

Committee Considerations

- The solution that is ultimately agreed upon is the best *educational* solution for all students in Region 14
- A *permanent* solution be explored and achieved. Anything less just puts off the problem, not solve it.
- Serious consideration should be given to *modular units* (not portables) as a quick and less expensive way to expand facilities at both BES and MES, as appropriate.

Interim possibilities, if needed:

- Fifth grade (MES or MES and BES) relocates to WMS
- Additional space be leased for relocation of some grade levels/students
- Split sessions
- Redistricting

Serious consideration should be given to a long-term solution which may involve:

- Re-configuring grade levels, especially at the elementary level. One possibility might be pre-K-2 at BES and 3-5 at MES.
- Building an entirely new facility, possibly a middle school, in close proximity to the high school. This would allow the conversion of WMS to a “new” Mitchell School.
- Adding on to both BES and MES and expand programs maintaining current or revised grade configuration.
- Creating space for full time kindergartens and three and four-year-old pre-schools (special and regular education)

The Committee feels that the only viable long term solution involves expanding the facilities at both BES and MES to meet the population needs of the district for the next 10-15 years at the very least. Facility expansion is necessary to further develop current offerings and add new programs that are necessary or mandated. One plan must be explored and adopted that favorably considers facilities, curriculum, and reconfiguration.