

PARENT DATA

How are you feeling about the elementary consolidation at this point in the school year?



TOTAL: 283

We don't like it at all, it's more a pain than helping us. Right now nobody can keep anything straight.

Awful! Major anxiety and tears. Began to hate school. Doesn't like being split from friends. Should have kept the grade level building plan!

I feel the staff has done a good job trying to make the transition painless. However, I didn't want consolidation. I believe this was a poor decision by the district. I also don't understand the point of this survey, because no one listens to us anyways. The bottom line is the voters voted against consolidation, but they did it anyways.

It was a very difficult transition for my son. Part of the reason we didn't immediately turn in an inter enrollment form was because we liked the convenience of the bus and he likes riding the bus. His bus route ended up being one hour in the morning AND after school! So we started driving him to school anyways. My son still says he misses his old school where he had many friends. I stay positive and reinforce the importance of making new friends, but as a parent that's disappointing. My son's grades also suffered for the first nine weeks and his behavior regressed. I'm disappointed and wondering what's next for our schools.

I will begin my saying that kids are super resilient. I feel like my own kids (as well as the other Washington kids) have adjusted to the addiiton of students from Marlboro and Lexington very well. As a parent I feel like there are several issues. I would think that by consolidation there would be the benefit of extra resources, yet Washington kids have just had things taken from them. I have a daughter who waited years to be in the bell choir - only for it to be taken away when she was finally old enough to do it. I have another daughter who looked forward to being in the shool play for the first time - also taken away. Kids prepared for the talent show last year (because it was on the original 2018-2019 schedule) and it was taken away without parents/students even being told. I have to wonder if Lexington has lost anything in this consolidation? I also find it ironic that the theme for this year is "stronger together" and yet the one thing that would have enable parents from all three elementary schools to meet each other (the room parent meeting) didn't happen. Side note: PTO officers picking room parents has NOT gone over well!!!! There are many parents who choose not to participate in PTO for their own personal reasons. Parties were a way for them to feel like they were still involved and now PTO is in charge of that as well. I also get that the staff things the pick-up/drop-off procedure works but it is still dangerous. I was almost hit one morning when a bus behind me and a community member in front of me both decided to pass on a double yellos line at the same time. Last time I checked that was illegal and I was stuck right in the middle of it! I even have video of a bus passing on a double-yellow line! Thank you!

I feel the schools are crowded and understaffed. The line for dropping off students is beyond long and sometimes can take up to twenty minutes to get through.

Each township should have its own school, Lexington, Washington and Marlboro! When rezoning took place it put an end to certain drop off and pick up places! My parents moved into Lexington district specifically for the ability to pick up and drop off their grandkids because of our work schedule falling at the same hours of the bus route. Now my parents no longer live in the district to do so which makes the bus route very inconvenient. May of our son's friends had to relocate which was heartbreaking for him.

Not good, little communication. Little opportunity to get involved. Tense tone in building and the biggest complaint is yelling by supporting staff in hallways, at lunch, and at pick up. School isn't fun anymore.

I am still disappointed at the decision to shut down Marlboro Elementary. I attended the school, but our family has been minimally affected. Our daughter still goes to Washington Elementary, which is where she attended the previous year.

I don't know why I feel sad.

Very crowded at events
I don't like that the school don't do the same as Marlboro as for parties and donations.
There isn't enough parking for events when a majority of the students/families attend, for example, the open house at the start of the year. Things like that need split up by last name or something similar.
5th graders need independence like they had at Marlboro Elem. ie: lunch on their own, recess not being taken away, NOT disciplining whole class for one person's actions. These kids are going to the middle school next year! Treat them as young adults not first graders! Lexington's parking lot needs paved! Absolutely ridiculous how it floods and the potholes. There also needs to be something different for pickup/dropoff with all the buses! Absolute cluster/accident waiting to happen!
We miss Marlboro.
It has been ok. As a Marlboro family, we don't feel very connected to the Lexington community.
Very crowded at events.
No difference.
Very congested parking lot at pickup/dropoff or after school events. Very poor parking lot conditions- dangerous for kids to get to cars at pickup/dropoff.
It hasn't been the easiest transition for my daughter. She has had difficulty with some of the other students this year. I think we had a comfort level with the past building staff and families that will take a while to develop new.
No difference.
Transition has been fine but we wish Marlboro was open.
Son prefers Marlboro but only there one year and he adjusts well to change. Would prefer grade level buildings.
Events with school are very crowded. Don't feel child has had the same curriculum achievements.
I don't feel like much communication for parents who can't attend meetings. PTO meetings are at a time that I can't come. My child has adjusted well and made a few more friends.
I do like the new consistent behavior system. Last year all the kindergarten classes had their own and it was confusing. All the changes with pick up were a little frustrating but have gotten better.
Why would the kids want to buy a yearbook when most of their friends are at their old school? They only know a few kids at this new school. Their friends of many years are at their old school.

I think everything has come together smoothly! The PTO needs to work some things out before one school has ill feelings toward the other! If you are a joint PTO, then you should be equal!

I understand that the district had reasons for consolidating and that there are also advantages, however, I feel that some of the unique opportunities that were provided by separate community elementary schools have suffered.

The school staff did a great job at merging the students from multiple schools into one. The choice of closing Marlboro Elementary instead of Washington was a poor decision. Washington is smaller and the school seems run-down. It's so small that the gym is also used as the cafeteria, which means on cold days when the kids can't go outside for recess, they have to hang out in their classroom. I think it's very important for grade-school kids to stretch their legs and get a change of scenery rather than keep them cooped up in the classroom all because the school is too small to have full use of the gym.

I'm not sure how well the communication is with the administration and the staff. Personally, we have not been affected but friends and family have had numerous things happen that effective communication would have solved. ALSO: not pleased with the combining of all three schools' rules.

Working out but not like our experience at Marlboro. Our drive to and from has increased quite a bit.

Too early to decide. We do miss Marlboro.

██████ loves Washington School and his teachers. The bus ride home is very lengthy (over an hour). Lexington is much closer, but he seems to like Washington better.

It didn't affect my family. My kids were already going to Lexington.

It was hard at first, but things have smoothed out and feeling more welcome.

I feel like the classrooms are more crowded this year compared to past years.

Not too bad. Wish the PTO meeting days/times were different, always seems to be when I'm working and can't make it.

It is doing well. The PTO rocks!

Mostly everything has gone well. The music, gym, library/steam schedule can be a little confusing. The dropoff/pickup lanes are awkward. Don't really have a better solution without paving an additional lane on south side of driveway. When the noise level in the cafeteria at Marlboro got to be too much, they would turn off the lights rather than yelling loudly. Much better idea!

Fine.

I really like all of the teachers- the "Marlboro" teachers are very nice as well. I like how all of the teachers work together. I wish that parents would be as kind and open about the change as the teachers are.

It has not affected my son one bit. It also has not affected the busing for us too. In fact my children get home ten minutes earlier than if they were going to Marlboro. The only issue we have (and it's not that big of a deal) is we as parents have 10-15 minutes more of a drive if we pick up or have to go to any assemblies. I wish this community would just figure out what it wants when it comes to the elementary buildings. One or three? Personally I want one elementary building!

My wife and I think that it has been going great! The only issues we see is pickup/dropoff lines are a bit long. But we can see that is getting better every day. Assemblies and parking at them are very crowded at times. We feel that parking could be assisted with people outside helping to park cars (Washington). Our biggest concern is what is happening with the elementary buildings. Is this community renovating the old or building one consolidated building! We feel this is tearing this community apart!! Time to end this ridiculous issue! We prefer our money go to one elementary!

Went smooth for us. Miss Marlboro though.

Christmas concert I was a little unclear of procedures.

Overall, I feel the consolidation has gone well. It was a rocky start for my son, but it has gotten better. I hope that the school board moves forward for the children and not backwards by reopening Marlboro. This would not be a financially responsible decision for the district.

Fairly happy! I'm in fifth grade and there's a lot of drama.

We have had an awesome first semester! [REDACTED] has really come out of her shell! We are still getting used to the rotation of gym, music and "steam."

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Don't feel as if anything changed that drastically.

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Wish the new board members would stop talking about reopening Marlboro. It stirs up the kids and that does not help the education.

Something needs done about pickup/dropoff. It is the most unorganized mess I have ever been a part of. One school is cool!

A "1" for dropoff/pickup- this is horrible! Build one school!

I feel like the consolidation has overall went well. The staff at Lexington are amazing and really care about the students there. Yes, there are more students in the building, but I enjoy seeing all the new faces and getting to know the kids. I don't feel that the increase in enrollment has been a bad thing. I'm very active in volunteering as well as subbing in the building so I get a more firsthand look at how things are running during the day. The majority of the students seem happy and adjusted. The only negative effect the consolidation had for our family personally is that we were put on the other side of the dividing line and now have to transport our son to school each day in order to keep him at the school for his last year. He truly loved riding the bus every day and just last week commented how he wished he could still ride it.

Good!

My child (from Marlboro) has had a great year. I think things have gone very smoothly.

It seemed to go fine from my family's view. We were already Lexington but haven't noticed any negative effects. I am a parent volunteer and from that perspective everything seemed to go smooth as far as day-to-day operations at the school go as far as I could see. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work on this transition.

It has gone smoothly.

I feel like it's coming along. My kids seem to come home happier than last year.

My child loves his school.

Fantastic! Isaac said he loves having so many new friends at school. I also like the Marlboro teachers. They are a great asset to Lexington.

Very pleased with how well the transition from Marlboro to Lexington has gone- the staff at Lexington have gone above and beyond to make sure of it. My child transitioned very well with absolutely no problems. We are grateful for the staff. Certainly hope that Marlboro is not reopened. I believe it would be detrimental to our schools at all levels.

For having such a change this year I think it has gone very well. My kids are both enjoying their classes and are doing good. I am pleased with what Lexington has become.

My kids seem to be well adjusted and overall really enjoy school. I feel it would be detrimental to my children to be moved back to Marlboro.

Smooth.

It has gone well for our family.

We're having a great year! Thanks Lexington staff.

Lexington did a great job making new families feel welcome. I hope Marlboro doesn't reopen and force new families and teachers to go through this all over again.

This year has been a great start for my daughter. I am pleased with how everything has worked.

The consolidation has been a positive experience for my family. This process has allowed our children to have more resources readily available. Every staff member has been positive and worked hard to ensure the transition was smooth for everyone. I recommend that this consolidation remain in place.

Although we all loved our schools the way they were, and feared what change would be like, it was the best decision ever for my family. My daughter met all kinds of new friends at her new school and loves it every day! Mr. Rogers has been such a blessing and so welcoming to all of us. We are praying it doesn't go back to the way it was as that would be so hard on our daughter and all of her friends to be put back again. Now that we're here, we love it! Thank you!

No changes.

Didn't affect my kid.

Good teaching strategies day by day. My son is learning a lot. So far I am happy seeing my kid progress every year! As a parent, I am grateful that my son go to this school. Excellent (job) academic ethics! Thank you "Lexington Elementary School" all the staff and the teachers...

I was happy.

My family has adjusted well. I fear the new Board of Education will reopen Marlboro and make all the students and staff go through another transition just to prove a point and show "they have won." My daughter's health has greatly improved since she is not at Marlboro. I strongly believe there is mold in that building!

Very pleased with how well the consolidation has gone. We appreciate the efforts of all the staff and school admin to make the experience a positive one.

Our family feels we've had a smooth, easy transition to Lexington. The staff has been warm and welcoming.

We have been so pleased with how this transition has been handled. It has been hard for everyone, but with it has come so many good things. Mr. Rogers and the Lexington Crew has been such a blessing. We are so glad to be part of this school.

Lexington-Mr. Rogers went above and beyond to make my children feel welcome. I appreciated Mr. Knolls' presence, as always, he was present and truly has the best interest of the kids in his heart! Meet the building helped ease minds. My son has had a difficult time this year, and the school has been wonderful in helping him. I can't see him succeeding moving back to Marlboro, and truly fear what it would do to him. Marlboro wouldn't be the same, and we need to be financially wise. Thank you for asking!

Great job trying to make new families feel welcomed! Hoping this change stays and families and teachers don't have to do it all over again.

We did not have any changes.

I was happy.

My children are happy that they have new friends at school, and like their new teachers as well.

The Lexington community has been so welcoming and inclusive. The transition has been only positive for our family as we have moved closer to one Duke Nation instead of small isolated community schools. This change is only going to help our students long term.

First full year in the area, so hard to judge. So far so good.

We have two children at Lexington this year, a first grader and a preschooler. We were quite anxious and nervous with how consolidation would go after our quiet and anxious daughter had adjusted to the school and staff so well last year. She had a nervous first week and was sad to be separated from some of the friends she met last year, but has adjusted really well. I have to give much credit to her teachers, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Woods, they have been wonderful. I had gotten to know Mrs. Hall a little last year after helping/volunteering at Marlboro Elementary. Very early in the year when we had asked how our daughter was doing we were reassured she was doing well and that all the staff were working hard to help ease this transition. Not only has the teaching staff been wonderful, but so has the office staff and principal. After some general misconceptions and twisted stories, I was contacted to clarify the facts and was completely relieved to have these things put aside this year. I have been volunteering and a part of PTO this year and have felt very welcomed by the staff and their honesty. They are truly here for the best interest of the kids and families which makes us feel great as parents knowing our kids are in good hands. Mr. Rogers has been very honest and genuine this year and truly watches out for the best interest of the students.

I think the staff did an excellent job at Washington, adapting to a new building and new kids and making those kids feel welcome in a new school. I have nothing but nice things to say about the Washington Staff.

This year went very well. I would like to see one elementary school in the future.

I feel it has gone great! [REDACTED] expressions on how much interaction him and the other children get is great! I have heard positive remarks from other parents.

My child is still at the same school, but I've not noticed any negative changes since consolidating.

Our son started kindergarten this year and we have been very pleased with the school, teachers and programs, especially latchkey. Great school system.

Washington Elementary is an amazing school, the staff has been absolutely wonderful and we are very happy with our child's education and experience. Thank you for all you do!

Drop off and pick up has gone exceptionally well despite the increased amount of students. Events/class parties still seem to be organized and are enjoyable.

Our kids have loved making new friends.

Keep a positive morale among teachers! They are who students and parents communicate with the most. They make sacrifices and we appreciate them!

I think it is going pretty well.

I would say it has been seamless. I never even noticed a big change which I find amazing.

The school year has been great! Just wish we had one elementary building.

The consolidation has been great, lots of new friends! But I have heard that Marlboro might reopen and I think this is a bad idea! Looks bad on the district and lots of people will leave because of this!

Well.

Thanks to all of the staff for making [REDACTED] feel super welcome and comfortable. She absolutely loves her teachers and she was so scared of the transition she was having nightmares over the summer. You all rock!

Being a kindergarten parent I have nothing to compare to, but so far so good!

As long as the two elementary schools have equal amounts of funds and fundraisers it is ok. Keep up the good work and hopefully soon we will be as one- united and won't have to worry about separation. *New building = better technology for every student and teacher. *Split it down the middle equally.

We were not impacted greatly because we are new to the school (kindergarten), however, the consolidation allowed us to come to Washington which allowed my child to have a wonderful teacher, one who we really wanted him to have. He's had a wonderful first year of school so far.

I am very happy with the teachers and the office. They are all very helpful. The teaching staff cares for the students and are very creative with all the crafts and art projects.

Since we moved here the school has helped my daughter grow in a lot of ways.

My son has made some really great friends that he never would have met until middle school. It would be a shame if many of these new friendships would be lost if separated. It is also nice to see the more diverse student population.

I think it would be absolutely ridiculous to open up Marlboro again. These students are all adjusting so well. Opening it back up would only cause un-needed stress on the kids.

Better than I expected. I did miss having a class Christmas party...very glad there will be a Valentine's party. These parties are parents only chance to meet all the kids and other parents. Thanks!

Good.

Consolidating was the best decision for the district. This only made sense financially for the district and also educationally for the students. This was the right step towards truly

creating a Marlinton community instead of three townships who always seem to work against each other.

There has been more equitable curriculum, better collaboration among teachers and my son has many new friends he would not have had the opportunity to meet.

It has gone well, we do miss the old school though.

I have been amazed by it all!! You all did an amazing job! Also, I hope this guy who got elected doesn't seriously try to reopen the other school!!!

You guys are doing a great job! Thanks!

Been great!

We just started at Marlinton this year, so I am not familiar with how it was before. We have had a good experience at Marlinton so far!

Do not reopen Marlboro school. Keep moving forward. Keep Marlinton District Alive!

I am very pleased with the consolidation. My child has met lots of new friends, she is happy to go to school. She is learning a lot this year. I love Mr. Rogers. He has made this consolidation as smoothly and comforting as possible. He is always there for the kids and parents. Her teachers have been so great! Great job everyone.

Pickup/dropoff needs work. It was better when it was out front.

We are for the consolidation and feel it was the right move. However, we feel this year we have lost some of the family feel. Things that have made us feel this way: 1. Heavy push that younger siblings not welcomed at anything during school hours. 2. No homemade treats. 3. No Christmas party. Thank you for the increased security and enforcement of locked front door. As you can see, we give a 5 overall.

I'm glad that [REDACTED] is happy at this school and was able to be with some old friends and meet new friends. We couldn't ask for a better principal/teachers. I really love how they do the pickup line, makes it faster and easier on everyone.

Please do not yank the kids around because the adults are sentimental. They deserve better. They have adjusted and made new friends.