



Battle Creek Area Math + Science Center

INNOVATION THROUGH INSPIRATION

BCAMSC

The Top Facts about the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center

- The BCAMSC serves three functions: an on-site high school for academically talented students, K - 12, math and science assistance for area schools, and a designer and distributor of science curriculum materials. Sale of these kits to outside schools subsidizes the center's programs.
- Reinvestment and relocation of the BCAMSC can increase services to K - 12 schools for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).
- Presentations for the BCAMSC are conceptual but viable for the center's future.
- An evaluation determined that the current facility has inadequate and outdated space for education program expansion, laboratory updates, technology upgrades and distribution center efficiencies for kit assembly.
- Evaluations have been performed on four relocation sites. The top recommendation is the former cereal museum in downtown Battle Creek, which is the lowest cost option without use of tax dollars.
- In September, the Battle Creek School Board gave Battle Creek Unlimited permission to seek funding for the center's development at the former cereal museum, which is estimated at \$18 million.
- The former cereal museum will not utilize tax money for the center's development. Planners are currently seeking education grants, corporate funding, private investment and center naming rights.
- There have been no financial offers to improve or invest in the BCAMSC's future at its current location. Tax dollars would have to be utilized to improve the current facility.
- Education is a strategic pillar of the Downtown Battle Creek Transformation. Known funding sources are limited to the downtown revitalization project.
- The option of dual school and distribution center are still being investigated. However, separating these functions will create a duplication of administrative and operational costs. A separate distribution center could weaken the critical inter-relationship between the Kit Program and special education programs.

(Also, be sure to gain more information from the executive summary)

