

## Your Opinions: Task force backs relocating center

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On Nov. 4, the Educators' Task Force acted unanimously to endorse the concept of moving the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center (BCAMSC) downtown. The plan to move the center downtown will provide expanded offerings for additional students, enhanced space and curriculum for current BCAMSC students and a new facility with state-of-the-art design and equipment.

During the discussion, Educators' Task Force members talked about the potential expanded learning opportunities that could be available through having the center centrally located in the city. A downtown center location will:

1. Support expanded math and science programs and services to more Battle Creek area students - added summer and Saturday programs as well as the expanded opportunity for after-school programs. Overall, this move will provide for more educational opportunities for our students.
2. Provide space for expanding the capacity to accept more high school students into the program.
3. Support access and opportunities for students to interact with "science-related" businesses located in the downtown.
4. Support the BCU vision of a "community-wide" food science and safety future with the center becoming the educational hub for this work.

The Educators' Task Force has been and will continue to be supportive of the center and we look forward to a strong and continuing relationship with both the center's high school program as well as the science kit program. In fact, task force members endorse the exceptional learning value of the science kits and want to express support for a mathematics kit program in the future.

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