

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION STUDENT FEEDBACK

I visited each classroom in grades 4 & 5 and explaining the middle school transition and what we know right now about the transition. I then asked three questions to start a discussion and have recorded their responses below.

GRADE 4 FEEDBACK:

Question 1: What do you see as the positives for going to RJH? In other words, what do you like?

- We feel privileged we get to go. We feel older.
- We get lockers.
- We know kids that go there and can ask them questions
- We will have new friends
- There is a Gaga pit there
- We can sit in the back of the bus
- There is a cool two-floor library
- Seltzer in the lunchroom
- Offer better lunch choices and drinks

Question 2: What do you see as the negatives for going to RJH? What concerns you?

- We have to learn a new building - get lost
- Earlier start time than RES
- Playground needs more equipment (overwhelming feedback was for a climbing structure & swings)
- We can't be the oldest group ever at RES
- Don't want dances (I explained that now there could 5/6 events)
- Dances (don't want them)
- We will miss Rye Elementary people
- Don't want to do Wax Museum or other presentations in front of 8th graders

Question 3: How can we make your last year at RES special?

- Their own Fun Finale - like to be surprised so parents organizing it is great
- Clap Out- Can be with grade 5 and just let grade 5 go first
- Maybe a sleepover this year with grade 5 but not enthusiastic about grade 5 joining them
- Get out early on the last day like the 5th grade
- I mentioned the yearbook would

GRADE 5 FEEDBACK:

Question 1: Positives about moving to RJH

- Lockers
- Activities you can do (i.e. play, haunted walk)

- Food choices at lunch
- Rotate through classes
- Freedom to talk in hallways and walk around
- Old friends
- Choose language to study
- Schedules
- More independence

Question #2: Negatives or Concerns about RJH

- Miss RES
- Playground
- Shorter recess
- Dissect animals
- More homework
- New building to learn

Question #3: How do we make your ending to RES special?

- Two Fun Finales - grade 4 & 5 have their own
- 1 Award Ceremony but two awards given; one for each (1 for 4th and 1 for 5th)
- Clap Out- 5th grade first and then 4th, ok to have same day
- Yearbook-5th grade pages first and then 4th