

**Kirkland Community Development Plan  
Education Forum  
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**Forum Summary**

**CCS: The Long View**

Broad options for the future of CCS:

- **Status Quo.** Maintain current model.
- **Collaboration.** Share services and costs with other districts and institutions.
- **Consolidation.** Merge with one or more neighboring districts.
- **Regionalization.** Oneida County School District (BOCES).
- **Privatization.** Create a charter school or private academy.

Responses to: What does CCS look like in 10 years?

- **Shared back office/administrative functions with BOCES.**
- **Stabilized financial condition.** (Balanced budget as a sustained mandate).
- **Alternative sources of revenue.** (A significant portion of the CCS revenue budget is derived from sources other than local property taxes as an offset to lower state aid).
- **Focus on doing well with what we have.**
- **Collaboration with other districts.** (Regional efforts – centralized functions without consolidation)
- **Academic excellence.**
- **Top-notch instructional staff.**
- **Top quality, well-maintained, modern facility.** (Leverage the location of CCS in the center of the community – village and town).
- **Community involvement.** (Volunteerism and support from local businesses).
- **Good relations and collaborative efforts with Hamilton College.**
- **Career counseling with added focus on local career opportunities.**
- **More diverse staff and student body.**