**BEST EDUCATIONAL INPUT**

**PK ONLY**

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| **Educational Benefit** | **Concerns** | **Questions** |
| **None-written 30 times**  **No older siblings-written 15 times**  **Little kids can stay in home towns-written by 5 people**  **Can be modified to be an early childhood center-written by 5 people**  **Ready to learn/play-written by 2 people**  **Shorter commute-written by 2 people**  **Opportunity to establish new school traditions**  **All resources/materials/supplies all centrally located**  **Smaller enrollment may mean great opportunity for creativity and special projects.**  **Focus on early childhood and preschool level skills**  **Collaboration with the “new” tenants**  **Keeping PK needs together: special staff, diaper changes, etc**  **More school of choice students**  **Still having the community and parents will take PK more seriously** | **No role models/example from older students-written 55 times**  **Students become accustomed to one school and then have to transition to another school for Kindergarten-written 10 times**  **Separated from older students-written 10 times**  **Less overlap/conversations about school based ideas/learning**  **No cross class contacts (reading buddies)-written 40 times**  **No sense of community/disconnect from other students-written 5 times**  **Less connection with support staff (PT/OT/ Speech/Nurse/ Specials)-written 35 times**  **Educators may leave-written 10 times**  **Limited resources-written 5 times**  **Small number of children limits social skill development-written 5 times**  **Isolation-written 40 times**  **No educational benefit/just family convenience-written 10 times**  **Could only be 7 students in a building, doesn’t sound a viable option-written 10 times**  **Loss of school community traditions-written by 20 people**  **No collaboration opportunities on a regular basis-written by 15 people**  **Would need to have more support staff for safety and health-written two times**  **More sense for Pk and K school-written 3 times**  **Loss of educational value/more like a daycare-written 10 times**  **Losing parent/families because of traveling to other schools-written 15 times**  **EXCLUSION-written by 20 people**  **Feeling of isolation from siblings-written 20 times**  **Isolation from being a school community-written 45 times**  **Educational stuff would not be purchased or replaced-written 5 times**  **Teachers feeling isolated/less collaboration-written 25 times**  **Longer staff commute**  **Longer bus routes-empty buses**  **Where is the parity**  **This could maintain the idea that PK is a day care**  **PK is where parents are/become part of their school community as a whole.** | **Will this lead to school closing?-written by 9 people**  **Could they connect with siblings at special events?**  **Would parents send their kids knowing it was only for 1-2 years-written 3 times**  **How does this really help our kids?-written four times**  **Will specialized services like speech, OT, PT, nursing be available? Written 45 times**  **Would there be adequate adults available in case an emergency? Written 6 times**  **What about school of choice money?**  **Safety issues for kids if the building has multi age usage, CORIs?**  **Would there be enough kids for town specific PK? Written by 3 tines**  **Would this model really serve the needs of this age group?**  **How to staff nurse, custodian and secretary? Written by 5 times**  **What about before and after school care?**  **Could it turn into daycare instead of preschool?**  **Won’t it be more tempting for parents to send their PK students elsewhere? Written by 5 times**  **With population on the rise why are we making major changes? Written by 10 times**  **What would happen with the rest of the building? Written by 15 tim4s**  **How does this allow enrichment of our PK learners is they are isolated? Written 3 times**  **Why fight for PK and then have them be all alone? Written 8 times** |