

**Community Visioning Profile  
Bates Area Civic Association [BACA]**

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The issues and proposed resolutions surrounding the closing of long-standing community schools, perhaps do not satisfy many residents of our neighborhood. However, I believe that by our neighborhood working with Mayor Fenty, our youth will have greater access for academic and social improvements leading to real-life solutions for bettering the lives of the students.

With the advent of schools' closings in our immediate community, the opportunity suddenly increases for our community to perhaps put in place some of the services many residents desire. Some of our neighbors have already spoken out and made suggestions on future use for the proposed closed schools. As an advocate for moving our community forward in support of the changes that can lead to an improved public education system and quality of life in the community, I am asking for your input through the questions below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**If you were making the decision, what you would you do with the proposed schools?**

Section I: Use Closed Schools as: (*From the list below, please check as many answers as you like.*)

<u>Police Sub-station 15</u>	Community Service Center 7	Day Care 5	Restaurant 6
Recreation Center 4	Food Distribution facility 1	<u>Arts Center 14</u>	Market 8
Rental Apartments 1	Government Offices 4	<u>Library 14</u>	Condos 2
Senior Housing 2	Affordable Housing 1	Church 0	Park 2
Other: Career Center 5	Faith-based services 1		

**What do you believe should be done with the schools to bring about the most long-term benefit to the community?**

Section II: Use Most Likely to Benefit Community (*check no more than five "5" responses on list below*)

1. Public safety facility 16
2. One-stop government services facility 4
3. Mixed-use building with retail i.e. food court, doctor offices, bank, cleaners 12
4. Food Market with Deli 3
5. Senior and Affordable Housing 6
6. Market-rate Housing 7
7. Government Offices 7
8. Shelter for the Homeless 0
9. Arts Center with shops, artists studios, book store, music recording center etc. 14
10. Restaurants 5
11. Walking Park 5
12. Park with playing fields 3
13. Faith-based institution or services 1
14. Other: Library 1      Career Center 1      Hotel 1

**If the schools are closed and decided for re-development, how would like to see the buildings used in order make the strongest impact for improving our community?**

Section II: Re-development of the Closed Schools (*Please write your responses in space provided below.*)

1. In your opinion, what would be the **TWO best uses** of the proposed schools?

After-school tutoring and mentoring 5	<u>Police services 10</u>	<u>Community Arts Center 12</u>		
Library 2	Market Rate Housing 3	Senior Housing 1	Food Market 1	Park 2
Rec Center 4	Mixed Use Development 5			

2. What are the **TWO ways you do not want** the proposed schools to be used?

<u>Homeless Shelter 18</u>	Clinic or Treatment Center 2	Service Center 1	Park 1
Condos 2	Affordable Housing 4	Faith-based Services 2	School 1
Food Market 1	Food Distribution Center 1	Left empty 1	

