

1 I think it would be great to move the district office to the jr high. As well as add other possible business entities in the jr high that could raise revenue to help support the school district

2 I think we should move the district office to the junior high building. The junior high building is so important to keep because of its facilities, gym, fields etc. Also, we need to keep that school functioning in case we need it again in the future. With our weather and cold temps there really should be people in the junior high daily through the winter making sure everything is functioning properly. The district office is not as important, and we can handle losing that space.

3 Moving the District Office to the JH building would be the best option. If it is turned into anything else, it would cost the SD more money to convert it back to a teaching facility. I was under the impression the JH would only be closed for a year, not moving forward with it always being closed. I truly hope we keep this in the SD hands and do not lease it or sell it to anyone else. Please, please just use it as the DO and sell the property the DO is already in.

4 If the Jr High building cannot be used as a school please keep it as the district office new location and community center. The gym, fields, and auditorium are crucial for our kids and community. Keep the building involved with the schools and community. Please do not sell this historic piece of our district.

5 I feel moving the district office to junior high is a great idea . That way we keep it for our district and at some point if we can manage to get kids back in there it will be easier .our family votes for it to be for the district office . Thankyou for letting the community have input .

6 Try to get money to fix the issues it has. Use grants, doners, anything we can to preserve and continue operating the building. If not possable to do that try to somehow keep it in the community and out of the hands of people who want are district to fail! I would love to see the kids be able to use it once again, and if not for being a school then being something that the community can use almost like a rec center or something of that nature.

7 I support using the building for district offices plus any other ideas that help support keeping the Jr High building under the WBCSD ownership. Also when grant writing any possibility to secure funding to make this building more energy efficient. This building is of historical significance and hate to lose it

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8 Daycare and or student health clinic. Newport school does a student health clinic for students to have access to healthcare when they normally would not with parental consent.

9 I think the district office should move into the Jr High Building

10 Sell it. The building itself is a financial drain at this point.

11 The idea of converting the Junior High school to anything else, but a school, seems unreasonable. In my opinion it should be only used for things, that dont require any remodeling, so it can be opened back up to our kids. Just wondering, how much will it cost the school district to run it as district office or anything else, verses opening it back up as a school?

12 I think that the Jr. High needs to be opened back up to the 7-8th graders! I have seen and heard of so many things happening to the jr high kids from the high school kids. . . . The bullying and the pranks. . . A lot of the things that haven't come out to to public yet but I know of personal kids that have been effected by it!!!

The kids need that time in the jr high to grow and not be bullied. . . Please open the jr high back up as a school.

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13 Move District Office to the Junior High. This District needs this School Building for many reasons! One for use of Auditorium, Gym and Fields. Our Community has put so much in to this School, money, sweat and love went into everything that was done there. Two it can be turned back into a School if we need to. 3 many many events are held at this school it needs to stay with our District. My heart is with this school, my 4 years of HS were there and I graduated from there. My children went through that school. My Granddaughter would have but is now at the HS. So many memories are with this building. Please consider keeping this building for District Office for now..

14 My husband and I agree that the Jr high should be kept in the district. It makes sense to move the DO to the JR high as it is already being heated and it allows for the building to be utilized as needed. This also reduces the districts footprint greatly. The JR High is a centerpiece to this district and should be treated as such.

15 Make it into the district office

16 Yes, please put the District office at the Junior High building.

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18 It would be nice to see the junior high kids back at the junior high if possible.

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19 Move jh kids back and set aside space for district offices there as well.... Or use whatever JH kids are using now for district offices

20 I feel honestly we should sell the junior high and find a way to add on to the existing high school to build a junior high. Maybe even a separate school if thats doable.

21 I vote for moving district office to the Jr. High Building. Makes sense to keep the building for the junior high to move back in there when the time comes.

22 The Junior High has always been the center of our town, a landmark for our town and school district. I feel we need to keep it in our district. There are so many good ideas for doing so. I like the idea of moving the district office to the Junior High and selling the current District office to save on cost. I also like the idea of utilizing rooms for other purposes that our community may have. The fields would also be a huge loss for our district. It currently is where our baseball and softball fields are located. I don't think it's a good idea to make any permanent changes such as selling the Junior High, how amazing will it be when our enrollment is back up and we need another school.

23 Move the district office there, and possibly rent out office spaces.

24 Yes, please utilize the Junior High building for as much as possible: District Office, Career and Tech Education for children and adults, Professional Development, Alternative school, Educator and Public Meeting rooms, Events, After school tutoring, Daycare, Counseling, Parenting classes, Community Adult Education courses, Community computer lab, 4-H meetings and classes (cooking, sewing, photography, art, etc.), Boy scout/Girl scout meetings, Community acting groups, Music lessons and so much more.

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25 I think that we should strive to reopen the school as a school. If enrollment at the High School increases, there won't be enough room for the students. In the meantime, we need to ensure that the fields, gym, and auditorium are available for use. I think the solution in the short term is to move the district office to the Jr. High. There isn't a large need for remodeling to do this and the school's wifi and things are already there. Put the superintendent in the principal's office, Julie in the outer office, and let the other employees choose a classroom. The access to the public is better at the Jr. High and it is more visible to the community. I feel like the current district office would be easier to rent or lease to another business. I just feel like the availability of grants and donations to save the Jr. High hasn't really been explored well by the district. I know there was a group willing to help that was turned away by the district. Not very smart on our part in my opinion.

26 I do not support the recommendations that are being mentioned to move into the JR High. It was determined that the building was unsafe due to the boiler but now it will support all of these additions plus a day care! Move the Jr high Kids back there then. Know the budget had a role in it as well and the levy not passing but this is just plain ridiculous to me. Who is going to be responsible for paying for all the upgrades/remodels that will be required? Taxpayers?

27 It seems a natural to move the district office to the junior high. The building should only be used for school district purposes....Not apartments or other business ventures

28 My son just entered 7th grade at the high school. He loves it. I think junior high should remain at the high school and the junior high should offer some other type of a venue open to the community. Day care, curricular activities, and so on.

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29 The junior high is a treasured piece of history for the community of Priest River, I think you all need to understand that. I also am very practical, if it's not broke don't fix it. I think you will open pandora's box if you think you are going to convert or remodel this building. It is structurally sound. It needs a new heat system, when you get a new heat system then you will have options about replacing the windows. The district is holding on to about 930 kids, if it does grows a 100 more, you will need it to house kids again. Moving the district office is probably the most sound decision. Put the office in the annex and leave the junior high open so it can get a new heat system. You'll have more options after it has an updated heat system, I don't think making fast and quick decisions is wise. We need to pass a levy first and foremost, you need to put your energies into that, if not this November then in May. This district can't take on major projects until we understand the funding that will be coming into the district. So in conclusion, if you want to close down or rent out the district office and move it to the annex building that's probably you're best move except you will also incur expenses doing that. Think before you leap, all these moves have consequences, as you are experiencing right now with closing the junior high, kinda interesting that the elementary boiler went out but the junior high keeps going.

30 List what needs fixed and see who is willing to donate supplies and services.

31 I would not sell it. It is a great asset to the district. The fields can still be used for various sporting events. Also the mixture of high school and Jr high school may not work, so we may need to utilize the JR High again.

32 I feel that the district office moves into the Junior high and sell or rent out the district office.

33 I feel the old high school (junior high now) needs to be kept in the district we as a community need the athletic facilities for the kids also having graduated from that school it is the center piece of town.If the current school board decides to sell this building it will only divide the district more but if it is sold there should be a clause written in the sale agreement that the building cannot be used as a charter school or competing educational facility.

34 Put the D.O. in the Jr. High Annex but leave the option for it to be a Jr. High Again

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35 Keep it! Fix it! Use it!

36 It should become the district office. If future class rooms are needed it would be available.

37 At this point in time I don't understand how using the Jr High building for anything would save the district any money. I could understand the district offices moving to the annex only if it has separate heat rather from the boiler. I do not understand any savings in funds by renting out the building as the district would still be responsible for the boiler for heat plus the insurance on the building for renting would increase by quite a bit, I'm sure. I hated to see the building closed and the kids moved to the high school. I'm sorry that this new board and the kids of the district has to bear the brunt of a bad past board of several years. If the school is closed up, are the pipes going to be drained so they don't freeze and break or is there going to be some heat in the building and is the gym still open for the kids to use?

38 I feel strongly that the Jr High building should continue to be owned & utilized by the school district. Selling it would be a short-term fix that would negatively impact the district in the future. I've taught in a district that had impulsively sold a building only to regret it when student populations increased. I resided in another district decided more wisely to move the administration instead of selling an unused building. The buildings are a fundamental asset to any district; please consider moving the administration. Thank you.

Dear WBCSD school board trustees,

I hope and pray you all decide to keep our junior high in any capacity so that we have the option for current and future school use.

We still need the facility for extra and co curricular activities. (Sports, theatre, dances, community events, etc.)

39 Like I've said in past emails to the board the junior high is a cherished landmark for our town. Where many of us have attended, our grandparents graduated from, and hope our children will attend one day.

Please keep the junior high for our community to keep hope that one day our school district will once again rise from the ashes and thrive. There are still many of us in the community that supports our schools and will do anything to help. Spartans never stop fighting, help us keep fighting for our schools. Keep the junior high.

Thank you

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40 The Jr. High is a very important site in our community with much history here as well as facilities that allows us to gather. It has the only auditorium available for large group events. The gym and football field have been a staple to our community. My parents graduated from that school, I graduated from there, as did my children. That school building has a lot of emotional attachments to it. Please keep it as a school in our district.

41 Rebuild the school. I am willing to spend more money on new construction with administration in it. than putting bandaids on the building that everything is out dated and the layout isn't ideal. but trying to keep the gym until new gym and building is complete

42 Rent it out and Make some money on the building.

43 6-8 at prjh, k-5 at pre 9-12 at prlhs. Close idaho hill and sell it. Let the charter school people buy idaho Hill. Keep priest lake open.

44 Use the building to generate income to offset levies

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45 Well the Junior High needs to be a school again . We are using everything it has except the rooms. Therefore it is in use and you have not saved anything. You are still heating it, maintaining the fields, running water and cleaning bathrooms. You need to rent the Lake school out to them and let them run it. And don't let them bully you again. We have to decide what's best for the district . Let's shutdown Idaho hill and no busing to Blanchard since the majority of the people in Blanchard will never give a dollar to the school. There representative that they voted in Kathy Nash does not support the levy or anything to support the schools. We need people on our board who want to give the students what they need. It doesn't matter how many audits you do she only sees what she wants to and is angry about something or maybe everything. She should not be allowed on a public school board if you can't support any levy. And she must hate students and all families who are for educating their children in a public school. Why would you be against People who just want their children to be successful? We need people to come together for this school district not work against us. You all have some big cuts to make and if you would have listened to the superintendent and the financial advisor you would be in a better spot. Let's take care of the three town schools and use our money wisely.

I support our schools.

46 The district should look into using part of the Jr. High to house a home school academy where we could offer support and learning opportunities for home schooled students. Lake Pend Orielle School District has run their home school connection academy for around 9 years and I'm sure they could offer some advice. This could be a way to connect with homeschool families and show them that we care about them as well as the public-school students. I'm pretty sure we might be able to get some funding from the state for such a program. There must be some funding or LPOSD would not have kept the program going all of these years.

47 Use the building to generate income

48 I think the school district should rent the building out, or lease it to a group that can financially make it operationally safe, and which also would be willing to share the gym, athletic fields, and auditorium with WBCSD.

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49 AS A JUNIOR HIGH BRO YALL R LETTING SENIORS AND SUPER SENIORS PUT BETS ON WHO CAN SCREW A 12YO FIRST

50 Yes, move the District Office to the Jr High to save rent downtown and to have the building available to move 7th and 8th grade back. I taught in this building from 1992-2017 and was part of getting it on the historical register. There's so much history there. Every week there were PR graduates that came to look for their pictures on the wall in the main hall. Please save the Junior High!

51 Find a business suitor and sign a long term lease 10, 20, or more years. Use the lease to generate long term capital while maintain ownership of the building.

62 District office, I do believe we need the gym space, fields and auditorium available for community usage.

63 Maybe rent out certain portions like the event center for a decent price. See if people will donate time and supplies to start upgrades. Let the sports still have use of gym and fields.

64 It is my belief that the district should move their DO to the JR high as it is central to the district as well as the main athletic facility amd auditorium hub. With the low numbers of students we could effectively move the Jr high population back over, use the extended building as a cafeteria and the DO while allowing students to be at school where they should be. That school is the only one with baseball fields for the high school and is an extra gym for basketball and volleyball, as well as wrestling. It is my belief that it is in our best interest and for the sake of many graduates legacy that we utilize, update, and retain that building in our district.

65 I believe that the Jr High needs opened back up for the jr high students. . I have heard of many issues with the jr high kids in with the high school kids. . . Several friends have had their students bullied by the upper classmen

66 I think the District could potentially make profit on the Junior High Building and still use its facilities. 1. Selling it to the Charter which would keep it as part of our district and be fully restored as the beautiful building so many want to keep and preserve. Or 2, use it as a college satellite campus and have BSU, UI, NIC, and others teach classes toward degrees. There would be numerous grants for a rural continued learning opportunities here. Doing this could also leave the auditorium up for rent as a venue. Also like the Workforce training center. Both of these would be enormous contributions to the community as well as benefit the district while still allowing for the district to use its facilities for sports. It would be worth talking to the learning institutions.

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67 Move District office to JH, move Idaho Hill students to PRE.. sale Idaho Hill Elementary and the District Office or lease them both out. PRE could be K-5, JH could be 6-8.

68 I would like to see the district office put up at the Junior High and that office down town sold. Also, the gymnasium could possibly be rented for certain functions along with the auditorium. I personally do not want it sold. The annex could also be rented for certain gatherings.

69 Open the Jr high to facilitate 6-8 grade.
If there is room, move the district office to the Jr high. The JR high has handled dozens more kids in the past than it had in the last 5 years. I am sure that with a little creativity, it can work. If there is not room, move the district office to the portables at the high school. Sell or lease out the downtown office.

Make the hard decision to shut down Idaho Hill. This facility is five miles from PRE and moving the 6th grade to the jr high will open up room in PRE, saving in facility costs and bussing.

70 Sell it

71 I hear from multigenerational residents that the building is a "historical landmark." As such, some feel it should be kept as a school building regardless of cost and current function. The reality is that the campus is unfit for occupying. The heating system can't be saved or replaced. It has no AC. It is falling apart, infested with vermin, and covered in dangerous mold. The windows don't allow for heat/cold regulation. It is an embarrassment at this point and shouldn't be saved or improved. To do so would be a waste of money. Have a state government official, or group of officials take a tour, see the embarrassing building first hand, and then try to sale it as is, knowing that it will ultimately be torn down as only the land has value. It is past time to swallow our pride and move on.

72 I'd like to see the central office closed and put up sale. The CO crew could be housed in the Jr. High. The space is already being heated and used for other purposes. I do not want to see the Jr. High leased to a Charter school or sold at this time. We need to continue this year and see how our finances play out.

73 I would like to see the junior high stay under WBCSD 83 ownership. Our community has worked tremendously hard to keep co-curricular and extracurricular programs running after multiple failed levies. The facilities that the junior high offers for athletics, drama, music programs, etc are too much of an asset to our schools to just sell off and not have guaranteed use of. I would be open to using it as a district office and keeping PRLHS as a Junior/Senior high school. You never know with all of the growth in our community, we may end up needing it as a school building in the future. I think we definitely could look at charging fees for programs to use the facilities for all types of events. The junior high building is the only school facility that offers baseball and softball fields as well as an auditorium. We are already fighting over practice space while currently utilizing its gymnasium. I would hate to see us lose a facility that benefits our local gun show, youth sports programs, and the Distinguished Young Women's program.

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1-Community Theater

2-Community Orchestra/Music Lessons

3-Community Indoor Farmers/Co-Op Market

4-Community Adult Education (Each Classroom is a different local conspiracy and logical fallacy, just kidding)

74 5-Community Bazaar (Each Classroom is a rented business)

6-Charter a YMCA/Boys and Girls Club (Place for kids to go)

7-Gun Store/Armory (Make bullets and practice shooting)

I have ample time currently in my schedule and think it would be great to find any use for the building that brings families together.

75 Reopen it for use. Close PL elementary and Idaho Hill

76 Community Theater Group runs the auditorium and updates it. Convert upper floors into apartments for incoming teachers who are struggling to find housing. District office. CTE and adult education hub partner with local colleges. Community and school gym. Football fields maintained but also used for venues such as concerts, fairs etc. Alternative school classrooms. Bussing garage consolidation. Start consolidating and selling unused district properties.

77 Move district office to jr high sell district office, close idaho Hill and sell it, could do 6-8 @ jr high if needed

78 I am totally against the district selling this junior high. The historic school building can certainly serve a purpose for the district. Yes, move the district office from the expense of renting space to start. If/when the enrollment picks up, the junior high students can once again return to that building. In the meantime, yes the ideas floated around about utilizing the building for future programs of the career technical pathway would be a need for the community. That, as well as utilizing the gym, the field that the community "built" many years ago, and the auditorium have also served a purpose, especially as all the junior and senior students are now in one building, utilizing all that space.

79 As an Historian of the Priest River community, I am in support of the School District using the JR. High for the Central Office and other resources for our schools. We know we are in need of keeping the heat and water on, so move the CO up there and close the office building downtown. It would be easier to close that building or lease out. We should also consider that in the future we could apply for grants to improve the JR High.I know of some grants we could look into. There is a group that would be willing to help with the JR. High,.

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80 Sell property and seek lower cost property and build new school or build new school. Short term close building completely.

81 Convert Jr. High into office spaces and lease as income for dist, if financially feasible. Otherwise sell it. It's too much of a financial burden. Possible purchase of land and build new high school with Jr. High integrated or use as new Jr high with grades 5-8, like Newport, giving more space at PR elementary could help eliminate Idaho Hill. District office could be eliminated and relocated to JR. High if not sold or in elementary if students reduced for 5-8 Jr. High.

82 Re open Jr high to students, close priest lake school

83 Move District admin to JH and sell current admin. location; Use annex building for extra tech. subjects; rent individual rooms for small business operations/offices; seek partnerships/satellite operations with other technical institutions; pay to play use of gymnasium and auditorium; seek pre-school and child-care operations to utilize rooms.
