

Date Entered	I am a(n)...	Engagement	Need for Engagement	Understand HS Rec	Understand K8 Rec	Understand Timing	Additional ?
11/15/19 3:34 PM	Parent/Caregiver	Active engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings OR provided feedback through the website)	Strongly Disagree	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I feel that Iowa Maple got a raw deal. The board make sure all the schools on the west side was update and got all all they need to make it grow , Iowa Maple never ever got any support or assist from the CMSD Board. parents lose all confidence because of the lack of support. there are many children in the area but due to the lack of support and finding out why charter schools are taking CMSD children. I am very disappointed. Collionwood is giving a 2 chance and New Tech to remain open indefinitely is a slap in the community face. I feel this area has been discriminated and the west side highly praised and The CMSD board didnt even come to the schools to ask why or what can they do .
11/15/19 8:33 AM	Community Partner	Active engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings OR provided feedback through the website)	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree	For those of us who currently work and serve in schools and are partnered with CMSD - what do these recommendations mean for us? I completely understand the need for these changes, and for the most part, I'm fully on-board. However, there has been no mention of how Say Yes and current community partners (i.e. non-profit agencies) will fold into these changes, specifically the High School recommendations. I would suggest having townhall meetings with your valued community partners (i.e. current non-profit agencies that you work with) and sharing how you envision these changes impacting our operations and program delivery, if at all. Again, I think these recommendations are needed, and I value the process the district has undergone to ensure the success of our students. However, please communicate with your current community partners and wraparound agencies directly about these proposed changes. We will also be directly impacted by these recommendations. Thank you!
11/15/19 7:15 AM	Parent/Caregiver	Extensive engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings AND spent time on the website)	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Wow so they'll be school closing and schools closing trying to merge all the schools into east Tech that's insane these children have been through enough and the different personalities and different hoods coming together it's going to be something to see and just when they were doing better things they'll be uprooted and moved again

From: Ron Soeder <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Houser, Michael <Michael.Houser@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Letter in support of Washington Park

Dear Michael,

I know you are getting a lot of these letters but I am hoping that you could circulate my letter to Ann Bingham and Eric Gordon.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Ron Soeder
President & CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland
Interim CEO
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November 18, 2019

Ms. Anne Bingham
Chairwoman, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
1111 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

RE: Proposed Closure, Washington Park Environmental Studies

Dear Chairwoman Bingham:

We at Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland object to the proposed closing of Washington Park Environmental Studies High School, and we request the opportunity for our community leaders to meet with Superintendent Eric Gordon and his team to develop and implement a plan to identify how this school can most effectively and equitably serve Cleveland Metropolitan School District students and their families.

Our neighborhood has had a strong and mutual relationship with CMSD, primarily through the Third Federal Foundation-led Slavic Village P-16. We have been steadfast and faithful partners of CMSD and have dedicated the work of over seventy neighborhood partners to create a neighborhood environment conducive to educational excellence for every student. Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland itself has adapted our programs to have a stronger focus on urban farming and outdoor learning so that our young people gain critical skills and jobs in the afterschool space. Students at Washington park are a focus for these jobs. We have involved our CMSD schools and CMSD leadership at every step of this journey. Our last two Youth of the Year winners, Frank Austin and Tamara Thomas were graduates from Washington Park and advocated for youth in Slavic Village.

Other neighborhoods, such as Tremont and Collinwood, have responded to proposed closures with promises of organizing their community. Slavic Village has been organized around education for over a decade. We ask that we are afforded the same consideration to work with CMSD to make our school facilities assets that benefit our students and neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ron Soeder
President & CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland

From: Kurt Karakul [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 4:19 PM
To: Houser, Michael <Michael.Houser@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Cc: 'Tony Brancatelli' <[REDACTED]>; Chris Alvarado <[REDACTED]>;
[REDACTED]; Earl pike <[REDACTED]>; Ron Soeder <[REDACTED]>; Natalie Friedl
<[REDACTED]>; 'Susan Gordon' <[REDACTED]>;
Marlane Weslian <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Closing of Washington Park

Michael, Please see the attached letter to Cleveland Metropolitan School District Chairwoman Anne Bingham and kindly deliver this letter to her prior to the Board meeting tomorrow night. Thank you and please call me if you have any questions.

Kurt Karakul
President and Executive Director
Third Federal Foundation
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Cleveland, Ohio 44105
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Kurt Karakul
Executive Director

Ms. Anne Bingham
Chairwoman, Cleveland metropolitan School District
1111 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

November 18, 2019

Dear Chairwoman Bingham,

The Third Federal Foundation since its creation in 2007 has invested substantially in the Cleveland Municipal School District including the creation of the Slavic Village P-16 Educational program which I created with Eric Gordon. Our P-16 has over 70 partners who create wrap around services which work to remove the barriers that prevent learning from going forward in the 5 CMSD K-8 Schools and in the only CMSD High School in this neighborhood, Washington Park Environmental Academy. We believe our long term investment has yielded some good progress toward academic success but understand we have much work yet to do. It was surprising to me to learn that the Board is considering closing Washington Park and I would confirm the request Chris Alvarado made in his letter to you for a meeting to discuss the plans for the school.

Our neighborhood has endured the closing of South High and now the closing of Willow School next year. I request that we have the opportunity to explore the options with Washington Park before a decision is made to close it.



Kurt Karakul
President and Executive Director
Third Federal Foundation

From: Lockmiller, Theodore <THEODORE.LOCKMILLER@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:49 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Cc: Kelly, Kristen <Kristen.Kelly@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Allen, Almad
<Almad.Allen@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Norton, Karl <Karl.Norton@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Adding 7th and 8th Grade to John Adams College and Career Academy

Mr. Gordon,

You and I had an opportunity to speak for a few minutes following my PD a East Professional on Election Day. As you suggested at the end of our conversation, I am following up (finally) with this email as a reminder.

I was recently transferred (not by choice) to Willow Elementary. After being a high school teacher for a number of years, I am experiencing, first hand, some of the reasons our incoming freshmen do not have a smooth transition to high school. Our students deserve to have a middle school experience. They need to develop some autonomy, to move from class to class on their own, to go to the restroom as needed on their own. Basically, they need to develop an understanding of the "rules" BEFORE they enter high school, and they need to have a chance to develop their own self-discipline.

Next year John Adams College and Career Academy (JACCA) will be the only school in the John Adams building (other than School of One?). It would be a much better use of our resources if the school was able to bring in 7th and 8th graders to occupy a section of the building. This would help the folks at JACCA establish the school culture early on. The students would start off their freshman year in a much stronger position. Some students could have high school credits in place as they enter into the high school curriculum, and it would allow JACCA to create a true feeder system for their athletics program.

One thing this scenario would eliminate is the younger kids (i.e., pre-K to 6th) having exposure to how the middle school students act and how they talk. This is not all of my students; but many of my students at Willow use inappropriate language more often than not (because they are trying to act grown) . Little kids especially, don't need to hear that language on a daily basis.

I sincerely hope that this is an idea that you will consider as the district moves forward and continues to reallocate resources. Thank you again for your time.

Theodore Lockmiller

From: Yanaira Rivera <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Lincoln West high school recommendations

Hello, I was just told the the history of Lincoln West high school. How it's original site was at the Luis M. Marin site. The name Lincoln West came because they marge Lincoln High and West high to form Lincoln West. So why can't we take it bake to their original site? That way they can have a football field as well. LMM can marge with surrounding schools or close. They are not doing so great. L.W S&H and G.S students need a site that will give room so they don't have to leave and go to another site just to practice and they would love to be able to have home games.

From: Katarina Kopasek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 7:11 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: New Tech West, Worthington Ave., Cleveland, OH

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am writing to you in the hopes that you will seriously reconsider your decision in shutting down New Tech West on Worthington Avenue, Cleveland, OH.

My twin daughters are currently 10th graders at New Tech West. They are doing very well, and I couldn't be more proud of them. Not only are they getting good grades due to having great teachers (and the 9th grade teachers are great as well), they have also joined their ACE Program which they really enjoy.

As a lifelong Cleveland resident, I know all too well the bad reputation Cleveland public schools have received. I went to a private grade school and high school (St. Joseph Academy), and I cannot tell you how absolutely nervous and scared I was for my daughters to go to a Cleveland public high school (they went to a charter grade school). That being said, when I went to Open House at the beginning of their 9th grade last year, my mind was put totally at ease. Why? Ms. Leonard, the New Tech West principal. I could tell immediately that she has an absolute love and devotion to her school, wants and expects only the best for her students, and will do everything she can to help students exceed. I have had the privilege of hearing her speak at a few other school engagements and have so much respect for her. She gives more than 100% at being the best principal. The teachers I have met so far (9th and 10th grade teachers) are absolutely wonderful and dedicated.

I also have twin daughters currently in 8th grade, and I was so looking forward to them joining their older sisters at New Tech West. Please reconsider and give New Tech West a chance to succeed. In the next couple of years I can see New Tech West really thriving under the leadership of Ms. Leonard and the many dedicated teachers.

What I also love and believe contributes to students doing well at New Tech West is that it is a small building with small class sizes. Otherwise, students just get lost and do not receive the individual attention from teachers that is extremely important in students succeeding in class. It helps students bond better with each other, and my girls have the confidence and love in helping other students do well in their classes. My only other option for high school would be John Marshall and that is a huge school with many students and I don't believe that is the right environment for my daughters and many other students who need to be in small class settings.

Again, please reconsider your decision in shutting down New Tech West. Thank you for your time and attention to this email.

Katarina Kopasek

From: Karlton Laster <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 8:00 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Cc: Heather Taylor-Miesle <[REDACTED]>; Anthony Brancatelli
<abrancatelli@clevelandcitycouncil.org>; telkins@newburgh-oh.gov
Subject: Washington Park School Closure Letter

Hello CEO Gordon,

I am Karlton A. Laster, Cleveland Metro Director for the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC). We are respectfully submitting the attached letter opposing the closure of the Washington Park Environmental Studies High School.

The OEC believes this to be an important program and location for Cleveland students to learn about environmental policies around water, air, and land. Furthermore, students gain career development in green jobs that will be the leading sector of economic growth in the next 50 years addressing issues around climate change. It is our belief that, Washington Park High School does not have to close, but can be retooled for better efficacy.

The OEC looks to support local organizations who are creating and growing environmental advocacy and programming towards a sustainable future for all Ohioans. We hope that we can support or partner with CMSD on future endeavors around environmental advocacy. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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Karlton A. Laster | Cleveland Metro Director
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12 November 2019

Eric Gordon
Chief Executive Officer
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
1111 Superior Avenue South
Suite 1800
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On behalf of the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC), I am writing in opposition to recently proposed Cleveland Metropolitan School District's (CMSD) downsizing plan that would particularly close the Washington Park Environmental Studies High School. The closing of the physical location of the school, though possibly fiscally prudent, does a disservice to those of us in the environmental policy space working on urban issues. The OEC asks that you reconsider the proposed of closing the physical location of Washington Park Environmental Studies High School.

The proposal to close the Washington Park facility and move the environmental studies program to East Technical and James F. Rhodes High Schools is a disservice to students of the program as the Washington Park facility provides hands-on education and career-readiness programs for its students. We need more students engaged, invested, and willing to pursue careers in the environmental sector and the current program model provides critical opportunities for students.

We need more students and professionals of color, like myself, in the environmental movement to inspire and encourage their communities to think and act sustainably as well. In addition, the Washington Park facility could be used to launch pilot programming for community engagement allowing for co-op spaces for urban gardens, solar and renewable energy, landscaping and arbory, as well as health and wellness therapy with a nature focus. There can be mentorship programs for students with professionals in the environmental sector that are pertinent and real opportunities that do not require extensive education, upfront costs, and provide financial incentives for students as opposed to a proposed equestrian program.

It is my sincere hope that, before you make a final decision that you converse with environmental leaders and organizations in the area to see where they are willing to help support and invest time, resources, and money to improving Washington Park High School and its programming. It is critically important that we support and protect a community resource like Washington Park Environmental Studies High School.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [REDACTED]. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karlton A. Laster
Cleveland Metro Director
Ohio Environmental Council

cc: Heather Taylor-Miesle
Anthony Brancatelli
Trevor Elkins

From: Sherry Rose <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 10:21 PM
To: Houser, Michael <Michael.Houser@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; mprice <mprice@city.cleveland.oh.us>; communications@city.cleveland.oh.us; anne.bingham [REDACTED]; robert-heard [REDACTED]; l.dempse [REDACTED]; sara [REDACTED]; jasmine.fryer [REDACTED]; denise.lin [REDACTED]; willettaamilam [REDACTED]; lisathomas [REDACTED]; kathleen.valdez [REDACTED]
Cc: mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org; Mary Louise Daley <mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org>
Subject: Once a Railroader, Always a Railroader!

Attention Board members and Friends,

My name is Sherry Tyree and I was Class President of Collinwood High School for the class of 2006 my Junior year and Senior year of school and it saddened me to hear that Collinwood High School was getting closed down. I have so many fond memories at that school and I wouldn't trade my education and those memories for anything in this world. I remember programs like C.A.S.T, JROTC and High Tech where we got the opportunity to take college courses early, over at Tri-C. I also remember cheerleading at the basketball and football games and rooting for the best team, my mighty railroaders. These programs and extra curricular activities is what makes high school special and what makes you want to get out of bed even on the coldest of Cleveland winter days. However, when students don't have these programs and activities to look forward to we see the change and decline in attendance. We need to bring these programs and programs like these back to Collinwood High School. I was very involved back when I attended Collinwood and if there is anything I can do to make you see how much the community needs a school like Collinwood please allow me to do so. This building is historic and a landmark in the community which makes it apart of history. I believe with the right programs and people involved, Collinwood can be a school with students with high academics and great school spirit full of students proud to be Railroaders. Even though I live in Atlanta now I'm not opposed to having conference meetings over the phone or Skyping with the councilman and members of the board to get this issue resolved. I will even try my best to visit a few times a year if there is anything I can do. I am here and I am willing to put in work so these students can have the best education at the best school, Collinwood High School.

Sincerely,

Sherry Rose Tyree
Class President of CHS
Class of 2006

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Sherry Rose'
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From: Ward, Lori <Lori.Ward@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Cc: Thompson, Karen <Karen.Thompson@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Washington Park information

Eric,

I am attaching information that was given to me to give to you.

- Students' Speech given at the rally
- Signed Petition
- Students' questions to the Board
- 20 Letters from students

Also sent pics under a different email and brought back 4 of their posters. Let me know if you have questions.

Lori

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Hello Washington Park!

Today we would like to focus on **OUR** school.

Collinwood and Glenville? SO, okay, they've been Cleveland's only focus, but just because nobody is speaking up for us, doesn't mean that we can't speak up ourselves!

We have a voice and we WANT to be heard!

We DESERVE to be heard!

So let's take this opportunity to show that we care about our school and we **WILL NOT GIVE UP.**

WE want to graduate with **our** friends at **our** school.

With this proposed move to East Tech, so many kids will transfer out.

We will lose our chance to graduate with our friends.

We're a family here at Washington Park and we want to stay together!

As families try to decide what is best for kids if Washington Park closes, many kids might lose their Say Yes to Education money. The decision to close Washington Park will mean some of them will leave the district. They will lose their chance for free college.

OUR KIDS SHOULDN'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SAFETY AND SAY YES!

Most of our kids do not feel safe with the thought of attending East Tech. In fact, we conducted a survey amongst our peers and 42% of students chose lack of safety as the main reason they would not attend East Tech. Students don't feel safe and that would mean more absences, more fear, more stress, and more anxiety.

31% of students list transportation and distance as the primary reason they would not attend East Tech.

Students don't want to take 3 buses and nearly two hours to get to school. Obviously, this would be a factor, if not our number one factor for most of us.

25% of students designated the loss of friendships as the primary reason that they would not attend East Tech, although that factor affects almost everyone. We all want to graduate with our closest friends!

We should be able to graduate at the school WE CHOSE because our school is like a family and CMSD says they support school choice! Our family SHOULDN'T be split up. Our student surveys show 90% of our students said they wanted to graduate from Washington Park! Right now, only 20% are even planning to going to East tech! That means about 200 students are looking at other schools and other districts.

97% of students report that their parents are NOT happy with Washington park moving locations! Students want to

keep the Park in the Park. Parents want to keep the Park in the Park. Everybody wants to keep the Park in the Park! Let's keep the Park in the Park until we all graduate! – LET'S HEAR IT: 3 MORE YEARS! 3 MORE YEARS!

So, here's the main question. HOW MANY OF YOU WANT TO SAVE WASHINGTON PARK UNTIL WE ALL GRADUATE?

So, we said we would get your voices heard and this is your moment!

Now, we are going to hear from the classes of 2023- Make some noise 2023!

2022- Make some noise 2022!

2021- Make some noise 2021!

**and Last - but definitely not least – 2020
Make some noise 2020!**

While we have spirit for our graduating classes, today we are all united - all of us with

**one purpose: SAVE OUR SCHOOL. Everybody:
SAVE OUR SCHOOL. SAVE OUR SCHOOL.
SAVE OUR SCHOOL. Ok, we need to reign it in
and get our voices heard!**

**We are now asking that you allow us some
time to read some quotes written our
students.**

!!!!!!!QUOTES!!!!!!

**I have this envelope for the Member of
CMSD's Senior Leadership Team to be shared
with the Board of Education. Is the
representative here?**

**Let's show our gratitude to Mr. Gordon and
the Senior Leadership Team for coming today
and for hearing our voice. May I ask you your
name? _____ Will you give us your word
that the 307 signature of parents, students,
and staff be delivered to the Board before the
19th of November? Thank You! We also
have letters written by our students directly**

**to Mr. Gordon and the Board of Education.
Will you also give us your word that these will
be delivered to Mr. Gordon and the Board of
Education before the 19th of November?**

One last time:

Save our School!

Save Washington Park!

Until we All graduate!

**3 MORE YEARS – DON'T MOVE OUR SCHOOL
SAVE THE PARK – UNTIL WE GRADUATE**

Save Washington Park Environmental Science Academy

- By signing below we are officially requesting that the members of CMSD Board of Education vote *against* the consolidation of Washington Park ESA into East Technical High School. We believe that Washington Park should continue as it is, where it is: in our community.
- We are further requesting a meeting be held somewhere in our community so that parents, students, and community members have the opportunity to voice their opinion and have their questions answered.

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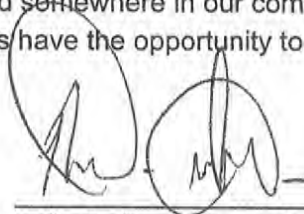
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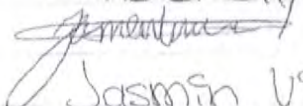
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 Gavin Steinke

Dear Mr. Gordon and CMSD Board
of Education Members:

I would like to give you some reasons why you should not close Washington Park at least until all the students that go here graduate. Reason number one is the sadness that the students that go here feel. Students feel sad because they might not see their friends or teachers ever again after we move.

Safety is another reason why you should not move Washington Park. I have heard many students that are worried about our safety. There could be conflict when more than one school comes together into one school building. In my life I live in the west side, so my dad drives me to the Steelyers and then I take a RTA bus to school, so I don't know if I can go to East Tech.

In summary, I look forward to graduating from Washington Park. Please reconsider closing Washington Park.

Sincerely,

Jasmin Villar
Class of 2022

Dear Mr. Gordon and Board of Education,

I am writing this letter today to ask you to ~~consider~~ reconsider your decision to consolidate our schools: Washington Park and Easttech high school. My reason, our reason for you to not consolidate us is because this is a home to many students. Students here at Washington Park are not comfortable being in another school, in an area so foreign and unknown to us. Parents of the students who attend this school are concerned for their child/children because there can be lack of transportation for those who walk and don't have vehicles, or can't afford transportation. Parents are also concerned for their children's safety because it is not an area that they are not familiarized with. At Washington Park, teachers and staff members are concerned about their students' safety, and we will have to graduate from another school, instead of the school where memories are held and cherished, and good moments happy moments happened. If you consolidated our schools, the group of friends we call "family" will be torn apart.

If this school gets consolidated, some parents will not want their children to attend this school because the reports of the school, the chaotic atmosphere, basically worrying about how their children will do academically in a new school environment they are not adjusted to and feel comfortable in. If you decide to consolidate schools, there will be lack of tradition for class switching, taking care of our school greenhouse that we won't have when we switch schools. Our lack of freedom is a big part of our school, such as dressing the way we want to within reason, and being appropriate. Another example of freedom is a big part of our school, such as when students want a breather or there's good weather, our teachers will take us outside to do work and get a fresh

breath of air. The next thing that will impact us will be confusion. The new location of a school and neighborhood we don't know will confuse parents and students, because of a new location, it will be harder to adjust to and also farther away. Our next worry is our Say Yes Program. If you voted and gave the go to consolidate our schools, ~~schools~~ some parents will want to move their children to other schools, schools that won't have the Say Yes Programs. Schools that won't have the same programs, or programs that help pay for our college tuition, get us through high school, look good on our resumes when applying for colleges and jobs.

I do hope that this letter and the other letters you will receive and read, are good enough to change your minds on consolidating our schools. Please save our schools until we graduate.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Thomas
Dorothy Thomas
Washington Park
Class of 2022/2023

Zaingon
Jackson

Dear Mr. Gordon & Boards of
Education:

I think you should keep this
School open because, this is a great
School. It's full of great kids and
teachers. These teachers teach us everything
we need to know; they're very nice, & even
the students will help you stay on track
and focus on your work. This School taught
me a lot. They taught me how to work
hard, stay focused, and they help me get
ready for the adult life. So there are
your reasons you should keep the
School open.

Sincerely,
Zaingon Jackson
Washington Park
Class of 2022

Dear Mr. Gordon 3 CMSD Board of Education

I know you made the decision to transfer Washington park. But I'm just here writing this to say we Washington Park students really like it here and we have so much freedom and we are sad about this move. Some people would like to graduate from the school they started at. It's lack of ~~dress code~~ tradition to change our dress code and to ~~trade~~ change our way to maneuvering around campus.

We are not used to the environment and we would like to ask you to keep Washington park here and to keep our students in an environment that we are familiar with and so sure to graduate pass and succeed as a whole school.

People are willing to stop their say yes opportunity for college because of the transfer. Also transportation is already hard to get here and going to East Tech is making it harder which means fewer students attending school on time or at all. ~~I am asking~~ many people are sad about this.

decision all I am asking is to Save
Our School until we graduate and
thank you Mr. Gordon and Board
Of education.

Sincerely, Tramayne
Fountain, Washington Park
Class of 2022.

Cody Payne

11/13/19

Block 6

Dear Mr Gordon and the Board of Education:

I would be the Sixth sibling in my family to graduate from Washington park. I am asking that you allow the family tradition; to continue. Keep Washington park open until we all graduate.

It is not only about tradition, there are many reasons I am requesting that you vote to keep Washington Park open. First, Transportation will be really hard for me. My mom wants me to graduate from Washington park. I learn better in a smaller class than in a bigger class. At Washington park I have lots of freedom. We don't need to worry about safety because we have security. If Washington park closes I will lose my Say Yes to education money, because my mom will put me in Garfield Heights. So I will no longer be in an CMSD School. My mom wants me to stay at Washington park because it's the closest school to my house. I want Washington park to stay because I like my teachers and if Washington park closes we will lose the animals. So Mr Gordon please keep Washington Park open. It is.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Cody paynter

Cody paynter

washington park

class of 2022

Curtis
Gibson

11-12-19

Dear Mr. Gordon and CMSD Board of Education.

I just wanted to notify you that no one is happy about the consolidation of Washington Park. A majority of my friends do not want this to happen because of the close relationships we have with friends. Also, transportation is a huge issue for most of us as well, as some of us just walk to school.

Personally, I am very scared about this issue as the real only reason I come to school is to make good memories with friends. Also, my parents aren't happy to say the least but they were working and couldn't come to the meetings to address the issue. All we ask is 3 more years so the current students may graduate, we won't let more students so they won't have to go through our current situation. I would hope your all reasonable enough to keep W.P. open until our current freshmen can graduate.

Sincerely,

Curtis Gibson

Curtis Gibson

Washington Park

Class of 2022

Terry B

11/12/14

Dear Mr. Gordon: If Washington Park really close lot's of students will be stunned. When everyone first heard about it, the combining of schools some were disappointed. Some students doesn't want to be transported to another school. I've heard parents do not want there kids to attend another school like Tech Hyschool. Student here feel as that it will cause problems. Distance is acully another reason. The school would be to far for some of the students here. They want see there friend the same, they want to be with them and graduate with theme. The closing of Washington Park may cause them not to be with their close ones. It would be a big change, like in dress code. Student has adapt to this school. The closing of Washington Park isn't a big deal for me but it is for others.

Sincerely,
Terry Beldwin
Washington Park
Class of 20

Tahlia
Jones
11-12-100
Block G.

Dear Mr. Gordon and Board of Education:

Please vote to allow Washington Park to stay open until we graduate. I feel like it is important for the school to stay open for several reasons such as. Transportation, Freedom, and Say Yes Money also. If this closed then most people will be separated from their friends and won't be able to get their younger family members from school. Another thing is safety. It's a new place that most people don't know and will have to get comfortable with. Some parents think it is not safe enough at all.

Please save ~~our~~ our school until we graduate

Sincerely,

Tahlia Jones

Tahlia Jones

Washington Park

Class of 2022

Dear Mr. Gordon and the Board of Education:

I am writing this in regards to mixing CMSD schools together. Most of us, students and our support systems such as our parents and teachers do not like this transition. A lot of us are going to end up going to non-CMSD schools because of this and if that happens, there will be no point in combining us anyway. We feel like you are doing this for you and not thinking of the community. We have built a comfortable, safe, and happy environment around us. You should not put the schools together if everyone is fine where we are.

Some people are concerned about their safety at East Tech, it also will be a much larger school, some students are not comfortable with that and have social anxiety. We have our greenhouse and animals to take care of everyday and with the new plan it would only be once a week. They said we would be transported here by bus, but we couldn't have field trips for school because they couldn't fund any but now they somehow found some money to bring us here every week? A lot of us here at Washington park do enjoy our freedom to not be confined to be in a building all day. We love being outside and try to take advantage of that. We try to be outside

Whenever we get the chance. That
being said we believe you are making
the wrong choice.

Please, keep Washington Park open
until we graduate. We want to be able to
go to school and feel comfortable and
safe.

Sincerely,
Alexia Capelis
Alexia Capelis
Washington Park
Class of 2022

Dear, Mr. Gordon & The Board of Education:

I feel as of for next year we should be able to graduate. After we graduate you can shut the school down for good. Why, you may ask because we are comfortable in our space. Rather than going in someone else's space and messing with their routine. Going to a new spot would not be good for some people that are bonded to this school. If you ask some parents they would say East Tech isn't very safe.

When you walk into class at Washington Park, teachers greet you with a smile and hugs. Why would we change that for a limited third floor? That wouldn't benefit us in the long run. No, it wouldn't it will only cause chaos and further problems. We should keep our spot in the school.

Sincerely,
Dionne
Dionne Wynn
Class of 2022

Taryrah.
11-12-19
Block-3-

Dear Mr. Gordon & Board of
Education:

I am Taryrah Marie Lloyd
I feel as if Washington Park
High School shouldn't be
shut down. Washington Park
is a Great School. There is
a lot of freedom here at
Washington. I shared so many
good bonds with my friends
and teachers. Its such a dis-
appointment to everyone who
wanted to graduate from
Washington Park. Also, there
might be a lack of Trans-
portation, for some of the stu-
dents who live over here. I Really
would miss my friends and
teachers here. I would be so
grateful if you wouldn't shut
down my school: Washington
Park High School. We are one
family here.

Sincerely,
Taryrah Lloyd
Washington Park
Class 2022

Ayanna Adams

November 13, 2019

Dear Mr. Gordon & The Board of Education,

I don't want Washington Park to close. Everybody here at Washington Park knows each other and we're all very comfortable here. The school work is fun and the teachers are very reasonable. Us moving to East Tech will cause a lot of issues. Most students won't be able to make it to school because of transportation or distance. Another reason will be because of the parents not wanting their child going to East Tech.

I want Washington Park to stay open because I wanted to graduate from here. I won't be comfortable with the proposed changes because I'll have to get familiar with the environment and the students and the teachers. This is going to be a new change for me. I've only been here since 9th grade and I already feel like everyone here is family. It took me awhile to get close to everyone here and I don't want to lose that. Most of my friends won't be attending East Tech because they don't want to go.

I'll have to make new friends when I get there and I'm shy when it comes to interacting with new people. Another reason why I don't want to go to East Tech is because of the distance. It's going to be far from my home and my mom won't be able to take me to school. I hope Washington Park doesn't close down because I like this school and it makes me feel comfortable.

Sincerely,
Ayanna Adams
Washington Park
Class of 2022

Jalen
Roberts
4.13.19

Dear Mr. Gordon & CMSD Board
of Education Members:

You should let our school
stay open until we graduate. This
school has taught me a lot of
things, like how to plant flowers
how to become a better speaker,
And how to take care of the anim.
The teachers care about us like
if we were their own children.

Sincerely
Jalen Roberts
Jalen Roberts
Washington Park
Class of 2022

Dear Mr Eric Gordon and The
SMD Board of Education members:

I am writing to you about
the closing of Washington Park.
Washington Park is my second
home and family. If my second
family is gone, a piece of my life
is gone. Although I can adapt
this hole that's in my life
will never be the same.

So please do not get rid
of Washington Park. Washington
Park has always been my second
home and family. So please
let the ~~the~~ classes of 2022 and
2023 graduate from Washington
Park, then maybe you could close
Washington Park just keep Washington
Park open until we graduate.

Sincerely,
Melany Hartless
Washington Park
Class of 2022

Dear Mr. Gordon and The CMSD Board of Education,

I am a student who goes to Washington Park High School. I don't like the idea of moving the school to East Tech. I live closer to Washington Park so it's easier to catch the bus from my house to there. What is going to happen to our CTE classes? Our CTE class is a big part in Washington Park. The class I have is Natural Resources. This class teaches us about the habitats of plants and animals. I have this class everyday so if the school moves to East Tech how do we continue having these classes, when we only meet once per week? Please keep our school open until we graduate!

Sincerely,
Naïlon Gogga
Washington Park
Class of 2026

Briana Patton

11/13/14

Block 6

Dear Mr. Gordon & board of education, my name is Briana Patton and I am a student of Washington Park Environmental Studies aka one of the schools that you have slated to merge with East technical high school. It pains me to know that this is the plan that you have for my school. Washington Park is a highly valued school for the village of Newburgh Heights as many of our students live within walking distance or a short bus ride to the school. I expected to spend the last two years of my high school career on this campus and to graduate from this school, though we are a small school we are more than just classmates or friends we are a family. We enjoy our relaxed atmosphere and family like feel here please do not separate us, please do not break us apart.

We are Washington Park!

Sincerely, Briana Patton. *Briana Patton*

Questions from
Washington Park to
Board of Education.

Power Rally Questions!!

Anonymous

Why is the school closing and how will we keep our paths ways open?

Anonymous

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Why don't you wait for the current students to graduate?

Anonymous

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Why do you guys wanna close washington park?

Anonymous

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Why change schools when we are comfortable the way we are?

Jaylynn (10th)

—

My question is why didn't they announce this when they figured everything out?

Jasmin(10th)

—

Why make people separate, make people feel sad, worried and feel unsafe?

Tayjha(9th)

—

Oh no! Why are you doing this?

Anonymous

—

What time would we get out at east tech?

Anonymous

—

Why are you making our lives bad?

Travon(9th)

—

Who came up with this idea and why?

Anonymous

—

Why foreclose the school?

Anonymous

—

Why all of the sudden now you decide to shut it down?

Resolution No. -2019

**Council Member(s) Polensek,
Hairston**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the Cleveland Metropolitan School District not to close Collinwood High School, Iowa-Maple Elementary School, and Michael R. White Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) has closed approximately twelve schools on Cleveland's northeast side, and is proposing to close or merge ten more, mostly on the east side, including Michael R. White and Iowa-Maple elementary schools in the Glenville neighborhood, and the historic Collinwood High School; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Collinwood community, including the Euclid-Green neighborhood is the largest geographical area in the City next to the far west-side, with approximately 34,220 residents, according to the 2017 census; and

WHEREAS, despite this large community, CMSD proposes closing the landmark Collinwood High School in the heart of greater Collinwood, home to many alumni veterans, with its stand-alone gym, Olympic-size swimming pool, a 1200 plus seat auditorium renovated by General Electric NELA Park, three working elevators, a seven-story iconic tower, and numerous classrooms that make it one of the most unique buildings in CMSD's inventory; and

WHEREAS, closure of Collinwood High School would end the "Schools as a Neighborhood Resource" initiative located there, an afterschool and summer program that provides recreational and educational opportunities, lunches and meals to students and young adults in partnership with Cleveland Neighborhood Institute and the City; and

WHEREAS, Collinwood High School is an educational hub, surrounded by fifteen parochial, charter and public elementary schools that are the spokes of this once magnificent educational wheel; the proposed closure will affect the enrollment of these neighborhood pre-K-8 schools without a feeder high school, and based on geography, families will not gravitate to Glenville High School; and

WHEREAS, closure would also negatively affect housing values in the Collinwood/Nottingham Villages, Euclid-Green neighborhoods, and ultimately the North Shore Collinwood community, and have an adverse economic impact on the Five Points Business District; and

WHEREAS, as the proposed closure of Collinwood High School is one of the most critical decisions ever facing the northeast side, this Council urges CMSD, Eric Gordon, CEO, and the CMSD Board of Education to reconsider this decision, and work with partner agencies to re-imagine Collinwood, and keep Collinwood High School, Iowa-Maple Elementary School, and Michael R. White Elementary School open for present and future students in the community; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges the Cleveland Metropolitan School District not to close Collinwood High School, Iowa-Maple Elementary School, and Michael R. White Elementary School.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, CMSD and Anne Bingham, Board Chair, CMSD Board of Education.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval

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Council Member Polensek

by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

jho 11-11-19 FOR: Council Member Polensek

Res. No. -2019

Council Members Polensek, Hairston

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READ FIRST TIME on November 11, 2019
and referred COMMITTEE(S) on Finance

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From: Cynthia Brookins <[REDACTED]>

Date: November 11, 2019 at 3:49:04 PM EST

To: anne.bingham, [\[heard\]\(mailto:heard\), \[l.dempsey\]\(mailto:l.dempsey\), \[sara\]\(mailto:sara\), \[jasmine.fryer\]\(mailto:jasmine.fryer\),
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Cc: Jamar Doyle <[REDACTED]>

Subject: CMSD Resolution

Attached is a resolution from Collinwood Homeowners' and Tenants Association pertaining to the proposed closing of Collinwood High School.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks

Cynthia Brookins

Director of Business Relations & Operations

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation

15614 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110
[REDACTED]

**Collinwood Homeowners' and Tenants' Association
15519 Holmes Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44110**

We, the members and officers of the Collinwood Homeowners' and Tenants' Association, which represents 2,300 families in the Collinwood Village community of the City of Cleveland, do hereby Resolve to denounce the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's "Long Term School Plan" dated October – November 2019.

We do so for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, Collinwood HS is an historic landmark and occupies an entire 6-acre block at Ivanhoe Road, East 152 Street and St Clair Avenue in Collinwood, and is slated for closure under this plan; and,

WHEREAS, Collinwood High School, with its iconic and historic seven-story Tower, serves the North Shore Collinwood, Collinwood and Nottingham Villages, and Euclid-Green neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the entire exterior of the brick building was cleaned and tuck-pointed and new windows were installed throughout the building. In addition, a new roof was added to the entire building less than ten years ago. The building houses a stand-alone gym, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a 1,200-seat auditorium, and three elevators.

WHEREAS, Collinwood is the site of the "Schools as a Neighborhood Resource" initiative funded in partnership with the City of Cleveland and the Neighborhood Leadership Institute which provides additional educational and recreational activities at the facility for neighborhood children and young adults. Closing the school, and thus the building, would end these critical programs which serve the children and young adults in our community.

WHEREAS, the closure of the high school would affect property values in the greater community specifically in the Collinwood and Nottingham Villages area and Euclid-Green. The Commercial District at Five Pointes would be irreparably harmed by this decision.

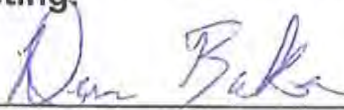
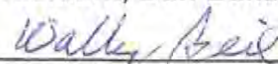
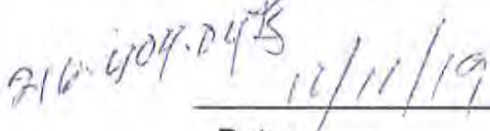
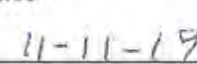
WHEREAS, as a community of residents, parents, business owners and alumni, we have asked for years for CMSD to reinstate the once vibrant and viable vocational and technical training programs and curriculum back in CHS, so that students may be able to access educational opportunities to propel them in life after high school.

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census is just around the corner. We propose that CMSD wait to see what the population numbers are for the east side of the city before implementing this plan, which we believe will negatively impact the preK-8 elementary schools in the Collinwood & Glenville communities and lead to more families leaving the east side of the city.

Please note that these are just a few of the more major reasons why we refute this plan as put forth by CMSD. There are other reasons we feel that CMSD should try a different strategy with CHS in order to keep it open. This includes partnering with other institutions, organizations, and businesses to create a hybrid educational facility at Collinwood High School.

We request that CMSD re-evaluate their plans and take into consideration all the commentary made by those most affected by this plan especially our neighborhood students who will be greatly impacted by the additional burden, ie distance, of being reassigned to Glenville High School.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, as the officers of the Collinwood Homeowners' and Tenants' Association, sign this Resolution on behalf of our members as voted unanimously in favor of this Resolution on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at our monthly meeting.

 _____ President, Dan Baka	 _____ Vice President, Wally Beal	 _____ Date	 _____ Date
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From: Nancy Kennedy <[REDACTED]>

Date: November 6, 2019 at 3:03:06 PM EST

To: "anne.bingham" <[REDACTED]> <anne.bingham@[REDACTED]>

Subject: The proposed closing of Collinwood High School

Dear Anne Bingham,

We have never met, but we have a great deal in common – a desire for the city of Cleveland and its children to excel. I want to start, therefore, by thanking you for the long hours I'm sure you put in serving on the school board.

I speak from the heart, because 16 years ago I helped found Waterloo Arts, a neighborhood arts organization in Collinwood, and my life since has been spent going to meetings and trying to stretch scarce dollars.

I also put out a neighborhood newsletter that goes to about 1000 people in Collinwood and Euclid, and through that I have a pretty good idea what residents are thinking.

At the moment, they're thinking that CMSD is about to destroy their neighborhood.

Councilman Polensek contends that CMSD decimated Collinwood HS - "demolition by neglect" - by removing key programs and initiatives – while the community begged for the return of vocational and technical programs and neighborhood businesses scratched for capable and skilled employees, especially in manufacturing and high tech – and that many actually believe the foot-dragging was premeditated.

He also concludes, after sitting through the board's retreat, that:

"CMSD has no game plan for the entire east side of the city, specifically the northeast cluster. They are writing off our children, and have put our students and their families on a path to move to the west side, find a charter school or move further east to obtain a quality education. This is just a form of 're-segregation.'"

So . . . there are many reasons not to close Collinwood High School.

There are also reasons - and ways - to keep it open.

Greater Collinwood is the second-largest geographical area in the city, with approximately 34,220 residents - twice the size of East Cleveland, almost as large as the City of Euclid and 7,000 residents more than the Glenville neighborhood.

CHS has a stand-alone gym, Olympic-size swimming pool, a 1,200+ seat auditorium renovated by GE NELA Park, three working elevators, a seven-story iconic tower, and numerous classrooms and other building features which make it one of the most unique buildings in CMSD's inventory.

CHS is the site for the "Schools as a Neighborhood Resource."

CHS is an educational hub, surrounded by 15 parochial, charter and public elementary schools. If there is any high school on the east side where CMSD has a chance to create a real integrated environment, Collinwood is the place. That is why the high school wasn't closed during the Cleveland Schools' Desegregation Plan.

Has CMSD considered any of these approaches to keeping the school open?

Partner with outside agencies: portions of CHS could be used by non-profits and outside agencies. Rooms could be used as incubator space for agencies, businesses or other additional educational opportunities. The Greater Collinwood Development Corporation could partner with CMSD. East-side businesses could partner with the school for European-style apprentice programs. CMSD could create a 21st-century hybrid high school unique to the city.

Collinwood is angry and upset at being abruptly faced with the destruction of their neighborhood, but we are ready and willing to work with CMSD to take another path. As a nonprofit founder, I am aware of how much can be done with a constrained budget – with partners, volunteers, out-of-the box offerings – and there are many in the neighborhood with more resources than I, ready to offer them.

One last thought: The Plain Dealer report on the board's retreat suggested that a new high school and vocational center might be built in a few years, which could be a good time to recruit students. The idea that a school so well equipped that contemporary budgets can't duplicate it could be abandoned, then replaced by an inferior building that would start creating a student body from scratch, makes my blood run cold.

Yours truly,

Nan Kennedy [REDACTED]

Date Entered	I am a(n)...	Engagement	Need for Engagement	Understand HS Rec	Understand K8 Rec	Understand Timing	Additional ?
11/06/19 3:23 PM	CMSD Employee	Extensive engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings AND spent time on the website)	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	<p>Some thoughts regarding the high school recommendations:</p> <p>1. Combine the East Tech and Jane Addams Culinary programs this year. The current East Tech program is rudimentary due to lack of full staffing and poor facilities for the program. The Jane Addams program is fully functional but could use an additional teacher for more thorough implementation. Combining the programs this year would allow all of the chefs together in the design of the kitchen and restaurant and to combine the programs and build their team.</p> <p>2. Ensure that staffs in all of the schools that are being merged are, in fact, merging. If you wish to truly combine the schools into a new identity and build community trust in the merger, you need to include staff from all schools in this transition and not exit staff from the schools that have the misfortune to be in buildings that are unsustainable. You also need to consider the scope of the moves and the sheer number of school personnel that you will ultimately need to move. With the vast majority of sites on the east side being impacted, you will be reshuffling the deck if you follow either the SIG or investment strategies for staffing--both were less than successful.</p> <p>3. Consider moving Ginn to Glenville, as they play all of their sports their anyway, which would eliminate the OHSA issues that you have with that school. You could move Collinwood and New Tech East to the Margaret Spellacy building which would preserve the identity of Collinwood and the New Tech programming that exists on the east side. Move MLK to East Tech and combine all of the east side Academies of Cleveland sites into a true east side career center. You could add new programming, such as the proposed welding, to Glenville and give the Ginn boys some important CTE opportunities, which they currently do not have.</p> <p>4. Either move New Tech West to Bard or the current Facing History New Tech to preserve that program. They have done solid work and are one of the higher performing high schools. It doesn't make sense to get rid of something that is working.</p>
11/03/19 9:59 AM	Community Partner	Passive engagement (did not attend any of the community meetings BUT spent time on the website)	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree	
11/02/19 6:09 PM	Community Partner	Extensive engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings AND spent time on the website)	Agree	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Leave Collinwood HS open. The community needs the school. Find programming to put into the school to get to the 400 student minimum

11/01/19 12:35 PM	CMSD Employee	Active engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings OR provided feedback through the website)	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	<p>Historically families and students have picked Jane Addams because it was a safe and friendly school environment. That is not the case anymore because the powers that be have been constantly chipping away at this building and its programs for years.</p> <p>It feels that the goal has been for a while to close Jane Addams.</p> <p>The lack of communication about it future has been alarming. Emails do not get answered at all, meetings are not scheduled and everyone passes the buck to some other department or budget as an answer why we cant improve our building a few years ago and now.</p> <p>If you are build out a new culinary department in East Tech this will cost considerably more funds to make it a proper working educational kitchen with dining room, restrooms, parking, etc.. It will have to be all or nothing, not just an update to the existing cafeteria.</p> <p>Parents already have reported that they will not be moving their children to East for their senior year, what happens if our enrollment drops significantly? It all about number in the building and we are more likely to get the students here if we have the programs to offer as we have had in the past.</p> <p>Why cant the focus be on building out JA to be what it was once was?</p> <p>The culinary department is already here, a few updates and replacement of older equipment and we bring back other programs to the building. Washington park could be here to do farm to table lessons.</p> <p>A part of this or any new plan needs to have constant communication with us instructors that live this building every day, and answer the questions, what will it take to make the successful and safe place it was many years ago.</p> <p>Please think about an application process and screening for this building and all of your specialized programs. It will help ensure we are educating children that want to be in these programs.</p>
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10/31/19 7:11 AM	CMSD Employee	Extensive engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings AND spent time on the website)	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	<p>What is the plan for staffing of these combined schools? Are you going to be non-renewing principals and assistant principals? What will be the administrative structure? Have you had conversations with teachers about how this will effect their employment/location? What have you done to ease the stress caused by your decisions?</p> <p>What is in place to address the needs of the special education population in your new structure?</p> <p>Why would you close Jane Addams when it has always been a place for students who want to feel safe, which includes a high population of LGBTQ students?</p> <p>Have you considered combining Washington Park with Jane Addams which would give you the target number of 400-500 students, since the programs are related to each other?</p> <p>Why wouldn't you move Ginn into Glenville?</p> <p>Have you surveyed all of the impacted students to see what their choice will be when you combine the schools?</p> <p>What if the new combined high schools do NOT get at least 250 freshman enrolled next year? Won't that signify to you that the families do not like their new choices?</p> <p>Why would you move MLK students so far away? Isn't East tech closer?</p> <p>Will you answer the questions that have been posed by these meetings and this forum?</p>
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10/30/19 2:22 PM	Parent/Caregiver	No engagement (this is your first experience with the process)					<p>Quien pensó en los niños con necesidades especiales? Hableme de los recursos para ellos, hableme de las escuelas habilitadas, para ellos dónde tengan sus terapias 2 veces por semanas, tengan terapias en agua, Las Olimpiadas especiales, hableme de lo que les ofrecen para que tengan mejores oportunidades dentro de sus limitaciones se puedan desarrollar. En el area de la educación especial no tienen mejoras proyectos ect... Saben porqué porque no los contaron. Siempre les quitan pero no le dan. Uno de ello pudiera ser su hijo, sobrino, hermano, nieto ect... Comiencen hacer escuelas preparadas para ellos un lugar digno de ellos habilitado con todos los recursos entonces diré que lo están haciendo bien.</p>
10/30/19 12:10 PM	CMSD Employee, Parent/Caregiver					Agree	<p>Please not that the form that this person filled out was a previous version and the drop down questions were not the ones above. In addition, there were 4 questions for comment--so they had the incorrect form.</p> <p>Content: Most important factors CMSD should consider in this process</p> <p>Student safety, ease with which students learn at New Tech West</p> <p>Help CMSD understand how you would make these decisions:</p> <p>I would consider leaving New Tech West open so that the students can develop well and feel safe.</p> <p>Communication: How can we help the community to make hard decisions?</p> <p>There would be no problem with the community, if our school, New Tech West at Brooklawn, was left open, because they love the school. Leave it open for the community and our students.</p> <p>Offer suggestions: Keep listening to the community through these types of meetings</p>
10/29/19 6:55 PM	Did not answer						<p>-Is it safe to say that staff will follow school program for most part?</p> <p>-Sports</p> <p>-How would budget of 100k be allocated among 5 different programs</p> <p>-What's going to happen to the memorabilia?</p>
10/23/19 12:08 PM	CMSD Employee	Extensive engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings AND spent					<p>Will money be set aside to finish updating Rhodes? After year 2 of purchasing furniture, funding ran out. Initially, the plan included new classroom furniture for most classrooms, updating the cafeteria and the library. About half the classrooms and the cafeteria still need to be completed</p>

Date Entered	I am a(n)...	Engagement	Need for Engagement	Understand HS Rec	Understand K8 Rec	Understand Timing	Additional ?
10/20/19 8:45 PM	Community Partner	Active engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings OR provided feedback through the website)	Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree	<p>BGC would like to assist at East Tech to convert natatorium to Auxiliary gym.</p> <p>East Tech any chance to create entrepreneurialism such as beauty and cosmetology, software coding and soft applications</p> <p>Transportation - increase bussing during transition maybe for a grow in period. MLK to Glenville</p> <p>RTA - ReRoute buses to stop at HS during peak times --> high school specials --> routes</p> <p>Transportation --> explore BGC to provide transport JA to ET, WP to ET</p> <p>Does TriC East have hi tech and is it more convenient to JFK</p> <p>Eric - thanks this is hard and you handle with grace</p> <p>Will CMSD join a new conference and dissolve senate league</p>
10/20/19 8:37 PM	Parent/Caregiver, Resident	No engagement (this is your first experience with the process)	Agree	Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	<p>Do we really need updated schools? Build smaller satellite schools into the communities, leaving the large buildings for the overflow (if any).</p> <p>Will students meet the requirements to enter a good college? Teachers need to be prepared to handle the children that come from a school (charter) that's not up to speed. No child should be left out of the job market due to a lack of skills to obtain a job that earns a living wage. Take those empty rooms and have course on a entry level that will prep these students for Community College level courses [Ex: CNC, nursing aides, et cetera)</p> <p>Social Service, career counseling is a must. On page 15 of the Long Term School Plan handout it gives the view on the future of jobs. I'd like to say that SOME students do not want to fit into what large corporations need. Will there be business classes incorporated in their studies that will allow someone to step out and become business owners, designers, musicians, or builders (page 19)</p> <p>I just talking about the basic things because when or if these big corporate people decide something else, what happens to the young people we've spend tax dollars to train? Culinary arts is a good program because from that training a student can be a business owner. Specialty programs should be offered to all. One of my children went to school (up til high school) for computers engineering (this was his hope) but was SENT to another high school because this is where the school board SAID that he had to go! Will this inconsistent assigning of students stop? The high school was violent and did not have the classes he needed. Can these programs (or some) be online courses? The future of our students has a lot to do with our economy. Adult education! I'm glad she spoke on it. My granddaughter is a designer but TriC dropped a sewing class due to a lack of people to attend! The classes from our schools should link up to the college classes.</p>
10/19/19 8:34 PM	CMSD Employee, Other (Chef Szalkowski)	Active engagement (attended at least one of the community meetings OR provided		Strongly Disagree	Agree	Agree	We need help now, class size is large, impossible to effectively teach as I have in the past. Please give us a classroom Culinary Instructor

Today's Date: November 4, 2019

Date Received & Time	Name & Return Number	Concern, Inquiry (Brief Detailed Description)
11/4/19- 5:20 p.m.	Robert Kilo [REDACTED]	Just on my heart to reach out. I know your busy but I wanted to reach out regarding Collinwood and Glenville as a citizen and no other capacity. Wondering rather you think a long term realization could be that Glenwood, Coach Ginn, CMSD Partnership vision that could be a tremendous benefit to kids in the future. Again this was just on my mind certainly as a citizen and I want to do what I can where I can.

From: Stanton, Julie <Julie.Stanton@clevelandmetroschools.org>

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 2:53 PM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>

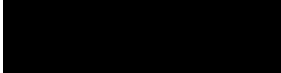
Subject: Long Term Planning

Mr. Gordon,

Thank you for taking the time to answer questions and engage in dialogue last week at the community meeting. As we make the transition I would like to offer to assist with the transition if needed. Thank you again.

Mrs. Stanton

Julie Stanton
Agricultural Educator



Washington Park Environmental Studies

From: La Queta Worley <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 7:12 AM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>

Subject: If Collinwood closes, will kids be in danger? Parents, students fear gang violence, neighborhood decline | News Break

http://www.mynewsbreak.me/m/articles/?nb_bkt_tmpl=control2&nb_mail_id=2019-11-03_evening&docid=0NFneAHg&s=dmg_local_briefing.web2&nb_uid=44804131&nb_email=kreetaworley@gmail.com&nb_zip=44105&email_click=bm_sl_44105448041311572823829_44804131_evening&r=0&af_dp=newsbreak://opendoc?docid=0NFneAHg&actionsrc=dmg_local_briefing.web2

This will be a ridiculous mess ☐

Some of scholars mixing in with these other schools WILL be a whole different experience !!!! DO YOU AND THE BOARD MEMBERS REALLY UNDERSTAND AND CARE CMUSD ARE MIXING UP RIVALS ? I really don't appreciate it myself. As alumni of EasTech. I am so very THANKFUL while I was at EasTech we didn't have to be bothered with any of this !!! We didn't have time for any of this. It was hard enough going to school every day, making sure I get all my studies done in my subjects, maintaining & sustaining to be a regular teenager. Plus there were quite a few friends died, my family and I had couple different people pass away. I really and truly hope you all can get prepared with more security. O THERE'S A GREAT NEED !!!! BE READY FOR RIVALS OF THE SCHOOLS & GANG RELATED. PLEASE DON'T ACT LIKE IT'S NOT REAL !

From: monica doyle <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:13 PM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Houser, Michael <Michael.Houser@clevelandmetroschools.org>; ann.bingham [REDACTED]; l.dempsey [REDACTED]; jasmine.fryer [REDACTED]; willettaamilan [REDACTED]; kathleen.valdez [REDACTED]; robert-heard [REDACTED]; sara [REDACTED]; denise.link [REDACTED]; lisathomas [REDACTED]; mpryce@city.cleveland.oh.us; communications@city.cleveland.oh.us

Cc: Mike Polensek <mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org>; Mary Louise Daley <mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org>

Subject: Closing Collinwood High?!

Dear Mayor Jackson, Mr. Gordon and members of the CMSD Board,

I am very distressed to learn that Collinwood High School is on the chopping block and wish to express my concerns over what a damaging and unnecessary move this would be for my community and the East side of Cleveland as a whole.

Firstly, from what I heard Mr. Gordon say at the Glenville meeting, that this is not a cost saving strategy, then why is it even a consideration?

Is there something disadvantageous to perhaps smaller class sizes? Less stressed teachers who can better connect with their students? Students who may not have the best chance they deserve at a good education due to circumstances beyond their control?

This should be a new benchmark in education for Cleveland students, not a threat to its existence.

Please explain why the East side of Cleveland is constantly kicked to the curb when it comes to vital resources like education. Especially when it would be unconscionable to a reasonable mind, which I am hoping like hell that you all possess.

My property taxes just skyrocketed this past year, and not because my property is more valuable in the market, just because the city claims it needs more money. That'd be fine if it was put to use to help my community get back on its feet from the deep depression it has suffered since longer than I can remember.

Instead it manifests in more cuts to vital services like the police force, incentives for new businesses and better schools. It's as if the residents are being targeted as the problem, when it's indeed the powers that be.

I implore you to abandon the consideration of closing this historic and vital school in the Collinwood community. We don't need another vacant property, especially one that cuts the heart out of one of the proudest beacons we have left.

Sincerely,
Monica Doyle

From: Larry Mumford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 6:47 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: New Tech West

Good morning, Superintendent Gordon,

My name is Larry Mumford. I have continued my passion for teaching and learning by offering professional development, instructional coaching, and classroom consulting in many sites in the CMSD District, Grades K-12. I actually began my instructional coaching at East High with KnowledgeWorks under the skill, vision, expertise, and guidance of Ms. Carol Lockhart. This year, I am fortunate to work this with Principal Leonard, her great staff, and students at New Tech West. I had intended to be at the meeting last Tuesday to support, first hand, the great teaching and learning that occurs daily at New Tech West. Unfortunately, I was out of town.

I am extremely impressed with the leadership and the staff's commitment to the professional development that I am leading (Marzano's Nine Research-Based Instructional Strategies, Differentiated Instruction, and Strategies for Literacy and Writing ACROSS the Content Areas). The teachers possess a vision for effective instruction. They have a plan for reaching/teaching those below, at, and above grade level, and they transfer that plan to daily instruction. The staff members certainly model genuine care, high expectations, energy, enthusiasm, and effective teaching (as opposed to just explaining and assigning).

In my soon to be published book, *My Passion for Teaching*, I refer often to the Five Classroom Essentials. These essentials and the components of The Effective Teaching Playbook are evident in every classroom at New Tech West. In my 54 years of education (36 teaching, 19 coaching/consulting), I have not witnessed a more dedicated, engaging staff. One only needs to visit each room to gain a pulse of where they are in regard to their students. Their ability to engage, motivate, teach to specific aligned learning goals, circulate the room with intent/purpose, reinforce effort, and provide recognition is so commendable.

Having experienced downsizing and consolidating buildings in Lorain and many other districts where I have taught, consulted, and coached, I do understand your vision. However, if there is a chance to keep New Tech West open, you will not be disappointed.

Thank you for your work in CMSD. I look forward to meeting you. If I can be of any assistance in regard to this matter or any other, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued efforts for all stakeholders in CMSD.

Sincerely,
Larry Mumford
[REDACTED]

From: Lisa Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 8:56 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Anne Bingham <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Schools

Here is an email I received from the Monday night meeting.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Oct 28, 2019, 10:48 PM
Subject: Schools
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Lisa:

I'm sorry for not remembering you when you introduced myself; I wasn't aware I knew a school board member, and so it produced a little cognitive dissonance.

Now that I think back to when I wrote my op-ed on the schools, I did learn at the time there was a CSU person on the board but I didn't know you at the time: https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2014/02/doing_the_right_thing_for_our.html

But I made a decision a while back to stay out of Cleveland politics, being that I'm not a Cleveland resident, and even though I'm a district resident, I've not really payed enough attention to the issues of the district.

So, I don't think I've since then when we've interacted that I put two and two together with respect to your role at CSU and your role on the Board. I had long ago forgotten there was a CSU person on the board or I would likely have sought you out in the past. I haven't found that the district was very interested in my proposal we look at alternative funding solutions such as those I proposed, since at the time I couldn't get any acknowledgement of my op-ed, so I gave up.

The other op-ed I mentioned in my remarks was this: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/our-kids-need-hope-isnt-all-michael-dover/>

I'm also very concerned that consensus seems to be reached in the county that education solutions are the solution to 400 years of inequity. As I argued in my op-ed and tonight with reference to Pittsburgh, these Say Yes types of programs seems to me to be ludicrous. We need Mr. Gordon and the board to recognize we are at a turning point and that we can't survive closing of two more historic buildings, more busing of kids to high schools, etc. My social work background was in union-based EAPs and job programs and so I'm more oriented to work than to education in terms of social policy.

However, as a self-declared progressive pragmatist, I'm open to a wide variety of perspectives for how to involve the public, nonprofit and private sectors in solutions to our social problems,

but more fundamental is my commitment to democracy itself. I see you did an historical dissertation as well; mine suggests that school board democracy is fundamental to our larger democratic system. It is the training ground for our democracy. The people of the Cleveland district have been denied that in a way that is terrible and tragic.

But since I teach open-mindedness, I'd be glad to read the study you mentioned that has concluded that nothing can be done with the unused portion of the buildings.

Mike

Michael A. Dover, Ph.D., MSSW, LISW



From: Destiny Robinson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Speech from Wednesday evening at Garrett Morgan

My name is Destiny Robinson and I am a proud student at New Tech West High School. There are a lot of reasons why New Tech West is important to me but one thing that stands out is the community we have throughout our school. The community we have is supportive and collaborative and it has grown tremendously throughout my four- years being here. The support at this school is unbelievable. The teachers can tell that you are struggling and help you the best way they know how. They have also helped me plan out my life for the future. I have applied to Ohio State University and Kent State University to major in nursing and a minor in foreign language. On another note at New Tech West collaborative learning is an important aspect of our school. Our school is a project- based learning environment which help students have better communication with one another. While New Tech West is a project- based school we are also a technology based school. We use technology everyday to keep track of grades, complete assignments, and to contact teachers and our peers. I hope the information that you have heard tonight from me and my fellow scholars will help you reconsider phasing out our school that we consider home.

From: Clara Haskell Botstein <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 1:11:42 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Cc: Fowler-Mack, Christine <Christine.Fowler-Mack@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Input from Bard on future school facility plans

Dear CEO Gordon,

I hope you're well. I've been following CMSD's efforts to plan for the future of Cleveland schools, and I understand that Bard has come up as a potential site for a co-location. I wanted to weigh in on behalf of the College as this discussion gets underway.

While we certainly understand the need for facilities, we have real concerns about co-locating another school at Bard High School Early College. This campus is thriving, in large part because we've had the space to build our distinctive early college culture.

We are using the space fully, and students and faculty are used to that. We also have been increasing our student body size and are open to continuing to grow, so the space constraints would become more acute.

In addition, given the layout and current space use and needs, it would be hard to cleanly divide the building between Bard and another school. We have had challenges with co-locations in other places when there isn't a clear separation of space, especially given that we have a fairly unique approach to scheduling and student freedom within the building, intended to mirror a college environment.

[REDACTED]

Thank you for considering this as you review the options, and don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss this further. Bard would be happy to do more as a partner with CMSD to help with the district's broader strategy in other ways, including offering college courses to other high schools. I'm copying Christine, whom we've talked to about this possibility.

Thank you both for your leadership.

Best,
Clara

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Clara Haskell Botstein
Associate Vice President
Bard Early Colleges
[REDACTED]
www.bard.edu/earlycollege

From: Leutenegger, Deron <Deron.Leutenegger@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: New Tech West

Hi,

I just wanted to say thanks and send kudos for the informational night yesterday at Garrett Morgan. It can't be the easiest or most enjoyable part of your job and you handled it very well.

I know that hard decisions have to be made, but I hope that something works out for the future of our program. So much time, energy and effort has been invested in our 10 years that it would be a shame to see it go to waste. This is the first school I have been at where I have received true professional level experiences. Attending New Tech Conferences to learn what project based learning is and how to plan and deliver it, attending leadership conferences as a thought partner for Ms. Frew to focus on our continual development, and the numerous meetings of our staff to focus on support for each other and our students are among the many things that have helped me grow as an educator.

We have transitioned over the last few years to our new building leadership team that has supported and enhanced our learning environment and school culture.

Having been in other places in my 25 years in the district, and having worked with many superb educators, I honestly believe that this is a truly unique and exceptional staff. I know that if we are given a home, a permanent home, we will be able to promote and recruit and get our numbers to where they need to be.

Thanks again.

Deron Leutenegger
EDUCATOR: Digital Media
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
New Tech West High School @ Brooklawn
11801 Worthington Ave. 44111

From: karen mcduffie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 6:35 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Transition plan

Good evening Mr. Gordon,

I apologize for not attending the meeting scheduled to discuss the plan but I am unfortunately recovering from a broke foot and should not be walking or driving. I am writing to express my true concern about merging MLK in the Glenville High School. I am a MLK alumni and my son Xander is a current student. Xander is in the Special Education program and I worry about the safety not just for Xander but all of the students. I feel before increasing students in Glenville safety in the school and neighborhood should be addressed. I have heard of many children leaving that area out of fear. I do not feel our children can learn in that type of environment. I feel it's my job as a parent and yours as an educator to protect all the children.

I understand the schools are large and enrollment is low but maybe another option should be put in place. MLK has always had a small student enrollment as when I attended and graduated in 1991 there were no more than 400 students but that is what we loved about the school. I think children do better in small environments.

I appreciate all that you do and I understand you have to address the issue but I ask that MLK be left out of plan not just for the children but the thought of closing a school named after a great leader and example for all children.

Thanks for listening

Karen McDuffie-Hall

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Make lemonade with your lemons in life
Karen

From: Gulley, Kimili [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 11:15 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: A freshmen academy

Hello Mr. Gordon,

My name is Kimili Gulley and I've been teaching at Glenville for 6 years. Year after year I watch 9th graders come here in need of guidance; many students are overwhelmed with learning a new culture and get 'lost'. This ultimately leads to failure and results in students taking credit recovery (if it's available for underclassmen).

To help our freshmen, I suggest that you request the opening of a freshmen academy to the board of education. This will keep students on track, reduce the number of students needing to take credit recovery and will probably increase the number of students who will pass the OST.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you would seriously consider this request for next school year.

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Glenville High School
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Michael D. Polensek COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 8

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October 28, 2019

Mr. Eric Gordon
CEO, Cleveland Municipal School District
1111 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Eric,

As CEO, you and your staff are recommending the closure of Collinwood High School. This would have a devastating impact not only on the students who attend the high school, but also a devastating impact on the Five Points Business District as well as the existing prek-8 schools that presently send students to Collinwood High School.

Reasons for Not Closing Collinwood High School

- 1) In 2014, Issue 4; CMSD promised this Councilman, and the Ward 10 Councilman at this time, and the greater community that if we supported this Issue then Collinwood HS and such schools as Iowa-Maple Elementary School would not be closed. Now, five years later, you are reneging on this promise.
- 2) Collinwood High School occupies an entire city block at Ivanhoe Road, East 152 Street and St Clair Avenue.
- 3) It is an historic landmark and is the largest high school, physical plant, in the CMSD system. It houses a stand-alone gymnasium with bleachers, Olympic sized swimming pool and a 1,200-seat magnificent auditorium restored by GE – NELA Park. The historic 6 story tower is an icon of the community. Besides, it has an elevator and numerous classrooms and technical facilities including an auto shop.

- 4) The exterior brick of the school building, approx. 10-15 years ago, was cleaned and tuck-pointed and new windows were installed throughout the building. In addition, a new roof was added to the entire building less than ten years ago.
- 5) The Collinwood High School serves the following communities: North Shore Collinwood, Collinwood and Nottingham Villages, and Euclid-Green. Approximately 34,220 residents according to 2017 Census data live in the greater community and thus, is larger than the Glenville community of 27,268, by far.
- 6) Collinwood is the site of the "Schools as a Neighborhood Resource" initiative funded in partnership with the City of Cleveland, CMSD and the Neighborhood Leadership Institute which provides additional educational and recreational activities at the facility. By closing the school, and thus the building, these programs would cease to be available to serve the community which are provided even throughout the summer and include a meal program. These programs are not normally available in the school and are an addition to the programs offered at the Collinwood Recreation Center on Lakeshore Boulevard.
- 7) The closure would affect property values in the greater community specifically in the Collinwood and Nottingham Villages area and Euclid-Green. A local real estate agent told me that it would be more difficult to sell a home/rent out a home because of the lack of a co-ed high school in the community.
- 8) The Greater Collinwood Development Corporation is vehemently against this merger and the closing of Collinwood High School. A letter has been sent written and signed by their Board President.
- 9) With the proposed consolidation at Glenville HS, which should remain open, for the Glenville community needs their own stand-alone high school as well, it would add 2.2 miles to students' travel for students presently attending Collinwood High School. If a student lives in the Euclid-Green neighborhood (Euclid Avenue) and takes the RTA, they would have to take 2 buses and the Rapid (50 minutes) to get to Glenville HS or walk from

Euclid Ave to St Clair and then take the RTA #1 to Glenville (approx. 50 minutes). In bad weather this is unreasonable.

- 10) We had asked for over two decades and through three CMSD CEO's to have a vocational and technical curriculum implemented at CHS, which was once the pinnacle of vocational education in the city. I myself went through those programs and can attest to their success. Year after year we were told "they were working on it." Then they created New Tech, which is in essence was "**NO TECH**" and the student population, year after year, continued to decline. Many residents and parents believed this was a deliberate move on the part of CMSD to close Collinwood High School. Your partnership with GE NELA Park disintegrated and the jrROTC program was done away with because the Administrators would not support it. I have a letter from ROTC to confirm that.
- 11) Eric, you should be aware that 127 students, presently at CHS are from the immediate neighborhood, while the rest are from other Cleveland neighborhoods and suburban communities, since CHS has open enrollment. This is unique for a general high school on the east side. Collinwood has the ability to draw students from outside. The majority of these students, I believe, will NOT relocate to Glenville HS as I am already being told by parents.
- 12) If this plan is implemented it will be a windfall for Charter Schools and Shaw High School in East Cleveland. Shaw also has open enrollment and is taking students from the Glenville community already. If you live in the Euclid-Green neighborhood and/or west Collinwood, Shaw makes more sense and is more accessible; by the way, Shaw HS offers technical training courses and is in a relatively new building.
- 13) If you live in North Shore Collinwood a student is more likely to gyrate to a Charter Schools due to the sheer distance and travel of going to Glenville HS (45 minutes by taking two RTA buses, in good weather and light traffic.)

14) Collinwood is like the hub of a wheel, when you look at a map where the other CMSD schools are located on the northeast side, they are the rim of that wheel (OH Perry, Memorial, Hannah Gibbons-Nottingham, Euclid Park, East Clark and Kenneth Clement Leadership Academy) and would all suffer dramatically due to this decision. The numbers you are projecting with the consolidation at Glenville is wrong and we all know it. By closing Iowa-Maple and Michael R. White elementary schools on top of what you are proposing at Collinwood and the impact on the other prek-8's, you will **never** see the numbers you are proposing. In fact, as you are projecting a 4% decline in student population, regardless.

Eric, at the end of the day, the 2020 Census is just around the corner, why isn't CMSD waiting to see what the population numbers before implementing this draconian plan. Is it because the Collinwood community will show that it is stabilizing after the 2006-2008 economic crash? Community Development and City Planning have to be involved in this process; for, I can recall in Council, as I am sure you can, west side members pleaded with CMSD to NOT close West Tech. At that time they stated that the demographics and population projections were changing and that the building should not be taken off-line. CMSD went against the pleas of Council and community. Now they have to build a new Westside high school; so much for planning and looking to the future.

The closure of Collinwood HS will have a devastating impact upon the north east side, specifically the Collinwood and Nottingham Villages area and Euclid-Green neighborhoods. The numbers of students that CMSD are projecting to be at Glenville- is wrong and we all know it. Because you are proposing to close two prek-8 schools in Glenville, as well. If you read the fine print in your gameplan, after all of this carnage of closing schools, you are still projecting a 4% decline in the eastside student population.

My question to you Eric and the CMSD School Board is "what is your gameplan for the east side of the City?" Is it more disinvestment and closures? I fear that will be the case, if you carry forth with this plan. You will certainly destabilize these neighborhoods even those clawing their way back.

Eric, we need your help. Take a stand and keep Collinwood High School open; for, if you don't you will look back, in a short time, as to what major mistake you made not only for our students but for the northeast side of the city. You and the Board have a unique opportunity, to not only reposition Collinwood High School on an educational basis and to make it the symbol of rebirth.

Sincerely yours,

Michael D. Polensek

Michael D. Polensek
Councilman, Ward 8

CC: The Honorable Frank G. Jackson, Mayor, City of Cleveland

From: Price, Monyka <MPrice@city.cleveland.oh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 4:10 PM
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<Karen.Thompson@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Fwd: letter to CMSD Board Members

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: letter to CMSD Board Members

Please see the attached letter addressed to the CMSD Board Chair and Members pertaining to the latest "Long Term Plan" and the proposed closure of Collinwood High School and Iowa-Maple Elementary School as well as other closures and mergers within the system.

The proposed closure of Collinwood HS would be one of the biggest mistakes CMSD has ever made.

Michael D. Polensek
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October 28, 2019

Ms. Anne Bingham
Board Chair
CMSD Board of Education
1111 Superior Avenue, Suite 1800
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Chairwoman Bingham and Members of the Board of Education:

As Councilman representing Cleveland's 8th Ward, I am writing to you pertaining to the "Long Term School Plan" that was recently released to the public by CMSD. I wish to thank all the School Board members for your service to the City and our students. I further wish to thank Mr. Robert Heard and Ms. Lisa Thomas for attending the critical meeting which was held at Glenville High School on Monday, October 28, 2019 to discuss the plan and recommended school closings including Iowa-Maple (preK-8) and Collinwood High School.

Let me state for the record that I am a proud Collinwood HS graduate and a member of their Hall of Fame and I take great pride in the fact that I have had the distinct pleasure to be able to be so heavily engaged in all the schools in my community during my tenure in office. My youngest son, Andrew, also graduated from CMSD STEM High School in 2012.

Therefore, I am appealing to each of you, not only as a Board member, but as a civic leader, who, hopefully, can understand how fragile our east side neighborhoods are at this time. I have also made this same appeal to Mayor Jackson last week.

Over the years, CMSD has closed approximately twelve (12) schools on Cleveland's northeast side. Now, you are proposing to close or merge ten (10)

more schools with the majority of those being on the east side, of which, two are in the Glenville neighborhood, Michael R. White and Iowa-Maple elementary schools, as well as the closure of the historic Collinwood High School.

As the senior member of Cleveland City Council, I have seen that “as the schools go so does the neighborhood.” I have watched the migration of countless families leaving the neighborhood. First, it was “white flight, then “black flight” and now “economic flight.” In 2014, with Issue 4, I, and my colleagues, were told pointblank by the CEO that if the issue passed, not only would Glenville and Collinwood NOT close but, the elementary schools aforementioned, would be rehabbed or completely rebuilt. Now five (5) years later, we are faced with their closure. I understand all too well, the loss of families and the impact on the student populations in each of the buildings being proposed for closure. However, I understand about promises made and promises broken. I ask “what is the real gameplan for the east side schools” when you are still anticipating a 4% loss of students after your plan is implemented?

With regard to the Greater Collinwood community, which includes the Euclid-Green neighborhood, are you aware that this is the largest geographical area in the city next to the far west side neighborhood which incorporate Hopkins International Airport? Think about that for a moment. From East 131 Street east to the Euclid City Line (East 200 Street) and from the lake to the Euclid, East Cleveland, South Euclid and Cleveland Heights borders, there are approximately 34,220 residents according to the 2017 Census update. That is twice the size of East Cleveland, almost as large as the City of Euclid and 7,000 residents more than the Glenville neighborhood.

Still, you are proposing to close CHS with its stand-alone gym, Olympic-size swimming pool, a 1,200+ seat auditorium renovated by GE NELA Park, three working elevators, a seven-story iconic Tower, and numerous classrooms and other building features which make it one of the most unique buildings in CMSD’s inventory. I am told that Collinwood and John Hay HS are two of the most iconic buildings left within the system. Besides, CHS is a landmark.

Be mindful too, that CHS is the site for the “Schools as a Neighborhood Resource” initiative, the afterschool and summer program which provides additional recreational and educational opportunities in the St Clair/Euclid Avenues corridor in partnership with Cleveland Neighborhood Institute and the City of Cleveland.

This program also provides lunches and other meals to students and young adults throughout the year. The closure of CHS would end this critical program.

The school occupies an entire city block on one of the major north-south arteries in the city at Five Points. It is across the street from the George V. Voinovich Safety Center (another Collinwood graduate), which houses Fire Engine & Ladder Co. 31 and an EMS Unit, as well as the 5th District Police Headquarters, and diagonally across the street from the Collinwood Branch of the Cleveland Public Library. You couldn't find a better location to place a high school; this is the reason it was situated at this intersection in the first place. For, this is the heart of the Greater Collinwood Community.

What is perfectly clear is that Collinwood HS is an educational hub, and is surrounded by fifteen (15) parochial, charter and public elementary schools which, in essence, are the spokes of this once magnificent educational wheel. Collinwood High School, based on CMSD's own figures, is truly unique; for it has the ability to attract students from outside the immediate neighborhood. If there is any high school on the east side where CMSD has a chance to create a real integrated environment, Collinwood is the place. That is why the high school wasn't closed during the historic Cleveland Schools' Desegregation Plan.

The proposed closure, in my opinion and many others, will affect the preK-8 schools. The number of students being projected to go to Glenville High School, which I support to remain open, will never materialize. These numbers are based on a false premise that somehow students will gyrate down St. Clair Avenue another 2.2 miles. This has been proven false time and time again. This proposed plan would be a windfall for for-profit charter schools and Shaw High School in East Cleveland. For if you are a student and live in the Euclid-Green neighborhood, it would take two buses and one (1) Rapid Stop (Windermere) to get to Glenville High School. In the process they would go right past Shaw High School which, as you know, has open enrollment and is in a relatively new building with better programs. It is clear to me, based on the geography of the neighborhoods, parents and families will talk with their feet and will not gravitate to Glenville High School.

This decision would also affect housing values in the Collinwood /Nottingham Villages and Euclid-Green neighborhoods and would ultimately affect the North Shore Collinwood community, as well. As CEO Gordon heard Monday night at the

Glenville meeting from both Councilman Hairston and myself, as well as community business people, closing CHS would have an adverse effect on the Five Points Business District. The high school is the most prominent and imposing feature in the district which was, in fact, built around the school. One can only imagine what a boarded up and fenced off Collinwood would do to that area. It is unthinkable. We are not about to remove the historic landmark designation of the building.

What was the common denominator repeated by those who attended this meeting? That CMSD decimated Collinwood HS by removing key programs and initiatives. We all saw it firsthand and yet, year after year for almost two decades, through at least three CEO's, we begged as a community for vocational and technical programs to be reinstalled back into Collinwood, which was once the pinnacle of those programs on the east side. We were told, repeatedly, "we are working on it." What happened at Collinwood, did not happen overnight. Many believe it was premeditated and now with the proposed new long-term plan it is a fait accompli, according to many. Yet, vital businesses all over the neighborhood are telling us that they cannot find capable and skilled employees, especially in the manufacturing and high tech fields. This is repeatedly brought out in ***Crain's Cleveland Business***.

I ask of you – take a step back a moment and look at this from another perspective. Ask yourself, "that with fifteen (15) potential feeder schools ringing Collinwood, where are all the students?" Why is there not a larger number of students attending CHS than the 302 students you indicate? I can tell you why; because, as we all know, there is nothing there! The school was stripped of all its programs; Administrators killed the JROTC program, as we now know; and they let the partnership with GE NELA Park implode. Then came other curriculum changes including "New Tech." The sad joke around the neighborhood is that this really means "NO TECH." None of us can figure out what the curriculum is, including the students.

You have to understand that the Greater Collinwood community is not about to give up on a school that symbolizes our residents, our history, our culture, and our community. I want you all to think about this, ***185 Collinwood Alumni, of the 2,606 who served*** including students who quit to join the military, lost their lives during WWII defending this country and this doesn't even take into account those who lost their lives in the Korean and Vietnam wars. I am not aware of any other

high school in the City of Cleveland who paid the ultimate price to protect our democracy, freedom and the right to a quality public education.

I know that as a Board member, you have many difficult decisions to make. In my eleven consecutive terms in public office, I, too, have had to make many difficult decisions. I would put the proposed closure of Collinwood High school as one of the most critical decisions ever facing the northeast side, in general, and our community, in particular. I ask of each of you to think about the students, as well as the community and businesses which would be affected by the closure of this school. As I said to CEO, Eric Gordon, who I have always had a good working relationship with, to please reconsider this decision. Think about how this action will affect the stabilization of the Greater Collinwood community and educational opportunities in the future.

This is your last chance, before it is too late, to recommit to Collinwood High School. Be creative. Recommit to the present and future students the promises made in the past. If we need to partner with outside agencies to re-imagine Collinwood, then so be it. Could portions of CHS be used by non-profits and outside agencies to enhance the opportunities and utilization of this institution? Could rooms be used as incubator space for agencies, businesses or other additional educational opportunities? Could the Greater Collinwood Development Corporation partner with you? Create a real hybrid high school unique to the city.

This could be a win-win situation for all on how to repurpose a magnificent historic landmark high school in the city. I look forward to working with each and every one of you and I am more than willing to attend any meetings, gatherings or even your retreat to discuss this proposed long-term plan. This is beyond politics with me. This is personal; for I was born in Glenville and raised in Collinwood.

I will not give up on Glenville or Collinwood and I ask that you don't give up on us, either.

I ask each of you to rethink your decision. Why are you not waiting until the 2020 Census results are released so that you can really see what neighborhoods are in decline and what neighborhoods have stabilized or are holding their own? If you proceed with this plan as outlined, the northeast side might never recover. This is how critical this decision really is.

I look forward to hearing from each of you. I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Sincerely yours,

Michael D. Polensek

Michael D. Polensek
Councilman, Ward 8

Cc: The Honorable Frank G. Jackson, Mayor, City of Cleveland
The Honorable Marcia Fudge, U.S. Representative, D-11
The Honorable Cheryl Stevens, Cuyahoga County Council Rep., D-10
The Honorable Anthony Hairston, Councilman, Ward 10
The Honorable Kevin Conwell, Councilman, Ward 9
The Honorable Sandra Williams, Ohio State Senator, D-21
The Honorable Terrence Upchurch, Ohio State Representative, D-10
Mr. Eric Gordon, CEO, CMSD
All Members of the CMSD Board of Education

From: Ann Mullin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:38 PM
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Subject: CMSD facilities discussion

Dear Colleagues,

I know you have been very busy out in the community sharing the proposed school facility plan. As a resident, CMSD parent, and colleague with nearly 20 years' experience working on education issues in the city, I wanted to commend you on many aspects of the proposed plan. First, it is evident to me that this recent work builds off years of analysis (from at least 2008–09, if not earlier) as to how to best handle a declining school population. This suggests to me that the Board and staff are thinking about these difficult issues very carefully and thoughtfully. Second, and this is particularly directed at the high school consolidation plan, the district has tried to make some of these very small schools work, but the cost to students—deteriorating facilities, half-empty unlively buildings, lack of extensive course offerings, limited extracurriculars—is too much. Our students deserve more, and the consolidation plan should allow the kinds of investments we all want for students. Third, while I can appreciate nostalgia, and indeed feel sadness when I think about a break from my own grade school, our community memories cannot continue at the expense of our present children. Those who may worry that our children cannot cross neighborhood boundaries underestimate our young people. My personal experience is that our students work hard to make friends and build relationships across neighborhoods.

I know these are not easy choices, but I think they are well reasoned and defensible. I also think they put our children on the best path forward.

I do hope the Board of Education considers extending the bond through a no-cost extension so we can rebuild/renovate the remaining buildings not yet funded.

Best regards,

Ann Mullin

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From: A'alaiyna Burnett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: New tech west

Hi my name is A'alaiyna Burnett and I'm here to explain why New Tech West is a great school. I believe that new tech west is a great school because we have a caring environment for staff and students so that everyone is feeling loved at all times. Coming to New Tech was a great change in my life because I was transitioning from middle school to high school. This had a great impact on me and for me to enter a building with so much good energy made me feel confident around everyone. There are also friends and family that I know that were actually looking forward to coming to New Tech and now that they found out they are greatly saddened because they wanted to become a part of something bigger than themselves. They are a little stressed because they actually now have to attend a large highschool instead of a small school and be here and experience the things I come home talking about because when I speak upon new tech it's always a good thing. All of the teachers care for every student. We can talk about any problems that we have with anyone or something that's going on beyond school. We can actually depend on our teachers which sometimes is rare. We can also talk to our principal most of all the time. The principal is the best person I have ever met. She makes everyone feel welcome even the students that are transferring from other high schools. So please reconsider closing our school because it would be a disservice to the school community.

From: Yulitza Perez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Save New Tech West!

Mr. Gordon,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to us the students at New Tech West last night. The problem I have with this situation is that most of the time, which is something you may not think about, is that the more people you put in one place the more violent that situations could become. For example, in a large school there could be a fight on one of the side of the school building and another fight on the other side of the school building and how is the security going to be there without something bad happening?

How are you going to be sure that there is no chaos? In bigger schools, students that need extra attention might not get the help they need to be successful. At New Tech West we have really good test scores, all students receive tutoring, one on one assistance is provided, and ELL services. In my schools, there are not barely any fights, my principal knows every student and staff and has good communication and a professional relationship with every one of us. I could truly say that we have a good environment and a family at New Tech West. This good environment at New Tech West High School that we have should not be destroyed or phased out because if you do you will destroy our beautiful school environment.

I am most worried about how violent things could get when you merge or combine schools.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,
Yulitza Perez

From: Antonio Pacheco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:33 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Save our schools

Dear, Mr. Gordon,

I am Antonio Pacheco, and I go to New Tech West. Although I may agree with you on a few things, but everything else, not so much. I haven't spoken or asked a question, but my mother and grandmother asked and spoke on a few things. I would've asked or said something about the whole school situation, but I wasn't sure how to word or ask it. I would've asked why they would try to phase out our school, but I already knew what the circumstances were, and why you would phasing it out. I don't really agree on what some of the things you were saying. Most of the things you were talking about concerned money, or new buildings. I feel like you guys think building new schools will make parents feel like there's a "new", "safer" building. There are old schools that are in perfect shape or require a little work so to speak but they can be utilized

Thank you for your time, and please consider saving our school.

Sincerely,
Antonio

From: Trevion Bates <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Save Our School

Hello my name is Trevion Bates last night i came out to talk about New Tech West High School. New Tech is a great school because of all staff. The staff makes sure we get the help we need and they make sure we get the education we deserve. All the students get along. We all feel loved in our school. I feel comfortable when I'm at this school and safe. All the teachers help me when I don't understand something. My favorite principal is the most, most, great principal you would want to have. You can tell Principal Leonard anything and she will listen to what you have to say. When you are feeling down, she is the person to talk to so please just help New Tech West stay open.

thank you.

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MESSAGE ALSO ATTACHED

I want to express my opposition to the closing of Design Lab Early College. At the close of school, students who have better academic performance in small groups will be taken away from the opportunity. This school provides better attention to students with IEP and 504 as they are small groups understand more school subjects and their academic performance improves significantly. The staff of this school has a passion for dedication and strives for each student to succeed. My son before going to school did not want to go to the University to make a career and thanks to the teachers of this school my son now wants to go to the University and not only that his academic performance has greatly improved and at this moment he feels frustrated by the school closes. With the closure of this school, they not only harm them and it causes a negative impact on students who need a school, such as where they stand out most in small groups and not in large ones, but also the school staff since they have done their careers here and their lives and in each student leave positive traces of perseverance and that if you can go far with dedication and efforts regardless of the limitations that have to be crossed. Also by this measure I want to extend an invitation to Mr. Eric Gordon and Mr. Erik Frew to meet with the parents, students and employees of the Design Lab Early College School and not get married "Omiso" to this message. Give us the opportunity to express ourselves by coming to a meeting at the school.

From: Rosario Soler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: No al cierre de la escuela Design lab Early College.

Quiero expresar mi oposición al cierre de la escuela Design lab Early College. Al cierre de la escuela le quitarán la oportunidad a estudiantes que tengan mejor rendición académicas en grupos pequeños. Esta escuela se brinda mejor atención a estudiantes con IEP y 504 al ser de grupos pequeños entienden más las materias escolares y su rendimiento académico mejora notablemente. El personal de esta escuela tiene la pasión dedicación y se esfuerza para que cada estudiante tenga éxito. Mi hijo antes de entrar a la escuela no quería ir a la Universidad hacer una carrera y gracias a los maestros de esta escuela mi hijo ahora quiere ir a la Universidad y no tan sólo eso su rendimiento académico mejoró muchísimo y en estos momentos se siente frustrado por el cierre de la escuela. Con el cierre de esta escuela no tan sólo le hacen daño y provoca un impacto negativo a los estudiantes que necesitan escuela como está donde se destacan más en grupos pequeños y no en grandes, también al personal de la escuela ya que aquí han hecho sus carreras y sus vidas y en cada estudiante dejan huellas positivas de perseverancia y de que sí se puede llegar lejos con dedicación y esfuerzos sin importar las limitaciones que se tengan que atravesar. También por este medio quiero extenderle una invitación al Sr. Eric Gordon y al Sr. Erik Frew para que se reúna con los padres, estudiantes y empleados de la Escuela Design lab Early College y que no le pongan caso "Omito" a este mensaje. Denos la oportunidad de poder expresar viniendo a una reunión en la escuela.

From: Paul Luster [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:54 PM
To: Evans, Krista <Krista.Evans@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Fwd: PROPOSED COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING

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From: Paul Luster < [REDACTED] >
Date: Tue, Oct 29, 2019 at 10:46 PM
Subject: Fwd: PROPOSED COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING
To: krista.evans@clevelandmetroschools.org <krista.evans@clevelandmetroschools.org>
CC: Milo < [REDACTED] >

I also am opposed to the proposed closing of Collinwood High School. Paul Luster CH S 1955

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From: Milo < [REDACTED] >
Date: Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 3:52 PM
Subject: PROPOSED COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING
To: < [REDACTED] >

Dear Krista:

Based on all of the positive reasons previously stated for not closing down Collinwood High School and many other valid reasons to numerous to mention,
I AM OPPOSED TO CLOSING COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. Please pass on my
opposition
comments to those who are in power to make a final decision. Thank you.

Milo C. Rice
CHS Graduate(June/1955)
CHS Alumni Assoc.(Lifetime Member)
Consulting Mechanical Engineer
Professor of Mechanical/Civil Engineering
California State University-Fullerton
Fullerton,California
[REDACTED]

From: Jake Alexander <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 10:39 PM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Burtzlaff, Kevin <Kevin.Burtzlaff@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Bingham, Anne <Anne.Bingham@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Heard, Robert <Robert.Heard@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Dempsey, Louise <Louise.Dempsey@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Elaquad, Sara <Sara.Elaquad@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Fryer, Jasmine <Jasmine.Fryer@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Link, Denise W. (Board Member) <Denise.W.Link@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Thomas, Lisa <Lisa.Thomas@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Kathleen.valdez [REDACTED]

Subject: SAVE NEW TECH WEST

Dear all,

My name is Jacob Alexander and I am a member of the New Tech West class of 2019, and for four years I proudly called the school home. While I was attending the school, I never once felt left out, alone, or like I didn't belong. We weren't just a "class", student body", or "classmates", we were a family, from the students to the staff we were a family. We learned as a family, no one student was ahead or behind, if one of those family members needed help, the entire family would stop and help. The staff was always there no matter what time of day, if you needed help they helped. They were always supportive, if you were unsure of yourself, or your ability to complete a certain task, they were always there to back you up, from the teachers to the principal/vice principal they were always there. and made sure you knew that they believed in you. The staff of New Tech West is one of the main reasons that I am where I am today. I am now a proud employee of Mercedes Benz, and I would not have had the courage or mindset to even attempt to work for this amazing company. But the staff pushed me, and encouraged me to strive and pursue the things I truly wanted to do and was passionate about. And that's why the school is so important to me, because I am living out my dream with my current job, and I have established relationships that I know I will have with me for life. New Tech West is more than a school, it's a secondary home, it was for me, and it is for all of its students, and staff.

Sincerely,
Jacob Alexander, New Tech West class of 2019

From: Isaiah Harris <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:16 PM

To: Elaqad, Sara <Sara.Elaqad@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Burtzlaff, Kevin <Kevin.Burtzlaff@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Bingham, Anne <Anne.Bingham@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Heard, Robert <Robert.Heard@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Dempsey, Louise <Louise.Dempsey@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Fryer, Jasmine <Jasmine.Fryer@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Link, Denise W. (Board Member) <Denise.W.Link@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Thomas, Lisa <Lisa.Thomas@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>

Subject:

Dear cmsd school board members here is my voice for the school you about to shut down
The culture at my school is warm and friendly, we have excellent teachers and there's diversity here. I feel supported and also feel that my voice is always heard here by both my peers and staff. I also feel that everybody knows me by name as well as feel very safe when I walk in through the doors because there are almost no fights and gang activities nor smoking. Our teachers are excellent teachers and the project base learning and collaboration model that we use here is beyond explanation. So why is the school board going to phase our program out. Thank you reading and I hope that you would do what is needed to save our school

Isaiah Harris

10th Grade

New Tech West High School

11801 Worthington Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44111

From: Eric Ortiz <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:18 PM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Burtzlaff, Kevin <Kevin.Burtzlaff@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Bingham, Anne <Anne.Bingham@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Heard, Robert <Robert.Heard@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Dempsey, Louise <Louise.Dempsey@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Elaquad, Sara <Sara.Elaquad@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Fryer, Jasmine <Jasmine.Fryer@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Link, Denise W. (Board Member) <Denise.W.Link@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Thomas, Lisa <Lisa.Thomas@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>

Subject:

Dear CMSD school board members my name is Eric Ortiz i am a student at New Tech West High School located on 11801 worthington avenue last friday i received the news that our school was going to shut down after 2023 i think our school should not be shut down because the culture of our school is very warm, friendly, excellent teachers and diversity. our lessons are project based and fun because we always work as groups. it is also a safe environment with no fights or gang activity on school property. overall i think our school is a very high achieving school and we can continue to be a good functioning school for a long time .

From: Reese Wallace <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:27 PM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Burtzlaff, Kevin <Kevin.Burtzlaff@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Bingham, Anne <Anne.Bingham@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Heard, Robert <Robert.Heard@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Dempsey, Louise <Louise.Dempsey@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Elaquad, Sara <Sara.Elaquad@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Fryer, Jasmine <Jasmine.Fryer@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Link, Denise W. (Board Member) <Denise.W.Link@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Thomas, Lisa <Lisa.Thomas@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>

Subject:

I love this school because I have some great teachers and I also love the collaboration learning style/project base that we use in our daily and weekly lessons. We have a diverse student population and I feel very safe coming in here every morning. Overall I feel very supported because of the encouraging words from the principal and vice principal and other staff that work here, including the security officers. Please do not close our school down.

Thank you,

Reese Wallace
9th Grade
New Tech West High School
11801 Worthington Ave
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

From: Tom Jenks [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 10:49 AM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Fwd: Collinwood

Eric,

I want to share with you my thoughts, which I have sent to Councilman Polensek, see below.

Thomas Jenks
Major, (USA Retired)
Collinwood JROTC Instructor (retired)

----- Original Message -----

From: Tom Jenks [REDACTED]
To: mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org
Date: October 23, 2019 at 10:32 AM
Subject: Collinwood
Councilman Michael Polensek, Cleveland

Mike

To a limited degree I share your sadness of the Collinwood High School closing.

I look at it as more of a case of self destruction. By that I mean the school administration changed from student focused (read Bill Martin) to data driven (read Maria Carlson). I learned quickly when I started with the JROTC program in 1995, that you had to earn some "buy-in" with the students/cadets. When I left Collinwood in 2014 the administration had very little "buy-in" with the students. In the fall of 2013 I stated to an in-school consultant that the principal was more like a benevolent dictator; his response was "where did I see the benevolence".

The school board and CEO must realize that it is neither cost effective nor prudent to keep Collinwood open with 305 students. I recall that in the fall of 1999 we had 666 9th graders, granted 376 of them were repeaters or as some referred to them "professional 9th graders".

I always explained to the JROTC cadets that the program was the principal's program, SGM Beasley and I just ran it for him/her. I was saddened when in the spring of 2016 by the principal's discretion the Army JROTC program was disbanded. It was one of the few programs that had recorded/documented STUDENT successes.

I also want to recommend to you to see the current play "Pipeline" at the Cleveland Playhouse. My wife and I attended the performance last evening. Key to the theme was a Black student, in trouble, being raised by a single mother (a public school teacher). I couldn't help thinking of your comments, from your keynote speech at one

of our JROTC Military Balls, when you stated that our prisons are full of young black men who had no one to honor.

As to your comment that the students will not get along, I can't imagine much more disruptive behavior from that than the several in house (punk-ass) gangs, that exists in Collinwood; i.e. Kelso boys, 156th St boys and others.

And Yes, I do keep in touch with SGM Willie Beasley. He recently turned 75 and is in better health today than when he left Collinwood in 2006, less stress in Stone Mountain.

Respectfully,

Tom
Thomas Jenks
Major, (USA Retired)
Collinwood JROTC Instructor (Retired)

From: James, Tiffiany <Tiffiany.James@clevelandmetroschools.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 1:55 PM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>

Subject: Washington Park

Good afternoon, Mr. Gordon.

Some of my 11th graders scheduled to meet with me this morning, where they expressed their concerns regarding the relocation and closing of Washington Park. In a very mature way, they raised a number of questions that they wanted me to share with you.

1. How do they have their voices heard?
2. Would it be possible to have a public meeting closer to this area so that their parents could attend, especially those who do not have transportation.
3. How will the animal science program be sustained if the animals remain at Washington Park?
4. They are concerned with the time it will take for them to get to school at E. Tech via the RTA.

They are also voiced their desire to have a 'Power Rally' (peaceful pep rally) to bring attention to their concerns, at which they are requesting for you to attend.

I appreciate your time, as I promised them that I would bring their message to you.

Have a good day.

Educationally Yours,

Tiffiany James

Educator: Principal

Washington Park High School

3875 Washington Park Blvd.

Cleveland, Ohio 44105

216-333-9400 (Cell)

216 - 838-9204 (Office)

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Tiffiany.James@clevelandmetroschools.org

"To Educate a child is to turn WALLS into DOORS"

From: Mary Louise Daley <mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org>
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Houser, Michael
Subject: Emailing: GCDC letter to CEO

Mary Louise Jesek Daley
Executive Assistant
Office of Councilman Michael D. Polensek
Ward 8 (Collinwood)
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October 25, 2019

Mr. Eric Gordon
CEO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
1111 Superior Ave E, Suite 1800
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear CEO Gordon,

The Greater Collinwood Development Corporation (GCDC) is writing to express our vehement opposition to the proposed closure of Collinwood High School.

While our immediate thoughts go to Collinwood High School's students and their families, the reach of this decision would extend far beyond the school grounds. In fact, this closure would shake the Collinwood community to its core.

This landmark is the cornerstone of the Five Pointes Business District. Housing values in the Nottingham and Collinwood Villages area as well as Euclid-Green neighborhood of both Ward 8 and Ward 10 would also be negatively impacted, and population would likely decline. A "trickle-down effect" on the elementary schools is likely, as well, since they are feeder schools to the high school.

We believe, all of this would lead to additional closures and cause increasing disinvestment in the Greater Collinwood community. All the economic and community development we have worked so hard on over the years, would be affected for years to come.

Finally, sending those students who live in these neighborhoods to Glenville via public transit is impractical, and potentially unsafe. We view the school district as a trusted partner in the community. As such, we implore you to listen to the community's opposition and find a solution we can all agree upon.

We look forward to a lively dialogue on October 28th.

Sincerely,

Kimberly D. Sanders

Kimberly Sanders
Interim Board President

From: Jana Abed <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 1:57 PM

To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Burtzlaff, Kevin <Kevin.Burtzlaff@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Bingham, Anne <Anne.Bingham@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Heard, Robert <Robert.Heard@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Dempsey, Louise <Louise.Dempsey@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Elaquad, Sara <Sara.Elaquad@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Fryer, Jasmine <Jasmine.Fryer@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Link, Denise W. (Board Member) <Denise.W.Link@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Thomas, Lisa <Lisa.Thomas@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>

Subject: New Teh West

Dear board of education,

I think it's totally unfair that they are having New Tech West shut down. The reason why I think it is unfair is because there are some bad high schools some for example are ones that don't teach or challenge there scholars but on the other hand New Tech West challenges there students. I know so many students that want to apply and want to get accepted to this high school. I hope it does not get shut down. The principal is very nice and the teachers are very supportive with their help and encouragment.

Sincerely,
Jana Abed

From: Salviano Diamond <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2019 2:48 PM
To: Gordon, Eric <Eric.Gordon@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Burtzlaff, Kevin <Kevin.Burtzlaff@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Bingham, Anne <Anne.Bingham@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Heard, Robert <Robert.Heard@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Dempsey, Louise <Louise.Dempsey@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Elaquad, Sara <Sara.Elaquad@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Fryer, Jasmine <Jasmine.Fryer@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Link, Denise W. (Board Member) <Denise.W.Link@clevelandmetroschools.org>; Thomas, Lisa <Lisa.Thomas@ClevelandMetroSchools.org>; Kathleen.valdez@gmail.com
Subject: Reconsider Closing New Tech West

Hello CMSD board members:

My name is Salviano Diamond, and I am writing due to the intentions of phasing New Tech West out of CMSD. More specifically, as an alumni I wish to provide insight as to what this school has provided to those around me as well as my own experiences.

The community of New Tech West is what stood out to me the most. I always had someone to talk to, whether the topic was about the Cavaliers or the Browns, or more serious matters such as schoolwork or personal conflict.

The faculty were incredibly supportive, and I feel the adaptive support network got many of my fellow peers through high school. Students who were on the verge of not passing were prepared accordingly and effectively. I'm honestly amazed at how quickly select peers flipped their situations in the last years.

Overall, the teachers showed their concern for us and our well being. During senior year, it wasn't uncommon to be pulled from class to check on how we were doing in terms of graduation requirements. There are many, many more examples I can cite, but for length purposes I will conclude.

I enjoyed my time at New Tech West too much to discredit it by saying nothing. I'm not sure on what grounds New Tech West is being chosen, nor am I familiar with the decision making process. I only ask that this functioning group of faculty members is given the credit it deserves and the decision to close is reconsidered. They went above and beyond for my graduating class, and from what I have seen in classes before mine our treatment wasn't a unique circumstance.


Thank you for your time,

Salviano Diamond

P.S. Apologies if two emails are sent, I accidentally sent one without a proper closing.

From: Georgene Iacobucci [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2019 12:29 AM
To: Evans, Krista <Krista.Evans@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Collinwood

It is with much sadness to see the closing of this beautiful, historic building.
Georgene Iacobucci

From: Milo [mailto:
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Evans, Krista <Krista.Evans@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: PROPOSED COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING

Dear Krista:

Based on all of the positive reasons previously stated for not closing down Collinwood High School and many other valid reasons to numerous to mention, I AM OPPOSED TO CLOSING COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. Please pass on my opposition comments to those who are in power to make a final decision. Thank you.

Milo C. Rice
CHS Graduate(June/1955)
CHS Alumni Assoc.(Lifetime Member)
Consulting Mechanical Engineer
Professor of Mechanical/Civil Engineering California State University-Fullerton
Fullerton,California


From: Frank Koss [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Evans, Krista <Krista.Evans@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Collinwood Alum

Collinwood was a wonderful experience for me and we did not have our own football field or our own swimming pool. It is terrible that a few years ago money was spent to build a swimming pool and a football field. What is going to happen to those two facilities in the future?

Frank Koss

From: Rose Calogero [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 8:42 AM
To: Evans, Krista <Krista.Evans@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: Collinwood

Dear Krista

As a Collinwood alumni just celebrating 50 years I feel compelled to write. No matter if it is 50 years or one year from graduation, ones high school remains forever in the heart. It was so wonderful to tour the school this past August bringing back so many memories. Classes with reunions coming up would not have that precious moment in time if the school closes. Moving to the west side after marriage I would have a chance to pass Collinwood on the way to visit my parents. It was a beautiful sight to see the towering building of Collinwood. I have a Collinwood hat that I so proudly wear even living in Lorain county. Whenever I wear it, even this far from the school, someone will always come up to me with stories about Collinwood or the surrounding area. Please do your best to keep this historical school open. It has a great past. Sometimes great, sometimes not so great. But one thing does remain, great appreciation for once was most of our whole life, in my day from 13 to 18. It would be as if we lost a good friend.

Rose Calogero

From: Sandy Marra [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Evans, Krista <Krista.Evans@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Cc: Michael F. Cavotta <mfcavotta@gmail.com>
Subject: Fw: COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Subject: COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

DEAR MS.EVANS,

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS TO HEAR THE POSSIBLE CLOSING OF COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. I AM A MEMBER OF THE COLLINWOOD ALUMNI ASSOC. GRADUATING WITH THE JUNE 1957 CLASS.

I'VE HAD MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ATTEND AND GRADUATE FROM COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING GREAT MEMORIES. WE'VE HAD MANY GRADUATES BECOME VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH THE OUTSTANDING EDUCATION THEY RECEIVED. I WAS HOPING IT WOULD CONTINUE IN GENERATIONS TO COME.

COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK SERVING THE GREATER COLLINWOOD COMMUNITY NOT ONLY AS THE ONLY CO-ED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL BUT AS AN EDUCATIONAL HUB FOR EVENING CLASSES. IT WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY BY CLOSING THE SCHOOL.

I AM HOPING THERE WILL BE RE-CONSIDERATION IN KEEPING THE SCHOOL OPEN.

I AM SORRY I CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 28, BUT I AM VOICING MY OPINION IN THIS E-MAIL.

SINCERELY,
SUNTINE (SANDY) MARRA
GRADUATE OF COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

From: Michael D. Polensek <mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 7:56 AM
To: Houser, Michael <Michael.Houser@clevelandmetroschools.org>
Subject: FW: Collinwood closing

Michael

Receiving letters such as the attached.

*Michael D. Polensek
Councilman, Ward 8
(216) 664-4236*

From: Mary Bradac <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 8:58 PM
To: Michael D. Polensek <mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org>
Subject: Collinwood closing

Councilman Polensek:

I just read the article from Cleveland.com Cleveland school closings, renovations, new building and a change of 2014 plans for other schools. I think this plan will encourage anyone who has children and cannot afford to send them to a private school to leave Cleveland and get into another school district. Also, I strongly object to the school board having their meetings at the Lodge of Geneva on the Lake. What an expense that will be especially if it is overnight. They can meet in one of the centrally located schools for their discussions thereby saving money to be invested in to the school. I found it appalling and laughable at the same time that is where they are planning on meeting if involves reimbursement. I think the taxpayers should know the total cost if they receive reimbursement for mileage, for rooms if overnight, meals or snacks provided (snacks such pastries, fruit etc as well as tea, coffee, other beverages,) provided under the cost of using the conference center.

And why the Lodge of Geneva on the Lake. They can certainly meet to have conferences in Cleveland at one of the centrally located schools they plan to keep open. Good enough for the students and good enough for the school board.

However, if this meeting held at the Lodge of Geneva on the Lake is totally paid for by each individual attending, then I apologize. But I still think the plan will encourage families to move out of Cleveland if they can afford to do so.

I realize I should probably be sending this to the school board. If you can provide me with an email address, I will do so.

Mary Bradac
[REDACTED]