Carpenter Expansion FAQs

K-8 Experience

1. What time will school start and end when 6th grade is offered for the 2019-2020?
   a. This has yet to be determined and will be a part of the Carpenter Advisory Committee work as they shape a recommendation for the expansion. In the case of our current AAPS K-8 schools, they operate on a middle school aligned schedule.

2. Will elementary students be separated from middle school students within the school in some way?
   a. Typically, middle school classrooms are in a designated area/ wing.

3. Will Carpenter be a K-8 with traditional programming or will it have a focus like STEAM and IB?
   a. The expansion plans will support the values of the Carpenter community and we will explore options that will complement our already strong Carpenter experience.

Middle School Experience

1. Will middle school students have a learning experience designed for supporting adolescents?
   a. Yes. Research supports the academic and social emotional benefits of adolescent students learning in K-8 environments where relationships are well established and long-term connections with teachers, students and friends. Also important are ensuring that leadership and pro-social skills are supported in an authentic and appropriate way for middle school aged children.

2. Will students have a choice between Carpenter Middle school and Scarlett Middle School?
   a. Yes. Students will be able to choose to attend either Carpenter or Scarlett Middle School. Transportation will be provided to either choice.

3. Will there be similar clubs and activities as the comprehensive middle schools?
   a. Yes. Clubs and activities will be in place to serve the needs and desires of our student body.

4. Will students be able to play AAPS athletics?
   a. Yes. Just like other AAPS K-8 schools, Carpenter will have its own team when there is enough interest to support it. If not, students may join the team at the boundary middle school.
5. **Where will Carpenter middle school students go to high school?**
   a. If middle school students elect to remain at Carpenter for the K-8 experience, they will matriculate to Huron as the boundary map denotes. The district always offers the option to apply for In-District transfer to other high schools, or middle schools if so desired.

6. **Will all fundamental academics be offered to middle schoolers at Carpenter?**
   a. Yes. The program will be fundamentally rich in all of the core areas and will provide opportunities for students to meet all expectations of State Standards.

7. **Will world languages, band and orchestra be part of the middle school experience?**
   a. Yes.

8. **Are there going to be lockers?**
   a. This has yet to be determined and will be a part of the Carpenter Advisory Committee work as they shape a recommendation for the expansion.

9. **Will the six graders and future classes have one teacher or multiple?**
   a. As in our current AAPS K-8 schools, teachers at the middle level are certified by content area and students move to classes taught by multiple teachers.

**Facility Enhancements**

1. **Will traffic issues and parking be addressed in the facility enhancement process?**
   a. Yes. This enhancement process allows us to address long-standing traffic and parking issues.

2. **Will there be a traffic study?**
   a. Yes. A traffic study will take place in the coming school year.

3. **What are the plans for the facility enhancements?**
   a. As we work through the planning process with the Carpenter community and the Carpenter Expansion Advisory Committee, the needs and desires for the K-8 facility will guide the facility planning both short and long term.

4. **Will the lunch room and gym be expanded?**
   a. These areas will need to be addressed to serve a growing population.

5. **Will there be any additional lighting added around the school and additional safety measures in place considering the older kids will want to walk home from school?**
   a. These are important safety issues that will be addressed in the Carpenter Advisory Committee and with district facilities personnel to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

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