

Consider voting NO on the
School Bond

The school bond is a choice
between **larger schools** and
smaller schools

The School Board prefers
smaller schools

We've been told that
expansion isn't feasible ...

... but it is!

Current HS Configuration



The West Campus is not
being fully utilized

For example ...

West Campus cafeteria at lunchtime

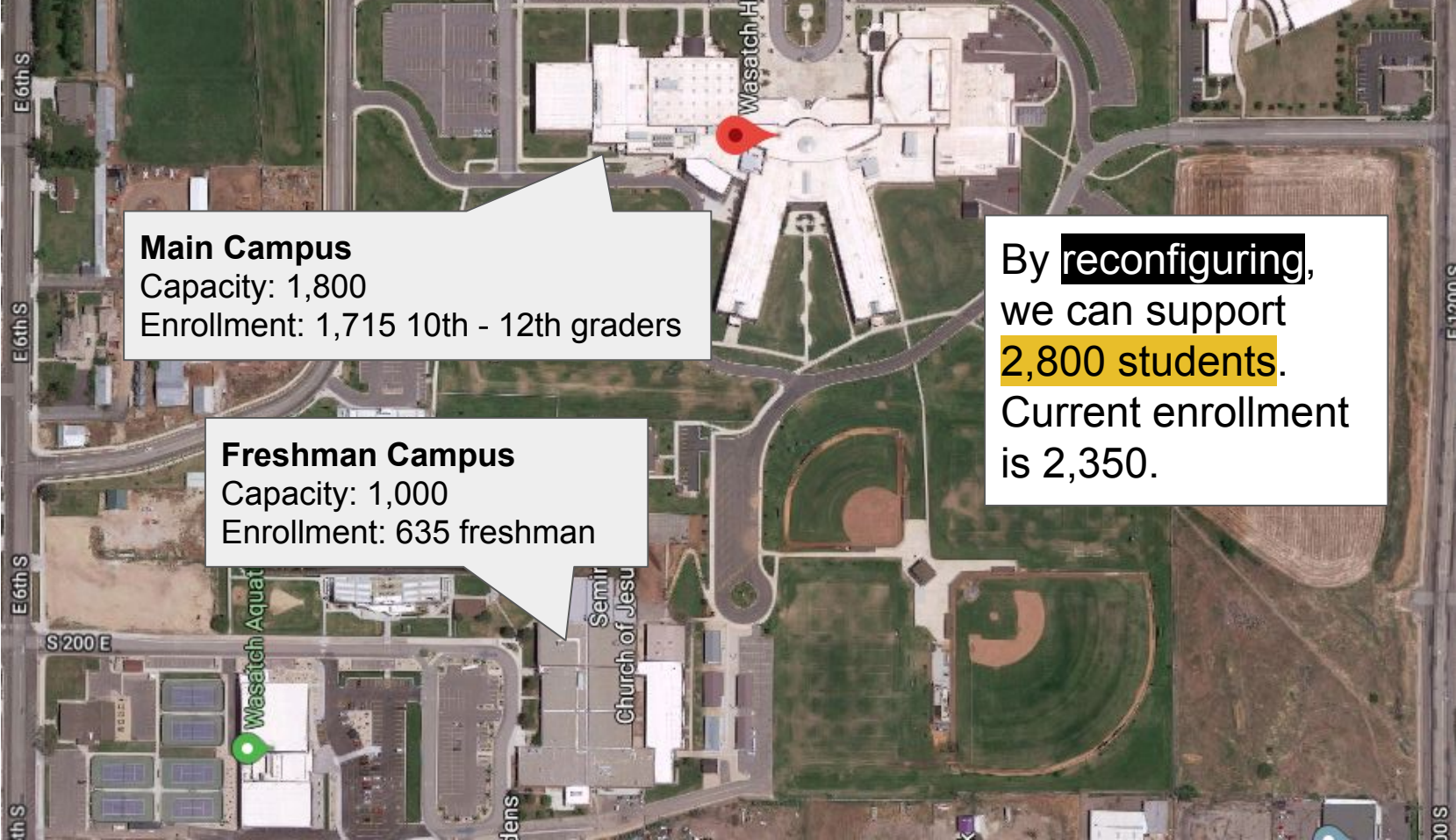


The cafeteria is not used at all during school hours.

The West Campus should
be reopened as a self
contained school like it was
for decades

For example, it could be used as a freshman school

Proposed HS Configuration (phase 1)



Main Campus
Capacity: 1,800
Enrollment: 1,715 10th - 12th graders

Freshman Campus
Capacity: 1,000
Enrollment: 635 freshman

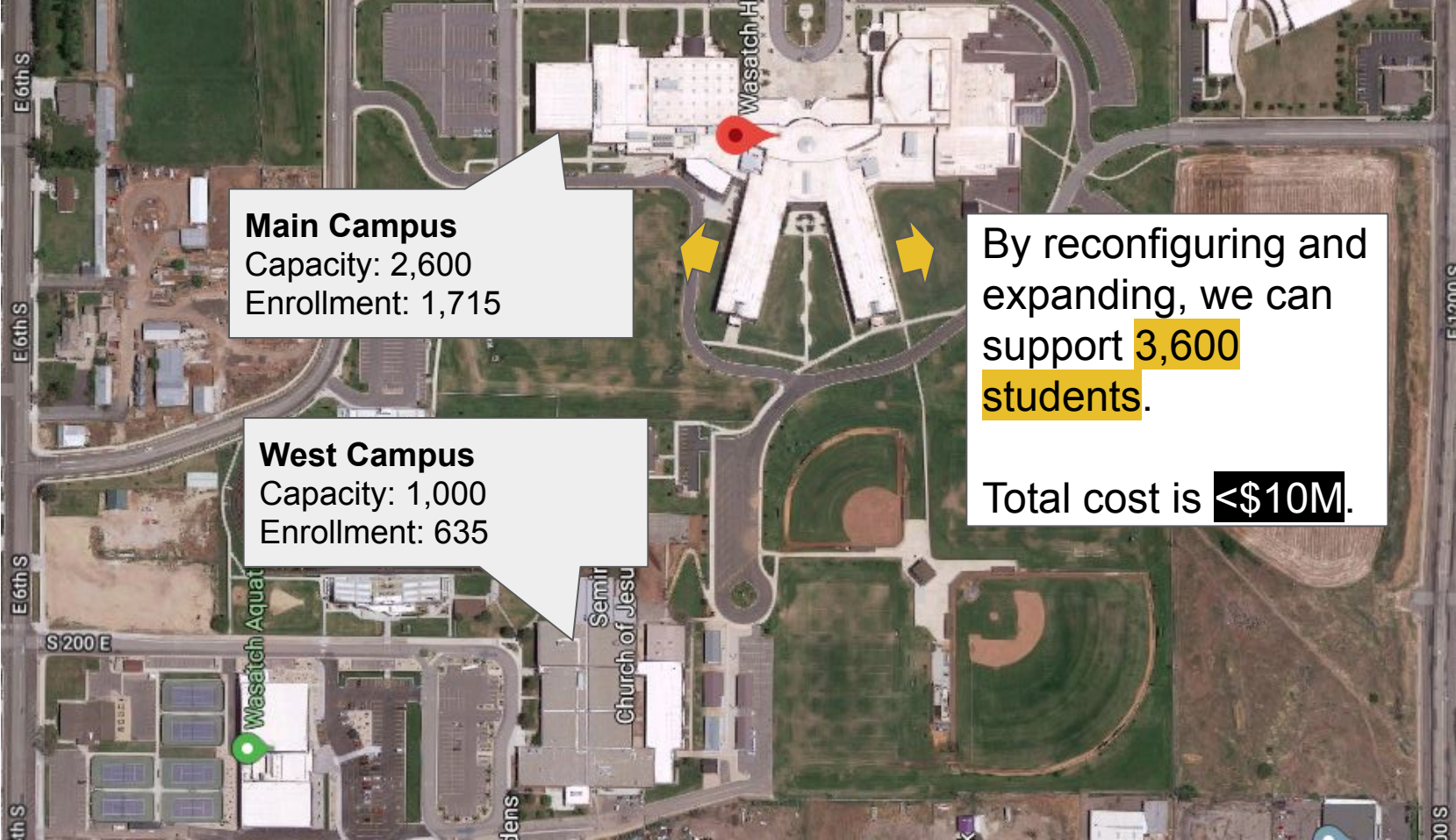
By **reconfiguring**, we can support **2,800 students**. Current enrollment is 2,350.

With Main Campus back within capacity, we can expand Main Campus to support future growth.

Corner Canyon HS is the same design as WHS. They completed their expansion last year. Supporting 800 more students for \$9.6M.



Proposed HS Configuration (phase 2)



Main Campus
Capacity: 2,600
Enrollment: 1,715

West Campus
Capacity: 1,000
Enrollment: 635

By reconfiguring and expanding, we can support **3,600 students**.

Total cost is **<\$10M.**

Let's compare this to the
bond proposal

School Bond HS Configuration



New High School
Capacity: 1,800

By building a new high school, we can support **3,600 students**.
Total cost is **\$120M.**

Wasatch High School
Capacity: 1,800

Larger Schools

By expanding and reconfiguring, we can support **3,600 students** at a cost of **<\$10M.**

vs

Smaller Schools

The School Bond proposal is for two high schools that support a total of **3,600 students** at a cost of **\$120M.**

We can comfortably support
3,600 students for either
\$10M or \$120M ...

Do we want smaller schools
or larger schools?

Big schools are NOT bad
schools

The top 3 public high schools in Utah are big!

(US News ranking)

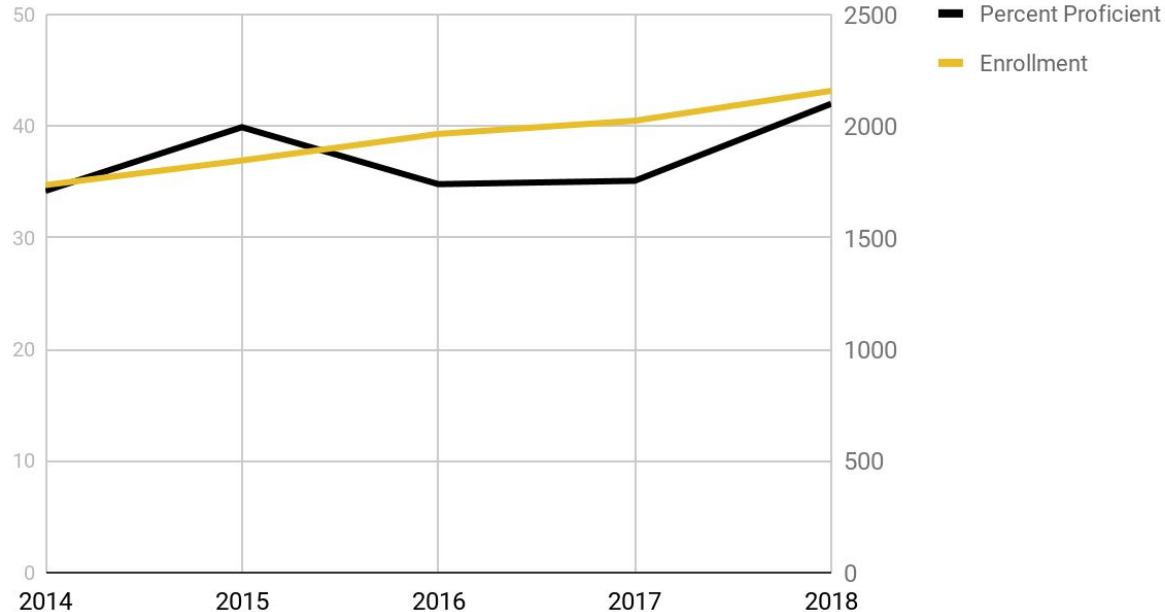
Rank	School	Enrollment	# of grades
1	Davis High	2,600	3
2	Corner Canyon HS	2,300	4
3	Viewmont High	1,500	3

The larger school proposal would make us like Davis High. **BUT our freshman would be able to walk to the main campus for advanced courses**

Our best schools in the
state are big schools

WHS academics have improved as the school has grown larger

Academic Achievement vs Enrollment at WHS



Large school benefits:

- Some of the best schools in our state are big!
- The large school option saves us \$110M
- Large schools can have small class sizes (like small schools)
- Large schools can offer more AP and CTE at a lower cost
- Large schools are cheaper per student to operate

The school bond is a choice
between larger schools and
smaller schools

Midway Elementary School

Letter from the Mayors

As Mayors we believe that the citizens of Wasatch County agree that our high school is becoming crowded and that additional growth is only going to compound that problem. We agree that we want the best education possible for our students. We agree that we want to pay our teachers appropriately for doing invaluable work.

So, is a \$150 million dollar bond the best solution? A "yes" vote tells the school board you believe it is. A "no" vote simply tells the school board you would like to see other options. Let us explain.

At a recent Interlocal Government meeting, Superintendent Sweat was asked why they didn't add on to the current high school. For less than \$10 million Corner Canyon High School is adding on to their school which is the same building and floor plan, the same 4 grades in the school and the same student body size as Wasatch High School. Superintendent Sweat explained that the Wasatch School District has the philosophy of building more smaller schools rather than fewer large schools. There are two other school districts in the state that share this philosophy. Voting "yes" to the bond lets the school board know you agree. Voting "no" lets the school board know you believe there may be other options.

When asked why Midway Elementary is being torn down and not added to and updated, the response was that it is 44 years old, and the school board believes a new school is the better approach. Based on social media posts there are issues with the sewer, there aren't enough classrooms and the library, kitchen and cafeteria are outdated or too small. We learned that Midway Sanitation District had not been informed that there was an issue. The sewer problem can most likely be remedied by simply putting in a bigger sewer line. Again, at the Interlocal meeting, we were told that a new kitchen would be approximately \$1 million dollars. The school board felt a new school was a better use of funds. Voting "yes" to the bond lets the school board know you agree. Voting "no" lets the school board know that you believe there may be other options.

We believe that the focus needs to be on letting the school board know how you, the taxpayers, want to deal with the growth issues our school district is facing. Your vote will do that. The Superintendent and School Board have some very difficult decisions to make. Cast your vote and let our democratic system inform these critical decisions.

Signed,

Mayor Brenda Kozlowski, Charleston Town
Mayor Celeste Johnson, Midway City
Mayor Celeni Richins, Wallsburg Town
Mayor Chip Turner, Daniel
Mayor Greg Harrigan, Interlaken Town
Mayor Kelleen Potter, Heber City

- Signed by every Mayor in the valley
- Sewer issues can be remedied with a larger sewer line
- Kitchen could be improved for \$1M

Last year we added 411 residences to the valley. How much did our elementary schools grow by?

- (a) 352 students
- (b) 201 students
- (c) 84 students
- (d) 26 students

None of the above!

Our elementary schools shrunk

School	2018 Enrollment	2019 Enrollment	Change (count)
Daniels Canyon	609	604	↓ - 5
Heber Valley	603	601	↓ - 2
JR Smith	667	667	0
Midway	689	671	↓ - 18
Old Mill	854	853	↓ - 1
Total	3,422	3,396	↓ - 26

Midway Elementary
had the largest
decrease

The declining enrollment at
Midway Elementary gives
us time to solve the problem

Q&A

Q: If we expand the HS, will we have enough athletic facilities for more students?

A: Yes! The current campus already has **5 full size basketball courts** -- 3 on Main Campus and 2 on West Campus. West Campus has a third gym area that is as large as a full size basketball court. We also have many other specialty gym areas like weight rooms, wrestling rooms, dance rooms, etc.

Q: If we expand and still end up needing another HS in the future, wouldn't it be cheaper to build it now?

A: Remember that the capacity of both options is the same, so if we end up needing another HS, **we'll need it in both scenarios.** In the small school option, we'll be building a third HS. In the large school options, we'll be building a second HS.

Q: Is there a better location for a new HS?

A: Possibly. With the large school option, we'll be making the location choice years from now. At that point, we'll know more about where the centers of population are and can centrally locate a new HS.

Q: Is our valley really going to grow by 10,000 homes in the next 10 years as suggested by the School Board?

A: Possibly, but it would be a big change from recent growth rates. 10,000 homes in 10 years implies 1,000 new homes a year. Last year, the valley grew by 411 homes.

Q: Is the funnel of elementary and middle school students growing?

A: Not really. Last year, the total elementary school population decreased by 26 students. The middle school increased by just 35 students. So in total the younger grades increased by just 9 students, and that was while the valley grew by more than 400 homes in the same period.