



STUDENT VOICES

Key: Elizabethtown-Lewis Student | Westport Student



"I think it's a kinda cool school. There are definitely a few things that are very different from Westport but I don't think that is bad."

"If we merge there is a lot if people that we already know so it wouldn't be like a whole new thing where we have to try and find new friends. We would have friends from our old school and friends here. "

"So my opinion is, obviously if it goes through, I'll be in the first senior class and for me...I have been going to Westport for all 12 years of schooling so far. It's a little obviously sad to leave and come to a new school but I am keeping an open mind. And this is definitely made me a little more optimistic about the whole thing."

"It gives us more options and there will be less people in the classes. We get to meet different people and make new friends. I moved from Wesport to Elizabethtown last year and I get to see people I use to see."



"I think that I would like to have more electives and more options and stuff. More room and everything."

"I think this is a wonderful way for the schools to get together and get to know each other. It's great for improving our social skills."

"I'm very impressed with the building. It definitely exceeded my expectations so far. I was really impressed with the gym program and what they are doing there. Also found the band room very neat and very cool as a whole"

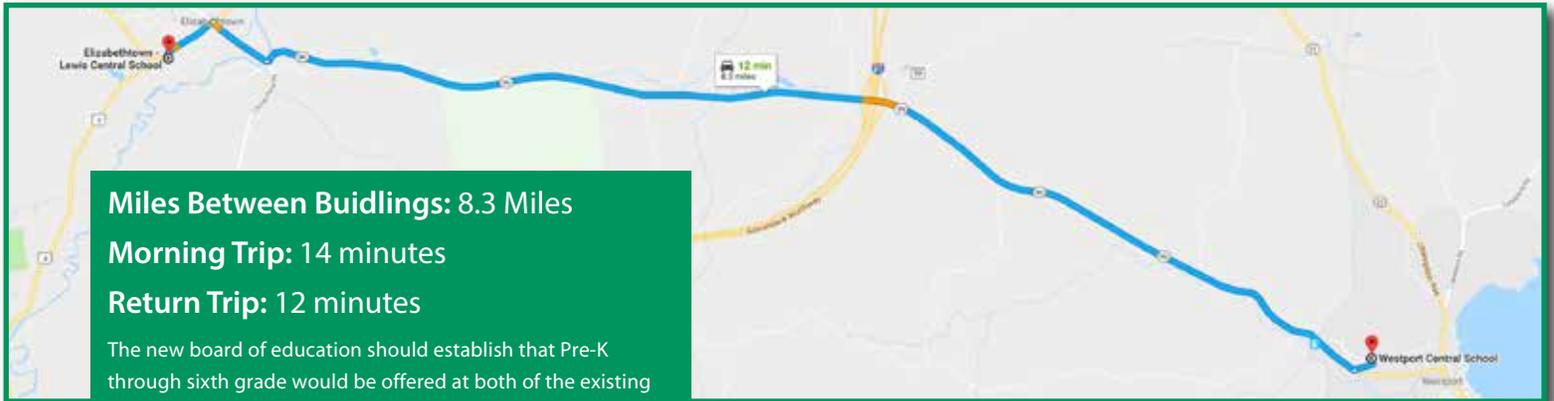


"I am kinda down [with the merger]. I think that I would like to have more electives and more options and stuff. More room and everything."

"We may have better education with more people...and some of our teachers at our school already lost their jobs. So moving here may fix that. "

"I don't think it would be a bad thing. The class seems pretty okay and the school is pretty large and could fit all of us. It's nice."





Miles Between Buildings: 8.3 Miles

Morning Trip: 14 minutes

Return Trip: 12 minutes

The new board of education should establish that Pre-K through sixth grade would be offered at both of the existing schoolhouses; a grades 7-8 middle school program would be provided in Westport and a high school program would be offered in Elizabethtown-Lewis.

Referenced to Item I from "Recommendations for the Merged School District" Published in the Sept 2018 Newsletter

STUDENT DEBRIEF

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WCS building has a lot of stairs, just like ELCS!

Will there be enough lockers for everyone?

Staff members were very friendly and welcoming.

Felt food was good; not paying for breakfast or lunch is awesome

We found our way around the school with no problems.

Student to teacher ratio was better

If merger, students want to get to know students and teachers prior to 2019-20



ADMINISTRATOR INSIGHTS

The Student Exchange Day was a positive experience. We learned a few things that we would do differently, to ensure better timing of the bus exchange. I was glad to hear WCS students vocalize their impressions on the ELCS building. In the event that the school merger takes place, and all high school students come to the current ELCS building, we were clear with WCS students that the building will no longer be 'ELCS' and we will all work together to build something new and special.

Two buses will be needed to shuttle students from Westport to Elizabethtown-Lewis.

Our scheduled start time of 8:00 may need to be adjusted by a few minutes for our secondary students to allow time for lockers and breakfast.

Both buildings will need to "level-up" in terms of technology to ensure our students are not losing any technology by switching buildings.

If this process moves forward, our 11th grade has specifically asked to be more involved in the decision making process.

PROPOSAL VOTE

OCTOBER
9th
12pm - 8pm

Elizabethtown-Lewis Conference Room

Residents are invited to vote on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from noon until 8 PM in the Conference Room** on whether or not the school merger proposal should continue to be considered.

The following resolution is what will appear on the October 9th ballot for school community voters:

"Should the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District and the Westport Central School District be joined together as a single district by centralization [merger]?"

Qualified and registered voters of the school district will be able to cast their vote on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from noon until 8 PM. Absentee ballots will be available by contacting the District Clerk at 873-6371.