



Bailey APAC Middle

Jackson Public Schools' Plan to Temporarily
Close Bailey APAC Middle for Renovations &
to Relocate Programming

March 25, 2021



Since Our Last Meeting...

During the week of March 8th, the JPS Administration met with staff members and families at Bailey APAC to discuss our plan to:

1. Temporarily close the historic Bailey building;
2. Make substantial renovations to improve building safety and restore the learning environment;
3. Relocate Bailey APAC programming to Chastain or Northwest Middle School for 2021-2022.

Bailey APAC Middle School Restoration

- **Current Bond Funding (\$830,000):** Covers restrooms, lighting, doors, auditorium and gymnasium floors and some structural and interior wall repair.
- **Initial Proposed Structural Supplement (\$1,800,000):** Includes embedding helical piers, repair foundation and structural beams, regrading and drainage, repair cracks and separations from main building, repair/restore classrooms – NO LIFT
 - Also included repair of cracks in auditorium vestibule
 - DID NOT INCLUDE structural issues and bowing walls in auditorium, water intrusion in lower-level classrooms, strain cracks/fractures in rooms nearest failing section.
- **Proposed Federal Funding Supplement (Estimated \$6-8 Million):** Includes Full Building Structural and Engineering Assessment and implementing necessary repairs to fully renovate the facility.



What Staff & Families Liked About Proposal:

- ☐ Renovation of Bailey building to address safety concerns for scholars and staff;
- ☐ Forum to offer feedback and be involved in process (i.e. input on school relocation)
- ☐ Appreciative that Bailey relocation is temporary;
- ☐ APAC middle school program will continue.

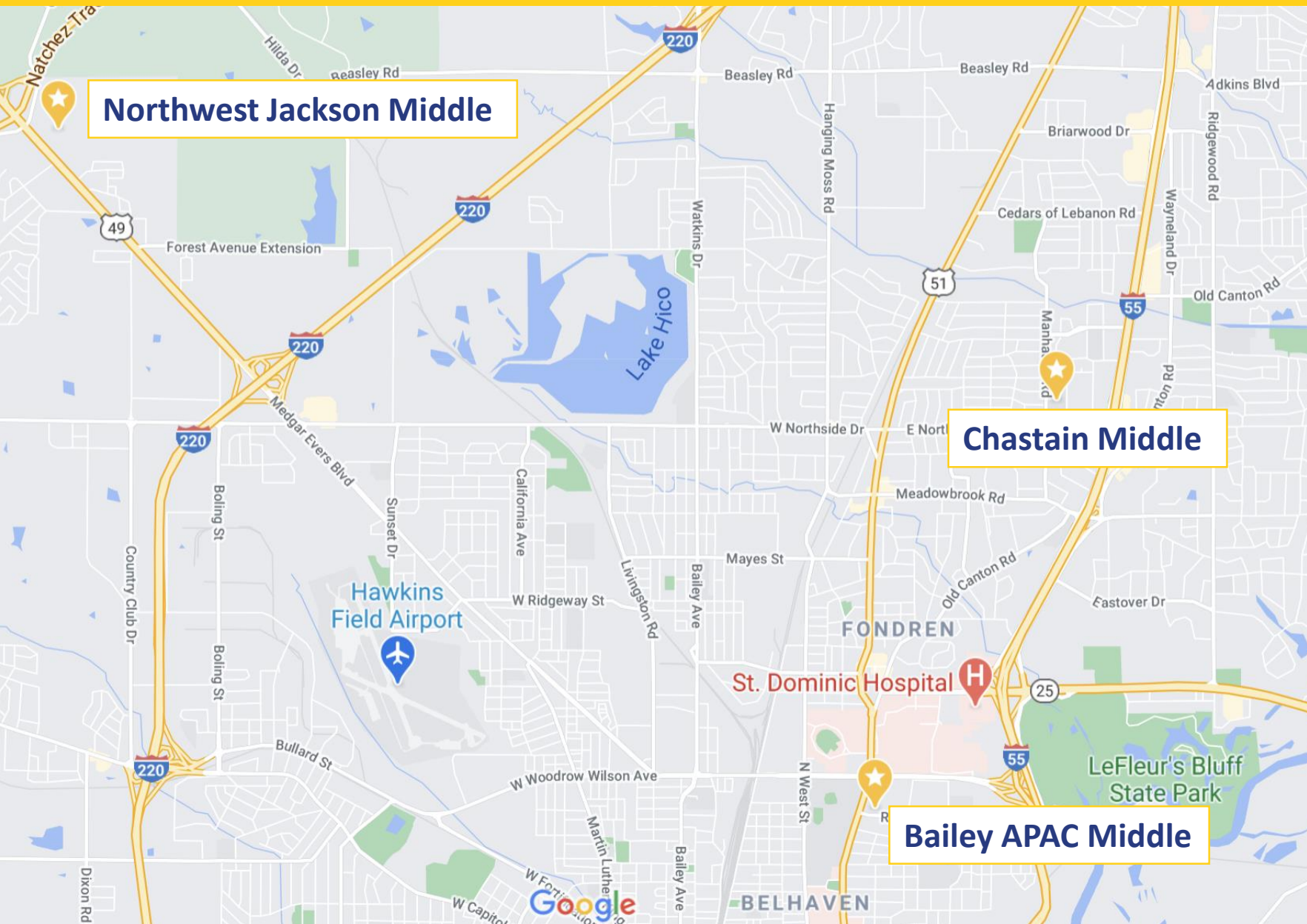


What Staff & Families Wished/ Wondered About Proposal:

- ☐ Expressed a desire to be involved earlier in process and proactive communication moving forward;
- ☐ *Is it possible to relocate Bailey program to a shuttered school? Third option for relocation?*
- ☐ *What is the plan/schedule for arts programming? Transportation? Staffing?*
- ☐ *What is the timeline for construction/ renovation / return to Bailey?*



Two Options for Co-Location



Bus Travel for Visual & Performing Arts Programming:

Chastain Middle School
4650 Manhattan Road

Chastain to Wells APAC:
3.6 miles (8 minutes)

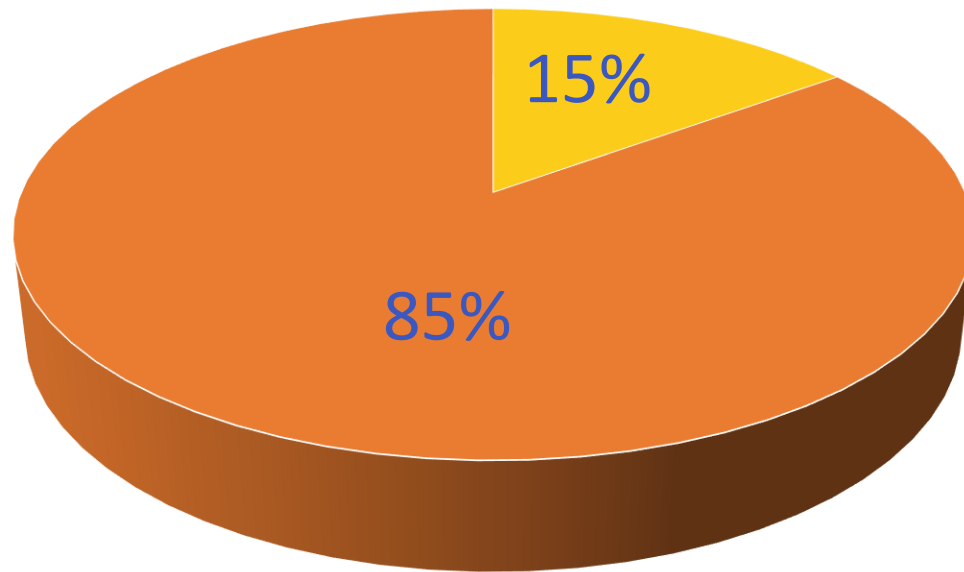
Northwest Jackson Middle School
7020 US 49-N

Northwest to Wells APAC:
7.2 miles (17 minutes)



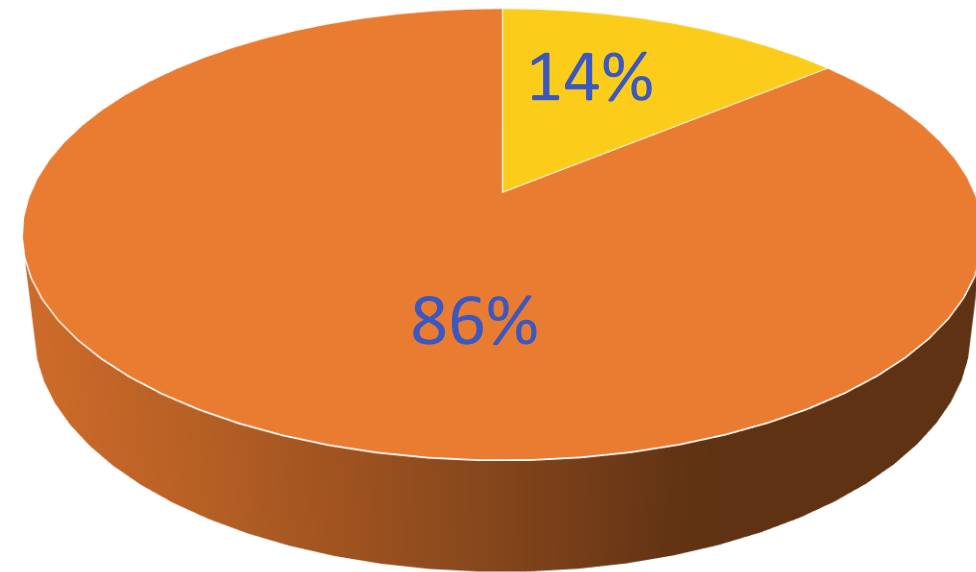
Preferred School Relocation

Parent School Selection (n = 160)



■ Chastain ■ Northwest

Staff School Selection (n = 22)



■ Chastain ■ Northwest



What Is Being Proposed...

Arts Program

- Maintain Wells APAC as a performing and visual arts center for the district.

Core Academic Program

- Shift scholars from Bailey APAC Building to Northwest Middle School.

Arts & Gifted Instruction

- Provide arts and gifted instruction weekly at Wells APAC commensurate with current program.

Renovate Bailey Building

- Make significant structural repairs and improvements to historic Bailey APAC building.

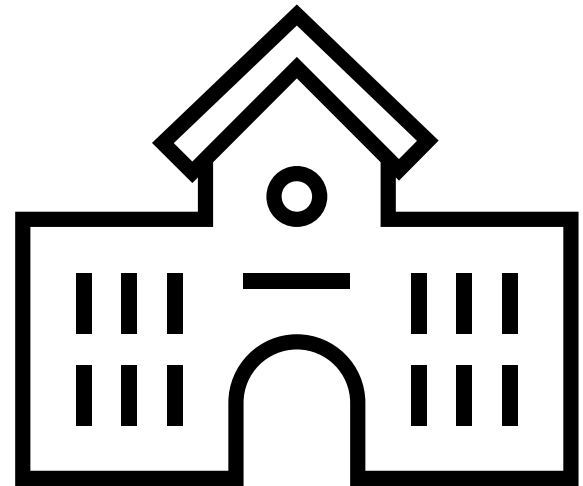


Benefits of the Proposed Changes...

Temporary relocation of the scholars from structurally challenged Bailey building to a safe learning environment;

Opportunity to grow APAC enrollment from all areas of the city of Jackson (due to increased capacity at receiving school);

Restoration of historic Bailey building (bringing 6 additional classrooms online & beautification of the auditorium).

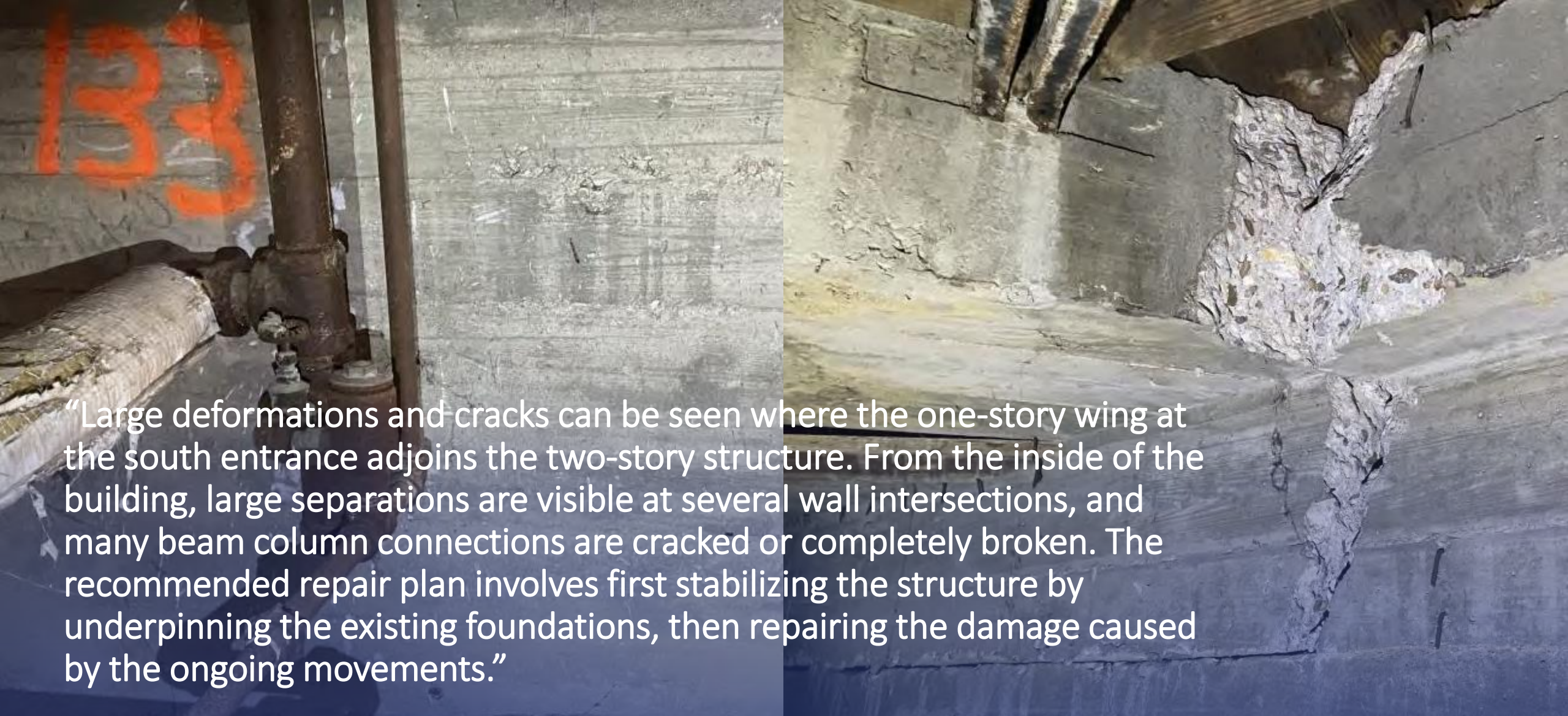




Bailey APAC Structural Concerns



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“Large deformations and cracks can be seen where the one-story wing at the south entrance adjoins the two-story structure. From the inside of the building, large separations are visible at several wall intersections, and many beam column connections are cracked or completely broken. The recommended repair plan involves first stabilizing the structure by underpinning the existing foundations, then repairing the damage caused by the ongoing movements.”

Bailey APAC Structural Survey, Smithers Engineers & Consultants LLC

What to Expect For...

Transportation	Transportation will continue to be provided for students; new routes are under development.
Special Education	Students will continue to be provided special education supports according to their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).
English Learners	English Learners will receive supports through the general education program.



What's Planned For Spring?

Registration

- March begins pre-registration season for Fall 2021.
- Re-open application for APAC.

Open House

- April 2021 event at selected middle school site.

Spring-Summer Activities

- The JPS team will plan activities to introduce & integrate school communities.



How Will Staff Be Affected at Optimized Schools?

The Human Resources team will consult with any staff members impacted by these changes.

Certified educators are given first-priority to roles in the newly APAC designated school. Additionally, they are eligible for a request to transfer to any placement where they are certified and there is a vacancy.

28 of 32 Bailey certified educators have returned their contracts to return to the district.





Questions and Answers