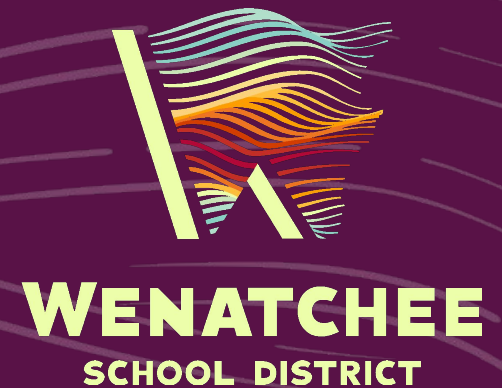


# Valley Academy: Proposal for New Chapter

Potential Growth and Enhanced Learning Environment  
January 14, 2025



# The Need for Change

## Current challenges with existing location

- Inadequate parking and difficult access
- Unsafe pick-up and drop-off site
- Lack of a proper kitchen
- No outdoor green space
- Insufficient specialist areas: library, music, and gym
- Area prone to flooding
- Insufficient restroom space
- Growing Program - outgrowing space and opportunities for more growth



# The Opportunity: Columbia Elementary Building and Campus

- Closure of Columbia creates an opportunity to enhance learning spaces for Valley students
- Addresses current challenges at the Valley Academy site
- Provides space to explore growth
- Remains a community asset
- Possibility of partnering with a community/district program on site
- Honoring Columbia's 100-year history
- Surplus the current Valley Academy for additional Capital Project Funds

# Why Move Valley Academy

## Meeting the Needs of a Growing Program

- Growing interest in Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) programs
- Opportunity to serve homeschool families
- Potential to add 9th and 10th grade (filling a gap)
- Enrollment growth from 170 to 220 (24/25), with potential to reach 250 (25/26)
- Desire for a more complete and well-rounded educational experience for Valley students



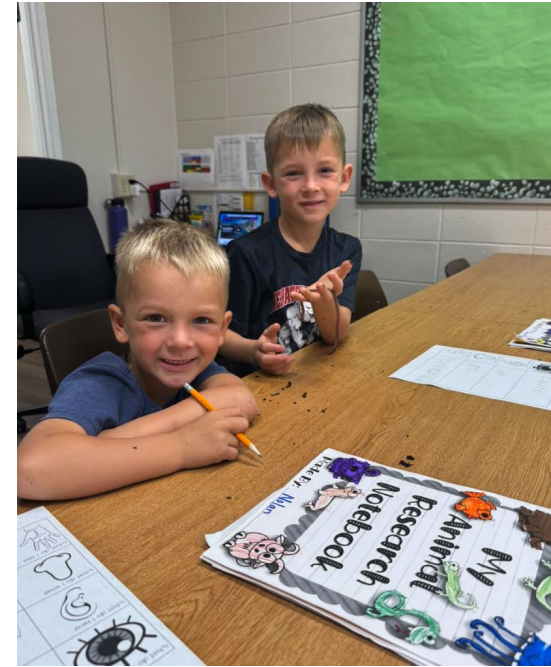
# WSD Goals for Columbia Elementary

- Use the facility for WSD programming
- Use the building to grow enrollment
- Provide space for indoor gym and facility use for the district and user groups
- The facility will continue to be a community asset
- The facility will continue to be well maintained
- The facility will not be abandoned/boarded up
- The facility will not be sold
- Columbia's history will not be forgotten



# Ideas that did not add value at this time

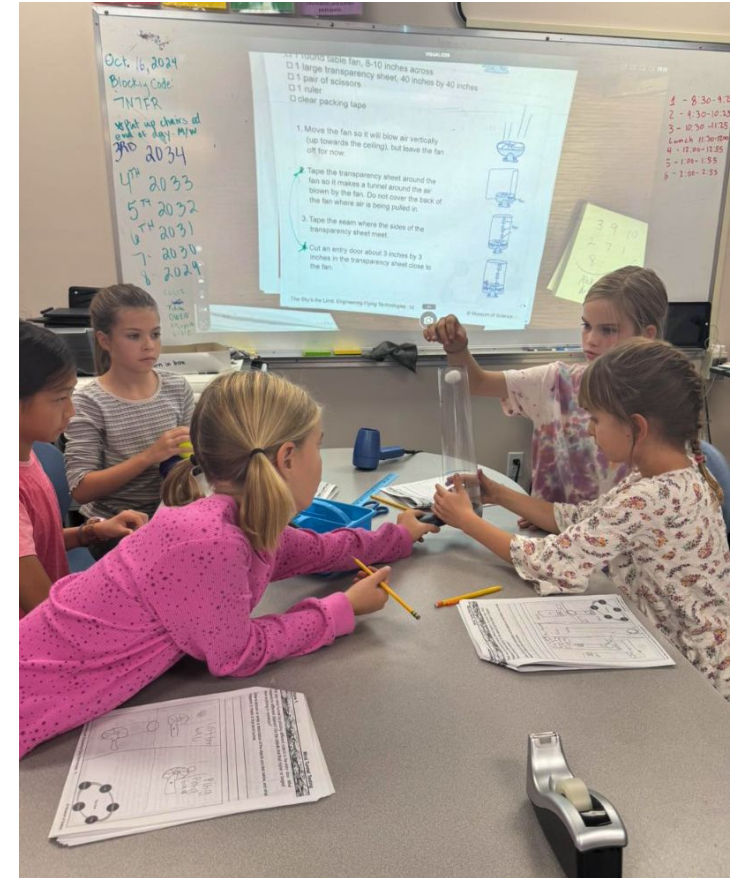
- Do nothing with the building and property - wait to see if enrollment to increase
- Donate the building and land to a government agency or non-profit organization
- Lease the space out full-time
- Sell the building and the land and use the proceeds for other needed capital projects work



# **Questions, Concerns, and Celebrations**

# Valley Academy's Needs

- 13 Classrooms for current K-8
- Safety Vestibule
- 1-2 Additional classrooms for grades 9 and 10
- Dedicated art, music, and science rooms with sinks
- Safe drop-off and pick-up area
- More student and staff restrooms
- Playground and green space
- Offices for principal, counselor, and office manager
- Library with family space
- Gym, cafeteria, kitchen, and staff lounge
- Nurses office
- Storage for curriculum and technology



# Key Dates for Transition

## **Valley Move:** Stakeholder Communication throughout this time frame

- Summer 2024: Deep cleaning of Columbia
- Fall 2024: Necessary repairs and repainting
- October 2024: Valley stakeholder meetings
- January 2025: Share proposal w/board and community
- February 2025: Needs analysis and staff walkthrough
- March 2025: Planning for classroom assignment
- March 2025: Planning for 9th and 10th-grade teacher
- June 2025: Teacher packing process
- July 2025: Moving the school to Columbia
- August 2025: Parent and Student Opening Day Communication
- August 2025: Unpacking and school opening



# Community/District Proposal Requests

- Announce an opening for community/district proposals for the remaining Columbia Elementary space
- Proposal window closes
- Review and process proposals begins (Valley Student Safety - Upmost Importance)
- Announce the new occupant of Columbia's West Wing
- Contract negotiations
- Remodels as needed to fit and accommodate
- New occupancy begins

# Current Valley Building & Property

School Board will evaluate the value of the property for the district and weigh options to maintain, lease, or sell.

- Legal and Government Property Guidance
- Evaluate the property
- Prepare for sale or lease
- Gather documents
- Determine sales/lease strategy
- List the property
- Show property
- Closing documents/contracts



# Necessary Steps for Moving Forward

- Researching the legal, safety and statutory steps of the cohabitation of school and community programs
- Create a schedule of capital expenditures with budget estimates to prepare Columbia for Valley and potential community/district program
- Develop a grounds and building layout map with Valley leadership
- Determine how to share utilities costs as well as building spaces: cafeteria, gym, music room, etc.
- Rental and lease agreements for community programs tenants

# **Questions, Concerns, and Celebrations**

**Thank You!**