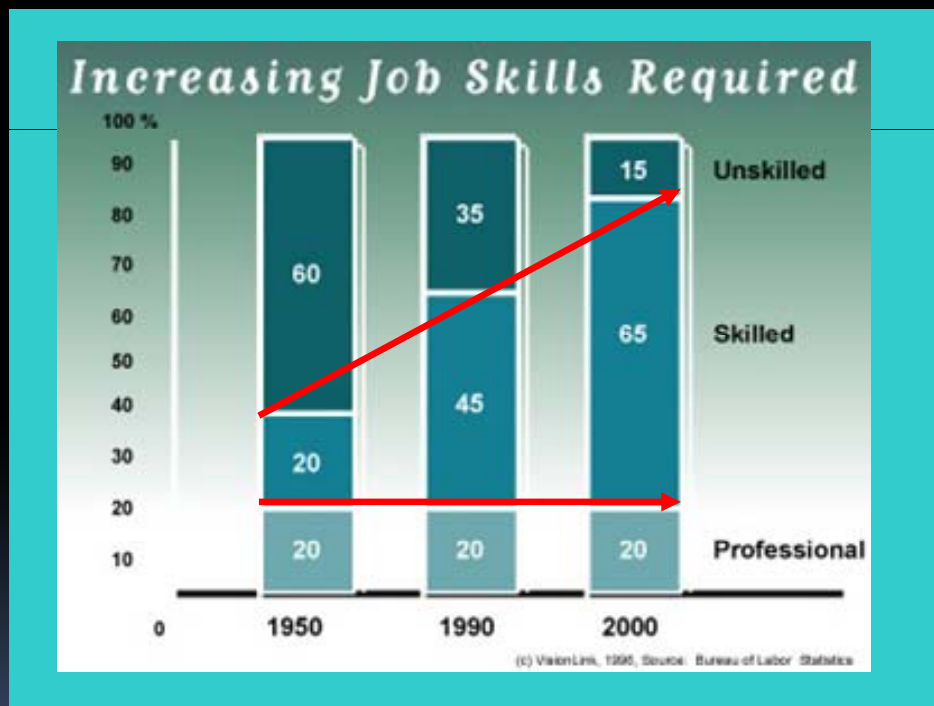


*Getting our Students
Prepared
for the 21st Century*

**THE FACTS ABOUT
THE NEW EXPO**



Why Change Expo...it works?



Because student's brains are wired differently

Because we must align teaching and learning to tomorrow's workforce needs

Because we must acknowledge world economic and technological realities

Staffing

- Myth: 8 of the current 19 teachers will make the move to McKinstry- these 8 teachers are in the area of Science, Math, English and Social Studies
- Fact: 16 of the current 20 teaching/counseling staff positions will be included at EXPO.



Online learning

- Myth: All of the core classes will be taught on-line using Plato, students will be on line 100% of the time in these classes, with an option of off-line activities



- Truth: In the core classes, students will be working on-line as well as in some off-line work that supports the course, i.e. labs, projects, and papers. For those students who have difficulty with the on-line course, direct teaching will be used. All of the career elective courses will be project based, and not offered online.
- Online approx. 1/2 day

Pupil Teacher Ratio

- Myth: The classroom ratio will be 4 teachers to 150 students
- Fact: There will be 15 teachers to 250 students



Flexibility

- Myth: One teacher will be working with roughly 25 students on Plato of whom could potentially be working on different areas of study in the same class
- Fact: Class sizes will remain small, 15-17 students. Because of the flexibility of on-line learning, a few students may be in different classes of the same content area as directed by the teacher

Staffing

- Myth: A counselor, PE, Industrial Arts, Family consumer, business teacher and 2 special education teachers have been discussed
- Fact: Of the current 20 professional staff members 16 will be included at EXPO.
 - 8-Academic
 - 3 Career Technical
 - 2 Counselors
 - 2 special Education
 - .5 PE (shared)
 - 1 Reading

Schedule

- Myth: All students will be going to school ALL day



- Fact: All students will have a full day schedule and not have to “earn” the full schedule. The schedule will include academics, employability skills, and career technical education, mentoring and counseling. Individual needs necessitating a shorter or flexible schedule will still be available.

Teaching Strategies

- Opinion: Students need a choice between on-line and direct teaching
- Fact: Students will have teachers who can deliver 21st Century curriculum content based on their needs, that includes on-line and direct teaching. It also includes, projects, labs, group work and lots of hands-on experiences.



Roots and wings

- Roots and Wings is closing
- Opinion: No other community day care can meet the needs of Expo students.

Our cost per student is \$16,417.

30 County (NE Iowa) average cost for basic day care is \$5170.

- Fact: Root and Wings is closing. High quality day care will be available by partnering agencies. Federal and State financial subsidies to young parents are portable. The district can no longer afford to subsidize the other revenues by \$80,000+ per year.

Climate

- “(Students) need to feel included, in a place where everyone knows them, respects them, talks to them, and calls their parents for discipline as well as praise. They understand that there are immediate consequences for their behavior and know that it will help them in the work world when they graduate.”
- That won’t change if the faculty remains intact and if those retiring are replaced with competent caring individuals?
- Fact: The overall population of Expo will remain between 200 and 300. The personalization and “family” feeling will remain. “Core” students will continue! (some schools call it advisory)

The Whole Child

- Opinion: Education is more than earning credits. Expo is about the whole child, recognizing and respecting a diverse community with appropriate educational opportunities. The mission of Expo is to be an ever improving learning community; promoting connections, caring, and competency.
- Research: Besides the traditional 3 Rs students need **rigor, relevance and relationships**. The district's mission is to prepare each and every student for college, career and citizenship. Our strategic plan outlines how this will be provided for our students. Expo already provides the **relationships** and the new blended approach with direct and online instruction ensures the **rigor**, while the career tech classes provide the **relevance**.

The McKinstry Facility

Due to potential concerns by co-mingling, each program will be housed on different levels in the building



- Fact: Each program will be housed on different levels/areas in the building. This separation diminishes potential problems and allows each program to maintain its integrity. The district is becoming more efficient by using fewer buildings.

Seperation

- Myth: Fire code does not allow locking off any floor from any other.
- Fact: Fire code does allow locking entry ways but not exits. Therefore, entry to any floor can be restricted with identified egresses that are open for exits. High schools all over the country restrict access in certain areas of the building.



Facilities

- It is going to take approximately \$171 million to build two new elementaries and completely renovate five existing building. This price tag far out-paces the District's current 1% sales tax revenue projections through 2029 and would require increasing property taxes. It's estimated that it will cost \$4 million to renovate McKinstry. Dr. Norris presented options to reduce those costs, one of which includes NOT renovating McKinstry.
- Fact: The 171 million was merely an architect's initial estimate as was the 4 million. It was for 10 buildings—doing everything.
- Any renovations at McKinstry will be focused on the smaller learning community structure, security, technology and maintaining the infrastructure of the building.