

# New Lives-Options



Fort Worth Independent School District  
School Board Meeting  
March 8, 2011

Robert Ray, Chief of Schools



**Fort Worth**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



### **Option: Leonard 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center**

- New Lives moves to Leonard 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center along with Middle Level Learning
- Program Space would be approximately 35,000 square feet (room to grow)
- Total project budget for renovation would be approximately \$650,000
- August 2011 completion feasible



### Pros:

- Building is available
- Consolidates two alternative programs in one location
- Fully utilizes building, Cafeteria, and Library facilities
- Project is feasible to be completed by Fall 2011
- Two story building, but equipped with elevator

### Cons:

- Located on Fort Worth's west side rather than Southeast (current facility)
- Middle School disciplinary students in same building with pregnant and parenting teens
- Inability to share high school staff/limited access to broad range of classes
- Need to relocate YWLA in 2012-2013; this facility was planned as site
- Location is far from largest number of students in need of services
- Longer bus rides



**OPTION A: Eastern Hills High School – in 15,000 SF modular building on SE parking lot**

PROS:

- All New Lives spaces in one building
- Location of modular campus is separated from main building
- Self-contained campus includes modest spaces for cafeteria, library and fitness
- Designed for New Lives program with enclosed circulation spaces
- Opportunity to create bus drop-off, entry, offices and nursery
- Autonomous schedule, curriculum and services
- Could use CIP funds

CONS:

- Total cost - \$3 million
- Shorter life of modular building – 20 years vs. 50 years
- Self-contained staff
- Challenging to complete by Fall 2011
- Shared use of staff



## **OPTION B: Eastern Hills High School - in current portable buildings**

### PROS:

- Cost effective use of District facilities and personnel
- Uses existing portable buildings
- Location of portable buildings is separated from main building
- Shared use of staff
- Access to all high school courses and opportunities

### CONS:

- Cost for renovations: restrooms, nursery, covered walkways, meeting/office spaces, clinic space, and safety/evacuation modifications
- Existing Eastern Hills High School special programs must be moved to accommodate
  - Language Center (38 students: 28 EHHS & 10 Dunbar HS)
  - LINC and BIC
- Estimated Total Costs \$500,000



**Fort Worth**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT