

# Seneca Grade School / Nemaha Valley Junior High School Building / Rebuilding

## Pros and Cons

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### Option 1: Rebuild PreK-8 at 709 Nemaha

#### Pros

1. Use existing additions, playground & practice field
2. Good location for students who walk when in middle part of town
3. Parking, streets & utilities are already there
4. Staff in one place

#### Cons

1. Existing land limits ability to expand
2. Cost of redesigning existing classrooms & space to improve learning environment (i.e. windows, basement)
3. Could not share facilities with the high school
4. Harder to share staff with the high school
5. Would have to be two story
6. Poor parking

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### **Option 2: Separate Schools** Rebuild PreK-5 at 709 Nemaha, build 6-8 on 11<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **Pros**

1. Allows room for K-5 while using saved additions, playground & practice field
2. Good location for students who walk when in middle part of town
3. Utilities & streets already there
4. Allows sharing of 6-8 and high school staff

#### **Cons**

1. K-8 students would not all be together
2. Staff would have to be split (music, PE, band, counselor, etc.)
3. Would have to duplicate office, computer lab, library, lunchroom (or transport meals)
4. Cost of redesigning existing classrooms & space to improve learning environment (i.e. windows and basement)
5. Can't share equipment (sports, audiovisual, technology) or same-level books
6. Still need some type of gym/stage at K-5
7. Maintenance/overhead of three buildings (GS, MS, HS)

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### Option 3: Build PreK-8 on 11th Street

#### Pros

1. Room for growth
2. Can share facilities – gym, lunchroom, kitchen, library, lab, etc.
3. Gym could be built to be accessible to community
4. Kids would all be together, making it easier for siblings walking and parents picking up/dropping off
5. Can use 709 building for preschool, district offices, special education office, storage
6. Peer tutoring possible
7. Newly designed building would create better traffic flow, eliminating time issues and be safer for students
8. Better parking and traffic control
9. Parent involvement may increase during 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and continue thru 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> transitions
10. Easy access off of highway 36
11. Would allow sharing of staff and facilities with high school if enrollment continues to decline
12. Communication between HS/JH/GS

#### Cons

1. Have to find a use for 709 Nemaha
2. Cost (site preparation – parking, sidewalk, utilities, etc.) No figure known
3. More traffic at high school and on 11<sup>th</sup> street
4. Insurance cost on 709 Nemaha if space is not utilized as classrooms.