

# Q *uestions and* **A** *nswers*

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*Here's what we've learned in response to your questions*

## **QUESTIONS ON SECURITY -**

### **High School Quality Council RESPONSE :**

Mr. Fogan envisions peer mediation as one way to handle certain types of problems. It will be important to train a cadre of students in the various houses in this process and to have a faculty advisor. The Deans of Students will be proactive in working with and helping students. They will be willing to meet with students and resolve any issues that may occur. Mr. Mohr mentioned that in order to prevent occurrences of conflict there will be 54 cameras monitoring classrooms, hallways, and parking areas. Efforts are being made to minimize the amount of distance students need to travel to classes. The number of deans and the number of guidance personnel has increased which will allow them more time to get to know students better. Plans are being made to have 17 security personnel in the building who will be dressed for immediate identification and will be available to prevent problems as well as to solve them. To protect everyone in the building from possible outside problems, everyone will be wearing identification cards (students, staff, visitors). Mr. Fogan noted that staff members would be willing to listen to student ideas. Mr. Laurrie noted that the school would be organized into teams of students. This will help staff to become familiar with students and their needs.

## **QUESTIONS ON TECHNOLOGY & LAPTOPS -**

### **HSQC RESPONSE :**

It is Mr. Carroll's expectation that students will be able to access homework from home. There will be safeguards in place to protect all users. Official school sites will be established. A long-range goal is to have Internet access available from home. Every student will have a laptop and be trained on them.

## **QUESTIONS ON THE HOUSES -**

### **HSQC RESPONSE :**

The layout of the building is being designed to minimize long distances of travel for students. The administration is planning a five-minute passing time. Teams will be in a smaller geographical area. Most courses will be available in each of the four houses. If a student needs a special course that is not offered in that particular house, he/she will be allowed to do so. Mr. Mohr stated that there is the chance that students will not see all their friends during the day, but there will be opportunities to take classes in other houses. You may see your friends during lunch, during physical education, art, and music.

## **QUESTIONS ON SPORTS TEAMS -**

### **HSQC RESPONSE:**

Mr. Laurrie noted that in all three middle schools next year, there would be modified sports for seventh and eighth grade students. Mr. Fogan stated that it is our intent to increase and enhance the intramural program for those who are not able to be on a particular team. Mrs. Altobello mentioned that many of the large sport teams, such as football, could use more participation by students. We may want to look at other sports in the future that would extend the opportunity for students to participate.

## **QUESTIONS ON TEAM & PROJECT COORDINATION -**

### **HSQC RESPONSE:**

Students, teachers, staff and administration have a responsibility to share in this. The laptops can be used for this purpose. Mrs. Geelan noted that the site quality council's role will increase and this will be part of their charge. Mrs. Muldoon noted that the new student union is addressing this issue also and is considering setting up a website to help communication.

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