



Happy Valley Elementary School Design Feedback Summary

The Happy Valley Educational Specifications/Design Advisory Committee held a project update and community/parent feedback meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Happy Valley Cafeteria. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting. Community members and families were given the opportunity to submit written comments to the Department of Communications and Community Relations by noon on Monday, Sept. 22. An email was also sent to Happy Valley families on Friday, Sept. 19 with project information and a link to an online survey that replicated the community feedback form. A total of 81 people took the survey.

Respondents:

49 Parents/guardians

30 Neighbors/community members

11 Staff members

(Note some respondents identified as more than one category.)

Site Plan Options:

45 respondents selected the **current preferred** site plan (30 parents/guardians, 5 neighbor/community members, 10 staff members)

This site plan separates auto traffic (off of 24th Street) and bus traffic (off of 27th Street).

16 respondents selected the **first alternative** site plan (10 parents/guardians, 6 neighbor/community members)

This site plan keeps auto and bus traffic on 24th Street.

14 respondents selected the **second alternative** site plan (6 parents/guardians, 8 neighbor/community members)

This site plan keeps auto and bus traffic separate by building a driveway/road along the northern property line.

(Note: If respondents selected both parent/guardian and another category as their description, parent/guardian was selected for this count).

Themes:

- Concerns about added bus and auto traffic to 27th Street and Mill Avenue
- Concerns about lack of sidewalks for student safety

- Like the new design including the outdoor learning spaces, energy efficiency and shared learning spaces
- Like solutions for bus/auto drop-off and pick-up to reduce congestion and improve student safety
- Like current floor plans, including organization of interior spaces and natural light

Representative comments:

“Love the shared spaces, openness of the floor plan, natural light and outdoor learning spaces.”

“The design looks wonderful, the parking and drop-off for traffic flow looks much improved! The green and play spaces appear well considered.”

“Keeping ingress/egress on 24th Street. Safety on streets for all which can be achieved off of 24th. Preserving safety to Mill and 27th/Durbin.”

“I think it’s important to have a large field area which is why I think buses should be routed to 27th, giving a full field size and separating the car and bus pick up”.

“I really like keeping traffic separate.”

“Improves safety at the school site, but increases risk for students/parents who need to walk on 27th and Mill Ave, no shoulders or sidewalks on either side of the street.”