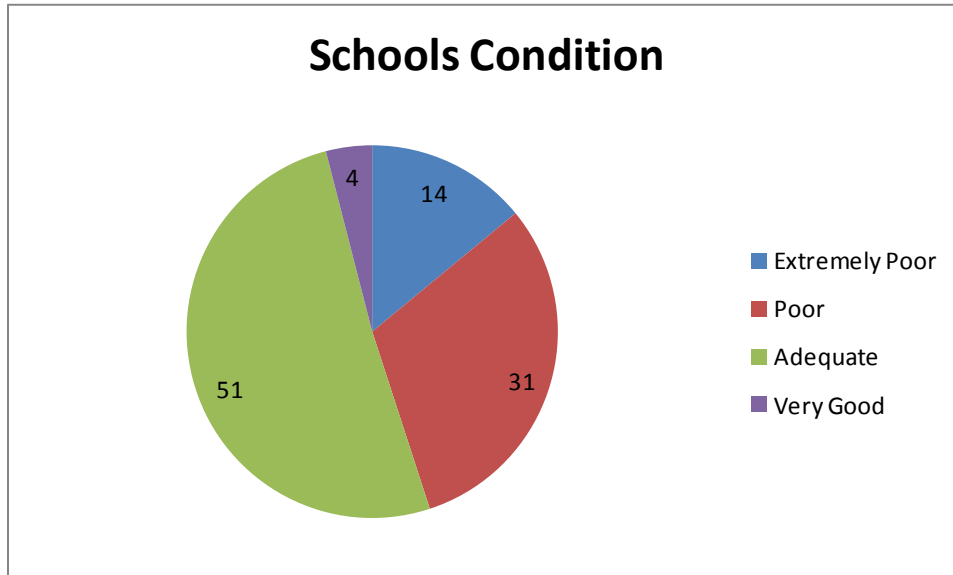


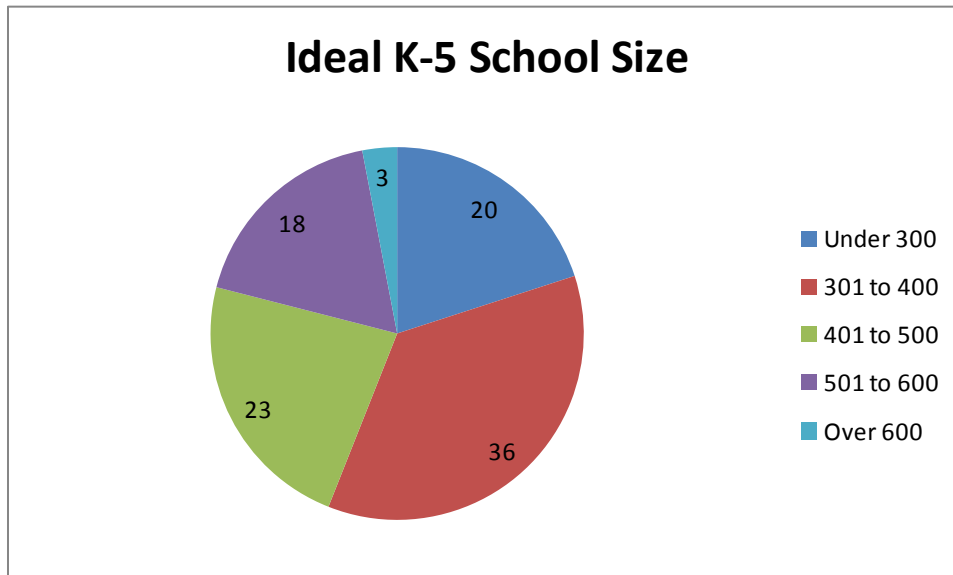
Initial recap of the 100 responses to the Survey

The first 100 survey Responses were received from January 24 through January 28, 2013 at 2pm.

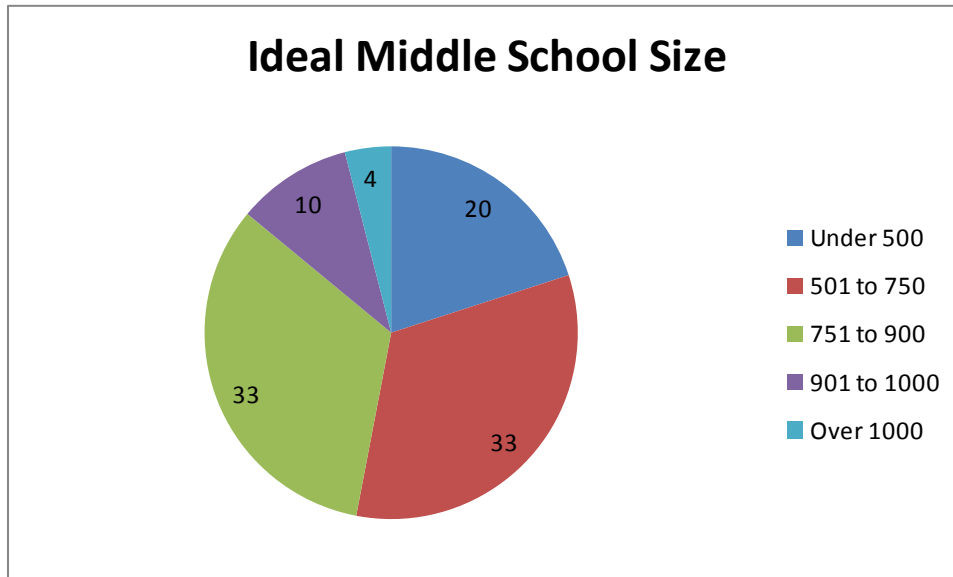
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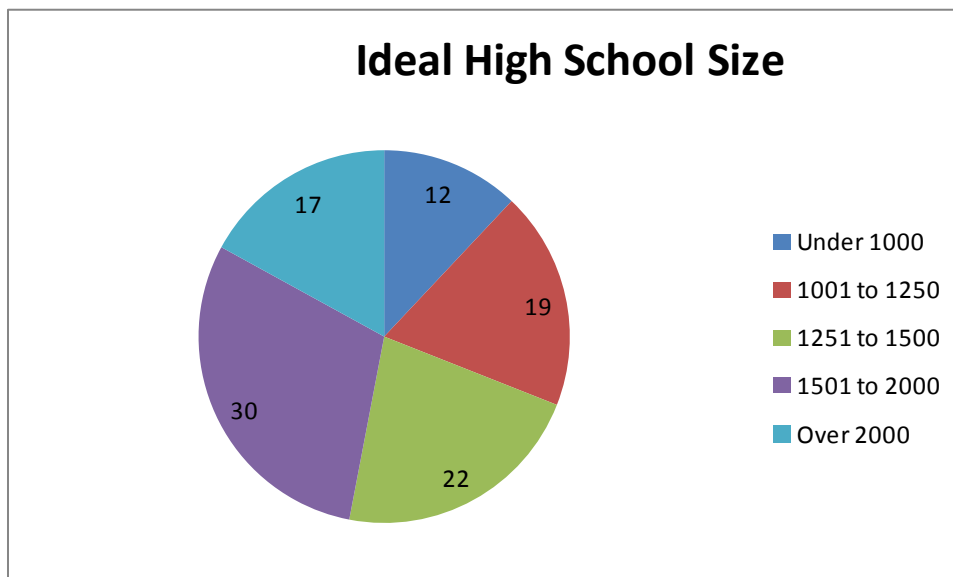
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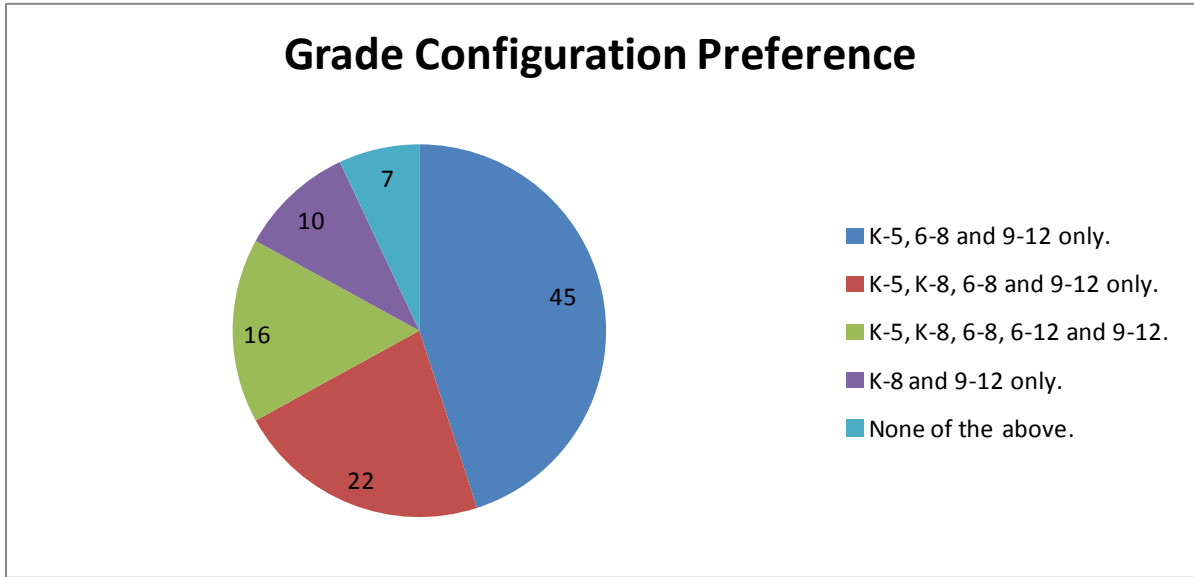
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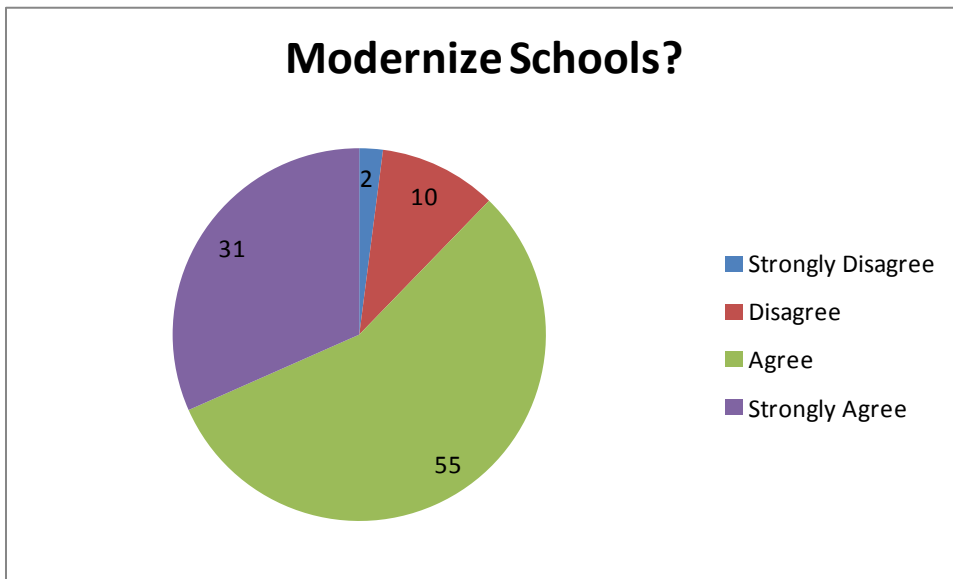
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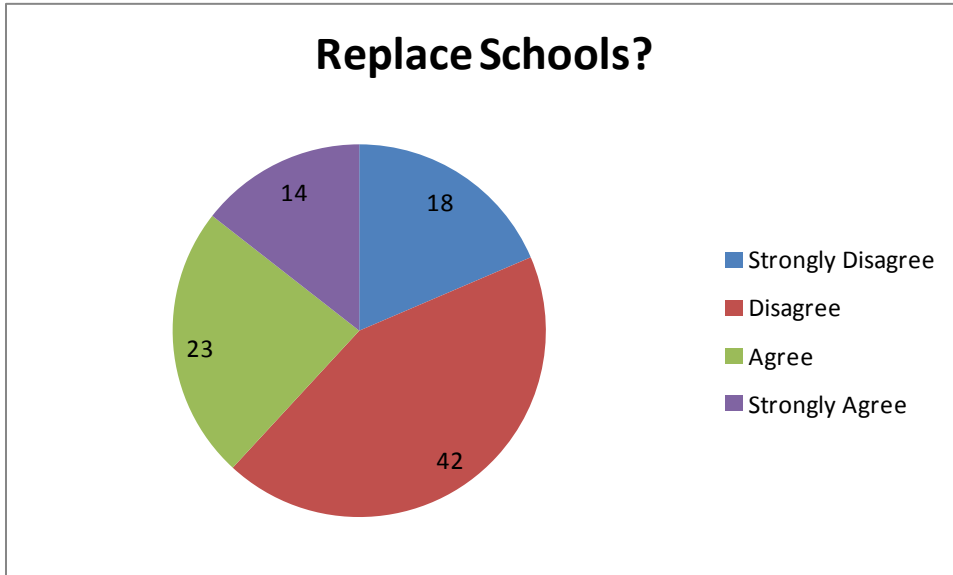
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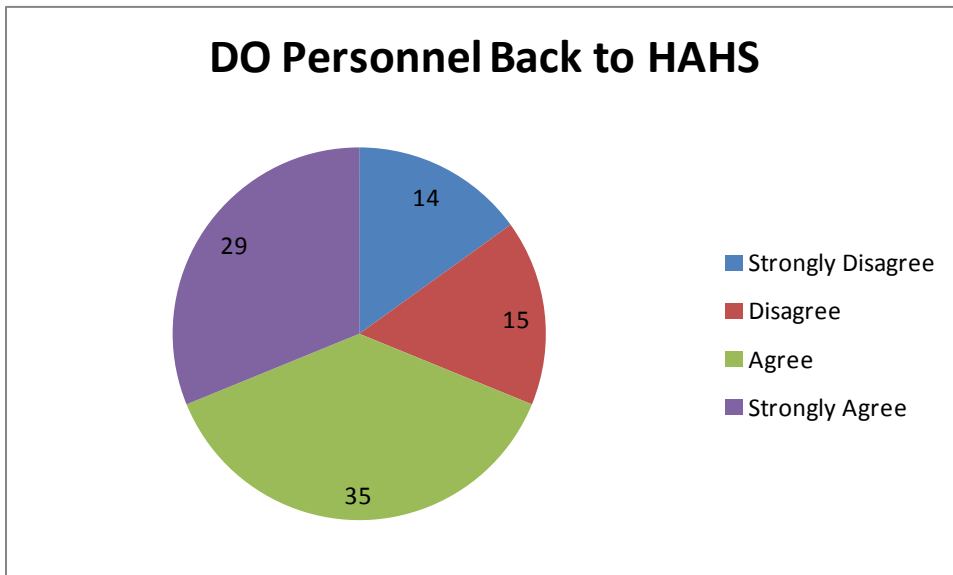
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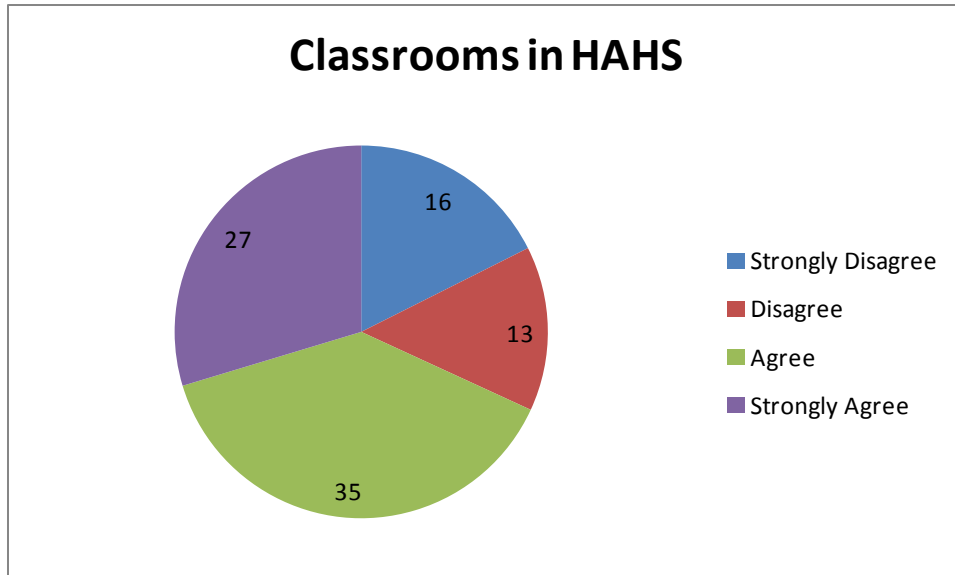
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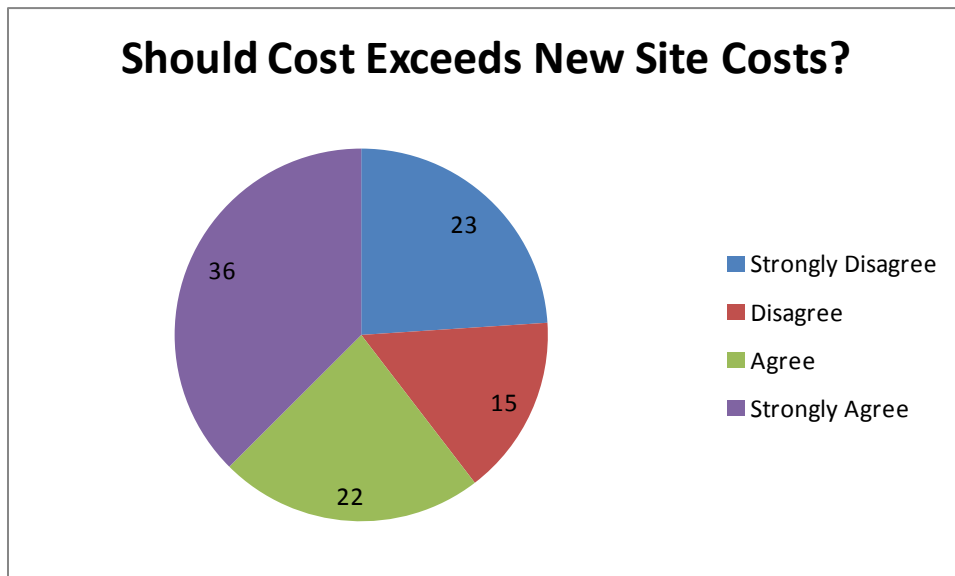
8.) Historic Alameda High School should be retrofitted to standards that allow District Office personnel back in the building.



9.) Historic Alameda High School should be retrofitted to standards that allow the District to reuse the space as classrooms.



10.) Historic Alameda High School should not be retrofitted if costs exceed the amount to build a new school site.



Under demographic information individuals could all criteria that applied. This recap is not exhaustive but highlights some key data: Over 60% were parents, 10% were affiliated with a charter school, 15% identified themselves as property owners only. Once again this group is NOT representative of Alameda since I Emailed those individuals who have corresponded with me over the past 10 years.

Comments Received

- A community oversight committee that actually inspects school sites to verify work progress and completion before paying the bill for construction work.
- Alameda High should be closed; all students should attend Encinal. The students then would be able to receive a wider and diverse range of both curricular and extra-curricular offerings due to the cost efficiencies. School districts that have conjoined their high schools into a single campus are more efficiently run, provide more to more students at a lower cost, and the students are the benefactors.
- Alameda should consolidate both it's High schools into one facility with state of the art classrooms, cafeteria, athletic, drama and music facilities. Currently both high schools facilities are disgraceful.
- Athletic facilities are woeful.
- AUSD cannot afford the new office space. The admin. should fill in at existing site spaces to prove their willingness to belt-tighten, as parents, students and staff have done for so many years. I did not vote for Measure A to see money so profligately wasted! As a voter and citizen, I was angered by your vote on this issue. If the building cannot be immediately re-sold, it should be leased to a party with better access to cash on hand.
- FDO NOT buy the Temporary Headquarters for AUSD. Your analysis of this as an "Asset" is incredibly naive and short sighted/
- Get started now!
- HAHS should be preserved. if it is too expensive to retrofit to current standards for AUSD then it should be used for something else. it should not be torn down or abandoned. it is a precious historic site.
- How bout a dedicate page in the Sun for letters/opinions so there is an open dialog without school/school board selecting what we hear.
- To start publish all the feedback/ suggestions you get in the survey along with the number of times it was suggested.
- Also there should be dollar estimates included with the various choices.
- Thanks for doing this.
- I am a homeowner and parent of two preschool children, therefore I am highly invested in the future of the alameda school system. I was horrified to learn that the superintendent, Kirsten Vital, approved the lease of extremely expensive property to house the AUSD administrative staff. I am outraged that the administrators are allowed to waste our tax dollars in such a frivolous and selfish manner. The millions of dollars spent on the lease could have and should have been used to retrofit one or more of the existing school properties to make it/ them safer and more beautiful for our students and teachers. If the superintendent feels that one of the properties is unsafe or "unlivable" then it was her duty to ensure that the public funds be spent to improve them. She should absolutely not have wasted that money on leasing

additional property, when much less expensive options exist. Kirsten Vital should be fired for misappropriation of funds. The purpose of the school administration and school board is to serve the students, not to provide cushy jobs for themselves.

- I believe it is important to have parity across the island. What is available on the east end should also be available on the west end. For example there should be a traditional middle school for the west end that is like Lincoln (I realize that Wood currently does this, but many people feel like the 6-12 program at Encinal will result in closing Wood and that the BOE is going ahead with Junior Jets just shows how they mislead the voters on the west end), and there should be a K-6/8 program like they are doing at BayFarm available on the west end. Whatever the BOE chooses to do with facilities and programs it should reflect a UNIFIED vision of education in Alameda.
- I believe that Alameda could really benefit from one state of the art high school for most students.
- If HAHS is torn down I will move myself and my kids out of Alameda and never look back. The very name says it all. Historic. Lets get it ready and get our kids back in there so they can grow up enjoying a truly fantastic high school building. I have lived in Alameda for 22 years, work in Alameda (Trader Joe') and have lots of history here. Lets keep our history alive for our kids. I have 2 children one still in Alameda public schools.
- I feel so strongly that the high school should be renovated and still used as a high school. If we don't, it will not be used by anyone else and will decay and eventually we will lose the precious building. We did this with the library and it makes me sick! We tore down a lot of the of other beautiful schools and look at the poor quality of what replaced them, I give Lincoln middle school as an example. My kids attend these schools and they feel like the adults don't care about them because the buildings are in such poor shape. Other communities have restored their schools, such as Berkeley. Why can't we? When we moved here we were really attracted by the beautiful ahs building. We didn't realize until later, it wasn't actually used as a school (except a small section). If we lose that building, we lose our charm.

- I graduated from Alameda schools and my children currently attend Edison School. We moved from the west side of Alameda to have access to Edison because the schools on the "other" side of town simply are not adequate. They attended the Nea Community Learning Center until we moved this year. I attended Encinal High, Wood Middle School, Franklin (until it was closed), and Lum. I strongly support a bond measure to build one high school and to re-build the outdated facilities here in Alameda. I think that the site of the current historic Alameda High School and modern complex is the best location for one high school. There is no way to make Edison, Longfellow, and other dated schools safe and comfortable without rebuilding them. Additionally, the schools on the west side of town have never and do not currently receive the same amount of attention and effort that east end schools do. Having one high school would eliminate this bias for our high schoolers and would allow Alameda to have a modern fully functioning high school.
- I have noticed that with all this talk about the facility plan, there has been no mention made of the bond that was passed by the voters that was dedicated to facility maintenance. Because it's not been mentioned, it feels like that money was misused since you are now asking for more. If the money wasn't misused then mention of what was accomplished needs to be part of this discussion. Explain why you are now asking for more money. Explain why we invested before and that it wasn't enough. Why were original estimates for that bond incorrect, as now you are asking for more. I will not support giving more money if that isn't addressed.
- I researched and reviewed several documents and discovered the 2003 80 million dollar bond money that appears on paper to have been spent on repairing all schools in Alameda, has not been spent where outlined. In fact little of the work has been started let alone been completed. I have background in construction and can say for fact that the near 4 million dollars of work that on paper was supposedly done at Maya Lin has not been done, period. Not sure where that money really went or if it is still available, but the California State of Education claims it could only be spent were intended and that AUSD should have filed for addition free money in 2009 to finish updating all the schools, but didn't.
- I hope that this planning process includes looking at the increase of charter and alternative options with most centralized in one neighborhood right now...this doesn't seem right and isn't sustainable. Current school alternative and charter approvals appear haphazard and there doesn't appear to be a master plan around schools. I'm in favor of creating a plan that draws lines east to west with zones of schools to pick from and a computerized system for deciding breakdown of school choice (like Berkeley). One high school is a good idea for Alameda.
- I like the school configuration of k-6. Not sure what the rest would be: 7-9 and 10 - 12, or 7-12 or 1-8 and 9-12. But I think kids need one more year in elementary school!!

If Franklin's Max is 275 as noted above, it is currently being exceeded! Kids

are eating lunch in the hallway!

- I prefer a grade configuration of K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 or K-6, 7-9, 10-12 with the 9th graders allowed to participate in extracurricular activities of the closest high school. It seems 6th graders are developmentally more different from 8th graders than 7th graders are from 9th graders. A 6th grader at a middle school of 900 students, 1/3 of which are 8th graders seems like a tough environment for the 6th grader. Keep the 6th grader in elementary school and have the 7th and 8th graders be together.
- I prefer schools within schools to achieve the smaller school "feeling"

small schools mean limited resources and limited choice for students. the school within a school model helps to provide the best of both worlds and is more fiscally viable.

- I think it's time for the old schools to be completely re-thought. Getting ready for the 21st century is too late now. We need to be prepared for the 22nd century. We should take a land grab up at the base and make a large school with that will be completely sustainable. We need to teach our kids how to mentor each other. RDS did that at the upper levels with the small kids...buddies. It is amazing to see how that works. The current grade configuration does not encourage that (middle schools 6-8).

See the link <http://www.good.is/posts/solar-panels-and-schoolyard-chickens-net-positive-campuses-are-the-future>

- I would like to see a single public high school for all Alameda students.
- I'd like to know the future of school sites/ education delivery systems. Will all education for k-8 in the future be only delivered in a brick and mortar classroom? Should AUSD promote home schooling or other nontraditional delivery to save land and construction costs? Could parents enroll in home schooling using AUSD teaching and course materials, and have a teacher available via Skype, webcam or other means for questions, testing, grading, etc? A lot of school districts are either providing or requiring parents supply a laptop or tablet, it seems a short hop to delivering education to those same laptops away from the traditional school site. And with the growing concern for kids' safety while in school due to the increase in school shootings, perhaps this will help allay parents' fears. Certainly not every family can afford to have a parent available to home school, but 'learning centers' could be established just like in home day care centers, where several kids in a neighborhood or on a block would show up each morning with their laptops to study, and connect online to their assigned teacher. Anybody looking outside the traditional educational boxes?
- Keep the historic high school in action. Put the adult school back in there.

- Keeping two high schools running seems to be a waste of money. Both high schools should be consolidated onto the Encinal HS site. Sell Thompson Field, rent out or sell AHS.

Take the money saved on facilities and salaries and renovate EHS to be a state of the art campus. There's more room to spread out at EHS, plus the land already includes a football stadium and track.

- modernization that accommodates use of technology
- My daughter attends Earhart and I'm not too familiar with other schools. However, I was at Wood Middle a school today and found it to be badly in need of updating. There are probably other schools in the same shape. Maybe a short video showing the condition of the schools should be posted on the website so that people can see for themselves what conditions are like. This would make a good project for some media students. I do think that our schools need to be updated if we are going to prepare our children for success in the 21st Century.
- Thank you for your leadership on this issue.
- Our high school athletic field facilities are a disgrace. Not only are they a hazard to Alameda athletes, but they also serve as the primary window to Alameda for the thousands of visiting high school athletes and fans who come here annually and leave with the impression that Alameda is an inept, incompetently run city that doesn't place much emphasis on the welfare of its students or quality of its facilities. While many can disagree on important the impression of 'outsiders' may be, I believe in general Alameda suffers in financial and other measures as a result of this rundown reputation.
- Plan for the long-term and make sound financial decisions - not based on emotion
- Prioritize safe, clean facilities for students over district office.
- Q.1 I struggled between poor & adequate.

Q.6 Need a "neutral" button between "disagree" and "agree"

- Spend money on facilities for STUDENTS not for administrators.
- thank you for doing this. I took the survey and am very glad to see the district engaging in this process! I have been feeling like there isn't any planning occurring or vision going into the approval of the many charter and alternative options, especially with so many in one small area of the westend. I would like to see more of a districtwide plan that approaches the issue with a sense of purpose on some basic tenets that everyone agrees on such as: strong schools, options for various learner types, fiscal viability and sustainability and equity for everyone.

- The choices in the first 2 sections of your survey are too simplistic, too black and white: campus population is one of many critical facility size and quality criteria.
I think the key question--especially re: elementary school sizes--is the CLASSROOM SIZE, not the overall population at the school. But you did not ask this key question that affects students' education and development. (Why not?)
The question of restoring versus replacing buildings at AHS is tough: we need detailed information and costs to be able to make smart decisions re: limited funds. Any of my answers in sections 1-2 are "shots in the dark" without lots more info than we now have available...
- the HAHS is an architectural jewel and should be fixed and used as intended, NEVER torn down! Other old cities are proud of their architectural heritage and preserve it. Why is there ANY consideration of not doing likewise? Why did you replace all the windows at significant cost, then condemn the building? Keep fixing it up and get the district office back in it and out of their expensive suites. Education is for the children, not career advancement.
- The overall plan needs to be driven by the best way to educate all Alameda students, not influenced by special interests (e.g., east v. west, charter vs. non-charter)
- The plan should include career opportunities for AUSD graduates on the construction projects that are created by this plan.
- The survey is flawed when it asks whether schools should be replaced--that depends a great deal on which school you are talking about. Some need to be replaced; others are fine; others just need repairs. General statements like that are not helpful.

We should sell the historic part of Alameda HS if possible. Maybe we should sell all of Alameda HS and build somewhere else. AUSD needs to be in the business of education, not historic preservation.

I am in favor of one HS if we can make it a great one!

Also, I did not vote for the parcel tax so Wood MS could stay open as the PTA president wrote in her editorial. I voted for the parcel tax so we can have a fantastic school district and that is what I expect it to be used for--not preserving a failing school.

- These are complicated issues, but if one comes back to the core principles of student and community needs, some of them resolve. First, preserve small and local elementary schools so that younger kids can have a safe, caring environment and need not travel too far to go to school. Second, maintain two middle schools that allow 6-8 grades to ease into the larger world of public transportation and bigger schools. Third, provide one high school that can offer a maximum variety of programs and achieve efficiencies. Fourth, preserve the historic fabric of Alameda by utilizing centrally located buildings that can boost civic pride--such as AHS--even if it costs more than building something new or relocating. Lastly, focus resources on the normal schools, not squander them on some exotic charter schools or alternative learning ventures of questionable value.
- Unless some fairy godmother drops billions on the district that can only be used to retrofit the old Alameda High School building, I think it needs to be torn down and replaced. AHS needs the space, and the fences have made moving around the campus extremely inconvenient.

The "new" high school building is terrible too - the halls are not nearly large enough for the volume of kids going through them and the temperature control is bad.

The historic building is pretty on the outside, but we can't afford to allow aesthetics to take priority over usefulness - so if it can't be made usable, we need to tear it down and replace it with space the district CAN use. What good is the (retrofitted) Carnegie Library doing for Alameda? Absolutely nothing - and that space HAS undergone an expensive retrofit.

And any facilities plan simply must include money to expand the women's restrooms in the Koffman building. The current situation is ridiculous.

The HVAC at Edison and AHS is terrible. If kids are uncomfortable they can't learn.

Our schools are an embarrassment. Dilapidated buildings and portables. Other communities have replaced their ugly and impractical 50-s era schools, and it's time Alameda did so too. This would be an investment not just in our students, but also in our community. My high school was from the 50s, but it has been completely replaced since I went there in the 70s. When we drive

past it going to visit my mother, my kids talk about how nice it is and wonder why they have to go school in such awful buildings.

- We need to redesign/develop the infrastructure to allow for 21st century skills and hire/train teachers to deliver curriculum using 21st century methodology.
- What is to prevent multiple entries from the same person?
- You need community involvement. Plan should not be decided by board members. A majority of them do not care about the kids, only the numbers and how much money they can save to pad their resumes.
- You should NOT leave only one regular middle school at one end of the island. You should retrofit the old high school for the district offices and you should be ashamed of the unpublicized move to the overly expensive Marina Village site. The leaders should be near the workers and clients. This was a move done without publicity or citizen input and you have lost credibility and trust. Why does the superintendent get a pay raise without a performance review? This isn't Wall Street...or is it?
- You need to ask the teachers what their issues are regarding their classrooms.... my roof is leaking to where the tile in the ceiling is sagging
- It is inequitable that schools on the east side get more attention to facility upgrades than west side schools.
- Our neighborhood schools reflect the character of the local community in their physical presentation as well as the educational values of area's served.
- Alameda High School has had portions retrofitted and we should be able to have relatively close information on costs to retrofit the other portions.
- The MBA in me wants us to get creative about how we can generate more value from our facilities investments. Facilities are an enormous \$ investment. Can we design them for multiple uses and rent them out in the summers and evenings to generate income?

- Please send this questionnaire to all the PTA presidents of the schools so that they can distribute it to ensure parent participation. Please add the ability for you to obtain emails so you have the ability to collect emails of interested parties. Thank you!