



WELCOME

The Open House is hosted by the High School Space Study Committee

We invite you to visit the learning stations and talk with Committee members about the options and their recommendation for solving the challenge of growing enrollment.

Station 1 – Find out the Committee’s role and research they undertook to reach their recommendation.

Station 3– Watch a video of teacher and student comments on teaching and learning in the high school’s current crowded conditions.

Station 2 – See city and state population trends and school enrollment projections.

Station 4 – Learn the pros and cons of each option and the committee’s recommendation.

Please fill out a comment card with any questions or comments you may wish to share on what you have learned this evening and drop it in the box.

Frequently Asked Questions about the High School Overcrowding Issue

What will a new high school cost?

There are many variables that go into determining the cost of a new school, such as the land purchase, the design, and the construction itself. VMDO Architects are working on the estimate now and will be presenting a cost to the School Board at an upcoming meeting.

Where would a new high school be located?

The location of a new high school is yet to be determined.

Who would attend the new high school?

That will be determined by a redistricting process sometime in the future.

How long will it take to build a new high school?

If the City Council gave approval to begin the process in June 2017, a new high school would be ready to open in September 2021. It is imperative that we move as quickly as possible with the decision. Additionally, the longer we wait to decide, the higher the construction costs.

What will we be doing in the meantime to address the overcrowding?

HHS will be exploring a variety of approaches including alternative scheduling, more mobile classrooms, and possibly other temporary learning spaces.

Visit www.harrisonburg.k12.va.us for continuing updates and news.

May 16 — Committee will formally present its recommendation to the School Board.

June 6 — School Board will decide on an option.

June 8 — Joint meeting of School Board and City Council on decision.