

Appendix A
SCHOOL REORGANIZATION FEASIBILITY SURVEY
FOR
WESTMER DISTRICT #203 COMMUNITY MEMBERS (126 FORMS)

1. Do you favor consolidating with Aledo CUSD #201?

Yes -	50	(40%)
No -	71	(56%)
Undecided -	5	(4%)

2. If you favor this consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - a. Better course options
 - b. Good match for Westmer
 - c. More money behind each student
 - d. More extra-curricular activities
 - e. A larger school district
 - f. More opportunities for the arts

3. If you oppose the Aledo consolidation, please list reasons why you believe this consolidation would not be good for your school district.
 - a. Too much emphasis on sports
 - b. Elementary must stay in New Boston
 - c. Bussing distance
 - d. Aledo's debt
 - e. Not a merger but a consolidation
 - f. Reducing staff will be a problem

4. Do you favor consolidation with a different district or districts?

Yes -	32	(25%)
No -	70	(56%)
Undecided -	24	(19%)

5. If you favor a different consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this different consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - a. Rockridge (23 favorable responses)
 - b. Yorkwood (1 favorable response)
 - c. Rockridge a good match
 - d. More diverse population in Rockridge
 - e. Yorkwood close to many of our students

6. Comments
 - a. Consolidation good for our students
 - b. Use existing facilities

- c. Favor Aledo over all options
- d. Trust in Board of Education to make the right decision
- e. Increased bus time for students
- f. Make sure special education program is a quality program
- g. Need to change name, color, etc. for total reorganization
- h. Westmer is financially sound

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION FEASIBILITY SURVEY
FOR
WESTMER DISTRICT #203 STAFF MEMBERS (43 FORMS)

1. Do you favor consolidating with Aledo CUSD #201?
 - Yes - 29 (67%)
 - No - 11 (26%)
 - Undecided - 3 (7%)

2. If you favor this consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - a. An improved curriculum
 - b. Overall better discipline
 - c. More college placement courses
 - d. Improved sports programs
 - e. New school and sport teams names
 - f. Financial improvement
 - g. Improved facilities

3. If you oppose the Aledo consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this consolidation would not be good for your school district.
 - a. Bussing distance too great
 - b. Will we pay their debt?
 - c. Too crowded conditions
 - d. Bigger isn't always better
 - e. Teachers will lose jobs
 - f. We will lose our identity

4. Do you favor consolidation with a different district or districts?
 - Yes - 13 (30%)
 - No - 26 (61%)
 - Undecided - 4 (9%)

5. If you favor a different consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this different consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - Rockridge (7 favorable responses)

Union & West Central (1 favorable response)

- a. If it would be better for students
- b. The closeness of the Rockridge district
- c. We are too small for a quality curriculum

6. Comments

- a. Keep staff employed
- b. Discipline needs improvement
- c. Let's do it
- d. Kids will adjust
- e. Board must do what is best for students

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION FEASIBILITY SURVEY
FOR
WESTMER DISTRICT #203 STUDENTS (178 FORMS)

1. Do you favor consolidating with Aledo CUSD #201?

Yes - 72 (40%)
No - 104 (58%)
Undecided - 2 (1%)

2. If you favor this consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe consolidation would be good for your school district.

- a. More student opportunities both academically and extracurricular
- b. The travel distances would be good
- c. More building space for students
- d. More funding for both districts
- e. More people available for band and chorus
- f. A more highly qualified staff
- g. Advance placement courses for the high school

3. If you oppose the Aledo consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this consolidation would not be good for your school district.

- a. Students will not get along
- b. They want Westmer for their money
- c. Aledo must give up sports name

4. Do you favor consolidation with a different district or districts?

Yes - 46 (26%)
No - 121(69%)
Undecided - 11 (6%)

5. If you favor a different consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this different consolidation would be good for your school district.

Rockridge (13 favorable responses)

West Central, Yorkwood and United (1 favorable response)

- a. Rockridge distance to travel is good
 - b. Rockridge has better class offerings
 - c. Rockridge has better music program
 - d. Improved sports programs
6. Comments
- a. A consolidation would be good
 - b. Let's get it done
 - c. If it must happen, let's go to Aledo
 - d. We will improve our curriculum
 - e. Already a football cooperative with Aledo
 - f. It will make for long bus rides for students

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION FEASIBILITY SURVEY
FOR
ALEDO DISTRICT #201 COMMUNITY MEMBERS (254 FORMS)

1. Do you favor consolidating with Westmer CUSD #203?
 - Yes - 186 (73%)
 - No - 60 (24%)
 - Undecided - 8 (3%)

2. If you favor this consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - a. Larger school enrollments in all grade levels
 - b. Improved curriculum
 - c. Better academic advanced course opportunities
 - d. Better extra-curricular activities
 - e. May help tax rates for both districts
 - f. Already cooping sports

3. If you oppose the Westmer consolidation, please list reasons why you believe this consolidation would not be good for your school district.
 - a. Bussing routes are too long
 - b. It would lower the overall test scores
 - c. Attitudes of parents and students are not good

4. Do you favor consolidation with a different district or districts?
 - Yes - 56 (22%)
 - No - 146 (57%)
 - Undecided - 52 (21%)

5. If you favor a different consolidation, please list on or two reasons why you believe this different consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - Rockridge (24 favorable responses)
 - Yorkwood (5 favorable responses)
 - Sherrard (8 favorable responses)
 - a. Rockridge – facilities, teacher quality
 - b. Rockridge – Academic programs
 - c. Rockridge – Same socio-economic levels
 - d. Larger districts would mean only one reorganization

6. Comments
 - a. Financial stability
 - b. Larger curriculum for high school students
 - c. Westmer owns busses - good
 - d. Solid educational foundation

- e. Get on with it
- f. Only consolidating with Westmer makes any sense

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION FEASIBILITY SURVEY
FOR
ALEDO DISTRICT #201 STAFF MEMBERS (47 FORMS)

1. Do you favor consolidating with Westmer CUSD #203?
 - Yes - 39 (83%)
 - No - 6 (13%)
 - Undecided - 2 (4%)

2. If you favor this consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - a. Increase student enrollment in all grades
 - b. If they wait too long to reorganize, both districts could be left out
 - c. Aledo will have staff reductions if we don't have more students
 - d. An expanded high school curriculum
 - e. Students from both schools already working together
 - f. More total resources for all students

3. If you oppose the Westmer consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this consolidation would not be good for your school district.
 - a. All savings will be eaten up by increased bussing costs
 - b. Aledo has good facilities, while Westmer does not
 - c. This is not the time
 - d. Student discipline problems in both districts

4. Do you favor consolidation with a different district or districts?
 - Yes - 10 (21%)
 - No - 29 (62%)
 - Undecided - 8 (17%)

5. If you favor a different consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this different consolidation would be good for your school district.
 - Rockridge (6 favorable responses)
 - Sherrard (1 favorable response)
 - a. Location of Rockridge school
 - b. Rockridge has good facilities
 - c. More curriculum options
 - d. Better tax base with Rockridge

6. Comments

- a. Board of education must make the decision
- b. Move slowly to reorganize
- c. Staff needs information on salaries, etc.
- d. Make Mercer County one school district
- e. Look seriously at Rockridge schools
- f. Help Aledo focus on academics, not just sports

SCHOOL REORGANIZATION FEASIBILITY SURVEY
FOR
ALEDO DISTRICT #201 STUDENTS (450 FORMS)

1. Do you favor consolidating with Westmer CUSD #203?
- Yes - 168 (37%)
 - No - 278 (62%)
 - Undecided - 4 (1%)
2. If you favor this consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe consolidation would be good for your school district.
- a. More class offerings available for high school students
 - b. More opportunities for extra curricular activities
 - c. More extra curricular activities added
 - d. Westmer closer to Aledo for reorganization than other districts
3. If you oppose the Westmer consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this consolidation would not be good for your school district.
- a. Longer bus rides for many students
 - b. The students will not get along
 - c. The school mascot and colors would be changed
 - d. Some staff members may lose their positions
 - e. Westmer high school students will have to drive further to school
4. Do you favor consolidation with a different district or districts?
- Yes - 49 (26%)
 - No - 121 (64%)
 - Undecided - 18 (10%)

5. If you favor a different consolidation, please list one or two reasons why you believe this different consolidation would be good for your school district.

Rockridge (25 favorable responses)

Sherrard (17 favorable responses)

Orion, AIWood, Monmouth, and Alexis (1 favorable response)

- a. Closer school districts to Aledo
 - b. Sherrard and Rockridge good school systems
 - c. Westmer is not that well liked by many students
6. Comments
- a. Do not consolidate with Westmer
 - b. Nothing gained with consolidation
 - c. Many travel problems for students and parents
 - d. Must keep school name

Appendix B

**Summary of Estimated Incentive Payments:
Consolidation**

Aledo CUSD 201
Westmer CUSD 203

	Fall, Year 1	Fall, Year 2	Fall, Year 3	Fall, Year 4	4 Year Total
GSA Difference Incentive	\$15,481	\$15,481	\$15,481	\$15,481	\$61,924
Deficit Fund Balance Incentive	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salary Difference Incentive	\$83,858	\$83,858	\$83,858	\$83,858	\$335,432
\$4000/Certified Staff Incentive	\$0	\$492,000	\$492,000	\$492,000	\$1,476,000
Total	<u>\$99,339</u>	<u>\$591,339</u>	<u>\$591,339</u>	<u>\$591,339</u>	<u>\$1,873,356</u>

NOTE: All payments of Reorganization Incentives subject to yearly adequate appropriations by the General Assembly