future SPS parent, I would prefer my children to attend one school from K-4 where the staff can get to know my students better over a longer period of time. As an educator I like the thought of the teachers being able to more easily be able to vertically align with other teachers in the building. For me, it is a no brainer, a K-4 school would be much better than a K-1 school.	9/28/2017 10:49 AM
9	Beal School need lot of renovations and space to accommodate students for K - 4th. The school is sub standard compared to other Shrewsbury schools and children doesn't get enough encouragement to attend the School. Also the board should inspect the school to determine the hygiene level for continuity. Please renovate the school to match up standard with other Shrewsbury schools.	9/28/2017 10:21 AM
10	Too much dividing up of elementary school locations already: first, you moved 5th grade out & then all/part KG & now want to move 1st. Better for the child all in one local elementary school. KISS (keep it simple).	9/28/2017 6:33 AM
11	A huge concern for Beal school is the small footprint and the exponential amount of traffic that this would add to the area. Please take that into consideration.	9/28/2017 6:07 AM
12	nothing special	9/28/2017 1:07 AM
13	Very strongly feel that staying at the same school for 5 years is a significant benefit for the children and families.	9/27/2017 8:46 PM
14	With the Shrewood/Oak split the town does not need another school for K+1. Let's go with the neighborhood school idea.	9/27/2017 8:28 PM

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- 15 My son currently attends Floral and I have a preschooler who will attend in a couple of years. The class sizes are large at Floral and with constant construction of apartments and housing in Shrewsbury, the amount of children is increasing. Shrewsbury is a wonderfully diverse town with a great community and wonderful schools, so naturally it is attractive to families. With Beal becoming a K-4 School, it could create the opportunity for reconfiguration in current schools which could decrease class sizes allowing for an optimal educational experience. This also allows for less transitions between schools for our children. They already transition from K to elementary, elementary to middle, middle to middle and finally to high school. That is a lot of shifting schools for our children as they grow. Please consider all of these extremely important issues as you make this decision. Thank you!! 9/27/2017 6:45 PM
- 16 I think it makes it easier for parents to put two kids (say one in K and one in 3rd) on the same bus going to the same school. I also think it benefits the small child by having a familiar face when they first start going to school. 9/27/2017 5:37 PM
- 17 A huge undertaking this project. It is absolutely needed for the education and health of the students, staff and faculty. There will be difficult decisions to make however the best situation is to build another neighborhood school and then redistrict. Of course redistricting is very tricky and will not please everyone but it has been done before. Previously had been in a district that did redistrict. They grandfathered families to the school they were currently in if they were actually due to change schools. This was the parent's choice. However they did not receive transportation to the grandfathered/non neighborhood school. Will be following the process. Thank you for your efforts. 9/27/2017 3:50 PM
- 18 Keeping neighborhood children together is most likely the best solution. It would greatly benefit anyone with anxiety issues. Switching schools could be traumatizing to some students. 9/27/2017 12:47 PM
- 19 It will be useful if the kid goes to the same school from K to 4th. It would also benefit in sharing town resources with all schools like transporting kids from a neighborhood to the same school (instead of use separate buses). I would like my kids within K-4 to go to same school for lots of scheduling reasons. 9/27/2017 12:34 PM
- 20 Why is Beal not being made into a preschool and kindergarten? Putting preschool with kindergarten seems to make the most academic sense. 9/27/2017 12:09 PM
- 21 I think it would have more negative impact to redistrict than to have to move kids more often. 9/27/2017 11:47 AM
- 22 I think there are pros and cons with both configurations. I think the district needs to choose what works best. 9/27/2017 11:38 AM
- 23 Beal and Paton schools are relatively close in proximity. How would redistricting of students affect families at those schools? 9/27/2017 11:22 AM
- 24 Transitions to new schools are difficult. Reducing the number of transitions is a benefit. This assumes full day kindergarten? Will the Town lose revenue? Busing would be simplified and the potential of older siblings on the bus with kindergarten is also a plus. 9/27/2017 11:12 AM
- 25 I support whichever decision that would allow the town to offer full day kindergarten experience to all Shrewsbury children. 9/27/2017 10:53 AM
- 26 Expanding Beal will increase traffic in an already congested area of town. Combined with Paton traffic on Grafton St (140), existing traffic on Maple and Main would increase even more. Getting to the library is already difficult enough, and semi trucks are often passing through the intersection. Any development would increase traffic to the area. Splitting grades and running Beal at lower grade levels for the entire district would just create a disastrous traffic situation everywhere, in addition to confusing young children, making it harder for them to learn school routines (crucial in K & 1st), and making transportation (bus and parent) a nightmare. 9/27/2017 10:32 AM
- 27 I think for Beal they need lots of improvements. 9/27/2017 10:00 AM
- 28 Having all or most of Kindergarten children in one school is an opportunity for children from different neighborhoods to get to know each other, before middle school. But I think transportation arrangements and children from the same family going to the same school, if possible, is more important. So I lean towards a K-4 neighborhood school. 9/27/2017 9:56 AM
- 29 I think having siblings in the same school at an early age and taking the same bus is a huge benefit to working families. 9/27/2017 9:55 AM

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30	As a community member and teacher in the district, I have found that having the kindergarten classes in the building is a distinct advantage. They get to know the building and the people in it. The teachers are aware of what the expectations are for all grades and as such all grades are working to support the other grades. I have found many positives to having the k-4 neighborhood school.	9/27/2017 9:38 AM
31	Given our school budget, and the recent need to override prop 2.5, the financial implications of these two choices should be a major factor in this decision.	9/27/2017 8:53 AM
32	I think K-4 in one elementary school is best for working families. It also, allows siblings to watch out for one another in the same school	9/27/2017 8:50 AM
33	If given the opportunity to share my opinion, I would voice my vote for a K-4 building.	9/27/2017 8:48 AM
34	Why did you make the survey so difficult. It could be 1 question and be done.	9/27/2017 8:46 AM
35	Both configurations have benefits and drawbacks. As long as the developmental and curricular needs are well thought out, both are viable options.	9/27/2017 8:36 AM
36	What would be the cost?	9/27/2017 8:32 AM
37	This is a difficult decision. Growing up in Stamford Connecticut I am only familiar having a elementary school for myself that was k-5. I enjoyed going to school with my siblings and having them around as needed. I remember being intimidated by the older children on the bus when I was smaller and might have a less traumatic childhood experience if there was a separate early childhood school and a elementary school. Also as a child with a diagnosed learning disability I would have benefited from smaller class size and lower student to teacher ratio. This is one of my biggest concerns. Which model will have a lower student to teacher ratio as I feel this is my biggest concern. Thank you. I can be reached at [REDACTED]	9/27/2017 8:29 AM
38	Quality of education should be at the forefront. It is more efficient to implement best practices when same grade teachers/students are in the same building. This being such an important habit forming time in kids lives, I believe an early thru 1st grade building will give these students the best start.	9/27/2017 7:34 AM
39	I feel that having a new school that the whole school age population can utilize from is a benefit. The other elementary schools are declining and this would make it equitable for those ages. From experience, my children never had transition problems going from one school to another. In fact, they looked forward to it. I do feel a draw back could be the busing of the children at the same time. I also feel that the k-1 age group work really well together and there are many benefits for keeping them together. Even from the standpoint of the ESC program. It makes for better programming and concentrating on the needs and growth of those ages.	9/27/2017 7:30 AM
40	I have been conflicted about the best option for our students and I see benefits to both models. While I love the benefits of having all K and 1 students in the same building as one focused Early Childhood Center, those benefits aren't as strong as having a consistent community and curriculum work for the first 5 years. There would be such greater continuity by having students in the same learning community for those 5 years. As a parent with children in K-4 this year (in 2 different schools), I would prefer to have my children have the experience of being in the same school for all five years for the common language, building culture and same teaching/learning expectations	9/27/2017 6:59 AM
41	As much as I would love for all the town to enjoy the benefit of a new school, the logistics of families needing to run to two different schools to pick up their children, or wait at the bus stop for two buses is unfair and illogical. Also, I think it's a huge benefit to the younger students to see and look up to the older students, which is lost at separate schools.	9/27/2017 6:57 AM
42	Currently the longest tenure of a student in a building would be 4 years in the HS, then 3 years in the local elementary. K-1, 5-6, 7-8 are 2 year buildings. Unfair use of each building. If the district continued full day K, K-4 elementarys. If half day K is still used, Beal should be PreK, K, 1. Regardless, plan to build a larger school than planned, the seams will again be bursting. The HS is already close to overcapacity...	9/27/2017 6:52 AM
43	K-4 would be fabulous. Especially considering the studies SPs has done regarding PBL and expeditary learning. We learn from each other. This way the older kids can help the younger ones and vice versa, because everyone is in the same building.	9/27/2017 6:51 AM
44	Concerned about how long children would be in the bus for a central K-1 school. I don't think more than 20 minutes or so is appropriate at that age. However I like a central K-1 if this concern is addressed.	9/27/2017 6:49 AM

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45	Being an elementary school teacher and parent, I'm in favor of the K-1 model at Beal. Having all of the teachers planning curriculum together with unified goals and common assessment measures creates a solid foundation for future success as students continue on in their neighborhood schools for their grades 2-4 experience. The idea that they would all have a common experience is a significant benefit in my opinion.	9/27/2017 1:23 AM
46	I think it's best to build Beal school as a full K-4th grade school instead of just for K-1st grade .	9/27/2017 12:23 AM
47	The early childhood center model is appealing when you have a new kindergartner and it feels like such a big step to send them off to school. But overall, I think it is more beneficial to incorporate kindergartners into their respective elementary schools. It may take a bit more adjustment for the students at the beginning of kindergarten, but then they are not changing schools later. It's also sweet for the rest of the school community to take care of the kindergartners. I think it will be nicer and less complicated for families to have their elementary age children at the same school as well. One thing that will be a little strange if the new Beal is built on the old Beal site is having Paton and Beal so close to one another.	9/26/2017 11:56 PM
48	If Beal would follow K-4 then Floral would need to have an additional class for "K"	9/26/2017 11:53 PM
49	I feel that the best solution is to reconfigure the school districts and add a new district ("Beal") with strong consideration of the Glavin location as a new construction site. Floral will continue to be overcrowded based on the development trajectory of the town, regardless of how many grades the school building itself will encompass. Redistricting provides a longer term solution for this problem. I would also prefer my children to stay in a smaller neighborhood school, either K-4 or even 1-4. Parents in Coolidge would be at a significant disadvantage trying to get to the center of town and back to Coolidge for multiple pickups from extended day, etc.	9/26/2017 11:28 PM
50	Build for the future. 20 years from now, what will Shrewsbury be? How many school kids will we have to accommodate? Having a focused curriculum at a young age will provide Shrewsbury kids with a significant advantage in their later school years.	9/26/2017 10:47 PM
51	Beal school can be expanded and full day kindergarten programs can be given to all rather than the lottery system where the option of getting is merely based on luck.	9/26/2017 10:26 PM
52	Three of my children attended Beal for Kindergarten and then transitioned to their neighborhood school for 2-4 grade. I can honestly say that it was a good experience. It would probably also be a good experience for a student to attend all 5 years in a neighborhood school but attending Beal for the K years only was certainly not a drawback.	9/26/2017 10:17 PM
53	While the K-1 model of early childhood education is attractive and supports children's adjustment to elementary school, I am concerned that there would end up being "satellite" first grade classes at other schools. I would be inclined to vote for a K-4 model, to limit the number of transitions kids need to go through and to maximize the capacity (790 vs. 750 students).	9/26/2017 10:13 PM
54	I feel that there should be another elementary school to take the overcrowding in the other schools. Having it a K-4 will have more continuity within the school as opposed to 2 school. The teacher communication between grades will be easier than between schools. Siblings will be in the same school longer. It will be easier for parents and may get a better response from parents with volunteerism and PTO.	9/26/2017 10:03 PM
55	If the configuration was K-4 and there 5 schools where would the boundaries be in terms of attending one school vs another? Also if we have a children that will be currently at a school ie Spring in 2022 as a 2nd grader or third grader will they be able to remain at that school thru graduation or will they get pulled out of that school and put into another one? I think kids who are already in a particular district and school system should NOT be pulled out of that school come 2022. This is a huge concern that many parents have with this new proposal.	9/26/2017 9:58 PM
56	I absolutely think a K-4 school for each neighborhood would be fantastic for all families. Less transitions, more streamlined. Easier on the kids and the families.	9/26/2017 9:55 PM
57	It is essential to keep K separate from the upper grades. Putting K-1 together would be a great benefit to all of the grades.	9/26/2017 9:55 PM
58	I believe if the town of Shrewsbury is going to put money into changes in our current school districts it should be based around every neighborhood having their own K through four elementary school.	9/26/2017 9:52 PM
59	I believe the K/1 model makes the most sense. It will allow for a more focused building and grounds design, eliminate the need to modify existing schools in order to accommodate Kindergarten students, and most closely resemble our current system model.	9/26/2017 9:27 PM



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60	I think it would be best if a new building housing K-4 is created. There are already too many schools the children have to attend throughout there schooling in Shrewsbury- K school, 1-4, a 5-6 a 7-8 and then HS. It would be great if students could start in K in one building and continue through 4th grade, they would become more part of the community, more comfortable and settled and have similar friends throughout the 5 years rather than jumping from school to school so many times.	9/26/2017 9:26 PM
61	When children start going to school in kindergarten, they are a bit anxious. I feel that going to school with higher grade kids in the same bus and same school could add to this anxiety. They should be with kids of same age group only in the initial years to help them better adjust in school environment and also to lessen the possibilities of bullying and other issues.	9/26/2017 9:25 PM
62	Really enjoying the early childcare model that allows my daughter to build confidence prior to transitioning to a school with older children.	9/26/2017 9:23 PM
63	both options have positives and negatives. The most positive for option one is that small kids grades K-1 would be only around. While the most positive for option two is that there won't be transitions in between which is a challenge I currently experience with my first grader at Floral transferred from Beal.	9/26/2017 9:20 PM
64	my son was at Paton in his first kindergarten year and I had my other two children that year at Paton and that was wonderful. I felt great knowing they were together and he would have fewer transitions. Being comfortable helps growth and security allows for the child to focus on learning sooner. It would be great to house full day kindergarten for every student in town.	9/26/2017 9:12 PM
65	Kids learn by looking up to elder siblings at home and higher grade students at school. K-1 configuration will not provide that learning experience from their higher grade siblings or their friends	9/26/2017 9:05 PM
66	If you have more than one child there are benefits to staying in one school. Creates consistency during that young age. They will be moving 3 other times for middle and High school years	9/26/2017 9:01 PM
67	It will be more convenient for the parents to keep their children at the same elementary schools. It also will help to form long term relationships between children and will help the school staff to know strength and challenges of the each particular student.	9/26/2017 9:01 PM
68	I think having a new k-4 school would be more beneficial to the students as they would have less transition and build friendships that they don't get with so many transfers at the current time.	9/26/2017 9:00 PM
69	I would hope we can keep an early childhood center.	9/26/2017 8:53 PM
70	I like the idea of having all the pre-k/k teachers in the same building so they can all collaborate and share resources. I think this will create a more equitable experience for the students. I am still concerned about all the transitions for students and logistical issues for parents with multiple children. For the k-4 option I like how teachers can follow students and more easily talk to their previous teachers. I'm concerned about equity between schools with regards to resources and student diversity. I want my son to be exposed to lots of people and I would hate for him to be in a classroom with everyone who looks, speaks, and thinks like him.	9/26/2017 8:53 PM
71	Too many transitions for young students isn't a benefit at all. Most young children don't transition well at all, never mind having to do it 4times before reaching high school.	9/26/2017 8:40 PM
72	We really loved Beal when our 2 kids were there. We found it to be a special experience because it was almost all Kindergartners (all little kids!)	9/26/2017 8:40 PM
73	With the growing number of students in town it's important to have another elementary school Thanks	9/26/2017 8:30 PM
74	The toughest problem in shrewsbury is the drop off and pick logisitics. Minimizing conflicting traffic and timings is in everyones best interest.	9/26/2017 8:30 PM
75	My son's experience in K at Spring was much better than my daughter's experience at Beal. Tessa will tell you things would have been different if she'd started at Spring.	9/26/2017 8:24 PM
76	I felt like a k-1 school would be nice at first until the bussing issue was mentioned & thinking about a family who could possibly have two or more elementary aged children at two different schools. Once the questions were focused on k-4 neighborhood schools, that seemed to make much more sense.	9/26/2017 8:21 PM
77	I think an additional K-4 school is a better choice for our town.	9/26/2017 8:14 PM

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78	Needs to be one school for grades K-4th. Children are already split between Sherwood and Oak. Would be terrible to have children attend 5 different schools if Beal is turned into a K-1st school (Beal, one of the elementary schools, Sherwood, Oak and then the high school. Kids should stay in as few schools as possible.	9/26/2017 8:11 PM
79	-	9/26/2017 8:05 PM
80	As we take the social-emotional learning of our students into consideration and understand the value and importance of building relationships with students, having them in one school for five years allows true, long-term relationships to grow and develop. Moving to a different school every two to three years in from early childhood to elementary to middle school does not allow students/teachers and staff member to forge those critical relationships.	9/26/2017 8:04 PM
81	For those of us townies we attended local schools and separate schools - ward, Beal etc... kids are flexible and change is part of life. A good life lesson.	9/26/2017 7:54 PM
82	It seems that the only drawback to having k-5 in one school would be curriculum planning. I think the benefits outweigh this one drawback.	9/26/2017 7:41 PM
83	I loved Beal and feel it being an early childhood center feels like a safe, wonderful place for children to start their schooling! Those qualities make it worth the inconvenience of having kids in 2 different schools!	9/26/2017 7:33 PM
84	I think Beal would be best as a k-1 school for 2 reasons. 1- the academic focus would be the same for all students and in 1 building, and 2- because the buses are already way too crowded for our school and it would lead to children not having seats if they combined k-4.	9/26/2017 7:30 PM
85	I think having K-1 separate is good. The children are really young and having them mixed with older kids/4th grade is not always great for the children, even though it's more convenient for the parents.	9/26/2017 7:30 PM
86	Space is very limited at and around Beal school, even if you build a new multi-story (4 floors?) building. Where is the space for teacher parking, where is the outdoor space for a school with that number of students?	9/26/2017 7:21 PM
87	My only son attends Coolidge and while it may seem selfish since I do not need to deal with the logistics of chaffuering children to different schools at the same time. I do think a universal K-1 will elevate schools that have already been expanded to accommodate the ever growing population. This especially concerns the Coolidge area that will be housing all the children of the new spags apartment complex.	9/26/2017 7:19 PM
88	I like the idea of kindergarten and grade one being in one school. All three of my kids went to Beal and I like that they can do things like sing along together as a grade. They don't do that in schools where there is one kindergarten. When looking back at their time in Beal going to sing along is still such a fun memory to look back on. Would more buses need to be added if the school is K-4? How would that affect the budget?	9/26/2017 7:19 PM
89	How would the town be re divided . . what neighborhoods go where??	9/26/2017 6:55 PM
90	Good survey !	9/26/2017 6:53 PM
91	I think an early childhood configuration is the best model. Having the same age children in the building and on the buses is a positive as well as the collaboration of all the teachers in the same building would be a huge benefit.	9/26/2017 6:53 PM
92	I LOVE the idea of a kindergarten and first grade classes being separate from 2-4.	9/26/2017 6:50 PM
93	Beal's current set-up as a K-1 school is antiquated. Having another K-4 school where neighborhood kids can all go to the same school makes more sense to families and their children.	9/26/2017 6:49 PM
94	Keep the k to 4 model. It is why we moved to town. My spouse went through the system and we love SPS. Also, the only bad thing is you do not have free K for all. This project should include that. Shame on central admin for not making that a priority. Again that is my only complaint.	9/26/2017 6:48 PM
95	I think it's most important to have as few school changes as possible,son new K-4 school is the best choice.	9/26/2017 6:45 PM
96	None	9/26/2017 6:32 PM

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97	The beal early childhood center is a unique offering that Shrewsbury provides that is rarely found in other towns. Teachers and specialists have in depth expertise on early childhood learning and development, and their knowledge and ability to provide early interventions where needed is invaluable. The same level of care is not commonly found in a more traditional k-4 school where specialists are less specialized due to their focus across 5 grades. Early interventions provide students with critical tools that enable them to be strong, life-long learners, and can decrease the total cost of education over the life-cycle of a student by addressing challenges in early formative years. I don't believe the convenience of multiple children in one school outweighs the exceptional attention, care, and expertise that our young learners experience in a specialized early childhood center. It really is a gem that separates Shrewsbury from neighboring towns. For what it's worth, my mother is a math interventionist in the Westboro elementary school system, and she believes that the services provided at Beal blow Westboro away!	9/26/2017 6:32 PM
98	We moved here from a school district the did not have neighborhood schools but instead had schools divided by grade. It made the bussing difficult for both the district (in terms of scheduling) and for the parents who had multiple children who could spend the morning going between different bus stops. It also made it difficult if you were a drop off/pick up family. It was also difficult for families with children in the after care programs who had to pick up at different schools. We were very happy to move to a district with neighborhood schools.	9/26/2017 6:28 PM
99	Attending different schools helps children learn to socialize with other groups when they get to high school	9/26/2017 6:23 PM
100	My daughter loved going to the same school for 5 years.	9/26/2017 6:22 PM
101	I think having a K-4 school could help with some overcrowding of the other elementary schools.	9/26/2017 6:18 PM
102	It would be my desire to see our elementary schools utilize a K-4 model, which is more traditional, especially in this area. I'd rather see a fifth elementary school and some redistricting put into place, to make neighborhoods more cohesive with the elementary school "attached" to it.	9/26/2017 6:16 PM
103	I would prefer to see all elementary schools house K-6 students. I see little advantage to the various K-1 or K-4 configurations	9/26/2017 6:15 PM
104	K-4 Bring back neighborhood schools.	9/26/2017 6:13 PM
105	It would be great for students to attend same school from k-4	9/26/2017 6:12 PM
106	Decreasing the number of transitions that students experience would be a significant benefit of the K-4 model. There would also be more time to develop the feeling of community for children in families at the elementary level.	9/26/2017 6:11 PM
107	K-4 in one school	9/26/2017 6:10 PM
108	I have three children two of whom when to K and 1st at beal and transition to Floral. It was difficult because most of kids already knew the rules of the new school vs my kid which to transition and learn a new school and only being there for two years and transitioning middle school. The one child who was at Floral since the beginning had much easier time with transition and consistency of being at one school for 4 years. It would greatly benefit many children have one building for k-4 less transitions for kids at such a young age.	9/26/2017 1:41 PM
109	I have 3 children who never attended the same school at the same time which I felt was unfortunate for them. First child attended Beal for K&1; and second child attended private K; Beal for 1st; then Floral. Lots of transition for young children.	9/26/2017 9:51 AM
110	Different grade levels is definitely not age appropriate. Hence the reasoning for not placing 7 & 8 with High School levels. History speaks loud and clear. Follow the patterns from our history's past if you are in fact expecting superior classroom behavior. This will eliminate the domino effect. Let's do the right thing for our children verses hind sight.	9/26/2017 9:15 AM
111	Because many families have more than one child, having to send the kindergartener and secondar, for example, to different schools would be difficult for parents. Mornings before school are short and can be challenging. However, I also chose significant benefit for having all SPS K and 1 same school for building community. Those students would know and remember each other when getting to middle school and hopefully promote more friendship and sense of community and belonging. Practically speaking, I'm in favor of a K-4 school, even though this will not affect my family. I appreciate the district asking for parent input. Shrewsbury schools are why we moved to the town!	9/26/2017 9:04 AM

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112	No questions. I'm sure no matter what option is chosen there will be no benefits to the town. Any chance for smaller classrooms would probably be offset by the town voting for school choice. If more teachers are needed there will be even less incentive to fire the incompetent 25% that hide behind tenure. Add this to the list of school failures.....	9/25/2017 11:40 PM
113	having all parts of town come to Beal for K+1, could be an issue for already crowded traffic conditions in the center of town. Keeping K-4 neighborhood schools can help keep the traffic decentralized.	9/25/2017 10:12 PM
114	Good luck determining a configuration to best suit the entire school system.	9/25/2017 9:23 PM
115	Whatever it is, but has to have an efficient loop line	9/25/2017 4:09 PM
116	I think we are missing 2 critical pieces to help parents better understand the impact of both options. 1) Right now we struggle with Full Day K placement. How do you envision the classroom structure changing in the existing community schools? For ex: Paton has 1 K class. How many Full Day K rooms would they have vs. 1/2 Day rooms? 2) What would the redistricting look like? I wouldn't like to see my children redistricted from Paton. For a child that went to Beal for Kindergarten, then to Paton for a few grades - I would not want them uprooted to another school for Grade 3 and 4, and then onto Sherwood, Oak and SHS. That is far too many changes. What does that plan look like?	9/25/2017 4:04 PM
117	By having Beal house PreK, K and 1 for the whole town, then separate students to neighborhood schools for grades 2,3, and 4 to all be together again in 5-12 ... it doesn't make sense for fostering relationships and a sense of neighborhood community. I like the K-4 for all the neighborhood schools, that way parents are not dealing with different schedules altogether. The kids are all in one place. Make Beal a K-4 neighborhood school, and make all the kindergarten full day. It's really hard on the parents that work - which most of us in town work.	9/25/2017 3:17 PM
118	I do not believe the K age children should be in the same school a 4th grade students. Not good to have kids separated by zoning - creates socio economic challenges. Better for kids same age to be together when younger.	9/25/2017 12:23 PM
119	I'd imagine that as long as you can finally offer full-day kindergarten to families, most people won't care which configuration you go with	9/25/2017 12:01 PM
120	I feel a K-4 building would be more beneficial than a K-1 building.	9/25/2017 11:53 AM
121	Considering that Beal is being rebuilt/renovated it makes much more sense to add a "full service" elementary school to the district rather than another "kindergarten/lower grade" center. I know a complete redistricting would occur and some parents would probably protest but regardless of which scenario is employed, some type of restructuring would inevitably occur. We must also consider the logistics of the bus routes and how inefficient and less cost effective that would be if yet another bus for another school navigated through all the neighborhoods. From my experience it is better and more convenient to have all elementary age children in the same building.	9/25/2017 11:00 AM
122	My oldest is currently in kindergarten at Beal. While I was initially disappointed that she would not be in her neighborhood school, I have been very impressed with the teachers, communication and welcoming atmosphere at Beal. However, I would still prefer not having to make multiple school transitions in such a short time at such a young age. Compounded by the fact that her younger sister will be in kindergarten next year, I would much prefer the creation of an additional neighborhood elementary school and making Spring, Floral, etc all K-4.	9/25/2017 9:46 AM
123	just when you decide to build another school and the kids get in it - you state that it's too small ridiculous. I am a product of the Shrewsbury School system, and a college graduate with honors. We went to school in trailers and had big class sizes. It was FINE! Also, start looking at kids from neighboring cities using grandparents addresses or other addresses to get into Shrewsbury. I knew at least ONE doing that.	9/25/2017 6:25 AM
124	I loved the small kid feel of Beal. I worry about kindergarteners and 4th graders being on the same bus and little ones being exposed to inappropriate language and behaviors.	9/24/2017 9:46 PM
125	I think there is a huge benefit to having a dedicated early childhood center in town. This gives the youngest of our students a sheltered place to learn and grow before they are shuffled into the "big kid" schools. While having students at multiple schools is a challenge (I have 3 in 3 different schools now) the benefits to my anxious 5 year old in this safe and sheltered environment are immeasurable.	9/24/2017 7:56 PM

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126	Both solutions have similar levels of benefits, but adding a new K-4 school would require heavier redistricting of the elementary schools. I expect that process would be more contentious and problematic than adding Beal as simply a K-1 school.	9/24/2017 7:37 PM
127	I support another elementary school that is K-4. It would relieve crowding at Floral Street School in the classrooms. Also, having a new accessible elementary school built from "Green" materials would save the district money all year round. The new school can be used for programs for outside agencies to come in to use the facilities to raise money for the school district.	9/24/2017 5:10 PM
128	I think that continuity and community are important. Every time my middle schooler has changed schools it has been more traumatic than in this years where he was familiar with the school, rules, teachers etc...	9/24/2017 4:58 PM
129	I think a K-1 model would be wonderful for this community.	9/24/2017 3:25 PM
130	Dear Dr. Sawyer and School Committee Members, As a parent of the Shrewsbury community and as a teacher in Shrewsbury, I am strongly in favor of building a "Beal Early Childhood Center" as originally brought forth. As first designed, Beal continues to be a place for our young K-1 children to feel socially and emotional secure with their same age peers (and not be influenced by older children-on the bus or in the halls) As such, an early childhood center is designed to allow the necessary time and space for K-1 children to learn and grow at their own pace. An Early Childhood Center like Beal, also provides a diverse population; children from different neighborhoods -the opportunity to come together and learn. As a former Full Day Kindergarten parent, I witnessed what the research shows. A school focused on Full Day Kindergarten (vs. 1/2 day), yields improvement in children's overall social-emotional and academic success (which ultimately produces powerful returns on investment), and is preferred by both teachers and parents. An Early Childhood Center, configured with two grade levels by design, places emphasis on coordinating resources and personnel solely for the purpose of providing the highest quality, developmentally appropriate education for our unique Kindergarten and First Grade children. I am strongly in favor of putting the needs of our young children first, and building another "Beal Early Childhood Center" and opposed to another K-4 Building. Respectfully Submitted, A Shrewsbury Parent and Teacher	9/24/2017 8:04 AM
131	While I don't think there are any huge drawbacks to have a specific K-1 school, it feels like it would be easier for families across the town to add a 5th elementary school K-5.	9/24/2017 7:12 AM
132	Given the continued building of residential housing in shrewsbury and subsequent steady flow of new students enrolled in SPS, it appears an additional school would provide the necessary space for this, even distribute student population across each of the neighborhood schools, and provide more continuity with the neighborhood school model.	9/24/2017 7:05 AM
133	I am very much in favor of an early childhood center. I feel that any "drawbacks" with regard to bussing and having children at different schools are minor inconveniences compared to the significant benefit that an early childhood model provides. To be able to start young children out on their educational journey in a developmentally appropriate setting is much more beneficial.	9/24/2017 7:01 AM
134	Although it would be nice to have Beal as an early childhood center (curriculum), the idea that some of the other schools might need to house k or grade 1 students causes me concern. Families that want all their children at the same school will want to try to move their children over making it difficult to create equity. Having a new elementary K-4 seems to provide the most equity and ease for parents with multiple kids in school.	9/23/2017 8:51 AM
135	I am strongly in favor of neighborhood K-4 schools rather than a town-wide K-1 school.	9/22/2017 10:11 PM
136	My daughter attended Beal for K, and started at Floral on 1st grade. This was a good change for her at that time. My son is 2 years old and I would prefer to have one school K-1 and another 2-4 so kids in different stages have different schools.	9/22/2017 8:45 PM
137	Parents with young children, i.e. PreK moved to specific streets in shrewsbury recently to have their children attend specific elementary schools. Creating a non-grandfathered rule would create redistricting of students and poor community relationships due to housing investments	9/22/2017 3:46 PM
138	Do only one school. Hope there is enuf land on East Main St across from the old Bonnie Dell farm next to Ward Hill for this project. Not across Rt 20 and not along Rt 140. Memorial dr	9/22/2017 3:40 PM
139	If Beal becomes K-4, would it free up spaces for every school to have full-day K?	9/22/2017 2:12 PM
140	I like the idea of an early childhood center because it helps kids transition from preschool. I think Kindergartners might be overwhelmed attending such a large school like Floral.	9/22/2017 12:51 PM

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| 141 | <p>Hope this school build includes air conditioning and a proper ventilation system in the design. Research shows temperature for optimal learning is apx. 70 degrees. Current temperatures in our schools are well over this in the fall, late spring and summer programs. It's dreadful for the teachers and children to spend 6 plus hours in those conditions. Would also love to see green products used in this build. The school will off gas for years. Exposing developing children to a multitude of VOC's is harmful. Please consider and invest in these options! People in Shrewsbury will support this.</p>   | 9/22/2017 9:17 AM  |
| 142 | <p>I feel when children are new to starting school for the very first time (especially children who have never been in child care) need specific focus and attention with lots of good hearted focused teachers. Without the interruptions or intimidating older students of those in 3rd or 4th grade. They need a calm atmosphere to get acclimated to their new journey.</p>   | 9/22/2017 12:18 AM |
| 143 | <p>Proud of your efforts to enhance the early childhood experience and optimize facilities and resources. Keep up the good work.</p>  | 9/21/2017 10:55 PM |
| 144 | <p>Keep the little ones in their own community at beal for their first two years.</p>   | 9/21/2017 10:47 PM |
| 145 | <p>I appreciate that SPS is collecting feedback from families. Our family already had the experience of having to seek kindergarten placement outside of our neighborhood school. Switching schools is so disruptive--at the middle school level, only the fact that both schools are on essentially the same campus mitigates the disruption. Neighborhood schools build the community around them--SPS should do everything possible to maximize the amount of time students stay in the same building.</p>   | 9/21/2017 6:03 PM  |
| 146 | <p>All day kindergarten is necessary for town as so many parents are now working and not all can afford a private kindergarten. I plan to attend one of the school committee meetings to learn more.</p>  | 9/21/2017 3:31 PM  |
| 147 | <p>Where is the money going to come from? Instead of spending \$2M on artificial turf and charging our town sports teams to use the very fields and facilities we've already paid for, maybe we should learn to "live within our means" as many of us in town are doing.</p>  | 9/21/2017 3:25 PM  |
| 148 | <p>Since essentially all K students currently attend Beal (and some 1st graders), a K-1 configuration does not seem very different. Although a K-4 configuration might be more convenient for "some" parents, there are also benefits to mixing students from all parts of town. Seems like the "early childhood" focus at 1 location would be a significant positive benefit, and the more focused grades 2-4 age group focus would be as well. I attended a K-6 school as a child, and can recall no benefit whatsoever to having the wider age range of students together - it was more problematic than beneficial. While transportation considerations might be simplified in the K-4 scenario, matters of "convenience" should be secondary to the impact on the students themselves.</p> | 9/21/2017 3:07 PM  |
| 149 | <p>I love living in Shrewsbury and know that my children are receiving a superb education. However, the size of the town is a definite challenge and it always troubled me that my children had to attend 5 different schools throughout their SPS education. I believe making Beal and all other elementary schools K-4 would be a significant improvement. It is often difficult for children to make lasting friendships in this town when they are young, since they may be in different schools from one year to the next!</p>   | 9/21/2017 2:29 PM  |
| 150 | <p>floral parents never knew where there student would attend 1st grade until summer. that was hard to wait for that info</p>   | 9/21/2017 1:58 PM  |
| 151 | <p>Not sure why we wouldn't consider building a school to accommodate Grades 3&amp;4 for all town students and use the existing neighborhood elementary schools for grades K-2 since they are already fitting for students of that age/size. Seems more age bracket appropriate to me. We could call it the upper elementary. Then the students would move on to Sherwood, then Oak, then SHS.</p>  | 9/21/2017 12:47 PM |
| 152 | <p>I would be curious to see how many sections of each grade level would be at Spring, Coolidge, and Paton versus Floral and a new Beal if that was the configuration.</p>  | 9/21/2017 12:41 PM |
| 153 | <p>I think the age difference between K and 4 is too large to be on the same bus and in the same school. Grade 1 kids with K in a separate school is a more nurturing environment. All kids in K across town will meet at a younger age and help with social and relationship building.</p>   | 9/21/2017 12:37 PM |
| 154 | <p>I think the benefits of having a k-4 school as opposed to a k-1 school far out weigh any drawbacks.</p>  | 9/21/2017 12:27 PM |
| 155 | <p>Regardless of which project design goes forward, we want the overarching justification to be focused on the needs of the students with a particular focus on Universal Design principles and for disabled students to be in the least restrictive environment possible.</p>  | 9/21/2017 12:20 PM |

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156	With children who are younger kept together, challenges involving bullying and role models will be minimized as children in KG and grade 1 are mostly the same size but after this there is a big jump in most kids growth wise and mental abilities which makes them a potential danger to younger kids. Keeping the older kids in a different school may help in the concerns I mentioned above. Problems involving transporting students from the same home to different schools on different bus routes will exist and families will need to come up with some solutions to them, but either model will have its own set of concerns.	9/21/2017 11:53 AM
157	Current beal building should be turned into restaurant, shop and office space with much needed public parking options for town center.	9/21/2017 11:37 AM
158	I think all the elementary schools should be K-4 if possible. This minimizes the number of school transitions children must go through, and will be easier for families who have children in both grade levels. I also would guess it would make busing more efficient, thus saving money.	9/21/2017 10:42 AM
159	I originally like the model of every elementary school becoming a neighborhood school. Then after thought 750 kids vs 790 is not a huge difference to solve rapid population growth. The k-4 would require a lot of reconfiguring and possibly cost more. The K-1 model expands the model already in place.	9/21/2017 10:32 AM
160	As much as I like the concept of a school just for the little ones, I think long term we are not doing ourselves any favors. I think we need another full K-4 school to off set the growing population of the town and some of the elementary schools. One issue that would need to be discussed with the kindergarten and first grade model is how would that impact the elementary schools? Would that mean there would be more classes of second third and fourth graders with a smaller number of kids in the class? And how does that differ from having a K through fourth school? Having an additional school will help cut down on transitions for little kids. Having an additional school will also really help out working parents, which are probably a majority of this population, to better manage pick ups from afterschool care. And additional school is really the forward thinking decision to make. Let's think about our community 10 years from now. What answers and solutions do we need.	9/21/2017 10:26 AM
161	Coolidge is pretty worn out. Any plans to improve that building?	9/21/2017 10:20 AM
162	I think having Beal become a neighborhood school would be great. As a parent with a half day kindergartener who spends an hour on a bus a day, I would much rather him be at Coolidge which is 5 mins down the road with his sister.	9/21/2017 10:20 AM
163	It would be a benefit for a lot of students to go to the same school for K & 1st grade. It would cut down their anxiety of going to a new school and trying to integrate that at 6 or 7 years old. Option 1 would be the best benefit for the kids.	9/21/2017 10:15 AM
164	Although I see benefits to both models, transportation, the convenience of having kids in the family attend only 1 school, and one less school transition for the kids outweighs the benefits of an early childhood center model in my opinion. Whichever model is adopted will be a huge improvement to our town!	9/21/2017 9:45 AM
165	Our town would benefit by adding k-4 school as the town is growing tremendously and the classrooms are increasing with the number of children	9/21/2017 9:42 AM
166	I feel strongly that having kids attend two different schools for K-4 is a drawback, given that they already have to switch schools twice more before high school.	9/21/2017 9:31 AM
167	Thank you	9/21/2017 9:26 AM
168	I think the K-4 is the better option as it helps kids get used to only one school and settle into a school once. While my daughter liked her time at Beal and especially Mrs. Biadasz she felt a bit nervous going into first grade having a whole new school to get used to.	9/21/2017 9:25 AM
169	I would be a proponent of K-1 model so that the new building could be designed around the developmental needs of this age group and there are many benefits of this. However, looking at the large number... almost 800 in one building at this age makes me uncomfortable. In this regard, I feel that the community of a multi-age school is better in the long run for them. There are benefits of building that kind of community for all of the students in the school. This also allows for flexibility for future building needs.	9/21/2017 9:23 AM
170	I think offering more full day kindergarten classes in either scenario would be a significant benefit. Having more buses take small children on longer bus rides greatly decreases experience. Some of the most cohesive neighborhoods in town are those where kids and parents walked kids to elementary school or carpooling to after school activities.	9/21/2017 9:19 AM

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171	The movement from school-to-school in this district is a significant drawback. Students are not with siblings, those who experience challenges with transitions suffer and teachers and leaders in a building do not get to know their students well.	9/21/2017 9:05 AM
172	Re-districting is always unpopular to start, but it is in the best interest of families and children at the end of the day to be in neighborhood elementary schools for more than 2 years. I hope Beal becomes another K-4 school.	9/21/2017 9:00 AM
173	As a Floral Street district student, my son benefitted from the early education focus on K-1 at Beal, and I believe our youngest learners attending one school would be a good model. Also, our early education teachers would be working together and supporting each other and their students in a shared space. Collaboration and team work between classrooms and school wide would bring a great sense of community and togetherness for our young students and their families.	9/21/2017 8:56 AM
174	While a new neighborhood K-4 might require more operational resources, Shrewsbury's size demands another neighborhood elementary school which will benefit the children and families considerably.	9/21/2017 7:36 AM
175	Having had younger children at Beal while my eldest was at The neighborhood school was fine. The bus situation was no problem. I was concerned about the separation for the curriculum, bussing and other reasons head of time then but it quickly became of no concern at all.	9/21/2017 7:31 AM
176	Unfortunately, no matter what we do, it will be undersized in a few years. The town is growing too much and all of our schools are over crowded. The town needs to put a stop on housing projects and building of homes to stop the increased population growth.	9/21/2017 5:59 AM
177	share as much info with taxpayers as possible. We are sick of never ending overrides.	9/21/2017 4:08 AM
178	Any building and school improvement is good for the town.	9/21/2017 12:19 AM
179	Im worried about all of these kids entering middle school and high school later on- are Sherwood, Oak and high school capable of handling that? I dont hear any discussions regarding expanding either one of them - hence concerned.	9/20/2017 11:37 PM
180	Any new school should be located to the South of Rt. 9 to cover the new developments and lack of parks and any other town facilities.	9/20/2017 11:27 PM
181	It is a better idea to have K-4 schools than to break 1st grade off from the neighborhood schools.	9/20/2017 10:41 PM
182	If Beal was K- 1 school, I feel there would be too many transitions for the students. They would be changing schools too many times. Also, they would make friends in K and 1 grades and then potentially may have to make all friends in 2nd grade. That can be very difficult especially for a child who might have a hard time making friends. Personally I am in favor of a new school K-4.	9/20/2017 10:13 PM
183	Have locations been identified for the enlarged Beal? The current site is too small.	9/20/2017 10:03 PM
184	I think it is better to have K-4 at one school, especially for families with multiple children, it is good to have them attend the same school. Changing schools is hard for kids and the less they have to change schools, the better. One school for K-4 gives them more security.	9/20/2017 9:54 PM
185	I am pleased that this will allow for full day kindergarten for all- it's time for Shrewsbury to offer this. This will actually have a minimal impact on my family due to age of my child. I trust that our school leadership will collaborate to make the best decision for our town.	9/20/2017 9:22 PM
186	It sounds as though whatever choice is made both options are for large schools. This is an unfortunate choice--especially for early childhood programs.	9/20/2017 9:19 PM
187	The Biggest Challenge to Different School will be for the families with Multiple Children in the Family. It be Better if all can go to the same school then going to different schools when possible.	9/20/2017 9:15 PM
188	The less transitions a student has to make from school to school the better they will adjust and perform.	9/20/2017 9:14 PM
189	Currently we have one child at coolidge in 4th grade & one at Beal in kindergarten. That alone is so difficult have children going to 2 different schools at this age. Not to mention we only got 1/2 day which is so hard on working parents to then pay for afternoon school/care. We chose to live in Shrewsbury mainly because of the school system 15 yrs ago. The children would best benefit by going to 1 school K-4 as they foster relationships & build upon these. it is in the best interest for the children to have a full experience in the same school. You can see the children thrive each year in the comfort of their school environment.	9/20/2017 9:12 PM



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190	Every option has its benefits, I think at younger ages the children are more comfortable in a smaller building, not one large one like the middle schools.	9/20/2017 9:11 PM
191	My daughter attended Beal for K-1 and had a very difficult transition to Floral during 2nd grade. I would strongly recommend the k-4 configuration being discussed. Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in.	9/20/2017 9:07 PM
192	Too late for our family, but think the K-4 configuration would have been best for us.	9/20/2017 9:06 PM
193	Smaller neighborhood schools can be more "family-oriented" for students and families.	9/20/2017 9:05 PM
194	I think it is obvious to me that families benefit from another K-4 neighborhood school.	9/20/2017 9:05 PM
195	I am very much in favor of creating a new K-4 elementary school. I think there is a significant benefit to this model. I know redistricting will be painful, but I feel the Floral community has suffered from the current system.	9/20/2017 9:00 PM
196	Not knowing what school my child would be attending was very frustrating. Waiting to see if they got full K, wondering if they would be at beal or floral for 1st! Very frustrating! Please make neighborhood schools! K-4	9/20/2017 8:52 PM
197	I like the model where students would attend the same school K-4. My children did not and the transportation at two different schools was very difficult. Students change schools every two years in middle school. I do not like the idea of transitioning multiple times in elementary school.	9/20/2017 8:50 PM
198	It is a no brainer decision to have 5 schools with k to 4. There are huge transportation issues if have the K plus 1 configuration. It is better for younger siblings to have older siblings at that age in same building. It is better for parents to have one bus to deal with if have kids in K to 4. In short it must be a brand new K to 4 building and have all 5 schools be K to 4. Bob Ryan 8 Colonial Drive	9/20/2017 8:50 PM
199	My preference is definitely to have all grades in one school. The other benefit that was not discussed is introverted kids being able to keep the friends they made in the early years. It has been a challenge for my current third grader to make new friends. He is still very friendly with someone he became good friends with in kindergarten. I do have a preschooler who will eventually be going to an elementary school and I do care!	9/20/2017 8:45 PM
200	The K-4 model makes more sense for families and each student. Students will be more successful academically and socially. I am a parent and a teacher, this model will benefit our students the most.	9/20/2017 8:40 PM
201	Is there a significant difference in tax increase, if any, to support either project?	9/20/2017 8:31 PM
202	As someone who has worked both at Beal and at a couple of the elementary schools in town, I see a significant benefit to having less grades in a building. All staff understands the expectation and the abilities of a K and 1st grader. I see this also being a benefit if the elementary schools were 2nd through 4th instead of K through 4th. I also realize that as a parent who had 4 children in the district at one time, having your children on different buses, I had mine on three different buses at one time, can be difficult. Also, if Shrewsbury was to create a K to 1 building, considering the amount of time a young child may be on the bus to get home is a matter to take into account as well.	9/20/2017 8:30 PM
203	Could we benchmark with any towns that have similar schools to the ones discussed?	9/20/2017 8:23 PM
204	I had one of my daughters go to Spring Street for K and one of my daughters at Beal. Having had the direct comparison in my own family, I believe it was much better to do K-4 at the local school. And this is still the case after considering that my other daughter had a very positive experience at Beal. It was just tough on the family, and added an additional transition.	9/20/2017 8:19 PM
205	I think it makes sense to build another elementary school, k-4. We'll have to do some re-districting, but I think that will make sense in the long run.	9/20/2017 8:13 PM
206	Would either option allow for the implementation of full day K in Shrewsbury as the standard?	9/20/2017 8:12 PM
207	Concerned about the traffic for the Beal neighborhood though I don't live in it. Having 750 students seems like a lot for drop off pick up etc.	9/20/2017 8:11 PM
208	As a parent of a child that has significant learning issues and anxiety with transitions I would see another transition of schools as detrimental to students receiving special education services. Our town model of having two middle schools was very tough for one of my children. In general I wonder if our town model creates more anxiety for the younger middle school population.	9/20/2017 8:09 PM

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- 209 As a former Shrewsbury early childhood educator, I believe both students and teachers would benefit by keeping the current early childhood model. The emphasis of this model is on the educational and social needs of young children. The curriculum and methods of instruction focuses specifically on the grade level of the age group. There is an increased opportunity for shared resources, collaboration, and curriculum planning for the staff. Special education and support staff members servicing young children would be located in one building. The results would be a more consistent K-1 district program. Consideration would be given to developing an age-appropriate learning environment for young students. Children in an early childhood program need both indoor and outdoor furnishings and equipment that is appropriate to their height and their activities. They engage in many different activities and there is significantly more space needed in classrooms. I strongly support and believe that the advantages of an early childhood center outweigh those of a K-4 model. After extensive research and recommendations from early childhood educators in the mid 1980's, the early childhood center was developed in Shrewsbury. Things have not changed in the world of educating young children and I continue to support this model. The decision should be based on what is the best educational program and school configuration for the children of Shrewsbury. 9/20/2017 8:05 PM
- 210 I feel that have an additional school to transition from would be a drawback for sure. I think the focus should be to keep as many grades together in the neighborhood school. Less transitions and siblings attending school together should be the goal. The curriculum can be altered and I don't think there is a need for a separate early childhood school, especially since 3 out of the 4 elementary schools already host kindergarten. 9/20/2017 8:04 PM
- 211 I have a son who will be 5, turning six in 2022. This project would directly impact my family. Would love full day kindergarten at the same school he would attend for 5 years. 9/20/2017 7:55 PM
- 212 An early childhood center housing k-1 will introduce the children to the diversity the town offers early on. There are too many inequities to the neighborhood school plan. 9/20/2017 7:50 PM
- 213 K through 1 model seems to be a better plan for the individual student 9/20/2017 7:48 PM
- 214 Decreasing the student population at the current elementary schools would be a benefit. A new Beal with K thru 4 would help this....but It was also good to keep all the Kindergardeners together. 9/20/2017 7:46 PM
- 215 I would like to see all KG - 1 in one school, so that teachers will have focused curriculum. 9/20/2017 7:40 PM
- 216 I have twins entering kindergarten in 2019 and I feel the less transition to different schools would be beneficial for both children and parents. 9/20/2017 7:34 PM
- 217 Could we have one elementary school were all the children attend? I think it would level the curriculum across the different elementary schools. 9/20/2017 7:27 PM
- 218 I think adding one more school transition, particularly at such a young age, is not in the best interest of the students. 9/20/2017 7:23 PM
- 219 A new beal should be located at parker road and combine preschool, beal and beal west. Given Parker road is so much newer it would only require an addition and no new purchase of land saving the tax payers yet another cost increase for a total of 5 million dollars. I know there are many draw backs to this approach but the financial benefit makes the most sense given on line education at all levels is sweeping the country and will be coming here when we become the next Hartford or Detroit 9/20/2017 7:23 PM
- 220 Maintaining a sense of community is important and could be lost if kids are being moved from school to school 9/20/2017 7:20 PM
- 221 As a parent who had 3 children attending elementary school simultaneously, it was odd having to wait for 2 different buses. (Beal 1st & Floral). It just didn't make sense to me at the time that although my oldest was attending Floral (4), my other 2 attended Beal (1). We waited for 2 buses every morning. Given that there are many 2-parent work schedules, wouldn't it make sense to streamline waiting for a bus for young families with all the morning chaos into just 1 bus and one location? I know I for one would have appreciated this option years ago. In addition, if someone misses a bus waiting for 2 different buses, more stress is added trying to get children on a bus knowing another child(ren) need to be driven to school. Just something to consider... 9/20/2017 7:16 PM
- 222 I think it would be in the best interest of the kids to stay in one building as long as possible. There is already a lot of moving from school to school at the middle school level. I believe this makes it more difficult to make life long friendships with nearby community. We have met neighbors through children. They look out for each other because they trust and bond with each other in these stressful early childhood years at a new school. 9/20/2017 7:07 PM

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223	Send them to one school K-4 and be done with it.	9/20/2017 7:02 PM
224	Other districts have k-5 without issues.. my kids have handled many different schools without issues	9/20/2017 6:54 PM
225	With the population explosion in Shrewsbury area I don't think that this size will be sufficient for the incoming students. If we are building something new then it really need to be big enough keeping no. Of students coming in future instead of running into same problem after few years.	9/20/2017 6:51 PM
226	K-4 neighborhood school makes the most sense for our community going forward	9/20/2017 6:45 PM
227	I am strongly in favor of a Kindergarten and Grade 1 school designed for 750 students. Thank you for soliciting my opinion.	9/20/2017 6:41 PM
228	As a parent of 4 children, oresently grades 10, 8, 5, & 2. (Spring Street district), the possibility of the splitting of elementary grades led us to educate our children in a k-8 school. We feel it is helpful & important for sibilings to make connections in their school communities simultaneously. Also,separate schools increase the stress & inconvenience for parents	9/20/2017 6:38 PM
229	Do what is best for kids K-4	9/20/2017 6:37 PM
230	I am curious about the zoning for each elementary school. Paton and Beal are very close to one another. What zone or area would students reside in order to attend Beal as well as the rest of the elementary schools? Will the school department share research that supports both models? Thank you	9/20/2017 6:37 PM
231	At the onset of the 2017-2018 school year, there was discussion (and probably execution) of staff reductions in the Shrewsbury Public School system. In either scenario presented here, based on the lack of appetite for another override and the inability to accurately predict state aid, how is the town going to be able to meet the needs of a growing primary school population without a 30-1 student to teacher ratio?	9/20/2017 6:23 PM
232	I'm surprised that housing 790 5 and 6 year old children is a good idea at all.	9/20/2017 6:22 PM
233	Strong support of new Beal to be grades k-4 makes the most sense all around !	9/20/2017 6:15 PM
234	Even though this would not benefit my older children.... I definately thinking keeping kids in 1 school for k-4 is great. No one likes driving up to Beal if you don't live up there. Less change for younger kids is good. Reconfigure the neighborhoods to keep everyone together.	9/20/2017 6:14 PM
235	Neighborhood K - 4 schools give our youngest students (5 and 6 year olds) the psychological benefits of attending school with older siblings and/or being part of the same school community for all 5 years (not have the worry hanging over their head of transitioning to a new school when they are 7 years old).	9/20/2017 6:08 PM
236	Too many transitions to schools in the beal k/1 configuration.	9/20/2017 6:06 PM
237	Find any location other than the current Beal location. Traffic is unsolvable. Since there seem to be no commercial interests off South Street. Build over there.	9/20/2017 6:05 PM
238	There are pros and cons to all plans. One worry I have is that the history of Shrewsbury is quickly being washed away. Beal needs modifications but it's loss can never be made up. In our zeal to race to the future we should be respectful to the past.	9/20/2017 6:04 PM
239	There are both pros and cons. I think it would be great to have all K-1 in 1 school. The benefit would be that the elementary schools would be smaller. This would greatly benefit Floral which is so big. However, Floral is run extremely well for such a large school.	9/20/2017 6:03 PM
240	I strongly support the need for a new school but believe it should be K-4 and not create a split between K-1 and 2-4.	9/20/2017 5:57 PM
241	Kids with anxiety experience significant distress changing schools to a new environment. 6 schools from PreK to High School is excessive. Multiple children in multiple schools is hard for parents to manage. I like my kids new teachers to know them and the kids to know the teachers before moving to their class. This means less continuity. Shrewsbury schools are disjointed enough already. Think of kids with IEPs. I have a kid who is academically advanced and benefits from being around older kids. That will be iost.	9/20/2017 5:56 PM
242	Having young kids in multiple schools is a major logistical issue. The increased curriculum is a negligible benefit.	9/20/2017 5:49 PM
243	Community building with the same neighborhood families in grades K-4 offers us the leverage of truly being "the village" that supports students to succeed. I	9/20/2017 5:39 PM

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244	I feel that having k-1 in a school on their own would encourage the 1 grade to stay closer to the kindergarten level in emotional and structural development. Having the k-4 model would encourage the k-1 students to emulate the older students and create less of a kindergarten school model	9/20/2017 5:38 PM
245	The difference in development of k-1 and 2-4 is so significant I only see benefits for students and teachers with ability to concentrate on their specific stage of development. My children benefited so greatly at big and little beal I feel a 2nd year there would have been so beneficial fir then to finish this critical stage of development without having to adjust to a school full of bigger kids they can not yet relate too instead.	9/20/2017 5:36 PM
246	My son loved to be in Beal, the teachers and the ESL education was amazing there,too. My son having had zero english when started the school, and he was able to communicate after 3-4 months. We were greatful for that very professional care!	9/20/2017 5:33 PM
247	Less buses for transportation means less money Young Children should feel comfortable in a school for 5 years	9/20/2017 5:32 PM
248	Thanks for doing what you do for our students!	9/20/2017 5:30 PM
249	Mostly I think the K-4 schools would be beneficial because it would lessen the number of transitions for students to different schools across the 13 years I also think there will a benefit to the k/1 teachers teaching alongside the teachers in other grades to ensure student readiness as students move from grade to grade	9/20/2017 5:28 PM
250	I think it's a great idea to have Beal be a k-1 school. It allows kids from all parts of town to be together regardless of their district school, and to be more accepting of economic differences early instead of waiting when they're all in Sherwood together again	9/20/2017 5:25 PM
251	It is a significant challenge to have children in multiple schools. Larger schools also mean more sections of each grade so it's difficult to maintain friendships from year to year. Because of the multiple schools we spend a fair amount of time waiting for multiple buses or driving around town for pickup and drop off.	9/20/2017 5:24 PM
252	The biggest drawback that I see if you make Beal K-4 is the redistricting of neighborhoods to new schools.	9/20/2017 5:21 PM
253	When my son was 4 years old, I was shocked and disappointed to learn he would not be going to our neighborhood school for kindergarten. Instead he would be far from home in a location that is not very accessible. Let's fix this situation for future generations of students!	9/20/2017 5:19 PM
254	Changing grade schools twice means a lot of transition for the youngest learners. Being in one school for 5 years at that early age makes sense for kids. My kids attended K/1 at Beal and I didn't see a benefit to that model at all. I would have rathered they be able to attend my neighborhood school (Floral) the whole time.	9/20/2017 5:18 PM
255	Build a new school. It will be for the next 100 years and you won't have a 200 year old renovated school. Take a lesson from the major sports teams! Out with the old in with the new.	9/20/2017 5:08 PM
256	I believe it should be an elementary school it's important for the children to feel like a community in their school so staying with a school for 5 years will give them that.	9/20/2017 5:08 PM
257	It's good to have one school for grades k-4	9/20/2017 5:08 PM
258	With the growth of the town, the number of children, we have to do this. Beal has lived a long life and needs to be replaced.	9/20/2017 5:06 PM
259	Was there a consideration to have a prek to grade1 school?	9/20/2017 5:04 PM
260	strongly support a K-4 school. I believe having one less transition and attending 1 school for 5 years would benefit students.	9/20/2017 5:04 PM
261	I feel that my children benefit(ed) from attending and in-town kindergarten before the district school. My eldest now has two great friends in another district we still see frequently. He also has friends in our "neighborhood" district that he sees daily. I feel this has helped him integrate into town activities. He still recognizes kids from kindergarten in sports and scouts. They aren't strangers he will know for the first time in 5th grade. I know some want a "uniform" K-4 experience, but I do think skills learned making friends across the community early are beneficial.	9/20/2017 5:03 PM
262	Feel too many transitions already.	9/20/2017 5:02 PM

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263	Several k-4 grade schools will create food fights amongst parents for improvements at their neighbor school to the detriment of other schools. Comparisons of which good deals each school would get would be very divisive. Baselineing of all schools would have to be done to level playing field. The one new school would end up being built in newer area of town as no school there yet, resulting in disenfranchisement of rest of communities feeling they lost out.	9/20/2017 5:01 PM
264	Pre k to 4	9/20/2017 5:01 PM
265	The students in K-1 will have two years of solid foundation building...plus they can get more use to transitions as they have to do it three more times in their school life anyhow. It keeps the younger kids young as there is a lot of difference emotionally between a K and 4th grader	9/20/2017 4:58 PM
266	In general and irrespective of K-4 or K-1 configurations (and assuming the student count goes up with whatever new configuration is decided), there might be need to ensure the school related vehicular traffic pattern does not get hindered or hinder the regular public traffic flow, given that the school is located near the center of the town.	9/20/2017 4:57 PM
267	It would be nice to have less transitions from school to school. Having neighborhood schools from k-4 is one less transition since they have to transition to Sherwood, Oak and then the H.S as well.	9/20/2017 4:56 PM
268	It's a small area. I just don't know how you will squeeze all those students into one school. Traffic will be a nightmare, as well.	9/20/2017 4:56 PM
269	In my opinion a K-4 model, where all students attend their neighborhood school is the most beneficial. I think it gives students more time to feel part of a school community and there are fewer transitions. It would also be helpful to parents who take part in parent drop off and pick up to only have one school to go to.	9/20/2017 4:54 PM
270	Having a K-4 school so close to Paton just doesn't make sense. If this is the desire wouldn't make more sense to look at moving it south of route 9 to make it closer to the potential neighborhood it would serve? I see benefits to both types of schools but think the proximity to Paton doesn't make sense for it to be K-4 unless it's moved to another location.	9/20/2017 4:53 PM
271	Most parents have kids 2-3 year apart. Having to drive to multiple schools in different parts of town would be difficult for parents, increase traffic in morning and afternoon, and cause you to possible stagger the start time more than now. Kids should go to school in the neighborhood at a young age and then move to Sherwood/OAK when older. I feel this makes more sense for families	9/20/2017 4:52 PM
272	My daughter went to Beal for kindergarten and Spring Street first through fourth grade. She did fine and it had no impact on her. My other three went to one school for K through four and did the same as my other daughter as far as making friends, curriculum, etc. it really had no impact either way	9/20/2017 4:50 PM
273	I believe that have kindergarten and grade 1 together is the right choice because exposing these little ones to older kids does more harm than good.	9/20/2017 4:50 PM
274	Nothing good to add. The town is simply growing at a pace that is not sustainable for the school system to support. I am thankful that my children will be out of the school system before it gets too out of hand. There is no good scenario for a town that has been incredibly too cavalier and thoughtless in allowing so much growth that is absolutely unsustainable.	9/20/2017 4:48 PM
275	As a parent and an early childhood educator (in a different district). I feel that there are too many transitions for young children in the Shrewsbury schools. In her first 4 years of public school my daughter has to change schools three times. Two years at Parker Rd, one at Beal, and then Coolidge. Each time she started at a new school she experienced significant stress. All three schools are wonderful and we have been very happy but the transitions were decidedly difficult. The public school I work at serves children in grades PreK-6. While this may be too large a range, it does cut down on the stress for younger children and provides a more nurturing, family type environment in which teachers and children can remain in contact over the years and staff can continue to provide emotional support and security for young children even after they have moved to a new grade.	9/20/2017 4:47 PM
276	Consolidation of learning programs are a benefit to the community in terms of cost and consistency of delivery. Under that model logistics becomes the primary challenge with already congested streets and the potential of families with children in multiple locations. Is a third option possible? Beal is very old and will require substantial upgrades. Is a greenfield project possible to consolidate the neighborhood schools and realize the positive benefits of consolidation to a single location?	9/20/2017 4:47 PM

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277	I like to have less classroom counts and more grades in one school. Floral kids lose connections to our kids since it is just so big	9/20/2017 4:46 PM
278	The traffic in and around Beal during pick-up and drop off would add to an already congested center of town.	9/20/2017 4:45 PM
279	Our children already switch schools more than most towns due to having 2 separate middle schools. I think adding Beal for grades K-1 is more change than most young children are comfortable with	9/20/2017 4:43 PM
280	This year I was actually faced with the question that is being raised in this survey. My daughter, who is entering kindergarten, was given the option to attend either Beal or Paton. We chose Paton so that she would not have to switch to another school after only one year, and so that she could ride the same bus with her older sister, who is already attending Paton. So given I was faced with this question already, and my family came to a decision rather easily, my preference would be to keep K-4 together in one school.	9/20/2017 4:43 PM
281	I firmly believe that the elementary schools should be K-4, especially since there are two middle schools and the movement is pretty extensive from grades 4 to 9. However, I will have a student in fourth grade when the building comes online and will NOT be a fan of having to move my child for one year before then moving into the middle school systems. If the K-4 model is approved, there should be consideration of the students who have attended the same school for the first three years of their elementary!	9/20/2017 4:41 PM
282	Kindergarten age is a lot different than a fourth grader. Both my children attended Beal for K only and then went to Paton for first grade. I thought this was a nice transition to have K alone.	9/20/2017 4:39 PM
283	I think it's important that kids have the least amount of transitions when they're younger. Therefore schools should all be K-4	9/20/2017 4:39 PM
284	when will it open?	9/20/2017 3:38 PM