



When recommending this option the Board presents two major arguments--that this option is the most fiscally responsible one and the size of the 7-12 population will make more subject options available for the student. I submit that a responsible business plan could be developed requesting funding for the refurbishing of one or two schools especially since the Board has spent significant funds keeping our secondary school buildings up to date. Furthermore you do not need a school of the size proposed in the preferred option to offer a broad selection of subjects and programs. If you have a secondary school with a population between 800 and 1200 you can offer all of the required compulsory subjects plus all current programs, numerous options and still provide necessary programming and services for special needs students.

Can the proposed new 7-12 school operate in an efficient way? Absolutely! We have the skills and the technology to make it work. However a school is not an assembly line or a finely tuned industrial plant.

Keep in mind that a secondary or intermediate-secondary school is the only relevant societal institution in the life of most students. The adolescent