THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Northeast School Expansion

Ryan Avenue New School and Feedback Session

February 2019

Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Meeting Overview (5 minutes)

Project Update (15 minutes)

Introduction of Project Team (5 minutes)

Presentation of Site Options (30 minutes)
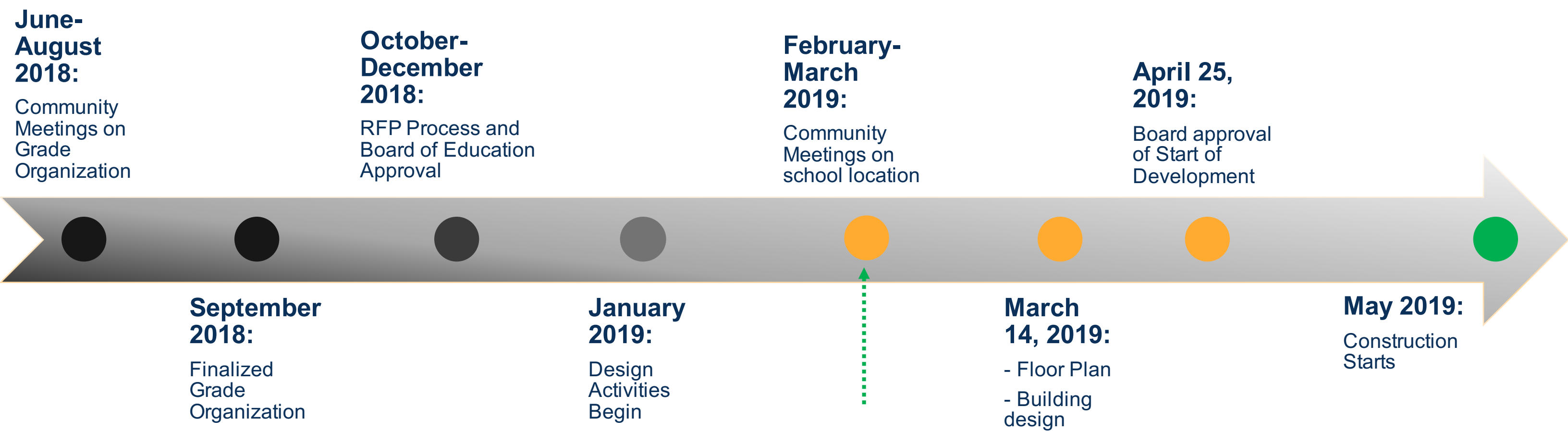
Questions and Answers (30 minutes)

Meeting Norms

- Treat each other with dignity and respect.

- Help keep the conversation and agenda on track by staying on point and on time (max. 2 minutes).

- Balance your participation – speak and actively listen with an open mind.

- Allow others to participate – all points of view are important to hear.

- Respect other points of view, even when they differ from your own.

- Contribute to meeting goals – topics outside the agenda will be documented and tabled for a later time.

- Assume positive intent.

What We Are Trying to Accomplish

- Schools in the Lincoln catchment (JH Brown, Forrest, Holme, Mayfair and Pollock) are above capacity.

  - Enrollment continues to increase.

  - The District has estimated a projected seat deficit of 2300 in school year 2022-23 if no action is taken.

- Success of the project is achieved through:

  - a balanced enrollment,

  - overcrowding of the Lincoln catchment schools eliminated,

  - and the development of a school, and improvements at the existing schools, that provide 21st century learning environments.

Background Information

June-August 2018:

Community Meetings on Grade Organization

October-December 2018:

RFP Process and Board of Education Approval

February-March 2019:

Community Meetings on school location

April 25, 2019:

Board approval of Start of Development

September 2018:

Finalized Grade Organization

January 2019:

Design Activities Begin

March 14, 2019:

- Floor Plan

- Building design

May 2019:

Construction Starts

- Held community meetings from April to September of 2018 to seek feedback from the community on the New School grade organization which was overwhelmingly in favor of a K-8 over a middle school organization.

- Decided the Grade Organization for the New School will be K-8.

- Issued a Request for Proposal for a development team to design and construct the New School.

- Issued a Request for Proposal to conduct an enrollment study and define a new catchment area for the New School.

Project Updates

- The Board of Education approved the selection of Gilbane/Stantec as the Developer at the December Public Action meeting. Gilbane/Stantec is:

  o Ranked 1st nationally as K-12 Builder and Designer.
  o Has extensive track record of leading K-8 development/design/construction in both the Philadelphia Metropolitan area and the greater region.
  o Completed 136 schools as a team.

- Following a review of the site, the School District and Gilbane have identified two potential locations for the new school. A final decision on the location will be informed by:

  o Walking Distance
  o Safety and Security
  o Traffic
  o Environmental Considerations
  o Stakeholder Feedback
  o Construction Cost

- The proposed location will be presented to the Board of Education and the Superintendent for approval.

Site Options Overview

- The District and Gilbane team conducted multiple site visits to observe existing conditions:

    - Walking patterns
    - Traffic
    - Site use
    - Site assessment

- Two viable options resulted from the observations: Location A and Location B

Meehan MS

A

Abraham Lincoln HS

B

Ryan Avenue

Rowland Avenue

Rowland Ave

Guilford St

Aldine St

Bleigh Ave

Google Earth

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400 ft

Building Locations under Consideration

Two potential locations are being considered for the New K-8 School.

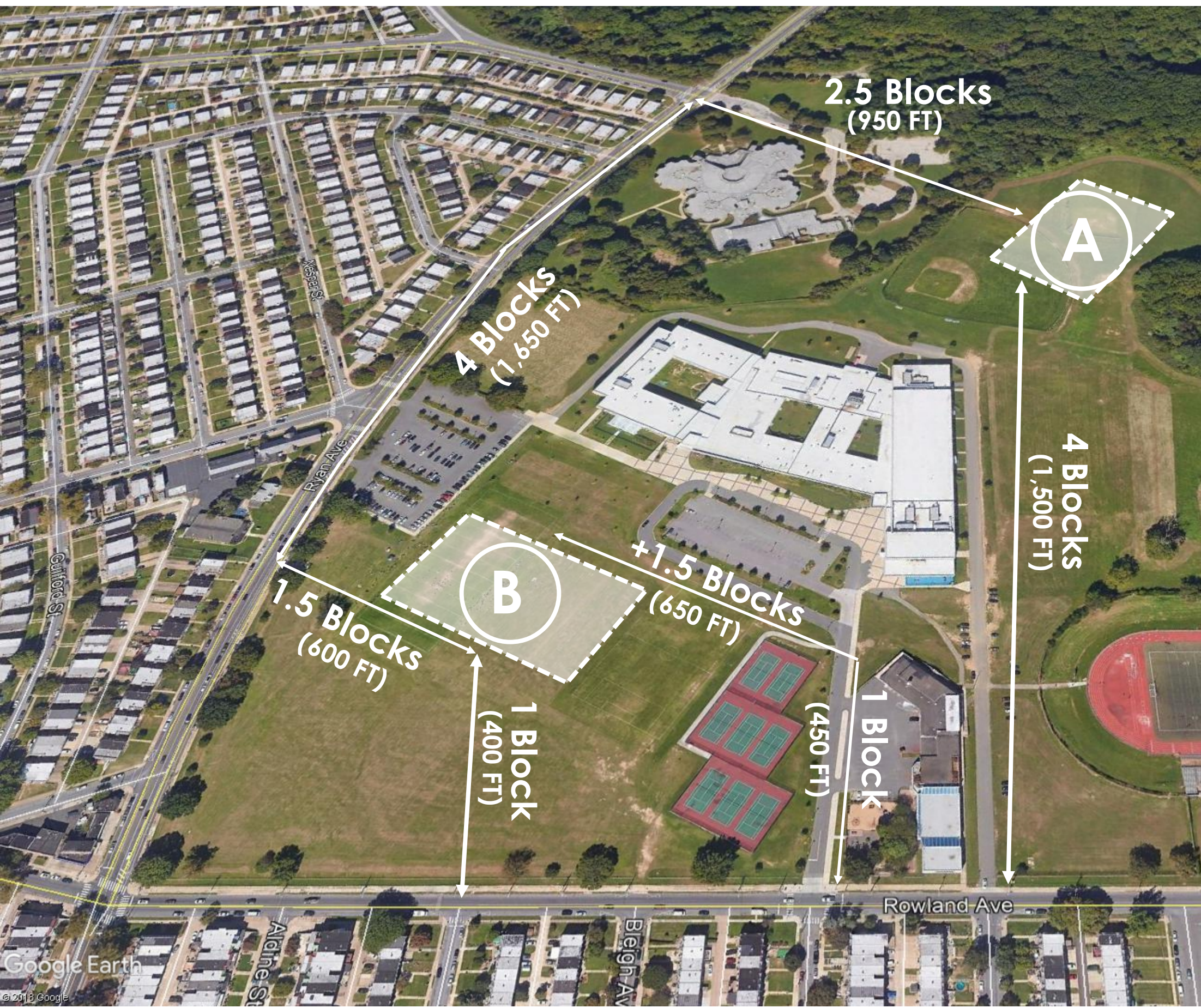The dashed lines indicate approximate locations for the new K-8 School.

* Squares A and B are not to scale

Interactive feedback

- During the overview, we will conduct live polling to receive feedback on the two proposed locations.

- To access the survey, you may login to the WiFI

  - WiFi: PhilaSD

  - User ID: guestsdp

  - Password: Lincoln

  - When prompted, WPA2 Password: Philadelphia

- **Go to PollEv.com/philadelphia462 or TEXT the word PHILADELPHIA462 to 22333**

Walking distances

While Walking distances to Location B are generally shorter than to Site A, Site B's walking paths cross vehicular driving lanes.

Walking paths to Location A, while longer, avoid crossing traffic lanes.

2.5 Blocks (950 FT)

4 Blocks (1,650 FT)

4 Blocks (1,500 FT)

+1.5 Blocks (650 FT)

1.5 Blocks (600 FT)

1 Block (400 FT)

(450 FT)

1 Block

A

B

Graphic Legend

↔	Approx. Walking Distances
City Blocks	Measured in City Blocks
(FT)	in Feet

Walking Distance

2.5 Blocks (950 FT)

4 Blocks (1,650 FT)

A

4 Blocks (1,500 FT)

+1.5 Blocks (650 FT)

B

1.5 Blocks (600 FT)

1 Block (400 FT)

(450 FT)

1 Block

Rowland Ave

Guilford St

Ryan Ave

Aldine St

Bleigh Ave

Location A is a quarter of a mile (or 4 city blocks) from Rowland Avenue.

Location B is a tenth of a mile (or one city block) from Rowland Avenue.

Google Earth

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400 ft

How important is the walking distance for students to the new school?

Not important

Neutral

Important

Very Important

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Proposed New K-8 School

Lincoln HS

A

Bus

Car

Distinct, separate paths for high school & K-8 students

Parking

Bus Drop-off

Re-designed entry drive and student walkways to New K-8

Access to Location A

Clear, unobstructed lines of sight.

Re-designed Rowland drive lanes, with separate, dedicated parent drop-off and bus circuits.

Walking path to Ryan Ave drop-off.

Graphic Legend

Ryan Ave travel paths

Lincoln travel paths

New K-8

Vehicular & Walking Access

Walking Path

Access to Location B

Traffic is constrained.

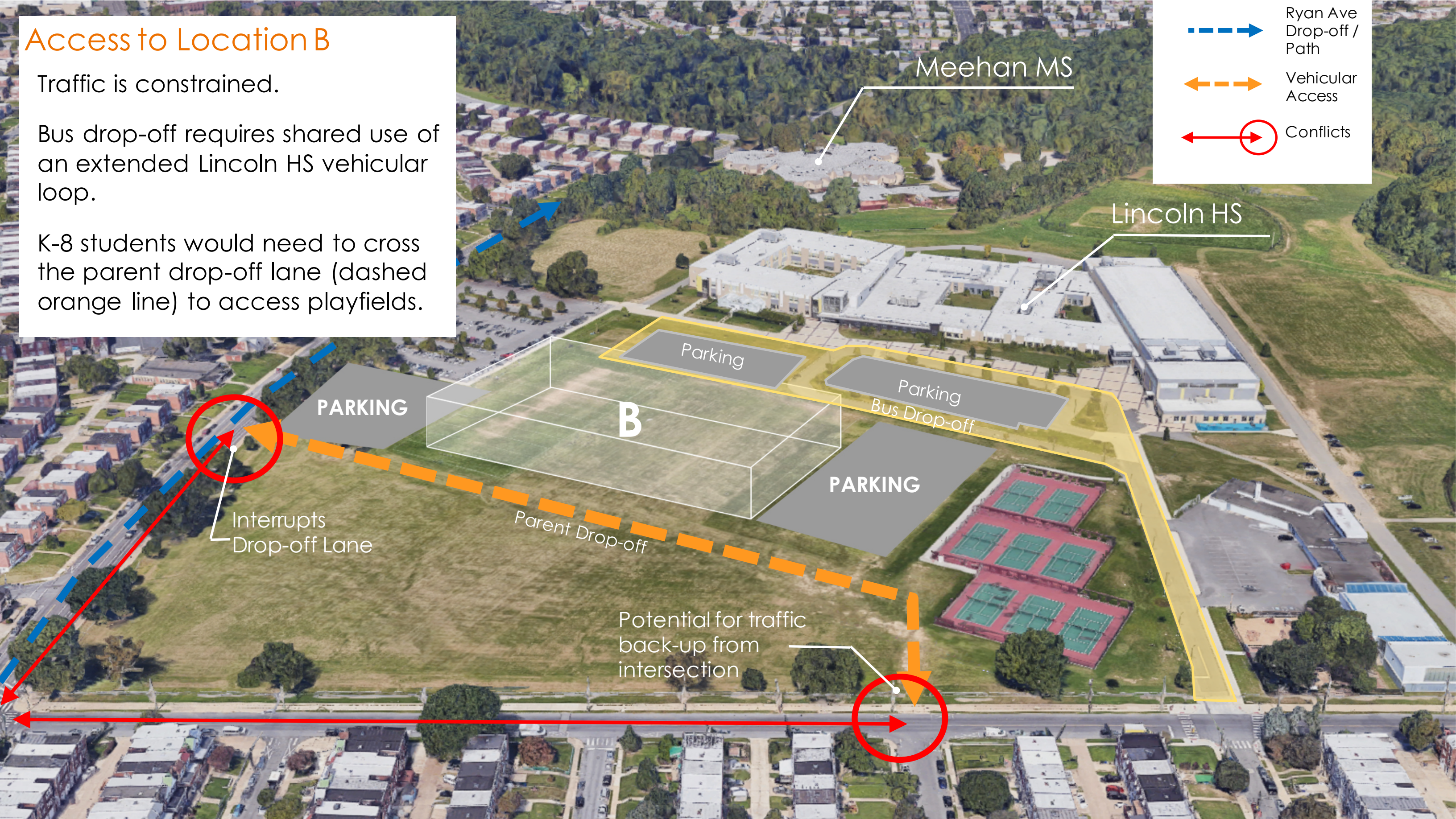Bus drop-off requires shared use of an extended Lincoln HS vehicular loop.

K-8 students would need to cross the parent drop-off lane (dashed orange line) to access playfields.

Meehan MS

Lincoln HS

PARKING

Parking

B

Parking
Bus Drop-off

PARKING

Interrupts
Drop-off Lane

Parent Drop-off

Potential for traffic
back-up from
intersection

Graphic Legend

Ryan Ave
Drop-off /
Path

Vehicular
Access

Conflicts

Traffic

Location A provides separate driveways for school buses and cars and alleviates traffic congestion on Ryan and Rowland Avenues.

Location B has higher visibility from Ryan and Rowland Avenues.

How important are separate driveways for school buses and cars?

Not important

Neutral

Important

Very important

How important is reducing traffic congestion on Ryan and Rowland Avenues?

Not important **A**

Neutral **B**

Important **C**

Very important **D**

Safety

Location A brings activity, lighting and security to the site near Pennypack Park.

Location B has higher visibility from Ryan and Rowland Avenues.

How important is visibility from Ryan and Rowland Avenues?

Not important

Neutral

Important

Very important

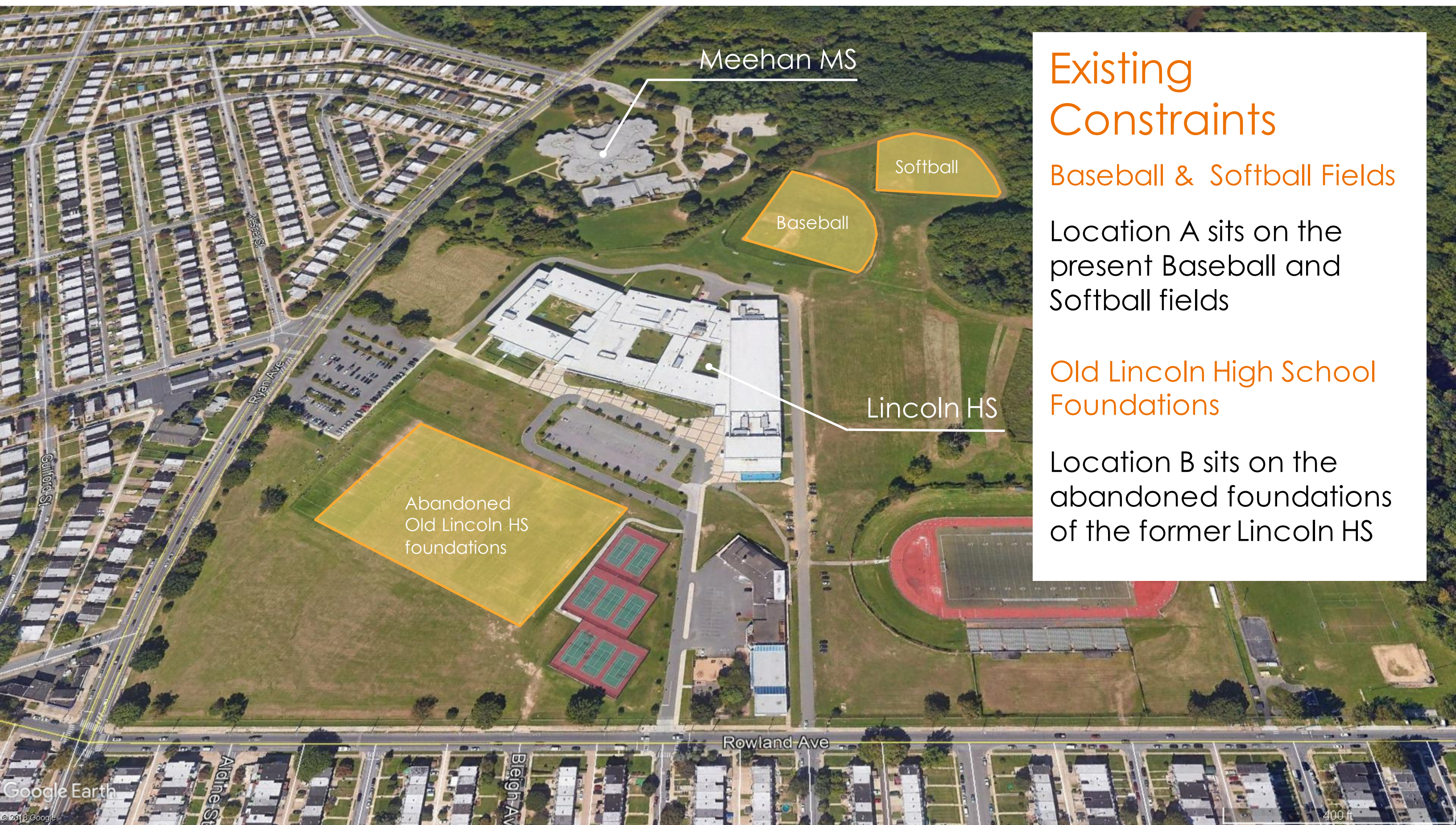# How important is bringing activity, lighting and security near Pennypack Park?

Not important

Neutral

Important

Very important

Meehan MS

Softball

Baseball

Lincoln HS

Abandoned
Old Lincoln HS
foundations

Existing Constraints

Baseball & Softball Fields

Location A sits on the present Baseball and Softball fields

Old Lincoln High School Foundations

Location B sits on the abandoned foundations of the former Lincoln HS

Environmental Considerations

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Location A has clean soil and is easier to construct a new building.

Location B has remaining foundations from the old Lincoln High School building and will cost money to remove.
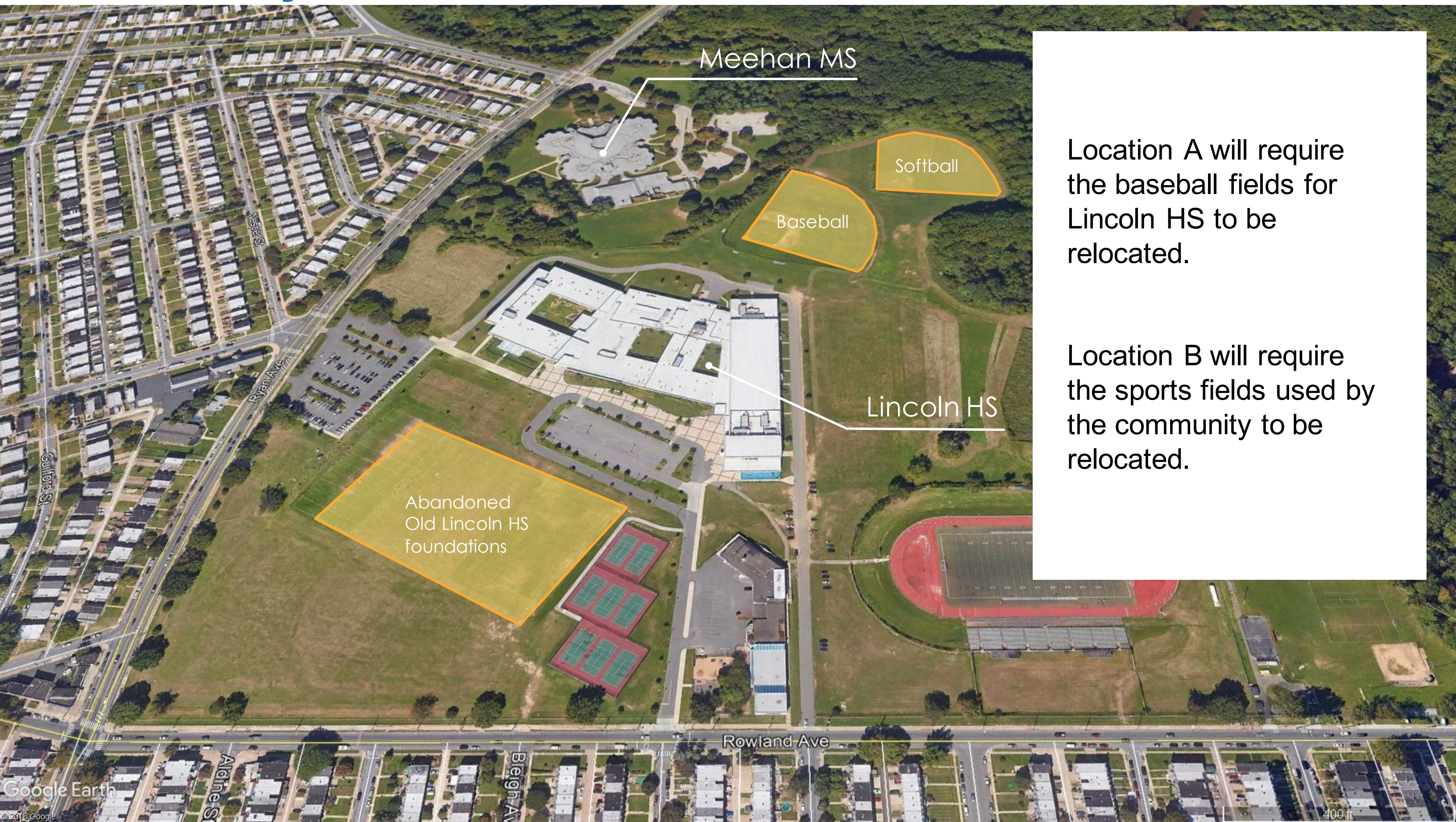
What is more important?

Higher budget for site development

Higher budget for the building

Community Use

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Softball

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Abandoned
Old Lincoln HS
foundations

Location A will require
the baseball fields for
Lincoln HS to be
relocated.

Location B will require
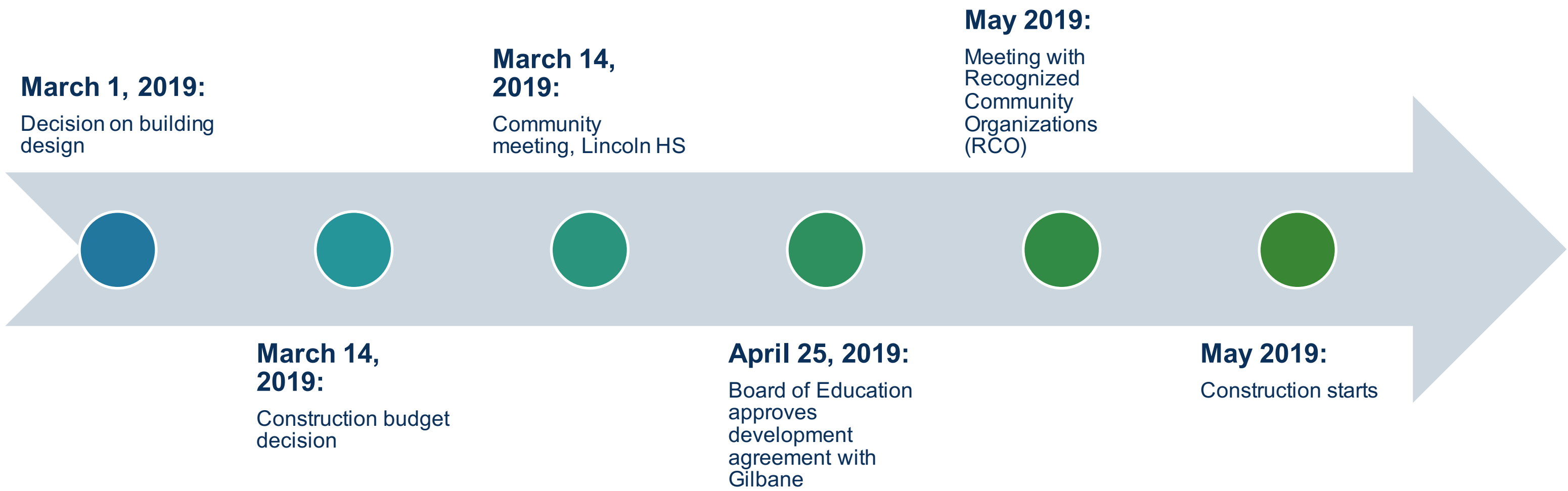the sports fields used by
the community to be
relocated.

What is your preference?

Relocate baseball field

Relocate sports fields

Next Steps

March 1, 2019:

Decision on building design

March 14, 2019:

Community meeting, Lincoln HS

May 2019:

Meeting with Recognized Community Organizations (RCO)

March 14, 2019:

Construction budget decision

April 25, 2019:

Board of Education approves development agreement with Gilbane

May 2019:

Construction starts

- Use enrollment study to confirm building capacity, educational program and building floor plans.
- Board of Education to review Building Design on March 1 and approve Construction Budget on March 14, 2019.
- Meet with community on March 14, 2019 at Lincoln HS to present final site selection and building design.
- Apply for building permits.
- Construction starts in May 2019.

Additional Information

For additional information please visit the project website:

- https://www.philasd.org/capitalprograms/newschoolonryanave/

Online surveys can be completed by February 28, 2019 at:

- https://goo.gl/forms/00sY5RrBOFmU2wFq1

To provide feedback please send an email to:

- capitalprograms@philasd.org

Question and Comments on Potential Locations