BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS
Maximizing each student’s potential as an individual and as a responsible citizen.

THE FUTURE OF BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS
AGENDA

- WHAT IS PRIME?
- REVIEW WORK THAT HAS HAPPENED
- UPDATE ON RECENT PRIME PROGRESS
- DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE
- QUESTIONS
What is PRIME?

- **Partnership for Rural Innovative Models of Education**
- Started as a consolidation project in Geauga County
  - Cardinal, Newbury, Ledgemont and Berkshire
  - Keep their elementaries and consolidate into one HS
  - Cardinal and Newbury decided not to pursue
  - Merger between Ledgemont and Berkshire
- Made possible by HB 438 and HB148
- Evolved into a cradle to career concept
What is our MISSION?

● We want the American Dream for our children

● What is the American Dream?
  ○ The ability to
    ■ Earn a living wage
    ■ Have the opportunity for advancement
    ■ Have access to health care benefits

● How will we achieve this?
  ○ PRIME
    ■ A partnership between the Berkshire Schools, Geauga Growth Partnership, Auburn Career Center, the Berkshire School community, and Kent State University

Berkshire Schools: Career Ready, College Ready, Future Ready.

#chooseberkshire
What will this partnership accomplish?

- Cradle to Career pipeline
  - Approximately 1250 students (PK-12) on one campus with access to a college
  - Articulate a clear pipeline from Primary to Secondary to Higher Education
- Incorporate Career and Technical Education
  - Work with Auburn CC to house Career and Technical programs on the campus
  - Work with businesses to determine the skills needed for future workers
What will this partnership accomplish?

- Bring career and college readiness to the forefront in our community
  - Define both career and college readiness
  - Skills needed to be successful in both career and college are nearly identical
- Prepare students for current and future workforce demands
  - Work with GGP to keep our finger on the pulse of the business community
- Become a central hub for the community
Why is this partnership a good idea?

- Innovative
- Helps to change student, staff, community and business mentality
  - Why do students automatically matriculate from Middle School to High School?
  - Why is there a stigma on Career and Technical Education?
  - Is it an “either/or” proposition?
  - We want an “and” proposition.
Why is this partnership a good idea?

- We need to change the system for our children
  - 1893
  - Sort and Select
  - Factory model
  - What jobs will be available for our children?

- Connects our school to college
- Connects school to the business community
- Helps to meet the workforce demands in our community
- Could become a model for future programs
What do our children get out of this?

- Opportunity to develop workforce and college skills
  - Communication
  - Collaboration
  - Problem Solving
  - Creativity
  - Critical Thinking
- Pipeline that can lead them directly into college and business
  - Earn college credits without leaving our campus
  - Exposure to trades without leaving our campus
  - Increased internship and work experience opportunities
- Choices
  - College/Career/Military
  - Any AND all combinations of those
  - Whatever fits best for them
What do our children get out of this?

- A system that is providing them the skills that they need to be successful when they graduate
- New learning spaces that are specifically designed to match the type of instructional strategies that they need to be successful when they graduate
- Direct access to the equipment they will use when they graduate
  - Business partners help to provide us with the equipment and programs that they want our students to be proficient with when they enter the workforce
  - We incorporate such programs and equipment into our curriculum
- A pipeline that can lead them into college and help them earn a degree at a greatly reduced cost
Community Benefits

- Makes us attractive
  - Families will want to move here for this
  - Businesses will want to move here for this
- One of a kind model
  - Puts Berkshire on the lips of lots of people
- One stop shop for all needs
- Brings the community together - central hub
- Central location in the district
REVIEW WORK THAT HAS HAPPENED
Recent Activities Include:

- Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) hired FutureThink to prepare Enrollment Projections
- OFCC hired Hammond Construction as the official Regional Planning Consultant
- OFCC hired Hardlines and Architectural Vision to assess all of our buildings
- We hired TDA Architects to help with the pre-bond effort
- TDA conducted validations of the State’s assessments of our buildings
- OFCC reviewed options for potential master plans with us
  - Renovation of current buildings
    - 350 student rule
    - 66% rule
  - Development of new buildings
    - Separate campus concept
    - Master campus concept
    - Ways to incorporate elements of both into one project
Recent Activities Include:

Master Plan Options:

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OFCC MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATION:

- New PK-12 School
- Approximately 170,000 SF
- Cost $41.57 Million
- Funding sources:
  - OFCC 55%, Local 45%
  - Territory Transfer (Ledgemont) + HB 148 (PK-12/Higher Ed partnerships)
  - Territory Transfer qualifies us for 45% funding from the OFCC
  - HB 148 adds an additional 10%
    - $4.157 Million
- Additional Costs to the project that fall outside the 55% co-funded amount:
  - 3rd Gym
  - Career Tech Spaces
    - Allied Health/Nursing
    - Medium/Heavy Truck Technician
  - Auditorium
### TOTAL MASTER PLAN COSTS:

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| **Additional LFI's** | Auditorium - $3,750,000  
|                      | Career Tech Space:  
|                      | -Medium/Heavy Truck Technician - $2,506,673  
|                      | -Allied Health Care/Nursing - $904,040  
|                      | 3rd Gym - $1,957,967 |
| **Total Project Cost with LFIs** | $50,691,295 |
| **Total State Share** | $22,864,938 |
| **Total Local Share** | $27,826,357 |
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENT (POR)

ACADEMIC CORE
PK - 12 Classrooms
Dedicated PK & K Restrooms
Teacher Prep/Workrooms
Physics, Chemistry, Biology CR’s
Science Prep Rooms

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CAREER TECHNICAL - NURSING
Laboratory
Office
Storage Room
Changing Room
Classroom

CAREER TECHNICAL - MEDIUM/HEAVY TRUCK TECHNICIAN
Laboratory
Engine Storage Room
Flammable Material Stor. Rm.
Machine Room
Office
Changing Room
Storage Room
Tool Crib
Reference Room
Restroom

ALLIED HEALTH / NURSING

SPECIAL EDUCATION
General Spec. Ed. CR’s
MD Classrooms
ED Classrooms
Sensory Rooms

MEDIA CENTER
Reading/Circulation Room
Media Specialist Office
Workroom/Storage
Equipment Room
Media Production Room

SPECIAL EDUCATION

MEDIA HUB

ART

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VISUAL ART
Art Rooms
Storage Room
Klin Room

MUSIC
ES Music Room
Jr/Sr HS Music/Band Rm
Instrumental Storage
Uniform Storage

MUSIC

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Gymnasiums, Student Locker/Shower Rooms, Staff offices,
Storage Rooms, Athletic Director Office, Training Room, Weight
Room, Health Classroom

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FOOD SERVICE
Preparation Area
Serving Area
Dry Food Storage
Cooler/Freezer
Ware Washing
Dietician office & LR

FOOD SERVICE

STUDENT DINING
Student Dining
Table Storage
Staff Dining

STUDENT DINING

AUDITORIUM
Main House
Stage
Dressing Rooms
Control Room
Drama Storage
Scene Shop/Storage
UPDATE ON PRIME PROGRESS
Recent Activities Include:

- Met with Dr. Warren (KSU President) and her Admin team on July 25th
- Informal conversations in the community
- KSU Board of Trustees gave us the ok for planning on September 13th
- Reinstitution of the PRIME Curriculum Committee on September 13th
  - Added community members/businesses/parents to the committee
    - Met in September, October, November and January
    - formed subcommittees to divide up work and get the message out
- Reached out to potential business partners
- Berkshire Board passed a resolution to approve a land lease agreement on November 6th
- PRIME Presentation to KSU Board of Trustees on December 13th
  - KSU BOT passed a resolution to support a land lease agreement on December 13th
- Presentations: Great Lakes Cheese (12/19), Berkshire Staff (1/2), Rotary (1/10), GGP(1/15), KSU Geauga (1/16), Ledgemont PTC (1/22), Burton Chamber Meeting (2/1), Thompson Trustees Meeting (2/7), Burton Elementary School (2/26), Claridon Township Meeting (3/5), Montville Trustees Meeting (3/20)
- Several more community presentations currently being scheduled from now through the end of April
DIRECTION FOR THE FUTURE
Next Steps

- Big Picture Programming
- New Ideas
- Outside facilitation
  - Graduate Profile
  - System of Performance Assessments
  - Instructional Methods
  - Design new space to match instructional methods
  - Incorporate Maker/Innovation Spaces
- Rethink School
THANK YOU!