

# FAQ Regarding District Consolidation and Restructuring

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- 1. I have a seventh-grade student, and I am concerned about my student being intimidated or bullied by upperclassmen. What will the school do to keep this from happening?**

While 7-12 students will be in the same building next year, seventh- and eighth-grade students will be in a different wing on the opposite side of the building. There are also separate cafeterias and gymnasiums for the seventh and eighth-grade students as well. There is expected to be minimal interaction between the younger and older students, though administration does believe some interaction will be beneficial for the seventh and eighth-grade students, as the upper classmen will be positive role models for the younger students.

- 2. Will my student be in a class with all of the students from my home school?**

The K-6, 7-12 school district concept allows for any student to be in classrooms with other students within our entire district boundary. We will be one school community family now.

- 3. Will my Special Education student still maintain the same level of services?**

Yes, the district is committed to offering the same level of Special Education services. Furthermore, the district believes services will improve with a consolidated effort of resources.

- 4. What will be the names of the schools?**

The names of the schools will be Millside Elementary, Algonquin Elementary and Algonac Jr./Sr. High School for the 2015-2016 school year.

- 5. Will students at the Algonquin Elementary School have lockers?**

There are enough lockers for students in third- through sixth-grade. Building principals are in the process of making plans for accommodations for second-grade students.

- 6. How long will my Fair Haven Elementary student have to ride the bus?**

Details are in the works regarding transportation at this time. Parents will be notified as soon as possible. The goal is to add to the current bus fleet as necessary to provide minimum ride time for Fair Haven students.

- 7. Will sixth-grade students switch classes throughout the day, or will they have the same teacher all day?**

The consolidation will not impact this decision. Curriculum and student achievement goals will drive such a decision made by the building principal.

**8. Where will my seventh- or eighth-grade student practice and play athletics?**

Seventh- and eighth-grade student athletes will utilize both the facility at the high school and current middle school.

**9. Will the elementary schools' students be given the opportunity to tour Algonquin this year?**

Yes, more details will be released soon.

**10. Will incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students be given an opportunity to tour the high school before next fall?**

Yes, more details will be released soon.

**11. Will Pointe Tremble be used for high school classes?**

Pointe Tremble may be utilized for high school classes only as needed. Pointe Tremble will continue to house the daycare and GSRP programs, as well as, our Alternative School program.

**12. Will any latch key opportunities be available for the high school?**

The district is looking into providing expanded latch key opportunities at this time.

**13. Where will my elementary student go for recess?**

Playground equipment will be moved from Fair Haven and Algonac Elementary schools to Algonquin. Millside Elementary will use its current playground equipment.

**14. When will packing start in the buildings?**

The transition for the consolidation currently is being organized by district administration. Packing will begin as soon as specific classrooms are identified for staff.

**15. Will 7-12 students go to all of the same assemblies, dances, etc.?**

Seventh- and eighth-grade students will attend separate events from students in grades 9-12 in most cases, but those decisions will be determined by building leadership.

**16. Will seventh- and eighth-grade students use the same band and choir rooms as students in grades 9-12?**

All 7-12 students will use the same band and choir rooms, but they will not take the classes at the same time.

**17. Will K-6 remain on the current elementary starting and ending times and 7-12 on the current high school starting and ending time?**

The K-6 students will begin and end their school day similar to the current elementary schedule as will the 7-12 students with the current high school schedule.