

TRANSITION TO TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Johnson City Schools Board of Education Update

April 5, 2021



JOHNSON CITY SCHOOLS

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COUNTDOWN TO TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS



- Projected Start Date: August 3rd 2022
- 485 days until Opening Day!

UPDATES

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WHY?

- Reduce the number of school transitions from four to three.
- Addition of 20 classrooms at the Elementary level will provide additional space for K-5 students while alleviating overcrowding at Indian Trail.
- Expansion of opportunities [Academics, Athletics, Fine Arts, Leadership Development etc...] for students in grades 6, 7, & 8.
- Additional time at the middle school level allows staff to build and develop deeper relationships with all students, but especially those students who are most at risk.
- Students aged 11-14 have unique needs [Academic, Extracurricular, SEL, etc...] that can best be addressed via a middle school configuration.

ALIGNMENT OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS



INDIAN TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Fairmont Elementary
- Lake Ridge Elementary
- Mountain View Elementary



LIBERTY BELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Cherokee Elementary
- North Side Elementary
- South Side Elementary
- Towne Acres Elementary
- Woodland Elementary

PROJECTED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SY 22-23

Indian Trail Middle School

- Projected Population: 855
- Minority Population: 26%
- Econ. Dis. Population \approx 39%

Liberty Bell Middle School

- Projected Population: 934
- Minority Population: 27%
- Econ. Dis. Population: \approx 32%

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

All Johnson City Middle School Students Will Have:

- Equitable experience.
- Common opportunities [Academics, Athletics, Arts, Extracurricular].
- Common Program of Study.
- Preparation and tools necessary to be successful at Science Hill.

KEY DATES AND TIMELINE

- April 5 - Countdown to launch begins!
- April 19 - Interest survey for staff opens.
- April 30 - Interest survey for staff closes.
- September [No Later Than]- Staff notification of assignment.
- Jan. 4, 2022 - Staff professional development day 1.
- Mar. 1, 2022 - Staff professional development day 2.
- May 27 or 28, 2022 - Staff professional development day 3.
- July 25-29, 2022 - Student orientation days.
- Aug. 1 & 2, 2022 - Staff in-service/admin days.
- Aug. 3, 2022 - First day of school.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Possible spot rezoning of some areas to ease transportation concerns, especially the area immediately adjacent to Indian Trail.
- Current 6th graders who will attend Liberty Bell next year and transition back to Indian Trail for their 8th grade year.
- Input and advisement from Johnson City Transit to develop possible changes in bus routing.
- Ongoing communication with parents and other key stakeholders via website and hard copy materials.

QUESTIONS?

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