

Community Consolidated School District 181

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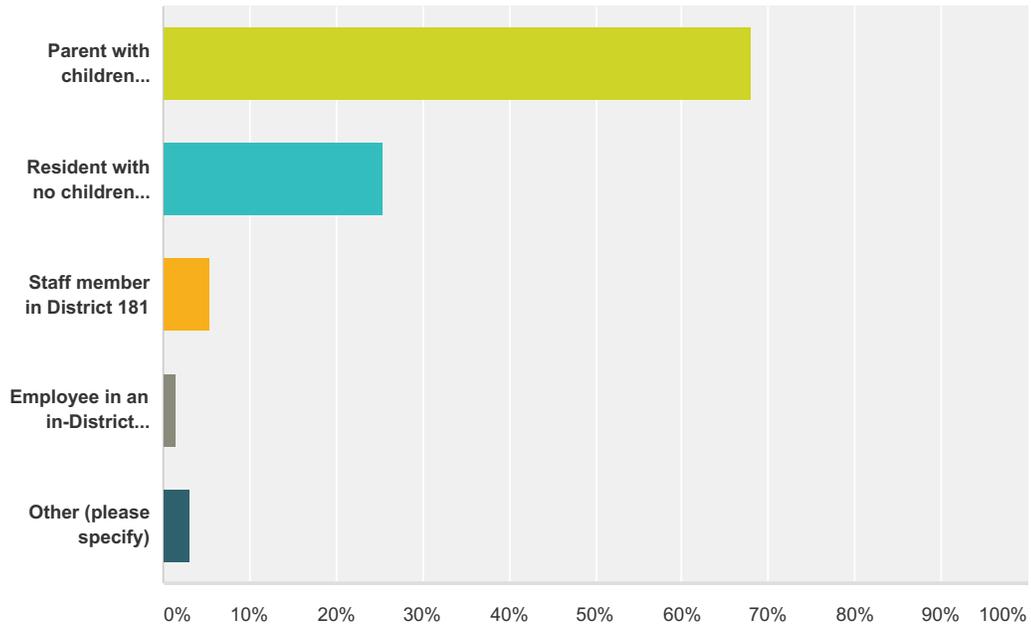
TITLE: HMS Next Steps - Research Report

DATE: May 23, 2016

The following pages are the complete results of the "HMS Next Steps" post-referendum online survey, as downloaded from SurveyMonkey and including all open-ended comments. Please note that redactions have been applied. Redactions (indicated by black marks over select text) were applied when a specific individual was identified, as the survey directions indicated that no such identifications should be made. It is possible that a needed redaction was missed due to the extreme volume of comments and clarifications made by survey respondents. If any missed redactions are identified, they will be immediately corrected and the survey will be re-posted with corrections made. Please contact Bridget McGuiggan with any questions.

Q1 How are you affiliated with District 181?

Answered: 1,584 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Parent with children currently in District 181	68.12% 1,079
Resident with no children currently in District 181	25.44% 403
Staff member in District 181	5.49% 87
Employee in an in-District business	1.45% 23
Other (please specify)	3.22% 51
Total Respondents: 1,584	

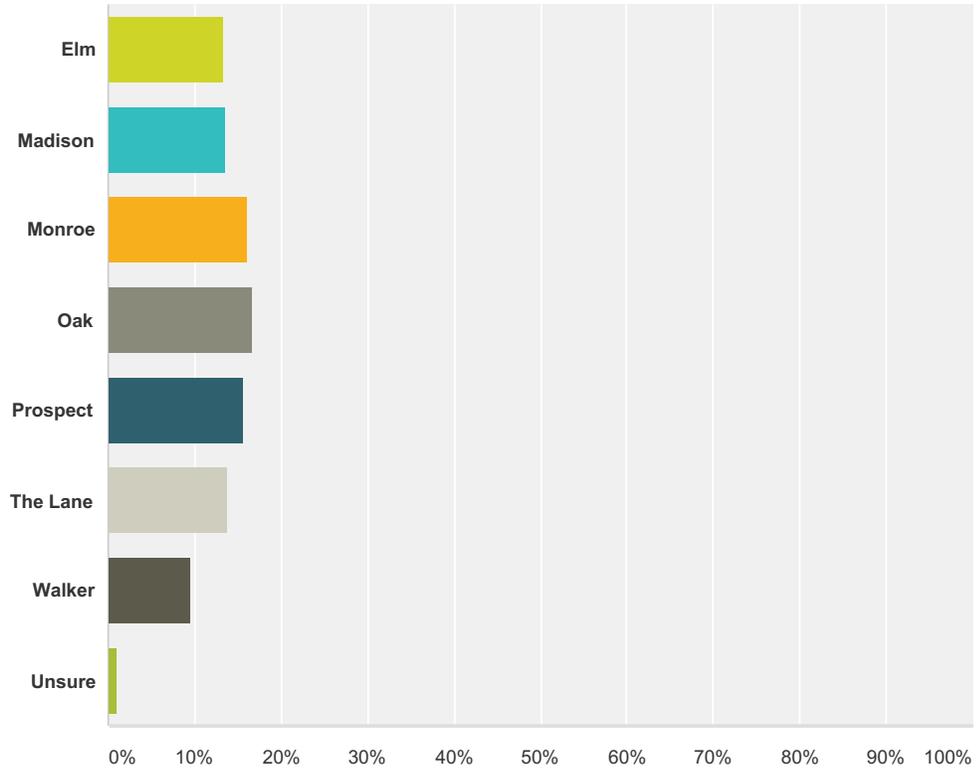
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	School District Researcher	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
2	resident that went through Dist. 181 system	5/17/2016 9:43 AM
3	Two children attended the middle school.	5/17/2016 9:40 AM
4	Volunteer for District 181	5/16/2016 7:45 PM
5	Resident of Dist 86	5/16/2016 12:41 PM
6	My last children are moving to the high school next year	5/16/2016 9:58 AM
7	my 4 children will attend HMS when they are older	5/16/2016 9:30 AM
8	Business owner in CHo	5/15/2016 9:14 PM
9	children went thru hisndale schools	5/13/2016 2:29 PM
10	I am an alum as well	5/13/2016 10:48 AM
11	Lifetime resident who attended school in Hinsdale from K-12. Raised 3 children who also attended d181schools and am a grandparent of 4 current 181 students	5/12/2016 2:03 PM

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12	Grandparent with grandchildren in district 181	5/12/2016 1:17 PM
13	Had children in district	5/12/2016 9:33 AM
14	parent with kids who attended d181 currently in d86	5/11/2016 3:03 PM
15	Parent with children in parochial school	5/10/2016 2:02 PM
16	My child is currently too young to attend a school in District 181	5/10/2016 8:54 AM
17	Taxpayer	5/9/2016 11:03 PM
18	but we did have 2 children go through 181	5/9/2016 2:23 PM
19	I am a current parent but also a former student in D 181 and attendee at HMS	5/9/2016 1:55 PM
20	Parent of D86 child and former HMS parent	5/9/2016 11:50 AM
21	tax payer	5/9/2016 10:25 AM
22	I am a D181 student	5/8/2016 5:57 PM
23	resident with children who graduated from district 181	5/8/2016 5:47 PM
24	Parent with 2 children ages 2 yr and 6mn that will go to CHMS	5/8/2016 3:28 PM
25	Parent with 3 children that went to school in District 181	5/7/2016 2:00 PM
26	High School	5/7/2016 9:34 AM
27	Former student of d181.	5/7/2016 9:19 AM
28	Grandchildren	5/7/2016 5:29 AM
29	District 181 graduate	5/6/2016 10:29 PM
30	I have lived in D181 for 46 years-single, no children	5/6/2016 6:28 PM
31	Sent four children through D181 and HMS	5/6/2016 5:45 PM
32	Resident with grandchildren currently in District 181	5/6/2016 5:06 PM
33	Former Student of District 181, Resident	5/6/2016 4:31 PM
34	retireded	5/6/2016 3:30 PM
35	Parent with additional children entering D181 in the Fall	5/6/2016 3:16 PM
36	Business Owner	5/6/2016 3:11 PM
37	Do have grandchildren involved.	5/5/2016 11:19 AM
38	Village/Library Employee	5/4/2016 1:40 PM
39	St Isaac Jogues school parent	5/4/2016 12:55 PM
40	Hinsdale Public Library staff member	5/4/2016 11:39 AM
41	resident with children recently in district 181	5/3/2016 11:04 PM
42	Had 3 children go through D181 from K-8	5/3/2016 7:42 AM
43	Alumn	5/2/2016 7:40 PM
44	ldk	5/2/2016 7:34 PM
45	Retired District 181 teacher	5/2/2016 6:03 PM
46	I will have students returning to D181 next year.	5/2/2016 6:00 PM
47	staff member and resident no children	5/2/2016 2:24 PM
48	parent and staff member	5/2/2016 11:52 AM
49	Also have children at d86	5/2/2016 11:20 AM
50	last year child in d181	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
51	Have sent 4 kids through 181 at both HMS and CHMS	5/2/2016 8:52 AM

Q2 PARENTS AND RESIDENTS: Please indicate the elementary attendance area in which you reside.

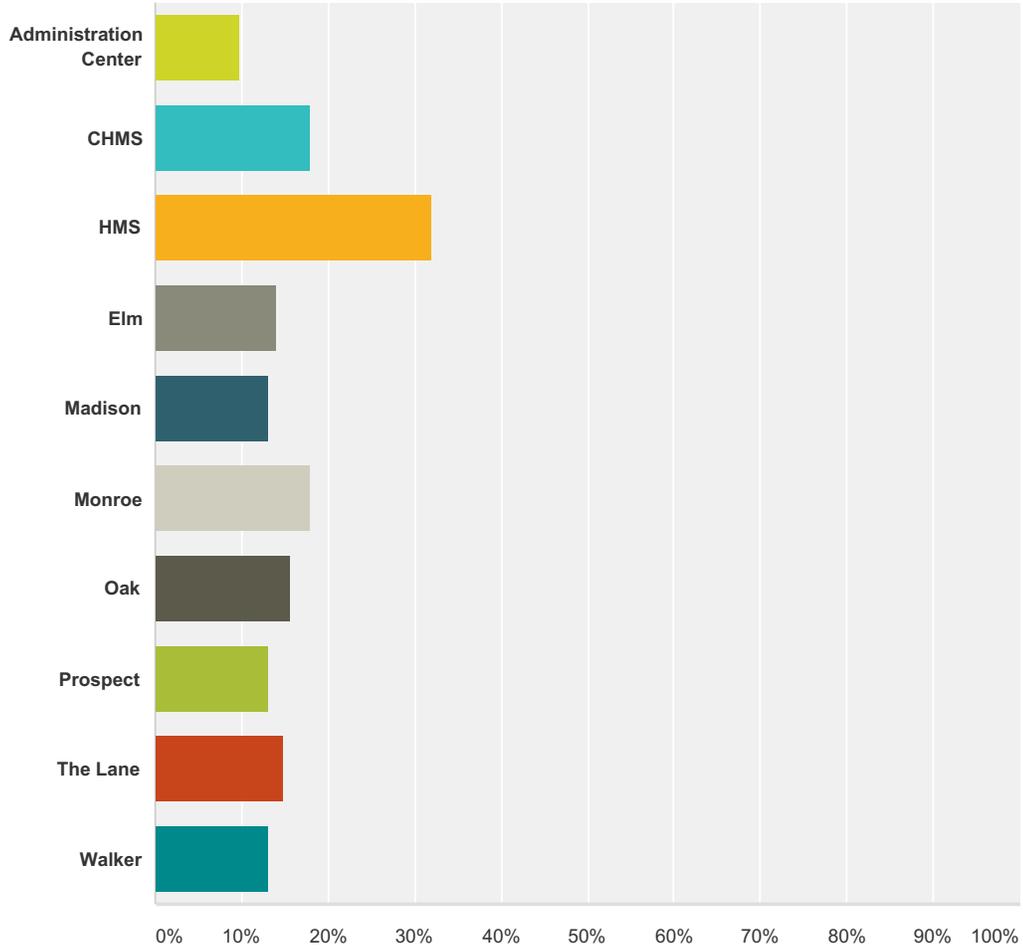
Answered: 1,484 Skipped: 103



Answer Choices	Responses
Elm	13.34% 198
Madison	13.54% 201
Monroe	16.11% 239
Oak	16.71% 248
Prospect	15.70% 233
The Lane	13.81% 205
Walker	9.64% 143
Unsure	1.15% 17
Total	1,484

Q3 STAFF: Please indicate the D181 school(s) where you work. (Select all that apply.)

Answered: 122 Skipped: 1,465



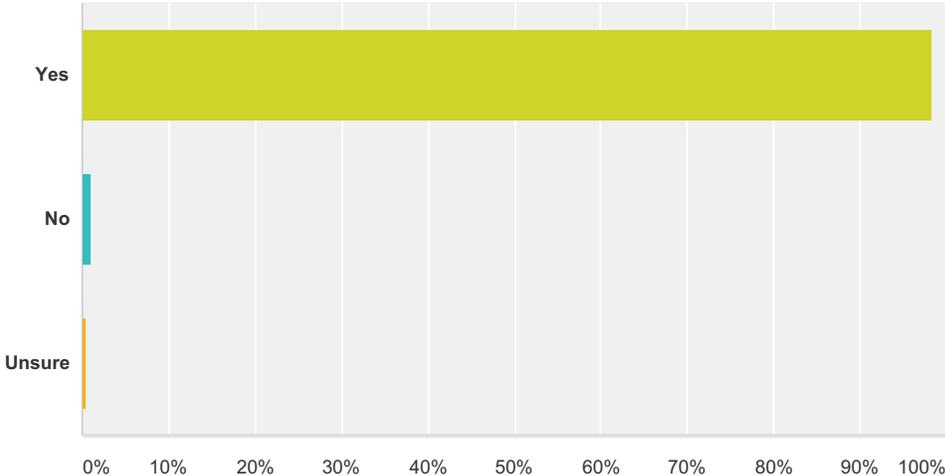
Answer Choices	Responses
Administration Center	9.84% 12
CHMS	18.03% 22
HMS	31.97% 39
Elm	13.93% 17
Madison	13.11% 16
Monroe	18.03% 22
Oak	15.57% 19
Prospect	13.11% 16
The Lane	14.75% 18
Walker	13.11% 16

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Total Respondents: 122

Q4 Were you aware of the HMS Referendum prior to the March 15, 2016 election?

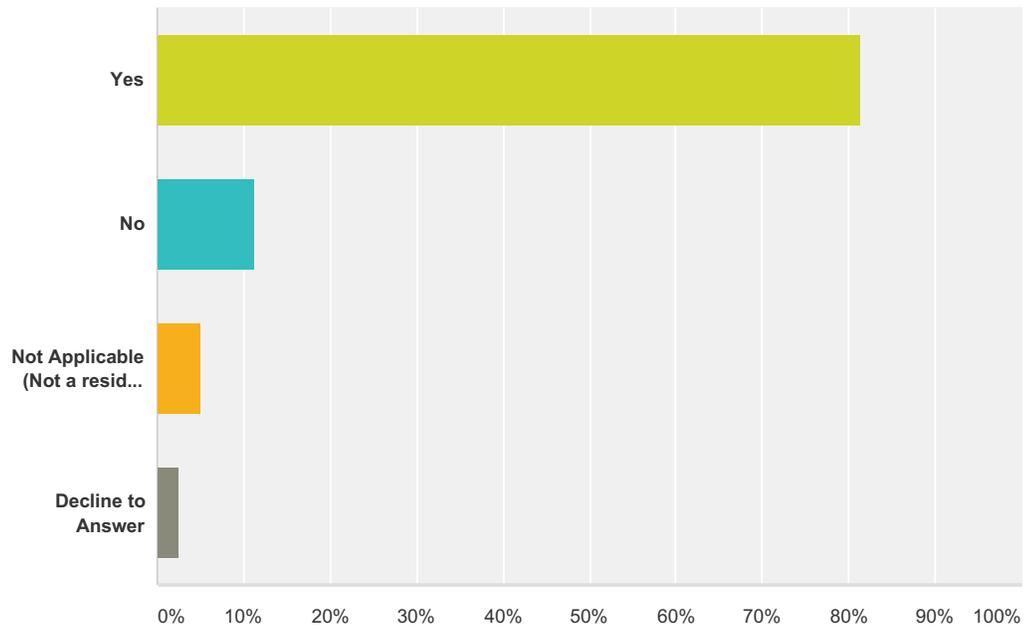
Answered: 1,583 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	98.36% 1,557
No	1.14% 18
Unsure	0.51% 8
Total	1,583

Q5 Did you vote on the HMS Referendum question in March 2016?

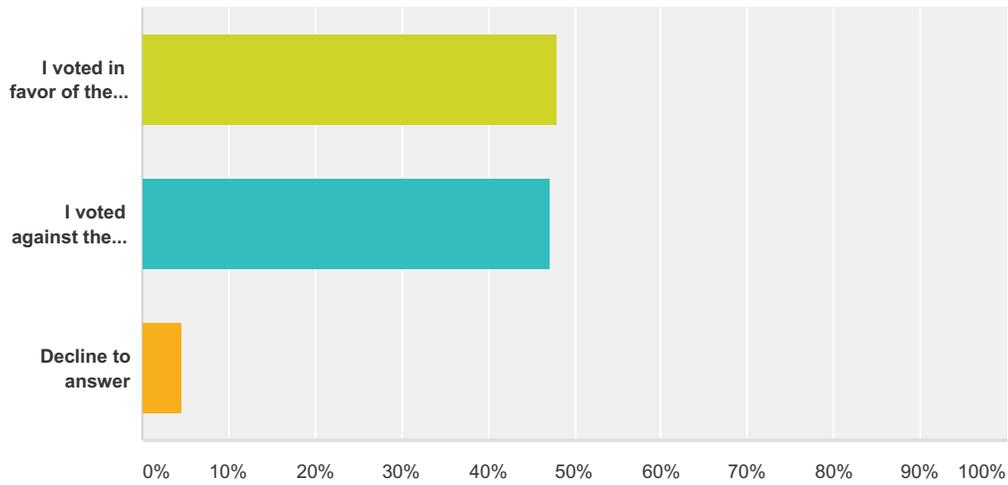
Answered: 1,584 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	81.44% 1,290
No	11.17% 177
Not Applicable (Not a resident of D181)	4.92% 78
Decline to Answer	2.46% 39
Total	1,584

Q6 As someone who voted on the District 181 referendum question, we are interested in knowing if you voted in favor of the proposal for a new HMS, or voted against the proposal for a new HMS. This question is not required to continue in the survey, and there is a "decline to answer" option. Please note that your name is not being requested in this survey. This information is being used only to better understand the differences of opinion in the survey responses.

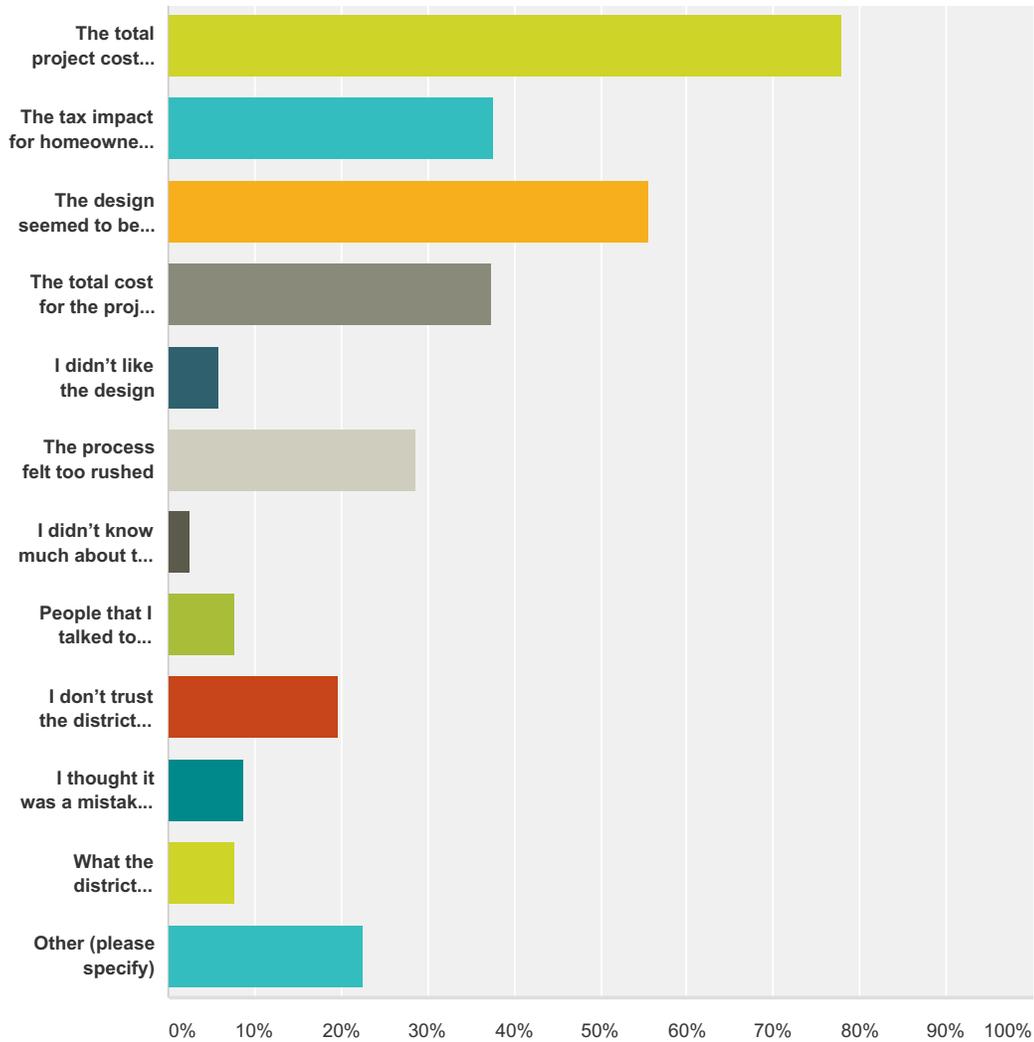
Answered: 1,223 Skipped: 364



Answer Choices	Responses	
I voted in favor of the referendum proposal.	48.08%	588
I voted against the referendum proposal.	47.26%	578
Decline to answer	4.66%	57
Total		1,223

Q7 We are interested in community feedback on why the referendum to build a new HMS was not successful. Whether you voted for or against the referendum, or didn't vote on the referendum, what do you believe were the most important reasons? Below is a list of some possibilities. If any of these match your input, please check all that apply. If you have a reason not listed below, please enter it in the "Other" comment box.

Answered: 1,424 Skipped: 163



Answer Choices	Responses
The total project cost was too high	77.88% 1,109

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The tax impact for homeowners was too much	37.50%	534
The design seemed to be extravagant compared to other middle schools	55.48%	790
The total cost for the project kept changing	37.43%	533
I didn't like the design	5.83%	83
The process felt too rushed	28.65%	408
I didn't know much about the referendum	2.46%	35
People that I talked to seemed to be against the referendum	7.79%	111
I don't trust the district to spend this new money properly	19.59%	279
I thought it was a mistake for a new HMS to stay in the same location	8.78%	125
What the district communicated about the proposal wasn't very helpful to me	7.65%	109
Other (please specify)	22.54%	321
Total Respondents: 1,424		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	insensitive to declining tax burden when real estate values declining, job losses, Illinois is bankrupt, so our state taxes will go up.	5/18/2016 9:50 PM
2	Building plans were NOT in keeping with the character of downtown Hinsdale. Plans resembled an urban campus. Too large & extravagant.	5/18/2016 9:33 PM
3	All spending should be talked about so in addition to the new HMS, the additional costs for the other schools also needs to be included as well as it doubles the cost of monies to be immediately spent and thus the taxes to be paid.	5/18/2016 8:31 PM
4	People who voted against it were unaware of the cost to maintain the current school.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
5	Some folks felt strongly about parity with other schools and unwilling to invest in the best available today.	5/18/2016 10:58 AM
6	Completely against this initiative - would consider moving out of town	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
7	I feel this is not the top priority for our district	5/18/2016 10:16 AM
8	too many add-on features not relevant to the simple solution of a new middle school building, which significantly increased the overall cost of the project	5/18/2016 10:05 AM
9	Disparity in two middle schools based on unnecessary add ons for HMS	5/18/2016 9:17 AM
10	From the articles I read, I felt suspicious about the costs projected to remedy the existing middle school. I also felt cheated as a resident that the current middle school was in the shape it was in after only 40 years, either due to poor initial design and/or inadequate maintenance. And therefore, I am leary of an even larger project as a viable solution because who's to guarantee it comes out as intended with respect to sustainability and within budget..	5/18/2016 8:11 AM
11	The program elements seem to come from a wish I had everything list with a process that was defined by that list with no budget in mind. This is a middle school. We don't need a 500 seat dedicated auditorium to sit unused 80% of the time. The project should involve reviews of other similar school districts with similar student counts and include an average budget that was spent as a part of the basic program.	5/18/2016 7:22 AM
12	The community needs to consider District 86's needs that will also impact homeowners tax bills.	5/17/2016 10:40 PM
13	Teachers and staff working with the Facilities Committee seemed to be driving the design and budget without and representation from other stakeholders especially taxpayers	5/17/2016 10:07 PM
14	There was no clear projection of population, versus capacity, and lots of discussion that the size and scale was inconsistent with the proposed school	5/17/2016 9:43 PM
15	The process was backwards - a "competition" between design firms that encouraged them to come up with "stand out" features not needed. Then oops, it'll cost a lot more than we first thought. Whatever to win. It should address what we need, not a bunch of "cool stuff."	5/17/2016 8:48 PM
16	Don't sell a design. Sell the need.	5/17/2016 4:58 PM

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17	The clarendon hills families were against it. As well as St. Isaacs parents.	5/17/2016 4:34 PM
18	because there is a large voting block whos kids will go to CHMS and they already got thier new school.	5/17/2016 10:23 AM
19	I'd feel better voting for something once I know the full board is in favor. The fact that several voted against it was a huge influencer for me.	5/17/2016 10:22 AM
20	It is a mistake to have the vote on a design. Focus should be on the need.	5/17/2016 9:43 AM
21	The District did a horrendous job of reaching out to non-school attendee homeowners letting them know why they should vote Yes.	5/17/2016 8:44 AM
22	People who didn't stand to benefit from the school voted no because they are selfish and didn't want to see their taxes go up.	5/16/2016 9:22 PM
23	I don't believe that the information was accurately communicated across the community.	5/16/2016 9:06 PM
24	Loved the concept of an auditorium, but felt that 500 seats was too small to enable even full school assembly. Therefore, money spent on auditorium seemed to be ill conceived.	5/16/2016 8:57 PM
25	Picking the most expensive option guaranteed failure no matter how great the design may have been.	5/16/2016 8:53 PM
26	Sales Process	5/16/2016 8:51 PM
27	It was just ignorance and lack of Vision on part of those who voted against.	5/16/2016 8:50 PM
28	Didn't feel best options for community were presented	5/16/2016 8:42 PM
29	Residents whose children go to CHMS voted against... Completely unfair	5/16/2016 8:40 PM
30	People who didn't have kids at HMS were not ashamed to vote selfishly to not do what was best for the community.	5/16/2016 8:08 PM
31	I just missed the vote	5/16/2016 7:51 PM
32	The cost was out of proportion to other costs and needs in the District.	5/16/2016 7:49 PM
33	I heard the "no's" thought \$65M was too high and that the plans should be scaled down to needs. I.e.: no theater. Work with village on parking.	5/16/2016 5:41 PM
34	I don't feel enough people actually got IN to HMS to see what our building looks like	5/16/2016 3:37 PM
35	The lack of full board approval was a negative. The lack of full parental support and organized opposition was a negative.	5/16/2016 2:49 PM
36	It didn't benefit some residents	5/16/2016 12:35 PM
37	A 40 yr old building needs to be updated - not discarded.	5/16/2016 10:11 AM
38	The case for a new middle school was not convincing. Rehab/repair at the current school at a fraction of the cost is far preferable.	5/16/2016 9:12 AM
39	The CHMS area seemed to have the attitude of "I've got mine, I don't want to spend anymore money for other people's kids".	5/16/2016 8:50 AM
40	Hinsdale Central High School needs more work than Hinsdale Middle school	5/16/2016 8:11 AM
41	It felt like the proposed project was the "Taj Mahal" of middle schools, and very unfair to saddle taxpayers with that burden.	5/15/2016 10:32 PM
42	An auditorium is unnecessary and dollars would be better spent on classrooms and labs.	5/15/2016 8:53 PM
43	I didnot discuss this with other residents.	5/15/2016 7:16 PM
44	The whole process was inappropriate - asking architectural firms to particiapte in a competition is against the sthics of the profession and beneath the usual above-board conduct of Hinsdale organizations. Such a competition is a comparison of pretty pictures that had nothing to do with the professional inquiry of staff and stakeholders that a usual professional process would have included. That's how you would get a building that fits the district's needs.	5/15/2016 5:43 PM
45	It was not evident that the district explored alternatives to mitigate the cost.	5/15/2016 1:20 PM
46	likely new taxes in near future due to state budget issues not considered; school too large; too high % of money spent on things besides the structure itself	5/15/2016 11:39 AM
47	The extravagant issue was #1 - you need a regular old middle school like CHMS, we don't need a super fancy, do all middle school. Way too pricey. Families are hurt by the economic downturn and slow recovery across the US - no need for a "gold plated" middle school now. Your referendum was tone deaf.	5/15/2016 9:18 AM

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48	If some parents that are foreigners or even parents that went to school here in the US went to less fancy, expensive schools and did well, why then do we need a 60 million dollar school. our children can do well with what we have.	5/14/2016 10:58 PM
49	Voters without children voted against the referendum	5/14/2016 10:18 PM
50	board not unified, dragged its feet. high cost not well explained - included too many things,	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
51	The new HMS should have no amenities that CHMS lacks.	5/14/2016 8:57 AM
52	Additionally, the District spends money recklessly. How much more must you extract from residents with already outrageous tax bills??	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
53	The disparity between the 2 middle schools is not appropriate.	5/13/2016 8:34 PM
54	Clear difference in CHMS and HMS areas. "Not my problem" syndrome??	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
55	I voted for the referendum	5/13/2016 5:09 PM
56	Clear and concise information needed to be distributed to ALL residents, not just those who have students enrolled in D181.	5/13/2016 4:36 PM
57	I was sickened by the fact that our BOE was saying ridiculous statements such as "it wouldn't be fair".	5/13/2016 2:42 PM
58	Not enough validation/explanation of why the total cost was "necessary and appropriate".	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
59	i think non-HMS families voted no	5/13/2016 11:40 AM
60	I am not in favor of replacing the existing facility	5/13/2016 11:35 AM
61	no reason for it	5/13/2016 11:06 AM
62	I'm regretting not voting in the referendum! Would have been great if it was online to make it easier to vote.	5/13/2016 10:50 AM
63	People without children in D181 who would attend HMS were unconvinced it was in their interests to spend the money. They were not aware of the embarrassment the HMS facilities are to the community.	5/13/2016 10:24 AM
64	There are more urgent issues in d181 requiring attention and "fixing" such as special ed support, the lack of testing, support and acknowledgement that dyslexia is a learning disorder requiring special intervention etc.....	5/13/2016 9:50 AM
65	There were two BOE members who voted against the referendum question. A referendum question must be unanimously supported by the BOE.	5/12/2016 11:30 PM
66	Division across the district depending on personal benefit	5/12/2016 8:08 PM
67	District 86 will also be asking for money from tax payers.	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
68	I feel that there is a lack of trust and overall a lack of transparency in how things are done: curriculum implementation, program and resource renewal, committee selection, etc. I have no faith in my children's academics or placement. How can I trust that the school will be built justly?	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
69	The process did not inspire confidence in the district's ability to get a school delivered for the budgeted amount.	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
70	The facility was lavish compared to CHMS.	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
71	Design more for a HS level	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
72	Not enough time to present the project properly.	5/12/2016 3:22 PM
73	If a parking deck was unsafe when The Garfield project wanted one, why is it safe when the village wants one.	5/12/2016 1:34 PM
74	The admin kept pushing for a new school and many feel it was too costly and the admin should have at least better explored a renovation. HMS was recently built in comparison to other older schools and now a complete teardown. This is a school not another house to be torn down in Hinsdale. Why should we trust another build when HMS was built in the 70s. Will the admin want to tear another new school down in another 40 or so years!	5/12/2016 12:31 PM
75	In an effort to make it equitable between Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills, I think CHMS should house 6th grade and HMS should House 7th and 8th grade. It will be equitable and I think the referendum would easily pass then.	5/12/2016 12:12 PM
76	I voted in favor but thought the cost was too high. I also felt like there wasn't enough discussed prior to the voting.	5/12/2016 11:49 AM
77	Feel that insufficient information (and supporters) were garnered for the referendum.	5/12/2016 11:46 AM
78	Was not successful because key constituents that may not have notes "Yes" were not involved early to provide feedback (e.g., seniors, residents w/out children or students, residents with children that feed to CHMS, etc.).	5/12/2016 11:44 AM
79	Remove Village parking add on.	5/12/2016 11:37 AM

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80	I really don't feel that we need a new school	5/12/2016 11:01 AM
81	This should have been presented differently from the beginning. There should have been and still should be a positive marketing campaign focused on the positive aspects of this project and what it is a necessity to the beautification of our village, caters to the growing arts involvement in our community and need for places for performances, educational environment necessity, and increase in property values	5/12/2016 10:50 AM
82	Clarendon Hills Voters Shot The Proposal Down since they already have a new middle school	5/12/2016 9:57 AM
83	The process needs to have capable, qualified third-party advisors for the design/construction process. The selected advisors should also come from a competitive process.	5/12/2016 9:55 AM
84	I was not a resident of Hinsdale at the time of the vote but I would have voted in favor of the referendum.	5/12/2016 9:51 AM
85	Voters whose children would attend CHMS were against spending the money.	5/12/2016 9:39 AM
86	Parents with kids at CHMS were unified against anything deemed "better than CHMS" and having a better middle school in Hinsdale	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
87	I think people felt the number 62+ was just to high and I think they felt "bate and switched" from first hearing a 45 K range.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
88	Cost per square foot very high.	5/12/2016 9:25 AM
89	Total project cost was too high.	5/12/2016 8:53 AM
90	A new middle school that satisfies the NEEDS of 5-8 grade population should not cost more than building CHMS on a peet bog! More than 5x's the cost is obscene. Get more estimates and/or change the layout.	5/12/2016 8:51 AM
91	People seemed uninformed about the current educational state of the building. Limited visitors (less than 100) toured the school.	5/12/2016 8:48 AM
92	Clarendon Hills voted against the referendum	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
93	From what feedback I heard from others, they thought the costs were too high based on unnecessary parts of it. Specifically the track and auditorium	5/11/2016 10:14 PM
94	I am undecided as to the HMS remaining in the same location	5/11/2016 8:32 PM
95	The RFP process was flawed from the beginning.	5/11/2016 2:29 PM
96	It seems to me for those of us who have been living in this community for awhile that HMS was redone once. Let's recap. When the school was built a "new age" design was chosen that turned out to be dysfunctional and difficult to learn in. Money was spent to fix that problem. Then another new middle school was built in Clarendon Hills. In addition several elementary schools during that time were also extensively renovated or torn down and rebuilt. In the meantime, the high school is falling apart with buckets in the halls when it rains and no apparent coordination between the districts as to the limited pot of money call tax payers. I feel that 1. there needs to be more coordination between the two districts as to the needs and the plans. How can tax payers plan when they are getting hit from every direction - road program, grade school, high school - most of which we have no say in in terms of the increases in our tax bill. Mine went up 10% this year and the majority of that was D181 and D86. So no, I'm not willing to give even more money to that cause.	5/11/2016 2:24 PM
97	I think people didn't know enough and were short sighted, particularly people whose children are close to being done with elementary school or older.	5/11/2016 1:55 PM
98	I voted for it. The cost seemed in line with current construction costs. Putting off building a new school, which needs to be done, will only cause prices to increase.	5/11/2016 1:25 PM
99	There is not alot of trust in the districts abilities to build a new school. Additionally, the amount of debt being incurred is bothersome.	5/10/2016 10:18 PM
100	The defects of the existing facility and reasons for starting over needed to be very clear.	5/10/2016 10:03 PM
101	How much did the new HMS cost compared to the CHMS project? That seems like it would be a good comparison for the people I talked to that were against it.	5/10/2016 3:47 PM
102	The tax increase financing approach being advanced by the BOE vs no tax increase	5/10/2016 3:38 PM
103	The current HMS should be repaired, if necessary.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
104	All options weren't thoroughly explored	5/10/2016 1:49 PM
105	The voting process is flawed because Clarendon Hills voters already have new schools and so they will not benefit, their taxes will be increased.	5/10/2016 1:04 PM

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106	people from Clarendon Hills don't understand how bad the Hinsdale Middle School is - leaks, overcrowding...	5/10/2016 12:38 PM
107	I heard the project cost was too high but many people were not educated enough, or at all, about the many issues with HMS. Many people did not receive the communications that us parents with D181 school aged children received. As a result these voters relied on trickled down information instead of receiving direct communication about buliding issues, costs, etc. A better and more robust communication strategy is needed.	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
108	The Board itself was not unanimous in its endorsement of the new school	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
109	voting locations and process was confusing with too many changes at last minute	5/10/2016 12:10 PM
110	Voters not zoned for HMS had no incentive to vote Yes	5/10/2016 11:50 AM
111	The district did not do enough to explain what happens if the project fails.	5/10/2016 11:32 AM
112	I voted for it as I believe the current school needs to be heavily upgraded or replaced.	5/10/2016 11:31 AM
113	I heard comments about the cafeteria design. Not sure what was wrong with it. Also I didn't like the architecture firm the Board chose. I went to the initial meeting where all 3 firms presented their initial designs and the firm the Board chose was my least favorite. The Board needs to pick a firm that has demonstrated in the past their ability to help get referendums passed. The firm that was chosen, Cordogan, or whatever their name is, showed absolutely no value in this respect.	5/10/2016 11:29 AM
114	I voted in favor of the ref. Above were serious concerns, however.	5/10/2016 10:20 AM
115	Clarendon Hills residents and those who did not benefit directly mostly voted against it, for selfish reasons and also projected cost from design firm changed greatly	5/10/2016 9:46 AM
116	It seems like people in the CHMS community weren't interested as it didn't affect them.	5/10/2016 8:17 AM
117	In general, the feedback I heard from other community members was that the cost of the new HMS project was too high. I think many people simply looked at the bottom line and stopped there when they saw how huge the difference was from the cost of the CHMS build.	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
118	There was a time all district middle school students attended the current HMS building. It makes sense that a new 2nd school would be the same size or slightly larger than the CHMS facility along with same configuration and resources. To take half of total middle school students and put them in the proposed school could not be justified. Along with job cuts and an unstable economy, made this McMansion middle school undesirable with no concern for taxpayers in the district.	5/10/2016 12:17 AM
119	not convinced at all that a new facility results in a better education	5/9/2016 9:59 PM
120	"My kids go to CHMS. Why would I want my property taxes to go up when it does not benefit my kids"he	5/9/2016 9:47 PM
121	too extravagant rather than sticking with what's needed	5/9/2016 8:17 PM
122	\$65 MILLION (+ overruns, etc.) instead of \$2.3 million upgrades?	5/9/2016 8:04 PM
123	It is normal for price to fluctuate as designs evolve but the way the information was shared with the community was poorly handled	5/9/2016 7:56 PM
124	I agreed with the referendum	5/9/2016 6:08 PM
125	Community not informed about project	5/9/2016 5:53 PM
126	Felt everything was communicated and that like with most programs that affect the community it is easier to say no than yes	5/9/2016 5:44 PM
127	No incentive for non-HMS families to vote yes. There was no, "if this doesn't pass, then that (whatever that is) will happen.	5/9/2016 4:35 PM
128	Too many unnecessary bells and whistles. An auditorium is a stage and seating. Middle schooler don't need a "performance center."	5/9/2016 3:50 PM
129	An 500-seat auditorium w/ no specific parking plan made little sense. The garage was either a one-story or maybe two if the town	5/9/2016 3:37 PM
130	Communication (Mailer) from district arrived with mail on election day, after we had voted	5/9/2016 3:21 PM
131	A "need to have" vs a "desire to have" is inappropriate for publicly funded schools. This design was overreaching - it's a middle school!	5/9/2016 2:55 PM

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132	Up till the day of the vote, even the minute, I was planning to vote NO. I believe strongly that the way the process was handled from start to finish including the the building assessments and facilities master plan presentation, along with the bids, the handling of the contracts...everything I felt was miscommunicated, mismanaged and there was not due process. We rushed the entire start to finish and the way the cost was broken down and communicated and then changed was really a debacle. I ended up voting Yes because ultimately, when faced with the polls I felt that my three kids do need a facility that is more stable, more secure and functioning. But it was a defeatist voter that went into the polls.	5/9/2016 1:59 PM
133	I think those that voted "no" were not educated about the costs and kept comparing them to the build cost of CHMS which is not at all the same situation. We have costs where they did not and that distorts the overall information that they were never educated/informed about in the first place.	5/9/2016 1:37 PM
134	Wrong time to have residents vote.	5/9/2016 1:25 PM
135	not enough details on the reasons behind the costs	5/9/2016 1:04 PM
136	More personal, face-to-face communication from current parents to their neighbors.	5/9/2016 1:02 PM
137	I didn't feel that the cost was too high, but I think that was the reason it failed. I think too many others thought it was too much money. They didn't seem to understand why it cost so much and instead viewed such things as an auditorium and track as "un-needed luxuries". I would love for one of our middle schools to have an Auditorium..	5/9/2016 11:50 AM
138	short sighted community members without children attending HMS do not want to spend the money to better the entire community	5/9/2016 11:12 AM
139	The design used a green roof with flat areas that are prone to water issues and therefore mold - a repeat of bad design	5/9/2016 10:39 AM
140	Residents outside the HMS area aren't interested in increasing their taxes on something that doesn't impact them directly.	5/9/2016 9:59 AM
141	This is a middle school. It doesn't need an auditorium and all the other bells and whistles	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
142	Don't think a new school is needed. Fix the current one.	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
143	Facilities updates needed at both high schools, with increased taxes over 120 million simultaneously! What tax payer can afford these combined!	5/8/2016 8:41 PM
144	I strongly believe that the school should be located at 55th& County Line. Use the downtown area for targeted 55 and older housing. Use the soccer field and the HMS property and build a community condos/townhouses where people would generate revenue for the downtown businesses. Tax revenues would increase from the real estate taxes of the new condos and sales tax from goods purchased at the local stores. We could have a very vibrant downtown if these things would be allowed to happen. There is very little senior living near the downtown. If the County Line project goes through, you can bet more people will spend their money in Western Springs/LaGrange and Burr Ridge.	5/8/2016 8:05 PM
145	The District is tied much too closely with the unions for teachers and consistently votes with the unions interests.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
146	too many people don't want to pay for infrastructure projects	5/8/2016 5:12 PM
147	Dishonest numerical counter arguments and poor district sales job	5/8/2016 4:47 PM
148	I was a student at HMS in the late 90's and it was disaster then and I know it has gotten worse over the years. I believe Hinsdale students, teachers and staff deserve a safe, clean, and useful school. A new school should be built well, with forward thinking so that we're not facing these same concerns in 20 years but \$65 Mil seems excessive.	5/8/2016 3:43 PM
149	See answer to Q7. In brief: financials; trust in Board; transparency; board/ school performance.	5/8/2016 1:59 PM
150	not sure there was sufficient outreach to residents without children in the schools	5/8/2016 11:10 AM
151	Please see following comments	5/8/2016 10:40 AM
152	lack of empirical evidence to justify the cost, lack of study to justify eliminating alternatives	5/8/2016 10:37 AM
153	big picture details were not properly conveyed. Needed to be broken down more clearly. Also, an outside firm should have been given the opportunity to bid on the design and construction. There should have been a comparison to a school recently built, the same scale in a community similar to ours. You need to better educate the community, not just show a picture of a new structure with a hefty price tag.	5/8/2016 10:00 AM
154	Like to have a new facility built but with a practical cost / budget option and not extravagant	5/8/2016 9:14 AM
155	Concerns about future teacher pension liabilities	5/8/2016 8:30 AM
156	I don't believe the potential for large changes in the tax burden in the state were considered.	5/8/2016 8:17 AM
157	Cost/benefit was not there	5/8/2016 8:08 AM

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158	Excessive cost & design was elitist WANTS not needs.	5/7/2016 10:11 PM
159	Lack of respect for Hinsdale's historic downtown and neighborhood immediately surrounding HMS.	5/7/2016 6:06 PM
160	The design of the current HMS was ill conceived as a workable educational facility. We must be convinced that the new middle school will be configured with sound educational design not merely the latest trend.	5/7/2016 5:56 PM
161	The original HMS design was poor, and I don't agree that we should pay for a "do-over".	5/7/2016 5:02 PM
162	The projected growth of children in the community was too high. The community is mature and fully built out. People are having less children due to high taxes	5/7/2016 2:00 PM
163	Need to be clear and simple on costs and what they are for. the information was not clear and simple.	5/7/2016 1:38 PM
164	Too many extras that are not needed to run a quality middle school program - belong in a high school. Also, designing a building based on "21st Century" standards when staff and admin are still in the process of designing that curriculum. Hard to know what kind of space is needed if delivery models/resources are still being considered	5/7/2016 1:37 PM
165	Replicate the original building that was there before HMS! It was beautiful!	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
166	I've heard that the architect that was selected had an inside track (political).	5/7/2016 11:01 AM
167	unnecessary extravagance of facilities for the "community". Also: selfishness of parents in the CHMS district	5/7/2016 10:12 AM
168	The architect didn't do his homework as it related to the site.	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
169	extravagant design, cost too high, board did not take time to evaluate what was needed, district never came up with a sound argument as to why a new school was needed - my children attended HMS- if it was good enough for them at the time (with mold) why has that changed now? Why would you allow anyone that does not live in the district take this survey?	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
170	No need	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
171	The building design was too complex. It must be simple	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
172	There was not unanimous board support for the referendum	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
173	The district did not give us a choice of different designs for the school	5/6/2016 7:20 PM
174	Don't need	5/6/2016 7:16 PM
175	How do we stand on the \$71 baloon loan we made with Chase?	5/6/2016 6:41 PM
176	The entire rationale for the new school seemed totally contrived.	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
177	The "price du jour" was 4 times the cost to build CHMS	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
178	The school is an environmental disaster zone with the mold, leaking water and probably other health-related problems.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
179	1The selection of the architectural firm seemed suspect as their bid was too low and looked loball. 2. Costs for renovation of existeng building were not readily available. 3. There were early unknown costs that became known that inflated the cost and undermined the process (dirt removal). 4. Not enough time to reach residents. 5. The Clarendon Hills-Hinsdale split vote is an issue as Clarendon Hills voters voted down the issue. 6. There were no precinct workers to make sure supporters voted.	5/6/2016 5:05 PM
180	We don't need to rebuild! Why aren't you asking that question?	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
181	The staff could not even explain the costs to the Board. We want a new school, but at a reasonable costs that everyone in the community can understand and get behind.	5/6/2016 4:38 PM
182	after speaking with [REDACTED] about my concerns, I concluded D181 had made the best choices possible	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
183	There has been no discussion on a proposed addition to the school. People in the community do not believe a simple addition will cost \$75M which is basically what the admin/people in favor of the NEW construction building advertised.	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
184	Potential adverse impact to the value of homes in Monroe, which is the only Hinsdale school that would not benefit from this new school	5/6/2016 4:10 PM
185	build a two or three building	5/6/2016 3:37 PM
186	You should not low bid, and then change order the project to death...that is not the best method of selecting a general contractor/architect	5/6/2016 3:27 PM
187	I heard several people discuss the difference in price - 45 million to 65 million.	5/6/2016 3:23 PM
188	There was not enough communicatrn HMS shoudl have had an open school night once at least once month for even just an hour ...WITH TOURS! The campaign was truncated and not strong enough	5/6/2016 3:06 PM

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189	Lack of coordination with D86 and their capital improvement project	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
190	other locations not seriously pursued	5/6/2016 2:50 PM
191	crazy to think an indoor track is NEEDED at middle school	5/6/2016 2:28 PM
192	I thought there were amenities not found in other middle schools and I don't like the current location. I feel the current property could be better used rather than an oversized school in downtown Hinsdale crammed into a small site.	5/6/2016 1:42 PM
193	Building was sized for PEAK enrollment as opposed to average enrollment	5/6/2016 1:22 PM
194	I do not think the community was educated on the details enough to understand the reason for the price tag.	5/5/2016 10:47 PM
195	There are a lot of older residents without children in the school district who would be greatly impacted financially by this referendum. I believe you did a fine job educating those within the D181 community but people without kids there did not get a similar education. Most of what they heard came from third parties and other media sources, most of which were opposed to the referendum.	5/5/2016 8:12 PM
196	As a friend summed it up the best , you don't build a new house for a dysfunctional family in hopes that things will improve.	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
197	I am in favor of a new middle school, I attend many functions there with my grandchildren. I felt the cost was too high-Am not that excited to have the increase in taxes but within reason would be acceptable.	5/5/2016 11:33 AM
198	There didn't seem to be much outdoor space for kids activities	5/5/2016 11:02 AM
199	The school needs to be built for all of Hinsdale.	5/5/2016 9:25 AM
200	No communication of what the actual individual tax impact would be	5/4/2016 10:58 PM
201	I would've voted for it.	5/4/2016 7:13 PM
202	Did not see any information sent to my home.	5/4/2016 2:39 PM
203	The cost and features were absurd!!! Asking for at least 3 times more for HMS then it cost to build CHMS. My house has not gone up in value 3 times. This is crazy, all school districts want is more and more.	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
204	Residents of Clarendon Hills and the Monroe boundary were strongly against the referendum because it did not directly benefit them or their children. There is a District 181 community divide. Even if the costs were considerably lower, I still believe the referendum would not pass unless there is a benefit or incentive given to Clarendon Hills/Monroe residents.	5/4/2016 1:29 PM
205	Costs needed to be justified against other school builds and how it is HMS 'turn' to be build/rebuilt	5/4/2016 1:12 PM
206	no complaints	5/4/2016 9:08 AM
207	HMS seems too crowded for a school in that location.	5/4/2016 9:04 AM
208	Many people felt the design was not on par with CHMS	5/4/2016 8:41 AM
209	Not enough information on comparisons with other middle schools. Also would like to know cost of each design specifications to see where costs could be adjusted.	5/4/2016 8:15 AM
210	It wasn't properly explained.	5/4/2016 6:04 AM
211	needed funds to improve Hinsdale Central	5/4/2016 12:39 AM
212	I missed the vote.	5/3/2016 10:21 PM
213	Possibility to go over budget	5/3/2016 10:08 PM
214	District did not offer enough options re location or a remodel.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
215	The district did not highlight in enough details the ramifications of a NO vote	5/3/2016 5:08 PM
216	The real debt burden was significantly higher than the advertised 65 million when factoring in the total cost with interest. I felt that this would significantly effect the districts financial stability. I very very hesitantly voted yes.	5/3/2016 4:26 PM
217	We need a new HMS with less bells and whistles. Shave a little off the budget and it will pass.	5/3/2016 3:16 PM
218	Our Children do not benefit from the new HMS, thus we should not have to incur this excessive cost with no benefit.	5/3/2016 2:14 PM
219	Cost PERCEIVED to be too high.	5/3/2016 12:32 PM
220	The people that voted no are selfish people	5/3/2016 10:06 AM

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221	I lost confidence in the architect after the price was increased 66% right before the BOE voted to go to referendum. The community should have been more engaged before any plans were presented, just as D86 is doing.	5/3/2016 9:40 AM
222	I am not sure all options to avoid building a new school were fully explored	5/3/2016 7:50 AM
223	I think Monroe students need to be routed back to HMS, this will get the votes up. You need to mention this as an option.	5/3/2016 7:16 AM
224	Design and process were not transparent	5/3/2016 7:15 AM
225	People of CH didn't want to pay for a new middle school	5/3/2016 6:07 AM
226	The fact that the cost on a per square foot basis was very close to CHMS was not communicated well or early in the process, allowing for a simple comparison of the total project costs not taking into account inflation and the different scopes of the respective projects.	5/2/2016 10:34 PM
227	The information put out in support was factually wrong, and therefore killed any credibility the referendum had.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
228	The entire bid process for the project was mishandled and ineffective. There is a reason only a few architectural firms participated in the process. Define the scope of the project better, then open the project to bidding.	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
229	I don't feel that factual information was presented to the community and instead people who were against the referendum were vocal and spreading lies about cost, motivation to build a new HMS and tax implications	5/2/2016 9:53 PM
230	It was unclear if the Hinsdale Middle School would include Monroe. In other words if the new HMS would service all of Hinsdale or exclude an elementary school in the town.	5/2/2016 9:49 PM
231	Outrageous cost, someone is probably making a big commission at the expense of the taxpayers	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
232	None, I was completely in favor of the proposal as is.	5/2/2016 9:15 PM
233	most everyone I spoke with believes we need to build a new HMS, but the design included too many wants (auditorium, track) and the cost was too high. I firmly believe if the building cost was brought down and extravagant amenities are eliminated-the next vote would pass	5/2/2016 8:53 PM
234	no attempt to mitigate costs	5/2/2016 8:29 PM
235	I believe it did not pass because not enough info was in people's hands and the snow birds were not here. Nov is a better time. More people will vote	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
236	poorly organized	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
237	The cost seemed high compared to the cost of CHMS	5/2/2016 6:54 PM
238	The district needs to fix the curriculum mess before starting new projects.	5/2/2016 6:28 PM
239	I grew up in town and remember when current building was built in 1976...lots of failed attempts before a responsible option is presented...we do not need over the top school buildings.	5/2/2016 6:12 PM
240	Please explain the % increase in property tax from a typical home next time.	5/2/2016 5:57 PM
241	Bring it down \$10 million and I think it's a go.	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
242	I thought it was a reasonable project, maybe we have too many people with no children or direct benefit from the project living in the neighborhood	5/2/2016 5:35 PM
243	I felt not enough effort was made to consider other options. While I would be willing to vote yes on a better thought out and less extravagant option in town, I believe moving the school to the location at 55th and Countyline would present the opportunity to create a much needed outdoor sports area and track to serve both the school and the community at large.	5/2/2016 5:29 PM
244	Need facts on relationship between quality school district and home values to convince those without children at HMS that it still benefits them	5/2/2016 5:01 PM
245	Chms seemed most against it	5/2/2016 4:25 PM
246	There was not enough communication HMS should have had an open school night once at least once month for even just an hour ...WITH TOURS! The campaign was truncated and not strong enough	5/2/2016 4:22 PM
247	Voters, especially voters without kids in D181, were not well informed about how badly we need a new HMS, what building attributes which may seem as "nice-to-have" are actually proposed to offset some of the limitations of the site, that HMS has all the special needs kids and how that impacts building essentials, or why a new HMS should cost more than CHMS (in 2016 dollars).	5/2/2016 4:20 PM

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248	I believe that it didn't go through because of how the CH community felt about it--why pay for HMS? They have a beautiful MS building; why pay for "theirs"?	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
249	I think the Clarendon Hills and Monroe residents are happy with their new schools and see no reason to rebuild where they won't benefit despite the fact we've paid for their schools. They fear it'll make Hinsdale once again more marketable than CH.	5/2/2016 3:59 PM
250	Not enough confidence in the administration's ability to lead a project of this magnitude.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
251	clear communication as to why the price kept rising put people off	5/2/2016 3:14 PM
252	People reacted emotionally rather than being properly educated about the costs and cost changes and voting accordingly	5/2/2016 2:46 PM
253	We are not U.S. citizens so cannot vote.	5/2/2016 2:43 PM
254	several changes in design, price etc.	5/2/2016 2:23 PM
255	Fluid nature of plans and uncertainty in my mind about how it could affect my own household, i.e. where my children would attend middle school, held back my enthusiasm.	5/2/2016 2:14 PM
256	Clarendon Hills residents seemed to be particular against it. More education needed to be done on how Hinsdale residents supported their 3 new schools.	5/2/2016 2:14 PM
257	Not D181 resident	5/2/2016 2:12 PM
258	the district did not respect the homeowner's money	5/2/2016 2:06 PM
259	I don't think enough people really understand what functioning at HMS on a day-to-day, school year to school year basis is really like.	5/2/2016 2:02 PM
260	Auditorium need was questioned	5/2/2016 1:56 PM
261	See next box	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
262	Clarendon Hills residents voted against it	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
263	The process was so quick and heady that I couldn't justify 65M because it was needed. My kids would never be able to take advantage of what HMS would offer and it's a rarity that HMS kids come to our school, yet the cost difference between the two projects were so great.	5/2/2016 12:57 PM
264	don't know why anyone voted against to it.	5/2/2016 12:28 PM
265	We do not trust [REDACTED] and never will.	5/2/2016 12:09 PM
266	Feel that the current building can be reused.	5/2/2016 12:08 PM
267	Lack of communication and promotion on the CHMS side of town	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
268	Parents with children not feeding into hms were not vested and wouldn't approve it	5/2/2016 11:28 AM
269	The board was not unanimous in support of the proposal. Further, it seemed backward to have design firms propose designs, only then to price them out and then ask the community for its support.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM
270	communication/explanation/education to better explain the project to the skeptics	5/2/2016 11:20 AM
271	I voted in favor of the referendum. I feel that there needs to be a new HMS building, not for aesthetics, but for the mere health of the students. I think the board needs to make this a bigger issue for the parents. The current building, as I believe had asbestos, a carcinogen- potentially can cause cancer, mold- aggravates children with asthma or allergies, and a leaky roof- which helps breed more mold. I think the board should put the new HMS building on the referendum in November and also in April- where it will most likely pass. In the meantime, parents of children who are/will attend HMS should be contacted and this health issue needs to be addressed with them. One parent I spoke to will have 3 kids attend HMS in the next couple of years. She was not educated on the issue and although she voted for the presidential primary, she did not vote for the referendum. I spoke to her after the election and she would have voted yes for HMS had she known about it. All her neighbors told her that they were not voting for it. If the health issue is put on the forefront, I believe most parents would go out of their way to vote yes for HMS, like I did.	5/2/2016 11:05 AM
272	Concerns regarding state finances and stretching the district too far.	5/2/2016 11:01 AM
273	The addition of the auditorium at the last second seemed problematic for many.	5/2/2016 10:48 AM
274	People I spoke with from Clarendon Hills thought our school was just fine, that we didn't need a new one.	5/2/2016 10:39 AM
275	While a parking deck is needed, it should be part of the cost, not separate.	5/2/2016 10:39 AM
276	Areas that wouldn't send their kids to HMS overwhelmingly voted against the proposal.	5/2/2016 10:37 AM

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277	Not unanimous board approval	5/2/2016 10:36 AM
278	Let's be financially responsible, prudent business professionals, allocating funds appropriately. The design and costs were	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
279	Felt that district would not stick to budget since initial estimates changed a few times.	5/2/2016 10:12 AM
280	Cost of HMS was compounded 10%/yr higher than CHMS. Not justified in a low 2% inflation economy over the last 15 years	5/2/2016 10:07 AM
281	these are the reasons I heard from "no" voters	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
282	There we no benefits presented for most of the D181 community	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
283	Pure speculation, but I believe people that voted against it were those that wer directly impacted by the school (i.e. didn't have kids in the school either based on where they lived or ages of their children).	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
284	People whos children would go to HMS voted against it because their kids "would not benefit"	5/2/2016 9:58 AM
285	I thought it was well thought out and seemed extremely reasonable. I was surprised it didn't pass.	5/2/2016 9:40 AM
286	The auditorium and elevated running track were unnecessary.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
287	the sq. ft. (on a per student basis) versus CHMS was not equitable.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
288	Absolutely outrageous cost for the new school	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
289	Traveling for Business - would have voted for	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
290	the district needs to address problems with the curriculum FIRST. I do not believe the current board and administration, which has had quite a bit of turn-over, can do these two things simultaneously.	5/2/2016 9:22 AM
291	I voted for the referendum as the need for the children to be in a safe and conducive learning environment trumped any issues I would have had with the referendum. However, from what I have heard, people felt like it was too rushed and not enough information was out there regarding the major issues facing the children and staff at HMS.	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
292	Shocked you don' t have the truth as one of the options--which is i don't want HMS built any nicer than CHMS which is fine for my kids now	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
293	It would have created an inequity between Hinsdasle and Clarendon Hills	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
294	I do not trust the construction company to be cost effective based on prior experience.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
295	The 500 seat auditorium is questionable. It takes up a lot of green space and while it will be used often, not to that capacity.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
296	Proposal not fit for purpose	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
297	I think people who voted no voted purely based on their pocketbook.	5/2/2016 9:10 AM
298	Money needs to be invested in other things first before being invested in a new school that already costs too much	5/2/2016 9:09 AM
299	The Board failed to manage the process and communicate effectively. The Board also failed to understand the political nature of the referendum and did not handle appropriately.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
300	You can't expect CHMS parents to vote for a middle school that costs so much more than there middle school did.	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
301	People in the CHMS area are envious of the new HMS design. You need to include funds for improvements there at the same time.	5/2/2016 8:59 AM
302	I think the proposal is solid	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
303	The design competition process was wrong. The board should have set a budget and then done a regular RFP process to vet architects who would then work with the district to design an appropriate, fiscally responsible middle school.	5/2/2016 8:57 AM
304	Because we need more support from Clarendon Hills Community for it to pass.	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
305	Profound curriculum problems	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
306	The BOE did not stand behind the proposal unanimously.	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
307	As a general rule, almost all projects run over budget. This project was expensive to start with and seemed like it would only get more so.	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
308	The district didn't think through what was needed, nor how to submit RFPs properly	5/2/2016 8:51 AM

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309	A few local merchants stated their customers were not happy with the cost of the project; school board wasting money; public schools do not know how to budget; not enough support from private schools; district needs to seek assistance from private school families "what's in it for them"; and not a question on the ballot for apartment renters.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
310	The process was flawed. Should start with the budget and then have the firms submit design ideas WITHIN the budget.	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
311	The people I spoke to who were against it said it was too excessive in cost and design. they want it to be on par with CHMS. Which is crazy!!!	5/2/2016 8:48 AM
312	In the last several years, D181 has moved backwards in its Math advancement and acceleration offerings for students in the elementary school grades. The administration and Board need to return to a proper Math advancement (1 full year ahead) and acceleration (more than 1 full year ahead) for the elementary grades which is based on statistically-valid selection criteria tied to a student's demonstrated MAP Math scores before I will trust the Administration and BoE to implement an HMS plan credibly.	5/2/2016 8:41 AM
313	There has been no demonstrated need for a new school. There was fear mongering by the Facebook group when the school is safe. Too much deference was given to the staff and not enough to the taxpayers. Do not have confidence that the finance team can manage this project	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
314	The price tags for the new HMS was way too too high!	5/2/2016 8:37 AM
315	The school does not need an auditorium indoor track cost needs to be near 40 or under million dollars to get votes feedback from all that were against that spoke to it	5/2/2016 8:34 AM
316	I do not think that parking should have been included. They could double deck n side parking lot or do parking in SEPERATE agenda.	5/2/2016 8:33 AM
317	There should be parity between HMS and CHMS or an arrangement should be made to have all Hinsdale middle schoolers (i.e. all 7th and 8th graders at new HMS and all 6th graders at CHMS)	5/2/2016 8:27 AM
318	Should have never put out the first number. Then when the 2nd # was higher it's in people's nature to question.	5/2/2016 8:21 AM
319	Use Veeck Park, robbins or 55th/county line rd	5/2/2016 8:21 AM
320	Clarendon Hills vs. Hinsdale animosity	5/2/2016 8:20 AM
321	Would have liked to see 7-0 Board vote	5/2/2016 8:08 AM

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Q8 We appreciate any comments that help to clarify your selections above.

Answered: 713 Skipped: 874

#	Responses	Date
1	waaaaay too much \$\$\$\$\$\$	5/18/2016 10:48 PM
2	Saving my tax \$ for d86 referendum. Have no confidence in d181 administrators to execute aNew HMS project. Can we take all this energy and use it to improve our dismal education our kids are receiving.	5/18/2016 9:48 PM
3	Please look into remodeling and adding on to the current school. I strongly believe that the school needs to be updated or replaced, but the proposed plans resembled a college campus.	5/18/2016 9:33 PM
4	Isn't it a shame that a very BASIC building couldn't be designed and competitively bid out and then all extras be fund raised by the families who will benefit from those extras!? I.E. if the entire Village will not have use of the turf, then let the school families pay for it. If they are unable to raise the funds, then it should not happen. Also, who can use that running track and when? The district has 7 buildings that could be more fully utilized during the winter months for the entire community but instead appear to be closed. How wonderful if those gyms that aren't used for Jodie Harrison could be opened for families with young children during the 'cabin fever' months!	5/18/2016 8:31 PM
5	The CHMS is a beautiful, basic middle school. I felt that there were several components of the HMS proposal that were far too extravagant, especially in comparison to its sister school.	5/18/2016 5:24 PM
6	I do not agree with selling 10-year bonds with a return of about 7%. You are going to raise my taxes to pay that 7% back. The current U.S. 10-year bond is only 1.77%. Why do you have to offer 7%?	5/18/2016 4:25 PM
7	I do not like the idea of my taxes being raised to pay back bonds at a 7% return. That is too high! Why should I pay a 7% return for the bonds when the U.S. government bond is only 1.77%?!	5/18/2016 4:23 PM
8	I do not support the idea of selling a bond with a return of 7%, when it will come out of my RAISED taxes! 7% is outrageously high! The bond return does not need to be much higher than the current U.S. government bond of 1.77% to create incentive for people to buy them.	5/18/2016 4:21 PM
9	I talked to neighbors who voted against it. They were unaware of the costs and problems at the current school. When I explained the cost to keep the school versus a new school, they would have voted for the new school if they had known that information ahead of time. Too many people voted were unaware of all of the facts regarding this issue.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
10	Any such project ought to be funded by cuts in other areas of the budget - for example: future pension promises for teachers and administrators.	5/18/2016 2:15 PM
11	Not sure why the entire existing building had to be gutted. Couldn't it be renovated?	5/18/2016 1:06 PM
12	I voted in favor of the referendum but have heard others thought the cost was too high. I'd also favor a compromise and will vote yes again on the next one regardless!	5/18/2016 12:29 PM
13	Horrible process management (my career specialty) and lack of honest, clear communications	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
14	I agree that HMS needs a new building. The cost was much to extravagant.	5/18/2016 10:18 AM
15	I would love to have a new school at a reasonable cost.	5/18/2016 10:15 AM
16	My property tax bill went up 8.8% most for schools. The proposal too much and lacked any understanding of what residence pay for schools.	5/18/2016 9:49 AM
17	A new middle school does not need a turf field, running/walking track, large auditorium, flagstone front, etc.... Make an updated version of CHMS for a cost of living increase and I believe it would pass	5/18/2016 9:17 AM
18	About the design being extravagant, it struck me that the new design is more high school like. My son went to the current middle school in '92 - 94 and liked the layout and had no complaints. I did vote in favor however because I believe it is important to invest in children's education and have D181 be a top rated education district.	5/18/2016 8:11 AM
19	BUDGET should not be an afterthought but, a driving force in the design process. The program should not be made up of wish list items, but should be made up of needs only.	5/18/2016 7:22 AM
20	The numbers of classrooms and classroom sizes proposed was considerably too large compared to the expected future population of the school (both general classrooms, and specialty classrooms, such as music rooms).	5/17/2016 10:07 PM

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21	You are not operating in a vacuum. In the 8 years I've lived here, my taxes have gone up 60%. Meantime, my income (as many others) has declined. You're not the only ones asking for more and more and more \$. There are District 86 high school teachers getting pensions starting at age 55 of \$140,000 a year and there's no end in sight with their spiraling expenses! Add that up - if they live to 85, it's more than \$4 million. How will we pay for all this, plus all the other stuff we're going to have to pay for when the state adjusts funding???? So we're looking for fiscal responsibility. Yes, top schools are a priority, but you don't have to have an indoor running track and planetarium. Top schools are important for real estate values, but when the taxes get this high, it actually can detract - people will choose to buy elsewhere - like OakBrook to get good schools without ridiculously high taxes.	5/17/2016 8:48 PM
22	The total cost was far above original projections and would likely keep growing. I have zero confidence in the ability of the administration and board to responsibly manage this.	5/17/2016 6:58 PM
23	Our community needs a new middle school. That building is a disaster and I will support a new building on that site, just not the one proposed. Here's why, we have an indoor walking track at the community house, and a nice high school theatre that our students could use if a basic stage, like CHMS's isn't sufficient. No need for that level of extras at a middle school. Next the process of doing a design competition to provide us with choices on our school plans was ridiculous. We didn't even give the architects a budget. Which is also ridiculous. We should have put out an RFP with specs on what was needed from a structural and an educational basis that was on par with CHMS. 65 million for a middle school is TOO MUCH. Plus Hinsdale Central needs updates and is going for a referendum, so be conscious of what the entire community has to support. And lastly, work with the village to support and cover the costs associated with a two tier parking deck, don't throw the total cost of that onto the HMS building costs.	5/17/2016 5:57 PM
24	Voters will vote NO for a design for many reasons. It is more important to sell the community on the need for a new HMS.	5/17/2016 4:58 PM
25	If CHMS cost 35.2	5/17/2016 4:47 PM
26	Many neighbors seemed to think cost was too high. [REDACTED] had more information....and felt the cost was appropriate	5/17/2016 4:06 PM
27	In addition to ALL the wasteful spending across this school AND district	5/17/2016 1:14 PM
28	Planning process was not handled well - limited community input sought and priority needs not assessed.	5/17/2016 12:12 PM
29	We just got a big increase in our Real Estate taxes based on the reassessment which we protested and loss. I don't need another increase. We are retired and on a fixed income.	5/17/2016 11:42 AM
30	These were reasons given from people I knew who were against the referendum.	5/17/2016 11:38 AM
31	The process felt rushed AND backwards - I don't understand how a design could be approved, and then after that, "needs/must haves" were included, so naturally the cost went up. It felt like form trumped function.	5/17/2016 10:22 AM
32	HMS doesn't need an a separate auditorium for the additional expense. CHMS doesn't have one and does quite well.	5/17/2016 10:18 AM
33	While I realize construction costs have gone up significantly since CHMS was built, I will say the cost kept creeping up. When first discussed, the proposal was less than how it appeared on the ballot.	5/17/2016 10:03 AM
34	In favor of Veeck Park estimate	5/17/2016 9:29 AM
35	When the price jumped so high from the initial proposal to the updated estimate it just made the architects and the district look foolish- like they didn't really have a grasp of what was going on. As a resident of Hinsdale I often feel there is a "Hinsdale price" and that companies charge more in this town because they know it is an affluent area.	5/17/2016 8:47 AM
36	the cost was over the top	5/17/2016 4:17 AM
37	I am in favor of a new school, however the costs and some of the amenities seemed exorbitant. While I don't currently have children in the district schools I will in the next couple of years and will be fully fiscally responsible for the next 20plus years for tax increases burdens that are added today.	5/16/2016 10:18 PM
38	The communication was very detailed - too much to digest. While that detail needs to be available - we need a much clearer and shorter selling point around it that everyone can grasp. Short and compelling slogan and elevator pitch.	5/16/2016 10:07 PM
39	The school was overbuilt...	5/16/2016 9:30 PM
40	The numbers of no votes were the highest in oakbrook and clarendon hills, which backs up my point. More time needs to be spent in those areas educating those voters of the benefits.	5/16/2016 9:22 PM
41	we thought the architect did a good good job with the design	5/16/2016 8:56 PM
42	I voted for it, not sure why others didnt. It has meaning for me, since my children will go there someday.	5/16/2016 8:55 PM
43	CHMS parents are in favor of new school but quit the \$35 million cost universally. This is not realistic but \$65 mil is too big a jump for them to consider voting yes	5/16/2016 8:53 PM

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44	I voted yes, but for some of those who voted no I feel they didn't understand what the true benefit would be for them as residents of D181. i.e. empty nesters, etc.	5/16/2016 8:51 PM
45	unite the community	5/16/2016 8:44 PM
46	I think if 6th graders all went to CHMS and 7th and 8th at HMS, the vote would be most in favor of new building. And cost needs to be contained a bit.	5/16/2016 8:40 PM
47	Analyzed on a precinct level, the votes against were far higher where kids go to CHMS. Based on that and discussions, it seems clear they don't want a good solution that costs them but mostly benefits others.	5/16/2016 8:08 PM
48	Veck Park would be my preferred location	5/16/2016 8:03 PM
49	In favor of Veck Park	5/16/2016 8:01 PM
50	Clarendon Hills Middle School was built approximately 15 years ago at a cost of approximately \$17-18 million dollars. The most we should spend on a new school now is perhaps twice this amount, or \$36 million. The project should be designed to fit this budget. A budget of \$65 million for a new middle school is unreasonable.	5/16/2016 7:49 PM
51	Cost needs to be clear. Compare / contrast to CHMS build nearly two decades ago and to middle schools of LiKE communities.	5/16/2016 7:41 PM
52	I don't think the need for the auditorium & elevated track in particular were compelling enough. Better messaging needed around those elements.	5/16/2016 7:08 PM
53	The total cost of HMS project was more wants than needs. Stick to a more concise project based on classroom size instead of a overpriced running track and a underutilized auditorium. Think before you construct and keep all the special interests out of the process. You want luxuries than self fund these projects with naming right donations as well as private funds.	5/16/2016 5:34 PM
54	School seemed to large for projected enrollment. Put in too many bells and whistles - more opulent than the Clarendon Hills Middle School. Sick of the sky high taxes in Hinsdale.	5/16/2016 3:51 PM
55	I felt that the proposal was pushed on the voting public too quickly and that the bid process did not seem thorough enough. Couples with skyrocketing property taxes made this an easy vote for me.	5/16/2016 3:35 PM
56	The new HMS should be basically comparable to the existing district middle schools.	5/16/2016 2:57 PM
57	A referendum must have parental support. There needs to be a strategy to counter a well organized opposition. It was disconcerting to have board members voting against the decision to go to referendum. This likely influenced a large group of parents who voted against it as well as those who will never support a referendum.	5/16/2016 2:49 PM
58	It seems like the residents of Clarendon Hills were against the new school as it didn't benefit any of their kids as their kids wouldn't be attending.	5/16/2016 12:35 PM
59	This is the reason that was most cited in the news and from friends/family that voted against the referendum.	5/16/2016 11:58 AM
60	I realize that this is Hinsdale but the cost for this school is ridiculous.	5/16/2016 10:17 AM
61	The price per square foot was too costly for this type of construction. I work for a very large national builder and am very familiar with this type of work. I am in favor of a new HMS, just not the design presented (cost and components, not visual design) or the location. I did not hear enough explanation for why the Robbins Park location was untenable.	5/16/2016 10:13 AM
62	There are choices to make. Is it high pay for teachers or state of the art facilities or a balance between the two? Homeowners can't afford to pay for every wish list that is presented to them.	5/16/2016 10:11 AM
63	I think this is a community that supports our schools but there was a feeling that taxpayer dollars weren't being spent prudently. While there is a need for a new facility it's hard to get past the CHMS construction cost as an anchoring point and this proposal was viewed as excessive	5/16/2016 10:02 AM
64	I heard from friends whose children will attend Clarendon Hills MS and they felt the cost was too high and plans were too extravagant (and too large) for the need and projected future enrollment. They were reasonable and in agreement HMS needs a new school, but they voted no based on the high cost.	5/16/2016 9:42 AM
65	Really need to get across to the CHMS area that the cost was higher for two main reasons: 1. Inflation since CHMS was built 2. HMS needs to be bigger than CHMS, therefore higher cost	5/16/2016 8:50 AM
66	It seemed to me park/district/town improvements not essential to a new school were tacked on to the middle school project at great expense - i.e., a turf field, an auditorium. Although these features could be used by a middle school I did not view them as essential. I support spending money to make improvements and was disappointed that the scope of the project was so large and expensive.	5/16/2016 8:15 AM

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67	HCHS is older and in need of replacement. We continue to miss opportunities because we can't host swim events or other activities due to lack of accommodations. HMS is not that old. Poor planning when that building was built is not resulting in to much additional cost. NO MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOULD COST \$65M.	5/16/2016 8:11 AM
68	While I voted for the referendum because I am a big believer in the quality of education in the area where we live, I thought it was EXORBITANT! The District 181 administration appears completely out of touch with community sentiment and appeared like they assumed they simply had a "blank check" from the tax payers. There was ZERO outreach to taxpayers who don't have children in the system to explain their rational. They also did nothing to combat the propaganda from the C4CH organization - a HUGE public relations blunder.	5/16/2016 7:50 AM
69	preferred a zero tax increase approach	5/16/2016 7:00 AM
70	Things like an indoor walking track and auditorium are unnecessary with similar facilities within blocks of HMS. We need to get serious about what is essential.	5/15/2016 10:53 PM
71	Updating the existing HMS infrastructure and adding an additional building with a total cap NTE of \$35M seems a lot more prudent and reasonable for all taxpayers. Special interest or local community groups interested in a new auditorium and track can raise money for that independently. Those items are "wants" as opposed to "needs."	5/15/2016 10:32 PM
72	No need to clarify.	5/15/2016 10:22 PM
73	Process should have been more thoughtful around soliciting all options for middle school and more proactively engaging with community. Also needs to be defined within context of other district facility needs. I am supportive of a new school and think majority of community will be if administrators are more effective in addressing above comments.	5/15/2016 9:39 PM
74	My taxes went up \$1000 this year without the school. I don't trust the projections that my taxes would only go up a few hundred dollars.	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
75	Given the continued large increases in our taxes, I don't think we can afford to spend this much on the new HMS, I think some of the additions can be pared back to save the taxpayers money. I don't think anyone disagrees a new HMS is needed, I think the cost is the problem.	5/15/2016 8:01 PM
76	The process seemed unprofessional, slapdash, and unconcerned with rocketing costs.	5/15/2016 5:43 PM
77	I keep hearing comparisons as to what it cost to build CHMS. The size of the new HMS building must be significantly more than CHMS since the children from The Lane had to be moved to HMS from CHMS. Let's make sure we clarify that part of the reason we need to spend more money this time around is that we did not spend enough money making CHMS big enough. I have been in the district for almost 20 years and I have seen student enrollment projections that have been very far off. Let's try and plan for the largest population possible. Also, I think there was confusion as to what was included in the final plan. I do also feel like the process was too rushed. Good Luck. I hope it passes!	5/15/2016 5:38 PM
78	\$65 M + interest is obscene	5/15/2016 1:47 PM
79	I am not opposed to the idea of building a new HMS. My perspective is that the proposal presented was a no-holds-barred, top-of-the-line, ultimate wish list for a middle school. Seemed over the top to me. It would have been helpful to see a lower cost alternative that is in keeping with the amenities NEEDED in a middle school.	5/15/2016 1:20 PM
80	CAN WE USE LOCAL OR RECYCLED BUILDING MATERIALS TO BRING COST DOWN?	5/15/2016 11:41 AM
81	The board has lost touch with residents by allowing their own personal desires and the desires of a small vocal minority of voters to influence their decisions. You need to get in touch with the "silent majority" and it will take more than this online survey to do it.	5/15/2016 11:39 AM
82	I think you need to lay out the economics more clearly.	5/15/2016 10:32 AM
83	I think the high schools are going to need to be refurbished before spending money at the middle school level. Much more important.	5/15/2016 10:21 AM
84	I never saw a discussion of the cost to repair and retrofit the existing HMS building. In times that call for greater frugality, I would imagine this alternative could be more than satisfactory.	5/15/2016 10:19 AM
85	The extravagant issue was #1 - you need a regular old middle school like CHMS, we don't need a super fancy, do all middle school. Way too pricey. Families are hurt by the economic downturn and slow recovery across the US - no need for a "gold plated" middle school now. Your referendum was tone deaf.	5/15/2016 9:18 AM
86	I feel the majority of residents are in favor of a new school, however, the cost needs to be tweaked and design a little more simplified for it to pass	5/15/2016 9:05 AM
87	If the existing problems with HMS had been fixed in a timely manner, we wouldn't be discussing a new school. Why would I support a new build (especially such an extravagant spending of funds) when the district can't maintain their assets?	5/15/2016 8:55 AM

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88	The cost here was multiples of what CHMS cost (before the economic downturn), and the frills were way beyond anything needed to provide an excellent education.	5/15/2016 8:38 AM
89	I believe that the district selected the Architectural firm through a process that limited the number of qualified firms willing to make a large investment in the pursuit. Essentially they won a beauty contest amongst a limited number of firms who were willing/ able to make a six figure investment. Once selected the firm was interested in making back their investment in the pursuit, and so the bait and switch began. Prices increased 50% from original estimates. The Board acted hastily when they should have taken a breath and re-thought the process altogether.	5/15/2016 8:28 AM
90	I grew up in Hinsdale and am now raising my own family in Hinsdale. I attended HMS when it was the Jr High turning into the HMS and there were temporary walls then, leaks in the roof, and after learning in recent years about the air quality and mild issues; I am very curious if the amount of respiratory issues I had at that time was due to the building. And that was 1991-1993. One way or another, this village needs to come to an agreement to build a new school. I also feel that older residents who do not have kids in the district or residents outside of HMS (in 181 but CHMS) have little to no interest in supporting a new school. So those residents are likely the ones who really need to be educated and convinced to vote YES.	5/15/2016 7:18 AM
91	I believe we need a new building.	5/14/2016 10:58 PM
92	1. I was stunned by the total proposed cost 2. I think less expensive property could have been acquired south by 55th street 3. The design was extravagant (e.g. indoor track, separate theater, etc... etc,,,) Money doesn't grow on trees	5/14/2016 7:21 PM
93	CHMS cost \$17mio 18 years ago. \$65mio is crazy. Try \$40mio or less for the new HMS.	5/14/2016 3:13 PM
94	We need a new middle school but \$65m is totally and absurdly out of line	5/14/2016 2:05 PM
95	I was shocked to read in the paper the architect's comment that "...the project won't cost \$65MM". I thought that this was a very careless statement. Why ask for what you don't need? Also, if you have \$65MM to spend and that amount is approved, it is highly likely that the total amount will be drawn down. This is counter-intuitive to any organization that knows how to handle finances. I would suspect that you had a lot of local residents who avoid reckless spending.....and this entire process felt reckless and ill-informed.	5/14/2016 12:44 PM
96	A zero tax increase would have made my vote a yes vote	5/14/2016 11:35 AM
97	These were reasons I heard, but don't necessarily agree with	5/14/2016 10:25 AM
98	I think the students deserve a school that they enjoy and have a good environment to learn. They deserve a school that they are proud of and that the community is proud of.	5/14/2016 10:16 AM
99	The cost of construction per square foot seemed unreasonable.	5/14/2016 9:49 AM
100	The board needs to be unified. Decisions need to be made in a timely fashion, not at the last minute. Find ways to reduce amount of money initially needed, while allowing for future improvements - ie don't finish off all the space if budget an issue, re-use some of current furnishings if possible and replace over time -ie bookcases	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
101	The D181 Board seems to suffer from the "Hinsdale" fever to rip down a good building and build a newer and bigger edifice to their egos.	5/14/2016 9:12 AM
102	D181 admin is clearly on a path for a new building and a new building only. In this era of uncertainty on school pensions, the states poor fiscal condition and the already high county taxes you are not being prudent with tax payer money. That along with a process that felt like you were charging to a vote was a recipe for defeat. Now you aren't listening to the residents who voted overwhelmingly NO and again are trying to ram your concept through again by asking for another vote, incredible! Just fix the school for \$6 million. You will lose again by an even bigger margin for disregarding residents wishes.	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
103	Need multifaceted plan. Solid basic rebuild first. Auditorium not necessary- use the gym or the high school auditorium. High existing state and local taxes. School administration must communicate their willingness to compromise and display fiscal responsibility.	5/14/2016 8:20 AM
104	Current location is prime real estate in Hinsdale and should be used to yield tax revenue ventures or housing that would encourage downtown development. If the school stays in current location it should be rehabbed rather than rebuilt from scratch -- most homes in the community are over 40 years old and are rehabbed rather than torn down.	5/14/2016 7:55 AM
105	the campaign yes hms did not talk all of the community benefits it was singularly focused on building a new school which is hard for voting members to fully understand when they do not have a child in elementary or current middle school age.	5/14/2016 7:31 AM
106	The design was chosen bc it was 'less expensive' to be more on par with CHMS. This was very cavalier of the Board. another firm that was not chosen had built a wonderful school in Winnetka and even demonstrated how it navigated the process. Their initial estimate was less than the \$65mm that we had on our referendum. The cost estimate increase seemed so sudden to most residents as it seemed to increase by \$20mm almost immediately after the 'cost effective' plan was chosen despite poor design and no track record of success.	5/13/2016 11:12 PM

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107	I attended a Catholic grade school in the 70's and the building at that time was roughly 20 years old. That building, which is in DuPage County, still exists and is now 60+ years old. Of course, it's been renovated, but unlike District 181, they live within THEIR MEANS! Why is the District unable to do the same?? Why must EVERYTHING be the most expensive, the biggest, the best, etc??? Have you no regard for the people who are saddled with these bills?	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
108	I think that the district voting breakdown showed that people in CHMS areas thought it was too much money for something that would not benefit them. The dire need for a new school was not clearly and continually communicated so it seemed like just an extravagant purchase. In addition, I think it may have been slightly overpriced as we had some pretty "fancy" seeming designs. My gut had it at 10% but I'm no expert. I think that comparison of similar projects should have been available. I also think that the district should lay out the future construction plan for all the schools. It seems very reactive so people wonder when the next new school will be needed (and the next ask for dollars). I think if the answer was "we are done building new schools until 2040" that is a different kind of scenario..as it was it seemed undefined.	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
109	Fix your curriculum first. Get competent administrators.	5/13/2016 4:53 PM
110	I do not know the principal reasons why people voted against the referendum, but my general sense was that they felt it was a very expensive proposal for a very extravagant plan. In hindsight, it might've been strategically better for the district to pursue a more narrowly focused reconstruction plan, while breaking some of the more extravagant additional proposals into separate sub plans to be pursued a future date.	5/13/2016 4:39 PM
111	The 'extras' were over the top. Basics with common sense would have been more effective. eg. the auditorium could go to the high school with better parking.	5/13/2016 3:20 PM
112	I worry that we won't get the CH vote due to their schools already being new and improved	5/13/2016 2:42 PM
113	I think that people felt it was just too expensive and elaborate.	5/13/2016 1:03 PM
114	I was fine with the proposal, so am merely speculating as to why it did not pass. Not sure if people truly understood the 'why' behind the cost (or took the time to understand). Comparing it to what was spent on CHMS is not a relevant comparison for multiple reasons, finances over time, population, and design. The design must account for student population over the long-term, thus cutting costs for a smaller footprint would be short sighted. Also, having an auditorium isn't over the top, but an amenity that would serve the arts program well. Utilizing Hinsdale Central auditorium is not a practical option it seems as I have a child at Hinsdale Central. Central uses the auditorium for parent meetings as well. I assume you'll find the pockets of resistance towards to referendum reside in those without a direct vested interest, meaning those with children past middle school age and those who feed into CHMS (and deem this design excessive relative to what they have). However, a new HMS benefits the community, enhances all property values, and could minimize population constraints at CHMS by accommodating Monroe students at HMS if feasible.	5/13/2016 1:02 PM
115	Many people thought it was too expensive. I believe the district needs a nice new school, even if it is too expensive!	5/13/2016 12:57 PM
116	I heard many Hinsdale residents say that the cost was too high, and while I'm not price sensitive, many others were. Not enough was done to address concerns about pricing or to "prove" that this was the best alternative. For example, could a \$50 million option work? \$55 million? etc.	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
117	Cost should be in line with cost of CHMS, converting dollar to today's value	5/13/2016 12:17 PM
118	In order to have a reasonable attempt at passing, the cost needs to be lowered	5/13/2016 12:07 PM
119	I think the building was a bit over designed and was thought to be the crown jewel of Hinsdale. Parents whose kids didn't go there didn't care about the conditions at HMS since it doesn't affect them	5/13/2016 11:40 AM
120	The spend needs to be more reasonable and include more of the residents, especially those potentially against the proposal, to ensure success. I heard	5/13/2016 11:29 AM
121	I thought the community auditorium was a mistake. It seemed like a weak attempt to justify something that is a bit extravagant for a middle school. The escalating cost from the initial proposal to the one that made the ballot hurt as well. I also think the community is stuck in that it'll be difficult for the CHMS families to vote for a new HMS since "they already theirs" so to speak. This is frustrating because HMS needs to be replaced. My children will be gone before it will be replaced, but it is an awful school.	5/13/2016 11:28 AM
122	I think the community agrees that we need a new middle school, but it doesn't have to be the Mercedes of middle schools. It's hard for Clarendon Hills Middle School families to see so much spent on HMS.	5/13/2016 11:15 AM
123	I am in favor of the referendum for sure, but think it may have to be scaled back a little. I believe that anybody who has kids that are already through Middle School, doesn't want to "spend the money"	5/13/2016 11:10 AM
124	I don't think it would help my children (or other children) to learn better. Both my kids agreed the school is fine.	5/13/2016 11:06 AM
125	While I supported it, I believe the main issue was the cost. Although it is frustrating to see how the percentages of voters played out-particularly how those areas that did not send their kids this school	5/13/2016 10:57 AM

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126	In addition, the "survey" the board conducted prior to the referendum was completely biased and one sided.	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
127	Cost too much, hardly justifiable.	5/13/2016 10:55 AM
128	Too much money is wasted on temporary fixes, such as the roof. Why not use the money to replace the roof? I also don't think we need to demolish the building and start over. Aren't we the same Hinsdale that reveres historic buildings and does everything possible to block demolition and restore them? And now we need to demolish a 40 year old building because it has a leaky roof? We don't like the design? A fine education occurs because of the teachers not the physical plant. Think old Oxford as an example of an old facility with great educational outcomes.	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
129	There were too many features of the new school that were not critical to the instruction of the majority of the students.	5/13/2016 10:40 AM
130	I do not agree with any of the above comments. Those selected were the most common negative responses I heard, when HMS plans were discussed.	5/13/2016 10:32 AM
131	The effort failed to convince people without kids in D181 that it was in their interests to spend the money. Someone needs to make the case to that group of people that their property values, etc. will benefit. Also, for the people who voted whose kids go to CHMS, we should tell them that if the next referendum doesn't pass, we're going to redraw the districts so some of their kids go to HMS instead of CHMS. That'll win their support!	5/13/2016 10:24 AM
132	Focus on doing what is right for the children in terms of support, curriculum, teaching, special ed support, outplacing children when necessary.	5/13/2016 9:50 AM
133	I voted in favor of the referendum, because I wanted to see positive momentum for the community - although I thought the cost of the project was too high. It seemed like extravagant steps were taken at every opportunity, and costs went up as a result.	5/13/2016 7:25 AM
134	Even by today's standards and cost of building, that project was at least \$20M too high. If moving to a new location would allow for lower building cost plus bit to put pressure on another school during construction, moving the location for the new school makes good sense.	5/13/2016 6:38 AM
135	In order for a new HMS referendum to pass, the proper process must be followed. The current HMS facility must be assessed, both academically and structurally, according to established agreed upon metrics. Then, a design solution must be created with the new form following D181's curriculum and its delivery (function.) Absolute needs/priorities for the new design must be determined and incorporated. There must be "value pricing" applied to the new design. After a unanimous BOE approval and vote on the referendum question, a public referendum committee must be constituted with representatives from every attendance site in D181 and every constituent group in the D181 community. This is exactly how past referendums were successfully passed in D181.	5/12/2016 11:30 PM
136	From what I heard... people that voted against it kept comparing it to the cost to build CHMS. It "seems" like many of those against it kept going back to the cost. They may need to be educated on inflation....and the amount of students.	5/12/2016 9:57 PM
137	50 years ago Hinsdale Central split into central and south. They are still bickering over issues of parity. It has been 20 years since the Hinsdale middle school split into Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills. I never sensed any of these same parity issues here. Until I saw a proposal to build a 65 million dollar building in Hinsdale after we built a 20 million dollar building in Clarendon Hills. I did follow the explanation of why there was such a price differential and frankly, I didn't find any of the explanation credible.	5/12/2016 9:12 PM
138	I am in favor of a new school, but \$65 million is too much.	5/12/2016 7:33 PM
139	The district is not in a financial state that we can afford to build a new school that with bells and whistles. New HMS should meet "needs" of our students, not parent "wants".	5/12/2016 6:52 PM
140	The architect was off by 50% on its numbers!!! And, it didn't have much suburban experience at a Hinsdale level. The board was not unified either.	5/12/2016 5:37 PM
141	I felt the district was not making the most financially responsible choices. It seemed that options to repair the existing middle school were not looked at closely enough. The overall design seemed extravagant for a middle school. Also, I do not support building a middle school for 20% more students than are projected to ever attend HMS.	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
142	Firms that have experience with school construction in Illinois should not have estimates that vary so widely from when the firm is selected to when an appropriate sum is affixed to the referendum. This is unacceptable,	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
143	The board has repeatedly failed to confront the districts excessive and extravagant cost structure. The school did and still does lack community input.	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
144	A new middle school is needed, and it should look timeless. That said, the price tag was way too much. The school doesn't need an auditorium - they can use their gym for gatherings. Hinsdale Central should renovate the high school auditorium...which is horrible. You should be able to build a world class middle school for 800+ kids for \$50M.	5/12/2016 4:34 PM
145	Can you take the Clarendon Hills Middle School plan and duplicate that school? You own the plans.	5/12/2016 4:25 PM

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146	I agree a new school is needed versus pumping money into the existing poorly designed and crumbling building. But \$65M seemed too extravagant. A middle ground would be good.	5/12/2016 4:19 PM
147	It seemed the Board opted for the most expensive option available. The Board seemingly could not say "no" to any sub-group that suggested things. The running track, auditorium, green house (that might be wrong) each individually made sense. But the size of those seems too much. We need a new HMS--we have for 30 years--but do it correctly and efficiently rather than extravagantly. Oh, and what 181 does will influence D86 and a TRULY extravagant board. Finally, the designer/consultant/whatever increased the bid close to the deadline WAY too much to feel comfortable.	5/12/2016 3:45 PM
148	We definitely need a new school but the selection approach seemed hasten. The quote moving from \$40MM to \$70MM was a sure sign the information was rushed and selection process was inappropriate.	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
149	The public needed more time to digest it and understand the implications of NO new school. All the negative letters printed in the Hinsdalean didn't help, either. Clarendon Hills residents were also very much against it, which didn't help us.	5/12/2016 3:36 PM
150	Too many numbers were put forth. Also, never let a lower number emerge & than follow with higher levels. Not good!	5/12/2016 3:22 PM
151	Should've been an option A and option B not a yes or no question on the ballot	5/12/2016 3:05 PM
152	Tax impact is too much.	5/12/2016 2:46 PM
153	I fully believe we need a new Middle School. But, as noted above, the price is extravagant. I read every article about the various options, and reasons for the high price tag. That said, you simply have to scale it back significantly. I did not get the sense that the Board was doing everything it could to spend wisely. Instead, it was looking for a magnificent prize to make Hinsdale look incredible to new homebuyers. But come on, our four kids went through the Middle School...we don't need a palace.	5/12/2016 2:24 PM
154	The proposed school was a MIDDLE SCHOOL, not a college. Just because it is planned for the Hinsdale community does not require it to have designs and attributes fitting for a college campus.	5/12/2016 2:13 PM
155	I voted for the referendum, however did feel it was more than was needed.	5/12/2016 1:36 PM
156	If the costs increased because of soil support for existing building, why not build in playground across Washington St. Or is the soil support needed for the Village parking deck?	5/12/2016 1:34 PM
157	I see no reason for a 500 seat auditorium. There are other facilities to us when the need arises. No place to park cars also. Feel too many wants on the project.	5/12/2016 1:22 PM
158	I do not feel like the general public received much relevant information on why the costs were as high as they were. Also, I believe a high cost and low cost option should be considered. Not enough time spent up front determining what was truly needed rather than "best in class"	5/12/2016 1:12 PM
159	I feel like many people in the community felt like we could have built a school for less, without all the "extras". I personally liked some of the so-called extras but when you are trying to build a school that the community is paying for, maybe it is just best to stick to what is needed rather than what is wanted.	5/12/2016 1:04 PM
160	seems like your effort was trumped in the final hours by the nay's. Your making this about want or don't want. Its economics and marketing. Look to your selected architect to build this plan for you. They will be used to doing this for other clients. its how non public money flows.	5/12/2016 12:59 PM
161	Should be relocated to VEEK Park or some other location. Also project cost was insane. Looks like BOE failed to get quality bids and to take other lower bids into consideration. Total lack of respect for taxpayers. Use your head and find a more economical price for the school. 65 million [REDACTED]	5/12/2016 12:58 PM
162	I think something between 40-50 million would have been much more realistic and plateable for the community. It's not a high school.	5/12/2016 12:42 PM
163	It was the \$60 million price tag.	5/12/2016 12:41 PM
164	The appropriate benchmark for spending should be CHMS adjusted for expected enrollment plus inflation. The cost multiple of the proposed HMS plan was unacceptable.	5/12/2016 12:27 PM
165	I do not think it is fair to have one middle school far superior to the other.	5/12/2016 12:12 PM
166	I voted for the referendum but most of the concerns I heard were that the overall cost was too high and the improvements were excessive. I think a better side by side comparison of costs x years ago and costs now would be helpful.	5/12/2016 12:00 PM

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167	There needs to be an explanation to homeowners that the tax increase would more than offset the rise in property values as a result of a better school, etc. !! People without kids going into HMS clearly didn't care about the consequence of inaction. The very low cost of money (borrowing) should be better explained. The cost of all the downside risks to health and children with the hazards of the current HMS were not articulated as well as they could have been. Greater community understanding is needed to get this through !	5/12/2016 11:46 AM
168	It seemed like the bidding process was not the best. A low bidder was selected, and then many many add ons were put into the project. The cost ended up higher than the other bidders.	5/12/2016 11:37 AM
169	I voted in favor but the people that I spoke to that did not vote for it thought the price tag was too high	5/12/2016 11:36 AM
170	The cost was extravagant because of the additional items, such as the auditorium, were added on. I think you should have a fiscally conservative view in designing the school. With high school district and library needing additional funding there is a limit on what a taxpayer can afford. I am on Social Security and did not get a cost of living increase.	5/12/2016 11:29 AM
171	Hinsdale Schools always seem to want a Rolls-Royce when the residents would be happy with Ford.	5/12/2016 11:11 AM
172	I truly feel that if marketed properly from beginning especially to those you know might not be in favor: i.e. older residents with no children left in district and residents in chms area that this would have passed. Focus on how this will benefit them, our community as a whole. We have to focus on the positives, not negatives and publishing voting results only makes those who voted against it more angry-was not the correct approach.	5/12/2016 10:50 AM
173	The proposed new construction rivaled most college campus'. A realistic plan would have passed.	5/12/2016 10:43 AM
174	The design was too extravagant for the MS. the High School is in desperate need of new facilities and I was disappointed that for the MS, so much unnecessary spending would be placed at this location instead of thinking about future costs/needs. Very greedy!	5/12/2016 10:24 AM
175	You need to fix the current school for a reasonable price, no extravagant classrooms and facilities are required. The proposed new school is way too expensive and with unions all of the contingency funds will be used further increasing costs. With the proposed expansion there will also be additional teachers etc.. further increasing costs and adding additional tax burdens. There is not an endless supply of money.	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
176	The people I talked to that voted against it, these two were their reasons. There could be a new HMS that costs less.	5/12/2016 10:06 AM
177	The school was more expensive per square foot than the house we are building!	5/12/2016 10:04 AM
178	The cost appeared to be extravagant given that the Board and administration did a poor job of communicating the benefits of the new school to district residents.	5/12/2016 10:02 AM
179	Clarendon Hills voters already have a new middle school so they overwhelmingly voted against the new HMS.	5/12/2016 9:57 AM
180	This process should also include a reuse (perhaps a third-party sale) of the existing HMS footprint. That is a very developable site and would serve as a critical offset to the costs associated with the new building. I'm not surprised to see how the costs reached \$65MM, as the market has been punished by extraordinary construction cost increases over just the past three years alone.	5/12/2016 9:55 AM
181	I toured HMS and it reinforced my belief that there needs to be a new middle school. However it felt like there was a very vocal minority that was pushing to get the very best school regardless of the total dollar amount. I am in favor of funding a new middle school but one that is reasonable in terms of scale and amenities. The physical building does not make a great school, it's the teachers. This doesn't mean that the building should be less than needed. I just don't feel it should be more than what is needed. I understand that it is subjective to determine "what is needed" but I felt that the building size and amenities were excessive.	5/12/2016 9:53 AM
182	I believe the process to choose the architect was also flawed and did not follow the recommendation of the committee. White had an element of community outreach to support the referendum. Not having this with Cordogan was clearly a weakness of the Cordogan capabilities.	5/12/2016 9:52 AM
183	Cost was ridiculously high Taxes are too high now with high school asking for huge amount taxpayers being ignored Teachers and staff run show and want more and more it never ends Suggest teachers forgo pay increases and take less pension to pay for their wish lists No one is trying to control cost	5/12/2016 9:48 AM
184	It's obvious that HMS needs to be rebuilt but I feel like the proposal was too extravagant and CHMS was being threatened if the parents didn't conform. PLEASE be realistic and it will pass	5/12/2016 9:43 AM
185	It seemed like the building was being built to accommodate all wish list features at once, including the basic size of the building, which I understood was to accommodate all the kids we might have, not just the ones we have. Do we really expect Hinsdale to grow? I voted for the referendum but friends and family voted against. In my opinion a more modest plan with a phased approach to build additional features later would have done better.	5/12/2016 9:41 AM
186	I believe that a number of voters do not want the tax burden when children in their neighborhood have a fine school. They do not want to spend the money on a school that their children would not benefit from.	5/12/2016 9:39 AM

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187	I voted YES, however, the process seemed to be a last minute effort. Where was all of this information at the start of the 2015-2016 school year? It just felt that this was all put together and rolled out to the community at the last minute. Shame on CH, 75% of the town voted NO. Easy for the with all their fancy news schools.	5/12/2016 9:32 AM
188	The price kept jumping around and no final plan/cost was in place until very late....and it was almost the highest cost option leading many to question it. Plus there was not enough time to mount a grassroots marketing effort in conjunction with community supporters to answer questions and sway opinion...relying primarily on electronic communication to "sell" the idea and overcome objections is insufficient.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
189	Many parents I have discussed this with were ok with the concept but thought cost got out of control. Felt like limitless budget. People also did not understand what "site work" needed to be done and why it was so expensive. People questioned the need for walking track and large recital hall. Benefits of those items to whole district and to high school and community members was not explained clearly. Some folks did not like the same firm winning bid. No independence. Most just stated it was "plain too much \$" I felt the info on price and assets to the community was poorly explained. I think Clarendon Hills in general acted poorly and in own self interest only.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
190	The price tag changed a few times, adding and deleting key components. I felt some design issues were important, as they are the reason the current HMS did not stand the test of time. The auditorium is an example. Seemed too small. And yes, the current site is overall too small, but guess there are no alternatives.	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
191	The process was a problem for me. The number seemed to change too often and too significantly. I am also concerned that focus will be taken away from significant curriculum problems that we have had for 4 years. I voted yes, and we definitely need a new school, but it was a difficult decision given the above.	5/12/2016 9:15 AM
192	The design was gold-plated. And the reasons cited for why it was nearly 4x the cost of CHMS were disingenuous. If you adjust the cost CHMS for inflation and you add a pro rata increase for the size difference, you're still left with a number far, far short of the final estimated cost for this project.	5/12/2016 9:08 AM
193	Total project cost was too high in light of critical and significant funding needs of Hinsdale Central High School. Ensuring the quality of our high school is at least as important to the community as a single feeder middle school. We do need a new HMS, but because the community will have to fund both projects, the HMS costs need to be controlled. We should not fund HMS at the expense of HCHS. I heard many residents whose children attend/will attend both HMS and HCHS express this sentiment.	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
194	Attendance between HMS and CHMS can be balanced as needed by the district, which takes away the argument for a larger facility at HMS.	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
195	There was a lot of misinformation circulating. My impression from what I heard was: the Clarendon Hills residents didn't realize that Hinsdale helped fund their newer schools previously. They didn't want to help pay for a school they wouldn't be using. Petty jealousy over "parity" trumped the idea that if we're going to make a new school, let's make it to last & meet all future needs.	5/12/2016 9:04 AM
196	I am very much in favor of the new school. Having a child at HMS I know the state of the school. But I think others just felt it was not that important and that a new school shouldn't have to be built when the old school is only 30-40 years old. I think pictures of the state of the current building and stories of the real issues the district faces works better than the ads I saw saying things like we implicitly trust our board to make the right decisions. I do not think that works in this area. Also door to door campaigning will probably work best.	5/12/2016 8:58 AM
197	Not sure of how many estimates were given. Heard friends complain that the architect for CHMS was not contacted for an estimate.	5/12/2016 8:56 AM
198	65 Million is ridiculous. If we spend even the high price of say 2-5 million to FIX the mold & completely update current HMS, that's a heck of a lot better than 65 million.	5/12/2016 8:51 AM
199	It's a middle school. Loose the unnecessary elements. Make the cost reasonable and I will vote yes.	5/12/2016 8:50 AM
200	Just seemed to me the price was way to high and did not take into consideration the taxpayers. Seemed like the design was extravagant and also that the price per square foot and for what was received was out of line and not fully vetted. If this was a strategy to start negotiation high and work down, maybe you were successful.	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
201	They have new schools in Clarendon Hills and are selfishly voting against the referendum because a new HMS does nothing for them.	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
202	\$65 million is simply too much for a middle school, and the Board did not effectively answer the question of why the initial estimate changed.	5/12/2016 7:59 AM
203	I simply felt it was an extraordinary amount of money for a middle school	5/11/2016 10:27 PM

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204	I am completely on board with a new HMS however the proposal was over the top and financially irresponsible. I have always supported schools, however in this case I believe a wonderful school could be designed on a better budget. Need to go back to the drawing board and cut back on the extravagances. This is middle school in an area of constant needs.	5/11/2016 10:00 PM
205	While I voted for the referendum, I thought the overall project cost was too high and I don't think the district did a good job of selling it by cost per tax payer. Reality is that the per year cost of the referendum, even at what I thought was too high of a project cost, was probably less than 40% of the district households spend going out to dinner every weekend. The focus would be better placed on the per tax payer cost when selling the project.	5/11/2016 9:41 PM
206	My children attended CHMS which is a beautiful, functional school. The scope of this project was just way too big. Residents have to balance the needs of District 86, as well. To have a middle school which by far surpasses our high school in every way just doesn't make sense for the community. We are balancing the needs of middle schoolers with the needs of teens preparing for college. I would put my money on the later. The HMS situation needs to be addressed, but in a much more conservative and cost effective manner. What's right for other suburbs is not what is necessarily right for us. The comparisons of other state of the art middle schools in comparable affluent suburbs had absolutely no impact on me.	5/11/2016 9:20 PM
207	High taxes in the area are causing home values to drop to offset tax bills that are like second mortgages. People are concerned with rising tax bills. Harder to sell your house Also the plan is very expensive and i think was off putting to many.	5/11/2016 8:50 PM
208	There seems to a problem of trust in Hinsdale of our boards of education and maybe even teachers. District 86 is a sad example. Now, most of my information on HMS' need for a new school and the ensuing referendum came through community news papers. Building a new middle school is not like building a new home or putting on an addition. Frankly, after reading news accounts of the new middle school process I was often left wondering how competent our school board would be in this venture. You see, my son was a student in the first classes in the present building. It was a very modern "California influenced" design. Many people had misgivings. Within a week of it's opening, there were complaints of noise and more. The school felt chaotic when I would go there as a parent. It wasn't a discipline problem but more one of constant coming and going of people. This board's decisions raised questions for me as made apparent by their responses or lack of to the multiple changes and the vagueness of the proposals by the architectural firm. I think loss of trust in the District and the architects was reflected in a defeated referendum. Work on regaining community trust by listening--not just to the loudest or most organized or most focus driven among us. This survey maybe a start,perhaps a survey from the beginning would have gotten more community involvement and support. A school be it elementary, middle or high school is where a community builds it's future and everyone not just those who know how to manage projects has to have input.	5/11/2016 8:32 PM
209	I am paying very high property tax: more than 25000 per year!! I am sure all individual home owners who are paying high property tax will go against all future referendum proposal even directly connected to their children school	5/11/2016 8:22 PM
210	The tax burden of District 181 is already extraordinarily high. Administrative costs should be trimmed before asking for a tax increase.	5/11/2016 8:14 PM
211	Total cost was way out of control. Live within your means like everyone does. Stop being a great spender of other peoples money. Redesign the building use private funding for naming rights and lower the cost to tax payers.	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
212	I thought the school was way to expensive and not necessary. The one million dollar field for 6th-8th graders was too expensive. The size is 3 times as large as CHMS and the cost was so much more expensive to build for roughly the same number of students.	5/11/2016 4:39 PM
213	To rebuild a school shouldn't be overpriced. I wonder who is getting a big cut of the money?	5/11/2016 4:33 PM
214	The design was too extravagant compared to CHMS. One school should not have that much more than the other middle school in the same district. Make a more reasonable design and bring the cost down, and I will vote "yes".	5/11/2016 4:31 PM
215	I voted for it because I know it's needed but did not agree at all with the price and all the extras.	5/11/2016 3:59 PM
216	Too much, too big, too expensive.	5/11/2016 3:44 PM
217	HMS and CHMS do not have to be identical in offering, but it should be equitable in student amenities. I think the amount of space allotted for each student was too much.	5/11/2016 3:33 PM
218	Our tax bills are way to high already and this seemed to be a palace. Sure there are a lot of people in Hinsdale who can afford it but retirees are really getting hit hard. Also District 86 is talking about raising taxes for significant additions which just seems like way too much. Fix the current school and lets move on. If not come back with a reasonable, well thought out proposal that voters can have faith in the cost and all of our best interests.	5/11/2016 3:22 PM

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219	I think HMS should be comparable to CHMS and not just going for the latest and greatest. We should be very careful to not create a situation where we look at each other as the "haves and have nots." Otherwise it will have financial repercussions - property buyers favoring Hinsdale. And, social repercussions with kids feeling superior on one side of the "tracks." This community needs to be grounded in "needs" and not "wants." Let's lead by example and show these kids that they can have "great" things in life without all the "fancy stuff." The investment should be first to the curriculum & teachers. Location should be dictated by costs associated - period! It should not be up to 12 year olds who want to hang out in town. Please consider all options to the fullest extent including the property at 55th St and County Line and Veeck Park.	5/11/2016 3:20 PM
220	An indoor track and an auditorium large enough for district-wide events would be "nice to have" but are unnecessary and add cost that simply isn't justified.	5/11/2016 3:03 PM
221	1) Asking firms to present their most extravagant ideas and then attempting to pull things away from stakeholders was a flawed approach. It was a "kid in the candy store" "I want" approach instead of a thoughtful, needs based approach. 2) The jump in price at the end showed either incompetence at not understanding the project or intentional manipulation. 3) The administration provided information and answers to questions to support their desire for a new space as opposed to just presenting the facts. Hinsdale is a community of intelligent people. I do not need the district to interpret information for me. I just need to know the factual answer so I can draw my own conclusions. 4) The "desire of the community" to have HMS remain downtown is over-stated. Yes, Madison, parents may feel that way, but there are many others that do not. I avoid downtown Hinsdale after school and on Fridays, because of HMS.	5/11/2016 2:29 PM
222	The rumblings that I have heard throughout both communities is that the plans were outrageously expensive and that CHMS did not cost close to that amount. I think they could try to get a few bids and move forward... HMS needs to be rebuilt but with efficient use of funding. I hope this helps ??	5/11/2016 1:52 PM
223	When you buy something, you have an idea of how much money you are willing to spend and that's all you spend. I felt that the district didn't have a ceiling on the costs and, instead, let the builders determine how much the project would cost. I also felt that most of the board did not take into account other projects which would affect taxpayers. I still understand why the building was planned for so many more students than what is realistically expected.	5/11/2016 1:51 PM
224	At first I thought it was a good idea, & then in finding out more realized it was too rushed & too expensive.	5/11/2016 1:47 PM
225	I voted for it but thought the cost and facilities were over board.	5/11/2016 1:42 PM
226	I support doing a project to improve the situation at HMS, but the total cost of the project was too high. This is grades 6-8, come on.	5/11/2016 1:33 PM
227	St. Ignatius H.S. is one of the finest schools in the Chicago area. It was built in 1869. Teaching staff is of more importance than the building.	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
228	This effects all of us. My daughter had to share a school for several weeks due to the mold at HMS. This was disruptive and quite frankly embarrassing for our area. Residents in the HMS area deserve a school that is up to modern standards. The current school is unhealthy and an eyesore. Ultimately, the failed referendum was a testament to a lack of good marketing. Get the word out, make it relevant to all residents and make it a priority ASAP.	5/11/2016 1:25 PM
229	\$65 is insane!	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
230	There was not enough discussion on alternative sites and some of the extras were too extravagant.....like the auditorium.	5/11/2016 1:22 PM
231	how to convince the family without school-age children to vote for "yes" is most critical. Almost all families that I know have children vote for "yes".	5/11/2016 12:58 PM
232	The taxpayers voted. This survey should have been sent prior to the election, not after, if you really wanted to understand what the taxpayers thought. Another case of inefficiencies in D181.	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
233	The cost seemed to keep changing and way too high given what the cost of CHMS was. I realize that was 18 years ago but the cost seemed way more than inflation.	5/11/2016 10:20 AM
234	Put the middle school away from the downtown and build it adjacent to a park. That will eliminate the need for some of the recreational areas in the original design.	5/11/2016 10:17 AM
235	Way too fancy and expensive for a Middle School	5/11/2016 9:46 AM
236	Outrageous price when compared with the cost of CHMS (adjusted for inflation)	5/11/2016 9:06 AM
237	Communications regarding the plan were not effective and did not build a consensus among voters.	5/10/2016 11:53 PM
238	The people have spoken and voted the referendum down. Please spend our tax money wisely and NOT pay for another referendum.	5/10/2016 10:28 PM
239	The workout facility seems a bit excessive for middle school children. I do like the the idea of the auditorium though.	5/10/2016 10:18 PM

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240	The cost was out of line with current construction costs to date. Additionally, the amount of fees and other "diligence" already spent by the school district is out of line for what preliminary design should cost. The district is poorly managing this process, expectations, and the project in general.	5/10/2016 10:00 PM
241	my property tax has almost doubled in 9 years even though my home is probably worth less today. Id like to spend less money. I have 4 kids in a local Catholic school and let me tell you, we operate with a fraction of your budget and our facilities are a joke compared to district 181 and the kids are just as educated and prepared for the future as district 181 kids. please get back to basics. i want to live in my house until I die, but that's 40 years away I hope. At 10-20 % increases in taxes per year that will be tough. if you love these towns, then plan on living here, and be more concerned about low taxes than increasing property values. thank you	5/10/2016 8:29 PM
242	An auditorium with seats is completely unnecessary for middle school. Fake turf is expensive and unhealthy.	5/10/2016 7:34 PM
243	I think the board should have reopened the bidding for architects when the current architect missed so badly on what the cost of the building would be. They appear to have made some really bad estimates and the board just went along with them.	5/10/2016 4:09 PM
244	A location by Madison school would be better A SIMPLE, basic practical design is what we need. Save creativity for later.	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
245	I think the district should do a cost comparison of the new HMS vs the existing CHMS when it was built. That would help the majority of people I talked to that felt the new HMS was too expensive. I don't think they understand in today's dollars how much the CHMS project cost.	5/10/2016 3:47 PM
246	The design seemed extravagant and the existing school is not old enough to tear down, inadequate or not. Poor judgement was demonstrated with the design of the existing school and it appears that poor judgement is being applied again.	5/10/2016 3:22 PM
247	In the future, I will not vote for the new HMS unless it is put in another location.	5/10/2016 3:10 PM
248	This school board appears to have little to no regard as to costs. \$65 million to build a middle school is outrageous and insulting to taxpayers. Make repairs to the current school.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
249	I spoke to many people especially older people who did not have children in the district that were unaware of the referendum, what it was about, and why it was necessary	5/10/2016 1:45 PM
250	The district did not indicate cost per tax paying parcel. The district did not emphasize that all costs were Preliminary and that it would do everything feasible to cut costs. I thought it was a mistake to focus on the cost so much and not the need or long term benefit to home values and the community.	5/10/2016 1:27 PM
251	Was a commercial Interior Designer for many years, and have been in the commercial construction industry for over 17 years. Have worked on MANY, MANY schools in Illinois as well as nationwide. Am very familiar with construction costs and this was a very unreasonable per SF cost for a middle school!	5/10/2016 1:24 PM
252	It is extremely unfortunate that HMS kids have to continue their education in an unfavorable environment because families who have students NOT being impacted voted against the referendum.	5/10/2016 1:04 PM
253	Older community members (60+) felt it was too extravagant and do not understand the benefits to our town, housing values, increased parking, increased revenue to Hinsdale businesses. I also heard dismay that the contractor who built CHMS was not given a chance to quote the work.	5/10/2016 12:55 PM
254	A number of neighbors are concerned about the tax levels in Hinsdale. Many of our friends are downsizing or moving out of Hinsdale to reduce their annual tax burden. Despite declining or flat property values, real estate taxes have doubled in the past ten years (not adjusted for inflation). The proposed school is too big and too expensive, even compared to the inflated numbers for CHMS. The district has not made a compelling argument for the scale, amenities or cost of the proposed HMS project.	5/10/2016 12:43 PM
255	In addition, where is the proposed gut/rehab plan? If rebuilding is too costly, is there a proposed gut/rehab plan that people can review and perhaps determine for themselves that it's far too robust to accomplish and the more cost effective route is new construction. On the flip side: Bulley & Andrews (B&A), LLC out of Chicago did an amazing gut/rehab/restore of the Chicago Club in Chicago and also performed the work on Lycee Francais de Chicago. Both examples were old and dilapidated structures and both were restored, are now per code, structurally sound, etc. B&A can do the same for Hinsdale Middle School. Did they, or any other construction contractor, submit an RFP for total gut/rehab?	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
256	In over 45 years, this is the first and only referendum vote for schools that we have not supported. The Board just did not do its job well and left little time to those who were asked to sell the concept to the community.	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
257	The costs and benefits must be weighted equally across all voters in order to reach a resolution. The residents zoned for CMS need some stake in the re-building of HMS.	5/10/2016 11:50 AM

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258	The downtown area is already congested, moving the school elsewhere would be safer for the children and possibly open up an area for a much needed parking facility.	5/10/2016 11:45 AM
259	The district could have done more to explain the next steps as well as how much money is required to fix all of the issues in the current building if it is not torn down.	5/10/2016 11:32 AM
260	I lived 82 years in district 181 Three children and myself all attended 181. When present Middle School was built it was for 7th and 8th grades. After construction, someone thought 6th should be added to this school. No wonder it was overcrowded! My daughter completed 7th and 8th in this Middle School and she and classmates loved it. Then they placed 6th grade there and arrived at the student overload in the space not designed for 3 grades. I do think that the Middle School should not be in business area. Too many problems, too little space.	5/10/2016 10:58 AM
261	I am a supporter who believes that the "Empty Nesters" were opposed because of the "perceived" property tax increase (conservatives opposing higher taxes) and they could not see the benefit of a new school supporting home values. I also believe that the CHMS Residents were jealous of the new school and there was no benefit to them.	5/10/2016 10:56 AM
262	I voted for the referendum and have no issue with the cost or amenities. The selections I made above comments I've heard from friends who voted no.	5/10/2016 10:55 AM
263	I believe a new building is essential. The community cannot be divided, CH v H. The best interests of all students must be enacted. The district admin/board need to be better stewards of \$\$ as well as issues; their professionalism is required.	5/10/2016 10:20 AM
264	The primary issue was the overall cost of the project. too high for the actual need for students. Second issue is that land is much better served to expand downtown Hinsdale in some mixed use form.	5/10/2016 9:43 AM
265	I voted for the project but as I look back I am glad it did not pass. We need to assure we choose the right design and have a good estimate of costs before we move forward. The extreme increase in costs after the bid was won should have forced the district to go back to all parties and host a re-bid.	5/10/2016 9:07 AM
266	Pure over reach on cost and design caused jealousy (in my opinion) from CHMS school residents.	5/10/2016 8:38 AM
267	Our family voted YES because we think there needs to be a new school even though we too felt uncomfortable with the 65m price tag . When we looked at the impact to us personally based on our property value, we decided the impact of 10-15 million difference in cost wasn't terrible so we decided to vote yes and trust the board and D181 to be responsible in managing the cost and hopefully bring it down from the 65million. Even though we voted yes, we feel the Board has done a really bad job at managing this process and communicating clearly why 65 million is needed. The vote at the end of the year seemed rushed and it seemed even the board couldn't agree amongst themselves that the final price should be.	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
268	Referendum should be inclusive of capital needs at all 181 schools not just HMS. Don't want to have another ref. in the future for additional needed capital improvements needed at elementary schools. Overall strategy of who attends HMS vs. CHMS needs to be communicated.	5/9/2016 10:27 PM
269	These were the comments I heard or I read on text and Facebook	5/9/2016 9:47 PM
270	Biggest objection was overall cost followed by what appeared to be changing cost once bid was selected.	5/9/2016 9:05 PM
271	The initial proposal at the architect introduction forum that was hosted at CHMS had a far lower cost. A "bait and switch" to a 50% higher cost was the absolute worst case. Everyone I know cited this as the main reason. I see no reason why the project became so inflated or extravagant. We need a cleaner, safer, functional educational facility. Not all the bells and whistles that were added on toward the end of the process.	5/9/2016 8:34 PM
272	Why should we foot the tax bill for all of these wants rather than needs???	5/9/2016 8:17 PM
273	Tear the school down!!	5/9/2016 8:00 PM
274	Tax impact was too much and should have been structured to be less	5/9/2016 7:56 PM
275	I believe we need a new HMS. I don't believe it needs an indoor running track (I do not ever see middle school students using the indoor track at the community house), nor an auditorium, nor skylight. The design should be pared down to reasonable needs and wants, not extravagance given the economic reality in Illinois that will affect many schools, and the fact that Central High School also will be needing taxpayer money for updating its facilities.	5/9/2016 7:52 PM
276	I think that a similar type style to that of CHMS should be built for HMS.	5/9/2016 7:17 PM
277	I believe that a land swap would be best. Using the land at 55th St. and CL Road, move HMS to that area. Lots of land for sports, parking. Then empty nester housing could be put in old HMS spot. Easier for seniors to walk to town, restaurants, banks, etc. Why not think of those ex 181 parents who want to stay in Hinsdale but don't want the upkeep of a home. Western Springs in doing it to their old grocery store.	5/9/2016 6:11 PM

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278	1. The District did a poor job explaining why projected enrollment was approx. 800 students but the Board signed off on a school for approx. 1000 students. 2. When board members say publically that extras for the new school were put in the proposal and we will let the voters tell us what they want. I felt that these Board members didn't stick up for the tax payer. They have no problem building a moment to themselves.	5/9/2016 5:27 PM
279	I completely believe we need a new school. I think it was just priced too high and had more in the plan than people think the new school needs. I think a clear understanding of what the cost will be for each household in taxes would help it pass. I did not think it was that much but I am not sure if everyone knew how much it was. They may have only seen \$65 million dollars which is a very large number to swallow.	5/9/2016 5:16 PM
280	I believe that the process was very rushed. There wasn't a thoughtful concrete master facilities plan in place prior to making a budget for hms which is needed in our district which has 9 buildings with ongoing renovation needs. The cost went up by 30 million in just 2 weeks. The administration rushed to get this to referendum without a clear vision. They didn't provide clear direction to the architects. The architects planned a pie in the sky school without thought to who is paying for it. The district already is carrying a \$60 million plus debt and another \$65 million in bond sales is far too much-especially with State of Illinois budget cuts. I want to be able to pay excellent teachers to teach my kids as opposed to pay a mortgage on a fancy building.	5/9/2016 4:59 PM
281	There should have been more information regarding the costs and maintenance/improvements needed to the current HMS and the lifespan of the building compared to the costs of building a new school. Further, a more modest design and outreach/education to those that don't have children attending the new HMS (elderly, CHMS and St. Issac's families) would have helped.	5/9/2016 4:47 PM
282	I am for a new HMS but the cost proposed in March seemed very high.	5/9/2016 4:37 PM
283	It's just too easy for people to say no when they don't have a student who has had to deal with a sub-par building. Say what you want, but I believe there was significant mold in the portables bc my child sneezed the entire time. Not a big deal but seriously, portables????? We should want what's best for our kids.	5/9/2016 4:35 PM
284	Corruption?	5/9/2016 4:33 PM
285	I am in favor of a new HMS, yet I voted against the referendum. We need a master facilities plan so we can fully understand what current and future needs are for the district & then make an informed budget for a new HMS as well as have an idea about other upcoming costs. The district already has a large debt as noted from the Chicago Tribune data.	5/9/2016 4:18 PM
286	I think the big increase in project cost after the initial bid was submitted, accepted, and communicated by the Board was a major hang up for a lot of voters.	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
287	I voted yes, but repeatedly heard that people did not trust the district with the financial aspect of the project.	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
288	My property taxes are over \$25,000 a year with about 90% of that going to the schools. With that level of financial contributions there shouldn't be a need to ask more of the tax payer.	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
289	I voted for the referendum, but many of the people I spoke to who were against it cited the high cost and the impact on their taxes. Would probably help to lower cost as much as possible, or divide project on two phases. Most importantly, explain to residents whose kids are out of HMS, what the ROI on their increased tax bill is. Maybe higher property values..etc. Also, the consequences of not building a new school and repairing the old one that overtime may exceed cost of new school. Explore ways to finance project with limited impact on tax bills. Seek private/commercial subsidy. Philanthropic contributions. Fund raising..etc. You may want to target those who will benefit the most to see if they will contribute more. For example as some one whose both children will go to new HMS, I am willing to chip in extra money to get the project going.	5/9/2016 3:54 PM
290	People who spoke against the referendum talked about the total cost and lack of other options.	5/9/2016 3:52 PM
291	The auditorium component seems to have a number of glaring holes: capacity did not allow for a whole-school assembly; expected usage rate was never indicated; was rental to outside groups considered?; and where exactly were 500 people supposed to park to attend an event there? etc... Seemed like an unjustified and/or poorly explained expense. That said, I voted for it anyway as a new school is needed and this half baked plan seemed better then the alternative, which is muddle through with HMS as is W/ repairs	5/9/2016 3:37 PM
292	We need to be fiscally responsible and the extras being put into the previous plan (Track/Auditorium) were completely unnecessary.	5/9/2016 2:47 PM
293	I am all for it, even though my kids will be too old for the school. A new school is needed. But you are drawing money from clarendon and those residents don't want to pay 65K.	5/9/2016 2:10 PM
294	People with whom I spoke felt the costs were not in line with what other schools have paid in the past or other projects with which they were familiar. Hopefully messaging around why the costs are higher is more prevalent in the future.	5/9/2016 1:35 PM

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295	I suggest putting out the vote in a non-presidential year like 2017. But work on the design cost needs to be revisited.	5/9/2016 1:25 PM
296	While I recognize this is Hinsdale, it seemed extravagant (an indoor running track?) Elm built to accommodate a large number of students, only to see them fall and have an excess of space. I think building for a lot more students than average is also excessive. Given how much we pay in taxes, I really resent it when it is presented as "only another \$xxx on a million dollar home" especially when District 86 is likely to ask for money too. Yes, it needs to be rebuilt. But it seems like it was rushed, especially when the original proposal with dollars changed, and there was no time to refine what was being done.	5/9/2016 1:18 PM
297	too much false information on why the cost was. needed better comparisons for the people who were against it. highlight the benefits to the community also	5/9/2016 1:04 PM
298	Residents need to hear from current parents about the importance of supporting a ref. to build a new HMS. It would help if neighbors spoke to one another face-to-face. Online info is great but it needs support from current parents.	5/9/2016 1:02 PM
299	Considering that you already owned the land, the cost estimates were entirely too high.	5/9/2016 12:45 PM
300	The need is strong and I will continue to vote in favor to build a new HMS. The current situation is grim and unbelievable that we pay this much in taxes and that is our middle school. People voting against don't like the high cost, so let's bring it down and work together to get the right solution. Doesn't say a whole lot for the group chosen to not have included all of the fees. That was such a major oversight and mistake making those in CH have another reason to vote against.	5/9/2016 12:27 PM
301	I am a teacher in a district the completed two new schools in the past 5 years. The cost vs. the student ratio was much too high. Also, the design is extravagant compared to other middle schools in the same area.	5/9/2016 12:25 PM
302	I did not think the project or cost were too high but this is what I have heard	5/9/2016 11:56 AM
303	I voted for the referendum, but was not convinced the plans were well-conceived. It did not surprise me that it was defeated.	5/9/2016 11:54 AM
304	People seemed to think it was too much money. Some people that are finished with 181 did not want that much of an increase in their taxes. They forgot that our schools benefit everyone, whether they currently have students in them or not. Our property values go up with our great school reputation. Some forgot that our area benefited from a new middle school, CHMS, and now other areas of Hinsdale should have a turn to benefit from a new middle school as well.	5/9/2016 11:50 AM
305	Most Hinsdale residents with school-aged children choose to live in Hinsdale because of the schools. Tax increases to build the new school will be offset by the rise in home values. Short-sighted parents in Monroe school district believe their home values will decrease if there is a new HMS, as parents will want to buy homes outside of the Monroe/CHMS district. (Everyone knows WHO distributed the flyer touting this information to Monroe parents and [REDACTED] is affiliated with this flyer.) This outlook is petty and destructive to the community. This entire community will benefit from fantastic school facilities. The outlook of Monroe parents is short-sighted and will only change if there is a "threat" that their students will need to attend HMS. Why wouldn't all tax paying residents in Hinsdale deserve equal facilities for their middle school children? Why not send all students in Hinsdale to HMS for 7-8 grade and then see if the outlook of Monroe voters changes?	5/9/2016 11:12 AM
306	While I did not agree with these sentiments, many neighbors did feel that the cost was too high for a middle school.	5/9/2016 10:43 AM
307	A new design that is with reason of cost!	5/9/2016 10:32 AM
308	Existing school building isn't that old, was it a design mistake? You may have to live with it or modify existing building	5/9/2016 9:49 AM
309	The cost kept changing and the reasons for the huge difference between the cost for CHMS and the new HMS were never clarified...even with adjustments for inflation. Too many unnecessary add-ons like a 500 seat auditorium, rumored planetarium, etc. I'm surprised they didn't try to stuff a starbucks into the cafeteria. We need safe classrooms, not coddling.	5/9/2016 9:26 AM
310	CH-17 million vs Hins 65 million even adjusted for inflation, cost of goods, labor etc.. just out of sight and that did not consider that number did not include property acquisition - the land is there.	5/9/2016 8:51 AM
311	Outrageous cost. If you need class rooms, then build basic class rooms. You don't need all the other nonsense!	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
312	I voted yes for the referendum because HMS is unusable and it is a burden on the children to have to attend a school in that condition based on the standard of living in this community and the quality of all of the other schools. I got the sense that the residents of Clarendon Hills disproportionately voted the referendum down selfishly because of the tax impact to them and that they feel that they would not directly benefit from a new HMS. But I find this troubling because CHMS, Walker and Prospect are all relatively new schools and I am sure that the voters of Hinsdale helped support that funding. Time to pay the piper!	5/9/2016 8:30 AM
313	Too much money is being asked by District 181 and 86. Our cumulative taxes will increase by over \$1000.	5/8/2016 8:41 PM

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314	I don't believe that any of these are true, but I believe this is the perception that some voters had. I voted "for" the referendum. Next time, try not to highlight anything about the school that would seem extravagant. Most voters in Hinsdale will vote for the new school no matter what you do, but you might "turn off" voters outside of Hinsdale if the design seems to be excessive. The most important thing is that the referendum passes next time, even if you lose some nice touches, because anything is better than the current school. Just make it seem that the new school is basic and necessary, and that the cost is reasonable. The message needs to be "We heard you, and we are scaling it back."	5/8/2016 7:58 PM
315	While I thought it was too expensive, I still votes in favor because I know you need it	5/8/2016 6:47 PM
316	We believe a new middle school is a good idea. We sent 4 children through CHMS and believe that school was very well done to meet the needs of the students/community/etc. With that in mind, we looked at the referendum/design for the new school and saw that it is was overkill. It does NOT need to be large enough today for any conceivable student count in the future. A cafetorium IS acceptable for a middle school. The gymnasium does NOT need to be large. Community use of the facility is great. But the facility should be built for middle school needs first and foremost. Community use is not a reason nor a selling point. ANY facility should be available for community use. Logically, and has been done with other schools, design it so that it can be added onto IF needed in the future. Don't build it all now just in case the population increases. We have lived in the district since 1968 and gone to elementary, middle and high school here. We have seen the population change in both directions. We just don't need space today for every future scenario. Existing space can be adapted or added to when its really necessary, such as when CHMS was built.	5/8/2016 6:28 PM
317	See previous comments.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
318	There is a general unwillingness to pay for infrastructure projects. Roads, electrical grid, water, sewer, and schools are all hard sells.	5/8/2016 5:12 PM
319	You guys were too passive at first - and then you did not have a consistent message to address \$65 million which people completely misrepresented for their own needs. Plus the CHMS folks figure why pay for something our kids don;t use - should have tied CHMS a few years ago to some HMS funding for the future when you adjust for inflation and size - plus add in land costs for CHMS it is about 10% more per student. That is how it should have been presented - and then you talk about district advantages of having that there. I think there was office elements which should be pulled out as well. Plus frankly you probably should have not padded it with true costs - yes less transparency. They will play lose with the facts so be careful how "honest" you are. Don;t lie but share with purpose and a strategy.	5/8/2016 4:47 PM
320	The cost was too high for a middle school.	5/8/2016 4:07 PM
321	A constant refrain I heard was that \$65m is too much money and do they really need a 500 seat auditorium.	5/8/2016 3:52 PM
322	I struggled with the price of the proposed HMS but I strongly believe something drastic needs to change at HMS.	5/8/2016 3:43 PM
323	The price has got to come down for me to be in favor. Anytime you do construction the cost is always more in the end, so starting at 65 million is way to high.	5/8/2016 3:24 PM
324	It's the taxes!!! Enough already! We pay ridiculously high real estate taxes in this town. We have a mayor who thinks spending an extra million dollars to rebuild a brick street is okay. Absolutely pathetic!	5/8/2016 3:05 PM
325	The proposal was not realistic. The "ups and extras" were excessive. Not everyone in the district is able to bear the excessive burden.	5/8/2016 2:47 PM
326	1. The changes in the budget from initial to final (and the line items the developer left off the initial budget) indicated to us that the developer was playing rope-a-dope to get the project and the people reviewing the project on behalf of the taxpayers don't know anything about construction budgets. 2. The entire process and resulting design appeared to be out of control (500 seat theater, running track, 3 gyms with hardwood floors, 85% occupancy, etc.).	5/8/2016 2:17 PM
327	The board seems to have lost touch with the community it serves, and very specifically with me. Our taxes are going up due in part to schools and teacher pensions, and this is another huge burden on my family. At the same time, the grades of in some of our schools have seen a marked decline (e.g. Monroe) and the services offered to help children academically have also declined. This project completely was out of touch with my needs trying to help my family. Further, the board seems to only show present a rosy view of its performance and in so doing has lost trust with me that is truly being open and balanced. This effort damaged that even further.	5/8/2016 1:59 PM
328	There was little confidence in the "final" proposal cost when the initial proposal was so much lower. I know there were many factors involved, but it was a shock to many to see the striking change in cost.	5/8/2016 1:28 PM
329	The proposed facilities were over the top and extravagant. In particular, the proposed auditorium was unnecessary, as was the running track. The Board has shown zero fiscal responsibility of tax payer money in even considering such an unnecessarily lavish school at an exorbitant cost to tax payers. The auditorium and running track do nothing to enhance our children's education and don't add value in any way to our town and community.	5/8/2016 1:01 PM

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330	Auditorium: seats 500. Won't fit all of HMS student body for anything. Not large enough for graduation. What is it good for? Seems a waste of money. Need MULTI-USE space. That is economical. There are other examples in the old plan. Just because we have a rich district is no reason to waste money. Use multi-use space and use it well.	5/8/2016 11:54 AM
331	While the district favored transparency in the process, the changes were not well communicated in a timely, thoughtful manner. Also, I think it was confusing how the cost changes were commingled with community efforts (auditorium and parking garage). The project seemed to lack true disciplined focus in the weeks leading up to the referendum. A new HMS is needed - stay focused on the kids and minimize efforts to please perceived community needs in "extra" areas.	5/8/2016 11:50 AM
332	I had recently moved to the area and as a former school board member in another district, I paid a lot of attention to the referendum but there was nothing, other than 1 mailing, which the district did to inform me.	5/8/2016 11:10 AM
333	A realistic project cost would most likely have a much better chance to pass. As a resident of the Woodlands , many friends and neighbors understand a new middle school is needed however the budgetary numbers must be practical.	5/8/2016 10:58 AM
334	HMS needs a new school. Put a common sense proposal out and it will pass.	5/8/2016 10:56 AM
335	The Board is fiscally responsible for the schools in this district. That being said, they should properly bid, with at least 3-4 bids in an open bid process, a building that is responsible and respectable but not cutting edge in every way. What do the kids actually need? It is wise to factor in possible future changes in technology but to this extent seems wasteful and indulgent. We all agree the kids need a new school, but the Board should require it to be within the confines of the beautiful school that was built for CHMS plus reasonable inflation on materials and labor, which the bid was not.	5/8/2016 10:40 AM
336	many of the justifications for the project were not based on collected evidence, but seemed to be what the proposers assumed.	5/8/2016 10:37 AM
337	I didn't feel like the other middle school should be so much more extravagant then the new CH middle school.	5/8/2016 10:22 AM
338	Communication needs to be much better. I supported the referendum but clearly CHMS families and others were not interested in helping HMS even though we helped them. Can we divide the district and remove CHMS families from the District?	5/8/2016 10:16 AM
339	The architect selection process seemed tainted and far from transparent. One firm was selected, removed, another selected and the cost increased by 30 percent, what would you expect! Additionally, there were to many people on the selection committee, with many having no idea of how the process worked.	5/8/2016 9:43 AM
340	Need to bridge the gap in cost which may seem a lot for the residents who do not have any incoming students or current students in the Dist. Need to be practical with what needs to be done and what we can afford as a community	5/8/2016 9:14 AM
341	MUCH TOO EXPENSIVE COMPARED TO CLARENDON HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL	5/8/2016 9:02 AM
342	I think there was some sticker shock and distrust of the architect when the cost went from \$50MM (to \$73MM) to \$65MM	5/8/2016 8:30 AM
343	This is a middle school, not a high school or university. 12 year olds do not require all these amenities. I'd much rather spend my money on program and teachers. This plan was far too "snobby Hinsdale" thinking that their precious children need every possible perk.	5/8/2016 8:22 AM
344	Why spend so much when the school population is shrinking?	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
345	It seemed that many people were in favor of a new school but the cost was climbing too high. It was not clear that \$65M was the maximum available to build but it was not the intention to actually spend it all. The design was a bit over the top & certain features can be taken off/simplified etc so that the school ultimately is not a \$65M build.	5/8/2016 7:31 AM
346	I'm concerned, based upon the proposed design, over the inequity between the two Middle Schools	5/7/2016 11:28 PM
347	Would have voted for it if in town to vote	5/7/2016 10:49 PM
348	First mistake was siting the existing school close-in 40 years ago. It congests the area. As the CHMS is a success, so may be the new HMS...elsewhere.	5/7/2016 10:11 PM
349	The cost is way way way to high. Too rushed and I don't want to see the silly cost overruns of the Clarendon Hills building.	5/7/2016 7:49 PM
350	I wasn't sure exactly where the projected population for the new HMS came from? Seemed very high compared with number of students there now. The initial "competition" in order to choose an architect was ridiculous. Their estimated cost projection rose so much, and probably would again.	5/7/2016 7:06 PM

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351	1) Safety issue with a large school in a compact downtown. 2) concern about another referendum in the near future to support a capital plan for 181's new and upgraded school buildings, 3) increasing inability of residents to stay long in the community because of ever-increasing taxes (D-181 51%, D-86 28% of tax bill), leading to more turn-over and instability in community, and a seeming obliviousness on the part of both school districts about the way their actions contribute to this turn-over/instability.	5/7/2016 6:06 PM
352	I think the process was far too opaque. Information was parceled out in seemingly deceptive fashion. Simple questions, how much do we want to spend, what can we get for that price?	5/7/2016 5:28 PM
353	If a better job was done designing the original HMS, a replacement would not be needed. If we pay to replace it, the cost must be VERY competitive.	5/7/2016 5:02 PM
354	Poor planning and extravagant ideas	5/7/2016 3:48 PM
355	The cost was much too high compared to the cost associated with the Clarendon Hills Middle School. And is a 500 seat auditorium truly necessary.	5/7/2016 3:21 PM
356	while I feel a new middle school is needed, I felt that the cost and design were too expensive. I do not see a need for a large auditorium when there is the Community house and Central's auditorium nearby.	5/7/2016 2:54 PM
357	Total cost and tax impact are high and when combined with the District 86 upcoming request the compounded effect makes us think about moving! The combined capital request from both school districts is over \$100 million with no apparent synergies or long term strategic plan. Continuing a fragmented approach is not affordable nor sustainable. Merge the two school districts, eliminate redundant overhead, and build an overall strategic plan that makes sense instead of the current piecemeal approach.	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
358	You have a enough information to start with a reasonable budget and then determine the highest priorities and create a design within the budget. This process felt like it was kids in the candy store taking one of everything and not paying attention to the total cost and designing for all contingencies.	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
359	Too many last minute changes. Lack of a transparent exploratory process to consider remodel, moving to another location, redistricting, 3 middle schools, 6th grade back in neighborhood schools and other options that should have been looked at thoroughly. Also [REDACTED], should have total hands off this project to avoid any appearance of self-interest or conflict, no matter how ethical he may be. Instead, he was involved from beginning to end and making many of the initial recommendations.	5/7/2016 1:37 PM
360	Building a new middle school is not necessary. Cost is too much. Convert present gym into classrooms, rehabilitate other areas as necessary & build a new gym and auditorium as an addition to present building. I was a middle school teacher in Greenwich, CT in a school built in the 1950s(one of three built then) & they are still used today with additions. This wealthy community spends taxpayers' money wisely & it's an example to follow.	5/7/2016 1:00 PM
361	I am in favor of a new school that is "basic". Something equivalent to CHMS. There original focus on \$45 million seems about right. We should have hard numbers to vote on and not an estimate.	5/7/2016 11:26 AM
362	\$65 million is way too much money. The district cited inflation as a reason the cost was so much higher than the cost of building CHMS, but the inflationary factor was never quantified. I'm sure that inflation didn't push the project cost to \$65 million!	5/7/2016 11:01 AM
363	I voted for the referendum. A new middle school is needed and adds value to the overall community and maintains property values. Increase in taxes to me was nominal.	5/7/2016 10:51 AM
364	1) need to build a straightforward high class school building only 2) seems to me the only "no" people I heard about in Hinsdale were living in the CHMS district! Might be interesting to discuss changing the area of Hinsdale whose kids would attend CHMS	5/7/2016 10:12 AM
365	TAXES. The net worth of the people who voted yes is around \$5 Billion Dollars, have them pay for the school.	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
366	My taxes in the past 16 years have increased 300 percent, the value of my home has increased 5%. We have no more to give! The people who votes yes should raise there own funding not tax payer, or reduced teacher pensions to pay for the project. CHMS and Walker should be more than half paid off by now, used the money we spend on these schools to support the project.	5/7/2016 9:46 AM
367	Parking was being taken away from the village and residents were going to have to pay for a new school and for new village parking!!!	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
368	We are already being crushed with property taxes, up 2.5% on our home every year for years, this small community can no longer afford to be extravagant with a middle school project. I am fighting to pay for college for my former middle schoolers. Teachers have threatened strikes every year over pay and pensions which will inevitably raise our taxes. This is not the time for lavish spending on a middle school. \$25-30 million tops. Squeeze those fat cat contractors and architects for a better deal.	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
369	The new school should be comparable to CHMS.	5/7/2016 8:46 AM

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370	A factual comparison of financial and educational impact for proceeding or not is needed. Also, if something seems extravagant, tell us why it's needed and how much it adds.	5/7/2016 8:42 AM
371	Property taxes went up this year and both D181 and D86 want to take on bond issues to raise them significantly more with little regards to cost to the tax payers.	5/7/2016 8:38 AM
372	Can't reconcile 65m HMS cost with Clarendon Hills MS 18m cost, even after adjusting for inflation.	5/7/2016 8:32 AM
373	I thought the measure was rushed to the ballot. I didn't feel as if the Board was confident in the choices. I certainly didn't like the method in which the architectural firm was chosen.	5/7/2016 7:22 AM
374	I have four children who recently went through. The staff claims the school is inadequate. Some residents think its ugly. The building is quite new; those who thought a modern design was appropriate then should shut up and live with their decision..	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
375	Cost was significantly higher than CHMS. While I understand some of the reasons behind it, the HMS proposal felt like there were many "nice to haves" included, like an auditorium. Not many Middle Schools have an auditorium. I would have more seriously considered a proposal that appeared as if the people planning it were attempting to keep costs reasonable and build what is NEEDED to make the children's educational environment healthy and positive.	5/6/2016 11:38 PM
376	Cost should not exceed \$50 million. Shrink the size by 10% and forget frills like \$3mm auditorium, \$2mm stage, and \$1mm indoor track. Act like your spending your money and not the taxpayers.	5/6/2016 10:50 PM
377	Although I voted in favor, I did feel the cost was on the high side and it was rushed. Most other parents I spoke with felt the same. They agreed the school is needed, but it was too much.	5/6/2016 10:15 PM
378	Design should be VERY simple and practical. The school should be placed closer to Madison school. The real estate where HMS currently is seems too be better used to keep the downtown viable.	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
379	The board decided in late December to place the referendum on a March ballot, which allowed for about 10 weeks of planning time. That was not enough time to get the information out.	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
380	The design of the school was far too extravagant. Cut out all the bells and whistles and bring down the cost of the school to something much more cost efficient.	5/6/2016 9:26 PM
381	I believe the high school is remodeling their auditorium and don't believe we need to pay for one at the middle school too. I also believe the two middle schools need to have similar "extras" Synthetic turf??? Elevated running track???? Auditorium??? I did read somewhere that the referendum committee doesn't want to pitt CHMS parents against HMS parents but when you add the track, auditorium and synthetic turf which is not available at CHMS I don't get it!	5/6/2016 8:41 PM
382	While I voted in favor of the referendum, I am concerned about the ability to design and construct the building given that one of the reason the existing building was being replaced was inefficient design	5/6/2016 8:01 PM
383	Some people thought it was unfair to pay an increase in their taxes if they do not or will not have children in D181.	5/6/2016 7:46 PM
384	Our community should have a dedicated performing arts center. It does not need to be in the middle school. It should be shared by various schools in the district and ideally should be placed in the high school. The school should be situated in a location that allows it to have outdoor fields.	5/6/2016 7:36 PM
385	the taxes are excessive already, this just adds more burden to the home owners, and practically pushes those that are on a fixed income out of the district. the price tag was fiscally irresponsible.	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
386	Too many referendums from 181 over past 15 years. Teachers are very well paid and are said to be better than most. If they are that good, they should not need a perfect space to teach in.	5/6/2016 7:12 PM
387	There seems to be just too much spending. I believe with proper thought, the district can work with what they already have to work with. With some real thought the district may be able to save tax payers money.	5/6/2016 6:55 PM
388	Too expensive relative to the cost of CHMS.	5/6/2016 6:42 PM
389	When the four grammar schools were upgraded for \$31 Million the interest was to be \$41Million with balloon payments the last three or four years.When does that fall due????	5/6/2016 6:41 PM
390	It appeared that a conclusion was reached (we need a new high school) and then facts were generated to support that conclusion. Additionally many of the components are absurd, synthetic turf? The school is about education and resources should be focused on preparing our children for gaining useful employment in the future.	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
391	The cost for the school was too high. Also property taxes are steadily increasing - another 6.5% this year - without the school. It's not a time to go for the higher figure, \$65 mil. The \$45-\$50 range seemed reasonable and I may vote in favor of that.	5/6/2016 6:34 PM
392	This is a great idea, but not being communicated to everyone well, esp. to address concerns for the Clarendon Hills residents feeling heavily taxed.	5/6/2016 6:22 PM

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393	I understand inflation. But it is ridiculous that the cost has risen four or five-fold since building CHMS. It seems like it is simply that people "don't like the design". I had four children go through HMS with nothing but a great education and wonderful experiences, both academically and with regard to extra-curriculars, particularly the musicals which are AMAZING and so great to see how they work so easily in the current space!	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
394	The amount you went for was way to high, also the school was being built for far more students then it needed to be.	5/6/2016 6:05 PM
395	We need a basic, low maintenance new school that will have basic class rooms, lunch place, gym We dont need an architecturally significant building, an auditorium, a running track, or any other "fancy" ideas. Just a basic, lower cost, low maintenance facility.	5/6/2016 5:55 PM
396	The district should design to a reasonable budget (\$40 to \$50 million). It seemed the project was backwards, the district designed their "wish list" school and determined the budget after that. It also seemed unfair that the total budget was nearly 4 times that of CHMS, the most recently constructed middle school in d181.	5/6/2016 5:32 PM
397	My grandson graduated from HMS two years ago. Within about 4-6 months after starting attending HMS, he developed asthma - probably due to breathing in the mold spores all over the school. Within 6 months after graduating from HMS, all of his symptoms were gone. Coincidence? I doubt it!	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
398	It would be good to see a cost that would be closer to the new cost of building CHMS (\$35-\$45 million as I recall??) . . .rather than the more expensive design that was presented for a vote.	5/6/2016 5:13 PM
399	Education is primarily about the student, his or her parents, and the teachers. It is NOT about the building in which education takes place.	5/6/2016 5:04 PM
400	We don't need to rebuild! Repair the roof. You shoved that monstrosity of building down our throats in the 1970's. The building is only 42 years. You pushed for the open class room then...and we need to live with it now. Move the 6th graders back to grade school where they belong.	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
401	property tax is out of control	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
402	Be reasonable, be reasonable.	5/6/2016 4:38 PM
403	Propose a school similar to CHMS, then I feel you will receive the communities support. It was obnoxious what was proposed for a middle school.	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
404	My taxes have more than doubled in the 20 years I have lived in the district. My home has not appreciated even 50%. The price for the school is actually offensive when you compare it to CHMS. How responsible representatives could propose this project worries me. Plus, I assumed the project would come in 150% over budget when the final numbers are tallied.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
405	I don't believe we truly need such an extravagant rebuild.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
406	I don't understand why a middle school needs an indoor track, weight room and a 500 person auditorium.	5/6/2016 4:24 PM
407	While I supported the referendum, I felt the design was for more capacity, and some of the facility proposals were not necessary.	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
408	The splitting of D181 into two middle schools, particularly where one Hinsdale neighborhood is excluded from enjoying a potential new HMS is challenging. I worry (i) that my property value (in Monroe) may decline as a result of a new HMS and (ii) the other Hinsdale neighborhoods will never support significant renovations to CHMS as a result of the "line in the sand" drawn as a result of this referendum	5/6/2016 4:10 PM
409	years ago there was a grade school and high school and some houses on that land. it is big enough to build another hms	5/6/2016 3:37 PM
410	Use a "real" methodology to select the general contractor...don't low bid and allow changes to the project after the fact...use a "real" contractor that has done similar projects	5/6/2016 3:27 PM
411	Clarendon Hills did not vote for the referendum and without them the referendum did not pass. They need to support District 181!! If not, move Monroe School to the new HMS.	5/6/2016 3:23 PM
412	more HMS open houses more informational community coffees w/ "speakers"	5/6/2016 3:06 PM

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413	<p>Live within your means, be reasonable with good stewardship. As I understand it, 75% of CH residents (according to the papers) don't have kids in K-12. Spending should be aligned with community demographics. Hinsdale / CH do not have to continually tax and spend. Just because I may be against spending on capital improvements, should not be confused with support of continued Excellence in Education...some of the worst facilities still produce excellent students with well regarding Education programs. Find lesser cost alternatives. In addition, align with D86. Between the D181 capital improvement plan and a most likely tax increase as a result of a new D86 teacher's contact...there are limits of what is affordable to the community taxpayers. I would be interested to know what is the total obligation of the D181 pension fund over the next 20-30 years and how much of is funded. I suspect it is not well funded and eventually this too will be another burden on the taxpayer. How about restructuring teachers compensation and align pay with the private sector principals? Merging with Westmont. BTW, feedback from potential buyers in CH indicate they love to move into the area and can afford the housing, but with the historical property tax increases over the past five years and the possibility of future large increases from education districts make the operating cost of buying/owning a home too expensive...they are turning to other areas.</p>	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
414	<p>I would have liked for serious consideration given to having the middle school near Madison school, which would provide a "campus feel" as they have at CHMS, and alleviate some of the building issues that arise due to building so close to the existing middle school.</p>	5/6/2016 2:50 PM
415	<p>Remember this is a MIDDLE school housing only 6,7,8 grades. There is no reason we can not come up with a creative way to keep cost down and create a facility that will provide the basic needs for three grade levels. I feel there needs to be a reality check with a simple design. Look beyond our community and see what has been built within the last few years and study cost and builders. Many time I believe cost skyrockets because we live in Hinsdale. Come on people lets get real with this project.If it was your personal money how would you proceed?</p>	5/6/2016 2:36 PM
416	<p>While I voted in favor of the proposal, it seems many felt the cost could be brought down. The school definitely needs to be replaced.</p>	5/6/2016 2:27 PM
417	<p>The estimated price continued to climb during the process.</p>	5/6/2016 2:18 PM
418	<p>my property tax went up 155% last year - no stomach for any new tax of any kind; there is a giant empty field next to Central High - put a middle school there and share facilities</p>	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
419	<p>Once Clarendon Hills Middle School was built it was only a matter of time before Hinsdale had to outdo what Clarendon Hills had built. This is a competition that we can't afford. It isn't about the building but what goes on inside the building. Stop the competition!!!!</p>	5/6/2016 2:13 PM
420	<p>My children attend St. Isaac Jogues. The school was built in 1932 and added on to a few times over the years (1953, 1963 and the early 1970s, I think). It is old and needs several improvements, but overall, it is terrific and functional. We can't pass a referendum and raise taxes to pay for the repairs. We have a small cafeteria and a couple of old gyms. We don't have a playground. We don't have state of the art anything, or an indoor track, or a theater, or anything fancy. We don't have layers upon layers of administrators with titles that make no sense (seriously, what is an assistant superintendent of learning and curriculum or a superintendent of learning for pupil services?? what do they do?) and make \$150,000/year. Yet, despite all that, our children get an amazing education that is at least comparable to, but more likely exceeds, the education at the schools in District 181. We have an amazing principal and vice principal and terrific, very dedicated teachers. So, any argument that a new school has to be built because the current one is from the 1970s (v. SIJ's 1932) falls on deaf ears. Any proposal that includes extravagant features falls on deaf ears. Because just down the road, SIJ is doing quite well without a new \$65 million school. The argument that a new middle school will increase property values is ridiculous because we already have some of the best grade schools and one of the best high schools, so if the middle school is rundown, I think people can deal with it.</p>	5/6/2016 2:07 PM
421	<p>I think enough folks in the district who didn't see a direct benefit to themselves (voters whose children attend CHMS, those w/o children who wouldn't use the new school, etc.) voted it down. I do agree with those who feel that the scope should have been to replace a structurally failing facility with something better. Instead the design started to look like something rivaling a high school or community college campus. I understand why others were put off by what probably appeared as extravagant. I don't suggest that the next design be entirely Spartan, but there should be a middle ground.</p>	5/6/2016 1:43 PM
422	<p>The district should have had the current site appraised before eliminating another site. I think the current site is too tight and in a very busy location.</p>	5/6/2016 1:42 PM
423	<p>I was a member of the District 86 school board a number of years ago and saw the wide discrepancy between projected enrollments at the two high schools vs. reality. 181 Board members need to take a more hands-on approach to critically analyzing the enrollment data they are being given by "experts".</p>	5/6/2016 1:22 PM
424	<p>It is assumed that everyone living in Hinsdale is wealthy. Not true. A good education is not dependent on a overpriced building with all the over the top accessories! Look at what a failure the HMS was when it was built with walls that didn't reach the ceiling! I'm for a traditional build with all that is needed for education. We don't need a 500 seat auditorium, among other unnecessary items. Try just being practical for a change!</p>	5/6/2016 1:20 PM

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425	As a parent who benefitted from a new CHMS I felt I needed to support the Hinsdale families and a new HMS. I thought the cost was too high and the design a little extravagant however. I voted YES reluctantly.	5/6/2016 12:52 PM
426	I agree for the need for a new middle school, however the cost and design was WAY to high.	5/6/2016 12:19 PM
427	The new prospect school was overbuilt in that a lot of money was spent on aesthetics unrelated to actual education. I don't want to see that again. I want simple and efficient. The existing HMS was not designed to be efficient in the first place and now you want more money to fix it by replacing it. Replace it ? Fine, just get the job done in a cost effective manner. 40 years old is young for a municipal building. Poor design requirements 40 years ago are the cause of the problems at HMS, the money we taxpayers gave 181 back then was poorly spent. I don't want the next generation to have to pay for poor planning today.	5/6/2016 12:01 PM
428	It appeared that unnecessary items like the 500 seat auditorium were added after the fact. Not only is this not necessary, but there is not enough parking to support it. I am in favor of building a new school, as I hate the design of the existing one. While I would prefer a different location, that does not appear to be possible.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
429	We voted in favor but anecdotal feedback from others pointed to these as reasons some folks were against.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
430	I didn't vote because I am not a resident, but these were the primary concerns based on what I heard the community talking about.	5/6/2016 10:28 AM
431	I thought the cost was fine but I assume others thought it was too much to spend on a middle school. Next time I think it's important to highlight that our taxes will only go up for a few years. The reason is that some unrelated debt will be retired soon after this additional debt is incurred. It was my understanding that taxes would only go up for about 4 years. We need to do a better job of explaining this.	5/6/2016 10:23 AM
432	You can build a lovely school for much less money. Be wise!! Don't get greedy.	5/6/2016 9:41 AM
433	I do not think the community was educated on the details enough to understand the reason for the price tag.	5/5/2016 10:47 PM
434	From a taxpayer standpoint, the project for the middle school needs to be viewed in conjunction with the needs of the high school. The expected tax burdens for both are simply too high (Not just 10 or 20 % too high - we need to think FAR more practically). The scope of amenities and size were too much. It was also very disheartening to hear completely unrealistic (ie - low) impacts on the taxpayer over time. The cost of the school is not an isolated event. There are other items (pensions, salaries, cost of living adjustments, maintenance, future improvements) that will increase. Average tax bills have approximately doubled in the last 15 years without anywhere close to the expenditures that the school district is contemplating today. Overly high tax rates will impair property values. Likewise, there is zero chance that not building a new school will cause our property values to decline - an argument that some parents erroneously offered but has no basis in historical fact.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
435	Had the Metra trains not been halted during afternoon rush hour, I would have been able to vote that day and would have voted in favor of the referendum. I tend to vote in favor of anything related to kids/education. However, I was struck by the cost. I can appreciate why there are legit reasons why cost may be considerably higher than CHMS, I think a better case needed to be made (or communicated better and to more people), why the buildings would be comparable. There needs to be a feeling that there will be parity in the experience for the kids. To me this is more important than cost. While my family would certainly "feel" the increase in tax, it wouldn't keep me and likely many in the area from voting for it. However, there are probably some families for which the increase is too great. I would recommend trying to reduce the cost somewhat - perhaps by 15 to 20% - and making a stronger case for parity.	5/5/2016 10:16 PM
436	The main reasons that I heard that people were against it were: cost, amenities, and location.	5/5/2016 9:57 PM
437	Strongly in favor of a new middle school, in the same location. It just seemed like the cost was too high. It should be a very nice school, just not so big and without some of the frills.	5/5/2016 7:44 PM
438	Many of us feel that HMS has to clean house and improve the functioning of the school. It is not that we don't want a new HMS but there are so many problems within the school -staff, staff parent interaction, administration, staff student interaction, following 504/ IEPs. For example, have you ever attended a PTO, parents are fed up with the way things are handled at HMS. Check out the attendance at the CHMS PTO meetings. Voting for a new building,there still wouldn't be enough books for all kids and other areas that need attention. Therefore, the new building is only a piece of the many problems at HMS.	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
439	65m is absurd, I voted yes but would rather have that money spent at HCHS.	5/5/2016 5:01 PM
440	Would have voted yes, but for less money. Did you know the new Amita cancer and outpatient center on Ogden and Oak costs less than the HMS proposal? A 500 seat auditorium-at middle school-totally unnecessary. A fitness center? Focus on a quality, traditional building and amenities at a reasonable cost, then will vote yes.	5/5/2016 3:07 PM
441	Almost everyone I spoke to, including myself, understands there needs to be a new middle school. The price tag was extravagant.	5/5/2016 2:22 PM

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442	The existing school is 40 years old. That school should have lasted for 80 years. What went wrong? Clearly that board also felt they were acting appropriately. The people on the board are ill-equipped to make these types of decisions.	5/5/2016 1:01 PM
443	Perhaps a plan that would allow addition or expansion in some way as money becomes more available- Must be sure that what you are doing is for the educational improvement of our children and not just for looks or because we want it etc. The design did seem to be more extravagant than our sister school but I realize times have changed as well- Showing a viable need for what you plan is vital to success.	5/5/2016 11:33 AM
444	Before forming an opinion on #8 below - I would want to see the cost savings of reducing/eliminating some of the different components.	5/5/2016 11:02 AM
445	Need to educate the Clarendon Hills community about why this makes sense. They already got their new Middle School and have no incentive to vote for Hinsdale.	5/4/2016 10:58 PM
446	The district is overpaying for multiple parts to the proposed middle school. After reading the break-down of money allocated for the middle school, I am even more against the referendum.	5/4/2016 10:25 PM
447	The auditorium is not necessary, more of a "nice" to have. Parking is CRITICAL.	5/4/2016 9:40 PM
448	I heard people complain about the total cost. They assumed that if the referendum were voted down, then district would have to re-work their design and the cost would come down. I also think there's a mentality of not expecting a referendum to pass on the first try. I've also heard people express more interest in supporting a referendum for Hinsdale Central -- they feel the high school is older and in greater need of updating than HMS.	5/4/2016 8:25 PM
449	Price is way to high. Considering the state of some of the grade schools, decrease the cost of this and upgrade the grade schools as well. I don't like to proposed design. Do something classic so it doesn't look outdated in 10 years. Don't need a 500 seat auditorium.	5/4/2016 8:16 PM
450	Total cost needs to be explained as a base unchangeable cost for site demolition, remediation which CHMS did not have do given larger site options to reset cost comparison- discussed not just excluded as irrelevant, then # students at each school and projected given K-5 current to explain need for SF- not just SF/student capacity, and then building base plus add-ons like auditorium, track, etc. The way previous was explained left a lot of holes. Overall cost just needs to be \$50mln range to clear votes.	5/4/2016 2:49 PM
451	People are too busy to attend meetings. Information sent to taxpayer would be helpful.	5/4/2016 2:39 PM
452	You cannot have high salaries and benefits, pensions etc. and also ask for \$65 million for a new middle school. I cannot wait to leave this district. It makes me sad to say this, I have three kids that went to Prospect and CHMS. This is out of control and I do not feel represented.	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
453	HMS needs to be replaced but this option was very expensive. I think building a new school is necessary and makes more sense than putting additional money into the existing HMS but this was a "cadillac" proposal.	5/4/2016 2:18 PM
454	My impression is that some of the facilities that the Board thought might have community-wide appeal and use (such as an auditorium) ultimately caused the referendum to not pass, because the cost was so high.	5/4/2016 1:26 PM
455	The community needs to hear from students and faculty at the school how the new facilities will be beneficial to their education. Additionally we need to highlight the other school investments that have been made to illustrate the point that this is not a selfish build.	5/4/2016 1:12 PM
456	I understand a new school is necessary but \$65m is too much. That amount could easily swell to \$90m w/ unrealistic contractors.	5/4/2016 1:01 PM
457	I am in favor of a new HMS middle school. However, you just need to stick to the basics and design a school with minimal frills and keep the cost down.	5/4/2016 12:31 PM
458	I would hear that the cost was too high, but I also heard disgruntled parents after the referendum did not pass. People seemed surprised.	5/4/2016 11:51 AM
459	I work in Hinsdale and therefore didn't vote, but the above was what I heard from residents.	5/4/2016 11:31 AM
460	Please consider long-term personnel costs, pension & benefit component as well as facility costs. Can D181 and the villages of Hinsdale & CH coordinate on something that is more systemically beneficial.	5/4/2016 11:25 AM
461	People felt the cost was too high and the design was too fancy. I think the taxpayers need to be better educated as many voters expressed surprise about the referendum close to the election.	5/4/2016 11:14 AM
462	I would like to know if keeping the middle school in the same location increased the price of the project. Has any thought been given to Robbins Park? It would be a similar campus as Prospect and CHMS. It would eliminate the need for an indoor track, fitness room and parking garage. Perhaps it could be in used in conjunction with community house and use the spaces wisely. I know that they are completely different entities, but perhaps there can be some shared services. If Robbins is not an option, please state why.	5/4/2016 10:39 AM

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463	The project supposedly started out at \$45,000,000 when first talked about but quickly escalated. It also seems that the price/sq ft is excessively high	5/4/2016 10:19 AM
464	Although I voted in favor of the referendum, I thought the cost was too high. If the cost coming down means to cut/reduce some items, that is fine, but the cost did not seem fair or reasonable for the project. It should be feasible to get 75% or more of what was planned in the design for a cost that is 50% or so less. The village was being taken advantage of by the firms involved because they think they 'know' the demographics of D181 are extremely successful, quite wealthy and thus willing to 'overspend'.	5/4/2016 10:14 AM
465	The project was vague and way too much \$\$\$. The wants and needs of the building were not required for the school.	5/4/2016 9:20 AM
466	After I realized that CHMS only cost \$17 million to build, and it is all brick, the cost did not make sense. My husband is a commercial property developer and he thought project was overpriced.	5/4/2016 9:04 AM
467	I don't vote in primaries but also being new to district, I wrongly assumed it would easily pass w or w/o my vote.	5/4/2016 8:56 AM
468	The whole process was poorly executed. The community has no confidence in the administration to build a new school. The design was completely over-the-top and the rapidly changing pricing tags caused great concern.	5/4/2016 8:42 AM
469	I know a new HMS is totally necessary, so I voted yes, but I don't think the district explained all options well. All people saw was the 65 m price tag. What my husband and I want to know is, are there other projects, referendums, etc that are retiring that would off set some of that cost? Is the 65 m additional, or is there something falling off that would be replaced by the middle school costs? Also, HMS is a waste the way it was built, and D181 seems to have a reputation for quickly spending money on the newest trend, not what works in the long run. I want to make sure the people in the project are long term thinkers, not parents who think they know best because they think its the next great thing. I love the idea of the parking garage. I have no idea why the district would sell the city the spots behind the middle school in the first place. Its very frustrating to park at HMS now. I know the district office has new people and many of them there now were not there when HMS was built, but the legacy those left behind is difficult to overcome. People need to know that the plan is smart, worth while, and won't leave them in another spot like we are now in 30 years.	5/4/2016 6:04 AM
470	1) It wasn't clear if multiple competing estimates were gathered. 2) the costs are too high based on casual research I and others conducted from around the country. 3) I don't trust that the costs/project would have been managed well and overruns would have been inevitable. This stems from the very rushed nature of this project, seemingly lack of due diligence and budget increases even before the project was approved!	5/4/2016 5:54 AM
471	I understand that it is a different district but I think Hinsdale Central is a greater priority for remodeling and I was concerned that people wouldn't vote for both.	5/4/2016 12:39 AM
472	It is our opinion that the project was too Extravagant. No need for an indoor running track and auditorium.	5/3/2016 10:43 PM
473	People were overly focused on the inflation adjusted cost relative to CHMS. The numbers changed which caused doubts on the amenities being too enhanced. The size of the gym and school wereaa0 aso criticized for being too big.	5/3/2016 10:34 PM
474	The current school was built 40 years ago. It was not built 140 years ago. Find a way to make the current property useful. It seems that certain individuals are locked into building a new school. Find a site and cost that makes more sense. A middle school should be simple. Classrooms and hallways with a gym and a cafeteria. That's it!!!!	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
475	I supported it as did my husband and many friends. The general reaction I heard from many in opposition was: why so expensive? There wasn't clarity on the cost drivers and I believe this was because in the end, awareness didn't have enough time to build before vote. Ultimately, when in doubt, this constituency will vote against a tax increase unless they've had time to absorb its cost/benefit equation. The 1 percent sales increase Hinsdale passed took months of information promotion to pass, not a mere few weeks. Finally, the district divided into have/have not mentality; those in chms feeders largely don't give a rats ass about Hms. The district should be managed such that all families across all regions understand and feel the impact of such s decrepit middle school. I liken it to the need for the military draft: those exempt from having to fight in wars when there is no draft are most likely to vote for going to war. They have nothing at risk. Without skin in the game, and/or public shaming for not supporting a new Hms, the referendum will fail again, even if tweaked.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
476	Total cost was too high, and referendum cost was much higher than the original communicated amount in the upper \$40M's. Also, the plan seemed too large for current needs. Can there be a phased approach? If it turns out the extra space is needed, can it be built at a later time? Also, what was the cost per current student (not cost per square foot)? It seemed too large. I also think there will be new expenses coming from the high school, so it's hard to look at HMS in isolation. I think it makes more sense to have fancier components at a high school level.	5/3/2016 10:20 PM
477	I voted for because as a community I think it's our duty to provide a good learning environment for our children regardless of which school my children will attend. However, many of my neighbors that voted against it were shocked by the amount of money being asked for and felt the district was not being frugal in their desire to build a new school. I would disseminate information regarding he oversight on the project. Put the taxpayer at ease that the project can't balloon to 70 million if 65 million were approved.	5/3/2016 10:08 PM

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478	Price went up dramatically. Firm bidding should have known. Lots of wants vs needs. Don't need top shelf for everything. Outside turf/track can be a PTO fund raiser later. Building needs to be in Robbins park.	5/3/2016 9:51 PM
479	The cost was too high and the grand plans are not what a middle school needs.	5/3/2016 9:23 PM
480	Difficult when some board members vote against the referendum to expect the community to agree. Feb decision did not allow enough time to mobilize stakeholders.	5/3/2016 9:21 PM
481	The main concern is the cost and the extra expenditures for things other than the primary classrooms.	5/3/2016 9:13 PM
482	I found it disturbing that the Board would propose the Taj Mahal of middle schools while the state heads toward bankruptcy. It just strikes me as completely unreasonable to expect the taxpayers to take on another huge debt in the face of ever rising pension obligations, and almost certain increases in state and federal taxes going forward. Enough is enough. I put 3 kids through the existing middle school and they have all done just fine. Are we building this for the kids or for the parents egos?	5/3/2016 7:09 PM
483	I voted for the referendum and am sharing only what I heard the naysayers talking about. I am 100 percent for it and am devastated it didn't pass, as it will impact me in 2 short years and then for year's to come.	5/3/2016 7:05 PM
484	The option of a 3rd middle school and consolidation with Oak Brook should have been vetted. Also, the downtown location of HMS is not ideal at all.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
485	As a parent of students in both District 181 and District 86, I see significant need in both districts for significant upgrades to facilities. By making plans to build a new middle school for \$65 Million, it would be difficult to also have voters approve the long planned and discussed Masters Facility Plan of District 86 which 17 subcommittees of staff, students and community members have spent years working on to come to an organized recommendation.	5/3/2016 6:05 PM
486	1) The project cost is far too excessive. \$25-30 million is an appropriate amount. 2) More firms need to bid and present on the plans for this project. One firm is not enough and makes residents feel an "insider" was being used. 3) History repeating itself- what measures is the board taking to ensure we do not have a repeat of the problems at HMS...meaning how was a school built and maintained in such a poor fashion such that a new school needs to be entirely redone after only 30 years? What measures are being taken to ensure the plans are proper and the district properly spends taxpayer dollars?	5/3/2016 5:30 PM
487	I heard there were some things in the proposal that were very expensive, like a walking track and auditorium.	5/3/2016 5:18 PM
488	Government bodies in general are not very discerning when spending other peoples hard earned money. The district may be very responsible but our state and federal government has made me very entrusting of politicians spending. The projections of cost usually paint the rosiest of pictures and are never accurate. I moved to this area for the high quality schools but the property taxes are very high already. I was ok with that when I moved in. However they just keep rising and rising. This new tax levy would be another major increase on top of the regular steep increases.	5/3/2016 4:26 PM
489	I fully support a new school instead of renovation. The D181 Board didn't officially approve putting a referendum on the ballot until Dec. Thus, it felt as if the options were not thoroughly explored and we were presented with a very expensive proposal. Even with inflation and the difference in student enrollment, greenspace, etc., \$65M seems excessive in comparison with the CHMS referendum.	5/3/2016 4:04 PM
490	The cost is ridiculously high	5/3/2016 3:40 PM
491	I voted no because I did not trust that the facilities planning committee had the expertise nor the knowledge about the construction process. The entire way they went about asking for what was the best and newest technology gave the impression that they were completely unconcerned with fiscal responsibility and only concerned with "bells and whistles". I do not think that the facilities committee nor the school board understands that the community would like a new school but does not want a Taj Mahal type building. I was supportive of a building that mirrored CHMS and offered equal opportunity but not something that focused on a \$5 million dollar investment in an auditorium and an indoor track. Middle school students hate the fitness/running unit anyway, they certainly don't want more opportunity to run on an indoor track. We don't need to factor in anything "for the public" when we build a school. We already have enough buildings for that. The current gym at HMS would be more palatable and conducive to PE activities for the middle school mindset than an indoor track. I don't believe this referendum will pass unless a plan is proposed that is much less expensive and that residents feel like is more in line with CHMS. Another reason that I am against anything that is not cost effective is that I believe that our tax dollars are better spent on the high school facilities than on the middle school. Students are spending up to 12 hour days at the high schools which are in worse condition than the middle school. It is clear that the condition of the facility does not impact the performance of the students based on the success of the high schools but students spend a longer time and are better equipped to benefit from a good facility in high school.	5/3/2016 3:39 PM
492	I am all for a new HMS, but feel that it shouldn't be so costly. If a few items could be scaled down or eliminated, I would definitely vote YES. It is like when you buy a home--of course you want everything, but usually have to prioritize what is most important because it is too costly otherwise. And knowing that many improvements need to be made soon to Hinsdale Central, we simply cannot spend so much on HMS.	5/3/2016 3:35 PM

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493	I have children in the Monroe School district. I think Monroe students should be able to attend the school in their town (HMS). CHMS is a fabulous alternative, but Monroe should feed into HMS before ELM goes there. If the school was more comparable (amenities) to CHMS (smaller spaces, less auditorium, sorry I can't remember all the differences) I think people would be more willing to accept. Everyone wants a new school. I would rather see costs reduced and the excess funds go towards the high school.	5/3/2016 3:16 PM
494	The cost is too high. Needs to be at or just below \$50m. I would love to see the amazing design that was out forth because it will benefit my kids, but I think it was too extravagant. Not necessary. If you want it to pass, it can't be that expensive or that elaborate. I don't blame others for voting no.	5/3/2016 2:50 PM
495	Why did the Business Manager lead everyone to believe that the total project cost was \$50M? There is a difference between construction cost and project cost. Then it jumped to \$75M and finally settled on \$65M.	5/3/2016 2:44 PM
496	The proposed new building seemed quite extravagant when all of the schools in the district need work. Monroe parents were given a hard no when asked about redrawing the attendance lines even though the school was planned for a massive attendance. We were also given a pretty negative response when asked if CHMS students would be able to use the auditorium. CHMS was held up as being unfair when it suited communication and derided as not good enough when trying to justify the massive expense of the new school.	5/3/2016 2:30 PM
497	I am in favor of a new school at a better cost.	5/3/2016 2:19 PM
498	People whose kids go to CHMS didn't see the point of building a superior school and seemed to compare the design to the current CHMS not taking into account how much has changed since CHMS was built.	5/3/2016 2:12 PM
499	We are building a school not a country club which might be difficult for some people to comprehend CHMS is a wonderful school I have 3 kids that have gone through there one currently enrolled and one more coming up. The kids are happy there, classrooms are roomy enough and quiet gym size is more than adequate, and we have two stages for performances. The community is not short on Auditorium space. And since when did any Middle School have a workout room/ Fitness Center? The teachers staff and parents design in the school have "needs" very much confused with "wants"	5/3/2016 2:03 PM
500	The feedback I heard was that there were items in the project that residents felt were unnecessary (Auditorium, running track); Also, that if these were part of the HMS project then CHMS should have these amenities as well. Even if only one of the two schools had these amenities for use by both schools, the district did give a good explanation of how this would work.	5/3/2016 12:55 PM
501	The district said the owners of 55th/County property would not consider a land swap, and that the ground infrastructure would need revisions. These comments suggest that the district had done due diligence on acquiring the 55th St property which I suspect they did not. Certainly if they had done proper due diligence they would have been more forthcoming regarding all options of acquisition. Ignored in district communications included factors such as the greater land value of the current HMS location and the potential sales price which would off set some of the construction costs. Also ignored was the fact that building on a separate site would be less disruptive to students, to the community at large, and also much safer for the children.	5/3/2016 12:26 PM
502	I did not feel that the extras like the auditorium and the running track were necessary and felt extravegant. I would much rather see that money go towards improved classrooms/materials.	5/3/2016 10:11 AM
503	People in CH/Monroe mostly voted no since their kids are already in a new school. I think the district should tell everyone that the distric is going to redraw the lines for each middle school so there is a chance the kids in CH will go to HMS and vice versa.	5/3/2016 10:06 AM
504	The whole design seemed "excessive". Too much input from those impacted was taken into design with little adjustment from the few opposed that were willing to step forward to provide input. The disparity between the 2 middle schools today is inexcusable. That said, the answer is NOT to provide excessive disparity in the opposite direction. We need a plan that joins 2 very disparate voices. We need something that merges these 2 together. As a taxpayer that lives on the HMS block with 3 children with middle school ahead, I will pay huge \$\$ in taxes for this school yet receive no educational benefit. We, as a household, genuinely believe that a new middle school building is a complete necessity. However, we feel as though our voices were lost in this process and overrun by people overly eager to build excess.	5/3/2016 9:20 AM
505	The process only garnered 3 bids, and thus resulted in a building 2x as expensive as it should cost for that design, as well as need to eliminate the workout center (a 3 court gym is nice enough) and track. I'm 50/50 on auditorium.	5/3/2016 9:08 AM
506	The biggest issue was the cost coupled with all of the additional items HMS received that CHMS did not receive. It would have been a better referendum if it called for the new HMS along with improvements to CHMS to put both schools on the same level. Not sure why anyone thought a referendum that clearly benefits half of the students in the district with no positive impact for the other half would pass.	5/3/2016 9:07 AM

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507	I voted against. I would've liked to see several lower cost options presented prior to the referendum. I would've liked to see comparisons of cost (eg per square foot) to other recent school constructions, because I got the impression that the cost per sq foot was too extravagant. I would've liked to see a comparison of building quality, finishings and amenities to CHMS - I don't want HMS to be gold plated compared to CHMS.	5/3/2016 8:44 AM
508	Running track - unnecessary Auditorium was too small to seat the current student body. Given the macro economic climate and the potential financial impact on the district from the State of IL's funding issues, this was not a time to build a school beyond what is needed. Have a design plan that can be added onto.	5/3/2016 8:25 AM
509	I voted for the referendum. The feedback that I heard from many who were against it basically boiled down to the total expense. I heard a lot of comparisons to what we spent on CHMS years ago vs. the cost now. People couldn't make the connection on why HMS' proposal was so much more costly. I think everyone in the community agrees a new school is needed, I just think there are too many people who think the proposed cost is just unreasonable.	5/3/2016 8:12 AM
510	There was never a side-by-side comparison between CHMS and HMS (sqft, sqft/student, auditorium, track, meeting space, \$/sqft, comparison to spending in other districts, inflation, ...). Process was not transparent. Small group of people pushed unfair design on community.	5/3/2016 7:15 AM
511	Having community events around the Hms to raise awareness may help.	5/3/2016 6:44 AM
512	I think we should consider moving HMS to Burns Field to free up space in the valuable downtown area. We do need a new school but need to bring the cost down.	5/3/2016 6:34 AM
513	Total cost seemed too high in comparison to what it cost to build CHMS, which was most people's frame of reference for the referendum.	5/2/2016 11:04 PM
514	I support a new HMS; however the cost is too high. I also wonder if the best financial quote was obtained. It seemed rushed and that all alternatives were not explored. I would like to see the two middle schools be comparable. The Hinsdalean reported statics that HMS is more 2x the square footage and cost of CHMS. Do we really need an indoor track and state of the art everything? I don't want my home value to decrease because people want to purchase where they can go to HMS.	5/2/2016 10:43 PM
515	I voted yes but heard people giving these reasons for no votes.	5/2/2016 10:41 PM
516	It would also be important to highlight why the perceived "extravagances" were necessary and the other benefits of the project (such as the impact of increased parking capacity on the safety of students and the parking situation downtown).	5/2/2016 10:34 PM
517	1) To campaign that voting against referendum = voting against D181 is sophistry, and turned my vote and others I know. 2) To campaign using "facts" that didn't stand up in the light of reality wiped out trust. 3) Curriculum is a mess, and new school without fixes here is a stinking mess inside a nice box.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
518	I believe that people who do not have kids in the HMS district felt cost was too high. I believe that if the design is modified slightly and cost reduced (\$50mm) it will garner support. Teachers/staff should have input and items that can be omitted/modified. Also, general public needs to be made aware of how the new school can be utilized by entire community (additional parking, auditorium, track) not just students	5/2/2016 10:12 PM
519	1. Calling residents the day their tax bills arrived wasn't the best timing. 2. Consider the D86 referendum and overall impact to residents.	5/2/2016 10:08 PM
520	My property taxes went up 10% this year. My D181 taxes increased over 8 percent this year. I would love to support a new HMS, but COST is a major factor. We can build a new school, but need to keep cost at a minimum. Find some creative funding solutions. Most schools have a fundraiser/auction each year. As a way to lessen property tax increase, how about if each school donates this year's auction/fundraising proceeds to the cost of a new HMS?	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
521	I would have supported a project with a cost of around \$25-35 million. The \$65 million price tag was too high. Additionally, the design was extravagant.	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
522	The cost was not too high. It was the inability to design a middle school that included all of the elementary schools. Even if Monroe is the largest of the elementary schools it is still entirely possible to design a school that would include all four of the Hinsdale elementary schools. Location was not a factor with the exception of moving the middle school could include Monroe.	5/2/2016 9:49 PM
523	I believe the main reason the HMS referendum didn't pass is because 65M is a lot of money for a middle school, especially with District 86 teacher contract negotiations coming up and also the other provisions that are listed on the Master Facilities Plan for the all the elementary school. I think we need to bring the cost down to maybe 50M, so that it can accommodate the other additional tax increases for these other items.	5/2/2016 9:48 PM

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524	This cost ultimately seemed too high and there were elements of the middle school such as the auditorium and track that seemed extravagant for a middle school. I also look at Hinsdale Central and think that there are likely some big improvements/updates that will need to be done there in the near future and I would rather invest in 'extras' at a high school vs. a middle school.	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
525	My view is why is there a need for a 500 person auditorium and space lab in a middle school? We need a good school building and great teachers not the other way around. The sky is not the limit for funding a new school building.	5/2/2016 9:34 PM
526	PLEASE BUILD A NEW SCHOOL	5/2/2016 9:15 PM
527	It did not seem like the process was properly vetted. It felt like the design/construction company was on shaky ground. I absolutely feel that we need a new middle school in Hinsdale and would support it if it felt like it had legs to stand on.	5/2/2016 9:01 PM
528	The referendum was a poorly conceived idea. What were you thinking in proposing such an extravagant facility. The focus should be on the curriculum and the cost was irresponsible and showed a lack of self-awareness and purpose. Everyone involved in building this proposal should be ashamed to think it was even remotely acceptable to pass on to the taxpayers. We are an affluent suburb but we're not idiots. Come on. Build a regular school that has GREAT curriculum. Not the other way around. Y	5/2/2016 8:57 PM
529	please eliminate auditorium, track and any other extravagant, unnecessary feature and bring cost down to the 45mil mark-and it would pass with flying colors	5/2/2016 8:53 PM
530	The new middle school should be similar in concept as CHMS. I understand that CHMS was built some years ago, but the new HMS should not be so grossly different/extravagant than the other middle school. Just as the elementary schools have stayed similar in concept/design/size in our district as new buildings are built, the same should be true for a new middle school. One should not, and must not, be more grand to make the other look like a lesser building. You will never get my vote if you pit one middle school versus the other and make them so vastly different. The previous design looked more like a high school compound versus a middle school. The design needs to fit into our community. Prospect, Walker, and CHMS look and feel very much the same. This should be the case moving forward with other new construction. Plus, there are several elementary schools that are in need to attention too - - so spending such an excessive amount of money, and adding in ridiculous amenities (elevated running track, auditorium, etc.) is a waste of tax payer money. Plus, not all staff needs to have use to their classroom all day long in the middle school. The staff needs access to a place to work during plan periods - an office so to speak, but they don't need to be in their classroom - just like they do in the high school. Having a community auditorium is not well thought out - - who will have priority use, district or outside? Plus, where will the cars for these 500 seats (thinking 250 cars) park? Building a parking garage should be a cost to the village and not the residents, or eliminated. Adding congestion to the neighborhood and downtown area. Why not build at Robbins park and get the middle schoolers out of town? I heard that there was concern for congestion due to Madison and HCHS. The middle school gets out earlier than Madison and HCHS, therefore, spreading out the cars....having in town only congests that area as well as having kids being a nuisance to the stores/residents in town.	5/2/2016 8:49 PM
531	I am in favor of a new school for HMS but the cost was too high. My philosophy on the best education is based on the best teachers, staff training, small class size, more teachers/support for differentiation and the educational experiences the district can provide for my children. It is not in the state of the art facilities. Yes, a safe, healthy clean and adequate school is needed but I would rather see district \$\$ put into the educational pieces I mentioned above rather than the hallway size and square footage being best in class. The district is putting to much emphasis on the bells and whistles part of the school versus meeting adequate standards. You will get my vote when you provide an alternate option at a much lower cost.	5/2/2016 8:32 PM
532	65 million was an over-reach. Based on history, if the school is budgeted at 65 million, it will almost certainly go over budget and cost closer to 90 million. Also, others such as Hinsdale Central will also come asking for money. In the current environment of taxes increasing (our property taxes went up 15% this year) and the state having no money, the amount asked for and what it is for is obscene.	5/2/2016 8:15 PM
533	People from CHMS had no vested interest in paying for a new school...their children had a healthy environment to attend. They didn't have to deal with the potential health issues that children at HMS have to deal with.	5/2/2016 8:12 PM
534	A high majority of people I spoke to that had voted against the project stated that the price was too high. The chance of it passing may be better if the cost can come down.	5/2/2016 8:08 PM
535	Process was poorly run with no reasonable explanation for the tremendous cost inflation that does not match reality in the private sector. New leadership is needed at the Board on level down. Taxpayers are completely taken for granted with self serving consultants with no effective challenge from appointed leaders who have no business experience.	5/2/2016 7:48 PM
536	Still paying for other schools.	5/2/2016 7:38 PM
537	Put it on the nov ballet and get more info out	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
538	poorly organized. Budget kept moving. No vision.	5/2/2016 7:36 PM

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539	The process was flawed compared to other referendums that have passed in the last 20 years starting with the design contest, lack of complete list of needs, firm understanding of sequence needed to reach final decision and lack of experience to present information to public compared to former referendums	5/2/2016 7:34 PM
540	The price tag was ridiculously high and the proposal too extravagant! Propose a middle school, not a high school or college university!!!! Build what they need, not anything more than that. The price tag should then match.	5/2/2016 7:22 PM
541	I just seemed like a first, high bid including all the bells and whistles and the total amount just seemed quite high. I would have voted for a more moderate proposal.	5/2/2016 6:51 PM
542	I am in favor of a new HMS. However, the plans and cost were excessive and not comparable to the other middle school in the district.	5/2/2016 6:44 PM
543	I don't think many people really understood the numbers and perceived the \$65m to be a big jump and tied to an extravagant plan. Reading through the materials, I felt the plan was reasonable and the cost was justified. I think people got sticker shock along with false information circulated by those opposing the referendum. Good justification for the cost was available, but I think people who do not have children who are or are going to be attending HMS did not seek out that information. They saw the big price tag, heard it had "bells and whistles" that CHMS doesn't, and found it easy to vote NO without further investigation.	5/2/2016 6:38 PM
544	I wish they had rebuilt HMS when CHMS was built. They already knew the school needed to be replaced	5/2/2016 6:37 PM
545	There needs to be a better education about the building. You also have to show a need. Your biggest problem is the residents of Clarendon hills. It is a very sad scenario since Hinsdale residents paid to get CHMS built. You also have to show how the school can be used by residents.	5/2/2016 6:29 PM
546	I have no faith in the current administration of D181. The level of incompetence shown in the simple steps such as the preparation of an RFP for the selection of an architect astonishing. The entire process was and is flawed.	5/2/2016 6:28 PM
547	Lack of community impact studies for traffic and urban planning are a concern. Like the tradition of school in town but feel that other options were brushed off for other locations (trend is for schools outside center) or more appropriately using the existing land as a whole.	5/2/2016 6:25 PM
548	I voted for the building of a new school and am sad that it did not pass!	5/2/2016 6:23 PM
549	The above selections were those I sometimes heard from community sources and friends.	5/2/2016 6:17 PM
550	I voted for the referendum; however, I have heard some members of the community citing the above criticisms	5/2/2016 6:16 PM
551	The district needs to share a long list of benchmarks of middle school building costs in the area. These could be compared by breaking down land improvements versus base facility cost versus 'extras' like auditorium, etc. if the \$65m cost is really what is required then a lot more information must be shared to prove that. Otherwise, it seems like a really fancy/expensive middle school. I believe a new middle school is needed. I disagree with the cost.	5/2/2016 6:02 PM
552	This is about demographics and education. What percent of voters said no that had kids already through middle school. Versus those that said yes. How do you persuade those that said no that cost is fair and tax hike also fair?	5/2/2016 5:57 PM
553	The new building was far too expensive. There is not a need for an indoor running track and 500 seat auditorium. If the total cost was about 30-40 million I would have been in favor and think the plan would have passed.	5/2/2016 5:41 PM
554	The elder sector without children were uneducated and are not aware of how bad the school is currently. Sharpen your pencils and rebid it.	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
555	I think communication on why it was needed and the reason for the \$65m was not clear to many residents. I also do not think the tax implications were communicated very well and the fact that it was such a small tax impact	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
556	I am in favor of a new school but not at any cost. reduce the cost by 20-25% and I would change my vote.	5/2/2016 5:34 PM
557	This is middle school. They don't need an auditorium. They don't need a synthetic turf field or running track. Move the school to a place where they can share facilities with the park district if these are important. The school is too big. 904 students at 85% utilization when there are only 787 students now. That means you're planning for 1063 kids. Why? HMS was a "state of the art school" 40 years ago and look at how outdated it is. Keep it simple like the CHMS building. The traditional structures have suited school children well for years. How can one justify spending \$65 mm when CHMS only cost 17 MM? Cap spending at 35MM. I agree HMS needs a new school. I don't agree it needs the school you have presented us.	5/2/2016 5:28 PM
558	Too expensive and for a project. The taxpayers were not considered, just seemed that everything on the wish list was added, despite the cost.	5/2/2016 5:14 PM
559	Build a duplicate of CHMS. This is a blue ribbon school with no frills. If you expect the community to pay for a school that their kids will not go to then keep it simple and reasonable.	5/2/2016 4:56 PM

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560	I think that when the \$45 million figure first came out, people may have gotten used to that number...but then it became \$60 million as I recall... so I think people may have started to lose trust and didn't understand how the price could jump and wanted it back down to the original number. I also heard a lot of comments about why was an auditorium necessary. Finally, I think it would have been helpful to not make the architectural submissions part of a contest and to get more than just a few bids.	5/2/2016 4:54 PM
561	There is definitely a need to rebuild. HMS. With that said, I was comfortable with the total cost, but feel that others felt rushed and uninformed. Everyone should have to tour that building!!	5/2/2016 4:28 PM
562	D181 should (1) confirm and communicate the HMS enrollment forecast data, (2) educate community on how occupancy rates impact students and staff to justify the target occupancy rate D181 is building for, (3) explain the requirements (e.g. classrooms and spaces to accommodate special needs kids, elevated track to make up for lack of green space, auditorium to serve HMS and all D181 schools, etc.) that the architect designed the building to accommodate and the impact of compromising on those requirements, (4) get to a real "apples-to-apples" comparison on dollars per square foot for the new HMS vs. the national average.	5/2/2016 4:20 PM
563	I was 100% behind the referendum. But, I felt there was a severe communication problem. The BOE took too long to finalize the plan and dollar amount. This lead to a ton of confusion and misinformation in the community. It also didn't leave enough time to develop a strong communication plan to get people on board. I was also EXTREMELY disappointed that the BOE didn't have a united front when it came to supporting the initiative. While differing ideas are fine, once a decision was made, I felt the BOE should have all gotten on the same page to support it. I heard there were board members doing things behind the scenes to fight against the referendum due to what they felt was best for them, instead of the community.	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
564	I find it discussing that board members would vote again the referendum because they find the extra amenities to be "unfair". To me that is like a jealous child being jealous that someone else has a better car. This is improvement for all of or community, and if people want to talk about fair, compare the elementary schools. Build the school, make it a safe and equal learning environment now because having my children learn in trailers and play in a gym with a roof with many leaks is absolutely not fair.	5/2/2016 3:59 PM
565	You should separate the site costs from the building costs so the public could accurately compare CHMS to the new HMS	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
566	Lack of leadership by district. A lot of time spent on design competition which seemed late. Not enough time to discuss price changes which led to sense of process being rushed.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
567	The district messed up by releasing the earlier number and then changing it to the higher one. I've heard people felt it was too rushed and wasn't communicated enough to people that didn't have kids in the district	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
568	Startwith a very high number and then peel back--makes people feel like there is fiscal responsibility and a real process...always felt like the reverse was happening and the board seemed to be never in control of the situation/project scope. Next time, start with the \$65M, and peel back several big ticket items to a more moderate number--	5/2/2016 3:14 PM
569	I think the project cost is high and we are trying to do too many things in one building. Do we need the auditorium. I am IN FAVOR of a new school just not at that cost.	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
570	\$65,000,000 Middle School? Are you kidding me?	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
571	There is a finite amount of capital available in the community to invest in the schools. The D86 facility needs are a better overall use of that capital and will generate a higher return - the same \$ spent on a much larger student population and that student population is in the facilities for a longer total time period.	5/2/2016 2:51 PM
572	I think there were many that had bias going into the process that influenced others with statements that caused reaction rather than people taking time to be fully informed.	5/2/2016 2:46 PM
573	500 seat auditorium need or want inside running track need or want lots of wants	5/2/2016 2:30 PM
574	Most people I spoke with who would not directly benefit from a new school voted no. I heard the total cost compared again and again to the cost of CHMS and people just didn't want to fund this "extravagantness" via their taxes. Also heard many comments on the running track and auditorium. If you took those two items out of the proposal and lowered the overall cost, I'm wondering how much we are really talking about in tax dollars per household though?? Think overall people need to understand why there is a gap between cost to build CHMS and HMS.	5/2/2016 2:28 PM
575	I heard people say that maybe moving the location of HMS would be more attractive, but I have to assume that most people who do not have children in District 181 were deterred by the increase in their tax bill.	5/2/2016 2:24 PM
576	There were several changes in design, price, etc. making it seem that the board and committee had reservations about the overall project and were unsure of what they were doing, The board and committee couldn't agree. They didn't seem to support the referendum by questioning the design, price, etc. If you are going to build a school, build it right or it will cost more in the end.	5/2/2016 2:23 PM

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577	I voted in favor of the referendum but I did have some concerns. Once the information was offered to the public and the price change occurred it seemed unorganized. It did not leave me with a strong faith this would get done smoothly and that the board knew what they were doing.	5/2/2016 2:17 PM
578	The district seemed to feel that because it is Hinsdale, there is money to waste. They should have got bids after they had a full understanding of the final plan which included only what was necessary in a middle school rather than the excessive plan that it developed into (needs vs wants).	5/2/2016 2:06 PM
579	While the process was actually very long and thought out, I think the delayed vote to send it to ballot caused a lot of people to feel the process was rushed when really the facilities committee had done so much.	5/2/2016 2:02 PM
580	The initial proposals were gross underestimates of the actual cost. The community organization which was pro-school formed too late. Taxpayers don't understand how a new building will actually impact improved learning, rather than just being nice.	5/2/2016 1:58 PM
581	We were willing to pay the referendum amt., but most friends and neighbors that we asked thought it was excessive. Most negative pushback from friends in CH which is disappointing since we paid for all of the schools in their attendance area to be redone over last 15 years.	5/2/2016 1:46 PM
582	why isn't repair/update the existing school building even an option for people to vote/comment on.	5/2/2016 1:44 PM
583	As a former board member I have always been "for" providing appropriate space for learning. It was difficult to vote no on this question. I felt the cost was too high based on where the initial costs started (shot ourselves in the foot and made the district look like they didn't do their homework before telling the story) and the process was way too rushed. There was no canvassing of the district and very few community engagement opportunities. Residents need time to process the question and time to visit HMS and ask questions, this process can not be rushed. For most of the prior referenda that passed, there was significant community support, volunteers walked neighborhoods and talked to their neighbors about the proposal and answered questions for them. This is something that has to happen. We also need to be careful to be equitable with regard to our schools, the new HMS just seemed too expensive and somewhat elaborate compared to CHMS.	5/2/2016 1:22 PM
584	Since Claradon Hills had gotten three new schools I thought they would not vote for a new HMS. Just like when the district want to replace HMS years ago it was the Claradon Hills voters that kept that from happening till they got CHMS.	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
585	I voted in favor, but these are the main responses I heard. I also heard from friends whose kids attend CHMS that they did not want to spend their money on a school their kids would never attend. Other friends who voted against had heard mis-information from neighbors and friends.	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
586	School should be inline with CHMS in size and costs. Once the school size and cost are half I've heard most everyone against say they would be happy to support. New HMS building is 1.8 times larger than CHMS and twice the cost of what it would cost to build CHMS today.	5/2/2016 1:03 PM
587	-Anytime something gets almost shoved down my throat as if it's a great idea, I pretty much reject it. -Cost difference was to great between CHMS and HMS. I get inflation, but what you proposed between 65M and 17M (CHMS) is outrageous. The Cost difference is to great! -From what I gather, CHMS and HMS students very rarely co-mingle, so why build such a grandeur project? Is it due to it being Hinsdale? -They don't need a parking garage or mass auditorium. People can learn to walk. It's an underutilized gift that we were given. -Taxes once increase, have never gone down. So it may be a "few bucks" today, but that few bucks will never decrease. This is Illinois, taxes never go down nor do I trust any committee...unless there is full transparency of scope of work with a signed proposal. -I could handle a project in the 20-24M scope...maybe a firm ceiling number at 30M. D181 needs to cut the fat, make it an efficient design with only needs. We have Hinsdale Central that has an auditorium. Let's use that as the primary facilities and get younger kids engaged in an older environment. That will truly bring a community together. The community has money, but that's primarily due to us as a community being fiscally responsible and conservative. If need be, design the facility so it can be added on to in a time of need, but today, it's not a need. Let's absolutely clean it up. Let's design it so it's more functional, more natural light, but we don't need to be the icon of Public School districts, take a look at what we built attitude.	5/2/2016 12:57 PM
588	There was little to no information provided by the district on the project. Also the school design is extravagant for the needs of a middle school. The cost and tax increase are not warranted. A scaled down project that meets the needs of the school building is more appropriate. I would like to see on the referendum an option to vote on different projects along with the cost of the project.	5/2/2016 12:56 PM
589	I voted for the referendum because I feel the district needs to address a solution for HMS. However, I am a simple person and would like more of the money for the school to go towards improving programming/personnel rather than frills of the building...I don't know that the building had a lot of frills, but feedback from neighbors indicated they thought the process was rushed and the cost projections kept increasing, which in turn decreased trust in the decision makers involved in the process.	5/2/2016 12:30 PM

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590	I believe that if the community had more time to come to terms with the price and what that price tag included, it would have had a better chance of passing. The process felt very rushed. While I voted in favor, I would have appreciated more time and information much sooner than I was able to gather it.	5/2/2016 12:24 PM
591	While we are in favor of building a new HMS and think that the benefits outweigh the costs, many in the community felt that the cost presented was too high. This applied primarily to families with children who were already through middle school. I think that it was unfortunate that C4CH, a small group that won't identify their members, had an insert included in a widely circulated newspaper that didn't accurately convey the costs. Going forward, you must clearly convey the costs - perhaps breakdown per child compared to CHMS build ten years ago would help? People don't understand that the size of HMS is so much larger than CHMS.	5/2/2016 12:22 PM
592	I also know that D86 will be seeking funds thru a referendum and want to know the total D181 and D86 requirements.	5/2/2016 12:18 PM
593	These are the reasons I believe it failed, but not necessarily my opinion.	5/2/2016 12:12 PM
594	██████ has shown us that he can't lead the district. He promoted people to the point of their incompetence. He failed to clean up the curriculum. The way he promoted a new HMS made him sound like a hawk at a county fair. If the man can't educate our children, he can't be trusted with our money.	5/2/2016 12:09 PM
595	Move the location out of downtown Hinsdale. Disparity of facilities at the new HMS v. CHMS. Cost excessive.	5/2/2016 12:04 PM
596	How will the referendum positively impact all residents in D181? Share summarized and detail information to back up claims. Some residents may only care about high level information. Others may care about the detail. Full transparency is needed for support. Take the negative comments head on and help to educate the community. This referendum has significant impact to the residents' wallet. In order to gain support, comparable schools should be used from other districts. It would be good to find comps that residents can relate to that are close to where we live. What have others paid? Some of the items look to be perceived as added "bells and whistles". It would be good to see the cost of a bare bones school. This will help residents understand what is needed just from a starting point. Then list our the cost and benefits for the add-ons.	5/2/2016 12:03 PM
597	I feel like the residents of CH needed more information beyond emails and one flyer about how much HMS really needs help. I also felt like many of my neighbors were generally turned off by the high price and some of the extras they found to be unnecessary. They like having a home school, and I sensed they didn't care that the new facility at HMS would have things to offer them. That is just a little of what I feel like I have heard from people I know around CHMS.	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
598	We definitely need a new middle school, but it doesn't need to have every bell and whistle or provide space for the community-it won't be used.	5/2/2016 12:00 PM
599	Hinsdale should analyze alternate location	5/2/2016 11:55 AM
600	Our current tax rate in this area for our schools is excessive already. In this current economic environment it is not necessary to build that big (or extravagant) of a school.	5/2/2016 11:51 AM
601	The district needs to show true committeemen to fiscal responsibility. The community is tired of seeing the opposite this over and over again. In fact, you are considering running the referendum again in Fall is ridiculous and no respect to the voice of the community.	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
602	My understanding is that those with kids at CHMS did not want to pay for a new expensive school for kids living in Hinsdale and going to HMS, even though residents in Hinsdale helped build a nice new expensive school for CHMS students previously.	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
603	The Monroe students need to be a part of the hms community - perhaps re align the feeder schools so that Monroe attends hms , or place one grade level at chms from hms and visa versa	5/2/2016 11:28 AM
604	The biggest factor for me was the impact on taxes for such an extravagant design when something simpler would be address the issues.	5/2/2016 11:26 AM
605	The three items that seemed unnecessarily extravagant and expensive were the auditorium, running track, and more than necessary capacity (without reason to anticipate population growth).	5/2/2016 11:24 AM
606	I went to hms 27 years ago, and know it needs to be replaced. It does not have to be \$65 million, come back with something more reasonable and you will have my vote.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM
607	I think anyone who has seen the middle school would likely agree that significant work or replacement is necessary. However, we should not assume that, because it is Hinsdale, we need the best of everything in a new building. In context, our children will spend three years of their academic lives in that building - a small part. Perhaps we should first decide what amount the board and the community are willing to support and move forward from there. To me, a significant weakness of the proposal was failure to have board unanimity. The board must present a united front - that will require a proposal all board members can support.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM

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608	I voted in favor, but I can see why some would vote against. Very easy for people to just look at the dollar amount and say it's too expensive. The communication needed to be simpler and more straight forward to justify the cost, especially when compared only to the cost of CHMS. People had the impression the project was thrown together and not scrutinized sufficiently to justify a referendum (whether or not this was true). The communication was well-done and informative, but was a lot to read through for some people to understand the value.	5/2/2016 11:20 AM
609	Pare back on the extravagant school so you can pare back the costs. We want to support you on a new school but will only do so if you are building what is sensible.	5/2/2016 11:13 AM
610	What is the cost in today's prices to recreate the CMHS building at the HMS site - adjusted for the # of students at HMS? No one seems to be able to provide this figure that should be the baseline from which to start a discussion. Also, who on the approval committee has a construction background or experience in this area?	5/2/2016 11:10 AM
611	I think everyone agrees a new building is necessary, but the proposed plan cost was too high and residents could easily scan the renderings and ask themselves what was a "nice to have" versus a "need to have." The "nice to have" could be cut to bring the cost down. As for those who are advocating a new location -- they clearly did not read the district materials explaining overtures to land owners were made and rejected. I love that the middle school is in town. It provides a safe, controlled opportunity for adolescents to get a taste of independence and easily walk to/from school.	5/2/2016 11:07 AM
612	na	5/2/2016 11:05 AM
613	Further impacting the decline is my belief that residents were aware of an upcoming high school bond and the impact on taxes between both would be too great. HMS needs to be replaced and the district should think about increasing the size of the parking garage to generate revenue to the district. I would and plenty of people I know would pay \$5 bucks to find a parking spot in town.	5/2/2016 11:04 AM
614	Take out the extras- auditorium and walking track and build a school.	5/2/2016 11:02 AM
615	Agree that a new school is the best route, however the main reason I voted no was that I felt that the proposed design was way more than what was needed for a middle school, and thus too costly.	5/2/2016 11:00 AM
616	i agree that HMS needs a new school. bandaids are no longer an option with the amount of work it needs. however - i felt that the track and auditorium cost was extravagant given that we have the high school and the community house that have auditoriums and indoor and outdoor tracks that the community can utilize as needed. so for a middle school - seemed excessive	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
617	More focus on the benefit for those who may not have a vested interest in terms of their children i.e. they don't have children or they are in high school or above. Benefits include the support of housing prices, drawing new people to community, extracurricular use of facilities, etc.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
618	The case for the referendum was not made early enough or aggressively enough. Opponents were very aggressive.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
619	I believe Clarendon Hills residents voted it down since they already have a new middle school. Need to determine ways to get their votes for next referendum.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
620	People did not seem to have a grasp that the cost of the new HMS was higher compared to CHMS in past because HMS has higher student population, cost of digging out and removing tainted dirt, demolishing the current building, etc.	5/2/2016 10:50 AM
621	Many I spoke to who voted against it said they would have supported it if it had been \$50 mil or less and if once the added costs were added -- they had gone back and gotten additional quotes from bidders. Many had problems with addition of auditorium. There has to be something to get CL Hills to vote for it - like possibility of changing borders or something. I think you should put it on the Nov. ballot again and do much more PR leading up to the vote.	5/2/2016 10:48 AM
622	The cost jump 50% from an initial estimate, if I recall correctly. This simply doesn't happen in a well run process. In addition, I think the communications in favor were poorly done - there were always questions I had that no one answered. The auditorium also seemed extravagant, and no good case was made as to why the community would benefit from an auditorium. This gave the impression that the Board was spending foolishly.	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
623	I am for the referendum but these are the reasons I think it failed.	5/2/2016 10:45 AM
624	People from Clarendon Hills seemed to think we want a new school bc the current one is unattractive. I would discuss mold or size and they would respond that we just spent money to fix those things.	5/2/2016 10:39 AM
625	There were aspects of the building that I and others felt were unnecessary, such as the auditorium and the running track in the gym.	5/2/2016 10:39 AM
626	The district needs a utilitarian facility that is not full of "nice to have's." People move to the district for the quality of the education, not for the extravagant architecture of the school buildings.	5/2/2016 10:38 AM

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627	It was very disappointing to see that Clarendon Hills overwhelmingly voted against the proposal. Hinsdale residents need to reconsider whether we should be contributing to the funding of Clarendon Hills' schools.	5/2/2016 10:37 AM
628	I feel the entire board should be 100% in favor of the design/cost before it goes to referendum again.	5/2/2016 10:36 AM
629	The design was over the top. Features not necessary. Look at the budget and readjust. Listen to the message. Too extravagant. People don't think necessary. Rework your plans adjust accordingly.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
630	We moved here to for the schools. Our taxes are already mind blowing, this increase is not acceptable. Especially as our children will not benefit from the school.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
631	What I've heard is that the cost was too much. I'm sure this was reinforced for people when they saw the costs changing.	5/2/2016 10:30 AM
632	When spending taxpayer money, for the whole district, getting every single item that the board wanted is unrealistic. The auditorium for instance, was not needed, and the overall cost, coupled with the projects behind it for HCHS make the fiscal part of the program unrealistic	5/2/2016 10:30 AM
633	Make design to improve education for kids not to facilitate Parent when they come for some events. They can manage parking and auditorium. You can make One auditorium in a district181, could use central high school or somewhere else. Not every school need everything think make some common district based where you don't need it everyday. Bring down the cost of design. One more thing please get vote from every house in the district181 because some didn't vote, have to get vote from every house either online or in person. Vote has to fill by address with signature.	5/2/2016 10:29 AM
634	The existing building is old, but still functioning and usable. Even a new building can still have flooded basement with big rain. We should teach kids in this affluent community how to live frugal and improvise and cope with different situations. What HMS's building has now are just some inconveniences that can be dealt with some careful planning, and it does not warrant a whole new school.	5/2/2016 10:28 AM
635	D181 has higher priorities, such as fixing the curriculum, differentiated learning, and letting go of weak staff. The current students cannot wait 4 years to fix the curriculum. I don't believe the current board and superintendent can oversee a major construction project and vastly overhaul the curriculum.	5/2/2016 10:26 AM
636	As someone who voted in favor, I still didn't understand why we needed a school any different than the one in Clarendon Hills. I think we should be able to say, "We are building the same building, per student required, as the one in CH AND it costs this much XXX in today's dollars". Also, I would like to better understand the repercussions to NOT building a new school so the contrasts can be stark, or not.	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
637	Home values in Hinsdale are falling, the state is in financial distress and we just keep spending money we don't have. Also, schools with comparative test scores as D181 seem to get it done with less spent per pupil. An over the top facility won't help scores. Build a school similar to CHMS for less money. HMS, for just one example, does not need a 500-seat theater.	5/2/2016 10:07 AM
638	Most people i know are supportive of the new HMS but felt that the design and thus cost were too extravagant	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
639	these are the reasons I heard from "no" voters	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
640	I toured HMS and I am in agreement that something new needs to be built. However, the much larger than CHMS price tag was not clearly justified. For example, the future school size versus future enrollment expectations was not clearly presented.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
641	the people of CHMS that I spoke to were against the new building because they think they're property values will go down. Meanwhile HMS has garbage cans collecting rain. Our district is an embarrassment. Our administrators are being bullied by very selfish parents.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
642	Clarendon Hills Parents dont think they should have to pay for a school from which their children would not benefit.	5/2/2016 9:58 AM
643	It's just too expensive. Yes, we need a new HMS, but certainly not at that cost. Ridiculously expensive.	5/2/2016 9:53 AM
644	I feel strongly that HMS should be rebuilt and want to support a new building. That being said, I think that it should be more comparable to CHMS. It does not need a running track and auditorium.	5/2/2016 9:51 AM
645	Try picking a budget that's reasonable and then demand designs that match vs asking for three dream plans and picking your favorite.	5/2/2016 9:49 AM
646	When I spoke to individuals who were not in favor of the referendum the comments were always that the cost was 'too much'. The most compelling explanation when I asked further was that the initial cost was \$x at the time the architecture firm was selected & it increased to \$y so quickly that the \$x seemed like a fantasy to get the job. The moving cost number made the process seem rushed. I think the community will be more comfortable with the administration/board determining a project budget & then moving forward with a design instead of the other way around.	5/2/2016 9:46 AM

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647	CHMS seems to be a fairly "bare bones" school. Saying that it has been great learning experience for three of my kids. Could we replicate that design at less cost than the proposed HMS	5/2/2016 9:42 AM
648	I think it would be helpful to have someone price out what it would have cost to build CHMS had we built it using "today's price." People seemed to think that HMS was too extravagant but CHMS was very "advanced" at the time it was built. It's time to make things more equal for all students.	5/2/2016 9:40 AM
649	These 3 points were the most I heard from people who wasn't interested in building a new middle school. Clarendon Hills residents (because they have a fairly new school) are not interested in letting us built our own. As a taxpayer (who helped, like all the other Dupage County residents, pay for their school. I think it is time to return the favor!!	5/2/2016 9:39 AM
650	The reasons I have heard from voters that were against the referendum are primarily selfish. They are willing to spend extravagantly on their homes and material existences but when it comes to supporting a first class education institution they balk at what was a reasonable price. Perhaps appeal to the materialist side of these voters and compare the facility to those in what are perceived as wealthier towns.	5/2/2016 9:39 AM
651	the project cost seemed unnecessarily high with the understanding that costs would continue to increase from typical construction issues and loan interest.	5/2/2016 9:36 AM
652	I feel that this was confusing to the community.	5/2/2016 9:34 AM
653	At bottom, the cost was simply too high especially considering the needs not only of District 181 but also the anticipated needs of District 86. A new school with a reasonable price tag would be perfectly acceptable. Reasonable is, of course, a relative term but my own personal preference for a ceiling is around \$40M. That is, I think the school cost too much by at least a third and data available on other public middle schools built across the US over the years supports the opinion that \$65M was far too high on a per square foot basis.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM
654	I believe around the same time there were reports of the new comprehensive cancer center (Amita) on Ogden costing LESS than the proposed Middle School. Let's find a way to build a new, non-leaking, non-mold-infested school without bells and whistles. You'll get the vote then! The school doesn't have to be "Hinsdalean Fancy." Simply make it safe for children to learn and you'll be all set.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
655	fat too extravagant versus CHMS. Believe the district can deliver an equitable (amenities and sq. ft. on a per student basis) that will be more reasonable.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
656	a smaller price tag would have been approved. the bait and switch on the initial cost estimates didn't help. district 181 residents are tired of the zip code mark up we receive for all community and home services. the huge price tag on the school caused a gag factor for most.	5/2/2016 9:29 AM
657	I heard from residents without kids in school who said that the building isn't that old and shouldn't need to be replaced plus it wouldn't benefit them at all. Seemed like more information about WHY there are problems needed to be communicated.	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
658	I voted to support it, but I did feel it was too expensive. Seems like there should have been a few options to choose from.	5/2/2016 9:26 AM
659	Totally in favor of a new hms. But, the cost has to be reasonable in relation to what was spent for chms. The proposed new hms was too expensive and multiples over the cost of chms. Yes, it's a bit larger and some costs have gone up (although we are in a low inflation environment according to government stats), but this needs to be way more reasonably scaled.	5/2/2016 9:25 AM
660	- Cost per square foot too high - Classroom size excessive - Amenities excessive - Inflation assumptions compared to CHMS not credible - Need for future additional student capacity excessive. Where would all of these future students come from as little open land in Hinsdale. - Seemed to be some discrepancy between \$65m and architect estimate. Either way, much too high.	5/2/2016 9:23 AM
661	Section 7 answers provided are so politically correct you will not find the truth	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
662	I'm a Hinsdale resident. I worked on many referendums to build everything we have now. At that time, I was surprised at the snobby attitudes I encountered in my own school area. I quote: "Why should I pay Hinsdale taxes to send my kid to school in Clarendon Hills?" There was this attitude that one town was elevated somehow in people's minds. TLS fought to stay at HMS. As you know, years later, they fought to remain at CHMS! At last, the minds were united! These schools MUST BE EQUITABLE. You can't build a school that makes the current CHMS significantly different, the "poor relation." You will decrease property values in the schools that feed CHMS. I can tell you, the realtors will promote the fact that a house feeds into HMS as a "super plus!" You need to bring in a middle school VERY similar to CHMS for 25-30 million. Then it will pass. I speak from great experience, from every stakeholder's stance. Property owner, raised kids in 181 and now have grown kids and a tax burden that is growing with no kids in school. I will vote yes because I KNOW that these schools drive property values....but I will continue to vote NO until the new school has no more bells and whistles than CHMS has, just a few more classrooms and wider hallways, and proper design.....windows, roof, HVAC and no gym on the third floor. That's the only thing we need. Not a dream building that creates an inequity where finally, none now exists.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM

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663	Too much of a Cadillac plan vs. what's really needed.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
664	I go to HMS all the time and see it as a perfectly serviceable asset. The entire process seemed to be driven by what HMS parents want as opposed to what HMS needs. Big difference, especially when it adds to the tax bill of others in D181 !	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
665	Had heard for person that voted NO, that the developer has had a bad track record with cost overruns. I think that there is some disinformation regarding the cost of CHMS v. HMS. The continuing costs to maintain the decade CHMS old school have not been addressed.	5/2/2016 9:17 AM
666	HMS does not need to be the Taj Mahal of middle schools. The design is far too excessive! The cost is outrageous! Renovating the existing school would be a better use of funds.	5/2/2016 9:16 AM
667	Ridiculously expensive project; would've voted yes if the project was considerably more modest	5/2/2016 9:13 AM
668	\$65M is an outrageous amount of money for a Middle School. There was clearly no regard for costs to consider a proposal this excessive.	5/2/2016 9:12 AM
669	I don't know what can be done but having areas vote that don't benefit from something is not the right way to run the district. Cost should be born by the area that will attend the school. We live there and would have paid 3x as much if needed. The past is the past... Re: chms. Can anything be done to separate these communities in terms of taxes? It's truly unfair.	5/2/2016 9:10 AM
670	Seems like that downtown real estate might be worth something to a business or a developer. It may not be feasible, but I would love to see HMS move to a new, less congested location.	5/2/2016 9:09 AM
671	The \$65M just seemed to astronomically expensive to people. The design was great, but I think the general feeling was that the district was that the costs were far out of line. I see it on every project I do in Hinsdale -- when contractors find out you have a Hinsdale address, the cost doubles. This needs to be competitively bid by more firms.	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
672	Other districts have had remodels/new schools built for less money. Why is Hinsdale district being charged soooooo much?	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
673	We definitely need a new school but maybe need to lessen the all of the wants. Also can we maybe do what Lyons township did and split the two campuses and merge our students so more people are on board with the project and it will benefit everyone.	5/2/2016 9:07 AM
674	I voted Yes because I think that we need a new HMS. However, I thought that the referendum would have had a better chance of passing if the proposed school was more "basic". I know reasons were given for such "extras" as the indoor track and the large auditorium but those aren't really "needs", they are "wants". From the people that I spoke with, that's the criticism that I heard the most frequently.	5/2/2016 9:06 AM
675	I voted for the referendum but after speaking to other people that declined the referendum, I was told that people were concerned on the outrageous cost and tax implications	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
676	Board lacked leadership and decisive decision making which led to lack of clarity/understanding in the public.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
677	1. It seemed the proposed design would have created a school larger than any reasonable estimate of future enrollment required. I did not like that the District seemed to be building a larger (and therefore more expensive) building than was necessary. Generally, the new school design seemed to be outsized for Hinsdale's population growth projections. More information should have been provided to clarify how the 904 student enrollment figure was derived and why it was justified. 2. Communication was poor and spotty on key details. 3. The original 'budget', which did not include key construction costs, was a massive mistake, as it anchored residents' cost anticipation and left the impression of a bait and switch when costs jumped tremendously. 4. Overall, a most cost-effective solution should be found.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
678	The above aren't my opinions - they are the reasons I think it failed. The question is flawed.	5/2/2016 8:59 AM
679	We are in desperate need of a new middle school in Hinsdale and should offer our children the best possible resources to enhance learning and address future growth potential	5/2/2016 8:58 AM

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680	<p>Cordogan and Clark should be fired. In the private sector, they would have been if they had dared to present a design that on the eve of an important board vote on whether to go to referendum or not, increased in price 66%. It is troubling that the Superintendent did not recommend their firing to the board. I and others in the community have lost all trust in his ability to lead this district, or oversee a project of this magnitude. He has shown no leadership skills, offered the board very little guidance or recommendations and changed his responses to important questions of concern to the community, e.g. the "lottery." The process was rushed and virtually every deadline originally set by the administration before the board decided to go to referendum was missed. There was no accountability. There was no full vetting of the process. Board discussions were always cut short due to the length of the regular board meetings, necessitating last minute Saturday morning meetings. D181 needs to take a lesson from the process D86 is following and the first step to take is for all seven members of the BOE to serve on the facilities committee. The idea that one meeting a month is efficient has become a joke in our community. We elected 7 board members to work for US and with something as important as a referendum that is not done except for exceptional reasons, such as needing a new school, they need to all be willing to hold monthly facilities meetings at which they participate as full members. Again, the fact that the administration has not recognized the need for more meetings and fuller engagement with the board, has led to a loss of confidence in the entire process.</p>	5/2/2016 8:57 AM
681	<p>I feel it did not pass because people who did not attend HMS did not want to pay for the renovations. Unless CHMS has some "stake" or their school will be affected negatively, they have no incentive to support the renovation.</p>	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
682	<p>I am in support of building a new school for HMS. I would like the amenities kept in line with the actual needs. Building costs typically are higher than projected so please be diligent in getting accurate estimates.</p>	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
683	<p>I voted for it because a new school is needed. I did feel the costs were very high compared to other schools, but my reasoning was that by the time this came up again, the costs would be about the same due to inflation and we wouldn't get as much. Plus, Hinsdale residents supported CH when we built Prospect, Walker and CHMS. I felt I "owed" it to hms families! However, many of my friends voted against it because they felt it was just too much for them to support. It felt extravagant to them.</p>	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
684	<p>I voted for the project because my kids are in the district, but I did feel the numbers changed quite a bit and can understand why some were skeptical.</p>	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
685	<p>I voted yes but it needs to be put on an austerity package.</p>	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
686	<p>I have zero desire to hand a school \$65M that cannot provide basic instruction to the majority of its students. Where did spelling tests go? Where is the reading program? Why does every student literally read a different book such that nobody is on the same page? Why is there no grammar text or instruction? How can you be trusted with this project if you cannot even teach elementary children? None of this is rocket science. To the extent the district scores are decent, they are propped up by involved parents and tutoring.</p>	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
687	<p>Although I voted YES, I felt the district made some major tactical mistakes including the design process, the rush to referendum, the jump from a \$45 million quote to \$73 million, requiring a week turn around to get to the \$65 million that was presented to the community. You lost a lot of credibility and trust when that happened. It seems that many of the questions in this survey should have been asked of the community in a format like this before you went to a design process.</p>	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
688	<p>Having a design competition was a bad idea. The district should have thought about the number of rooms, size of rooms, number of floors, additional non-classroom needs (i.e. district datacenter, workrooms, bathrooms, etc.), and set a budget BEFORE submitting an RFP. Too many times did the architect firm say "Oh, we didn't know you needed X, Y, and Z." Plus, the price went from \$45 million to \$73 million. Not just that, but we learned about the price just before the board was to vote. Not well thought out.</p>	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
689	<p>People thought the 65 million was too much and no one really understood how the money was to be allocated (how much for construction vs other costs).</p>	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
690	<p>Shopping in Hinsdale I had conversations with local merchants and customers throughout this process.</p>	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
691	<p>The kids need a safe and friendly environment to learn but they don't need the extravagant additions such as a 500 seat auditorium, etc.</p>	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
692	<p>The referendum was rushed, the process was flawed and there is no way that Clarendon Hills residence are going to support the exponentially greater cost of HMS compared with the costs of CHMS, no matter what the reason. To pass this, you must reduce the cost.</p>	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
693	<p>I voted in favor - so none of these responses seem to apply to those voting in the affirmative?</p>	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
694	<p>They simply need to scale back the cost or it will not pass.</p>	5/2/2016 8:49 AM
695	<p>The only way I see this passing is to get CHMS kids and HMS kids to go to both. Not sure how you do this. 6th grade all go to CHMS and 7th and 8th all to HMS? not sure - but CHMS people will NEVER vote for this to pass. Even if the costs go down if they don't have "skin in the game" it will not pass. That's of course my opinion...</p>	5/2/2016 8:48 AM

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696	The bid process wasn't managed well. I build hospitals and know all projects are bid with contingency, the school should have made the firm go at risk for any dollars over their initial bid or fired them. The firm knew what they were doing and counted on D181 not.	5/2/2016 8:47 AM
697	The phasing of the construction in an effort to keep portions of the existing middle school added extra and unnecessary costs. The school should be built on the City's vacant land to the west, completed and then the old school be torn down to make way for parking and fields. Trying to phase new with old is rarely cost effective. A resident suggested the possible alternative of relocating the middle school to Edward R. James' property at County Line & 55th. Though it is not likely Jame's will go for it, It is an interesting idea that warrants more investigation. A land sawp that paid them a solid return on their investment, and the opportunity t do high density townhouses on the current middle school site, just may work. That is if the old head in the sand residents don't kill it before it gets legs. Rare Land idiots.	5/2/2016 8:46 AM
698	The price per sq ft was substantially more then CHMS (2-3x?), which was already a very expensive school to build on a relative basis. Start with CHMS costs, allow for modest inflation and keep the project simple.	5/2/2016 8:43 AM
699	I did not vote (not in district) but complaints about the auditorium and running track were abundant.	5/2/2016 8:43 AM
700	We don't need all the bells and whistles, we just need a functioning school. Many things that were in the plan are not necessary, i.e. track, turf, and aditorium. Yes, all of these things would be nice in a perfect school, but we just need a safe building, space for all our students, and an appropriate learning environment. Having all the extras does not make us a better school!	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
701	The village parking issue is a separate issue and the school district should not be involved with that issue. The parking issue is largely caused by restaurants in the evening. That is a completely separate issue from 181 parking issues.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
702	Would be difficult to justify costs above \$40 million, which in itself is an incredibly high number. A school's quality and educational system is based on the quality of the teachers - not epic auditoriums that should stay in a high school, elevated tracks, and other Beverly Hills type amenities. The costs are shocking to the conscious.	5/2/2016 8:39 AM
703	The price tag for the new HMS was way too high. It became ridiculous. I agree the students need a new school but they don't need an extravagant country club for a school.	5/2/2016 8:37 AM
704	The high, in absolute terms, and changing cost of the project indicated that the district fell short on the due diligence required to put an appropriately sized project forward to voters. I feel strongly that a new HMS is needed, but we need more "pencil sharpening" to go into the process. In hindsight, I think the district will find that the referendum loss will be the best thing to happen to the project development process because it will allow more time to evaluate what is truly needed and what we, as a district, are willing to purchase.	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
705	\$65M was way too much. Consider what it cost to do similar projects nearby (e.g., CHMS); and the general financial condition of our village, county, and state. Also - we are essentially land-locked and therefore little prospects for growth, too many of the amenities seemed to be designed for a much bigger population.	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
706	Parity --- the added "bells and whistles" were unnecessary. CHMS does not have an auditorium and their music program is still highly successful. An auditorium would not help with graduation or large events like that because with a class of 240 + 8th graders, each graduate could get only one ticket for graduation. The auditorium could not even hold a whole school assembly, as it is too small to fit everyone. How often would it really be used and are there other ways to accomplish the same goals? People say that CHMS has all of the green-space, which is correct sitting on the park, but how much of that space does the PE class truly use on a yearly-basis? They are not holding classes on the parts closest to Prospect, the hill, the other side of the ponds (by Norfolk). The numbers do not reflect the actual amount they use.	5/2/2016 8:35 AM
707	Build a new school that is compares to our other Middle school it is a middle school that needs help and I want to see my friends families in a building that is more safe but you wanted to much too big too grand and it will never pass like this based on every conversation I have had with those who were against it. I voted for it only to support my friends' and the need for a proper school to be in our community. But felt it too high. We at Monroe would also like to go to a Hinsdale Middle school versus being separated if this is a possibility it should be highly considered and relayed to the community if this is a foreseeable option.	5/2/2016 8:34 AM
708	This is my impression of what those voting against where thinking.	5/2/2016 8:32 AM
709	The cost was way too high and I would imagine would end up being higher than the initial estimates. I would also like to see a few competitive bids - not 1 project/developer.	5/2/2016 8:29 AM
710	If the cost was \$35-40 million I'm certian the referendum would have passed.	5/2/2016 8:26 AM
711	The board did not address factual inaccuracies and tumors aggressively enough	5/2/2016 8:23 AM
712	Main reason for my no vote was cost.	5/2/2016 8:21 AM

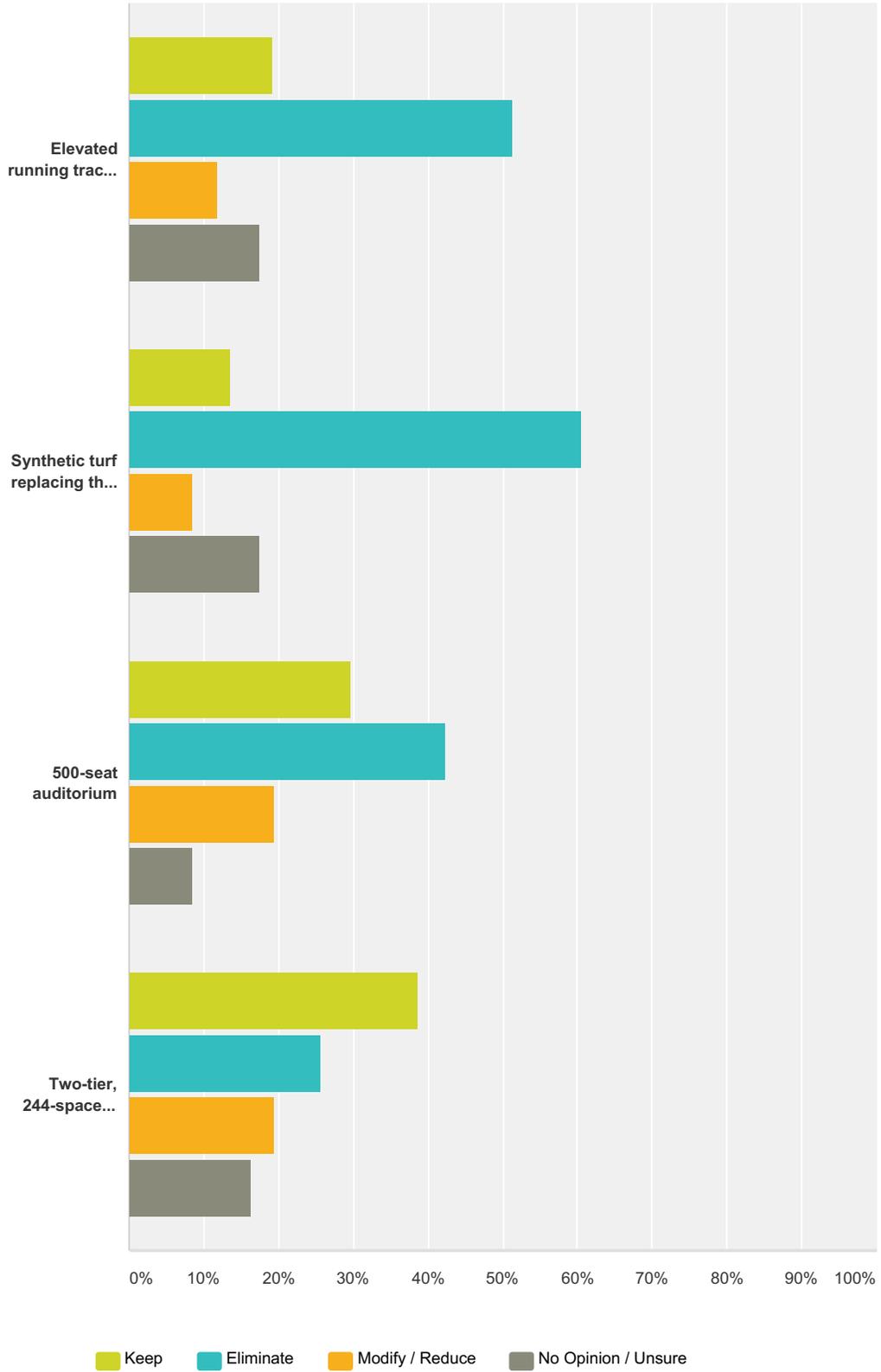
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713	Too many people in the collective district only think about what is best for them...not enough "community" think....to much Clarendon Hills vs. Hinsdale	5/2/2016 8:20 AM
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Q9 In regard to the design, please indicate your thoughts on whether the following components should be kept, eliminated, or modified/reduced in a future proposal. There is a "No Opinion / Unsure" option if applicable.

Answered: 1,471 Skipped: 116

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	Keep	Eliminate	Modify / Reduce	No Opinion / Unsure	Total
Elevated running track in the P.E. area	19.22% 280	51.34% 748	11.81% 172	17.64% 257	1,457
Synthetic turf replacing the grass in the Washington Street field	13.50% 197	60.45% 882	8.50% 124	17.55% 256	1,459

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500-seat auditorium	29.67% 432	42.31% 616	19.44% 283	8.59% 125	1,456
Two-tier, 244-space parking deck	38.62% 558	25.74% 372	19.45% 281	16.19% 234	1,445

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Q10 Aside from the components noted above, please indicate any additional feedback on the design for a new school.

Answered: 500 Skipped: 1,087

#	Responses	Date
1	It should be a design that will stand the test of time. A classic, normal middle school similar to CHMS, and not the guinea pig for the latest trends or "wants" in middle school design.	5/18/2016 11:45 PM
2	spend less \$\$\$\$\$\$	5/18/2016 10:48 PM
3	Too elaborate. You are out of touch with residents.	5/18/2016 9:50 PM
4	When you say you want to have an auditorium that cannot actually accommodate the current student body and faculty you lose my confidence in the project in its entirety	5/18/2016 9:48 PM
5	Strongly against any of the above.	5/18/2016 9:33 PM
6	BASIC! The design of the Village of Hinsdale is basically no tax base so fancy schools really should not be in the mindset. Those are better afforded by districts with large commercial tax bases which effectively 'share' the costs of expensive schools with non-district shoppers, etc.	5/18/2016 8:31 PM
7	How about plans for a basic middle school that serves the needs of an appropriate number of students supported by data of population trends.	5/18/2016 5:24 PM
8	I think the school needs to be designed to work for our community for many years to come, so it needs to have most everything the teachers and students think are important in a school.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
9	Work out room with treadmills, weights, etc. is absolutely unnecessary for a middle school. Same for a roof top garden is also totally unnecessary	5/18/2016 2:15 PM
10	Update traffic flow into the school/parking pick up to free up Garfield	5/18/2016 1:59 PM
11	Please keep the project to the basics for learning. This is NOT a 4 year university facility. Please LESS frills!	5/18/2016 1:40 PM
12	I simply care about the safety, ease of access/use for students and staff, and capacity to sustain/grow with the community. I'd be in favor of eliminating any public use areas mainly for safety reasons.	5/18/2016 12:29 PM
13	Materially less interest in making it a "community" building vs investing in education (i.e. Robotics labs). The number one driver of hinsdale property prices is the quality of the schools. Even if you dont have kids that is a positive for you.	5/18/2016 10:58 AM
14	NO NEW SCHOOL	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
15	Definitely do not need a large auditorium.	5/18/2016 10:18 AM
16	Was an analysis of needs for special education students conducted? (e.g. best practices for quiet rooms, OT space, etc) Also, what programs will continue to be held at HMS for special ed students? Will it continue to be the only middle school with a self contained classroom? What students should be served in this self contained classroom? Should only the lowest functioning students be accommodated or can it be expanded to serve higher functioning students, as well? Should there be two or more self contained classrooms at HMS? Should there be a self contained classroom at CHMS? If no, why not?	5/18/2016 10:16 AM
17	If multi use the village of Hinsdale should contribute	5/18/2016 9:49 AM
18	I'm unsure why you can't put a stage in the gym or cafeteria like CHMS has for school productions-it's a middle school-unless the idea is to generate revenue and rent out this large auditorium for other productions and same for parking-will extra spots be rented for district revenue? If not-it seems a bit excessive for parking for a middle school-but if Hinsdale wanted to contribute towards it for additional parking on non school hours-that would be plausible. While I voted for turf fields for the high school-not sure that small field makes it necessary for middle school use-unless it will generate revenue from park district and athletic programs(I apologize if this is the plan for generating revenue on any of these topics-I haven't read every document on the referendum)	5/18/2016 9:17 AM
19	Copy CHMS.	5/18/2016 8:11 AM
20	keeps need outdoor space - no parking structure	5/18/2016 2:37 AM

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21	The architectural firm selection process started the whole effort off on the wrong path; the selected firm seemed highly untrustworthy. The classrooms and staff spaces were too generously portioned and too numerous considering the expected student population and fiscal realities of our community.	5/17/2016 10:07 PM
22	Parking edck on a shared cost basis with the Village perhaps	5/17/2016 9:43 PM
23	CHMS is beautiful - serves the students well, and it was no where near this \$\$\$\$\$. The middle school is a space for that - school for middle schoolers. We don't need to make it everything else for the community - we have a high school, a community house, churches, parks, health clubs, etc. In my experience in another similar town, people don't use parking decks. They'd rather drive around and around the block. If parking is an issue, maybe you should consider another location instead of the expense to build a parking deck.	5/17/2016 8:48 PM
24	Go out for a open RFP bid process and create a specification document that enable the board to compare apples to apples. Make sure you look at what was spent on CHMS and provide a budget threshold that is on par with the cost of building something similar and to scale for Hinsdale that was used in building CHMS.	5/17/2016 5:57 PM
25	Residents think it is too over the top.	5/17/2016 4:52 PM
26	How did you come up with the 85% utilization number? How was that calculated? If the current enrollment is 780, why build for an additional 284 in a landlocked area? Why is the proposed gym size twice as big as CHMS, when just 20% more students? The referendum felt rushed and with many "wants" not needs. I want to vote yes to a referendum, but one that is more fiscally responsible. If CHMS cost \$35.2M to build today and HMS has just 20% more students than why is the cost \$65M?	5/17/2016 4:47 PM
27	The village should build a parking facility independent of the middle school. The village should pay for that separately.	5/17/2016 4:34 PM
28	The Community House, which is just down the road, has an elevated running track. Having one at HMS feels superfluous. The focus here should be on the classrooms themselves and making the environment safe and functional for students and teachers.	5/17/2016 10:22 AM
29	The highschool has an auditorium. the town of Hinsdale could use a parking garage- would the garage be open to non school users?	5/17/2016 10:14 AM
30	I would like the new HMS to look like a middle school	5/17/2016 10:03 AM
31	Have fundraisers	5/16/2016 9:22 PM
32	Maybe look at separating out the auditorium as a separate referendum question	5/16/2016 8:56 PM
33	If part of parking deck can be paid with municipal funds as it would serve village in addition to HMS	5/16/2016 8:53 PM
34	Create two smaller middle schools in a different location	5/16/2016 8:42 PM
35	Regrettably don't know enough about these topics to have an opinion. I'd like to be involved for any forthcoming considerations, discussions, etc. however.	5/16/2016 7:51 PM
36	Build a school that is similar to our other middle schools. Put the wish list items on hold so that they can be considered in the future.	5/16/2016 7:49 PM
37	For the general public to be able to use the facilities during evenings and weekends	5/16/2016 7:39 PM
38	keep the costs down by building a highly utilized structure based on current enrollment needs. Don't make assessments on future needs when the student body count is a complete unknown.	5/16/2016 5:34 PM
39	Do you really need two music rooms???? This is just one example of the extravagance in the proposal.	5/16/2016 3:51 PM
40	Make the gym a multipurpose room and the 500 seat auditorium will be unnecessary. Having both can be seen as rather extravagant and would probably cause may people to oppose the plan.	5/16/2016 3:18 PM
41	An atrium seems unnecessary. If the other schools don't have something, why should HMS?	5/16/2016 2:57 PM
42	Be sure there is a rational to benefit the whole school community and the community at large.	5/16/2016 2:49 PM
43	Bus pick up/drop off area should be improved substantially from the current method - possibly already in the design.	5/16/2016 11:58 AM
44	I would like the parking deck but only if it will be open to the public during non-school hours.	5/16/2016 10:17 AM
45	I heard some more recent stories about traffic considerations including the safety of students as a reason to keep the current location. Since the HJH opened (before it was HMS), the downtown footprint, business types and traffic have all increased significantly. One of the highest traffic streets in all of Hinsdale surrounds the site. If anything, traffic and safety would be increased for the students and faculty at a different location.	5/16/2016 10:13 AM
46	There's wants vs needs. CHMS doesn't have a track at all so hard to argue that HMS should have an indoor one. As a CHMS parent it would be hard for me to vote for a much better facility (turf field, indoor track) for HMS than what CHMS has.	5/16/2016 10:02 AM

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47	Definitely need improved parking but not sure about an entire parking garage. That was a last minute add on that I think may have caused a lot of people to vote against the project.	5/16/2016 8:50 AM
48	This is a middle school. Not a high school or college. If the project is sold at \$65M it will cost \$75-85 there are always cost over runs. You're starting to high and will go only higher.	5/16/2016 8:11 AM
49	The design was nice. It worked well for education and fit the community aesthetically	5/16/2016 7:00 AM
50	Utilize assets that are still in good condition, get rid of those that are not.	5/15/2016 10:32 PM
51	I can't believe you had the nerve to even suggest putting these things into the design. This is a middle school not a college campus.	5/15/2016 10:22 PM
52	People should not have to walk more than four blocks from where they park to school.	5/15/2016 9:21 PM
53	Don't need an exercise room	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
54	In keeping with the traditional look of the other 181 schools and fitting in with the downtown area.	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
55	Needs to be a traditional design like CMS.	5/15/2016 8:53 PM
56	You need to come in closer to what CHMS did if you want to get a budget passed. Think \$25-30 million.	5/15/2016 6:12 PM
57	I do not have children there anymore so am not close enough to the current issues to comment on such specifics.	5/15/2016 5:43 PM
58	The overall design seemed comparable to a community college rather than a middle school.	5/15/2016 2:40 PM
59	Student capacity excessive and should be reduced; cost per square foot should be at or below statewide average for new school construction	5/15/2016 11:39 AM
60	Find a way to decrease the cost. Regardless of what you keep in and what you eliminate, it was way, way too much money.	5/15/2016 10:53 AM
61	Replicate CHMS as much as possible in functionality. We don't need to pay to solve every problem (auditorium, running track) and residents won't approve that.	5/15/2016 9:18 AM
62	Pool way way above needs as well. This is a middle school, not a site for the Olympics.	5/15/2016 8:38 AM
63	The only way a parking deck should be considered is if the Village participates and the financing for that portion is paid back in part by user fees rather than taxpayer dollars	5/15/2016 8:28 AM
64	I have heard people state that if the auditorium is built, there still will not be enough seating room for concerts and presentations.	5/15/2016 7:18 AM
65	It is beautiful, I like it and I'm in favor of it.	5/14/2016 10:58 PM
66	If the community is allowed to use the space - i.e. the auditorium for functions or the gym it may be more likely that they will vote for it. There has to be something in this proposal for people who do not have kids. Parking garage for the business on the weekends etc.	5/14/2016 7:57 PM
67	Work out facility is too extravagant. This is a middle school, not The East Bank Club, a basic gym is enough. The gym and/or cafeteria can serve as auditorium. Children can/will learn in any environment as long as the teacher, parents and children are motivated. I have seen it happen in third world countries where, as you can imagine, facilities are minimal, if any.	5/14/2016 4:53 PM
68	It's a middle school only. Keep that in perspective. We don't need anything more than offered at CHMS however it should be an improvement on that school being newer and an attraction for residents in the village	5/14/2016 3:51 PM
69	Since HMS does not offer any competitive sports with the exception of basketball and volleyball (cross country and track are no-cut) there is no need for an elevated running tract or synthetic turf.	5/14/2016 2:45 PM
70	More traditional	5/14/2016 2:30 PM
71	Design concepts and 'must-haves' are constantly changing. Case in point, the very poorly designed HMS that was likely state-of-the-art when it was built. Nothing can be perfect...so don't attempt to make this a perfect building. Make it a good place for students and staff...a learning environment. It does not need all the bells & whistles.	5/14/2016 12:44 PM
72	I thought the design was appropriate for the SD and pretty straight forward	5/14/2016 11:35 AM
73	In decision-making, please prioritize what's best for all student's in order to maximize instructional practices/success regarding academics and social-emotional teaching while staying within an reasonable budget. Construction should be quality but not over the top. Please be certain that the school is ADA compliant. Is there a "sensory" room for those students that have identified sensory needs?	5/14/2016 9:49 AM

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74	build so running track can be installed in a few years, or eliminate. parking deck - school use should be upper level. I personally thought auditorium seating should be increased if possible	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
75	The building should be added to as needed only. No new burdens upon homeowners should be considered. Needs only.....not wants!	5/14/2016 9:12 AM
76	Don't do a new school! Fix the existing one for a fraction of the cost.	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
77	To appease any historical minded residents, let's look back to the original facade that was torn down in the 70's. Obviously it would need to be updated for today's standards but might fit more seamlessly back into that area.	5/13/2016 11:12 PM
78	Why don't you ask yourself what is needed versus what is wanted !!	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
79	The village has been irresponsible in eliminating parking spaces and making them permit parking for commuters in the downtown area and now they are trying to piggyback with this parking garage.This should not be part of the bond.	5/13/2016 8:34 PM
80	You want to build a school in an poor economy. If you want to pass this raise \$ from HMS parents for certain items (just like CHMS did), and propose a MODEST, NEED only proposal. You don't need community space. You have the community house. No auditorium. That is why you have a multi-use cafeteria. Stop unnecessary spending that you expect the entire 181 community to fund.	5/13/2016 6:56 PM
81	It needs to be timeless but don't remove any amenities.	5/13/2016 2:42 PM
82	The overall design was very extravagant and over the top.	5/13/2016 1:35 PM
83	Do not spend money for a fancy facade and short change the FUNCTIONAL items that will make the school useful!	5/13/2016 1:33 PM
84	I strongly support keeping the auditorium. That said, I would be open to a potential modification or reduction if that was possible.	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
85	New school is not needed	5/13/2016 11:35 AM
86	The items above are really not crucial (except for the auditorium) to the school. There are central needs that you currently have and they will likely be met if you modify your approach while leaving room for future additions. Going for a big bang and asking for absolutely everything does not make good political sense. Perhaps you should plan this better and gather support prior to going out with a proposal.	5/13/2016 11:29 AM
87	I think a theater is a great idea, but help residents understand that it could be used by outside theater companies who would pay rent. Parking is an issue, but a parking structure?	5/13/2016 11:15 AM
88	Why dont you focus on fixing the current school at a fraction of the costs. It was constructed 40 years ago, brick and masonry construction, and it is not falling down. You want shiny new things, what about re-utilizing what we currently have.	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
89	Eliminate the Swimming Pool	5/13/2016 10:55 AM
90	I'm annoyed that the parking deck was connected to the discussion about HMS. Are you saying we can only address parking if there is a new HMS?	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
91	Just having outdoor space for the kids so they can get outside as much as possible and an agricultural space (school garden - rooftop if necessary) would be good.	5/13/2016 10:50 AM
92	Existing building feels no different than running a school in basement. Since new building is out of question, please consider extensive remodeling that would add more day light and connection to nature.	5/13/2016 10:49 AM
93	PLEASE do not back down on plans for an auditorium! It is an embarrassment & shame for a community like Hinsdale to have kids perform in a gym or on a cramped stage in the cafeteria. An auditorium/performing arts space can generate income when rented out to other schools/community groups.	5/13/2016 10:32 AM
94	It is imperative that there be a performance space for plays, concerts, etc. that the elementary schools can use. The Lane's facilities in this area are TERRIBLE.	5/13/2016 10:24 AM
95	Will residence have access to the facilities during non school hours and weekends? If Hinsdale residence will benefit more, could additional dollars come from "another" village budget to subsidize the added benefits the local residence desire/will get?	5/13/2016 6:56 AM
96	After reviewing the class scheduling methods and procedures at HMS and the absolute needs/priorities for the building, it probably would be possible to reduce the necessary size and therefore cost. However, it must also be reviewed and a decision made whether the overcrowding at CHMS might be addressed by changing boundaries and moving some of the current CHMS students to HMS. CHMS was built to only accommodate 650 students. Additionally, with new curriculum delivery methods more space per student maybe required at CHMS. The overcrowding at CHMS could be addressed, as well as the need for more space per student, by moving CHMS student to HMS and, therefore, additional space would be necessary at a new HMS.	5/12/2016 11:30 PM

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97	We are pro any new school. These kids need it and the tax impact is minimal in our opinion.	5/12/2016 9:57 PM
98	New school should provide only for student "needs" not parent "wants"	5/12/2016 6:52 PM
99	Select an architect who has done other prestigious suburban schools and will give you honest number not low ones to just win a bid.	5/12/2016 5:37 PM
100	The design for the new school was larger than it needed to be to accommodate the number of projected students.	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
101	More innovative firms that are truly interested in delivering a school that matches the aesthetic preferences of the community with a budget that the district can be confident in should be sought out. If those firms will only submit proposals if they are assured of being fairly compensated for work such provisions should be made.	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
102	It should be comparable in design and function with CHMS. It should not be overbuilt to accommodate a student population that is unlikely to ever materialize.	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
103	Please work the the Village to incorporate a public parking garage into the plan. This is important to Hinsdale's long-term health...the Village should help pay for this.	5/12/2016 4:34 PM
104	Can you take the Clarendon Hills Middle School plan and duplicate that school?	5/12/2016 4:25 PM
105	To help get community buy-in, the auditorium could be rented out to performance studios (like Academy of Music & Art in Westmont) that need places to show their performances and generate revenue to recoup costs of construction. Encourage other schools like CHMS to use the auditorium for their own performances (gets CH residents to better support the plan). The parking seems like a lot for a middle school. But if it's needed to help make the auditorium more appealing to potential "renters", then it would be good. Facility relocation could be considered if the right space comes up. It's a prime location for more retail to help Hinsdale economy going forward.	5/12/2016 4:19 PM
106	Scale back.	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
107	If no resistance to cost had occurred, I would be in favor of each of the features above. A reduction in total amount requested has become necessary.	5/12/2016 3:22 PM
108	Be reasonable. Our property taxes are VERY HIGH. You don't need a palace to educate kids.	5/12/2016 2:24 PM
109	See above comment	5/12/2016 2:13 PM
110	Maybe this was previously noted, but will the Village of Hinsdale participate in the funding of the much needed parking deck?	5/12/2016 1:36 PM
111	Lower the cost by constructing something economical to taxpayers and functional for the students.	5/12/2016 12:58 PM
112	I think the location is very limiting.	5/12/2016 12:42 PM
113	It would seem that if a new facility is required that it should be moved from downtown and the new facility should be redesigned at a substantially lower cost than the number on the referendum.	5/12/2016 12:07 PM
114	Village parking should not be included in a D181 bid. This is a middle school...kids do not drive to school, so why have a multi level parking garage?	5/12/2016 11:37 AM
115	The design should be to keep students safe and have the necessary conditions for learning. All of the "would be nice to have" should be eliminated	5/12/2016 11:29 AM
116	Costs need to be much lower	5/12/2016 11:01 AM
117	A basic building like CHMS seems to make sense	5/12/2016 10:27 AM
118	Create what is needed, not beyond the necessities to function. Learning resources are more important than an over-sized facility.	5/12/2016 10:24 AM
119	Stop spending money. It's a school we need class rooms, wireless, internet connections and good teachers.	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
120	Clarendon Hills voters should be excluded from the next vote because they already have a new middle school and will reject spending on HMS.	5/12/2016 9:57 AM
121	Overall scope/scale of the design should be reduced. There will be more people who voted "no" the first time who would be willing to support a scaled-down proposal. I also feel that the architect doesn't have an incentive to design something that is on more basic end of the spectrum. It doesn't enhance their portfolio, however that shouldn't matter. It's the opinions of the taxpayers of the district that should have more weight.	5/12/2016 9:53 AM
122	We need more parking in area so extra parking was good.	5/12/2016 9:48 AM

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123	As mentioned previously, consider a phased approach. I was turned off by building every bell and whistle and also building it 20% bigger than current need. Is Hinsdale supposed to grow? Also comparisons to the average middle school as far as how grand and spacious it needs to be are unfair, considering this is a dense community compared to the average Illinois community.	5/12/2016 9:41 AM
124	Overall I like the design and I think the auditorium is a very good idea for the entire community.	5/12/2016 9:39 AM
125	It needs to be designed for the next 50 years and not to be just equivalent to a CHMS design that was the best available 20 years ago.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
126	Is the 244 car parking lot open to the public? Is the town of Hinsdale contributing as it would help area businesses? Is running track available to the public all or some of the time? At what times if limited. This needs to be conveyed as a community benefit if it is being sold as such.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
127	Modify auditorium to allow for a full school assembly. Build in flexible space for the future. Really seek counsel on turf grass, it has hidden dangers. Parking is important.	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
128	this is a middle school- not a high school or community college	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
129	The parking deck is a must have in my opinion.	5/12/2016 9:15 AM
130	Use CHMS as your design starting point. It's a beautiful school that serves our community well. Our schools are the heart of this community's success, but ratcheting up the cost base at the proposed rate is unsustainable.	5/12/2016 9:08 AM
131	Cut costs significantly and the community will back the project.	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
132	Lots of new data coming out about the harmfulness of turf to the body. Grass is cheap and safe.	5/12/2016 8:58 AM
133	I think the proposed locker room was way too extravagant for middle school	5/12/2016 8:55 AM
134	A grand entrance seems unnecessary too. Go basic.	5/12/2016 8:50 AM
135	The focus of a new building should be on the instructional space of the core classrooms. It is important to build classrooms that are large enough to handle 30 students (as there is no limit to class sizes at the middle school level). It is also important to have enough classrooms to allow teachers to utilize their spaces and plan during their non-teaching periods. 100% utilization is NOT ideal for any of our schools, but especially not a new building.	5/12/2016 8:48 AM
136	Not sure if Auditorium is needed for overall 181 use, but if so perhaps could be justified.	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
137	very rarely are there opportunities to reset and build the design correctly. i think it far better and cheaper to just do it right from the beginning than half way. People who talk about rehabbing the current building have never done rehab or know how hard/expensive/time consuming it can be to retrofit(or even to predict costs due to surprises during the process).	5/12/2016 1:00 AM
138	nothing modern just solid, traditional in tone with the rest of town.	5/11/2016 10:38 PM
139	The overall architecture seems too expensive. Scale back all the fancy materials/details and focus on the essentials and what's important. A safe comfortable building to learn in! Use CHMS as a model and scale to expected population.	5/11/2016 10:00 PM
140	New HMS should be comparable with other middle school in district 181 - CHMS (I believe only 15 m was approved) comparing to HMS - 65m this is a huge difference that will put some kids in the same district in disadvantage.	5/11/2016 9:45 PM
141	I would like to see something traditional, more in line with the design of CHMS. I don't feel it is necessary to build the largest building possible on the existing property. Cost will most likely be the largest factor in getting the next referendum to pass.	5/11/2016 9:20 PM
142	I like the design overall. The auditorium feels extravagant for a middle school. It would certainly increase the already desperate parking issues in downtown area when events would be held there. It was mentioned the auditorium would/could also be utilized by other schools in the district as well as the community at large increasing the parking issue. And again is the HMS location a good choice?	5/11/2016 8:32 PM
143	Remodel existing school I don't believe need brand new school is needed	5/11/2016 8:22 PM
144	It is not an IVY league campus. Keep the design simple and effective for learning. You want bells and whistles then private fund for those expenditures.	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
145	There should be parking-	5/11/2016 3:59 PM
146	are there 244 employees of the school, why wouldn't the village of hinsdale pay a large part of the cost to benefit downtown shopping.	5/11/2016 3:56 PM
147	Just seemed too big on a S/F basis given the current enrollment and fact that we do have large tracts of undeveloped land that could cause enrollment to spike 10-20%.	5/11/2016 3:44 PM
148	It is being built for too many students given the enrollment projections and too much square footage per student.	5/11/2016 3:33 PM

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149	You don't need the latest and greatest! Four walls and a roof and they will still have a superior education. Let's remember CHMS raised money for a new gym floor. This was not out of the district's pocket. Be prudent!	5/11/2016 3:20 PM
150	If parking can be addressed - great. A synthetic turf field could be used in transitional weather situations and is a good idea. If the elevated track would be used at the same time as the gym space fine. If it is an either or situation, they can run around the gym or outside on the turf field. I disagree with the auditorium. It is not large enough to hold the student body. It is not flexible enough to allow for other uses. It certainly is not large enough to hold the CHMS band concert. This is one example where there were no facts presented to either support or refute the auditorium during the referendum. Everything was conjecture - other schools will use it - so put together a list of who, when, how many people attend those events, etc. After the vote, I heard people talking about how it could be used to show movies to the community on the weekends. Would this be a money making activity? Who would clean up, who would pay the insurance for those activities, etc. etc., etc.	5/11/2016 2:29 PM
151	Seriously? Please show me how many other middle schools in Illinois have these items? How about just a normal school where kids don't live in uberville.	5/11/2016 2:24 PM
152	I think the school should be nice but doesn't need to be "over-the-top". I know it was said that CHMS could use auditorium too but honestly, I would not want to. If they are in a play, I'd rather their rehearsals etc be at CHMS. It's middle school, not Broadway. I like the aesthetic of the proposed school. I think it should be traditional, in keeping with the area. Lets learn from the mistakes of the past and now go with a trendy design.	5/11/2016 2:09 PM
153	Possibly less and smaller classrooms	5/11/2016 1:47 PM
154	Form should follow Function not lead it. The current school didn't follow that over 30 years ago and now it's not sustainable. Remember that you're spending someone else's hard earned money.	5/11/2016 1:42 PM
155	Why is a parking deck included in the cost of replacing a school building. This should be a separate referendum issue.	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
156	A 500-seat auditorium is sorely needed in our town. I'd make it even bigger. Other entities could rent it out and it could be a profit center. Indoor track makes sense with our horrible weather, which will only grow worse with climate change...make it neighbor-friendly for residents to use on weekends when kids aren't present.	5/11/2016 1:25 PM
157	\$65 million is insane!	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
158	Questions above are irrelevant unless you can find a way to fund the building of the school thru private donations.	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
159	I leave it up to the people who know on the specifics, I was focused on total cost and tax implications.	5/11/2016 10:20 AM
160	Building an addition to the current venue would make much more sense (for example similar to the project that expanded Monroe School in the past)	5/11/2016 9:06 AM
161	Much of the design was overboard. Additionally, it's unclear why so many parking spaces are needed, and whether any of these spaces would generate revenue from the Village during non-school hours/periods.	5/10/2016 10:00 PM
162	Build a school like CHMS. \$65 is ridiculous!	5/10/2016 8:58 PM
163	too fancy. not needed for the 3 R's	5/10/2016 8:29 PM
164	The community apparently wants another CHMS. Update it and move on.	5/10/2016 7:22 PM
165	would like to see a 10 year cost comparison study on the synthetic turf vs grass for the washing lot before making the decision on that item.	5/10/2016 4:09 PM
166	Simple, practical.	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
167	The village of hinsdale should not have parking added into the school, they should build their own parking structure.	5/10/2016 3:47 PM
168	I liked the design. Plan looks very simple and cost effective	5/10/2016 3:38 PM
169	Please go for a basic design that will be there 80 years or more.	5/10/2016 3:22 PM
170	Modern, timeless design appropriate to be located in the center of a town like Hinsdale.	5/10/2016 1:04 PM
171	In general, the amount of square footage per student is too high and too expensive. I am aware of charter schools with similar student populations built for less than half of the proposed and rejected budget. The proposal appears to contain every possible wish list item, including unnecessary amenities which raise the cost per square foot of the building to a level which seems much to rich in today's economic environment and which does not seem to materially aid the educational impact. The district leadership needs to spend more time in the community reviewing their ideas and soliciting critical feedback. I'm afraid they only speak among themselves and take their own counsel.	5/10/2016 12:43 PM
172	More and better classroom space including, of course, STEM facilities	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
173	The new school should be designed to accommodate growth of the entire district for many years to come.	5/10/2016 11:50 AM

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174	I think moving the HMS to another location would necessitate modification of design and perhaps the checked items won't need to be eliminated.	5/10/2016 11:45 AM
175	My main criteria is to have HMS be a stellar learning environment with world class learning facilities.	5/10/2016 11:31 AM
176	Too big for space in village.	5/10/2016 10:58 AM
177	Find / use savings of a modified HMS design to make improvements to CHMS too. Not sure what those are but, there are likely things that CHMS could benefit from.	5/10/2016 10:56 AM
178	I have reservations about synthetic turf if it's the type that's been in the news lately. There seem to be concerns about links to leukemia with the crumb or shredded rubber turf.	5/10/2016 10:55 AM
179	Exterior elevations show no imagination, nor do they harken to tradition effectively.	5/10/2016 10:20 AM
180	An auditorium is an important feature to add to the plan. I do not know the right size, but if it is going to be built, it should be big enough to accommodate all musical and artistic productions. If band concerts, etc... still need to be held in the gym then it is not worth it. Build it right to accommodate. If it is a priority, it needs to be done to the right size for it to be fully used.	5/10/2016 10:19 AM
181	I think the proposal just needs a little watering down, not complete gutting . . .	5/10/2016 9:46 AM
182	this location should be used for mixed use expansion of downtown Hinsdale. Move the school to Robbins park or the soccer field across from the school. The parking deck is more useful to the downtown area not the school.	5/10/2016 9:43 AM
183	The design and function should reflect Hinsdale. A school that is used to provide a very high level of education.	5/10/2016 9:07 AM
184	To appeal to reasonable CHMS parents design a school identical to theirs but adjusted for code and population.	5/10/2016 8:38 AM
185	The size of the entire school needs to be reduced.	5/10/2016 12:17 AM
186	Do not see needing to go to expense of providing community use space	5/9/2016 10:27 PM
187	Should be tons of gym space for the whole community - the current HMS is the current biggest gym in 181 and that's something that matters to the community a 1000% more than elevated running track, weight rooms, and certainly more than a parking garage for middle school students!	5/9/2016 10:16 PM
188	Above items depends on cost associated with each option. Each item above seems nice to have, not required.	5/9/2016 9:05 PM
189	NONE of this has anything to do with education.	5/9/2016 8:04 PM
190	Get better clarity around how curriculum needs drive the design and how the site and existing building limit design options Option presented can be tweaked and we should not start over	5/9/2016 7:56 PM
191	If the land swap is made (as my previous suggestion) then the parking deck is not needed. Just asphalt poured. The Community House has the facilities for walking track and auditorium. The few times used for the auditorium at HMS-- musical and concerts doesn't seem that the cost reflects the usage. As for synthetic turf, are the Bears playing at HMS? Oops, no, it is a bunch of 6,7,8th graders. Come on.	5/9/2016 6:11 PM
192	Don't understand why we single out the arts and PE for cuts. Don't we want a student body that is well rounded.	5/9/2016 5:44 PM
193	Build the school that fits the projected enrollment. Focus on the classrooms and what our teachers need to continue doing a great job. Remember many kids have gone through this middle school with mobles before and have excelled in the High School. Please look at our success rate in High School and design a facility that continues those successes. The existing facility has had problems for years and our kids have succeeded not only in High School but College.	5/9/2016 5:27 PM
194	an auditorium would be nice if grade schools could use it as well. I don't know what the cost was on this to say if it should stay in the plans. Can the Village of Hinsdale contribute to the parking deck cost as it seems it would mostly be used for downtown?	5/9/2016 5:16 PM
195	Have village pay for parking structure. Privately raise funds for auditorium.	5/9/2016 4:59 PM
196	I don't know how much each component costs so I don't know if a walking track is worth it. I know the kids need more space at that school. Auditorium is so needed. It is dangerous for my elderly parent (who pays 181 taxes) to see shows in the commons. I know turf is extraordinarily expensive but it's also a game-changer. I have it in my yard. But again, how much does this component cost?	5/9/2016 4:35 PM
197	Cost probably needs to be more in line on per square foot basis with CHMS.	5/9/2016 4:18 PM
198	The design was attractive but too many expensive/extravagant features. Kids don;t need a running track like a health club or an auditorium that rivals a professional performance center. Ridiculous to ask taxpayers to spend \$65 million. Why not set a budget and then ask bidders what they can provide for that amount rather than leaving it open ended where the sky is the limit.	5/9/2016 3:50 PM

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199	Just make it the same as CHMS as that is an excellent schools and building.	5/9/2016 2:47 PM
200	I don't feel it needs to be "top of the line". It needs to be functional, with flexibility for changes in student numbers as well as teaching methods.	5/9/2016 1:18 PM
201	The best chance of passing the referendum will be a design that is basically on par with CHMS - it may need to be larger, based on enrollment, but parity with CHMS will make this a reality, and anything beyond parity will be seen as extravagant.	5/9/2016 11:54 AM
202	Elevated track, auditorium and parking are welcome and NECESSARY additions that will benefit the ENTIRE community.	5/9/2016 11:12 AM
203	N?A	5/9/2016 10:32 AM
204	Focus on education and classrooms. Put the gym on the first floor and make it multipurpose with a stage like the one at CHMS - you don't need a dedicated auditorium!	5/9/2016 9:26 AM
205	Tour CH middle school - works fine and fit the footprint and nice looking building.. Please remember its a middle school - not a High School.	5/9/2016 8:51 AM
206	You have a community center and a high school that combined have the facilities mentioned above. The total utilization is already quite low. Why would you add more very expensive facilities	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
207	Please take into account that the tax increases associated with this referendum are not the only ones tax payers will incur. District 86 has a teacher contract coming up, the high schools also have a referendum coming that will be asking for funding. In addition there are SSAs for road programs. Finally, with state finances in such bad shape many are concerned that taxes will rise in addition to everything else. I believe there needs to be a new HMS. It just does not need to be the Taj Mahal. I am willing to pay for must haves not nice to haves.	5/9/2016 8:21 AM
208	Don't build one at all	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
209	The Village should pay for the parking. Use the field area to build to reduce the total construction cost.	5/8/2016 8:41 PM
210	You could also have underground parking for the condos/townhomes. Seems like a no brainer.	5/8/2016 8:05 PM
211	See comments to #8.	5/8/2016 7:58 PM
212	I think the parking facility should be partly funded with other city funds as it would eliviate parking issues downtown.	5/8/2016 6:47 PM
213	If the parking deck can be partly funded by the Village and solve a parking problem in the downtown area, then a two-tier deck should be included. That's one reason the current location actually works very well.	5/8/2016 6:28 PM
214	I believe the expensive STEM rooms were not nessacery and at very costly for a middle school. The option to offer only one cost was odd because many people would have easily agreed if the referendum was between 40-50 Million.	5/8/2016 6:05 PM
215	It's a school, for Christ sake, not a recreational designed complex to show how important Hinsdale is to the common good....at the expense of the taxpayers.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
216	Should consider a different location. Downtown Hinsdale could have a different/better use of the space than a middle school.	5/8/2016 4:07 PM
217	Would be ok w/parking deck if village participated in the cost.	5/8/2016 3:52 PM
218	If you want synthetic turf and a track you can go to Central.	5/8/2016 3:43 PM
219	You don't need 85% occupancy load.	5/8/2016 2:17 PM
220	Show me benchmarks for the last 10 middle schools built in Illinois. Period. No deciding which to show. Show all the data and let us decide what is right and not the Board.	5/8/2016 1:59 PM
221	If the entire student body does not fit in the auditorium, and/or it is not big enough for a band or orchestra concert, then it is no worth the cost. Either spend the money to make it big enough or eliminate it completely.	5/8/2016 1:28 PM
222	Size it to the needs of the village. Use attendance trends of the past as well as consideration of current/possible future number of home on available land to forecast future attendance. We don't need to build a school that has 20 percent extra capacity just because we think we can. Be realistic and act in a responsible manner to enhance our children's education while balancing those needs with the responsibility for spending residents' money thoughtfully.	5/8/2016 1:01 PM
223	As to what features stay and what goes, that is a cost-benefit analysis. What does it cost to have an indoor walking/running track. It's great for PE classes but not at ANY cost. Think about money. Not just about what would be nice or what would be used.	5/8/2016 11:54 AM
224	honestly, I know nothing of the design	5/8/2016 11:10 AM
225	not sure if synthetic turf is healthy option for the kids , I am not in support	5/8/2016 9:14 AM

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226	THE HIGH SCHOOL HAS SUCH ASSETS FOR USE, WHEN NEEDED.	5/8/2016 9:02 AM
227	Elimination of above features depends on costs	5/8/2016 8:30 AM
228	Create green space on the rooftop and/or public walking track there.	5/8/2016 8:27 AM
229	A separate cafeteria is unnecessary. Two band rooms is overkill. Exercise facilities for the community is not needed. The notion that the community would use any facilities in the building is suspect, since other facilities available in the community are underutilized already. Besides that, most people in this town have fancy gym memberships.	5/8/2016 8:22 AM
230	The design did not take the community into account. Very bad.	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
231	The parking deck was to be funded by the Village, however this question is grossly misleading and inappropriate.	5/7/2016 11:28 PM
232	The parking deck is a village objective and a sore need for businesses. (See LaGrange and Downers Grove.) It was only in HMS proposal due to this poor site of prior schools; two in a row.	5/7/2016 10:11 PM
233	The need for a new school has been clear since the '90's. We all know that. Look at the failed referendums and LEARN from them. CH will never vote for a Hinsdale palace. LOOK at CHMS, and learn from the mistakes there - add more locker space, more space in the hallways and starwells - but the frudalityof the design was acceptable.	5/7/2016 9:22 PM
234	keep the costs down. no changes after the fact that runs up the cost	5/7/2016 7:49 PM
235	Although a much smaller project, CHMS parents raised money to pay for new gym floor. Perhaps for some of the "extras," in the new HMS, funds can be raised from families attending the school.	5/7/2016 7:06 PM
236	Setbacks, height, lot coverage, greenspace all should complement downtown and surrounding area.	5/7/2016 6:06 PM
237	I think price was excessive. What would CHMS cost today. Forget the BS about inflation costs etc, price out that same school. Why did my children have to stay in this dangerous pit, while CHMS was so much better planned.	5/7/2016 5:28 PM
238	some of these ideas could be added later if deemed necessary, similar to how the CHMS parents raised & donated their money for the gym floor improvement.	5/7/2016 5:25 PM
239	Could auditorium be a separate issue, maybe with private funds. Would be an asset to the community, but probably a lot to ask for with respect to taxpayers.	5/7/2016 2:42 PM
240	Consider a different location and sell the landlocked downtown location to pay for the new location land and perhaps a portion of the new building costs	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
241	Turf field for middle school seeems extravagant unless rented out after school to cover costs. Look at the ability to combine the cafeteria space with the auditorium or gym for all school assemblies	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
242	We live in a high end community and should have the best for our kids. I see this as very important for our town.	5/7/2016 1:38 PM
243	I am not against any of the above if privately funded. But for the parking, the other things are not standard middle school needs and taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook for them - even if they can someday use them (they can be charged a fee then to use them). In addition to being safe and up to code, the school needs basic learning spaces of varying sizes (or the ability to reconfigure through dividers, etc.), including small group. It needs a decent gym with basic locker rooms. Middle school children don't have the time or inclination to shower, etc., It needs a Learning Resource Center as technology takes over for a book-driven library), a functional cafeteria, a place for musical instrument practice that will not disturb instruction nearby. Parking needs to be adequate for staff and a few visitors. Plenty of street parking a few blocks away for larger events. It does not need to win design awards for aesthetics. simple and basic. Adequate room for pick-up and drop off that is safe and doesn't clog traffic around the school, particularly in the AM when people are trying to get to work. STEM support is important, but middle school students are not taking AP and Honors science classes that require high school equivalent science labs. Curriculum needs to drive this.	5/7/2016 1:37 PM
244	Madison is a nice looking building, the original building at the HMS site was beautiful. What was proposed looked like CHMS. Better architecture is in order.	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
245	No new school is necessary.	5/7/2016 1:00 PM
246	having the parking deck available for village parking should be a huge selling point to those without children in the school system	5/7/2016 11:51 AM
247	The dollars/square foot range should be typical for middle schools which is in the upper \$200s/sq ft.	5/7/2016 11:26 AM
248	A 500-seat auditorium simply isn't needed by the community. It reminds me of the ill-conceived and unsuccessful effort to convert the movie theater into a performance center, which also wasn't needed. Similarly, assuming that community residents will use a parking deck is a big stretch. Most will drive around until they find a space on the street, as they do now (and as they do in Oakbrook Center; the parking deck is the last section to be filled). The auditorium and parking deck are transparent and cynical efforts to sell the project to people without children.	5/7/2016 11:01 AM

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249	How about acting like the total project cost matters, and working within a budget. If that requires siting at Legge, and reducing features, so be it. Total cost and some of the features seemed very, very tone deaf.	5/7/2016 10:41 AM
250	Again, what I thought was discussed related to the VoH paying for the second tier to the parking garage was not stated in this questionnaire...are we now paying for the whole thing?	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
251	Central is older and needs more updates first. D86 teachers and buildings need the money more than d181.	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
252	The high school has an auditorium which could be used big events. It's not used everyday.	5/7/2016 8:38 AM
253	Building for too many children which projections don't support.	5/7/2016 8:32 AM
254	I am concerned about maintenance of this new building. Many of the issues with the current building are due to lack of maintenance in the building.	5/7/2016 8:31 AM
255	Consider selling land in downtown hinsdale and buying another block of property. 55th and County Line seems pretty vacant.	5/7/2016 7:56 AM
256	Bigger is not always better. We have used other facilities for an auditorium for many years. Why the change at such a huge cost?	5/7/2016 7:22 AM
257	Current building is fine. Even high schools who recently went through don't care about the middle school building. Live with it.	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
258	The design and amenities MUST be consistent with other schools in the district. Although I understand the arguments, the reality is that CH residents will not benefit from an elevated track, a turf field or a 500 seat auditorium that is too small to seat a graduating class and their guests.	5/6/2016 11:52 PM
259	Keep the design VERY simple and practical. It is a school for education, not a fashion statement.	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
260	Would like to see more green/renewable energy options	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
261	If you keep the parking deck have the Village of Hinsdale contribute to the cost to build it. The parking will benefit the entire village not just the school.	5/6/2016 9:26 PM
262	rent out the auditorium and hinsdale central or south	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
263	I was more interested in the financial structure than the building.	5/6/2016 6:41 PM
264	It should be kept in line with CHMS. Once you make once school five times better/more expensive, hmmm guess what is going to happen??	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
265	Build the same exact school as the Clarendon Hills Middle School.	5/6/2016 6:05 PM
266	Anything on the "nice to have" rather than "need to have" list should be scrutinized very closely.	5/6/2016 5:55 PM
267	No other school in the district has structured parking.	5/6/2016 5:32 PM
268	While it is clear that the Hinsdale Business District desperately needs more parking available, piggy-backing this need onto the HMS proposal is not appropriate and it must stand on it's own. Synthetic turf is a nice-to-have but not a requirement. However, space for outdoor Phys Ed related activities IS a requirement. The current HMS location appears to be severely space limited regarding outdoor activity areas.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
269	Without knowing the cost of the items in number 9, it is difficult to know which of these should be eliminated or how much can be saved?	5/6/2016 5:13 PM
270	We don't need a new school. We are already paying for one in CH (needed). We are already paying for expansion of grade schools (needed).	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
271	Be reasonable	5/6/2016 4:38 PM
272	Similar to CHMS, this is not a High School	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
273	I am not an architect. Reduce the project to \$20 million. Whatever you have to cut to get to that number.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
274	the parking deck is something that is needed for the overall community. It should be presented as a separate line item so people don't think the cost of it is part of the school build-out. Perhaps it's being done at the same time but benefits the whole village vs. just people with middle school kids.	5/6/2016 4:24 PM
275	The above represent wish list items. These are not necessary for education and should not be thrown in for the taxpayers to fund. Madigan's school in the 22nd District cost \$50M, is just being completed and services 1500 students. Either the board didn't do their research or the contractor/architect designing the building was price fixing because of the location and tax base. Why hasn't the board looked into building grants through the state? Deerfield school district received \$6-7M to repair a roof-why are we not going after these monetary pockets through state government?	5/6/2016 4:17 PM

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276	Keep interior design cost in check as well. Many of the middle schoolers are privileged to live in luxury homes but their middle school doesn't need to be the same.	5/6/2016 4:11 PM
277	The cost of a this school is too great. "Nice to haves" like an elevated track and auditorium should be removed and the price should be reduced accordingly.	5/6/2016 4:10 PM
278	it is not like a small friendly town anymore	5/6/2016 3:37 PM
279	keep the village out of the design...they can do their own parking infrastructure	5/6/2016 3:27 PM
280	Teachers and administration should learn to car pool as they do in other areas of the country...a parking deck...really?!? Even if the Village of Hinsdale gets involved, an unnecessary expense...squeeze the overhead.	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
281	The overall size of the school seemed much larger than what we need based on enrollment projections.	5/6/2016 2:50 PM
282	Plans were for an enrollment way greater than projected. Built according to projected numbers with the ability to add on if those numbers increase dramatically.	5/6/2016 2:50 PM
283	Keep the design simple and in keeping with the other structures in the area.	5/6/2016 2:36 PM
284	I voted against the current plan because its too expensive and seems extravagant for a middle school	5/6/2016 2:18 PM
285	Why does a middle school need 244 space parking deck? Synthetic turf is horrible for joints and encourages injuries. Never had details, just saw the big \$\$\$ on the ballot. This stuff is crazy for a middle school.	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
286	Traditional, brick, present location	5/6/2016 1:20 PM
287	In favor of the turf only if the overall, long term cost of turf is less than grass.	5/6/2016 12:52 PM
288	Whatever you do make it efficient and cost effective.	5/6/2016 12:01 PM
289	Since there is no choice but to keep the school in its current location, aesthetics are very important. The proposed design did not seem to fit well with existing downtown structures.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
290	I would suggest doing a similar survey once a new proposal is provided to the community and before a future referendum is held to understand the roadblocks / objections in advance and have an opportunity to directly address them before voting.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
291	I think all of these components are fine but I assume that most people rejected it due to cost. In my opinion reducing the cost of the project is the only way to get this to pass.	5/6/2016 10:23 AM
292	The community house is a few blocks away, with an auditorium and an elevated running track. Do not put the gym on the 3rd floor! :)	5/6/2016 9:41 AM
293	This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to fix the parking problem for downtown Hinsdale businesses as part of the overall plan.	5/6/2016 9:40 AM
294	Lets build a school we can be proud of and the whole community can enjoy!	5/5/2016 10:47 PM
295	The parking deck should not be a carrot for the new school. The other amenities are unnecessary.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
296	Please make sure the architect does not put "lock out" specs on systems such as HVAC or lighting that would cause you to have to spend significantly more when another viable option is out there but just not explored yet.	5/5/2016 8:12 PM
297	It is not about just the new building. For people outside of HMS, if you were to send 6 th to CHMS and 7/8 to HMS the more ch people would vote yes	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
298	You don't need a new school. Fix and expand the current middle school.	5/5/2016 5:01 PM
299	a group of members of the community should be more directly involved in the process. Also we should explore putting more money into existing structure (which again is only 40 years old)	5/5/2016 1:01 PM
300	State clearly what the importance of a 500 seat auditorium would do for education and the community. Could synthetic turf be done at later date??? Get Clarendon Hills on board with your plans-	5/5/2016 11:33 AM
301	The design was beautiful but it was expensive and didn't significantly increase the student capacity.	5/5/2016 11:02 AM
302	Keep lots of windows and lots of green space	5/5/2016 10:38 AM
303	I would keep above if the school was built for all of Hinsdale.	5/5/2016 9:25 AM
304	Is the Village of Hinsdale contributing to the cost of the parking deck?	5/5/2016 1:24 AM
305	Move it out of downtown Hinsdale. Too much congestion.	5/4/2016 9:57 PM
306	Liked the design, although traffic patterns are still a concern	5/4/2016 9:40 PM

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307	First priorities should be classroom space (no more mobile classrooms!) and a safe/clean (mold free) environment. These are fundamental. The other bells and whistles (running track, synthetic turf) aren't critical for learning.	5/4/2016 8:25 PM
308	Handle demands of changing of technology	5/4/2016 7:13 PM
309	The capacity of the building should be reduced with a maximum at the demographer's recommendation of just under 795. Provide space for future additions.	5/4/2016 4:18 PM
310	Need for auditorium should be comps of other similar school districts and what cost they recoup annually through rentals, not just teacher opinion. Teachers don't pay the taxes generally so their support for best/biggest/nicest is assumed.	5/4/2016 2:49 PM
311	I wasn't convinced an auditorium was necessary. If today's standards for middle schools show a need, I would seek private donations.	5/4/2016 2:08 PM
312	A new school should be designed by an architectural firm with experience in winning referendums and the school should be what is needed and not over the top. Just by being new with no bells or whistles, the school will provide what is needed. Also, the school should not be overly large for the number of projected students (there should not be unused/empty spaces).	5/4/2016 1:29 PM
313	We need to discuss scalability and how this will accommodate future growth.	5/4/2016 1:12 PM
314	Like I stated above, keep it to a basic school, similar to CHMS, and eliminate the unnecessary frills.	5/4/2016 12:31 PM
315	Would there be revenue generating offsets to some of these, for example business sponsorship or rental of the turf field & auditorium? User fees for non-school related use of the parking facility?	5/4/2016 11:25 AM
316	Synthetic turf can always be added later	5/4/2016 10:19 AM
317	The referendum will pass once it is scaled down to meet realistic needs. It might pass anyway without scaling down too much because there is a certain truth to the demographics of D181 willing to overpay for things (look at houses, cars, etc.). Kids can run/play on grass (turf causes cancer), no need to run indoors (kids need to experience their environment outside). The auditorium and parking deck need to have 50/50 shared costs with the community by promoting the use of those spaces for the whole community, not just the school.	5/4/2016 10:14 AM
318	This is a JR High, and the plans made it sound like we were building a college campus...insane wants for middle school aged kids...	5/4/2016 9:20 AM
319	School referendum money should not be spent to build a parking lot for the downtown area. The entrance should not be on Garfield because drop off lane causes too much back up. Too much traffic there.	5/4/2016 9:04 AM
320	Design a modest school similar to CHMS at a reasonable cost and the community support will probably be there.	5/4/2016 8:42 AM
321	The design should be on par with CHMS, with adjustments for size, should not include luxury items.	5/4/2016 8:41 AM
322	I had little problem with the design and amenities except for it felt a little over the top. It is not clear what due diligence compare/contrast was conducted in order to arrive at the amenities and design. I thought the parking garage although included in the design was not included in the cost.	5/4/2016 5:54 AM
323	I didn't like the fact the district wasn't using a proven commodity and the price kept increasing.	5/4/2016 12:39 AM
324	I don't think a late middle school in Downtown Hinsdale is conducive to good traffic flow, nor is it a smart use of commercial property.	5/3/2016 10:27 PM
325	A middle school should be comprised of hallways and classrooms. Not IMAX theater, turf fields, running tracks....seriously..... We pay for parking downtown.....and our streets are horrible.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
326	The arts are one of this districts strengths. An auditorium makes sense given the desire of usury the families to have kids deeply pursue the arts.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
327	In the previous question 9, it would be nice to know what the price of each of these elements is. What about reducing the square foot of the entire building? How much would that save? All the bells and whistles sound great but at what cost? You're showing us options but never say the cost.	5/3/2016 10:20 PM
328	More economical products used	5/3/2016 9:51 PM
329	you should make sure it is a space for students to excel, maybe include better learning spaces and thongs children are excited for.	5/3/2016 9:39 PM
330	Some suggestions include only one orchestra room, one choral room, significantly reduce the size of the auditorium, eliminate the indoor track, a smaller gym, and do we really need a large library in this digital age?	5/3/2016 9:13 PM
331	I would revisit the idea of a complete repair and remodel of the existing structure.	5/3/2016 7:09 PM

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332	I love the design and I think we should be bold and big. This school needs to stand the test of time and should be forward thinking. We are a district with many, many resources and they should be used to better the education and experience for our kids.	5/3/2016 7:05 PM
333	If the district has to pay for parking, then parking deck should be eliminated. Downtown commercial property near the train is for businesses, commuters and parking. Not children. Schools are only in session M-F and during school year and can be located anywhere. The village needs to insist that HMS be relocated to a park or outlying area , or, become smaller, so businesses, offices, and restaurants will have more parking. This will help stimulate the village economy and lessen property tax burden.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
334	I absolutely recognize the need for a new middle school but also respect and see many needs at our two high schools at the same time p	5/3/2016 6:05 PM
335	Who will use the parking deck during non school hours? Can money be raised from such "outside" use? Is the Village providing the school with a tax break for this parking?	5/3/2016 5:30 PM
336	Will parking be for HMS only?	5/3/2016 5:18 PM
337	I would only keep the parking deck if the city is sharing the cost.	5/3/2016 4:26 PM
338	All the above can't be the reason the school cost is \$40 million more than it needs to be	5/3/2016 3:40 PM
339	I would support a design that was very similar in functionality and design to CHMS.	5/3/2016 3:39 PM
340	The design was amazing. Maybe a little too amazing.	5/3/2016 3:16 PM
341	It needs to be built for the amount of students that will be projected to attend..not more than projected	5/3/2016 2:55 PM
342	Just get the cost to \$560m. i don't care what you cut. Everything listed in item number 9 can be cut if that is what it takes to get the cost reduced. I can't emphasize this enough. you don't need to build the auditorium. Let the village, community house or high school take in this task of helping the entire community.	5/3/2016 2:50 PM
343	Please ask the design firm to design a safe, attractive school, which is not necessarily the same as designing to win awards or designing the most dazzling middle school in the US.	5/3/2016 2:30 PM
344	Too expensive for a regular middle school!	5/3/2016 2:14 PM
345	Seems as though it makes sense to built it right from the start vs. cheapening out and regretting decisions/choices altered.	5/3/2016 2:12 PM
346	The design should be a classic simple rectangular box. They are efficient and inexpensive to build it works beautifully for CHMS the traditional shape also works well with our village as our Village Hall is similar	5/3/2016 2:03 PM
347	The artists renditions of the proposed building did not include the two-tier parking garage. Perhaps the picturesque courtyard depicted as an outdoor space for students and visitors would be replace by a parking garage? This needs to be made more clear before I can render an opinion.	5/3/2016 12:26 PM
348	It would be nice to see the plans for CHMS duplicated on a large enough scale to house the students. I don't think HMS needs to be enlarged to accommodate 1000 students because the population is not going to increase to that point.	5/3/2016 10:11 AM
349	Isn't there another location in Hinsdale where a parking deck could be built within walking distance of the school and not create the eyesore this deck would?	5/3/2016 9:40 AM
350	Think about earlier feedback provided to firms regarding issues to Monroe property owners, branding issues, and the general Clarendon Hills community. In order to get this referendum passed (which it needs to be), the plan needs to be "pruned down" from its excessive state. As a community, we are surrounded by excess every day. This school plan is another sign of the excess. We also need to think about how to join 2 seemingly disparate interests (CHMS vs. HMS) merged in voice in order to get this passed.	5/3/2016 9:20 AM
351	Turf has been known to cause cancer (see soccer goalies).	5/3/2016 9:08 AM
352	See comment 8 section. Also, I will vote against any proposal with synthetic turf due to outstanding questions about it's potential health risks. http://newsok.com/article/5492962	5/3/2016 8:25 AM
353	Why is the auditorium needed can they do what is done at CHMS	5/3/2016 7:50 AM
354	Use CHMS plan with appropriate changes for growth and compliance to laws/rules.	5/3/2016 7:15 AM
355	We should not use expensive, valuable space for a middle school when we could put it next to Madison School and share that land.	5/3/2016 6:34 AM
356	Green design	5/3/2016 5:54 AM
357	No. Start over.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM

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358	Input from staff should be primary drivers of what items are modified, or eliminated. Parking should remain priority given the entire community would benefit immediately.	5/2/2016 10:12 PM
359	I'm in favor of the auditorium but think it gave opponents something to point to as extravagant.	5/2/2016 10:07 PM
360	The new school was being designed for a larger number of students than will ever be necessary, and it was too expensive. We need a reasonable, cost effective design.	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
361	safety is highest priority, and school amenities should reflect the community but be practical at same time. Need for auditorium should not take higher priority to quality classrooms, teachers areas, computer and science labs, cafeteria. Practical design that allows for sensible flow and space.	5/2/2016 9:53 PM
362	Synthetic turf could be eliminated. It will match more of the playing surfaces in the district conference's schools. Two tier parking deck is unsightly. 500 seat auditorium is good if it includes Monroe School.	5/2/2016 9:49 PM
363	I believe the design of the school is very functional, however I think the auditorium and elevate track can be eliminated because to reduce cost. These are additional items that most middle school don't have and are not a necessity.	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
364	In the floor plan options, it seemed a little strange that all of the special ed rooms were on the 2nd and 3rd floors. I know not all special needs students have physical limitations, but several do and this just seems like extra effort for them.	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
365	I loved the design. Big hallways, extra space--I think we should spend more money not less.	5/2/2016 9:15 PM
366	The extraneous items can be privately donated or eliminated.	5/2/2016 8:58 PM
367	Just build a simple school. Also, be very careful about that you might be starting an middle school "arms race." You think the parents at Clarendon Middle School would want what was proposed in our referendum for them? Someone with common sense needs to take the lead on this project.	5/2/2016 8:57 PM
368	CHMS is a beautifully adequate school-please bring a design to the community that is similar in features and amenities	5/2/2016 8:53 PM
369	Concentrate on needs and not wants.	5/2/2016 8:15 PM
370	Total sq ft should be reduced	5/2/2016 7:51 PM
371	The issue is not the design, it is that there is no evidence of effective challenge by a labor friendly board with no business experience. Trust is earned, not given.	5/2/2016 7:48 PM
372	Atrium space seems excessive. Space needs to be for students - multi use spaces ideal. Question multiple band and choir rooms	5/2/2016 7:38 PM
373	The design is good. It is at its minimum no further deductions should be made	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
374	design it like CHMS	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
375	Some modifications but the size needs to meet the student and staff needs and not cut so that we repeat the ultimate too small bldg of chms and we recognize the cost increase over a 20 year period of new construction	5/2/2016 7:34 PM
376	Get the expensive "Hinsdale" cars out of the architecture drawings. This bid felt like when you have a vendor come into your home and they charge you more because "it's Hinsdale" and they just know people will pay it.	5/2/2016 6:51 PM
377	This is a middle school, not a high school. Plans should be reflective of this and the fact that there has been a precedence set that there should be equity among the schools. The new HMS should be comparable to CHMS.	5/2/2016 6:44 PM
378	If the school stays where it is, parking will be an issue, so a parking garage needs to be added	5/2/2016 6:37 PM
379	The school should be focused on the education of our children. It should not try to be a community center.	5/2/2016 6:28 PM
380	Save the auditorium money, let the high school have that community staging function, and possibly recommend improvements to Community Center. Make the design respect the buffer it is to the residential community. Ensure it is expandable up or out if need be. Don't overbuild in terms of student population, standards for classrooms, or equality with CHMS. Preserve real green space, not artificial turf with questionable health profile. Revisit how to use the entire site - Second Street off of Garfield was vacated for one design, think outside the box (besides seriously looking at why schools are now being built away from centers where they do have better traffic patterns, etc). Look at impact on entire downtown Hinsdale and adjacent residential and entire district in terms of traffic, money flow.	5/2/2016 6:25 PM
381	In my opinion, the school was designed to be bigger than it needed to be; i.e. - for more students than was projected to attend there assuming that Monroe area students still went to CHMS which is perfectly suitable to housing Monroe students plus the Clarendon Hills students.	5/2/2016 6:24 PM
382	Parity with CHMS is important to me. Let's not get extravagant.	5/2/2016 6:17 PM
383	I do not believe the village will actually come through in their financial support of a parking structure, and I believe above ground parking in our community will be cost prohibitive.	5/2/2016 6:16 PM

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384	Need more information on benchmarks as to why we need the auditorium to be a competitive middle school. Need better understanding of parking options and trade offs	5/2/2016 6:02 PM
385	While I agree with the auditorium, if it is the make/break...eliminate it.	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
386	Don't build too small and we end up with same problem when Chms was built	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
387	reduce the number of kids it needs to hold and reduce the admin office space portion. change the parking garage unless there can be fees charged to recover the cost - perhaps downtown employees pay to park there.	5/2/2016 5:34 PM
388	Other location with outdoor track and sports field, even if it is more expensive.	5/2/2016 5:29 PM
389	This is middle school. They don't need an auditorium. They don't need a synthetic turf field or running track. Move the school to a place where they can share facilities with the park district if these are important. The school is too big. 904 students at 85% utilization when there are only 787 students now. That means you're planning for 1063 kids. Why? HMS was a "state of the art school" 40 years ago and look at how outdated it is. Keep it simple like the CHMS building. The traditional structures have suited school children well for years. How can one justify spending \$65 mm when CHMS only cost 17 MM? Cap spending at 35MM. I agree HMS needs a new school. I don't agree it needs the school you have presented us.	5/2/2016 5:28 PM
390	Lets build a new school but scale it back a bit.	5/2/2016 5:19 PM
391	It does not need to be an award winning design. It needs to be functional and cost effective and serve their needs of the students that are already succeeding in the current school.	5/2/2016 5:14 PM
392	current school does have flaws, but is only 40 years old. The motivation to replace it with a brand new school seemed to be the only option, which is limited.	5/2/2016 5:09 PM
393	Why would we need turf when we do not have a soccer, football or lacrosse team at the school?	5/2/2016 4:58 PM
394	See above	5/2/2016 4:56 PM
395	Just to expensive. Need to go back out to market to get a favorable bid and provide necessary cut backs	5/2/2016 4:38 PM
396	it should be like CHMS is design and cost	5/2/2016 4:30 PM
397	Is there really an Personally, I would rather see a new HMS built at 55th St. and County Line Rd. However, if the current location is the only real viable location for a new HMS, please do not confuse voters by suggesting that there is another viable location as you have in question #7 and #12.	5/2/2016 4:20 PM
398	We live in a very upscale community and deserve an upscale school that is built for the present and the future. Settling for the lowest cost proposal makes no sense in my opinion given the dearth of million and multi-million dollar homes.	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
399	It needs to be a timeless structure that will last the test of time.	5/2/2016 3:59 PM
400	Could the Auditorium also serve as a Movie Theater for the village maybe 2 nights a week? This might offer jobs to youth and provide a revenue stream to the school district.	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
401	I'd like to see a functional school - don't need a monument to impress people. Let the quality of learning impress people.	5/2/2016 3:45 PM
402	Needs to fit into area.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
403	I like the idea of the auditorium how we it needs to be communicated what it will be used for across the district.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
404	Just make it a more cost effective design with similar educational components. No need for all the wings, etc.	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
405	Be reasonable	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
406	Getting into granular design questions in this survey is silly	5/2/2016 2:51 PM
407	Actually, I would like to be better educated about the above to know why they were chosen-advantages, usage by schools and community, etc. Are there certain items that could be added in stages-like the track? I would trust those who have studied these proposed items and then base my opinion of the reasoning, not my gut reaction. It is hard to respond without being knowledgeable of the thinking behind each of these choices.	5/2/2016 2:46 PM
408	The design was fantastic. Not sure what it makes sense to eliminate.	5/2/2016 2:28 PM
409	I like the design and think that fitness is important. Maybe the town can figure out another solution for their parking situation downtown that won't impact children's ability to be properly educated.	5/2/2016 2:24 PM
410	I feel the arts must be supported. An auditorium is very important to our students and community.	5/2/2016 2:17 PM
411	Parking is a high need. When people go to meetings within the school day they are unable to find a place to park when they come back.	5/2/2016 2:12 PM

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412	Please remember that it is a middle school - only a middle school! Hinsdale is know for Hinsdale Central not HMS and note that HC is great in spite of its old building. It is the kids and teachers that make a school great not the bricks and mortar where it is held. We don't need to make an architectural statement, we just need a functional building that allows for comfortable learning. I had one child that went through each of the two existing middle schools and both were fine. I will say that CHMS is more than adequate and we don't need anything fancy in HMS, just square rooms and functional spaces.	5/2/2016 2:06 PM
413	I think it would be short-sighted to not invest as much as possible in this school to last for a very long time. These aren't cosmetic makeovers, these are elements our overcrowded school needs to be equal with other schools and programs in the district, as well as to stay competitive with the other top ranked middle schools/feeder schools into the top high schools in the state.	5/2/2016 2:02 PM
414	The two-tier parking deck was not part of the proposal--it was hoped the township would get on board. If the township does not, eliminate it. If it does and will help fund it, then keep it.	5/2/2016 1:58 PM
415	The workout/weight room seems like an unnecessary expense since children in that age group typically are not lifting weights and working out. Friends whose children attend Hubble said that Staff are main users of that space in their facility. Do NOT feel like we need to provide this for staff members.	5/2/2016 1:46 PM
416	Consider doing a stage design for the cafeteria/multipurpose room similar to CHMS if that would work instead of the 500 seat auditorium. Also, be very careful with the synthetic turf idea, research the safety of that product before making a decision. There are concerns with the granulated tire surface being a health hazard and injury (ankle) from the synthetic turf.	5/2/2016 1:22 PM
417	Loved the features, but felt the benefits and reasons for the features were not well "advertised". The auditorium does not ADD participants as many thought, but rather it gave a true place to perform (gym not a great option). Also, would the auditorium be available for CHMS use too- if so, make that known. Also, if D181 is willing to rent out, let people know the revenue potential of this and that it would go back to D181 budget for all schools? I know my children's dance studio WANTS to rent from a new HMS auditorium and the currently rent another space for a significant amount of money for a weekend. Many people feel auditorium for HMS use only is a waste of money.	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
418	Is this transferring old equipments or just junking old and buying new? When I build or relocate my business, I'm cheap, keep everything that I have that works and transfer over. What are we intending to do with all the desks, computers, shelving, etc?	5/2/2016 12:57 PM
419	My priorities would be arts, STEM, and environmentally sound construction that reduces impact on the planet. Less can be more when building community.	5/2/2016 12:30 PM
420	I have heard that if the new plan is put into place, that the HMS kids would have no outdoor options for PE, thus, the need for the turf and/or running track would be impacted. If the kids have NO alternative, than these accommodations must be made!	5/2/2016 12:22 PM
421	If the teachers had real jobs, they would know what it is like to walk more than 50 yards to their jobs. People do not want to drive thru Hinsdale and see a parking deck. Parking decks are for malls.	5/2/2016 12:09 PM
422	Move from congested downtown Hinsdale.	5/2/2016 12:04 PM
423	Instead giving the architects the charge to "Think Big", the charge should be "Think Practical". Though a new school is needed, we need to make sure that we never again tear down a 40-year-old school that should have had an 80 year useful life.	5/2/2016 11:45 AM
424	The design is ridiculously expensive for a small community like us. What kind of message we are sending to our community and our kids. Please be real and take the fiscal responsibility seriously.	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
425	I would like to see more options considered so it doesn't feel like this is the one option- take it or leave it. One thing I have not heard mentioned is the idea of building two smaller middle schools. Utilizing parks like KLM and Pierce Park. Then selling the space in town or creating a park space there.	5/2/2016 11:38 AM
426	Please make the school the size that works to hold all Hinsdale students without future issue of overcrowding . Include Monroe students at hms	5/2/2016 11:28 AM
427	Would the two tier parking be available for the general public to use? Would it be limited to after school hours? Require a parking permit?	5/2/2016 11:27 AM
428	Please keep in mind that these are middle school age kids -- NOT college, etc. They do not need state of the art anything! They need clean, safe, and modern amenities but nothing beyond.	5/2/2016 11:26 AM
429	REASONABLE	5/2/2016 11:23 AM

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430	Physical activity is a must for students to learn. As such, space for such activity is a necessity. The running track, whether elevated or not, seems an important aspect but its final design should fit within the building design. With respect to the parking deck, if the school is helping the village solve a problem, the school district should be appropriately compensated for providing that solution.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM
431	Hesitant on the turf idea, especially for younger kids with the rumors of health issues from the material used. I do understand the long term cost and maintenance benefits however. The auditorium seems like a good option for modification/cost savings. Not sure how much less expensive a smaller space would be though.	5/2/2016 11:20 AM
432	more multipurpose auditorium like at chms	5/2/2016 11:17 AM
433	The examples above are EXACTLY WHY I didn't support the referendum!. Design spaces that are multi-functional--not exclusive use. CHMS has a gym that functions as an auditorium. Why can't you? We're not building a high school here.	5/2/2016 11:13 AM
434	For question 9, not knowing how much those components cost it is difficult to give an answer	5/2/2016 11:11 AM
435	The auditorium is a great example of a want versus a need. Would it be nice, yes, but people can sit in chairs in a cafeteria or gym, instead. The parking structure is a great example of a need, both for the school and the greater village community. The village should be working more closely with D181 to see this project, with the parking deck, get the funding it needs.	5/2/2016 11:07 AM
436	na	5/2/2016 11:05 AM
437	Keep it simple and lower cost.	5/2/2016 11:02 AM
438	If the school was located elsewhere, a parking deck would not be needed.	5/2/2016 11:01 AM
439	You need to have several bids again so can't just stick with the same firm you selected so that people will know we are in the right ballpark once certain pieces are eliminated from quote to bring it closer to \$50million.	5/2/2016 10:48 AM
440	The case for an auditorium was NEVER made well, and in fact, I think was a severe flaw. An elevated running track further cemented the idea that people were spending too much money.	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
441	Utilize CHMS as the model for building HMS	5/2/2016 10:38 AM
442	Too elaborate. Too costly. Middle school. Not college.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
443	This is a middle school, not a high school. Save the innovation for high school when the kids will more fully benefit.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
444	Use website, give out multiple design and have everyone vote and everyone has to vote based on address YES/NO. If some properties are missed they have to be asked to vote via reminder. Or send out vote cast via mail to all the address and they should return to their school but this vote card should be return with address.	5/2/2016 10:29 AM
445	The incremental cost of above items listed is pennywise and dollar foolish. The multiple uses for above items outside the middle school students is abundant and beneficial. The turf is low priority in my eyes and it seems to cause more athletic injuries than natural grass and its very hot-leave grass but improve grass.	5/2/2016 10:27 AM
446	Get a firm commitment from the Village of Hinsdale NOW on specifics for the parking deck. How big, who pays, who maintains, who owns, when each party can use the deck, etc.	5/2/2016 10:26 AM
447	Need a table to compare alternatives listing pros & cons. Can an addition/renovation be done to school?	5/2/2016 10:12 AM
448	We don't need a 500 seat auditorium in Hinsdale. Unless the track and turf are billed as improvements for the entire community as a fitness facility, I can not see why they are necessary for a middle school. Futhermore, in the absence of a full fitness facility, it seems unlikely that an elevated track and a turf field would somehow be highly utilized by the community.	5/2/2016 10:10 AM
449	If you get a new parking deck, anyway to get revenue from Hinsdale?	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
450	The parking deck should be eliminated from the school funds unless it is strictly for the school. If it is mixed use then the city should pay for it or the downtown retailers. (or whomever it benefits)	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
451	CHMS does not have any of these amenities and the school is great. It's clean, safe, functional, bright and attractive. Build a new school, but build it within reason.	5/2/2016 10:07 AM
452	It seems like much of the design could be 'dumbed down" and would more easily pass	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
453	Spend more on the learning part and cut back on the aesthetics.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
454	Tech friendly	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
455	Build a school for the attendance we have, plus a little room for growth. No need to build bigger than that. There is no room in hinsdale to build more houses to drastically increase attendance.	5/2/2016 9:53 AM

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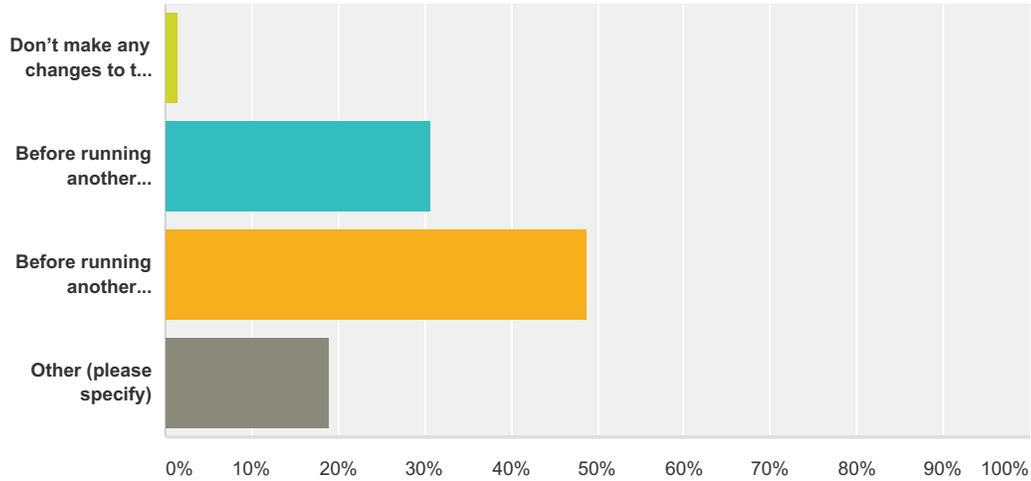
456	It's a middle school. Save the taxpayers money for HC.	5/2/2016 9:49 AM
457	I personally would love all of the options above, but I think to get the referendum passed the focus first needs to be on the budget.	5/2/2016 9:46 AM
458	build on the field and deal with vacating washington or restricting access	5/2/2016 9:43 AM
459	Atrium seems extravagant. This is not a corporate head quarters.	5/2/2016 9:42 AM
460	The fact that the middle school is locate near town is critical. The social aspect of this age is almost as important as the education. It is part of the charm of town too, and I still remember the time I spent after school in town with friends.	5/2/2016 9:39 AM
461	Coming to work and not being able to park one's car is ridiculous. This is especially true for the staff that have families of thier own that may affect the time thay can arrive. Would members of the community tolerate these conditions at their place of employment?	5/2/2016 9:34 AM
462	The people that propose the design should not be paid as a percentage of the overall budget/cost of the school. This incentivizes the project managers/developers to increase the expense as much as possible during a phase where the taxpayers have no input. This is an obvious moral hazard, someone has to mind the store. Unfortunately, the first proposal was excessive because most or all of the stakeholders managing the project were incentivized to maximize the expense and scope of the project. District 181 isn't a giant pinata filled with money.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM
463	I approve the parking deck if in partnership with the village. I am not convinced of the health safety of synthetic turf.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
464	Safe (no mold, no leaking), safe (appropriate sized rooms and hallways) and safe (good construction). The bells and whistles are killing your deal and putting our kids in jeopardy. Just build a middle school - not a university campus. If you try to cut some spending but keep the majority of the design, I feel that you'll be on the referendum for years to come. Don't waste time. Not only will you be spinning your wheels, you'll be spending millions cleaning up the current mess in the meantime, so let's get moving on a less fancy school, please. The kids are 11-14 years old - I'm fairly certain they can survive without a track, an auditorium and a turf.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
465	do not build too close to the neighbors on 3rd street, be respectful.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
466	It just seems WAY out of scope for a middle school. Completley overdone. I could see even 20 million but NOT the proposed amount. So mind boggling. I'm so happy people voted no!!!!	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
467	1. Square foot per student too large relative to CHMS. 2. Future capacity well above what is needed. If you are concerned about future capacity, allow for expansion of the school in the future, e.g., design could allow district to add a wing 10 or 20 years in the future.	5/2/2016 9:23 AM
468	See above note. I'm not sure about the parking. I am a strong proponent for parking options in Hinsdale. Just not sure if that helps or hurts passing the referendum.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
469	Convince me that a new school is necessary !	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
470	I think the justifications for these items needs to be included clearly for EVERYONE to see, even those who aren't looking very closely.	5/2/2016 9:18 AM
471	Are you building a middle school or a junior college? Scale it WAY down; CHMS is a considerably more modest design and it works. Dist 181 needs to be better stewards of our tax money.	5/2/2016 9:13 AM
472	Costs must be managed.	5/2/2016 9:12 AM
473	I don't even care what the new school is like to be honest... It just needs to be a healthy environment for our kids with no mold and sunlight.	5/2/2016 9:10 AM
474	The new facility should not resemble a Ritz-Carlton simply because it is in Hinsdale. The components in the new middle school should be at the same level of quality and size as any other school in the district. Some of the suggestions were very extravagant.	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
475	I think you need to provide a much better breakdown of the costs, and show why the per square foot cost is so much higher than similar schools.	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
476	Question 9 is a good example of how the district is failing in the process and communication. You are not controlling the discussion and providing relevant and useful information; but cherrypicking certain aspects that have been hot button points and asking if they should be kept or eliminated with absolutely no information or detail provided as to why this is recommended and important for the facility and/or students. Once again, failure.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
477	Like the aesthetics. Cost should be reduced.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
478	Plan responsibly like you are using you own money. Get rid of all non essentials.	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
479	charge most of parking structure to town	5/2/2016 9:03 AM

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480	Include improvements for CHMS so people in that area feel like they "got something" AND the schools' features are kept more in line over time.	5/2/2016 8:59 AM
481	The design is solid	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
482	The parking deck should be off site -- look at the lot currently used behind Grant Square for a two tier lot. If you want full support, build a school that is adequate, appropriately sized and resembles CHMS.	5/2/2016 8:57 AM
483	I believe that you should have a separate question on the ballot asking for additional funds for the running track and the auditorium. The 2nd tier of the parking deck needs to be decided on and funded by Hinsdale, not the entire District	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
484	Could we do a CrowdFund thing to pay for the auditorium? Preferably one big enough to hold the entire school, and hold all events (musical, music concerts, speakers, etc.)? That way, all taxpayers won't be on the hook, but the people who do want it will have it.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
485	The rationale for the above components needs to be communicated. Additionally, it needs to be clear who would have access to the facilities. For example, would the auditorium be used by HMS only or would it be used district wide, even for CHMS concerts, musicals, etc? Would the parking be used by the public during non-school hours and would the village of Hinsdale pay for any of the parking costs? All of these kinds of details need to be spelled out to the community!	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
486	If you want the community to "buy into" this project then eliminate what you do not need and create 500+ seating to at least accommodate graduation or have two graduation times.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
487	Start with the budget and work from that to the design.	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
488	A blacktop parking lot should be sufficient. The one at CMHS is not large. Grass fields seem fine for every school in d181, so I would take that out. Can they do a sidewalk around the property fur running rather than a track? Just an idea for scaling back. If not, I think the indoor track would be nice.	5/2/2016 8:49 AM
489	Why on earth would we build a new school to the same standards of CHMS that is 15 years old! We should have all of these things!!	5/2/2016 8:48 AM
490	Keep it simple. If you want a running track, join Lifetime Fitness. The auditorium at the high school is sufficient. Grass fields are fine - it's what the vast majority of kids use and they turn out ok. Keep the parking issue separate.	5/2/2016 8:43 AM
491	The more than 5,000 square feet of administrative office space and the multiple band and orchestra rooms in the current design seem excessive and should be scaled back to conform with the layout of CHMS.	5/2/2016 8:41 AM
492	The budget needs to be set prior to the design. The district did this backwards by asking for a dream school and think big. It is crazy to think that is how any administrator would build their own house, particularly when the architects are paid by the total cost. The whole project was nothing more than a vanity project to protect the legacy. Meanwhile, our curriculum continues to fade. You should fix the curriculum and then return to this project when that was done.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
493	The students are their to be educated - focus on the delivering good basics for a solid education -	5/2/2016 8:37 AM
494	How this school should be any different than CHMS is going to be a difficult justification to make.	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
495	anything more than \$35M-\$40M is too much.	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
496	HMS definitely needs a new building. That is not the question. Make it comparable to amenities to CHMS and you would have a much greater chance of it passing and passing by a wide margin. Most parents fully understand this, just eliminate the "extras" and parents in all feeder areas could get behind this.	5/2/2016 8:35 AM
497	This is valuable land. Why not use land closer to Madison school and community center?	5/2/2016 8:33 AM
498	The kids at HMS need a safe and functional school. They do not need a state of the art facility that will cost tax payers more money.	5/2/2016 8:32 AM
499	ensure the parking structure is cost neutral over the long term by ensuring a mechanism for capturing parking revenues from down town commerce related parking, a natural overflow for something so close in proximity.	5/2/2016 8:23 AM
500	Great opportunity to work w the town to add parking.	5/2/2016 8:21 AM

Q11 Of the options below, which best represents your general advice for the Board of Education and administration in considering the next steps for HMS?

Answered: 1,471 Skipped: 116



Answer Choices	Responses
Don't make any changes to the proposal for a new HMS and run the referendum again.	1.56% 23
Before running another referendum, modify the proposal to find some overall cost savings, but generally try to keep the design that was planned for HMS.	30.66% 451
Before running another referendum, develop a new and less expensive design for HMS.	48.81% 718
Other (please specify)	18.97% 279
Total	1,471

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Please listen to the residents and taxpayers - not the staff and administration.	5/18/2016 9:33 PM
2	Offer a choice on referendum. Let voters pick between the new school costs and the costs to maintain the current school along with a list of the problems with the current school and the positives of the new school. Too many people just saw a large dollar amount and did not consider all that was included with that amount. And they were unaware of the cost to maintain the current school.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
3	Rather than building a new middle school, an overhaul of the the existing school would make a lot more sense, fiscally as well as logistically. The district was about to spend an enormous amount of money they didn't have, and all that on the back of tax payers. Any project related to improvement of the existing school could be funded by shifting funds from other areas of the district budget, such as reductions of future pension promises for teachers and administrators.	5/18/2016 2:15 PM
4	Lower the cost a bit but redirect from community stuff (large parking lot) to eduction stuff (robotics lab).	5/18/2016 10:58 AM
5	STAY AS IS	5/18/2016 10:54 AM

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6	We need to build a solid team at central office - this will take time. We need to fix our curriculum - we need a solid strategy and this will take time. We need a solid continuum for special education students and need to consider if we need to rejoin a cooperative. We need to ensure HMS is safe for now. I will not support a new HMS until this district gets its act together - this will take years. We have had a revolving door at central office with unqualified individuals and gross incompetence and we currently have a disorganized mess. There is an extreme lack of confidence in the central office at this point.	5/18/2016 10:16 AM
7	cost should be equal to CHMS in todays value - keep an auditorium	5/18/2016 2:37 AM
8	com,municate specifically why the design and cost is necessary given projected need. There is a lot of community feeling that this is a greta example of a process run amok. Specifically, communication that your design options were limited once the process was started, if true, just sounds irresponsible. Focus on what's provably needed, and you might get it.	5/17/2016 9:43 PM
9	Relocate to Veeck	5/17/2016 9:41 PM
10	Do not make another proposal. Live with the current facility even though the administration does not like the building.	5/17/2016 8:02 PM
11	better education about costs and why CHMS didn't cost as much and why the price is reasonable	5/17/2016 4:06 PM
12	Consider cost to remodeling current building	5/17/2016 1:14 PM
13	Unfortunately, I would like to keep the design as is and try to find some overall cost savings, but I feel in order for it to pass, you will need to develop a new and less expensive design.	5/17/2016 11:38 AM
14	Don't run the referendum on a design. Focus should be on the need.	5/17/2016 9:43 AM
15	not sure the proposal is the issue but the marketing of it and the communication around the answers people have. I would like to beleive the committee has come up with the best proposal they can.	5/16/2016 10:07 PM
16	100 percent. Keep general design but find ways to cut the cost to satisfy the naysayers who felt it was too expensive. Get a few More bids, but keep plans the same for the most part. Get the VOH to pitch in on the parking garage. It will greatly help all our businesses downtown.	5/16/2016 9:22 PM
17	Listen to the community and develop a realistic plan but work on curriculum first	5/16/2016 8:42 PM
18	Consider separating 6th grade to one school	5/16/2016 8:40 PM
19	Again, I have no data. I'll keep an eye out for opportunities to learn about the failed proposal and any considered changes.	5/16/2016 7:51 PM
20	Develop a new and much less expensive design for HMS.	5/16/2016 7:49 PM
21	The auditorium and track are luxuries. Things have to be right-sized financially, and with an auditorium at HCHS, that could easily go. Sure, it would be nice. But this is a middle school. Building in plans for a nice stage and seating in the gym is perfectly fine.	5/16/2016 7:38 PM
22	I heard a report from a trusted source, quoting some residents as saying: "I never pass a referendum the first time around. I think the cost is more reasonable the second time."	5/16/2016 7:08 PM
23	and share more info with voters	5/16/2016 3:18 PM
24	Determine the number of yes votes needed to pass the referendum, know the yes voters, and be sure they vote!	5/16/2016 2:49 PM
25	It depends on how much savings you can find modifying the above components, if it's not enough, maybe you have to develop an entirely new plan	5/16/2016 9:42 AM
26	Fix what needs fixing at current location.	5/16/2016 9:12 AM
27	Take it back to before the competition idea and start over there.	5/15/2016 5:43 PM
28	Analyze the possibility of repairing and retrofitting the existing building. There is too much of a "tear-down" mindset in the board. This is not only their money.	5/15/2016 10:19 AM
29	FIX THE EXISTING STRUCTURE AND MOVE ON!	5/15/2016 8:55 AM
30	Change location!	5/14/2016 2:30 PM
31	MAKE A DECISION QUICKLY! Slightly modify the proposal to find overall cost savings but keep the design. STOP WASTING MONEY AND TIME!	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
32	Drop the idea of a new school and repair as necessary for needs.	5/14/2016 9:12 AM

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33	Don't have another referendum! Rather than asking only about a new building which was already soundly defeated why are you not seeking input for a repair only option? This single minded (only a new building) is a big factor in your first defeat.	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
34	It's tough to say-we all want a new school but some adjustments definitely need to be made. The term 'less expensive' makes me nervous as it could lead to more expensive maintenance costs for the building in the future.	5/13/2016 11:12 PM
35	Reduce the costs significantly. In today's dollars, the middle school in Clarendon Hills costs \$24M -- which, of course, included a massive cost overrun. And you need \$65M?	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
36	There are also bonds for the library and high school-3 bonds is too much. We need to do something for the older population is this town that pays the bills-multi family condos in the downtown area.	5/13/2016 8:34 PM
37	If it were me I'd consider moving some students to CHMS to ease overcrowding or even during repairs at HMS. Make this a D181 problem and not just a HMS problem. Right now there is zero consequence for CHMS parents to continue to vote "no" (until their property values decline in about 10 years).	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
38	Hire a cheaper architect if you plan on keeping HMS at the same location?	5/13/2016 1:57 PM
39	I'm caught between choices # 2 and # 3 above. I really like the current design, but I think it's clear that it's too expensive. I think "cost savings are a must", but if point # 2 is minor cost savings, then that might not be enough to get it passed. I think point # 3 might be required to get it done. To me, it's a question of whether the referendum can pass at \$55 million, \$50 million, etc.?	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
40	Change design. Keep classes on two levels only. Hallways wider. More stairwells. More locker space. Less library space, less admin space, no auditorium. Basically make the areas used all day every day bigger. Other areas, smaller or eliminate.	5/13/2016 12:44 PM
41	I think that you should make going to CHMS or HMS a lottery system and all D181 residents could possibly go to HMS or CHMS based on the lottery. Or make 6th mandatory at HMS for all D181 students, make 7th grade mandatory at CHMS, and 8th grade a lottery	5/13/2016 11:40 AM
42	Keep the existing facility	5/13/2016 11:35 AM
43	fix the school we have, it should be good for another 50 years	5/13/2016 11:06 AM
44	Don't have another referendum and just fix the current school which is only 40 yrs old.	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
45	Keep the existing facility	5/13/2016 10:55 AM
46	The selections above indicate arrogance. The voters spoke. We told you we don't want a new HMS and now you're asking what would it take for approval of another referendum. Stop spending tax payer money on consultants, surveys, and temporary fixes to the facility problems at HMS!	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
47	Run the referendum again after doing a massive amount of work to ensure that people with kids outside of D181 vote for it.	5/13/2016 10:24 AM
48	Make changes to existing facility.	5/13/2016 10:08 AM
49	Before running another referendum, completely review the priorities/absolute needs and metrics to be incorporated in the design, refresh the design and find some overall cost savings in the new HMS design.	5/12/2016 11:30 PM
50	Cut the cost substantially!	5/12/2016 6:52 PM
51	Dump it, those firm associated with it and start over or you'll lose by a wider margin next time!	5/12/2016 5:37 PM
52	Get new bids and select new vendors.	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
53	It is less about "cost" than the impression that the firm was not on the same page as the community about the realities of current budgetary concerns. A different approach is called for...	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
54	If you come back with anything approaching the current plan expect defeat.	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
55	The original proposal isn't horrible. Just needs to be a bit less expensive with somehow providing a school that can be used in multiple ways by various community organizations to help justify the level of quality proposed.	5/12/2016 4:19 PM
56	I probably would have voted for a \$60mm referendum if the Board would have shown any sort of reasonable restraint.	5/12/2016 3:45 PM
57	Surrounding communities should not need to address the village parking needs. If you are on school property, you should be on school business.	5/12/2016 1:34 PM
58	If the above option is not considered, then improve CHMS as well	5/12/2016 12:12 PM
59	The school should last, but I believe the feeling is not to spend money just to spend money.	5/12/2016 12:00 PM

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60	Since a majority of the negative (NO votes) came from CHMS areas...put together a comparison in today's dollars of the cost to build CHMS today. Compare that to the cost to build a new HMS.	5/12/2016 11:37 AM
61	I have kids in high school as well and know that they plan on spending a lot to update the high schools. Overall, Hinsdale is spending too much at the same time on school improvements.	5/12/2016 11:01 AM
62	Less expensive proposal means shaving 40 million off the cost including contingencies. The first proposal was too expensive then instead of cutting costs you nearly doubled the price. Let's see a proposal to fix Madison and compare that with a way scaled back new school design that comes close in cost. Stop the extravagant spending on things that are not needed to provide a quality education.	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
63	I received feedback that there were too many residents in the district that felt they were hit by the tax impact without receiving the benefit. The BoE should consider merging the CHMS and HMS campuses so that the whole district is committed.	5/12/2016 10:02 AM
64	Clarendon Hills voters should be excluded from the next vote because they already have a new middle school and will reject spending on HMS.	5/12/2016 9:57 AM
65	Hire a team of experts to prove that what is necessary (i.e. appropriateness of the design and amenities within the design) is being estimated competitively, while also extrapolating value for the existing HMS property in a sale at the completion of the new HMS (and decommissioning/demo of the existing HMS). This is a critically valuable site to the Village and should be a higher and better use to support the aging demographic and encourage single-family housing turns in some of the more modest homes (largely occupied by this demographic).	5/12/2016 9:55 AM
66	Start over with the design firm selection and listen to the committee's recommendation and choose the firm with the full design/build capabilities.	5/12/2016 9:52 AM
67	It would be disrespectful and unconscionable to run the same thing again High school is even crazier where teacher demand way too much money pensions and less work time Why is staffing so high Cut costs first Also the moving first target meant there were going to be huge cost overruns too	5/12/2016 9:48 AM
68	Be understanding to older people as younger residents understand schools are the key to a healthy town	5/12/2016 9:43 AM
69	Clearly the community does not have the stomach for such a large capital project. The BOE needs to "sell " this better and not just to those who are already on board but to parents of older kids, older community members, young families and to CH community.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
70	Defend the choices made for the residents that don't trust that all sides were considered. Tell us the process and why elements were selected or not. Then support it fully, lay it out.	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
71	We won't support a new facility.	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
72	Have several open houses at HMS and give tours of stairwells going up to the gym and other areas of concern	5/12/2016 8:56 AM
73	Just seems like cost per square foot was way out of line...can we negotiate better or create more competition???	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
74	The location should be changed.	5/11/2016 8:51 PM
75	It probably needs to be around \$50million with less tax impact on homes to pass	5/11/2016 8:50 PM
76	While I do not have children attending school in the district, I have seen concern for the HMS' indeed the district's curriculum.	5/11/2016 8:32 PM
77	Renovate HMS. The school is significantly newer than the high school where many more resources are needed.	5/11/2016 8:23 PM
78	IF you run another referendum, it must be with a MUCH MUCH less expensive design.	5/11/2016 5:54 PM
79	Private fund naming rights and keep overall cost to taxpayers half of the original 65 million cost	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
80	Do better outreach with CHMS community. The proposal got mixed/wrong press and might have passed.	5/11/2016 1:55 PM
81	The voters rejected the referendum. They have spoken. The Board should stop trying to push an issue rejected by the voters. This is government non responsiveness to the people of the district.	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
82	Hire an ad agency, let them do the proper market research and your referendum will pass. It's worth the investment.	5/11/2016 1:25 PM
83	Help the public understand why other locations are not possible even though they are less costly. The public view is that HMS is being built on some of the most expensive real estate in Hinsdale...why?	5/11/2016 1:22 PM
84	#2 or #3 option	5/11/2016 12:58 PM
85	Fix the old school. It's not that old and it's wasteful to just junk it because it's ugly	5/11/2016 9:46 AM
86	Dont run another referendum.	5/10/2016 10:28 PM

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87	AMPLIFY the problems of the current facility.	5/10/2016 10:03 PM
88	There is no need to "start from scratch". significant savings can be found by looking at all aspects of the current design and working backwards. Either way, significant savings must be found in order for this to gain support.	5/10/2016 10:00 PM
89	like CHMS	5/10/2016 8:58 PM
90	Get another architect to review plans before making any decisions. There must be confidence that the cost estimates are realistic. I have no trouble with the total cost as on original ballot, just no confidence that cost will hold to that number.	5/10/2016 4:09 PM
91	Simpler design: The space where HMS currently is is very important real estate for the downtown and future development. We need this for other needs.	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
92	find a new location for the school. In town can be used to help the village. Out of town can benefit students in many ways.	5/10/2016 3:10 PM
93	Do not run another referendum. The taxpayers have spoken. The failed referendum already cost the taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars. If you run another referendum, the response against the referendum will be stronger and it will fail again.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
94	I think there is room to cut back on the costs of initial design and/or get more bids	5/10/2016 2:19 PM
95	Thoroughly explore and communicate all options for location and pricing for community feedback	5/10/2016 1:49 PM
96	Any design should be backed up with a definite Need. As the ONLY middle school in Hinsdale, it is imperative that residents realize how having a new, state of the art middle school will enhance their property value and reduce time on the market when their home is sold.	5/10/2016 1:27 PM
97	Need to understand the issues that the opponents of the referendum have and develop a plan that addresses of those issues. One of which was cost.	5/10/2016 12:39 PM
98	I think overall those in favor of the referendum liked the design. There was always a little apprehension about the cost. My suggestion if to find some cost savings that will communicate to supporters and those against that cost saving measures are essential, while making sure also that quality and functionality of the school is not sacrificed.	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
99	Find a new location	5/10/2016 11:45 AM
100	I don't have enough knowledge about this to make a recommendation but is there an option to hire a consultant to analyze this and find alternatives. With \$60+ Mil at stake it feels that there should be a way to intermediate and find a solution that works for the community as a whole. I appreciate the democratic nature of this process but wondering if other communities have had success in finding a way to break any deadlocks (which I don't feel we are at a deadlock yet, but if we lose another referendum then we might very well be at a deadlock).	5/10/2016 11:31 AM
101	Please move out of business area.	5/10/2016 10:58 AM
102	have limits to your spending. don't over build.	5/10/2016 10:34 AM
103	Adjust the plans so the building serves the needs of education first v the vanities of community at large. Share info/design/costs as a comprehensive package so community feedback can be truly useful; manage the process so it is effective.	5/10/2016 10:20 AM
104	Re-bid the project to make sure all parties provide quotes based on exact needs.	5/10/2016 9:07 AM
105	S area to support the plan.	5/10/2016 8:17 AM
106	There is no doubt a new middle school should be built. It needs to be less opulent and more functional to accommodate fluctuating enrollment. The District needs to regain trust from taxpayers by reducing costs for this school.	5/10/2016 12:17 AM
107	Develop a more modest design and evaluate / address needs of entire district at same time.	5/9/2016 10:27 PM
108	Do not run another referendum. it is clear that residence do not want a new middle school.	5/9/2016 9:59 PM
109	Get the total cost back toward the original proposal and also find some way to make CH residents, who have all brand new schools, sign on. Hinsdale shouldn't have to fund CH and not have similar support in return.	5/9/2016 8:34 PM
110	Make all the repairs needed.	5/9/2016 8:04 PM
111	Find another location for the school.	5/9/2016 7:25 PM
112	Wasn't there already another plan for a less amount that could be used? I thought there was one around \$40 million. I hate for cost to be spent starting over.	5/9/2016 5:16 PM

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113	Reduce cost to \$45-50 million. If this can be done with modifying current design, that would be ideal. It wouldn't be ideal to have to redesign totally and have to pay additional architecture fees. That seems wasteful.	5/9/2016 4:18 PM
114	I voted for the referendum, but many of the people I spoke to who were against it cited the high cost and the impact on their taxes. Would probably help to lower cost as much as possible, or divide project on two phases. Most importantly, explain to residents whose kids are out of HMS, what the ROI on their increased tax bill is. Maybe higher property values..etc. Also, the consequences of not building a new school and repairing the old one that overtime may exceed cost of new school. Explore ways to finance project with limited impact on tax bills. Seek private/commercial subsidy. Philanthropic contributions. Fund raising..etc. You may want to target those who will benefit the most to see if they will contribute more. For example as some one whose both children will go to new HMS, I am willing to chip in extra money to get the project going	5/9/2016 3:54 PM
115	Engage with community members who are not parents (for example, in regular mail). I was aware of the proposal through the schools and yard signs, but would not have been if I did not have children in the school system.	5/9/2016 3:52 PM
116	Look to shave at least \$20 million off the cost.	5/9/2016 3:50 PM
117	Dump the auditorium. An indoor track seems unnecessary and likely to be little used in PE classes or after school on anything approaching a regular basis. If that is not the case, then justify the case that it will be used. Do not argue by assertion.	5/9/2016 3:37 PM
118	Let's get more information out there. I understood many of my neighbors to simply be unaware of the issue.	5/9/2016 3:21 PM
119	Value engineering would be appropriate before presenting this proposal to the voters again....	5/9/2016 3:12 PM
120	I am torn between modify current proposal or running a new less expensive design. I would say the magic number is 50ishK. Whatever needs to happen to get the costs down to that would be a good step in the right direction. Our taxes are already just too high- really high. It is frustrating.	5/9/2016 2:10 PM
121	I suggest you set a cost ceiling before asking for new designs. My target would be about \$40M.	5/9/2016 12:45 PM
122	Please see my comment above - take the CHMS design and tweak it a bit for Hinsdale.	5/9/2016 11:54 AM
123	Build a more basic, utilitarian school that fits in with the classic traditional village character. The most important component of great education is NOT the facility.	5/9/2016 10:39 AM
124	Scrap the referendum! If I see another attempt to get this through, I will personally work to have the school board removed.	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
125	We don't want a new school. Fix the current one.	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
126	Look at relocating the school! This is very valuable real estate and could be put to better use.	5/8/2016 8:05 PM
127	Design a school, not a dream house that students and their parents can brag about to other districts. I thought you were there to provide learning opportunities, not to show your neighbors how smart and well intentioned you are??? Have you lost your minds?	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
128	The voters have spoken!! Forget a new middle school!	5/8/2016 3:05 PM
129	make due with what you have.	5/8/2016 2:47 PM
130	Run another referendum, but consider all the design options more fully (like the ones listed above). Some cost saving would be wise, but consider the options with care.	5/8/2016 1:28 PM
131	Also demonstrate fiscal responsibility and thoughtfulness before running another referendum. You have lost trust and you need to regain it before you put forward any new proposal and before you put this to a referendum again.	5/8/2016 1:01 PM
132	Overall, I liked the design and was not overly concerned with the cost; however, I think the money being spent should be focused on the kids and a proper educational facility that can last into the future (flexibility in design / technology). Mixing in 'extra' community projects was confusing - especially the parking garage. Keep the school a school and not a municipal structure for all.	5/8/2016 11:50 AM
133	have a very specific plan with definite numbers in place in terms of cost	5/8/2016 11:10 AM
134	A beautiful middle school could be constructed in a park like setting modifying the existing terrain @ the 55 th street location.	5/8/2016 10:58 AM
135	Utilizing a fair and unbiased bid process with appropriate building guidelines.	5/8/2016 10:40 AM
136	collect evidence on the existing state of the school, develop[alternatives, survey the residents for alternatives, appoint a volunteer citizen-administration committee to review the process	5/8/2016 10:37 AM
137	I think my neighbors would be more likely to vote yes if ti was lee expensive.	5/8/2016 10:21 AM
138	Repair existing and keep as is	5/8/2016 8:29 AM

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139	Fix the old school and leave it alone.	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
140	I am not in favor of spending more money to redo the design; however, the comments I heard were that the design was over the top & no way should 65M be spent on a middle school. The original talk of in the 40M range sounds more reasonable. Remember these are the same voters who have to consider & pay for numerous updates at Hinsdale Central HS which is a mess.	5/8/2016 7:31 AM
141	develop a new and MUCH less expensive design. reduce the cost by 50%	5/7/2016 7:49 PM
142	Kill the referendum.	5/7/2016 7:33 PM
143	Probably fall somewhere between choice B&C. I believe a new school is needed and would absolutely vote for one I thought well planned and cost efficient.	5/7/2016 7:06 PM
144	Develop a new less expensive design for HMS. Focus on the basics and do them well. Start a charity for individuals, in particular wealthy individuals to make charitable donations. Only once the fund has met 25% of the new less expensive design, have another referendum.	5/7/2016 2:00 PM
145	Before running another referendum make an open and transparent effort to to consider remodel, move to another location, redistricting, 3 middle schools, 6th grade back in neighborhood schools, and other options that should have been looked at thoroughly. And get ██████ away from the project over than the final full BOE vote.	5/7/2016 1:37 PM
146	Better architecture, while keeping cost in line with other projects of similar scale in the state to justify cost.	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
147	Cost and perhaps comparability with CH middle school seems to be the community hurdle? Find changes to allow more of CH population to get on board.	5/7/2016 10:51 AM
148	see above...if indeed the majority of the No votes came from the CHMS district: make that public knowledge, shame them, and/or consider CHMS attendance boundary changes	5/7/2016 10:12 AM
149	How about staring fresh with a new architectural firm who will do their due diligence and know what the costs implication would be before giving us a total cost?	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
150	It was voted down respect the voters and tax payers	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
151	rent some trailers!	5/7/2016 9:46 AM
152	It appeared to be a case of want not need. The evaluation was rushed, there was a poor case made for why the money was being spent. Who pays for the color glossy ads being sent from the district to residents?	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
153	Don't run a referendum. The students that are educated in the building will go to top tier colleges and live successful live. Tune out the staff who want a new building. They don't live hereso its easy for them to expect residents to buy a new school	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
154	As a parent volunteer in every successful D181 referenda, I believe the Board made a number of serious blunders. 1. Architectural Design contest: creates a "game" of a very serious decision; takes the dollars out of the decision? 2. Too extravagant: unrealistic to think that voters will happily pay for an elevated track (do you really think CH students will come over to work out?) 3: You did not do enough to bring residents, without HMS students, into the process. You MUST engage voters who do not have students attending HMS. I live in the HMS district, but do not have students in attendance, and I felt as if the Board "assumed" I would be in favor of the referendum simply because I live in the attendance area. Foolish.	5/6/2016 11:52 PM
155	Reconsider other real estate for the school	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
156	Energy and resources should be put into increasing student capacity, and to have monroe students attend HMS instead of CHMS	5/6/2016 9:04 PM
157	Develop a new and less expensive design that does not include the turf, track or auditorium.	5/6/2016 8:41 PM
158	Find a less expensive design. Consider a location that allows outdoor activities. Robbins park seems a natural choice	5/6/2016 7:36 PM
159	save money.spend less and use some of these monies to abate the costs of the his redesign.	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
160	Don't run referendum again	5/6/2016 7:16 PM
161	Before additional commitments, inform the residents who are not aware of the previous \$71 Million LOan, where we are financially.	5/6/2016 6:41 PM
162	After you exclude all of the add ons that have virtually nothing to do with obtaining a quality education (parking deck, auditorium, synthetic turf etc etc.) Please explain why a new school supports a quality "educational" environment.	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
163	Don't put it on the ballot next time. Citizens & taxpayers just LOVE it when government keeps ramming their desired down voters throats over & over. We need a break from HMS politics.	5/6/2016 6:31 PM

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164	Develop a new and less expensive design, and don't try to ram it through so fast. How did a \$45 million dollar (again, nearly 3 times that of CHMS!) become over \$70 and then wow REDUCED to under \$65 million? And the Board thought wow what a bargain let's jump on that ASAP! No wonder people have lost trust in the Board.	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
165	Before running another referendum, develop a new, SIGNIFICANTLY LESS EXPENSIVE design for HMS.	5/6/2016 5:55 PM
166	You need to let the residents of Claridon Hills that if HMS is not replaced, many of their children will be required to attend HMS and many Hinsdale students will be attending CHMS.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
167	Fixed the roof and be done w/ it. Get rid of the temporary class rooms. Reallocate students in NE to CH.	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
168	The project has to make sense relative to CHMS, home values, and the current (high) property tax rate. Raising property taxes to fund every "necessary" project does not add value to the community or make the financial health of the town stronger. When you factor in pensions which are already generous relative to for-profit companies, I do not see how the community can continue to spend and think property taxes will take care of everything. Especially when you consider all the retirement obligations we will be facing and the IRR assumptions used in pricing the present value of those liabilities.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
169	Do not run it-use what money you have. The high school is proposing a referendum in November and it needs much more work than HMS.	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
170	There is a lot of concern about how to deal with the overarching view that a new school (particularly one as expensive as the proposed HMS) will divide the town into two distinct halves - and there will be minimal incentives for any one half to agree on any spending that does not impact them personally...and the half with the 3 Hinsdale neighborhoods seemingly will always have the votes to do what it pleases or not.	5/6/2016 4:10 PM
171	select a different contractor	5/6/2016 3:27 PM
172	Coordinate with D86 and run the financial analysis of capital improvement budget and include labor for both Districts...a full analysis of revenue, cost and tax implications.	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
173	Don't spend any more money on extraneous consulting agencies. Listen to the community. Economic atmosphere dictates this project.	5/6/2016 2:36 PM
174	I agree that a new school is needed but it seems crazy that the current school was designed so poorly and has so many problems. Who was responsible for that build/design and were they ever sued for the multiple problems	5/6/2016 2:18 PM
175	Please do not ask for any more taxes of any kind - this community is overburdened as it is.	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
176	Fix what you have.	5/6/2016 2:07 PM
177	O	5/6/2016 1:42 PM
178	Better keep it around 40 mil or good luck getting it passed. How about using some "seed" money from reserves? Meet the taxpayer halfway.	5/6/2016 12:19 PM
179	Before running another referendum, modify the proposal to find some overall cost savings, but generally try to keep the design that was planned for HMS. - And work to better inform constituents and dispel myths. I work in PR. I'll help.	5/6/2016 11:18 AM
180	Rushing and Putting the same proposals in front of voters in November would be a mistake in my opinion. More education of the community on the original proposal is necessary but so are modifications to signal concerns were heard and addresses.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
181	Fix the current school with the \$11 million contingency plan.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
182	Fix some of the other problems at HMS and show the community that you can effectively build this building.	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
183	You don't need a new school !! You should be fixing and expanding/modifying the current building. Anything over 30m is a joke. The high school needs it more than the middle school.	5/5/2016 5:01 PM
184	Explore fixes to existing or return at a new proposal that is half of existing.	5/5/2016 1:01 PM
185	Did like the looks of the proposal but keep thinking whether all of that was truly necessary. Definitely feel we could use a new building that would better serve the educational needs of the children.	5/5/2016 11:33 AM
186	Fix what is in place	5/5/2016 11:12 AM

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187	I suggest finding ways to decrease the cost of the design and also break out the cost of the school from the parking garage for people to understand how much of the cost was actually going to be allocated to the garage - providing public parking on nights, holidays and weekends for downtown - it would help people to understand that the cost of the school itself wasn't going to be \$65mm. Something that was going to cost \$65mm should have addressed every possible need/want people had for a school - significant outdoor space, more significant student capacity increase, parking, etc. The previously proposed referendum was expensive and still didn't address everything people would expect for that amount of money. I would rather see a referendum for \$55mm and \$10mm added to the budget to address upcoming high school and other elementary school needs in the district. Our district has a very highly ranked high school but have the facility needs there been fully addressed? It would seem more important to me to have the banner/beautiful high school over the middle school.	5/5/2016 11:02 AM
188	Find a new location and build a school for the entire community.	5/5/2016 9:25 AM
189	50mm price tag Max	5/5/2016 8:09 AM
190	Do not run another referendum.	5/5/2016 6:07 AM
191	Look at different designs from other architectures. Pick the best plan not the cheapest.	5/4/2016 2:39 PM
192	Before running another referendum, move one of the elementary schools over to CHMS and tell the community it has to be this way until HMS is rebuilt.	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
193	Whatever you do, the taxpayers should not be impacted. How about cutting the budget to pay for this project.	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
194	Find a way to get the Clarendon Hills and Monroe residents on board. Again, I believe that no matter how low the cost is or less expensive a new design will be, the referendum will still fail unless there is a benefit or incentive given to Clarendon Hills/Monroe residents. There is divide in District 181 with two sides formed. Those who benefit from the school and those who don't. The group who doesn't benefit (Clarendon Hills and Monroe residents) are strongly against any new school and this group is too large to overcome in the voting unless a creative way is developed to satisfy them.	5/4/2016 1:29 PM
195	I think you should eliminate some of the more expensive, unnecessary components (the "fluff") but keep the general design.	5/4/2016 1:26 PM
196	put the project out to bid again - may generate some less expensive bids 2nd time around	5/4/2016 10:19 AM
197	Sell HMS and build somewhere else. That property is too valuable to waste on a school.	5/4/2016 9:04 AM
198	Figure out if these costs are additional or not. Don't compile a list of the best amenities, be aware that D181's decision making has been hasty in the past and the community is conservative because of those mistakes. An open school was the worst idea, and what other building has a gym on the 3rd floor???	5/4/2016 6:04 AM
199	I think it is a mix of #2 as well as pursuing competing contractor estimates and exploring a fixed bid approach. Additionally, we need clarity on who will run /manage the project from d181.	5/4/2016 5:54 AM
200	Provide a detailed remodel option with costs. Include an administrative center in a new building or remodel.	5/3/2016 10:27 PM
201	Much less. While the proposal was 65M after interest payments it would have been closer to 90M. We have had little inflation or wage growth in the last 10 years. Commodity prices have been crushed.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
202	More effective communication around building costs and stronger rationale behind why. Would also ensure Clarendon Hills residents are educated on how tax dollars are allocated. Many voted against since it would help them directly.	5/3/2016 6:50 PM
203	1. Plan on remodeling HMS to a 500 max school and bring size of CHMS down to 600. 2. Build a 3rd middle school at a park, or at Life Principles Location in Oak Brook. 3. Merge with Butler District 53. 4. Show us a specific remodel of a 500 student and, a 800 student HMS. 5. Downtown property should be sold to help fund the cost of new school and future D181 expenses. Place the middle school on outskirts of town. Parents can drive, or, make a bike lane so kids can ride bikes or walk there. Most parents drop off anyway. Or, charge a busing fee for those who use bus.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
204	Less expensive, less excessive	5/3/2016 5:30 PM
205	Rebid the entire project.	5/3/2016 2:55 PM
206	Need to present a cheaper, less rushed, more thoughtful option that has general consensus behind it	5/3/2016 2:28 PM
207	Make sure non-benefiting residences and participants of D181 do not incur the costs.	5/3/2016 2:14 PM
208	Reconsider choice of design firm. Find a partner that can communicate justification for costs.	5/3/2016 12:32 PM
209	Consider all options, including alternate locations. Share due diligence with the community.	5/3/2016 12:26 PM
210	Run the process of finding a design team again, and proposed budget of \$36M construction cost, for a 120k square foot facility.	5/3/2016 9:08 AM

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211	Look into all other options	5/3/2016 7:50 AM
212	Build HMS exactly like CHMS with appropriate changes for growth and compliance to laws/rules.	5/3/2016 7:15 AM
213	Back door referendum	5/3/2016 5:54 AM
214	Fix curriculum first. Then decide on a plan that is logical, create a design that supports the plan...AND LEAVE TIME TO GET FEEDBACK AND MODIFY BEFORE RUSHING TO THE VOTE. The plan and the design were NOT logical.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
215	Torn between 2&3- need a new middle school however we can get it!	5/2/2016 10:07 PM
216	Re-start the process. Define the scope for the new school, then get bids from architectural firms. Encourage participation from more architects (find out why they chose not to participate in the process for the project that just failed referendum, and learn from that). Limit the scope of the project.	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
217	#2, modify the proposal with the above suggested options being eliminated or reduced and include Monroe School.	5/2/2016 9:49 PM
218	it won't pass if you don't make the adjustments noted above-you are wasting valuable time-please work hard to get a new more cost effective design on the ballad as soon as possible	5/2/2016 8:53 PM
219	New and less expensive - - eliminating items that are excessive an making HMS vastly different than other schools in the district.	5/2/2016 8:49 PM
220	Get new leadership with business experience. Effective challenge could still occur with a ballot measure in the fall. Tweaking the proposal with the same leadership and cost is doomed to fail and will trigger a grass roots effort to remove the board.	5/2/2016 7:48 PM
221	Making any changes will will make it substandard	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
222	start over with more planning and look at all options of either keeping HMS in town or looking at another location.	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
223	Explore all possible locations as well. Do it right and keep costs in line with median for nation	5/2/2016 7:24 PM
224	Re-explore renovation before running another referendum. Develop less expensive version.	5/2/2016 7:02 PM
225	Better communication Demonstrate you heard residents' concerns by proposing some cost savings/changes Explain why each item is needed	5/2/2016 6:54 PM
226	Consider another location	5/2/2016 6:37 PM
227	I believe we need a new HMS, but I would not vote for any referendum that did not have a significant cost reduction.	5/2/2016 6:24 PM
228	Modify the existing proposal if significant benchmark data can support current design; otherwise, revise the design to be less expensive	5/2/2016 6:02 PM
229	Before running another referendum, look into whether there would be community support for location that I	5/2/2016 5:29 PM
230	Obviously, something must be changed before the referendum is run again or it will fail. The design of the school was beautiful and reasonable. What could help convince some previous 'no' voters, would be to more fully incorporate the village parking situation. That affects everyone in town, whether they have students or not. That portion of the plan did feel like an afterthought. I am still not sure it will pass, but feel certain, Hinsdale needs a new Middle school that is well-designed.	5/2/2016 5:06 PM
231	Any bonus features should be fund raised within Hinsdale .	5/2/2016 4:56 PM
232	extend the bidding for proposals/designs to more firms and try to get the cost down	5/2/2016 4:54 PM
233	People are having a hard time wrapping their head around the total cost ~65mil, when the only other number they have to compare it to is CHMS, which is a completely different building.	5/2/2016 4:28 PM
234	COMMUNICATE how desperate the situation is. The roof still leaks mold is and will return. It is CROWDED. Kids study in dark hall way classrooms PHOTOS OPEN HOUSE TOURS (NOT JUST ONCE OR TWICE)	5/2/2016 4:22 PM
235	Do not cut the amenities, instead educate the voters. Also, make sure your BOE members remain neutral. It was very obvious that [REDACTED] were "publicly" trying to get their friends and friends of friends to vote against the referendum.	5/2/2016 3:59 PM
236	Maybe narrow the proposed hallways a bit.	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
237	Keep the process simple. Reduce scope from existing design and ask again--however, the communication must be much clearer...the minutes from past board meetings seemed more than rushed on this large of a dollar amount	5/2/2016 3:14 PM
238	Just fix what needs to be fixed without concluding that the whole building needs to be replaced	5/2/2016 2:51 PM
239	I thought District brochures and communication were clear on the cost per household based on taxes AND the lowering of the overall increase as other bonds are paid, but I think that was missed by the general public.	5/2/2016 2:46 PM

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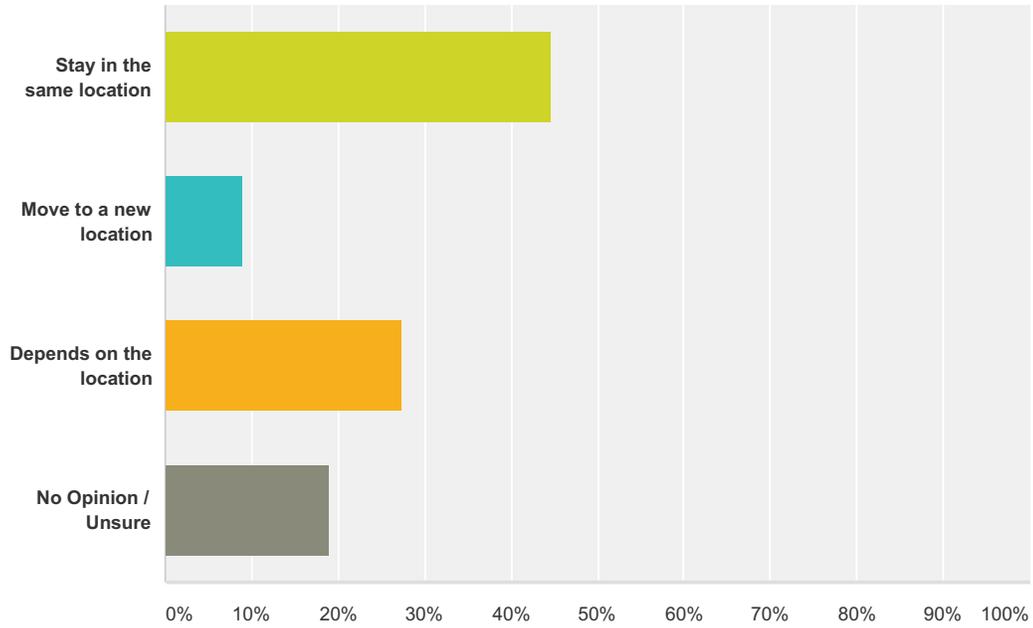
240	My opinion is to first try to understand and address the no-votes major concerns. I'm assuming they are the high price tag/cost comparison to CHMS. If the cost differential cannot be justified to the CHMS folks, we may have to reduce scope and design. Hoping to run the referendum again though with only slight modifications.	5/2/2016 2:28 PM
241	I live 3 blocks from the school, support a high performing school system and the referendum in general, but need clarity on whether or not my children would attend a rebuilt HMS. Also, you need to clarify that for all the people who don't have kids, their property values hinge massively on the quality of the public schools, and that a better school system is in their own personal financial interest.	5/2/2016 2:14 PM
242	Make people more aware if possible.	5/2/2016 2:12 PM
243	I think the proposal was not extravagant. The board, administration and architects failed to explain the advantages of an auditorium and track for school functioning and actual learning. It was the site needs that caused the boost in cost, not the track and auditorium, per se.	5/2/2016 1:58 PM
244	Better educate the public	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
245	I don't know that I know enough about the current design to know whether I would recommend a modified proposal or a less expensive design. I know a lot of work, resources, and money went into the current proposal, so I might recommend modification of the current proposal first, but not sure I have enough info to say that with conviction.	5/2/2016 12:30 PM
246	Or, layout how the current referendum compares to the CHMS referendum 10 years ago. You will need to account for inflation. And, include the information regarding track/no track. For example, there is plenty of outdoor space for PE and running at CHMS, so, they did not require the turf or a track. If HMS requires these to keep kids active, this needs to be called out! I think the auditorium is a losing battle. CHMS has a cafeterium.	5/2/2016 12:22 PM
247	They need to forget the referendum and clean up the DOL. We are here so our children can be educated not to put a feather in [REDACTED] cap.	5/2/2016 12:09 PM
248	Keep in line with the spending on CHMS and a design that fits in with the village - similar to the Village Hall.	5/2/2016 12:08 PM
249	Less expensive design and lower cost location.	5/2/2016 12:04 PM
250	use CMS design and different location	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
251	Let's be realistic. This is a middle school and you are spending money that is not in the bank. Stick to the basics, clean, updated technology and safe.	5/2/2016 11:51 AM
252	Lots of people who voted against this thought it was too high yet didn't understand that his building is comparable on a cost per square foot to chms . Why would we build he same school as chms when it's 30 years later ??	5/2/2016 11:28 AM
253	Rehab the current with an addition of a multi-purpose/gym space.	5/2/2016 10:54 AM
254	Keep it as is, but clarify the impact on all the schools if it doesn't pass. EX: Change in boundaries, etc.	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
255	I would modify the proposal somewhat trying to bring down the price somewhat. But, the reality is if someone is going to be against the \$65M proposal they are going to be against a 60M proposal as well. I think the committee needs to be more aggressive in explaining how bad the current condition of the middle school is and the inverse affect that has on the students' education. I would also work hard on better explaining the effect of having a deteriorating middle school has on property values in Hinsdale (no matter where you live - HMS or CHM).	5/2/2016 10:45 AM
256	Go back to earlier steps that seemed rushed. Get actual costs to repair current school, explore options to trade land or sell current building/land and move school to save costs, etc.	5/2/2016 10:36 AM
257	The referendum was denied. Do u not hear that.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
258	Spend money like it is your money, not the community's. Eliminate waste, and keep academics strong	5/2/2016 10:30 AM
259	Cut the auditorium, and the fancy gym extras.	5/2/2016 10:10 AM
260	If the number is really \$65M a stronger case needs to be made.	5/2/2016 9:46 AM
261	Educate voters as to WHY repairs are NOT cost effective/safe. They need to feel the urgency to fix a sick building!	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
262	Got to make the residents in CHMS have skin in the game	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
263	I cannot state strongly enough that you need equity in the space, design and materials of the new school.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
264	Develop a low-cost option that will take care of the needs of the existing HMS building	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
265	Before running another referendum, modify the proposal to find some overall cost savings, but generally try to keep the design that was planned for HMS. AND EXPLAIN WHY SOME OF THE COSTS ARE SO HIGH. COMPARE THE COST OF CHMS + REPAIRS SINCE IT WAS BUILT TO THE PROPOSED COST OF HMS.	5/2/2016 9:18 AM

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266	Can you also educate people in the area about how this would be a benefit to them and their community. Property values etc.	5/2/2016 9:07 AM
267	you are missing the political aspect of the proposal and you need to address the "What's in it for me" that is important in any similar process. Right now the district is divided due to the perspective that this will only benefit a small group and it is not in line with what others receive. I suggest having serious discussion around other options: Clarendon hills area is growing which may require shifting at some point in the future to be determined which may include realigning Monroe, or doing grade level realignment. also suggest finding something that CHMS needs for a couple million and include that in the ballot as well.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
268	Way too expensive.	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
269	I would modify the proposal but perhaps if CHMS does not support... they should help with the overcrowding so we can at least eliminate the portables. There needs to be an incentive for their to support these much needed renovations! Perhaps if they are "inconvenienced" or their kids go to moldy portables they will be more inclined to support.	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
270	The design needs to accurately reflect student and staff needs for a safe, productive learning environment.	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
271	It would be a waste of money to throw away the initial design and have to pay for another plan. Can enough savings be gleaned from the original?	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
272	why we have to give contract to a union if we pay the cost?	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
273	While I'm fairly happy with the design, maybe we should start from scratch. The architects often said that they didn't know they needed to include a bunch of stuff (workrooms, datacenter, staff bathrooms, etc.). Plus, no firm budget was given to the architects.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
274	AND SOMEHOW MERGE THE TWO SCHOOLS	5/2/2016 8:48 AM
275	There needs to be a better education effort made in Clarendon Hills. There's a lot of mis-information. They need reminded that Hinsdale supported the CHMS project and that the new HMS would help their property values.	5/2/2016 8:47 AM
276	Why is there not a choice to not run a referendum? Your surveys are designed to elicit the answers that you have predetermined. Your previous expert guaranteed success based on their responses. They were wrong, yet you go back to the simple and same way you have done this before.. All of the choices above presume that you need a new referendum. Where is the proof that you need a new school? Why can t it be refurbished?	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
277	A new building should be similar to CHMS in design and cost.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
278	How about hold the architect and contracting team's feet to the fire to get the best possible deal for the district?	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
279	Please explain why not utilize and improve other parking? Again, double deck the ugly lot at tracks and Lincoln on N side. Also, explain why we need same location? We already have a great school complex at Madison and the auditorium could have multi use there including community plays!	5/2/2016 8:33 AM

Q12 We have heard from some residents who think it would be better to build a new Hinsdale Middle School some place other than its current location, while others feel it should be built on the existing site as was proposed. Please indicate your preference below.

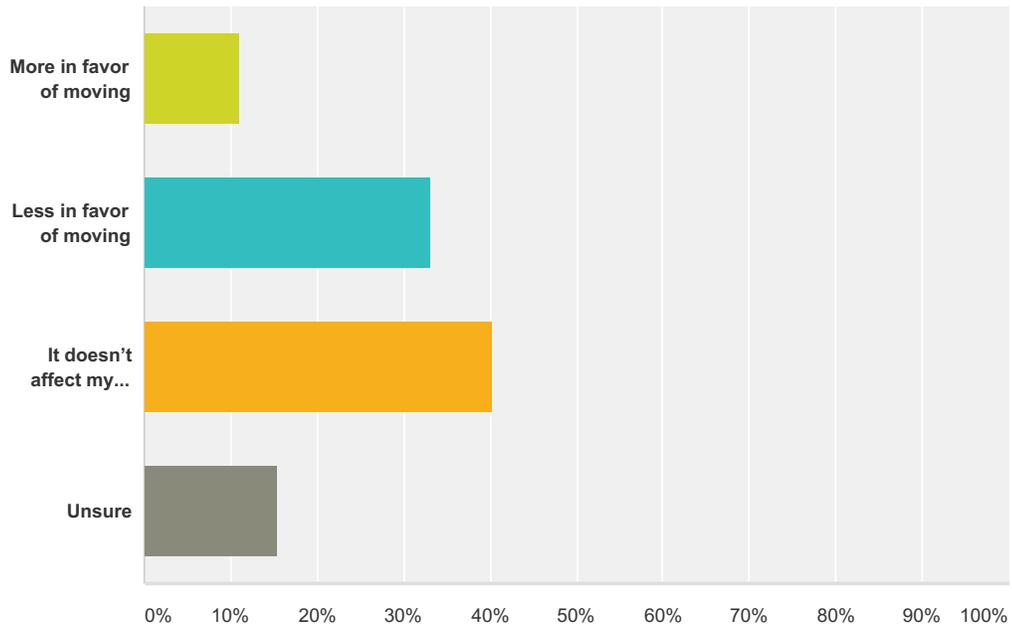
Answered: 1,473 Skipped: 114



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Stay in the same location	44.60%	657
Move to a new location	9.03%	133
Depends on the location	27.43%	404
No Opinion / Unsure	18.94%	279
Total		1,473

Q13 If you feel the District should consider moving HMS to a new location, how would your opinion be impacted if the new school would be on the edge of the District boundaries and could involve providing transportation for all students due to the quality and safety of walking routes? (If you feel HMS should stay in its current location, please skip this question.)

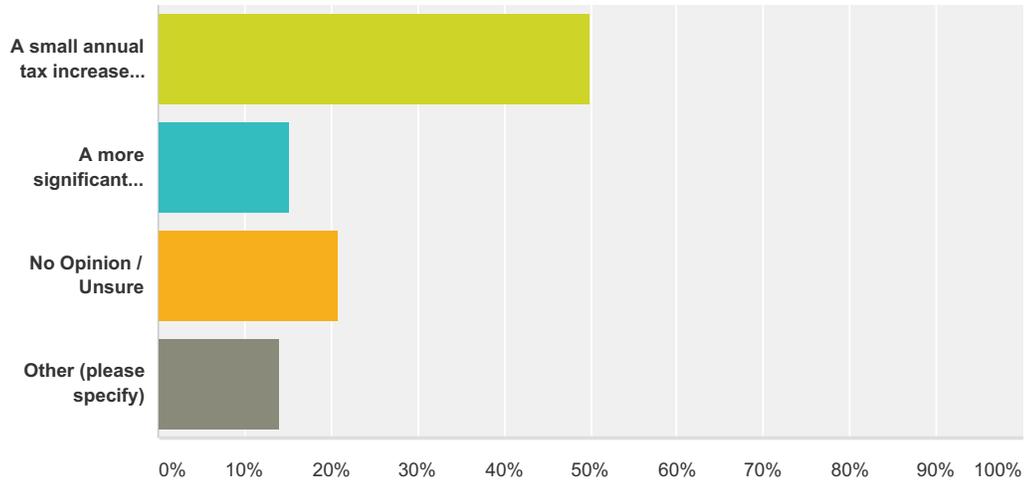
Answered: 965 Skipped: 622



Answer Choices	Responses
More in favor of moving	10.98% 106
Less in favor of moving	33.16% 320
It doesn't affect my opinion	40.31% 389
Unsure	15.54% 150
Total	965

Q14 There are three components involved in paying for a project like this: the size of the tax increase for residents, how long it takes to pay off the bonds, and the total cost. Which of the following do you think would be the best choice for the decision on how to structure the bond scenario?

Answered: 1,462 Skipped: 125



Answer Choices	Responses
A small annual tax increase over a longer period of time, with a higher total cost to the District	49.79% 728
A more significant annual tax increase over a shorter period of time, with a lower total cost to the District	15.32% 224
No Opinion / Unsure	20.79% 304
Other (please specify)	14.09% 206
Total	1,462

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Taxes should be kept to a minimum	5/18/2016 9:50 PM
2	Let's delay this project until the bonds from last referendum are paid off	5/18/2016 9:48 PM
3	Minimize the tax increase period.	5/18/2016 9:44 PM
4	A total lower cost is desirable and best achieved with a more simplified structure that will cost less to build.	5/18/2016 8:31 PM
5	I think residents might vote for the new school if the taxes were spread out over a longer period of time to make the taxes easier to afford. I would personally prefer a larger increase to lower the total cost.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
6	Project funding from cuts in other areas of the district budget - reduction in teacher and administrator pensions.	5/18/2016 2:15 PM
7	NO NEW TAXES - WE ARE AT HISTORICALLY HUGE LEVELS NOW; THE SALARY OF 181 EDUCATORS DWARFS OTHER DISTRICTS!	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
8	The economics of the various scenarios should be included in the referendum decision making process.	5/18/2016 8:11 AM
9	This is a poorly worded/trick question, because there is no perspective/no specifics. Probably a longer time period.	5/17/2016 8:48 PM

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10	There should not be a referendum to rebuild HMS	5/17/2016 8:02 PM
11	I hesitate to answer because our community will be asked to also take on tax increases to support HCHS and I think we already pay really high taxes. However, if 181 worked with 86 to ensure the best cost structure possible for both projects, that would be the best case scenario.	5/17/2016 5:57 PM
12	No burdern	5/17/2016 1:14 PM
13	The district should hold off on undertaking such a costly capital investment until it can fix more significant problems, including the general curriculum and declining student performance.	5/17/2016 12:12 PM
14	No tax increase they are high enough already	5/17/2016 11:42 AM
15	We have high schoolers as well and the D86 referrendum is also quite an expense.	5/17/2016 11:26 AM
16	A hybrid that allows non-school-attendeo homeowners to get in favor of the proposal...and have that communicated!	5/17/2016 8:44 AM
17	No tax increase	5/17/2016 7:20 AM
18	Offer to pay lump sum tax as a one time payment and keep annual tax at current level.	5/16/2016 8:51 PM
19	The village should encourage more businesses to open in town. Too many empty stores not generating tax revenue	5/16/2016 7:39 PM
20	That was not the issue. The absolute cost was.	5/16/2016 7:38 PM
21	Lower the cost and hit the taxpayers gradually with tax increases.	5/16/2016 5:34 PM
22	It depends on the numbers.	5/16/2016 10:13 AM
23	Taxes are never reduced. The board will find new items on which to spend the expiring tax.	5/16/2016 10:11 AM
24	Taxes are driving residents out and property values down. When you can convince me that you spend current money wisely then you can come begging for more.	5/16/2016 9:12 AM
25	what happened to the levy'd money we were paying for all the of grade schools. They should be paid off yet no tax decrease.	5/16/2016 8:11 AM
26	Sell that incredibly valuable land that the middle school is sitting on and use the proceeds to build the new school on less expensive land. This would help to keep any necessary tax increase to a very minimal level. Unfortunately, we are already over-taxed and all of our school districts will have to realize there is not going to be as much money for these projects going forward as there was years ago.	5/15/2016 10:22 PM
27	It depends on what "significant" means. I would rather have a lower cost to the District; however, as I mentioned above the increase in our taxes is out of hand too.	5/15/2016 8:01 PM
28	Need to see the numbers more and understand in context of other projects like D86 requests.	5/15/2016 10:32 AM
29	New high school before middle school	5/15/2016 10:21 AM
30	Overall, the cost needs to be significantly less than was proposed last spring.	5/15/2016 9:18 AM
31	No increase. The district has asked for bonds several times since 2000 and there is no end in sight to their spending.	5/15/2016 8:55 AM
32	No Residential tax increase please.	5/15/2016 8:42 AM
33	Is the district prepared to cover pensions if the state backs out? What interest rates on bonds will the district have to pay, given Illinois' shaky finances?	5/15/2016 8:38 AM
34	fear with tax increases is that they become permanent and never go away	5/15/2016 7:29 AM
35	Assuming we can get good terms, fund it over a term that's similar to the useful life of the building.	5/14/2016 3:13 PM
36	small tax increase of longer time with option to pay off bonds sooner	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
37	All tax burdens need to be reduced.	5/14/2016 9:12 AM
38	Spend \$6 million to fix the existing building	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
39	How about just spending significantly less money?	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
40	no increase and cut other areas.	5/13/2016 8:34 PM
41	Think of it as personal , not from the tax base of many.	5/13/2016 3:20 PM
42	I am opposed to any tax increase	5/13/2016 11:35 AM

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43	No tax increase at all. You played class warfare by stating "taxes for \$1M house would only increase \$500". Dont you realize that people dont want any tax increase ever? We are the most taxed state in the country and dont need a new school.	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
44	Again, this is governmental/board arrogance to ignore what residents have already told you! We don't want a new HMS. Fix the physical facility at the school we have. Stop assuming that some other alternative to keeping and fixing the current school is palatable and desirable.	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
45	it depends on the delta in cost.	5/13/2016 6:38 AM
46	do the small tax increase.we are still paying from building frenzy of 10-15 years ago, and the cumulative effect of this is overwhelming.	5/12/2016 9:12 PM
47	My biggest concern is the overall cost - VALUE not extravagance! How long it takes to pay it off is of less concern. I am voting on the overall cost.	5/12/2016 6:52 PM
48	Doesn't matter - the residents provide the money to the district anyway	5/12/2016 6:30 PM
49	Given the strong support for a costly school among of the district's most affluent residents it seems prudent to have a capital campaign that might defray the largest expenses.	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
50	I'm not exactly sure about this. Would need to see specific numbers for the average house in hinsdale.	5/12/2016 3:36 PM
51	That's a dumb question. People who are planning to move or retire will probably pick the first option...small increase. If you're staying for 20 years with little kids...the second option. I pick the first option (but I couldn't on this survey, and also provide a response.	5/12/2016 2:24 PM
52	I think the tax increase was minimal but due to the emotion and perceived design clause voters to turn against it	5/12/2016 1:12 PM
53	What cost savings should the district be targeting for their contribution ?	5/12/2016 12:59 PM
54	Lower the overall cost	5/12/2016 12:58 PM
55	A fiscally conservative tax increase, significantly less than \$65M	5/12/2016 11:29 AM
56	It does not have to be the best schoolever built. Lower Cost.	5/12/2016 11:11 AM
57	my answers above expalin my position.	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
58	I am untrustworthy of the tax increase ever going away. Sounds fine on the surface, short tax increase that will go away in 10 years. I just don't believe that will actually happen. Who knows, in 10 years time another school may need a major overhaul.	5/12/2016 9:32 AM
59	Cut the proposal budget is the key	5/12/2016 9:31 AM
60	Lower total cost, spread over normal period of time (less tax increase)	5/12/2016 9:29 AM
61	No tax increase	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
62	I should not be paying for extravagant new HMS while CHMS was approved for small fraction of this amount.	5/11/2016 9:45 PM
63	Generally agree with the first bullet. The cost of the project should be spread out over the useful life of the building as much as possible so it is shared by all who benefit to the extent possible.	5/11/2016 9:41 PM
64	Don't want to pay any more additional tax	5/11/2016 8:22 PM
65	No tax increase	5/11/2016 8:14 PM
66	No tax increases	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
67	Small annual tax increase with lower District cost	5/11/2016 4:33 PM
68	Where is the voting option for lower total cost?	5/11/2016 3:44 PM
69	No tax increase.	5/11/2016 2:24 PM
70	Our taxes just went up considerably -- use that increase!	5/11/2016 1:52 PM
71	The question, along with question #12 assume acceptance of a new school being built. The referendum was rejected by the voters and biased question writing does not change this. The voters have rejected the building of a new middle school.	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
72	Cut the construction price of the school.	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
73	Enough already. The referendum didn't pass and it will not.	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
74	Don't do it	5/10/2016 10:28 PM

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75	Is the district in a position to eliminate other outstanding bonds in the short-term to offset any increases here? If not, then other financing methods should be examined.	5/10/2016 10:00 PM
76	lower the cost	5/10/2016 8:55 PM
77	The referendum failed by a significant margin. The taxpayers have spoken. Repair the current school.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
78	depends on how much you are talking about	5/10/2016 2:19 PM
79	The tax increase should be paid over the life of the school.	5/10/2016 11:50 AM
80	lower total cost with lower tax impact over longer period	5/10/2016 11:45 AM
81	Would like to see numbers and options. Big difference if it is over \$1000 a year to pay fast (and less) versus less than \$500 a year to pay slow (and more) from my own perspective.	5/10/2016 11:31 AM
82	the primary number to consider is the total cost of the project. stay focused on that and then figure out how to spread the bond offering	5/10/2016 9:43 AM
83	Not enough info given to make this choice. In general, I would like to pay less money but how does having more debt on the district's books affect their ability to do other projects that need to be done?	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
84	Build a functional box for half the price tag. This reduces the tax burden on every tax payer. If this gets done, you can hit me with the tax increase all at once.	5/9/2016 10:16 PM
85	No new school and no new taxes	5/9/2016 9:59 PM
86	Is \$2.3 to 4 million out of range?	5/9/2016 8:04 PM
87	lowest pv cost	5/9/2016 5:33 PM
88	No tax increase	5/9/2016 4:14 PM
89	It is insane to ask for more taxes as I pay over \$25K already. Clearly the money is being wasted.	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
90	Keep the project cost down so the bond will have less of a tax impact however repayment is structured.	5/9/2016 3:50 PM
91	Bond length should be linked (correlated) to expected life of the building	5/9/2016 3:37 PM
92	The overall cost should be reasonable! No matter how long it takes to pay it off!	5/9/2016 3:19 PM
93	Depends on the interest rates on the bonds...it should be spread over the useful life of the building based on best balance for both.	5/9/2016 2:47 PM
94	Save up a substantial portion of the money over the next few years to reduce/eliminate the need for a tax increase. This was done in the school district in which I work.	5/9/2016 12:25 PM
95	Families in the district need to absorb 75% of tax increase	5/9/2016 8:51 AM
96	NO tax increase. Taxes are already outrageous and you fools just keep asking for more money.	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
97	No bond at all	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
98	The cost of the project is what matters the most. How it is financed, should be a secondary concern.	5/8/2016 6:28 PM
99	No increase to the taxpayers and a reduction in district costs...salaries, and all other costs....to offset the taxpayer burden.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
100	No new school. No new taxes!!!!	5/8/2016 3:05 PM
101	avoid tax increases	5/8/2016 2:47 PM
102	Take a look at the overall cost of D181 and not this in isolation. I dont plan my families budget each item at a time. That never works. Lets get our grades up and our costs in line overall.	5/8/2016 1:59 PM
103	Don't spend money you don't have. If you need to borrow money, you need to borrow what is needed versus borrowing money to build a "dream school". Stay grounded and be responsible. That should guide you in your funding and borrowing decisions.	5/8/2016 1:01 PM
104	Dist 86 will be coming for money also. Both referendums will not go forward. If you want the public support, keep it modest and affordable.	5/8/2016 12:59 PM
105	need more information	5/8/2016 11:10 AM
106	try a new approach to studying the project	5/8/2016 10:37 AM
107	this depends on the total cost of the project which should be significantly lower than currently proposed.	5/8/2016 10:22 AM

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108	No change in the school. Repair and keep the same	5/8/2016 8:29 AM
109	Fix the old school and budget it in the normal operating budget.	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
110	Don't use CAPS (zero coupon), start paying debt at the same time you start using the facility, measure impact against existing debt to level out the obligation.	5/7/2016 11:28 PM
111	Current actual and anticipated district debt are factors in this question. I lean to option #2, but am wary of existing and potential debt in years ahead.	5/7/2016 6:06 PM
112	No tax increase - you can't borrow for the future	5/7/2016 3:48 PM
113	It is unclear to me on the timing and costs of existing bonds plus the requested bond plus the current taxes. Laying it all out and communicating it better would be helpful.	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
114	Delay the project. Raise funds ahead of time, then issue bonds. The difference between long term bonds and short term bonds is not that much given the low interest rates expected	5/7/2016 2:00 PM
115	Use traditional finance methods and terms	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
116	Stay within a minimum budget for any new construction. NO long term debt.	5/7/2016 1:00 PM
117	Somewhere between the first two options.	5/7/2016 11:21 AM
118	No more tax and spend. The state of IL is bankrupt.	5/7/2016 11:17 AM
119	No tax increase	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
120	No Tax increase!	5/7/2016 9:46 AM
121	significant overall decrease in cost and financing	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
122	Interest rates are very low. Take advantage of this.	5/7/2016 8:46 AM
123	Lower project cost solves this dilemma	5/7/2016 8:32 AM
124	You should read some finance books. Capital projects should be evaluated on their merits. The financing discussion should be a separate one. You spend too much time discussing a tax increase for typical homeowner.	5/7/2016 7:56 AM
125	Take donations from the superwealthy pushing this. Some make enough in a year to buy the building outright. Sorry, the rest of us don't.	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
126	Bond maturity should not exceed 20 years.	5/6/2016 10:50 PM
127	Is the parking garage only for HMS use. Is the synthetic turf only for HMS use? Is the auditorium only for district 181 use? If the answer is no then other sources of money need to contribute to the cost of these things. The field is used all weekend for a variety of soccer games and such why is the school district paying for this. As well as the garage? Auditorium?? Will the park district be using the "running track"?	5/6/2016 8:41 PM
128	self fund as much as possible. the expenses are out of hand. do a true zero-based budget based on REAL needs that are directly correlated to student learning.	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
129	Don't build new school	5/6/2016 7:16 PM
130	Stop increasing taxes, work within the existing budget	5/6/2016 6:55 PM
131	Take care of Hinsdale's previous balloon loan.	5/6/2016 6:41 PM
132	Any tax increase to pay for the project is unacceptable	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
133	Our taxes for the school dist are already too high.	5/6/2016 6:05 PM
134	A significantly reduced project cost is the most important thing to achieve. Then we can consider financing options, but no financing option will solve the problem of the enormous price tag on the referendum	5/6/2016 5:55 PM
135	Interest rates are at historic lows - obtain as long term bonds as possible now.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
136	Reduce the total cost	5/6/2016 5:13 PM
137	Your questions are just so biased. We do not need to rebuild. Fix the building we have and save tax payers money.	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
138	The project is so far outside the reasonable range, this question needs to be revisited once a reasonable price is determined.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
139	Incorporate reserves into the equation and ask for private donations for wish list items like CHMS did for the gym floor	5/6/2016 4:17 PM

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140	Do business development and get donations. The community is full of big earners...ex CEO's of F500, current "C" level stakeholders...look to alternative sources of revenue than always relying on taxpayers.	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
141	no new taxes	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
142	Take advantage of current low interest rates for longest period possible.	5/6/2016 1:22 PM
143	Every year my school taxes go up as the value of my property increases. I don't see why the rates have to go up as well.	5/6/2016 12:01 PM
144	A moderate increase initially with increases of pre-determined numbers over time. Also, offering some attempt to manage/lower other costs would be nice.	5/6/2016 11:18 AM
145	unsure till we have more concrete numbers regarding the 2 provided options	5/5/2016 11:57 PM
146	Narrow focus on the cost of just the middle school. Taxpayers are looking at ALL the costs that will impact taxes in the coming years.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
147	lower the overall cost of the project but keep timing the same.	5/5/2016 10:16 PM
148	Our taxes just went up considerably. Our value did not go up. I think a smaller increase is better. I am hesitant as the high school needs money too.	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
149	This is an absurd question. Money spent is money that will have to be paid back regardless of timing	5/5/2016 1:01 PM
150	Unsure- not looking for huge tax increases at my stage in life	5/5/2016 11:33 AM
151	The proposed tax increase wasn't my concern with the referendum (that didn't seem out of line). It was the total amount being spent that seemed high.	5/5/2016 11:02 AM
152	I would need to see the actual numbers.	5/4/2016 8:16 PM
153	No tax increase	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
154	no tax increase	5/4/2016 1:01 PM
155	Temporary tax increases are very, very rare. Somehow tax authorities always find a way to need the revenue.	5/4/2016 11:25 AM
156	I don't like the approach that some board members took in wanting to kick the payments down the road once their children were out of the district. I think it's terrible to push the burden on future community members.	5/4/2016 8:42 AM
157	I would not want a tax increase	5/4/2016 8:15 AM
158	Small tax increase and lower total cost.	5/4/2016 5:54 AM
159	Cut the cost	5/3/2016 11:11 PM
160	No homeowner tax increases!	5/3/2016 10:50 PM
161	68% of my property tax bill goes towards D181 and D86. Please use our money wisely. We can't continue to pay these high taxes.	5/3/2016 10:43 PM
162	This is all leaning towards building a new school. I want to see why current HMS has been rendered useless.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
163	Present a less expensive and less excessive proposal and then determine the best way to pay for this project. Most folks support building a new school. However, the manner in which the proposal was presented (1 firm with 3 varying numbers-too limited) and the excessive cost of the project was insulting!	5/3/2016 5:30 PM
164	no tax cost to residents who do not benefit from this new school.	5/3/2016 2:14 PM
165	The district should present all options with specific dollars that make it relevant to each resident. Using semantics to describe financial impact is just pure laziness.	5/3/2016 9:07 AM
166	No tax increase	5/3/2016 12:07 AM
167	Why can't the district also make cuts elsewhere to help? I just got my tax bill today and it went up. The past 4 years it has gone up. We need a new school but the my taxes are already out of control.	5/2/2016 10:31 PM
168	No strong opinion, but don't sell it as a delta including other expiring financing. In other words, be upfront about the total cost.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
169	Minimize the cost of the school. Find some creative supplemental fundraising options so entire burden is not put on homeowner tax bill. Most schools have a fundraiser/auction each year. I suggest each of the D181 schools donate the proceeds from this year (and next years') auction/fundraising to the HMS project.	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
170	Please stop the abuse and come up with a reasonable project with costs similar to CHMS project	5/2/2016 9:48 PM

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171	No tax increase if possible - save money for school	5/2/2016 9:34 PM
172	Too early to make this kind of decision	5/2/2016 7:02 PM
173	Reducing the overall cost of the school will reduce the tax increase so neither of the first two answers would apply.	5/2/2016 6:24 PM
174	Can it be graduated?	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
175	A combination. A more reasonable project should cost less.	5/2/2016 5:14 PM
176	small/longer more likely to pass, but more significant/shorter better fiduciary	5/2/2016 5:01 PM
177	Was fine with the way the tax implications was planned in original proposal. No problem paying more to get a new school.	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
178	lower price for project	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
179	reduce costs	5/2/2016 1:00 PM
180	I need to see the final number and how it will impact my household.	5/2/2016 12:57 PM
181	Would like to see the cost analysis on these options especially as the cost of the project is modified to a more appropriate cost.	5/2/2016 12:56 PM
182	Quit paying the teachers so extravagantly. Use that money to fund a new school.	5/2/2016 12:09 PM
183	Sell the expensive land in downtown Hinsdale and purchase less expensive land farther out.	5/2/2016 12:04 PM
184	No tax increase until the bonds related to Prospect, Walker, etc. have been paid.	5/2/2016 11:45 AM
185	It is the all-in headline construction cost that is more important vs. how you finance it.	5/2/2016 11:10 AM
186	Lower total cost then shorter period of time to pay.	5/2/2016 11:02 AM
187	I'm indifferent. I'll pay my allocated share either way.	5/2/2016 10:37 AM
188	come up with other options. Don't like either.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
189	Whoever wants the new building should pay more tax	5/2/2016 10:28 AM
190	No tax increase. My taxes already went up significantly this year. Spend my current taxes more efficiently instead of asking for more.	5/2/2016 10:12 AM
191	Benchmark other communities and present this as a part of the proposal.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
192	Really?! How about small increase over shorter time because lower overall cost.	5/2/2016 9:49 AM
193	Whatever is most likely to pass.	5/2/2016 9:46 AM
194	I think what was proposed was very reasonable.	5/2/2016 9:40 AM
195	Whichever option has the lowest total cost.	5/2/2016 9:39 AM
196	This issue is the tail, the dog is the overall expense.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM
197	Don't care. My oldest goes to HMS in 2017 and I'm thrilled she'll be in the trailers and terrified of when she has to move into the actual school. I pay tens of thousands in taxes for an unsafe school, what's a bit more for a safe one?	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
198	Not a resident	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
199	No new building; ergo no bond	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
200	Smaller increase over longer period of time, ONLY after a considerable reduction in scope and cost of project	5/2/2016 9:13 AM
201	Another blown communication. You let the discussion focus on the total cost as opposed to what the annual cost is and that it would decrease in a few years. While this was communicated, you lost control of the conversation and the total cost remained the focus.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
202	Structure it like you have the past successful referendums. Don't manipulate the payoff time schedule to deceive community members into thinking it is a FREE building. Stop thinking about how to get people to vote yes regardless of the long term additional cost to the taxpayers. It is not true that all residents will move within 10 years of moving hear. Even if it is true, it is abhorrent that you would even consider shifting the cost of the new building 10 years from now, as a means of getting current residents to vote yes, knowing full well that those you believe will pay 10 years from now (the new residents you speak of) will not have had a voice in this project.	5/2/2016 8:57 AM

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203	The district can also save money year on year to pay for part of this. The entire cost does not have to be paid for by the referendum. Why, like most people, do you not tighten your belts and SAVE for this school That is how businesses do this. Look	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
204	significantly reduce the total cost	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
205	thought how you had structure was fine	5/2/2016 8:34 AM
206	Depends on time periods and dollar amount of tax impact	5/2/2016 8:25 AM

Q15 The District's proposal in March 2016 was a \$65 million project. Do you believe there is a total project cost that would be successful in a future referendum?

Answered: 1,038 Skipped: 549

#	Responses	Date
1	Closer to \$50 million	5/18/2016 11:45 PM
2	Yes.	5/18/2016 10:53 PM
3	\$40million	5/18/2016 10:18 PM
4	35 million	5/18/2016 10:13 PM
5	1/2 the cost of the proposal; it seems extremely careless to propose a \$65 million project	5/18/2016 9:50 PM
6	Possibly, but let's delay any project until bonds from prior referendum are paid off.	5/18/2016 9:48 PM
7	\$25M.	5/18/2016 9:44 PM
8	\$30 million	5/18/2016 9:33 PM
9	\$50-\$55 million	5/18/2016 9:00 PM
10	Yes, under \$50mm	5/18/2016 8:31 PM
11	Under 45 million	5/18/2016 8:20 PM
12	Considerably less than 65 million - something more in the neighborhood of 40-45 million would be much more reasonable.	5/18/2016 5:24 PM
13	I think if you show that price versus the price to maintain the current school, many voters will understand that a new school makes more sense than to spend almost the same amount to fix the current school, which will still not be large enough or function as well as a new school.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
14	yes	5/18/2016 2:38 PM
15	An overhaul of the existing middle school building could be had for far less money that the proposed amount of \$65 million.	5/18/2016 2:15 PM
16	whatever is comparable to the cost of the CHMS building project	5/18/2016 1:21 PM
17	possibly	5/18/2016 1:06 PM
18	Based on what I've heard from other residents and from the BOE meeting following the failed referendum, I think somewhere in the \$50M range might be more acceptable.	5/18/2016 12:29 PM
19	No	5/18/2016 10:58 AM
20	\$0	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
21	\$40 Million	5/18/2016 10:25 AM
22	\$35M at most.	5/18/2016 10:18 AM
23	45 million	5/18/2016 10:05 AM
24	Yes closer to the cost of CHMS or \$40MM	5/18/2016 9:49 AM
25	Much closer to cost for CHMS-with cost of living increase and technology/material updates-so more than the 17000000 it cost in 2000 but much less than 65000000	5/18/2016 9:17 AM
26	\$40-45M	5/18/2016 9:10 AM
27	35-40 million	5/18/2016 8:48 AM
28	\$40M	5/18/2016 8:11 AM

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29	Considering the CHMS cost and develop a plan with costs that are more in line with that plan considering the normal cost increases associated with the current construction costs.	5/18/2016 8:05 AM
30	45,000,000 or less	5/18/2016 7:22 AM
31	should be equal to CHMS in todays market value	5/18/2016 2:37 AM
32	\$40-50 million	5/17/2016 10:40 PM
33	\$40 million	5/17/2016 10:30 PM
34	\$50 million. Maybe \$55 million, if the rationale/need were extremely well communicated.	5/17/2016 10:07 PM
35	half or less, with a line item justification for each major item	5/17/2016 9:43 PM
36	\$45 million	5/17/2016 9:41 PM
37	Another poorly worded/trick question. So you'll spend the top amount that seems likely to pass vs. addressing this from a fiscally responsibly/needs-based standpoint. Depends on what you get for your money - and it has to be much much less than the original proposal. Would moving the school make sense financially - i.e could you get a lot of \$ for the current site and use some of the proceeds at a less expensive location to fund construction?	5/17/2016 8:48 PM
38	No.	5/17/2016 8:02 PM
39	\$40 million	5/17/2016 6:58 PM
40	30 -40 million	5/17/2016 5:57 PM
41	\$40 million	5/17/2016 4:52 PM
42	\$40-\$45M	5/17/2016 4:47 PM
43	\$40 million or less	5/17/2016 4:34 PM
44	No opinion	5/17/2016 1:14 PM
45	under 50 million	5/17/2016 12:25 PM
46	\$30M	5/17/2016 12:12 PM
47	unsure	5/17/2016 11:38 AM
48	I'd aim for \$50 million or less.	5/17/2016 10:22 AM
49	\$ 45 million	5/17/2016 10:18 AM
50	Keep inline with that spent for CHMS	5/17/2016 10:10 AM
51	The same amount as the Clarendon Hills Middle School plus increase costs of labor and materials.	5/17/2016 10:03 AM
52	50 million	5/17/2016 10:03 AM
53	less than \$50 million	5/17/2016 9:54 AM
54	No opinion	5/17/2016 9:46 AM
55	Yes.	5/17/2016 9:33 AM
56	\$50 Million	5/17/2016 9:29 AM
57	No. The naysayers liked to throw out that number thinking it's exorbenent. First, a building has big costs, especially a school building. Second, we're in Hinsdale. We want great education. This isn't a pop-up tent...it's a permanent part of this community and what makes Hinsdale a desirable location.	5/17/2016 8:44 AM
58	55	5/17/2016 8:40 AM
59	35-40 mil	5/17/2016 5:23 AM
60	\$40-50 million	5/17/2016 4:40 AM
61	no	5/17/2016 4:17 AM
62	I am not looking at total cost. More at the average cost of what it costs to build a new school on comparison to what other districts have spent per sqft. I also expect this school to be used in a high capacity using 90% or more of the space for every time period. The district isn't adding more houses. The expected number of students should fall within a known range to utilize the space to the maximum effectiveness	5/16/2016 10:18 PM
63	Y	5/16/2016 10:17 PM

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64	\$50 million	5/16/2016 9:31 PM
65	45	5/16/2016 9:30 PM
66	50m	5/16/2016 9:22 PM
67	\$50M	5/16/2016 9:06 PM
68	Under \$50	5/16/2016 8:59 PM
69	No	5/16/2016 8:57 PM
70	\$60 million	5/16/2016 8:56 PM
71	not sure of the number, but it may be easier to pass if it was less expensive	5/16/2016 8:55 PM
72	45 million	5/16/2016 8:53 PM
73	Anything less than proposed would be good for most families.	5/16/2016 8:51 PM
74	Not sure.	5/16/2016 8:50 PM
75	40 million	5/16/2016 8:44 PM
76	\$40 million but do your homework first	5/16/2016 8:42 PM
77	Something that starts with a 5.	5/16/2016 8:08 PM
78	\$45 million	5/16/2016 8:03 PM
79	Less than that? I don't know why it failed.	5/16/2016 7:51 PM
80	\$36 million.	5/16/2016 7:49 PM
81	40 million	5/16/2016 7:45 PM
82	> \$55m	5/16/2016 7:41 PM
83	Yes. Reduce cost by 15 to 20 percent.	5/16/2016 7:40 PM
84	Need to sell it to the residents who kids go to CHMS	5/16/2016 7:39 PM
85	\$55-58M	5/16/2016 7:38 PM
86	45	5/16/2016 7:35 PM
87	unsure	5/16/2016 7:08 PM
88	Less than \$50M	5/16/2016 6:23 PM
89	No. Cost needs to be more in the 30-32 million range.	5/16/2016 5:34 PM
90	Yes Closer to 35 or 40 million	5/16/2016 5:07 PM
91	no, needs to be reduced	5/16/2016 4:43 PM
92	No, way too expensive. Projected cost of Clarendon Hills Middle in today's dollars was way below \$65 million.	5/16/2016 3:51 PM
93	Yes, \$50MM	5/16/2016 3:35 PM
94	\$50 million	5/16/2016 3:18 PM
95	not sure	5/16/2016 3:18 PM
96	\$45-50 million project.	5/16/2016 3:08 PM
97	One that could be justified in comparison to the other schools, with cost factors like more students and increased construction cost addressed.	5/16/2016 2:57 PM
98	IT is a very fair cost based on constructing middle schools. Hubble middle school in Wheaton was around 55-60 million, 7 years ago. It has a few bells and whistles, but overall a nice, healthy building for students and teachers	5/16/2016 2:37 PM
99	Much smaller budget.	5/16/2016 12:46 PM
100	\$55M	5/16/2016 12:35 PM
101	Based on the feedback that cited cost as the major issue in the defeat, I would imagine that at least a 15% reduction would improve chances of passing the referendum.	5/16/2016 11:58 AM
102	No	5/16/2016 10:17 AM

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103	Depends on the components contained within the structure and where it is.	5/16/2016 10:13 AM
104	Take the CHMS construction cost inflation adjusted.	5/16/2016 10:02 AM
105	Less than \$40 million	5/16/2016 10:00 AM
106	No, the cost is not inline with building a new Middle School	5/16/2016 9:47 AM
107	\$45 million	5/16/2016 9:42 AM
108	45 million	5/16/2016 9:23 AM
109	I think it all depends on what the money is for. It's not necessarily the total that matters to me (although \$65 million is very high) so much as whether the improvements are integral to a top notch middle school experience.	5/16/2016 8:15 AM
110	It's more than cost. You need to look at everything and spend the time to do it right.	5/16/2016 8:11 AM
111	\$40-\$45 milion	5/16/2016 7:50 AM
112	\$60 million	5/16/2016 7:00 AM
113	Something under \$35M. A well thought out plan that is respectful of ALL taxpayers would be appreciated.	5/15/2016 10:32 PM
114	I don't have a specific number. All I want to see is a good, old fashion school. Not a resort, a spa, a workout facility, all with a state of the art parking garage. Since when did our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students start driving to school?	5/15/2016 10:22 PM
115	\$740 m	5/15/2016 9:21 PM
116	Absolutely not.	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
117	Yes, less than 65! (50 million)	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
118	\$50 million should suffice for a high quality middle school.	5/15/2016 8:53 PM
119	I guess I would like to know what the per square foot cost of CHMS in today's dollars would be.	5/15/2016 8:01 PM
120	Don't know.	5/15/2016 7:16 PM
121	\$40-\$45 million	5/15/2016 6:20 PM
122	Yes - a ballpark similar to CHMS. \$25-30 million.	5/15/2016 6:12 PM
123	I think people think this price tag is too high because they are comparing it to CHMS. Make it clear why this property will cost more if that is the case. Portables are an unacceptable solution.	5/15/2016 5:38 PM
124	cost similar to CHMS - That is what people are fixated on	5/15/2016 3:56 PM
125	\$50 million	5/15/2016 2:40 PM
126	\$30-35M	5/15/2016 1:47 PM
127	A much lower amount would have a better chance of succeeding.	5/15/2016 1:36 PM
128	I don't have a specific number in mind, but something more in line with the median cost to build a middle school with NEEDED amenities.	5/15/2016 1:20 PM
129	It is not so much a given dollar amount. It's really a matter of: (1) being convinced the school covers the basics only without extravagance, (2) the true, realistic cost, including interest, is communicated and (3) there are means to keep it from going over-budget, regardless of who made a mistake or what the surprise was.	5/15/2016 11:39 AM
130	\$45 million	5/15/2016 10:53 AM
131	Likely not. Need to take something off.	5/15/2016 10:32 AM
132	You need to rein in the spending and do more with less. That price tag is ridiculous for a middle school.	5/15/2016 9:18 AM
133	\$50M and under	5/15/2016 9:05 AM
134	no	5/15/2016 8:55 AM
135	\$20-30 million might succeed, if the plans were not for the Taj Mahal of middle schools.	5/15/2016 8:38 AM
136	Closer to the original \$45M	5/15/2016 8:28 AM
137	\$25 to \$35 million - quality education is not driven by the size of the school or the amenities	5/15/2016 7:29 AM
138	Less than \$65 million but not sure which amount would please residents. But the total cost needs to be explained in detail and not change multiple times without full explanation.	5/15/2016 7:18 AM

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139	yes	5/14/2016 10:58 PM
140	\$50M	5/14/2016 10:18 PM
141	Don't know but many folks were comparing it to the CHMS cost.	5/14/2016 7:57 PM
142	\$50 million	5/14/2016 7:21 PM
143	45 mil	5/14/2016 5:52 PM
144	Just reduce total project cost - the market will let you know if it is too high. Cost should be comparable to CHMS or other reasonable cost newer middle schools.	5/14/2016 4:53 PM
145	No too expensive	5/14/2016 3:51 PM
146	\$40mio or lower.	5/14/2016 3:13 PM
147	Number should start with a 4	5/14/2016 2:20 PM
148	Something reasonable...\$20-30mil	5/14/2016 2:05 PM
149	It doesn't necessarily have to be a certain price. But the price needs to be justified and reasonable. Not thrown together. It would help if the architect would hold steady on their budget.	5/14/2016 12:44 PM
150	50 million or less	5/14/2016 11:49 AM
151	\$60M	5/14/2016 11:35 AM
152	50m	5/14/2016 10:25 AM
153	not sure what you're asking. If the project cost is lowered, I believe the referendum would pass	5/14/2016 9:49 AM
154	\$55 million for building new HMS and \$10 million for furnishing a new HMS with excess to be used for other schools	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
155	No! Total current expenses should be reduced by 10% and no new projects undertaken.	5/14/2016 9:12 AM
156	no more than \$50M	5/14/2016 8:57 AM
157	Not a chance. What didn't you understand from the first vote? It wasn't even close!	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
158	50 million	5/14/2016 7:48 AM
159	50 million dollars	5/14/2016 7:31 AM
160	In a town where everyone knows the price of their neighbors' home... Some of which are \$4 or \$5mm ...the number \$65mm should not seem so aggregious to house 800 students when some homes here are 20,000 sq feet and house only 2 people.	5/13/2016 11:12 PM
161	See Clarendon Hills Middle School budget (without cost overruns) and adjust for CPI. I bet that is no more than \$20M.	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
162	What part of "no" does the district not understand-does the population vote ever count.	5/13/2016 8:40 PM
163	NO!!!	5/13/2016 8:34 PM
164	No	5/13/2016 7:23 PM
165	Substantially lower. You are not building the Taj Mahal. It is a school.	5/13/2016 6:56 PM
166	I don't know but I think < 60 million would have had a better chance.	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
167	\$40-45M	5/13/2016 6:46 PM
168	NO	5/13/2016 4:53 PM
169	No opinion. \$65M probably is a little high but there shouldn't be a need to push massive savings.	5/13/2016 4:39 PM
170	\$50 million or less	5/13/2016 4:36 PM
171	Probably would not be successful at the current cost	5/13/2016 4:26 PM
172	Yes. I believe that if good faith efforts were made to reduce the costs further, down to below \$60 million, I would vote for the project.	5/13/2016 3:44 PM
173	no	5/13/2016 3:20 PM
174	Yes. A lower cost.	5/13/2016 2:56 PM
175	<\$55,000,000	5/13/2016 1:57 PM

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176	Under \$40 Million	5/13/2016 1:35 PM
177	Economic conditions in the WHOLE STATE continue to deteriorate! Today (Friday May 13th...) the Chicago Tribunes business section hand an article that points out the serious negative impact ALREADY hurting affluent home owners -- http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-luxury-home-prices-fall-0513-biz-20160512-story.html	5/13/2016 1:33 PM
178	I think others want to see something more moderate and not so much more than CHMS. I think we need to do a better job of explaining why CHMS isn't the gold standard and explain what it would cost in today's dollars to build CHMS	5/13/2016 1:03 PM
179	Yes	5/13/2016 12:57 PM
180	This is the key question. As a finance professional, but having minimal knowledge of the specifics, my gut says people may react favorably to a 15-25% reduction from this original proposal. \$5M lower to \$60M might not be viewed as being a sincere effort to reduce cost. Maybe \$50-55M might work? But this is just an educated guess, applying "general logic" more than "specific knowledge" of the details.	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
181	<\$50 million	5/13/2016 12:38 PM
182	Less than \$50K	5/13/2016 12:18 PM
183	\$45 million	5/13/2016 12:17 PM
184	not sure	5/13/2016 12:07 PM
185	Under \$65 million	5/13/2016 12:05 PM
186	45 mil	5/13/2016 11:53 AM
187	How much did CHMS and walker cost. Add those together, and that seems reasonable.	5/13/2016 11:40 AM
188	Zero	5/13/2016 11:35 AM
189	\$45 million	5/13/2016 11:29 AM
190	45 million	5/13/2016 11:28 AM
191	Yes. Let's aim for under \$50 million	5/13/2016 11:15 AM
192	NO	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
193	No	5/13/2016 10:55 AM
194	Tell us the costs for repairs to the existing facility so we can compare that to demolition/rebuild costs.	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
195	no. Communicate the problems with the existing buildings more, including fire hazards, issues with demountables, mould issues, the fact the kids don't go outside to play etc.	5/13/2016 10:50 AM
196	Its hard to understand why we are thinking of totally demolishing existing building and build a brand new structure. I am not aware of major issues with existing building that are not fixable. If there are major issues, then you need to elaborate on that to justify new building.	5/13/2016 10:49 AM
197	if you half that number, it will likely pass	5/13/2016 10:43 AM
198	Below \$50 million	5/13/2016 10:40 AM
199	Costs will only increase with time. Best to keep cost at \$65M or make some effort to bring it down.	5/13/2016 10:32 AM
200	\$50-\$55 million	5/13/2016 10:22 AM
201	Unsure	5/13/2016 10:09 AM
202	Probably not	5/13/2016 9:50 AM
203	A better option would be in the \$35-\$45 million range.	5/13/2016 7:25 AM
204	\$40-45 million	5/13/2016 6:56 AM
205	No	5/13/2016 6:38 AM
206	I feel very strongly that a a cost number should NOT be just pulled out of thin air. The cost figure must be determined by the absolute needs of the project being incorporated and "value pricing" being applied. It is a HUGE MISTAKE to pick a cost figure and to then just see what can be built for that dollar amount.	5/12/2016 11:30 PM
207	We are good with the \$65mil	5/12/2016 9:57 PM
208	35-40	5/12/2016 9:12 PM
209	Yes	5/12/2016 9:04 PM

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210	55-60 million	5/12/2016 8:08 PM
211	\$40,000	5/12/2016 6:52 PM
212	\$40 million	5/12/2016 6:30 PM
213	\$40 million	5/12/2016 6:19 PM
214	CHMS cost adjusted for T-bill inflation.	5/12/2016 5:37 PM
215	\$40 - \$50 million	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
216	A sum that was much closer to the \$40M would be more palatable,	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
217	No. It's too expensive.	5/12/2016 5:05 PM
218	\$40-45 million.	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
219	\$45-50M. If you hit this range, it will signal that a lot of hard work was spent "cutting the fat" out of the project. Both sides will feel like there was ample compromise and it will pass.	5/12/2016 4:34 PM
220	Not a chance.	5/12/2016 4:25 PM
221	That's a loaded question. It depends on what you get for the money. If there's a way to have the facility be revenue-generating, it could help residents accept that number. But just stating a number without knowing what you get/don't get for that amount is hard to answer.	5/12/2016 4:19 PM
222	40-50	5/12/2016 4:10 PM
223	Yes	5/12/2016 3:49 PM
224	I can't project what would get 50% of the votes, but I would probably vote for a \$60mm project. HMS should have been replaced long ago, but it needs to be well thought out and not overly or overtly extravagant. With reference to the next question, we have needed a new HMS for a long time, so do it correctly rather than in a hurry.	5/12/2016 3:45 PM
225	What would be the cost in today's terms of CHMS. Use that as a starting point but also consider the location vs. CHMS	5/12/2016 3:44 PM
226	\$40-50 MM	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
227	Ideally under \$50 million. If at all possible.	5/12/2016 3:36 PM
228	NO, please note above.	5/12/2016 3:22 PM
229	40 mil	5/12/2016 3:05 PM
230	\$45-50 million.	5/12/2016 2:24 PM
231	A total cost that reflects an accurate , responsible, conservative price	5/12/2016 2:13 PM
232	Yes, in the 50-55 million range, assuming residents feel the proposal represents good value at that price.	5/12/2016 2:01 PM
233	50 million	5/12/2016 1:22 PM
234	yes \$40 million or lower	5/12/2016 1:12 PM
235	Closer to \$40M	5/12/2016 1:04 PM
236	No. cut the project in half and you will get more yes votes. Lower the overall out of pocket cost to taxpayer and private fund your auditorium and your other wish list projects.	5/12/2016 12:58 PM
237	\$40 Mil	5/12/2016 12:45 PM
238	\$45 million	5/12/2016 12:45 PM
239	45million	5/12/2016 12:42 PM
240	You need to spend exactly what was spend to build CHMS (dollar for dollar not real dollar amount)	5/12/2016 12:41 PM
241	\$50 million	5/12/2016 12:37 PM
242	This is a ridiculous question. Can you build or renovate HMS for 10 dollars. To give an educated answer one would need to see projected costs for redesign - less grand in nature or a renovation to the school instead of rebuild.	5/12/2016 12:31 PM
243	CHMS costs +/- adjustments for expected enrollment differential + inflation.	5/12/2016 12:27 PM
244	45-50million	5/12/2016 12:19 PM
245	I do	5/12/2016 12:12 PM

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246	The cost would depend on what the proposal included but \$65 million is way out of line.	5/12/2016 12:07 PM
247	Too high	5/12/2016 11:49 AM
248	Not sure - it might need to be expressed in different terms, i.e. financial impact to homeowners (by PIN number ?) and UPSIDE in home valuations. Cost of AVOIDANCE of legal consequences from INACTION !!	5/12/2016 11:46 AM
249	No	5/12/2016 11:44 AM
250	Remove the village parking component, address the negative campaigning from the CHMS residents, and compare/contrast CHMS cost in today's dollars.	5/12/2016 11:37 AM
251	\$55M	5/12/2016 11:36 AM
252	\$30MM	5/12/2016 11:31 AM
253	\$40M	5/12/2016 11:29 AM
254	NO	5/12/2016 11:11 AM
255	I think optically keeping at or just below \$50 million may help to convince people	5/12/2016 11:05 AM
256	40 million	5/12/2016 11:01 AM
257	I don't know that number but many are comparing cost to build CHMS and that number is stuck in their head. 65M is a bit excessive how many bids did we get??	5/12/2016 10:57 AM
258	\$50	5/12/2016 10:50 AM
259	\$40 million	5/12/2016 10:48 AM
260	under \$45 would produce a quality and suitable school.	5/12/2016 10:43 AM
261	I dont know	5/12/2016 10:43 AM
262	I think a sensible and respectful cost would lead to a successful referendum	5/12/2016 10:27 AM
263	Look at what CHMS did, adjust it for inflation and make it comparable.	5/12/2016 10:24 AM
264	yes	5/12/2016 10:21 AM
265	No I have to see the proposal to fix the current school vs. a new facility. It needs to be scaled down, way down and get rid of the unnecessary items. Your building a palace, we need a school	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
266	yes	5/12/2016 10:06 AM
267	There is no magic number without buy-in from the broader community.	5/12/2016 10:02 AM
268	\$75M if the town can address the Clarendon Hills voting problem - that their residents see no benefit from HMS.	5/12/2016 9:57 AM
269	This shouldn't be a function of "meeting a budget". It should be a function of conscientious design (meager where appropriate, expensive where appropriate), competitive process, and offsets from other 181 asset disposition, such as the current HMS footprint.	5/12/2016 9:55 AM
270	Not a specific dollar amount, but I would remove the amenities that gave many residents a reason to vote no even if they didn't add significant cost.	5/12/2016 9:53 AM
271	A lower amount would be more successful and please also communicate a bridge from the Clarendon Hills middle school cost to the new HMS cost proposal to aid the understanding of those living in that part of the district.	5/12/2016 9:52 AM
272	Absolutely not over \$150 million for high school and 181 is crazy Taxes are too high now	5/12/2016 9:48 AM
273	\$40-\$45	5/12/2016 9:43 AM
274	Unsure of the answer to this, but the \$65 million cost seemed to be an issue for some of the voters I spoke with.	5/12/2016 9:39 AM
275	I know so many felt this was too high, but who am I to judge. I have no idea of the actual building costs in today's day in age, and neither do 99% of the voters. I thought the district did a great job comparing the building costs of HMS to this as well as other comparable schools.	5/12/2016 9:32 AM
276	~ \$40 million would be reasonable	5/12/2016 9:31 AM
277	Unsure but it would be viewed favorably if the architects could "sharpen their pencils" plus possible changes/reduction of certain smaller scope items/etc. to come out with a lower cost to help some of the NO voters to feel like they got something accomplished and can now vote YES	5/12/2016 9:30 AM

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278	Between 42 and 49 Million. I think as soon as you till to 50+ or 60+ you lose a portion of the community. Folks still hang on to the fact that CH Middle was estimated for 12 Million and actual at 17 million (due to school board and town park district fighting) so even accounting for inflation...folks seem to think the starting point should be double so in the 30's. Stretching to 40's may work but 50+ will be stopped again. Also the concept of inflation and value of money needs to be clearly laid out as does the information that CH was clearly too small at opening and Hinsdale has more potential for additional families.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
279	\$30-35 million, but even this is high for a middle school	5/12/2016 9:29 AM
280	20 million knowing it would end up costing 35 million	5/12/2016 9:29 AM
281	maybe \$50 million...	5/12/2016 9:27 AM
282	Does \$65m give you a great and timeless school? Will it meet the projections for population changes? Does the site support all that is required in a modern educational setting?	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
283	about half that cost	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
284	I think that \$50 - \$55 million would be more palatable to taxpayers. I wish that the CHMS taxpayers would support a new school for HMS students the way we supported and paid for 3 new schools for them. Yes, the new HMS may be nicer in the short term but CHMS has been nicer than HMS (not to mention Walker and Prospect) for over 10 years. Don't make HMS extravagant but hopefully we learned something in building.	5/12/2016 9:15 AM
285	\$40 million.	5/12/2016 9:08 AM
286	< or = \$40 million	5/12/2016 9:08 AM
287	\$45 million	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
288	Yes, there shouldn't be a reason that a new building with a sufficient design to meet reasonable needs requires a \$65m+ price tag, the project should be able to be accomplished for a significantly lower total cost.	5/12/2016 8:57 AM
289	50 million	5/12/2016 8:56 AM
290	I think a better job of developing a per square foot cost compared to CHMS, adjusted for REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE time value of money would help. The numbers presented illustrated a huge disparity.	5/12/2016 8:55 AM
291	\$40 Million	5/12/2016 8:53 AM
292	10-12 million. 15 million MAX	5/12/2016 8:51 AM
293	\$30 million	5/12/2016 8:50 AM
294	No. This number was achieved with a lot of work and thought/research. To arbitrarily pick a number and build a school from that number will not produce a building that meets the needs of the current HMS population or future population.	5/12/2016 8:48 AM
295	\$50M? Part of it is reducing the extravagant design, part is just getting a better deal.	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
296	Slightly less (\$55-\$60 million)to offer something back to the people who voted against the referendum. Maybe back out some items that can easily be added at a later date such as the turf?	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
297	\$40-\$50	5/12/2016 8:46 AM
298	\$50M	5/12/2016 8:42 AM
299	\$40-45 million, but you must be able to educate the public on the specifics of the project.	5/12/2016 7:59 AM
300	Only if people believe in the design and process, then the actual number should be acceptable	5/12/2016 1:00 AM
301	I cannot give an exact dollar amount but feel it could be decreased at least by 5-10 million	5/11/2016 10:27 PM
302	Need to show people you are trying to keep costs down. Need to come up with a lower number.59 or lower.	5/11/2016 10:14 PM
303	Yes. \$40 million	5/11/2016 10:00 PM
304	Not sure.	5/11/2016 9:47 PM
305	same as CHMS cost	5/11/2016 9:45 PM
306	\$45MM	5/11/2016 9:41 PM
307	Half that amount is still double what it cost to build CHMS	5/11/2016 9:20 PM
308	Not sure	5/11/2016 8:51 PM
309	\$50 million with minimal tax increase. Homes for sale are dropping to try and offset \$25,000 - \$60,000 tax bills. The taxes are hurting property values	5/11/2016 8:50 PM

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310	I believe cost is only one issue in the referendum. Community impact, whole community involvement and clearly stated pros and cons to help provide a better picture.	5/11/2016 8:32 PM
311	45M-50M	5/11/2016 8:23 PM
312	No	5/11/2016 8:22 PM
313	No	5/11/2016 8:14 PM
314	\$45 million to \$50 million	5/11/2016 8:10 PM
315	65 million sounds EXCESSIVE. The school should ONLY be renovated, not built again.	5/11/2016 5:54 PM
316	\$40-45M	5/11/2016 5:37 PM
317	30 million total	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
318	No. needs to be cut in half	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
319	\$30 Million - \$40 million	5/11/2016 4:39 PM
320	Perhaps closer to \$50 million	5/11/2016 4:34 PM
321	Hope so	5/11/2016 4:33 PM
322	35-40 million tops	5/11/2016 4:31 PM
323	Closer to \$45mm seemed like a more supportable number based on enrollment, requirements of the students and comparable facilities in the district.	5/11/2016 3:44 PM
324	It isn't a specific \$ figure but that what is being proposed is reasonable in size and need.	5/11/2016 3:33 PM
325	\$45 million	5/11/2016 3:22 PM
326	I am giving you my acceptance before seeing an offer? If I said \$60 million, your contractors will come up with a \$60 million plan. I truly hope you don't go to the contractors and say "just revise it for \$60 million and it's a done deal." Hold your cards! I think you should be able to get a great new school between \$17-30 million. Why not take a carbon copy of a new school out in the middle of nowhere and say - do this. We don't need to be raped by high prices from contractors because of our zip code. Many people in our community are barely scraping by. Hold the contractors to modest pricing!	5/11/2016 3:20 PM
327	\$40 - \$50	5/11/2016 3:03 PM
328	\$50 million or less	5/11/2016 2:55 PM
329	I think it had less to do with the actual number and more to do with the process and the spike in the number at the end of the day. There was no confidence in how the design process worked or in the actual costs because of the spike at the end. Focusing on the difficulty of the site and assigning costs to the building site separate from the building may help. It is a middle school, not a high school and not a junior college. Just because we live in Hinsdale does not mean that we must have or somehow deserve the best of everything. Those might be the choices we make personally, but not for our neighbors. The students deserve a basic, safe building. The newest learning trends will always be changing. By the time the building is built, trends will already be outdated. Isn't that how we got the current HMS - cutting edge that didn't really work. There was also very little discussion about on-line learning, learning from home, etc. I'm not convinced school will look the way it does now. Perhaps students won't physically be in the space for the full day in the near future, so the overbuilding seemed extreme. In general, I think the building was too large. Hinsdale is land locked. there will be no new sub-divisions. There is no great housing expansion, so I'm not sure where the extra students are coming from.	5/11/2016 2:29 PM
330	What would it cost to build CHMS now? Just build something comparable in terms of bells and whistles but with aesthetic that blends in to town location. It's a nice school.	5/11/2016 2:09 PM
331	\$35 MILLION	5/11/2016 2:03 PM
332	Less than 50	5/11/2016 1:57 PM
333	I think it could pass if more effort was made to show why it was an equitable cost. There was a lot of emphasis on why this school should cost so much more than CHMS.	5/11/2016 1:55 PM
334	It would depend on the tax burden to me.	5/11/2016 1:51 PM
335	Yes more like 45m	5/11/2016 1:47 PM
336	\$40 million or less. Don't let low interest rates fool you into thinking the cost is cheap and affordable.	5/11/2016 1:42 PM
337	Under \$45M	5/11/2016 1:33 PM

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338	\$50 million	5/11/2016 1:32 PM
339	NO	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
340	64.5 and us \$500k for the marketing of the project	5/11/2016 1:25 PM
341	under \$45Million	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
342	\$20 Million	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
343	No	5/11/2016 1:22 PM
344	30m	5/11/2016 1:18 PM
345	a lower one, probably	5/11/2016 12:58 PM
346	Not with a tax increase.	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
347	somewhere closer to \$50MM	5/11/2016 11:00 AM
348	Not sure of an exact number but the original seemed to be \$47mil and it ended up being \$65. That is way too high when you consider what CHMS was built for in inflation adjusted dollars (I'm reading around \$33mil).	5/11/2016 10:20 AM
349	Not sure	5/11/2016 10:17 AM
350	55 million	5/11/2016 10:13 AM
351	That number was huge and changing...ask for what you need.	5/11/2016 9:46 AM
352	45 Million	5/11/2016 9:32 AM
353	I believe the project would be more likely to succeed if it was more reasonably priced (\$25-30 million)	5/11/2016 9:06 AM
354	I believe the problem was largely communications, not necessarily the cost of the proposal. 40 years ago, the school I went to was replaced by a very poor facility that did not fit our needs. I discussed with my mother, a teacher for over 30 years at that time, the poor design and she concurred that it made no sense at all. How do we know that the current proposal is well conceived and studied? A lot of work has been done this time around, however, the voters were caught off guard with this referendum and due to a lack of a solid communications plan, the vote was negative - all tied to the failure last time around. The next question is irrelevant until a solid plan for communication of a proper concept is assembled and ready for implementation.	5/10/2016 11:53 PM
355	I will only vote for a bond release to fix the school.	5/10/2016 10:28 PM
356	yes	5/10/2016 10:18 PM
357	Target \$57 mill firm -- with big enforcement provisions to prevent overruns.	5/10/2016 10:03 PM
358	Less than \$40,000,000. That amount is more than appropriate for the size building proposed, and would certainly keep the district from overdoing it.	5/10/2016 10:00 PM
359	\$35 million or below. It cost \$17 to build CHMS.	5/10/2016 8:58 PM
360	IDK	5/10/2016 8:29 PM
361	I believe that the literature in support of the new school tried to play down the cost of the project by talking about square footage cost as compared to that for CHMS. I think overall cost is a much better comparison, as the proposed school was too big and extravagant. Total cost should not be more than was spent on CHMS in today's dollars.	5/10/2016 7:34 PM
362	Same cost as CHMS was not adjusted for inflation. Crazy hard to achieve number.	5/10/2016 7:22 PM
363	CH residents voted against - seems like traditional transaction politics.	5/10/2016 6:11 PM
364	I believe that the 65 million can pass if confidence is built that that is the number that it will really cost. The way the cost shot up made people wonder if the architect is incompetent or if there was suddenly "a shoot for the moon approach"	5/10/2016 4:09 PM
365	not sure	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
366	\$58M	5/10/2016 3:38 PM
367	No. Repair the current school.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
368	yes	5/10/2016 2:26 PM
369	yes. many look at the cost of the other schools, CHMS, etc. What is the impact on taxes payers	5/10/2016 2:19 PM
370	no	5/10/2016 1:58 PM

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371	Closer to \$50 million	5/10/2016 1:49 PM
372	The \$65 million cost was ambiguous, seemed high in comparison to Clarendon Hills Middle School, and was an ESTIMATE. To be successful, the proposal should be direct, show cost savings, and be based on proposals from contractors.	5/10/2016 1:27 PM
373	\$50 Million	5/10/2016 1:24 PM
374	\$55-\$60 million ?? I don't have a problem with \$65 million so this is just a guess for the people who voted against due to cost.	5/10/2016 1:04 PM
375	Approximately \$40 to \$45 million. Approximately the same cost per square foot as CHMS (inflated, but not at 3% - that is aggressive), with similar amenities.	5/10/2016 12:43 PM
376	Unsure	5/10/2016 12:39 PM
377	\$55-\$50 million	5/10/2016 12:38 PM
378	Get it as close to \$50M as possible. There's a psychology about \$65M that people are not comfortable with. It appears as if it's getting too close to \$100M, which is far too high.	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
379	Not my area of expertise. Apparently not the area of expertise of the school board either!	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
380	no	5/10/2016 11:45 AM
381	\$45 million	5/10/2016 11:32 AM
382	Very difficult to gauge. Average citizen is not familiar to major capital and construction costs. I wonder if there is a way to engage citizens in an educational engagement.	5/10/2016 11:31 AM
383	Maybe \$50 to \$60 million	5/10/2016 11:29 AM
384	If moved out of present site.	5/10/2016 10:58 AM
385	Yes but, need to stretch the payments as long as possible and include improvements for CHMS too.	5/10/2016 10:56 AM
386	yes	5/10/2016 10:34 AM
387	40 million	5/10/2016 10:22 AM
388	Cost should reflect what is truly needed to deliver an effective facility. That number should not be part of a PR campaign or an effort to pander to community appetites.	5/10/2016 10:20 AM
389	Cost per square foot that is in line with other schools recently built, and or a clear and concise explanation as to why the square foot cost is higher.	5/10/2016 10:19 AM
390	\$55 million any suggestions of building a cheap \$35/40 million school are crazy, short-sighted and would result in an inadequate building long-term We need to think more than 10 years out in terms of population and needs, longevity etc.	5/10/2016 9:46 AM
391	total cost is a primary issue but not the only issue	5/10/2016 9:43 AM
392	\$45 Million	5/10/2016 9:41 AM
393	40 Million	5/10/2016 9:12 AM
394	\$65 seems reasonable as long as it comes from a realistic bid process	5/10/2016 9:07 AM
395	probably something less than \$60 mil	5/10/2016 9:02 AM
396	\$45 m	5/10/2016 8:38 AM
397	no	5/10/2016 8:17 AM
398	No	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
399	No	5/10/2016 6:40 AM
400	Needs to be comprehensive of entire district's needs not just HMS. This additions added to a more modest design for HMS.	5/9/2016 10:27 PM
401	Under 30 million passes in a landslide. 30-40 million range probably gets it done. Above 40 and griping continues. Cost of a functional box like CHMS should be doable under 40.	5/9/2016 10:16 PM
402	No	5/9/2016 9:59 PM
403	Something a bit less than \$65 million	5/9/2016 9:47 PM

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404	30-40 million range	5/9/2016 9:05 PM
405	\$50-55	5/9/2016 9:02 PM
406	Keep it the same	5/9/2016 8:36 PM
407	Closer to \$50mil was the proposal I remember discussing and considering.	5/9/2016 8:34 PM
408	Much reduced!!! 20 million	5/9/2016 8:17 PM
409	Nope	5/9/2016 8:04 PM
410	\$60 million	5/9/2016 7:56 PM
411	\$35-45M	5/9/2016 7:52 PM
412	\$35-\$40 million	5/9/2016 7:17 PM
413	Below \$60 million but if we can't achieve it and keep the design then we should not worry about it.	5/9/2016 5:44 PM
414	\$40-\$45	5/9/2016 5:33 PM
415	I wish we would focus on a facility that meets the needs of our students and teachers with no frills. However, the residents have no idea what that costs because of some Board members who felt we needed everything.	5/9/2016 5:27 PM
416	yes	5/9/2016 5:16 PM
417	Absolutely not	5/9/2016 4:59 PM
418	Cost per square foot, cost of new vs. maintaining the existing building, and eliminating excessive design are more important than the total cost. That said, \$50M seems more palatable.	5/9/2016 4:47 PM
419	\$35 Million	5/9/2016 4:37 PM
420	I think the optics of reducing the amount from \$65m to \$45m would be enough to pass the referendum. Likewise, if you have a compelling "if, then" argument, you would get more CHMS families to vote yes. For instance, if CHMS knew their kids would have to spend, say 8th grade at HMS (and have 6th & 7th grades at CHMS), they would prefer we get a new school.	5/9/2016 4:35 PM
421	\$45-50 million. I would likely vote yes if \$50 million, well thought out, and with a master facilities plan in place.	5/9/2016 4:18 PM
422	Under \$50 million	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
423	Yes, but I do not have the knowledge base to make a reasonable estimate.	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
424	Under \$45 million. How much did construction of CHMS cost? How much to just replicate that design today so that both schools are equal and the design work isn't being started from scratch?	5/9/2016 3:50 PM
425	I know many worry of the total cost, but I care more about what we get for that money. The total amount is less relevant. Put forth a sound and demonstrated case, and I will vote for it.	5/9/2016 3:37 PM
426	\$62MM sounds better. But really, no opinion.	5/9/2016 3:21 PM
427	No	5/9/2016 3:19 PM
428	What happened to the \$45,000,000 figure???	5/9/2016 3:12 PM
429	Something around \$25-\$28 million.	5/9/2016 2:55 PM
430	Be sure to include comparable investments in nearby districts. i.e. the 'average' cost to build a new school at this size is X - so people know it's within reason.	5/9/2016 2:49 PM
431	\$25-30M	5/9/2016 2:47 PM
432	Not sure	5/9/2016 2:36 PM
433	50K	5/9/2016 2:10 PM
434	Under 50 million	5/9/2016 1:59 PM
435	The cost is tied to what is built. In that respect, it's more what is included in the design.	5/9/2016 1:18 PM
436	\$60 million	5/9/2016 1:02 PM
437	about \$40M	5/9/2016 12:45 PM
438	\$30-35M	5/9/2016 12:43 PM
439	Unsure. Obviously we aren't going to win the CH voters unless the overall price comes down in some way.	5/9/2016 12:27 PM

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440	\$25 million based on the costs of the two new schools in the district in which I work.	5/9/2016 12:25 PM
441	Don't know an exact number but need to really convince the residents that the project has been really well thought out, has wide support and will make a large difference to the community	5/9/2016 11:56 AM
442	Unsure, but \$65 million was deemed too high by many people.	5/9/2016 11:54 AM
443	Under \$55 million	5/9/2016 11:52 AM
444	Probably something in the 50's	5/9/2016 11:50 AM
445	NO!	5/9/2016 11:47 AM
446	\$55 million	5/9/2016 11:12 AM
447	When discussing this number with neighbors, no one would ever give me a number that they found acceptable. I felt that many were unreasonable in wanting a quality new building for half the reasonable cost. Some felt \$30 million was about right but seems way too low to me	5/9/2016 10:43 AM
448	30-35K	5/9/2016 10:32 AM
449	\$50 million	5/9/2016 10:13 AM
450	I feel like it would pass if it were closer to the \$50 million dollar range though I worry that cutting it too much won't address long term issues. The proposal definitely needs to demonstrate a reduction in overall cost if there's any hope of getting the referendum passed.	5/9/2016 9:59 AM
451	I think people were unclear/uneducated that the overall cost included many elements not necessarily a part of a new school structure: demolition, permits, insurance, relocation of student body during construction, contingencies, etc. Also, maybe present apples-to-apples cost in today's dollars from what CHMS (or other similar schools) has to what new HMS would; materials, classroom, "specialty" classrooms (art/music), gym, extras (auditorium), etc. The costs in today's dollars are hopefully similar to justify.	5/9/2016 9:56 AM
452	I think if you can get the number below \$40 million, it'll be easier for the community to get behind it.	5/9/2016 9:52 AM
453	Unsure	5/9/2016 9:32 AM
454	Sure, there has to be a more realistic cost. We need some suggestions/ideas on reduced projects.	5/9/2016 9:28 AM
455	Less than \$30m.	5/9/2016 9:26 AM
456	30-45 million tops.	5/9/2016 8:51 AM
457	No. I'll walk the streets working against it!	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
458	\$49 million	5/9/2016 8:30 AM
459	Absolutely not	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
460	No. Way too high. University of Chicago built a 6 story medical wing for the same price with twice the footage and medical supplies. This is unbelievable to expect tax payers to foot!	5/8/2016 8:41 PM
461	Yes, if you moved it to a different location and use the current land to build condos.	5/8/2016 8:05 PM
462	I really have no idea. \$65 million sounded fine to me, but I'm a Hinsdale resident with a 7 year old and a 2 year old at home, so I would have voted "yes" at any number. I don't know what the "best" number is, but I'd suggest going for the \$50 million to \$59 million range (maybe target \$55 million). That might be enough of a reduction to get a successful referendum. Moving the cost from the \$60s down to the \$50s would be a symbolic victory for those who voted against this due to the cost. Moving to just \$60 million would not be enough.	5/8/2016 7:58 PM
463	Apprx. \$50 Million	5/8/2016 7:43 PM
464	40 m	5/8/2016 6:47 PM
465	You're kidding, right? We need a new school. I believe just about everyone agrees with that. CHMS was done very well. I live in Hinsdale, so I feel I'm able to speak frankly.....don't let the people in Hinsdale who feel their child has to have the "best middle school experience possible" drive the project. Just build a good school for the current and reasonable predictable future for MIDDLE SCHOOL, and let's get this done. I'm not in the business and cannot tell you an appropriate cost. Though I can say that we were put off when the District argued that the cost of this new design was, in essence, the same as the CHMS after adjusting for inflation. That was just wrong and disingenuous.	5/8/2016 6:28 PM
466	Anywhere from 40-50 million. And specify which products, and areas need the extra money and where it would be spent	5/8/2016 6:05 PM

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467	Are you insane....how could I possibly have any idea what that might be. Did you ever even balance a budget????? You want my input. Get an independent expert chosen by the taxpayers to come up with a number.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
468	No, it's obscene.	5/8/2016 5:43 PM
469	no idea	5/8/2016 5:12 PM
470	under 60 might be necessary - but don;t cheap it down - it is a reason Hinsdale houses hold more value	5/8/2016 4:47 PM
471	Should be less than \$40 million	5/8/2016 4:07 PM
472	unsure	5/8/2016 3:43 PM
473	\$50 million	5/8/2016 3:24 PM
474	No!	5/8/2016 3:05 PM
475	no	5/8/2016 2:47 PM
476	Not a chance.	5/8/2016 2:17 PM
477	As above, lets review the entire cost of D181 and make sure it is in line. The Board has lost a lot of trust with my family with this process that is disconnected with the financial challenges my family is facing. Nothing will work for me until the Board steps back and takes a look at the overall picture	5/8/2016 1:59 PM
478	I think \$65 million *could* be successful, but something closer to \$55 million would have a much higher chance of success.	5/8/2016 1:28 PM
479	The real cost was \$90m when you factor in interest. That you still day it's \$65m is disappointing and further erodes trust in your ability to act responsibly with residents' money. \$65m is unacceptable as well. The cost needs to be determined on the true costs of funding the necessities. So take out the running track, the AstroTurf, the auditorium, reconsider the parking deck actually needed (versus wanted) and come back to the community with a detailed, line item cost of what we need to find. Also, include the interest that's going to be incurred.	5/8/2016 1:01 PM
480	\$35	5/8/2016 12:59 PM
481	Yes, under \$50 mil. Better at \$45 mil.	5/8/2016 11:54 AM
482	I think the total cost needs to come down to get the support needed. Education is the key on how the cost is developed.... I don't think there is a "magic" number.	5/8/2016 11:50 AM
483	again, I need more information.	5/8/2016 11:10 AM
484	Difficult to say , less than \$65,000,000. Maybe \$ 30,000,000 to \$35,000,000. I am certain a b \$35,000,000 maybe?	5/8/2016 10:58 AM
485	Yes, not 65 millinoin	5/8/2016 10:56 AM
486	Yes, one that is reasonable given design constraints that meet just actual needs. Extravagance is always best and is unnecessary where a school is involved. This process must be slowed down slightly with an eye on fair bids to be considered next spring (NOT RUSHED TO NOVEMBER REFERENDUM). To rush it to referendum at this point seems disingenuous.	5/8/2016 10:40 AM
487	No	5/8/2016 10:37 AM
488	Something closer to \$30 million	5/8/2016 10:22 AM
489	no	5/8/2016 10:21 AM
490	Don't listen to [REDACTED] who was quoted in the local paper. He clearly has no clue on this matter, and is simply arrogant.	5/8/2016 10:16 AM
491	no. The families that feed into CHMS will not vote on this no matter what the cost. There need to be "back up plans" that would affect these households. Also, for those that do not have children that are no longer at HMS, you need to let them know, in detail, how this not passing affects their property value.	5/8/2016 10:00 AM
492	\$50 - \$55 million	5/8/2016 9:43 AM
493	Don't know	5/8/2016 9:16 AM
494	NO	5/8/2016 9:14 AM
495	\$25 million.	5/8/2016 9:02 AM
496	Unlikely	5/8/2016 8:52 AM
497	\$50MM	5/8/2016 8:30 AM

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498	See above answer	5/8/2016 8:29 AM
499	\$45	5/8/2016 8:27 AM
500	\$45 million and no more	5/8/2016 8:22 AM
501	\$3-5 million to fix the current school. Poor budgeting is the reason the current school is in disarray.	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
502	50 million or below	5/8/2016 8:06 AM
503	Around \$50mm	5/8/2016 7:33 AM
504	In the 40M range	5/8/2016 7:31 AM
505	45 million	5/8/2016 7:23 AM
506	No. There is no earthly reason a middle school should cost \$65M. That is facially absurd.	5/8/2016 6:49 AM
507	yes	5/7/2016 11:28 PM
508	50 million	5/7/2016 10:49 PM
509	Yes. 30 million would pass.	5/7/2016 10:11 PM
510	\$33 million	5/7/2016 7:49 PM
511	no.	5/7/2016 7:33 PM
512	No.	5/7/2016 7:06 PM
513	Possibly \$35-40 million.	5/7/2016 6:06 PM
514	Why would it?	5/7/2016 5:28 PM
515	\$45 million	5/7/2016 5:25 PM
516	Extremely expensive for a school that has three grades, 6th, 7th and 8th. Serious reduction in total cost is a necessity.	5/7/2016 4:45 PM
517	\$40 million	5/7/2016 3:21 PM
518	40	5/7/2016 2:54 PM
519	\$45 to \$50 million	5/7/2016 2:42 PM
520	\$30-\$40M	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
521	\$45 million	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
522	It needs to be a little lower I think to pass	5/7/2016 1:38 PM
523	This project needs to be done as cheaply as possible to provide a safe, basic structure for delivering the curriculum. Only when the District has made exhaustive efforts to achieve this goal is the cost one that will be successful.	5/7/2016 1:37 PM
524	Prove it with realistic comparisons to other projects in the state of the same scale. Hinsdale should expect to pay slightly more as we all do for everything, but not get ripped off, higher cost will be due to aesthetically pleasing architecture as well as complete modern facilities, people buy homes here for the schools but don't want to feel ripped off.	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
525	Would have to look at other area schools which have recently been built	5/7/2016 1:31 PM
526	No. The property taxes are already very high & an even higher tax burden may cause residents to move.	5/7/2016 1:00 PM
527	\$30-\$40 million	5/7/2016 12:53 PM
528	not sure	5/7/2016 12:22 PM
529	no..	5/7/2016 11:58 AM
530	under \$45 million	5/7/2016 11:26 AM
531	\$50 million or so.	5/7/2016 11:21 AM
532	No	5/7/2016 11:17 AM
533	Quality schools are one of Hinsdale's greatest values. To get passed the referendum will have to be less, but cuts should not impact the overall quality (subjective for sure).	5/7/2016 10:51 AM
534	I'd like to know what the cost would be if two steps were taken to reduce cost: (a) redesign to eliminate the three features mentioned above, (b) siting in Legge. In those conditions, can a school be built for \$40mm? \$45mm?	5/7/2016 10:41 AM

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535	suspect that dropping the items earmarked for "community use" would drop the project into the \$50 million range - reasonable	5/7/2016 10:12 AM
536	Probably more like 55-60 million	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
537	NO	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
538	50-55	5/7/2016 9:53 AM
539	NO	5/7/2016 9:46 AM
540	Unknown.	5/7/2016 9:22 AM
541	25-30	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
542	I think people would vote yes to a project if they thought it wasn't extravagant in design and was comparable to CHMS. The cost is secondary in my opinion.	5/7/2016 8:46 AM
543	\$55 million. Also, not many believed the cost would actually be \$65. Most assumed it would be higher.	5/7/2016 8:42 AM
544	40m	5/7/2016 8:32 AM
545	I feel this project cost should be close to todays equivalent cost of building CHMS.	5/7/2016 8:31 AM
546	Everyone seems happy with CHMS. Use that price and add a factor change in CPI since then. It should be an easy sale.	5/7/2016 7:56 AM
547	Under \$50 million	5/7/2016 7:22 AM
548	No.	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
549	Absolutely not!	5/6/2016 11:52 PM
550	\$40-\$50 million	5/6/2016 11:38 PM
551	\$50mm	5/6/2016 10:50 PM
552	\$35-40 million	5/6/2016 10:42 PM
553	yes	5/6/2016 10:25 PM
554	Perhaps \$50-55 million.	5/6/2016 10:15 PM
555	unsure	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
556	\$55 million	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
557	Yes if the cost of the school is significantly reduced. Just modifying the current proposal will not pass. Residents want to see a significant reduction in cost and a less expensive design.	5/6/2016 9:26 PM
558	Yes, 30 million.	5/6/2016 9:04 PM
559	Yes if the district does a better job of marketing.	5/6/2016 8:57 PM
560	I am not opposed to a new HMS but I am opposed to the "extras" that in my view are unnecessary.	5/6/2016 8:41 PM
561	\$45 million	5/6/2016 8:24 PM
562	Unsure	5/6/2016 7:46 PM
563	A lower cost would be successful.	5/6/2016 7:36 PM
564	no.	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
565	No. A 40 year old school shouldn't have to be torn down.	5/6/2016 7:16 PM
566	no	5/6/2016 6:55 PM
567	Close to the cost of CHMS project factoring in modest inflation.	5/6/2016 6:42 PM
568	no	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
569	\$45-\$50 mil	5/6/2016 6:34 PM
570	Not in this next year / election cycle, no.	5/6/2016 6:31 PM
571	Yes, the \$65mm will work	5/6/2016 6:22 PM

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572	Considering the cost of the four previous referendums, there should be a SIGNIFICANTLY lower cost available that would result in a beautiful and up to date school.	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
573	Less than 35 million and you would still be lucky to pass a referendum.	5/6/2016 6:05 PM
574	\$40-\$45 million	5/6/2016 5:55 PM
575	\$50 million.	5/6/2016 5:32 PM
576	The concept of the 'time value of money' suggests that the longer we wait to act the more it will cost to accomplish the SAME result (eg. no improved benefit). Go with the \$65M projection and MANAGE the project to completion at that level.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
577	Perhaps about \$40 million but without repeated reviews increasing the cost. Let the Board personally pay for any required bonds greater than what they promise the taxpayers.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
578	\$45 million	5/6/2016 5:13 PM
579	The district needs to show some comparisons with other middle schools currently being built. There cannot be a comparison with CHMS as that was 20 years ago. People need to understand today's costs.	5/6/2016 5:05 PM
580	\$40 - \$50 million	5/6/2016 5:04 PM
581	The cost should be based on best physical plant for educational practice for students and teachers.	5/6/2016 5:04 PM
582	58 million. Total shot in the dark. I think people went against the 68 million just because. Not because they really thought it through.	5/6/2016 5:00 PM
583	45 million	5/6/2016 4:57 PM
584	Not my vote.	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
585	\$35 - \$40 million and it's a done deal. Be reasonable.	5/6/2016 4:38 PM
586	I think 60-65 is about right.	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
587	Similar to the cost of CHMS, taking into consideration cost increases over the years.	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
588	Start with CHMS, and use the average home price appreciation in the area since it was built. That is a starting point. It is a middle school. If we are going to spend ridiculous money, the high school is a much better place for the future of our kids and the community. Spending so much on a middle school is offensive. In my opinion of course.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
589	less than \$50M	5/6/2016 4:24 PM
590	Closer to what was spent for CHMS. Costs do not escalate by triple in 15 years-that's a ridiculous excuse. And if they do, why is there so much new construction occurring in Hinsdale and CH for \$1.2-same as in 2004? A 50% increase may be plausible but not a 300% cost increase in 15 years. No one believes these numbers and you will not be able to sell it as voters already voted no once.	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
591	Under 45 million	5/6/2016 4:11 PM
592	Yes. Under \$50 million.	5/6/2016 4:10 PM
593	Do a straight line comparison of the cost of CHMS in today's dollars to the proposed HMS project. Use this value in today's dollars to offer comparison.	5/6/2016 3:27 PM
594	Not really, I think if the initial number was \$65 million it may have been worked.	5/6/2016 3:23 PM
595	>\$20M...reengineer existing facilities	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
596	A guess would be \$50 million or less.	5/6/2016 2:50 PM
597	35 million	5/6/2016 2:36 PM
598	\$45	5/6/2016 2:28 PM
599	Not sure. Probably should be some cost reduction to get support.	5/6/2016 2:27 PM
600	\$50 million	5/6/2016 2:25 PM
601	NO	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
602	Whatever you paid per square foot for Clarendon Hills. No more.	5/6/2016 2:13 PM
603	No	5/6/2016 2:07 PM
604	Less is always best	5/6/2016 1:42 PM

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605	\$45-50 million max.	5/6/2016 1:22 PM
606	Yes	5/6/2016 1:20 PM
607	\$ 40-45M	5/6/2016 12:52 PM
608	\$35M	5/6/2016 12:19 PM
609	Not a chance.	5/6/2016 12:19 PM
610	If we're paying for what we need and not what you want, project cost becomes less relevant. If you propose a school to put on the cover of Architectural Digest I want no part of it. If you propose a design with built in flaws like the existing HMS (e.g. acoustical problems) I wouldn't vote for it even if it were cheap.	5/6/2016 12:01 PM
611	\$40-\$50 million	5/6/2016 11:18 AM
612	Closer to the original \$45 million makes sense.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
613	I'm concerned that folks have the CHMS project cost as a benchmark in their head (about \$20M 20 years ago) and no suitable proposal will come close to that benchmark. I was ok with the \$65M proposal and the rationale provided for the higher costs.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
614	I think \$65m is fine but I assume it was rejected due to cost. Keeping it under \$50m should help get it approved.	5/6/2016 10:23 AM
615	I do not have enough knowledge on how much a project would cost. Go to other school districts that have recently built new schools and inquire.	5/6/2016 9:41 AM
616	Under \$50M	5/6/2016 9:40 AM
617	no	5/5/2016 11:57 PM
618	\$30 million.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
619	I think \$40M would pass easily. \$45m to \$55M could pass if a strong case was made for parity with CHMS kids' experience.	5/5/2016 10:16 PM
620	\$50M	5/5/2016 9:57 PM
621	I don't know	5/5/2016 8:59 PM
622	\$40M, I believe non D181 families could tolerate this number better as it is more in line with previous District school costs. Also, seeing as D86 will also be running a referendum, the total between the two needs to be taken into consideration.	5/5/2016 8:12 PM
623	\$55 million	5/5/2016 7:44 PM
624	Maybe 40 million. You have to show more than a new building. If you made significant positive changes at HMS, people would be willing to give you more money	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
625	30 million max	5/5/2016 5:01 PM
626	Not in the construction proposal business, but way less. CHMS opened in 2000 and cost less than \$18mil; have costs really gone up that much?	5/5/2016 3:07 PM
627	Around \$40 million	5/5/2016 2:22 PM
628	40M	5/5/2016 1:55 PM
629	Below 50M	5/5/2016 1:31 PM
630	\$35M	5/5/2016 1:01 PM
631	\$55 million	5/5/2016 11:45 AM
632	More around the \$50 million mark- I heard various people state that they weren't against a new school but the cost was prohibitive. You also need the buy in from Clarendon Hills and the Monroe district.	5/5/2016 11:33 AM

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633	<p>Couldn't the district build a beautiful, top of the line school for \$55mm? Somewhere it was conveyed that 3 alternatives were considered (\$45/\$55/\$65mm) and the highest option was the one up for vote. It didn't appear fiscally responsible that the highest alternative was put forward. Does a middle school need a top of the line auditorium or is this something that should be considered in future renovations for the high school - which I assume will be needed in the near future. I'd rather see a slightly less expensive middle school with more money allocated to updating the high school and elementary schools as needed. How large of a parking garage is needed for the school employees? If the middle school needs are half the proposed size then it would seem like you could build a smaller garage and save money there. While downtown Hinsdale can definitely use additional parking, the fact that it would only be available for public use on nights, holiday and weekends would suggest that they could build a smaller garage. If a part of the garage was going to be available for public use at all times then again, that should be communicated better to the public. If this is the case, breaking out the cost of the garage from the total project and voting on them separately might help the referendums pass.</p>	5/5/2016 11:02 AM
634	Closer to \$50-55	5/5/2016 10:38 AM
635	50MM	5/5/2016 8:09 AM
636	\$50 mil	5/5/2016 1:24 AM
637	30 million	5/4/2016 10:25 PM
638	Yes, probably more around \$50-55 million	5/4/2016 9:40 PM
639	I don't remember what the original project cost estimate was (\$45 million?) but something closer to that. People got skeptical when the cost jumped so drastically after the contractor selection process had been completed.	5/4/2016 8:25 PM
640	\$40 million	5/4/2016 8:16 PM
641	no	5/4/2016 7:13 PM
642	Not anything as high as that.	5/4/2016 4:39 PM
643	\$55 million	5/4/2016 4:18 PM
644	yes	5/4/2016 3:11 PM
645	<\$50mln	5/4/2016 2:49 PM
646	No, especially since District 86 might have a referendum for 90 million.	5/4/2016 2:39 PM
647	I think you should give tours of both middle schools. When you walk into HMs it smells horrible. Then walk into chms and smell.	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
648	\$20 million	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
649	Depends on if D86 goes for referendum at the same time. I would like to see HMS under \$50 million	5/4/2016 2:18 PM
650	No	5/4/2016 2:04 PM
651	I liked the design as is.	5/4/2016 1:43 PM
652	Without other factors being considered as identified herein, I believe there needs to be a "4" as the first number. In other words, in the 40-49 million range.	5/4/2016 1:29 PM
653	Less than \$50 million. It's the optics	5/4/2016 1:26 PM
654	I have heard rumors that \$45 M would be a good number...it just has to be credible and the education needs to be provided to show the district we did the homework to get to that number.	5/4/2016 1:12 PM
655	\$25 - 30 million	5/4/2016 1:08 PM
656	\$25million	5/4/2016 1:01 PM
657	\$25 million	5/4/2016 12:58 PM
658	Not sure	5/4/2016 12:31 PM
659	I think more information about why the cost was \$65 million. Based on what I heard from the district, it didn't seem excessive.	5/4/2016 11:31 AM
660	50 million	5/4/2016 11:14 AM
661	\$40 MILLION TOPS	5/4/2016 11:04 AM
662	Under \$45 million.	5/4/2016 10:39 AM
663	Since \$45,000,000 was brought up originally, getting closer to that amount again would probably be successful.	5/4/2016 10:19 AM

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664	\$40 million.	5/4/2016 10:14 AM
665	50-65M	5/4/2016 9:57 AM
666	No. To extravagant....Get a grip Hinsdale, you have money but your kids dont need to have state of the art everything in a time where other schools are lacking. Stick with what you need now and for future growth, but cut out the BS of turf, covered parking, elevated tracks.	5/4/2016 9:25 AM
667	No. Modify and lessen the amount	5/4/2016 9:20 AM
668	unsure, I was surprised it didn't pass	5/4/2016 9:08 AM
669	\$25 million	5/4/2016 9:04 AM
670	I think it is around \$40 million.	5/4/2016 8:42 AM
671	Less than \$50 million.	5/4/2016 8:41 AM
672	Less than \$50 million.	5/4/2016 7:06 AM
673	1) That was an estimated cost was without overruns, which likely would have added another 10-20%. 2) this didn't included necessary parking additions 3) this is not even considering a tax increase to cover costs for the necessary high school upgrades required. 4) tough to offer a the costs without context of these other considerations	5/4/2016 5:54 AM
674	\$50 - \$60 million with assurances it would be on budget	5/4/2016 12:39 AM
675	No	5/3/2016 11:24 PM
676	Much lower than \$63 million	5/3/2016 11:11 PM
677	Not sure of a dollar amount.	5/3/2016 10:43 PM
678	\$45 mil	5/3/2016 10:36 PM
679	I think it will need to be \$50 million to pass.	5/3/2016 10:34 PM
680	\$20 million. Construction costs have not gone up that much since CHMS was built. We are overpaying. Stick to the budget or you will lose our trust again.	5/3/2016 10:27 PM
681	Let us see the actual cost of CHMS.... account for mild inflation and wage. I still would need to see why the current building is useless. You need to show proof.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
682	I am not convinced that the cost is the main driver of why it failed, per my points above. But reducing its cost would allay that argument a bit while requiring opponents to better articulate their concerns. It will shame those who have said--/ and this is true, at a cocktail party--"well, we have great new schools in Clarendon hills. Why should I support "your" schools?"(Um... Well ain't that a self-centered mindset)	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
683	\$50M or less	5/3/2016 10:20 PM
684	\$60 million or less	5/3/2016 10:08 PM
685	A lot less	5/3/2016 9:51 PM
686	no, make the tax lower for Clarendon Hills	5/3/2016 9:39 PM
687	35mm	5/3/2016 9:23 PM
688	<\$40mm.	5/3/2016 9:13 PM
689	I don't. I think it is less about the actual number than helping people understand exactly where that money will be used.	5/3/2016 7:05 PM
690	Need more info to make an educated decision.	5/3/2016 6:50 PM
691	yes.	5/3/2016 6:46 PM
692	\$25 million max for a remodel or new build of HMS. The value of the land where HMS sits is too high to warrant building another school there. However, if a 3rd middle school were built, the quality of all 3 schools would improve and entire community would benefit. In this case, the value of the project is worth more, so \$50 million maximum. It cannot go over \$50. This would include only a small remodel of HMS and the building of a new middle school on a cheaper location. Plus, if it is out of the way, the building doesn't have to be as impressive.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
693	\$50-53 Million	5/3/2016 6:05 PM
694	25-30 million	5/3/2016 5:30 PM
695	\$50 million	5/3/2016 5:08 PM

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696	Look at what it cost to build CHMS	5/3/2016 4:38 PM
697	I have read several explanations of why the cost was \$65 million and that it was not a high number. I am sorry, but even for the residents of this community \$65 million is a lot of money. I think some tough decisions will need to be made to reduce the cost. It is just too high. I also think it is insulting for the district to try and tell the residents that it really is not a big deal to spend that much money. The old HMS was built in the 1970's but I would like to see a school have a lifespan much greater for the investment we will be making.	5/3/2016 4:26 PM
698	50M	5/3/2016 4:04 PM
699	50-55Million	5/3/2016 3:46 PM
700	\$25-\$30	5/3/2016 3:40 PM
701	Proving that the expenditure for the building is in line with what was provided by taxpayers for CHMS is the best way to gain support for the referendum. Taking the cost of CHMS plus the present day increase for labor (material costs have stayed very constant over the last 10-15 years) is a good starting point. I have heard from those in the construction field that the number would be closer to \$40M than \$65, but don't believe the district has ever done the math from that perspective, or if they did, they did not use that as a starting point for getting architectural options.	5/3/2016 3:39 PM
702	\$45 million	5/3/2016 3:35 PM
703	\$55MM	5/3/2016 3:16 PM
704	\$40-\$50 million	5/3/2016 2:55 PM
705	\$50m!!! Do not exceed this if you want it to pass. I promise, the naysayers are tied to this number. Just give it to them.	5/3/2016 2:50 PM
706	\$50M	5/3/2016 2:44 PM
707	Less than \$50 million	5/3/2016 2:30 PM
708	Under \$50M	5/3/2016 2:19 PM
709	no	5/3/2016 2:14 PM
710	I believe passing a future referendum lies in getting members of our community who don't have children at d181 more informed vs. just throwing out the \$65 million price tag.	5/3/2016 2:12 PM
711	\$40 million	5/3/2016 2:10 PM
712	45 million	5/3/2016 2:03 PM
713	\$45 million.	5/3/2016 12:55 PM
714	No	5/3/2016 12:32 PM
715	My issue was not the \$65 million price tag.	5/3/2016 12:26 PM
716	No more than \$40 million.	5/3/2016 12:10 PM
717	40million	5/3/2016 11:52 AM
718	\$50Million	5/3/2016 11:24 AM
719	Probably less than or close to 40 million	5/3/2016 10:11 AM
720	Probably not but in my opinion it is fine. You need to discuss the tax numbers further . Break it down to the monthly impact on property taxes and compare 65 million to 50 million ect. The monthly breakdown may be a couple hundred dollars. I would be willing to pay a couple hundred dollars more a month to get a great school. I would also relay how building this school will also make their homes worth more money.	5/3/2016 10:06 AM
721	Hard to answer. I don't think the cost was properly benchmarked against comparable projects - benchmark should be versus nearby middle schools recently built to south and west instead of comparing to CHMS	5/3/2016 10:06 AM
722	\$45 million	5/3/2016 9:40 AM
723	35 million	5/3/2016 9:27 AM
724	Possibly. .you need to listen to the Clarendon Hills and Monroe voices more. You need to listen to a thoughtful task force from these areas to get something done. I tried to participate positively in last phases, but felt ignored. Then, as people became heated. . .felt like could not say anything for fear of "wearing the Scarlett Letter".	5/3/2016 9:20 AM
725	40-45M, Annual cost savings should be factored in as well, meaning the new middle school should result in 300k/year in less expenses could support 10M in bond payments (at 3%). I hope a new middle school will result in lower going forward costs than HMS.	5/3/2016 9:08 AM

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726	Stop looking at the impact of one location. Look at a solution that satisfies both Junior Highs. I will vote against any referendum that has extras for one location without addressing the other no matter the cost.	5/3/2016 9:07 AM
727	See my answer above re benchmarking to other projects and CHMS	5/3/2016 8:44 AM
728	Total cost should reflect current dollar value equaling the past cost to build CHMS, or ~ 45 Million dollars	5/3/2016 8:40 AM
729	\$40-\$45 million.	5/3/2016 8:25 AM
730	I don't know what the right number is. But, I would look at what we spent on CHMS and run a side-by-side comparison to "then and now" economics as well as the number of students and number of added resources. If people can understand that a 2016 cost makes sense compared to what they paid for CHMS, that might help.	5/3/2016 8:12 AM
731	less than \$65	5/3/2016 7:16 AM
732	Cost of CHMS adjusted for inflation.	5/3/2016 7:15 AM
733	30 million	5/3/2016 6:17 AM
734	Not really	5/3/2016 5:54 AM
735	No	5/3/2016 12:07 AM
736	\$20 - \$25 million	5/2/2016 11:20 PM
737	I think it needs to be closer to CHMS's cost, and if more, be very clear why the additional expense is absolutely necessary	5/2/2016 11:04 PM
738	below \$45 million.	5/2/2016 10:43 PM
739	I think the total cost is only part of the issue. The positioning when communicating the cost and providing a well-thought out message that anticipates objections is the larger issue.	5/2/2016 10:34 PM
740	I've heard people say \$45M.	5/2/2016 10:31 PM
741	Less driven by the overall \$ than the fact that we (and I suspect the board) had no idea what it was getting.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
742	Below 50 million	5/2/2016 10:13 PM
743	\$50mm	5/2/2016 10:12 PM
744	Around \$45M	5/2/2016 10:08 PM
745	20 to 30 million. Cost of CHMS was closer to 13 million (excluding fees that would not apply to HMS -see excerpt from Chicago Tribune below). Taken from Chicago Tribune 8/25/2000: "What they will not see is the behind-the-scenes, sometimes impudent bickering that went into completing the building--infighting that delayed the project a year and swelled the cost to more than \$17 million from \$12.8 million. Only a fraction of the additional \$4 million went into improving the school building; the remainder was spent on attorney fees, construction delays, storm-water improvements and land swap problems caused by wrangling between the school district, Clarendon Hills Park District and Clarendon Hills village officials."	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
746	\$25-35 million is a good target	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
747	around \$50-55 million	5/2/2016 9:53 PM
748	\$55 with no 2 tier parking deck or turf. Eliminate any unnecessary upgrades to bathroom finishes, office spaces, etc. Hinsdale cares about education, the educational portions of the facility need to be top notch, however there are probably cost savings in things like the cafeteria, or school railing selection, perhaps holding off on landscaping. If the facility included Monroe more of those parents would also be on board.	5/2/2016 9:49 PM
749	I do not think a \$65M project will be success in a future referendum.	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
750	\$45-\$50 million	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
751	Considering the minimal inflation over the past decade or so, the cost should be very similar to the CHMS and should not exceed 20 million	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
752	\$40	5/2/2016 9:46 PM
753	\$45-50m	5/2/2016 9:42 PM
754	I would think a \$40-45 million project is more in the reasonable range.	5/2/2016 9:34 PM
755	No -- compared to the Cost of CHMS 10 years ago -- the cost far outweighs the cost of inflation	5/2/2016 9:34 PM
756	\$45-50 Million	5/2/2016 9:26 PM

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757	Something around \$45 mil or less	5/2/2016 9:23 PM
758	yes	5/2/2016 9:23 PM
759	Half that	5/2/2016 9:23 PM
760	Less than \$50 million	5/2/2016 9:17 PM
761	I wish I knew. We really, REALLY need a new school and the people voting against it are insane.	5/2/2016 9:15 PM
762	\$50M is ceiling	5/2/2016 8:58 PM
763	\$25 Million	5/2/2016 8:57 PM
764	45 mil maybe 50	5/2/2016 8:53 PM
765	CHMS was budgeted in the teens of millions, and didn't come in on budget. Double that cost for the decade plus that has passed - \$30 million. Not a penny more. No way for double that at \$60 million. And let's be honest, it wouldn't come in at that.	5/2/2016 8:49 PM
766	Anything below 50 seems reasonable.... But again....no need for bells and whistles and best square footage per student in the state.	5/2/2016 8:32 PM
767	35 million or less	5/2/2016 8:30 PM
768	\$30 million	5/2/2016 8:29 PM
769	Absolutely not.	5/2/2016 8:29 PM
770	35 million to 40 million as an upside. The lower below here would increase the odds of passing.	5/2/2016 8:15 PM
771	no	5/2/2016 8:12 PM
772	45 million	5/2/2016 8:03 PM
773	\$40 MILLION OR LESS	5/2/2016 7:55 PM
774	\$50 m	5/2/2016 7:51 PM
775	Absolutely not	5/2/2016 7:48 PM
776	\$40 million	5/2/2016 7:38 PM
777	The same.	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
778	your focusing on the wrong priority of a total budget. Focus on a quality design and common sense.	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
779	Fifty million	5/2/2016 7:34 PM
780	Yes, that was too much with too many extras that other middle schools do not have. My kids went there and it was fine without a running track, etc.	5/2/2016 7:33 PM
781	Yes in line with the nation after exploring all options for a potential rehab. I.e. If it truly was a sick building I'm pretty sure the Feds would come and close it	5/2/2016 7:24 PM
782	Less than that amount	5/2/2016 7:21 PM
783	30 million	5/2/2016 7:08 PM
784	Something with a 3 or 4 in front of it	5/2/2016 7:02 PM
785	I think this cost is fine, but others see it is high compared to cost of CHMS. So any decrease in cost will be seen positively.	5/2/2016 6:54 PM
786	\$50 million	5/2/2016 6:51 PM
787	Yes	5/2/2016 6:49 PM
788	\$25/\$30 million	5/2/2016 6:44 PM
789	\$55-\$58m	5/2/2016 6:38 PM
790	No more than \$45 million	5/2/2016 6:37 PM
791	I would like to see the cost come in under 55 million, but will support higher for a well understood plan.	5/2/2016 6:28 PM
792	Low \$50 million.	5/2/2016 6:25 PM
793	Price with a 5 in front of it	5/2/2016 6:25 PM

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794	I think \$35-\$45 mil would have a better chance of succeeding.	5/2/2016 6:24 PM
795	I have no idea.	5/2/2016 6:17 PM
796	\$50-55 million. I don't believe we could deliver a school that would adequately meet our community's needs for less than \$50.	5/2/2016 6:16 PM
797	Not sure	5/2/2016 6:12 PM
798	30 million	5/2/2016 6:12 PM
799	No	5/2/2016 6:10 PM
800	I don't have a specific number in mind but I think that more validation for the cost is required	5/2/2016 6:02 PM
801	Well. That depends. What were the other bids and can u get quality with a lower but still fair price. Nothing comes for free and buy cheap. Buy twice.	5/2/2016 5:57 PM
802	\$45-\$55M	5/2/2016 5:41 PM
803	30-40 million	5/2/2016 5:41 PM
804	No, the number has a stigma. If you bring it down some and make some concessions you will have a better chance.	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
805	\$50 mil.	5/2/2016 5:34 PM
806	I don't know. I feel that the cost is reasonable for what is included, it will be successful. If there is to be something with added value for the community as a whole (a track and outdoor playing field, adequate parking for staff and visitors) that should also be reasonable.	5/2/2016 5:29 PM
807	Capping the at twice the cost of CHMS.	5/2/2016 5:28 PM
808	\$50M	5/2/2016 5:19 PM
809	Under \$50 million	5/2/2016 5:17 PM
810	\$40 million-- more in line with chms, and other middle schools. Stop padding the numbers you present for comparison. We're smarter than that and it makes you look sneaky.	5/2/2016 5:14 PM
811	Cannot drop the price much. It may in fact exceed the projections by the time it is passed.	5/2/2016 5:06 PM
812	Under \$60M	5/2/2016 5:06 PM
813	you could try \$50mm since that was the original price publicized, but that wouldn't be the school for us	5/2/2016 5:01 PM
814	60	5/2/2016 4:59 PM
815	Yes	5/2/2016 4:58 PM
816	Half the proposed \$65 million.	5/2/2016 4:56 PM
817	I think it's now hard to escape whatever the lower, original figure was (seem to recall it was \$45 million), though I voted yes because I believe HMS is in a state of disrepair.	5/2/2016 4:54 PM
818	35 million	5/2/2016 4:38 PM
819	45-50 mil. 50 mil tops.	5/2/2016 4:30 PM
820	Of course, it's just a matter of educating and informing the community as to what/where it is getting spent on.	5/2/2016 4:28 PM
821	\$45 million	5/2/2016 4:25 PM
822	make it clear that the CHMS bond will be paid off soon	5/2/2016 4:22 PM
823	No. I think it needs to come down a little.	5/2/2016 4:20 PM
824	\$50 million	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
825	I think the cost is fine. It was the way it was communicated and the confusion that resulted. You need to find a way to eliminate the comparison to when CHMS was built as that seemed to dominate the debate. People were also making apples to oranges comparisons to other construction projects that had nothing to do with what was trying to be accomplished in Hinsdale.	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
826	no	5/2/2016 4:15 PM
827	Under 40 million	5/2/2016 4:09 PM

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828	I worry now that people are going to say we've spent too much on fixing things, and they are going to want to see even more come off the total. I worry that rezoning or having the CH and Monroe parents experience HMS is our only hope in getting the referendum passed.	5/2/2016 3:59 PM
829	I feel that any investment is worth the value, HMS needs to be replaced! Now	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
830	\$295/sq.ft. for building construction (site repair and improvements not included)	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
831	\$40 million	5/2/2016 3:45 PM
832	\$59 million or less.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
833	50	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
834	59 million	5/2/2016 3:38 PM
835	30 million	5/2/2016 3:28 PM
836	yes 45 million ish	5/2/2016 3:24 PM
837	The board should show the today's price of the Clarendon Hills Middle School with 5% cost escalations (annual construction price escalations over the past many years since its construction) and you would probably arrive at around a \$45M number. Folks would be receptive to a \$50-55M number for Hinsdale. Make the comparison as many residents of CH simply think pricing stays static	5/2/2016 3:14 PM
838	40-50M	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
839	\$30,000,000	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
840	Yes - but probably not one that is actually viable	5/2/2016 2:51 PM
841	People are "stuck" on this being too high so any lower number if something could be modified without serious compromise may help a new referendum pass.	5/2/2016 2:46 PM
842	55-60 million	5/2/2016 2:41 PM
843	50 million	5/2/2016 2:30 PM
844	\$50Mish seemed to be the number people were originally expecting	5/2/2016 2:28 PM
845	I don't know if it is as much about the cost (although reducing is always favored by some) as it is about the education to people less inclined to support the proposal (such as elderly homeowners or homeowners without children in district 181).	5/2/2016 2:24 PM
846	\$65 million	5/2/2016 2:23 PM
847	Anything less than 65. People will not get behind that number now that it has already been voted against.	5/2/2016 2:17 PM
848	This is not about one specific, magic number. This is about the best plan for our children and our community.	5/2/2016 2:14 PM
849	I think I heard that CHMS was \$17 million. I think that much plus the cost of inflation would be adequate.	5/2/2016 2:06 PM
850	I don't think there is a cost that residents want to see that will provide the school with what we truly NEED (not simply want).	5/2/2016 2:02 PM
851	Yes, \$49 million. Sadly.	5/2/2016 1:58 PM
852	Not sure, perhaps similar to CHMS, adjusted to inflation	5/2/2016 1:56 PM
853	The majority of people that voted no said they think it should be the cost of CHMS increased for larger student population, as well as inflation since CHMS was built 15+ years ago. Not sure what that number would be, but also know that CHMS has some shortcomings, so identify what those are and address the additional costs that are being incurred to not make the same mistake twice. Ie. Didn't even have a teachers lounge for most of time CHMS has been open. Building was too jammed.	5/2/2016 1:46 PM
854	\$25 million	5/2/2016 1:37 PM
855	Not sure.	5/2/2016 1:32 PM
856	\$45 million ... Concentrate on a lower total cost and design to the budget	5/2/2016 1:30 PM
857	\$50 million	5/2/2016 1:22 PM
858	59 million	5/2/2016 1:14 PM
859	\$40-\$45 million	5/2/2016 1:12 PM

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860	No less than \$60,000,000.00	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
861	\$55-60 million	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
862	The same	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
863	\$30 million total	5/2/2016 1:03 PM
864	25 million	5/2/2016 1:00 PM
865	20-30M	5/2/2016 12:57 PM
866	Excessively expensive design for a middle school. Would not vote to approve \$65m. Would like to see the average cost and facilities of middle schools in IL and come in around the median cost range. Would like the board to provide the data to the voters / residents on all options considered.	5/2/2016 12:56 PM
867	50	5/2/2016 12:43 PM
868	I don't really feel qualified to answer this.	5/2/2016 12:30 PM
869	Max of \$50M though more likely to pass if the budget is less than \$50M	5/2/2016 12:29 PM
870	same as above	5/2/2016 12:28 PM
871	I think that a clear breakdown of costs is needed for people to see how the money is being spent. Again, I go back to cost per student.	5/2/2016 12:22 PM
872	Less than \$40 million	5/2/2016 12:18 PM
873	\$35 million	5/2/2016 12:17 PM
874	\$25 MILLION	5/2/2016 12:09 PM
875	25 million maximum	5/2/2016 12:08 PM
876	30 - 50% less	5/2/2016 12:03 PM
877	I think it has to be lower. People are aware that Hinsdale Central will be asking for money too. For people to support it, I think they will likely need a lower total cost.	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
878	no	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
879	Not sure, you won't please everyone, especially those in the CHMS district.	5/2/2016 12:00 PM
880	\$50 mill or below	5/2/2016 11:55 AM
881	\$25-\$30 million at the most	5/2/2016 11:51 AM
882	25 million	5/2/2016 11:47 AM
883	I think CHMs cost was 17m. Even that cost doubled is 34m. And the proposal was for 65m. That's a big jump for the community and again creates inequity between middle schools.	5/2/2016 11:45 AM
884	No.	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
885	I don't know. It seems like from conversations I have had that it boils down to a matter of Clarendon Hills residents not wanting to pay for a brand new middle school for Hinsdale residents.	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
886	I think \$50M would pass	5/2/2016 11:38 AM
887	I support the BOE design , and if they can find another longer term way to find this using a different loan structure to lower he increase in taxes , that's great	5/2/2016 11:28 AM
888	NO	5/2/2016 11:26 AM
889	I would vote in favor of a school comparable to CHMS (no track or auditorium, sized to account for the higher student population, but not more). My guess would be that this would cost \$40-\$50M.	5/2/2016 11:24 AM
890	\$50 - \$60 million; but, I believe it is also important that the process to getting to the cost be revamped. One small thing - in preparing drawings to illustrate the new building - it doesn't have to look like Eden. A domestic model vehicle might make people think we're not just shooting for the highest cost, most extravagant version of everything available.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM
891	1/2 of that	5/2/2016 11:22 AM
892	\$50-55M	5/2/2016 11:20 AM
893	no more than \$50 and shouldn't be a design contest as it seemed to be previously	5/2/2016 11:17 AM

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894	Cut it in half	5/2/2016 11:13 AM
895	45 million	5/2/2016 11:11 AM
896	Yes. If you want a number, something between \$40-\$50 million could probably get approved. Under \$40 million should be no problem.	5/2/2016 11:10 AM
897	I think a wide range of "comps" is required for residents to understand what the realistic total project cost should be. Only comparing to the CHMS build is not enough to go on.	5/2/2016 11:07 AM
898	na	5/2/2016 11:05 AM
899	\$30 million	5/2/2016 11:02 AM
900	45 million	5/2/2016 11:01 AM
901	guestimate 50\$ million	5/2/2016 11:00 AM
902	\$25M	5/2/2016 10:58 AM
903	I think you will end up spending it regardless. You will start at a lower base with more expensive change orders.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
904	Under \$50,000,000 would be a much easier sell.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
905	\$30 mil.	5/2/2016 10:54 AM
906	Based on what I have heard others say, I do not think it will be able to be passed at this high expense. People have said they will not vote in favor of something so expensive.	5/2/2016 10:50 AM
907	\$50million	5/2/2016 10:50 AM
908	\$50 million or less.	5/2/2016 10:48 AM
909	\$50MM.	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
910	Under \$40M	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
911	I believe the total project costs need to be lowered slightly only to show that there have been some revisions done to try to lower costs. But, I don't think a \$40M referendum has a significantly higher chance than a \$60M of passing. It's the perception of what the money is going towards and the education of how bad the current school is that needs to be communicated better.	5/2/2016 10:45 AM
912	\$40-50 Million range.	5/2/2016 10:39 AM
913	\$30-\$40M	5/2/2016 10:38 AM
914	Not sure. The property tax increase would have been small for the \$65 million project. I was surprised that some people voiced concern over the increase. Better communication about the tax increase would be helpful.	5/2/2016 10:37 AM
915	No. I think people need to feel that the appropriate research has been done. I don't think it was the cost, but rather the lack of confidence that other options were not considered thoroughly	5/2/2016 10:36 AM
916	No. Look at the cost. Out of line with what other schools are investing . Get realistic.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
917	I did some quick research and schools are being built from \$150 - \$250 per square foot. Get in line with the national average.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
918	40 million	5/2/2016 10:30 AM
919	40-45M	5/2/2016 10:30 AM
920	NO, need to bring down.	5/2/2016 10:29 AM
921	Yes \$40 Million	5/2/2016 10:28 AM
922	Unfortunatley yes- not in favor of it though-but guessing in the 40-45 million range.	5/2/2016 10:27 AM
923	Roughly \$40 million. That is the approx. the inflation and size adjusted cost of CHMS. That is giving you a very generous construction cost inflation. Yes, you should be able to get it built at "2016 best practices" for that amount. Aggressively bid your architects and contractors.	5/2/2016 10:26 AM
924	\$50-\$55 million	5/2/2016 10:18 AM
925	considerably less. For \$65 million you are building a palace for rich spoiled kids including my own. Make it modest.	5/2/2016 10:17 AM
926	Unsure	5/2/2016 10:14 AM

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927	Can't answer unless I know how it affects my taxes. Need to see a complete proposal with alternatives & why decisions were made	5/2/2016 10:12 AM
928	Its not the cost, it is the extravagance of elevated track, 500 seat auditorium, etc. Build a school with adequate parking and spaces that can be multipurpose as student census increases/decreases.	5/2/2016 10:10 AM
929	40 million or less	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
930	Unsure. I think HMS needs to be able to say, "This is the same school as CH, but adjusted for # of students and inflation."	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
931	CHMS was built in 2002-03 for \$17M. \$65M is more than 10%/year higher than that in a low inflation economy. At 3% compound growth you get \$26M, which I would support. To get there you need to reduce scope of the project and do a better job of vetting the general contractor, architect and running a transparent competitive bid process. The money spent on the HMS asbestos abatement and water repair, suggests the district was fleeced. So, \$26M or so seems about right for the new school.	5/2/2016 10:07 AM
932	i don't know a specific amount but i believe \$30-45 million might pass	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
933	yes	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
934	Similar per student cost as CHMS with a well explained and justified increase for inflation.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
935	\$40mil	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
936	No opinion, should be tied to minimizing the tax increase (see question 14).	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
937	\$40-\$50 million	5/2/2016 10:00 AM
938	i think it could be if the message was communicated better to the voters over a longer period of time.	5/2/2016 9:58 AM
939	Just something a lot more reasonable. I don't know what things cost to build, but half to 3/4 of that cost, maybe?	5/2/2016 9:53 AM
940	\$40,000-\$50,000	5/2/2016 9:51 AM
941	\$30-35mm	5/2/2016 9:49 AM
942	I don't know. \$65M seems reasonable to me, but many residents do not share my opinion. I think the case needs to be made for how much a new school costs & reasonable minds will follow.	5/2/2016 9:46 AM
943	under \$60 million	5/2/2016 9:45 AM
944	max 49.5 million	5/2/2016 9:43 AM
945	~\$55MM	5/2/2016 9:43 AM
946	\$25 - \$30 Million	5/2/2016 9:42 AM
947	45 million	5/2/2016 9:40 AM
948	???	5/2/2016 9:40 AM
949	50	5/2/2016 9:39 AM
950	No greater than \$50 million. Preferably even less.	5/2/2016 9:36 AM
951	Between 55 and 60 million. Also the comparison to the cost of building CHMS is invalid. THat was so many years ago and the cost of construction as well as the cost of living ing general has increased significantly. Also, Chms has some significant space problems. The Library is significantly undersized and the lunchroom arrangement is not good. Also, CHMS has the advantage of being next to the park district and can utilize that space for outdoor activity.	5/2/2016 9:34 AM
952	As stated above, \$40 million would be high, but acceptable. Please research the publicly available data for cost per square foot for previously constructed public middle schools. We should be somewhere on or very near that scale. I understand that the district feels that this project is unique due to the need to remove the dormant foundation, etc. The problem is, everyone thinks their project is unique. The presence of some unique expenses does not give the district carte blanche to set forth a proposal with an extremely high price tag.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM
953	You've got to make it less than the Amita Cancer Center (https://www.keepingyouwell.com/ahh/make-a-gift/capital-campaign-for-the-new-cancer-center). If their budget was \$35-\$40 million, I think you need to keep the middle school at \$35-\$40 million...or less.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
954	Yes, one that is not considered extravagant.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
955	\$45million	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
956	\$40-45 million	5/2/2016 9:29 AM

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957	20 million tops!!!!!!! Blows my mind you guys want to spend \$65 million!	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
958	40 Million	5/2/2016 9:26 AM
959	\$45m max	5/2/2016 9:25 AM
960	\$35-\$40m, if the amount is a credible, hard number.	5/2/2016 9:23 AM
961	Stupid question. What in Gods name are you going to do with this?	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
962	25 to 30 million.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
963	No. This was never a sensible proposal, and needs new thinking within the D181 administration on this issue. Enough of the old wine in a new bottle.	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
964	\$50 million? Not sure it matters, since apparently CHMS is being held as the standard. This is not acceptable.	5/2/2016 9:17 AM
965	Less than \$30M	5/2/2016 9:16 AM
966	35-40 million or less	5/2/2016 9:13 AM
967	30M	5/2/2016 9:12 AM
968	\$40-45M	5/2/2016 9:12 AM
969	I have no idea but the residents who voted no should answer this, and we should only propose a referendum that will pass next time	5/2/2016 9:10 AM
970	Don't know. People will always compare with the cost of CHMS 10 years ago.	5/2/2016 9:09 AM
971	\$40M	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
972	A transparent process to solicit competitive bids is required -- people need to be convinced we are not being suckered into a fat contract for some contractors.	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
973	Just a guess...\$50 million	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
974	I think it's more important to talk TOTAL cost, but \$65M was too high, especially when the initial estimates were in the 40s. I think you need to shoot for 45 personally	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
975	\$40 million for HMS and \$10 million for CHMS	5/2/2016 9:07 AM
976	under 50 million if possible would be my guess	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
977	\$65 million - focus on what is needed and beneficial to the community and do a better job of explaining why it is needed.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
978	Yes, closer to \$50m.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
979	some amount less than \$65	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
980	30 m	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
981	\$40MM	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
982	\$40 million for HMS and \$10 million for improvements/maintenance/updates to CHMS. A plan to keep the schools approx in line.	5/2/2016 8:59 AM
983	Keep the proposal the same	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
984	\$50 million	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
985	\$45 to \$50 million at most.	5/2/2016 8:57 AM
986	Probably not. I do not think people who voted no realize that we will still need money to renovate! They believe that they will vote no and minor fixes will be done. As long as their school is fine, they do not want any changes made.	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
987	\$45-50 million	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
988	absolutely NO.	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
989	\$35-40mm	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
990	55 million	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
991	\$49.9	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
992	Yes	5/2/2016 8:53 AM

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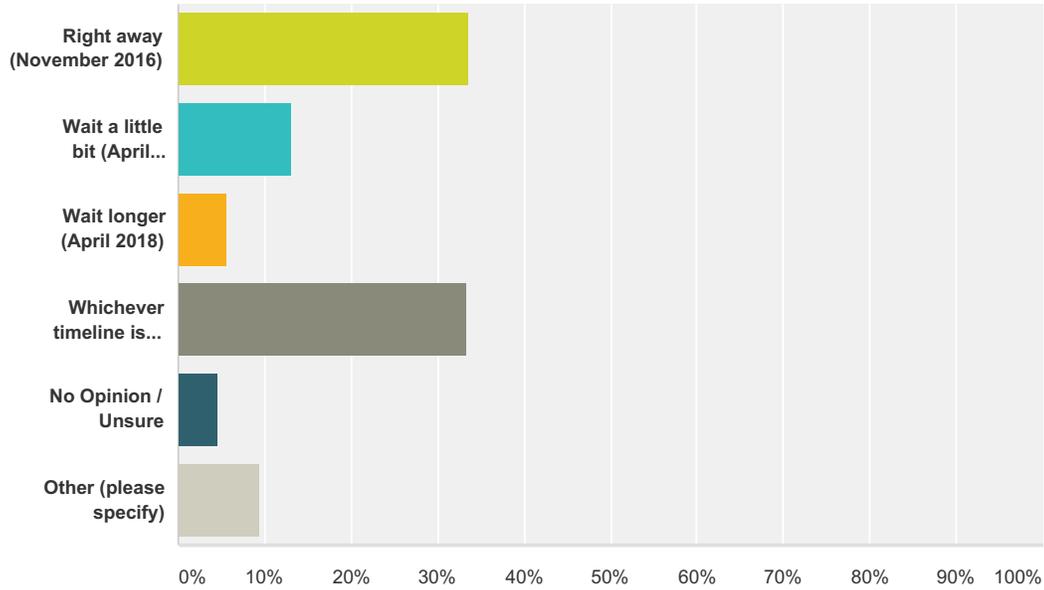
993	\$35M	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
994	Under \$60 million	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
995	\$55 million, however again I think \$65 might have passed if the district hadn't lost so Much trust in the process	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
996	There is a total project cost that would be successful, but it should be materially less than \$65 million.	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
997	Not sure what it is, but yes	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
998	Don't know	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
999	40-50 million	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
1000	Yes, something in the \$30 to \$40M range	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
1001	It does not come down to cost but rather what is needed for the school to be a safe learning environment for the children. If it cost \$65M to clean it up then that is what residents will pay. However, a 500 seat auditorium, excessive parking structures, etc. are not necessary and residents should not be required to pay for these extravagant add-ons!	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
1002	I think it needs to be less than \$55m, probably less than \$50m.	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
1003	Not sure on cost for this.	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
1004	No way.	5/2/2016 8:49 AM
1005	\$40 million	5/2/2016 8:49 AM
1006	I think we had two numbers floating around - first was in the 40's and then moved up to 65. Does seem a bit extreme but I want this school!!! maybe in the 50s. But really will not pass unless those CHMS students get to go to HMS. New school and the current school! Re-District ASAP!!!! If they knew their kids were going to be sent to HMS they would have voted differently!!!!	5/2/2016 8:48 AM
1007	Yes, but it has to be represented differently and as noted earlier the process has to be managed significantly better or it will fail again.	5/2/2016 8:47 AM
1008	Absolutely not. Regardless of inflationary costs, the majority of voting residents use comparison as their only form of understanding cost implications. When weighed against CHMS and other regional middle schools, the comparative costs are disproportionate. Most will not make the effort to understand the larger issues at hand with phasing and inflation. Perhaps this would be different if they were better educated by the district on why it is not an apples to apples comparison.	5/2/2016 8:46 AM
1009	50 million	5/2/2016 8:46 AM
1010	less than 50mm for sure...perhaps 35-40mm	5/2/2016 8:43 AM
1011	NO	5/2/2016 8:43 AM
1012	NO!	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
1013	Unknown	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
1014	Something around \$40m - \$45m would be more palatable to the general public	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
1015	\$35-\$45 million	5/2/2016 8:41 AM
1016	Never.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
1017	At this time no. I don't think a future referendum to rebuild HMS would pass anytime in the near future.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
1018	30million	5/2/2016 8:39 AM
1019	\$45 million, which is still too high.	5/2/2016 8:39 AM
1020	Yes, \$35 million.	5/2/2016 8:37 AM
1021	\$50 million	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
1022	\$35M	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
1023	closer to 40 or under	5/2/2016 8:34 AM
1024	I think it will be more successful closer to \$50 million.	5/2/2016 8:32 AM
1025	I suspect those voting against would like to see some reduction, maybe \$59M total as an example. Also push the parking garage into a future project linked to downtown viability. Parking garages can be security problems.	5/2/2016 8:32 AM
1026	\$40-\$45mln	5/2/2016 8:29 AM

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1027	\$35-40 million	5/2/2016 8:26 AM
1028	Yes	5/2/2016 8:25 AM
1029	\$50 MM	5/2/2016 8:24 AM
1030	some concessions would need to be made to make it successful, in my view, and something closer to the mid 50M seems more palatable	5/2/2016 8:23 AM
1031	Much less that \$65,000,000	5/2/2016 8:21 AM
1032	Under 40m...need money for high school	5/2/2016 8:21 AM
1033	\$45 Million	5/2/2016 8:21 AM
1034	yes	5/2/2016 8:20 AM
1035	\$55-60MM	5/2/2016 8:20 AM
1036	I don't believe it is the total cost, but rather the amount of tax increases that are the biggest issue	5/2/2016 8:19 AM
1037	50 million	5/2/2016 8:19 AM
1038	\$62.5 million	5/2/2016 8:08 AM

Q16 If the District decided to run another referendum proposal regarding HMS, when do you think would be the best time to do so?

Answered: 1,475 Skipped: 112



Answer Choices	Responses
Right away (November 2016)	33.56% 495
Wait a little bit (April 2017)	13.22% 195
Wait longer (April 2018)	5.63% 83
Whichever timeline is needed to allow the time to develop a design that the community can support	33.49% 494
No Opinion / Unsure	4.61% 68
Other (please specify)	9.49% 140
Total	1,475

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	2020 AFTER I AM GONE	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
2	I believe a referendum will not pass until this district gets the very basic aspects of education back on track	5/18/2016 10:16 AM
3	Depends on when the district has their new ducks in a row to make their next best sellable case to the residents.	5/18/2016 8:11 AM
4	Presidential election might draw more opponents to the referendum??	5/17/2016 10:30 PM
5	when you have a sensible plan	5/17/2016 9:43 PM
6	The current facility meets or exceeds existing need.	5/17/2016 8:02 PM
7	Longer then 2018	5/17/2016 1:14 PM
8	See - this survey not even proofread! Not too trustworthy.	5/17/2016 9:33 AM
9	ASAP but whatever it takes to develop a new marketing campaign	5/16/2016 10:07 PM

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10	My children will not benefit from a new school due to time. It's just a shame that a community like Hinsdale has education in portables. District failed the community in not acting sooner on a school that has long been inadequate.	5/16/2016 8:53 PM
11	Not during a General Election.. 2016!	5/16/2016 2:49 PM
12	It is best to have it when turnout is highest at a presidential general election but make sure the design is complete and the options are fully vetted.	5/16/2016 10:13 AM
13	Develop a different plan. Don't come back with the same or virtual the same plan. That would be an insult to the voters.	5/16/2016 10:11 AM
14	When you've completed all the work prior. If the work isn't done you can't do a referendum.	5/16/2016 8:11 AM
15	Get it right and sell it before you run it again.	5/16/2016 7:50 AM
16	Never or not for as long as I live here.	5/15/2016 10:22 PM
17	as soon as possible. This will take several votes, I think.	5/15/2016 6:12 PM
18	When you are certain you have done all of your due diligence and are confident that you have researched every possibility. The time of the referendum should be based on that rather than shooting for a time and forcing yourself into a timeframe that does not allow you to do all the necessary work.	5/15/2016 5:38 PM
19	Never	5/15/2016 8:55 AM
20	Take your time- and do it right don't rush	5/15/2016 8:28 AM
21	Do not even consider another referendum!	5/14/2016 9:12 AM
22	NO REFERENDUM!	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
23	Do what is needed to garner support but be urgent about it. HMS is past (or nearly past) its useful life. I think April 2017 is a reasonable timeframe for a re-vote but do the work to get the votes beforehand.	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
24	I am torn b/t right away and timeline needed to allow the development of a design the community can support. I cannot sufficiently answer this question without understanding the feedback/stance of the community. The concern with a redesign is that it takes a very long time while we incur costs to keep the current building running safely. Would prefer 'right away' for a referendum, but bottom line need community support.	5/13/2016 1:02 PM
25	I think the sooner the better (maybe Nov 2016), but only if this provides enough time to develop the improved design. So basically, I'm saying a blend of choices # 1 and # 4 above.	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
26	Never	5/13/2016 11:35 AM
27	never, fix the school if you need to. you dont need a new school.	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
28	See above comments.	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
29	i was very involved in the effort to build a new middle school 20 years ago. it took a few years, and that was very frustrating. however, i thought (and i think most people at the time) thought the final result was far superior to any of the earlier proposals and was worth the wait.	5/12/2016 9:12 PM
30	NEVER	5/12/2016 4:25 PM
31	Exhaust lower cost options	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
32	It will never pass with the current price tag, contingency monies and grandiose proportions and extravagances which are not needed to teach our kids	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
33	Commence a more fact-based, transparent design and estimating process, work with village elected officials on entitlements for existing HMS site so it can be sold with its highest and best use in place (medium-density housing, in my opinion)	5/12/2016 9:55 AM
34	Not now get your act together first explore cheaper alternative including rehabbing current school if I ran my business the way school district is run I would be broke and homeless	5/12/2016 9:48 AM
35	Dont rush it, get it right. It looks like amateur hour when you rush a referendum with a price that keeps changing.	5/12/2016 9:41 AM
36	Nov. (but such a crazy election so ??) or wait a little bit till April	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
37	doesn't matter	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
38	Run it while Hillary is on the ballot. Should lead to lots of voters many of whom will be women which are generally supportive of education.	5/11/2016 10:14 PM
39	Will not change my opinion so any time is the best time	5/11/2016 9:45 PM

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40	It needs to be rethought out and not rushed or it will just fail again	5/11/2016 8:50 PM
41	Never	5/11/2016 8:14 PM
42	I think try to bring the total cost down.	5/11/2016 1:52 PM
43	take some time!!! give us some other options.	5/11/2016 1:51 PM
44	The referendum was rejected. Running this again and again hoping for passage is opposite to the community's intentions. This is the height of arrogance on the part of supporters of this issue.	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
45	After I have retired and moved out of this over-taxed community. 2026 sounds good.	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
46	Never. Do not run another referendum. It is doomed to fail again.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
47	Right away, assuming we have time to slightly modify the plans and lower the cost to enlist more support from the Clarendon Hills residents	5/10/2016 1:04 PM
48	I need to send a seperate communication to [REDACTED]. Because I ran for public office in DuPage county, and won against the incumbent, I have a vast knowledge base base on how to reach and communicate with registered voters, absentee voters, etc. If we are to win the referendum question we must reach those registered voters who didn't vote in the general election this past March. The percentage of registered voters who didn't vote is higher than the percentage that did vote so we need a communication strategy to get those voters to the polls and that means direct communication with them. I'll email [REDACTED] with a cursory review of what I did to reach each and every voter in Dupage County that resulted in the highest votes in my favor.	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
49	Whichever timeline is needed to develop a fully-scoped plan we can understand and have confidence voting on	5/10/2016 10:34 AM
50	Dont rush it, do it right.	5/10/2016 9:07 AM
51	Timeline should be based on thoughtful realistic goals in the new design. Small groups in the community should be formed to help with input.	5/10/2016 12:17 AM
52	As soon as admin can address concerns	5/9/2016 7:56 PM
53	Wait until the architect and Board realizes that we are not all made of money	5/9/2016 6:11 PM
54	Nov 2016 unless it wouldn't pass because of the election. I think this needs to more faster than waiting until April 2017	5/9/2016 5:16 PM
55	Don't do it	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
56	I don't want this to pass as it is, so how long will it take for the District to change the proposal?	5/8/2016 8:41 PM
57	November 2016. Which, with some management, should also allow ample time to develop a design.	5/8/2016 6:28 PM
58	After 2019.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
59	Approximately 2050!	5/8/2016 3:05 PM
60	ten years from now	5/8/2016 2:47 PM
61	the forecast of students doesn't warrant a huge new school. Wait and see what the actual enrollment is going to be	5/8/2016 12:59 PM
62	IF you can complete an open bid process with a new building design.	5/8/2016 10:40 AM
63	Why does repairing the old school need a referendum? This is why no one trusts the school board. This survey is not offering out of the box thinking. Very poor.	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
64	Hire a new architect and redesign the project.	5/7/2016 11:28 PM
65	No need.	5/7/2016 7:33 PM
66	Don't give up nor waste time HMS is an embaressment to the village!	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
67	The residents have already voiced their opinion on this referendum & the Board needs to accept this result & move towards working with the present HMS.	5/7/2016 1:00 PM
68	wait until you have had the time to review community reaction, taken the time to make modifications that would meet the majority's wishes and then run the referendum in a thoughtful manner	5/7/2016 11:51 AM
69	run another referendum in 2025	5/7/2016 9:46 AM
70	a timeline needed to allow to develop a design the community can support, which I would assume would be over a year	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
71	You will never get this passed during a presidential election. Turnout is too high.	5/7/2016 7:56 AM

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72	Wait until I am priced out of the district from the District 86 referendum.	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
73	We need it right away, but a much more radical proposal.. ie simple design, possibly new location.	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
74	it is not a mater of timing, it is a matter of economics to the taxpayer base.	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
75	Don't run	5/6/2016 7:16 PM
76	Never. There is no justification for a new middle school.	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
77	Whatever time you need to THOROUGHLY evaluate and develop a design with a reasonable cost	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
78	The last referendum was so badly done I do not have the confidence that the current board are capable of coming up with a reasonable plan of action.	5/6/2016 6:05 PM
79	High School District 86 is planning a referendum. Our Middle School students need to be supported first.	5/6/2016 5:04 PM
80	Never. Fix the roof and be done with it. Let's be like Donald Trump. We can sue Helmet Jahn's architectual firm and get them to pay for it.	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
81	Election 2020	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
82	coordinate with D86...don't play capital improvement projects against each other that compete for the taxpayer \$	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
83	get it done so less money gets wasted with short term fixes on the existing disaster of a building	5/6/2016 2:18 PM
84	reassign revenue from an existing tax to pay for a modest school	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
85	If people aren't supportive of it, then it's not going to pass regardless of whether you run it sooner or later. There are too many people whose kids don't go there or who don't see the benefit of a \$65 million school to the community as a whole, and that's not going to change.	5/6/2016 2:07 PM
86	depends when and if cost savings can be made and info communicated effectively to residents	5/5/2016 11:57 PM
87	Do it in conjunction with the high school plans so there is full transparency to the tax payer.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
88	Never	5/5/2016 1:01 PM
89	Avoid Dist 86 proposal time	5/5/2016 11:12 AM
90	Better do it before 86 has one.	5/4/2016 2:39 PM
91	Cant wait too long without having to spend more money on a school that may be torn down	5/4/2016 2:18 PM
92	Having students taught in temporary trailers is an embarrassment.	5/4/2016 11:25 AM
93	With intense promotion. And with likelihood of having to go at it a third time.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
94	We should wait until we find out how bankrupt Illinois really is. If residents end up having to pay for teacher's pensions out of their own pockets, then I would rather send my children to private school. People have lost trust in the administration and the poor judgement of the board president. This project was too hastily conceived, not well researched or thought out, and outrageously overpriced for a public school.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
95	Whenever there is an expected low voter turnout and not during a time when district 86 is proposing a referendum. The 181 referendum will surely be voted down if voters are forced to choose between the two. Very few people will vote yes for both referendums on the same ballot.	5/3/2016 3:39 PM
96	Never	5/3/2016 3:02 PM
97	Only after thoroughly investigating alternative sites.	5/3/2016 12:26 PM
98	Back door referendum	5/3/2016 5:54 AM
99	See above. Not for another 2+ years at least. That's what it will take to be ready.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
100	sooner the better with a new design	5/2/2016 8:53 PM
101	I would say whatever timeline is needed, which in my opinion can not be the Nov ballot and most likelly is April 2017. The process was too rushed last time and felt like the community had no say until the ballot was already decided. Get community involvement and input before you decide on the ballot. I'd rather see the board take their time and get it right versus rush it through.	5/2/2016 8:32 PM
102	Too early to make this decision	5/2/2016 7:02 PM
103	Sooner the better-interest rates are rising, and the cost is only going to go up over time.	5/2/2016 6:54 PM

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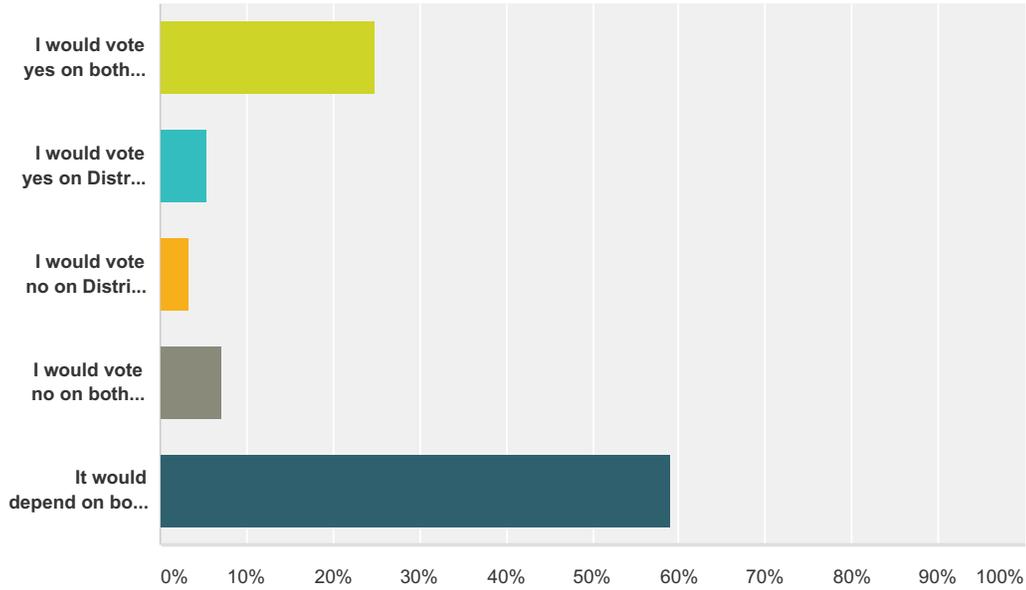
104	I think it needs to be a solid plan the community can support but If it doesn't pass in November, then we try April, I have a hard time knowing if April 2017 didn't pass we'd have to wait another year.	5/2/2016 6:25 PM
105	No new referendum	5/2/2016 6:02 PM
106	well if you wait...keep those photos in the public eye. Keep communicating You do not win campaigns w/ 15 minutes of effort	5/2/2016 4:22 PM
107	When you cut the project cost and size by half.	5/2/2016 1:03 PM
108	Would like to see more information and analysis on a cheaper cost alternative. Don't see how you can just vote on a large tax increase again in November 2016 when us was rejected clearly in March as too expensive.	5/2/2016 12:56 PM
109	As long as it takes to get it right / April 2017	5/2/2016 12:29 PM
110	The sooner the better, but with ample time to develop and educate the community on the cost and design.	5/2/2016 12:24 PM
111	When the district feels that 80% of the voting residents have been consulted and/or adequately informed	5/2/2016 12:03 PM
112	develope a better cost and better loction first	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
113	A date such that the bond payment would not begin until after the bonds from Prospect, Walker, etc. have been paid.	5/2/2016 11:45 AM
114	I think when they have a good plan and strong support should determine the timeline	5/2/2016 11:38 AM
115	Our kids are suffering - crowded , no bathrooms , traveling teachers , wasters time , health issues , dangerous conditions	5/2/2016 11:28 AM
116	Take the time necessary to find the right design. Don't rush.	5/2/2016 11:26 AM
117	If D86 will have a referendum in November, wait til April. Otherwise ask in November.	5/2/2016 11:24 AM
118	right away is my preference if the plan can be adjusted and communicated out to the community in that amount of time. If not, wait until April 2017.	5/2/2016 11:07 AM
119	It depends on the timing. What no one is discussing is the annual cost to maintain HMS and the issues it constantly incurs.	5/2/2016 11:04 AM
120	Devote enough time to research/change the referendum properly.	5/2/2016 11:02 AM
121	Wait until the state of IL passes a budget and schools know how much money they will receive.	5/2/2016 11:01 AM
122	Take time to put all materials together, rethink plan and communicate info effectively	5/2/2016 10:50 AM
123	As long as it takes to to it right. You rushed the last referendum and it got rejected. Explore all options. Aggressively bid the project. Come to the community ONLY when you are completely buttoned up.	5/2/2016 10:26 AM
124	The district has a huge credibility gap given how the bid kept escalating so dramatically. Take the time to plan it, study it and price it before you come back to the public. 2018 seems reasonable.	5/2/2016 10:07 AM
125	No opinion as to specific time, however there needs to be enough time before the next referendum to fully consider the feedback and canvas the community to ensure that the next referendum passes. Otherwise, the districk risks losing credibility.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
126	There was a lot of momentum that we would lose. HMS needs to be replaced asap. The longer this is put off the longer it will take to finish the project.	5/2/2016 9:40 AM
127	after enough time to draft a new proposal with significant cost savings included	5/2/2016 9:36 AM
128	I would welcome a reasonable proposal at any time.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM
129	Before Nov 2016	5/2/2016 9:07 AM
130	Hold a special referendum long before Nov 2016 - time is money! We need a new school yesterday, maintenance is expensive, and the current school is unsafe.	5/2/2016 8:59 AM
131	You need to take the time to fully vet all options and give yourself time to fully engage the community. I have no confidence that this can be done by November 2016, very little confidence that it can be done by April 2017. All one has to do is listen to the Facilities Committee and Board meetings where HMS is discussed to realize that there is no focus, no administrative leadership guiding the process and as a result there are no short term, let alone long term, end goals being achieved. Most importantly, until the community is presented with a fully vetted, board approved master's facility plan (as in D86) it is premature to go to referendum to finance even one piece of that plan.	5/2/2016 8:57 AM
132	It would be best to try again in November but we need more information sent to what the alternative will be if it does not pass!	5/2/2016 8:56 AM

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133	Wait some period of time - but balance that against costs that would have to be incurred to keep the current facility operational.	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
134	Start from scratch, see what you need, set priorities for wants, set a firm budget, and then look for architects.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
135	Either 11/16 or 4/17 - just need to ensure there is adequate time to complete any necessary research and adequately communicate it to the community - especially the non-D181 families in the community	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
136	It would completely depend on the process. There needs to be more time to educate the community about the school.	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
137	Depends on the quality of the process, cost of project, and communications.	5/2/2016 8:47 AM
138	Right away before the High School starts plans!	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
139	2020. You need to demonstrate to taxpayers that you have your fiscal house in order. You have not done that.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
140	Timing is irrelevant, get the project right first and it will pass	5/2/2016 8:36 AM

Q17 If a referendum from another taxing entity appeared on the same ballot as a referendum from District 181, how do you think you would vote, assuming both proposals seemed sensible?

Answered: 1,448 Skipped: 139



Answer Choices	Responses
I would vote yes on both proposals	24.93% 361
I would vote yes on District 181's proposal and no on the other entity's proposal	5.52% 80
I would vote no on District 181's proposal and yes on the other entity's proposal	3.38% 49
I would vote no on both proposals	7.18% 104
It would depend on both proposals	58.98% 854
Total	1,448

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Q18 If the District decided to run another referendum proposal regarding HMS, what would be the best way to get information about the details of that referendum to you?

Answered: 1,033 Skipped: 554

#	Responses	Date
1	Mail, newspaper.	5/18/2016 11:45 PM
2	They did a good job getting the word out, but it felt rushed	5/18/2016 10:13 PM
3	Hinsdalean is fine and cost effective	5/18/2016 9:50 PM
4	Email, community meetings, social media, household mailing via postal service,	5/18/2016 9:00 PM
5	Fewer iterations and information on the website, in the paper and informational meetings.	5/18/2016 8:31 PM
6	Local publications	5/18/2016 8:20 PM
7	Mailings and community meetings.	5/18/2016 5:24 PM
8	email from d181	5/18/2016 4:44 PM
9	The Hinsdalean	5/18/2016 4:25 PM
10	The Hinsdalean	5/18/2016 4:23 PM
11	The Hinsdalean	5/18/2016 4:21 PM
12	Mail, e-mail, schools, fliers, posters in downtown businesses, on the Hinsdale and school websites, posters on residents lawns, etc. And maybe extra effort in Clarendon Hills to help the residents support this. They have their new school, so the incentive for them to vote for this school is not there for them. Hinsdale residents supported their new school and they should now support ours.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
13	door to door, news blast, phones	5/18/2016 2:38 PM
14	Set up a website, run by an independent group (NOT by the district, NOT by the PTO and other parent run organizations). Hold regular hearings, on neutral ground.	5/18/2016 2:15 PM
15	email	5/18/2016 1:21 PM
16	mail	5/18/2016 1:06 PM
17	Emails, send info home from school with my kids, newspaper articles/ads, direct mail	5/18/2016 12:29 PM
18	Email and hinsdalian paper	5/18/2016 10:58 AM
19	A one page very simple explanation on the district website	5/18/2016 10:16 AM
20	email, newspaper	5/18/2016 10:15 AM
21	same ways as before	5/18/2016 10:05 AM
22	Mail and press releases. I got the card for this survey on May 17th so send items out earlier and you may get more participation	5/18/2016 9:49 AM
23	Information through postal mail.	5/18/2016 9:22 AM
24	Email	5/18/2016 9:17 AM
25	Mail - social media - meetings	5/18/2016 9:10 AM
26	Email	5/18/2016 8:48 AM
27	Hinsdalean.	5/18/2016 8:11 AM
28	The same methods previously used seemed to be adequate.	5/18/2016 8:05 AM
29	Newspaper and web links with detailed information	5/18/2016 7:22 AM

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30	emails, town hall meeitng, hinsdalean	5/18/2016 2:37 AM
31	Newsletter and/or local newspapers.	5/17/2016 10:40 PM
32	frequent informative school messengers from principals? [REDACTED] ?	5/17/2016 10:30 PM
33	email and snail mail	5/17/2016 9:43 PM
34	The problem was not about not having information - it was about a bad process and too high costs.	5/17/2016 8:48 PM
35	mailers and website	5/17/2016 6:58 PM
36	emails, community forums, include the information in the village announcements and the Patch.	5/17/2016 5:57 PM
37	Mail or email	5/17/2016 4:52 PM
38	Email from D181 with an attachment of brochure to avoid mailing costs.	5/17/2016 4:47 PM
39	USPS	5/17/2016 4:45 PM
40	this email list - send a link to website with the facts once a week a month ahead of the vote - a clean / clear website with just the facts - / flyers at train station and around town / doings / blast the website out	5/17/2016 4:35 PM
41	Media. School flyers.	5/17/2016 4:34 PM
42	Email, meetings	5/17/2016 12:12 PM
43	mailings, email, local papers	5/17/2016 11:42 AM
44	I think some education needs to be made at the preschool and elementary level. Their children are the ones who will benefit the most from the new school. The residents who do not have children going to HMS need to realize their overall property value will be positively affected.	5/17/2016 11:38 AM
45	I think more house to house canvassing would be valuable.	5/17/2016 11:26 AM
46	via the kids schools	5/17/2016 10:23 AM
47	Emails are fine for regular updates and ongoing info. Please send direct links or attachments - don't say go to the D181 site and search, that is a huge deterrent for most people! If there are major milestones (i.e., new design, drastically revised costs, new referendum date) then I'd have [REDACTED] and the Board either visit each school or hold multiple sessions where community members can come and ask questions. Note, this should not be at Board meetings, it should be separate.	5/17/2016 10:22 AM
48	Local newspapers	5/17/2016 10:18 AM
49	Local paper and mailings	5/17/2016 10:14 AM
50	newspapers and flyers	5/17/2016 10:10 AM
51	Flyers or newspaper	5/17/2016 10:03 AM
52	town meetings	5/17/2016 10:03 AM
53	email for me. however, i think the majority of the community would like to see a more public sharing via local media/newspaper and transparency regarding where one could locate details on proposal, bond issuance, tax implications, etc. while i was able to locate on district website, many i spoke to had questions so they did not know where to look for information.	5/17/2016 9:54 AM
54	snail mail/trustee topics (clarendon hills)	5/17/2016 9:50 AM
55	Email	5/17/2016 9:46 AM
56	Email is good, outline in the Hinsdalian newspaper	5/17/2016 9:33 AM
57	Email	5/17/2016 9:29 AM
58	I thought what they did before was fine, no changes needed.	5/17/2016 8:47 AM
59	It's not me to worry about. Emailing and new media is all I do. It's the "old guard" of Hinsdale you have to worry about. Mailers and hand-to-hand canvassing is the only strategy that should be employed. Ignore all houses with school children and focus on those houses without children.	5/17/2016 8:44 AM
60	email	5/17/2016 8:40 AM
61	Mail flier to tax payers	5/17/2016 5:54 AM
62	Email	5/17/2016 5:23 AM

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63	Home mailings, extensive PR coverage in local and online media publications, continued D181 communications to parent, town meetings	5/17/2016 4:40 AM
64	Mail, cordination with local daycares and preschools,	5/16/2016 10:18 PM
65	online for the details, mass direct marketing for the selling of it	5/16/2016 10:07 PM
66	Facebook	5/16/2016 9:22 PM
67	I will know.	5/16/2016 9:06 PM
68	email	5/16/2016 9:06 PM
69	Bullett point document outlining costs and benefits. It should also highlight the long-term cost to property value (I.e. Property Values will decrease for EVERYONE if a new school is not built)	5/16/2016 9:04 PM
70	I think you did a good job communicating on this referendum. Would want similar communication.	5/16/2016 8:57 PM
71	mailing or email	5/16/2016 8:55 PM
72	Email and presentations.	5/16/2016 8:53 PM
73	I would market through email, newsprint media and direct mail.	5/16/2016 8:51 PM
74	Email	5/16/2016 8:50 PM
75	elementary school gatherings, religious gathering place, soccer and baseball games, community bridge event	5/16/2016 8:44 PM
76	Honest, transparent and truthful mailings	5/16/2016 8:42 PM
77	Email	5/16/2016 8:40 PM
78	Email	5/16/2016 8:08 PM
79	Email	5/16/2016 8:05 PM
80	Electronically	5/16/2016 8:03 PM
81	Email	5/16/2016 8:01 PM
82	Same way you got this survey to me - email :)	5/16/2016 7:51 PM
83	Email, town hall meetings, community input roundtables	5/16/2016 7:49 PM
84	Email	5/16/2016 7:41 PM
85	Email	5/16/2016 7:39 PM
86	Direct emails and YouTube/Website	5/16/2016 7:38 PM
87	email information, and links to the D181 website for more info.	5/16/2016 7:08 PM
88	Please show renderings and an outline of amenities with a cost for each	5/16/2016 6:23 PM
89	Email, local paper, town hall meetings, smaller intimate coffees hosted by supporting parents for their friends and neighbors, maybe coffee talks at Starbucks hosted by supporting parents vs board	5/16/2016 5:41 PM
90	Public meetings.	5/16/2016 5:34 PM
91	Email as well as paper mail	5/16/2016 5:07 PM
92	BOE meetings and town halls	5/16/2016 4:43 PM
93	Mailing or coverage in local newspapers	5/16/2016 3:51 PM
94	email	5/16/2016 3:37 PM
95	Email is fine	5/16/2016 3:35 PM
96	Email, Hinsdalean	5/16/2016 3:18 PM
97	newspaper, village web site, info to each household and public meetings but more than two	5/16/2016 3:18 PM
98	On line, newspaper, community meetings and neighborhood canvassing.	5/16/2016 2:49 PM
99	e-mails	5/16/2016 12:46 PM
100	Mailers	5/16/2016 12:35 PM
101	Local newspapers, email communication, mailings	5/16/2016 11:58 AM

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102	There was more than enough information. That was never the issue.	5/16/2016 10:17 AM
103	The postcard worked well for me. I received most of my information from the Hinsdalean and Doings newspapers.	5/16/2016 10:13 AM
104	There are adequate communication through the local papers	5/16/2016 10:11 AM
105	email	5/16/2016 10:00 AM
106	mailers, community meetings, social media	5/16/2016 9:58 AM
107	email, meetings	5/16/2016 9:47 AM
108	through the school	5/16/2016 9:42 AM
109	Mailing	5/16/2016 9:23 AM
110	Email	5/16/2016 8:50 AM
111	Mail/email	5/16/2016 8:15 AM
112	Email, website url on just this issue, neighborhood meetings, community meetings, publish info from the high school to parents also, call campaign, direct mail etc.	5/16/2016 7:50 AM
113	Emails & notices in local papers	5/15/2016 10:53 PM
114	Same methods they currently use	5/15/2016 10:32 PM
115	in a mailer	5/15/2016 10:22 PM
116	Email	5/15/2016 9:58 PM
117	Email and community presentations	5/15/2016 9:39 PM
118	A website.	5/15/2016 9:21 PM
119	Newspaper and email	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
120	Mailed info to each resident and info in the local papers	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
121	Via Hinsdalean and District website postings.	5/15/2016 8:53 PM
122	Email	5/15/2016 8:01 PM
123	Separate mailings and emails about the proposal.	5/15/2016 7:16 PM
124	email	5/15/2016 6:20 PM
125	Via email.	5/15/2016 6:12 PM
126	More coverage by local press, informational discussions, and better information on the website.	5/15/2016 5:42 PM
127	e-mail	5/15/2016 5:38 PM
128	mail/brochure/flyer	5/15/2016 5:00 PM
129	email	5/15/2016 3:56 PM
130	Flyer in the mail	5/15/2016 2:40 PM
131	Get Admin to stop advocating for such a big budget - it is a conflict of interest and scummy	5/15/2016 1:47 PM
132	In the Doings.	5/15/2016 1:36 PM
133	E-mails, mailers to residents, town hall meetings	5/15/2016 1:20 PM
134	Small informational flyers with the basics. To the point, blunt information. Inform residents that the housing market is in direct flexion of the school district. The schools are why many people move here.	5/15/2016 11:42 AM
135	MAIL FLYER	5/15/2016 11:41 AM
136	mail postcard to home, alerting me to information on the d181 website	5/15/2016 11:39 AM
137	meetings, web announcements and providing detailed information regarding cost and the process the district has gone through to provide a quality product at the lowest possible cost	5/15/2016 10:53 AM
138	Email, Hinsdalean.	5/15/2016 10:32 AM
139	Email seems much cheaper than all the mailings	5/15/2016 10:21 AM
140	The Hinsdalean Mailings from 181 referring to a website for details	5/15/2016 10:19 AM

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141	Newspapers, emailed information, mailers to residents, town hall meetings. All of these.	5/15/2016 9:18 AM
142	Full, objective news coverage, not promotional pieces from advocacy groups (real estate, School Board, PTA). I'd like to hear about the EDUCATIONAL need and impact of the facilities' features. Don't make this a referendum on pushing up or maintaining real estate prices (as much of the talk of the last one was about that issue)/	5/15/2016 8:38 AM
143	synopsis mailed to me and public hearings	5/15/2016 7:29 AM
144	Email and social media	5/15/2016 7:18 AM
145	The Hinsdalean, flyers	5/14/2016 10:58 PM
146	Newspaper, email, door to door	5/14/2016 10:18 PM
147	I think there was sufficient information for me.	5/14/2016 7:57 PM
148	1. Local mailing 2. Articles in local papers	5/14/2016 7:21 PM
149	Doings, mailer	5/14/2016 5:52 PM
150	Hinsdalean or direct mail	5/14/2016 4:53 PM
151	Communications have been good.	5/14/2016 3:51 PM
152	I want to know for sure it's not overpriced.	5/14/2016 3:13 PM
153	email	5/14/2016 2:31 PM
154	Local newspapers	5/14/2016 2:30 PM
155	email	5/14/2016 2:20 PM
156	mailing, newspaper, website	5/14/2016 2:05 PM
157	Specific mailing to households from the district. Local newspaper articles are poorly written.	5/14/2016 12:44 PM
158	glossy mailer and email with website link	5/14/2016 11:49 AM
159	email, village newsletter	5/14/2016 9:49 AM
160	direct mail, ads in local papers, door hang signs, table at as many community events as possible such as Uniquely Thursdays, Claredon Hills music fests, 4th of July parades, Labor Day parades. Set up a specific website	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
161	Stuff it into a bottle and throw it into the Salt Creek.	5/14/2016 9:12 AM
162	EMAIL	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
163	email Facebook	5/14/2016 7:48 AM
164	email. Facebook. features in local newspaper	5/14/2016 7:31 AM
165	Email	5/13/2016 11:12 PM
166	I don't need your bogus marketing materials or misleading statements from your consultants. Give the simple facts to the local newspapers and ask them to publish the same without bias.	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
167	In the local paper.	5/13/2016 8:34 PM
168	The Doings, or thru D181 or D86 channels.	5/13/2016 6:56 PM
169	emails, the local paper, meetings - like you did.	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
170	Email and Hinsdalean	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
171	Emails	5/13/2016 5:09 PM
172	THROUGH DISTRICT WEBSITE	5/13/2016 4:53 PM
173	Email and in person meetings, information on display at the library or village hall.	5/13/2016 4:39 PM
174	Mail, email, signage	5/13/2016 4:36 PM
175	email, informational meetings, web based presentations	5/13/2016 4:26 PM
176	In the mail.	5/13/2016 3:44 PM
177	US mail	5/13/2016 2:56 PM
178	Mailers, emails, newspaper articles.	5/13/2016 2:42 PM

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179	Mail	5/13/2016 1:57 PM
180	A website dedicated to the design and cost structure with images, FAQ, and comparisons to CHM costs (adjusted for time) and other recent comparable projects. Send a link to the parents and citizens in 181 via email or community newsletter.	5/13/2016 1:35 PM
181	Need more personal interaction with people I trust. That includes a broader range of people than have been involved in previous efforts.	5/13/2016 1:33 PM
182	Email	5/13/2016 1:03 PM
183	Online or Pamphlet	5/13/2016 1:02 PM
184	Email	5/13/2016 12:57 PM
185	email	5/13/2016 12:53 PM
186	I'm sure I'll get them from my wife either way...=)	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
187	Emails, newspaper articles	5/13/2016 12:44 PM
188	email	5/13/2016 12:07 PM
189	All available communication methods. With kids in 181, email is fine.	5/13/2016 12:05 PM
190	email	5/13/2016 11:50 AM
191	Email and favebook	5/13/2016 11:48 AM
192	Mandatory meetings--kids couldn't play sports, or other activities unless parents attended meeting and answered a survey at end of meeting.	5/13/2016 11:40 AM
193	email	5/13/2016 11:35 AM
194	email and website	5/13/2016 11:29 AM
195	mailings, online video presentations, a few public meetings	5/13/2016 11:28 AM
196	I think the district did a nice job of spreading the word.	5/13/2016 11:15 AM
197	FaceBook, Twitter, Hinsdalean, US mail, Doings; a large amount of mailers - older people read all their mail.	5/13/2016 10:55 AM
198	Already an earful.	5/13/2016 10:55 AM
199	Website, newspaper articles Don't spend money on mailers!	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
200	Email.	5/13/2016 10:50 AM
201	Short video describing existing issues, limitations and problems and explaining how new design and/or new building remedy it.	5/13/2016 10:49 AM
202	email	5/13/2016 10:43 AM
203	Make it available online and notify residents.	5/13/2016 10:40 AM
204	Email/Hinsdalean	5/13/2016 10:32 AM
205	No need to worry about me. I'll support the referendum. Spend the money on the people whose children are grown. You need to figure out how to reach them and CONVINCe them.	5/13/2016 10:24 AM
206	Email, through the school newsletters, mail to the home	5/13/2016 10:09 AM
207	emails and community meetings that are well advertised	5/13/2016 9:50 AM
208	email	5/13/2016 8:23 AM
209	Info in the local press. Community meetings. Fliers in mail.	5/13/2016 7:25 AM
210	Mailing to ensure all residence have a chance to feel informed. Followed by email and town informational meetings.	5/13/2016 6:56 AM
211	Web content and local community paper editorials. Keep politics out of it.	5/13/2016 6:38 AM
212	Same as before. I thought the communication was excellent.	5/13/2016 4:31 AM
213	Informational presentations at HMS, newspaper articles and mailed materials.	5/12/2016 11:30 PM
214	signs on the street were great along with your mailings.	5/12/2016 9:57 PM
215	Email	5/12/2016 9:04 PM

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216	Town hall meetings in the individual school zones - Oak, Madison, Lane etc	5/12/2016 8:08 PM
217	Email, mail.	5/12/2016 7:33 PM
218	I don't care the method as long as the information is FACTUAL information that is not first filtered through administration, teachers and BOE that are all pushing HMS at any cost.	5/12/2016 6:52 PM
219	Website.	5/12/2016 5:37 PM
220	Email	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
221	email	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
222	An appropriately detailed newsletter, sent out with enough lead time for the inevitable opponents to attack, as well as another 'rebuttal' from the district seems the most prudent channel for communication.	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
223	Mail	5/12/2016 5:05 PM
224	Town hall style meeting for residents only where questions could be discussed and answered.	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
225	send several large postcards in the mail every 3 weeks with summary info and link to website for more info.	5/12/2016 4:34 PM
226	Local Newspapers	5/12/2016 4:25 PM
227	Emails with highlighted points of what is proposed with attached PDFs that provide details of each item. I could skim the big points of the proposal, then read the PDF when I have time to get more details. Also have the website updated regularly with details available on what is happening, where things stand, what is proposed (all ideas, not just the main one), etc.	5/12/2016 4:19 PM
228	Direct home mailing	5/12/2016 4:19 PM
229	Email	5/12/2016 3:49 PM
230	The Hinsdalean	5/12/2016 3:45 PM
231	Hinsdalean Schools email	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
232	E-Mail to residents, maybe a post card, also in Hinsdalean, except keeping the editorials to a minimum.	5/12/2016 3:36 PM
233	Use all types of media available. Community meetings should be held in each district school especially those which lacked support for the initial effort.	5/12/2016 3:22 PM
234	Email	5/12/2016 3:05 PM
235	Hinsdalean	5/12/2016 2:24 PM
236	Mailings Newspapers Town hall meetings	5/12/2016 2:13 PM
237	Email	5/12/2016 2:01 PM
238	Same as was done previously.	5/12/2016 1:36 PM
239	Last information was sufficient. We don't need to spend a fortune on consultants and ad agencies. They will always say better presentations were needed when you lose.	5/12/2016 1:34 PM
240	Local paper, forums, newsletters	5/12/2016 1:22 PM
241	i believe more info email to members in the district and spend money on a communications campaign	5/12/2016 1:12 PM
242	People need to go to door to door explaining the need for a new school and how expensive the repairs will be if a new school is not built.	5/12/2016 1:08 PM
243	Absolutely	5/12/2016 1:04 PM
244	web, mail, gorilla marketing	5/12/2016 12:59 PM
245	open meetings	5/12/2016 12:58 PM
246	email	5/12/2016 12:45 PM
247	Same as you did before- emails, phone calls, mailings, etc.	5/12/2016 12:45 PM
248	Mail, d181 email	5/12/2016 12:42 PM
249	Mail USPS; The district seems to have trouble relying on their email system	5/12/2016 12:41 PM

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250	Open Houses - show people how bad it is. Ask people with kids at the Middle School to hand out invitations to neighbors - particularly to those with no children in school. Have coffees and teas and beat the bushes with the information! It will take an investment of time and individual energy.	5/12/2016 12:37 PM
251	Email	5/12/2016 12:31 PM
252	email	5/12/2016 12:19 PM
253	Mail and School	5/12/2016 12:12 PM
254	Local papers and presentations at the school.	5/12/2016 12:07 PM
255	Email; community meetings; mailers. Side by side comparisons of apples to apples.	5/12/2016 12:00 PM
256	e-mail, local publications, schools publications and word of mouth.	5/12/2016 11:49 AM
257	Email and mail - graphical presentations making it easier to appreciate the impacts.	5/12/2016 11:46 AM
258	email	5/12/2016 11:44 AM
259	email, newspaper, direct mail, principal and d181 direct emails.	5/12/2016 11:37 AM
260	email	5/12/2016 11:36 AM
261	Mailings	5/12/2016 11:29 AM
262	email, mail	5/12/2016 11:27 AM
263	Meetings, letters, newspaper, local groups	5/12/2016 11:11 AM
264	I have received plenty of information via email	5/12/2016 11:01 AM
265	Email and Postal Mail, I never saw a detailed drawing or description of the building and it was difficult to locate on line.	5/12/2016 10:57 AM
266	Through the kids, and staf teaching there, let's hear from them	5/12/2016 10:50 AM
267	Door to door and on line forums	5/12/2016 10:27 AM
268	Have a plan that you are sticking to so that when you give the details, these are the details people will be deciding on.	5/12/2016 10:24 AM
269	email , town meetings, mailed letters to home	5/12/2016 10:21 AM
270	you are getting the information out that is why it failed	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
271	email or mail	5/12/2016 10:06 AM
272	Email/website	5/12/2016 10:04 AM
273	Continue to send timely email updates supported by community meetings	5/12/2016 10:02 AM
274	newspapers	5/12/2016 9:57 AM
275	This way - keep communicating the process. This already seems better than the first iteration. It should also begin with a thorough description of the roles and responsibilities as distributed to others, as well as those within 181 and the village itself who will have a voice in the outcome of the design process.	5/12/2016 9:55 AM
276	I felt there was plenty of communication on the referendum (both authorized and unauthorized).	5/12/2016 9:53 AM
277	flyer, the Hinsdalean, email	5/12/2016 9:53 AM
278	email, social media, links to proposal, town hall events, booths at back to school functions	5/12/2016 9:51 AM
279	Email & meetings	5/12/2016 9:43 AM
280	Mailings, email, newspapers	5/12/2016 9:39 AM
281	Email or pamphlet in mail	5/12/2016 9:34 AM
282	At some point the residents of Hinsdale and CH need to understand the cost of mailings. Those are not cheap. I like the emails I receive, but then again my kids are in the district and others without kids do not receive the emails. I like the pullouts in the Hinsdalean news paper. I like the "letter to the editor" written in the Hinsdalean.	5/12/2016 9:32 AM
283	Emails and flyers.	5/12/2016 9:31 AM

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284	Information needs to be in multiple, redundant layers...run like a political campaign. Email, snail mail, door hangers, online video conference, phone calls, in person door-to-door visits, attendance at any group function in community (church groups, HJWC, PTA, etc.), there should be a series of newspaper inserts and any strong opinion-leaders (congressmen, local celebrities like news anchors, Bulls coach, Blackhawks coach) should be employed to support the initiative.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
285	Door to door Newspaper articles (Meetings and phone banks do not work) The folks already supporting it come to the meeting and the phone banks are too random and unlikely to get real info. Most folks for or against don't like to answer phone survey. This phone call survey option is so out of date.	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
286	distribute the information via multiple channels (mail and online) - documentation must be clear and simple - all proposals side-by-side (easy to compare)	5/12/2016 9:29 AM
287	flyer sent to the house	5/12/2016 9:27 AM
288	Email and meetings	5/12/2016 9:25 AM
289	Get your committees together and blaze the trails. Emails thru the PTO's, local news stories, get the local naysayers in line(schmooze me), convince the non school population equally.	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
290	e-mail	5/12/2016 9:15 AM
291	Through direct email communications and articles in the Hinsdalean.	5/12/2016 9:08 AM
292	Email, direct mail clearly marked as relating to referendum/proposed cuts to prior \$65 million design	5/12/2016 9:05 AM
293	A 3rd party source, like the newspaper, the Hinsdale magazines, and a community interview led by a respected journalist, like [REDACTED]. There needs to be a single, unified message to thwart all of the gossip that circulates.	5/12/2016 9:04 AM
294	Email, door to door	5/12/2016 8:58 AM
295	Letter from the district to residents, town hall meetings	5/12/2016 8:57 AM
296	Doings, Hinsdalean, Posts in Starbucks, Kramers, Fullers, PTO,	5/12/2016 8:56 AM
297	Email. Spending District funds on mailers is a waste of precious resources	5/12/2016 8:55 AM
298	Email.	5/12/2016 8:53 AM
299	via district 181 emails like the one that sent this survey	5/12/2016 8:51 AM
300	District emails	5/12/2016 8:50 AM
301	More information without bias or influence. JUST the facts.	5/12/2016 8:48 AM
302	email, web	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
303	Via mail and emails, both. Overcommunicate to sell it and get feedback and address any concerns quickly	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
304	Email, mail, information session.	5/12/2016 8:42 AM
305	I was aware and saw articles info about the referendum but many people I talked to said they did not. For me, the information plan the district used last time, particularly the detailed card that was mailed worked.	5/12/2016 8:16 AM
306	Mailers and an internet link to information.	5/12/2016 7:59 AM
307	email	5/12/2016 6:49 AM
308	elections are won with effective ground games - getting people on the ground talking to the constituents, finding out who supports the referendum, and doing everything possible to make sure those people show up on election day. Additionally, there are a lot of common arguments against the current plan(expense, remodel current building, extravagance, etc). there should be clearly articulated points to combat each of these perceptions	5/12/2016 1:00 AM
309	mail and newspaper and monthly update public meetings.	5/11/2016 10:38 PM
310	Via email and 'town hall' meetings- save as much \$\$\$ as you can and reduce print	5/11/2016 10:27 PM
311	Mail and signs referencing website info	5/11/2016 10:14 PM
312	Email	5/11/2016 10:00 PM
313	local paper, flyers	5/11/2016 9:58 PM
314	Email	5/11/2016 9:47 PM
315	email. direct mail	5/11/2016 9:45 PM

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316	Email	5/11/2016 9:41 PM
317	Local newspapers, email	5/11/2016 9:20 PM
318	email iram_shaikh@hotmail.com	5/11/2016 9:19 PM
319	Website, mailings	5/11/2016 8:51 PM
320	Email	5/11/2016 8:50 PM
321	I would hope that the District would use this survey to see how the referendum failed, then thoroughly study the questions raised by the community that voted NO before concerns how to "resell"another referendum are addressed.	5/11/2016 8:32 PM
322	Email information	5/11/2016 8:23 PM
323	Email, mail detailed breakdown report	5/11/2016 8:22 PM
324	News media, district website	5/11/2016 8:14 PM
325	Email	5/11/2016 8:10 PM
326	Through the Clarendon Hills newsletter that comes in our Water Bill, through the school's websites or/and by email.	5/11/2016 5:54 PM
327	Mail, email	5/11/2016 5:37 PM
328	Distrit website and email newsletters	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
329	email, mail	5/11/2016 4:39 PM
330	Current methods worked for me.	5/11/2016 4:34 PM
331	Don't know	5/11/2016 4:33 PM
332	Email	5/11/2016 3:59 PM
333	The emails from the district are/were informative. Maybe a little "salesy" but informative.	5/11/2016 3:44 PM
334	Through newspapers, including the free Clarendon Hills newspaper. Community forums, I'm not sure I saw much of that information in Clarendon Hills where I live.	5/11/2016 3:33 PM
335	mail	5/11/2016 3:32 PM
336	email	5/11/2016 3:22 PM
337	Email	5/11/2016 3:22 PM
338	No opinion	5/11/2016 3:20 PM
339	documents with detailed cost break downs and comparisons to similar schools in similar districts (size and demographics)	5/11/2016 3:03 PM
340	e-mail from the district	5/11/2016 2:29 PM
341	emails	5/11/2016 2:09 PM
342	EMAIL ALL PARENTS OF DISTRICT. FLYERS IN MAILBOXES OF THOSE WHO AREN'T PARENTS OF CHILDREN THERE.	5/11/2016 2:03 PM
343	I had no problem getting information, so no input here.	5/11/2016 1:55 PM
344	Email	5/11/2016 1:52 PM
345	I don't want to attend meetings and I certainly didn't enjoy trying to listen to the podcasts. Bullet points in an email or transcripts of the meetings are fine.	5/11/2016 1:51 PM
346	Email	5/11/2016 1:47 PM
347	Email	5/11/2016 1:42 PM
348	the district website	5/11/2016 1:33 PM
349	Continue to offer information as you did last time.	5/11/2016 1:32 PM
350	Printed and web based	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
351	Community Forums, Website and printed materials.	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
352	US Mail.	5/11/2016 1:23 PM

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353	Local newspaper and email blasts comparing the changes.	5/11/2016 1:22 PM
354	email, txt	5/11/2016 12:58 PM
355	email	5/11/2016 12:22 PM
356	email, community meetings	5/11/2016 11:00 AM
357	email	5/11/2016 10:20 AM
358	Mail a brochure	5/11/2016 10:17 AM
359	PTO meetings and school newsletters	5/11/2016 10:13 AM
360	Newspaper articles	5/11/2016 9:46 AM
361	Email and ad in Hinsdale Newspaper	5/11/2016 9:32 AM
362	Email	5/11/2016 9:06 AM
363	I had followed things in the Hinsdalean and the Doings and the details were not available in sufficient depth in those publications. I admit I did not spend enough time to analyze the proposed plans that were apparently available on line until it was too late and my negative feelings about some of the suggestions that were not (in my opinion) realistic or sensible for the education of middle school students (such as locating the school in various places like 55th and County Line) caused me to have negative feelings about the entire topic at whatever the cost. The PR program is critical and must be supported by a well thought out set of plans that make basic sense. The information should be available on line and be supported with appropriate hearings or town hall meetings with supporting information about the process and the plan in the local media.	5/10/2016 11:53 PM
364	Save the district money and take those funds and spend it on our kids.	5/10/2016 10:28 PM
365	email and evening meetings	5/10/2016 10:18 PM
366	Direct mail with reference to project website.	5/10/2016 10:03 PM
367	Multimedia outlets (i.e., grassroots, social media, mailers, town halls, postings in local businesses, etc.).	5/10/2016 10:00 PM
368	email	5/10/2016 8:58 PM
369	I don't like the idea that the District is spending taxpayers' money on brochures promoting the new school. Having said that, I think mail is the best way to reach the community's residents, as e-mail addresses are not available for everyone. I found the diagram illustrating the tax implications of the proposal very helpful.	5/10/2016 7:34 PM
370	newspapers and information on the district boards.	5/10/2016 4:09 PM
371	Email. I think if there was more information (comparison) about how much money was going to be spent on different aspects of a new HMS development, and how that compares to what was spent on CHMS while factoring in inflation, etc. it would educate the community on whether the \$65 mil was a fair estimate or not.	5/10/2016 4:05 PM
372	postal mail and local papers	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
373	email, newspaper, usps mailers	5/10/2016 3:47 PM
374	Town hall meetings, mailers, other community forums	5/10/2016 3:38 PM
375	newspaper, email, us mail	5/10/2016 3:22 PM
376	emails and mail.	5/10/2016 3:10 PM
377	I will vote against any new middle school proposal. The board should be ashamed at its arrogant attempts to (further) waste taxpayer money. I predict that the resistance to the next referendum will be stronger.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
378	emails, community letters, meetings	5/10/2016 2:19 PM
379	snail mail	5/10/2016 1:58 PM
380	Email	5/10/2016 1:49 PM
381	Email, Facebook, mailings	5/10/2016 1:45 PM
382	Mail.. Email.. Facebook..Newspapers,, Meetings	5/10/2016 1:27 PM
383	Numerous letters supporting the referendum mailed to everyone in district 181 with Q & A support	5/10/2016 1:04 PM
384	Papers Mail Email Through the elementary schools	5/10/2016 12:55 PM

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385	A mailing would be fine. I would appreciate greater cost breakdown, not just a total and cost per square foot, e.g., how much is the parking deck, how much is the auditorium.	5/10/2016 12:43 PM
386	email	5/10/2016 12:38 PM
387	It's not just getting details to those of us with school-aged children. We receive the details. Its more about getting details to all taxpayers (with a focus on registered voters) so that all are equally educated. This past weekend I spoke with two retired couples in D181 who both asked me the same thing, "did you get information about the specifics of the \$65M middle school project." I said, "yes, but then again I have students at Elm." A more robust communication plan is needed and I'd like to help. I've run a successful campaign in DuPage County, I've implemented massive communication strategies for Downers Grove Township and my background is in marketing and PR. As previously mentioned, I will be in touch with [REDACTED]	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
388	Electronically and with open community meetings and get started early with community outreach and input so residents have architectural and aesthetic review.	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
389	email	5/10/2016 12:10 PM
390	More community meetings and tours, particularly at the elementary schools with more communication about those meetings directed through the elementary school administration and PTOs.	5/10/2016 11:50 AM
391	mailings, website, newspaper	5/10/2016 11:45 AM
392	Email and town hall meetings at the district schools.	5/10/2016 11:32 AM
393	A central website with updates.	5/10/2016 11:31 AM
394	email	5/10/2016 11:29 AM
395	computer or mailings	5/10/2016 10:58 AM
396	Postal mail, email, hand-bills (at Highlands, Hinsdale, West Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills train station a.m. commute), local cable TV, town-halls.	5/10/2016 10:56 AM
397	mailings and presentations	5/10/2016 10:34 AM
398	It would need to be a combination of outreaches: direct mail, online info, community Q&A.	5/10/2016 10:20 AM
399	Similar channels as before. The team did a great job communicating the message and the details. My only recommendation is that the message needs to be clear and set and unchanging once the referendum is set. I followed it, participated in it, but at the very end, I felt as though a lot of things changed and I wasn't as clear on the final details as I thought I would be because of last minute additions/changes.	5/10/2016 10:19 AM
400	same way you did before - sufficient information was available via multiple avenues	5/10/2016 9:46 AM
401	email and or direct mail	5/10/2016 9:43 AM
402	Email, and mailings.	5/10/2016 9:41 AM
403	Through the elementary school, PTO, newspapers, social media	5/10/2016 9:21 AM
404	You need to communicate the costs of maintaining HMS as it is. We are throwing money into the garbage by dragging this out longer.	5/10/2016 9:12 AM
405	News	5/10/2016 9:07 AM
406	Postcards or e-mail	5/10/2016 9:02 AM
407	Ads in the Hinsdalean	5/10/2016 8:38 AM
408	You need to market the need for a building more and gt groups in all areas of the district to canvas for the building .	5/10/2016 8:17 AM
409	referendum website with info and email updates	5/10/2016 7:27 AM
410	Postcard like the one with this survey, with concise information	5/10/2016 6:40 AM
411	Mailings, the Hinsdalean and town meetings. Proposed school renderings should be available for view at the libraries. Information should be sent out within a reasonable amount of time before referendum.	5/10/2016 12:17 AM
412	newspaper, district website, trustee topics, etc. simple postcard directing us to view information online. Please save monies by avoiding glossy newsletters.	5/9/2016 10:27 PM
413	transparent email blasts - qualify the number of proposals and summarize them. 3 bids unacceptable - projects of this magnitude need 10-15 bids for competitive reasons alone. Would like the board to publish how bidders were chosen by individual board member. Current builder cannot be trusted, nor can a board that did not perform due diligence on an appropriate number of bidders.	5/9/2016 10:16 PM

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414	Information was not the issue. I Am not convinced we need a new HMS.	5/9/2016 9:59 PM
415	Email	5/9/2016 9:47 PM
416	email	5/9/2016 9:06 PM
417	advertise in local papers mailer to homes	5/9/2016 9:02 PM
418	Through D181 emails	5/9/2016 8:36 PM
419	Town hall forums, email, webast meetings. Or good ole fashioned postal. Whatever it takes to get the word out.	5/9/2016 8:34 PM
420	Email	5/9/2016 8:17 PM
421	Mailers	5/9/2016 7:56 PM
422	There were plenty of places available to look for those that wanted information. I'd like to see a more balanced approach in the newspapers--both the pros and cons listed.	5/9/2016 7:52 PM
423	local newspapers	5/9/2016 7:25 PM
424	Emails	5/9/2016 7:17 PM
425	District emails	5/9/2016 6:36 PM
426	Email	5/9/2016 6:16 PM
427	local newspaper articles, postcards sent home, roundtable discussions	5/9/2016 6:11 PM
428	Email and signs around the neighborhoods	5/9/2016 6:08 PM
429	Local papers.	5/9/2016 5:53 PM
430	I don't think there is a best way. The district did everything last time and look what happened.	5/9/2016 5:44 PM
431	written mailing	5/9/2016 5:33 PM
432	Articles in the Doings and Town Hall meetings.	5/9/2016 5:27 PM
433	email	5/9/2016 5:16 PM
434	By email	5/9/2016 5:14 PM
435	They should have more community involvement with town hall meetings on nights when there are not other school or district programs going on.	5/9/2016 4:59 PM
436	Direct mail, local newspaper ads and email (if possible).	5/9/2016 4:47 PM
437	I thought info was very well given to parents. I don't know why there was mistrust of the district. I thought it was very transparent! The glossy flyer in the mail was very compelling to me.	5/9/2016 4:35 PM
438	same as previous is fine.	5/9/2016 4:18 PM
439	Direct mail	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
440	Email	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
441	emails. mailings, yard signs	5/9/2016 3:54 PM
442	Fliers in the mail.	5/9/2016 3:52 PM
443	Email	5/9/2016 3:50 PM
444	Hearings + press releases (both picked up by the Hinsdalean) and email via D181 works fine.	5/9/2016 3:37 PM
445	Full plan in local papers or seperate booklet for all to see.	5/9/2016 3:21 PM
446	SEND OUT THE MAILER BEFORE THE ELECTION!! OURS ARRIVED ELECTION DAY, BUT WE HAD ALREADY VOTED. I suggest mailer. Invite participation in a forum. I wanted a yard sign, but wasn't sure how to get one. How can we connect our kids to the vote? If we can attach our children, the primary beneficiaries, to the issue in the eyes of the voters, likelihood of success goes up.	5/9/2016 3:21 PM
447	Same way, information was easy to find. That wasn't the issue. It was not fiscally responsible. Auditorium, elevated track , turf fields in Middle School..... All excessive!	5/9/2016 3:19 PM
448	The Hinsdalean and mailers...	5/9/2016 3:12 PM
449	Email is free.	5/9/2016 2:55 PM

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450	Email, community meetings local newspapers	5/9/2016 2:49 PM
451	Full plan details sent via email as well as public forum to go through options on plan.	5/9/2016 2:47 PM
452	They need to inundate the community with updates. The walk thru HMS is important. The PTO need to be heavily involved with getting the word out.	5/9/2016 2:36 PM
453	email	5/9/2016 2:10 PM
454	Link to a web page dedicated to the topic.	5/9/2016 2:08 PM
455	Email communication likely	5/9/2016 1:59 PM
456	Through the elementary schools, emails, door to door...whatever it takes.	5/9/2016 1:37 PM
457	Email/HMS site	5/9/2016 1:35 PM
458	Email as I already receive d181 notices, flyers to other voters.	5/9/2016 1:25 PM
459	There was plenty of information mailed to each household, plus the information in the Hinsdalean	5/9/2016 1:18 PM
460	email	5/9/2016 1:04 PM
461	You've done a great job of presenting info online and with meetings. The missing link is the voice of currents parents whose children will benefit from a new school. They need to connect to residents in their neighborhoods face-to-face so that residents know this is important to them.	5/9/2016 1:02 PM
462	Mailings to residents with no children in the system. You need to make the case to this group.	5/9/2016 12:45 PM
463	Emails, Hinsdalean, Yard Signs	5/9/2016 12:27 PM
464	Mailing sent to all residents.	5/9/2016 12:25 PM
465	Have the information available for patrons and residents @ Hinsdale Public Library.	5/9/2016 11:59 AM
466	every possible way. email, written info	5/9/2016 11:56 AM
467	A mailing	5/9/2016 11:54 AM
468	most people need written info	5/9/2016 11:52 AM
469	Informative mailings, articles in the local paper	5/9/2016 11:50 AM
470	Brief mailers and email	5/9/2016 11:47 AM
471	Hinsdalean, direct emails, distributing information through the elementary and pre-schools	5/9/2016 11:12 AM
472	in newspaper, electronically and in town meetings	5/9/2016 10:43 AM
473	Printed mailed flyer	5/9/2016 10:18 AM
474	US Mail	5/9/2016 10:13 AM
475	Email blasts, Facebook, community engagement meetings. I also think you may get better turnout if each elementary building held meetings for their families regarding the referendum. It would be less intimidating/overwhelming environment and perhaps you would get better attendance and more input.	5/9/2016 9:59 AM
476	I thought the district's newsletters were informative, but probably lengthy, too jargon-heavy for the person looking for a reason to not read/support. Simpler communication in any/all forms.	5/9/2016 9:56 AM
477	Local media	5/9/2016 9:49 AM
478	District emails, flyers in mail	5/9/2016 9:32 AM
479	Direct mailing to all D181 residents highlighting the project with links to additional information.	5/9/2016 9:28 AM
480	Open forums - press and mailers are so clearly slanted that I laugh them off.	5/9/2016 9:26 AM
481	new release	5/9/2016 8:51 AM
482	Stop by and have a conversation.	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
483	Direct email. It's cheaper than direct mail. Newspaper articles.	5/9/2016 8:21 AM
484	Don't think it's ethical to have d181 sending me emails "selling" their referendum. Need a new d181 board.	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
485	email is cheapest: save the glossy printing costs for the building. Or use the local newspaper.	5/8/2016 8:41 PM
486	email/mail	5/8/2016 8:05 PM

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487	The same approach that you used last time. There was plenty of information available.	5/8/2016 7:58 PM
488	email	5/8/2016 7:43 PM
489	Get them out earlier. Mail is good and should be repeated. But, earlier. Also, use the District website more effectively. Information should be featured on the home page and easy to find. Q&A should be more comprehensive regarding numbers. We believe the student numbers, square footage, comparison to other schools and other necessary data was hard to find or non-existent because it was not "favorable" to the cause. When the design/cost is right. The referendum should sell itself. Use the website a lot. Show condensed data, long data, Q&A, etc. Its free! And you have many different types of people voting. So, give each type what they're looking for.	5/8/2016 6:28 PM
490	Flyers in mailboxes and papers posted around the towns of CH, Hinsdale, and Burr Ridge	5/8/2016 6:05 PM
491	An independent, non-union affiliated expert panel of 7 comprised of a panel of: 2 district officials in the majority, 2 in the minority and 3 selected by a majority of the previous 4.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
492	e-mail	5/8/2016 5:43 PM
493	by mail	5/8/2016 5:12 PM
494	email, direct mail and engaging the parents in elementary schools _ I personally asked with 5-6 people who were in favor and still didn't now. Even the signs didn't have the referendum date - come on.	5/8/2016 4:47 PM
495	Same as recent referendum. Communication was good.	5/8/2016 4:07 PM
496	Email is ok.	5/8/2016 3:52 PM
497	Send more information to residents and try and get more signage on people's lawns. Residents need to see support throughout the community (Hinsdale and more importantly in CH) to make them aware this is an urgent and important matter	5/8/2016 3:43 PM
498	snail mail, and an article in the hinsdalean	5/8/2016 3:24 PM
499	papers	5/8/2016 2:47 PM
500	email	5/8/2016 2:17 PM
501	Mail and internet are fine. Public discourse needs to be extensive.	5/8/2016 1:59 PM
502	Email blast, community presentation, *maybe* a mailer.	5/8/2016 1:28 PM
503	Mail	5/8/2016 1:01 PM
504	mailings, newspaper	5/8/2016 12:59 PM
505	All the usual ways. Email.	5/8/2016 11:54 AM
506	I thought that the avenues of communication were appropriate during the first referendum - just consider more the content and timeline of information communicated.	5/8/2016 11:50 AM
507	I would develop a group of people from across the spectrum, parents to seniors to go out to the community and present to small groups. giving info in person is better than a mailer that will be thrown away. the entire community must be informed and must be made to feel that the most economical proposal is before them and must understand that the quality of the schools translates into home values.	5/8/2016 11:10 AM
508	Mailers with website info, Meetings , local newspapers?	5/8/2016 10:58 AM
509	Mail	5/8/2016 10:56 AM
510	E-mail and or public forum as well as literature in our schools.	5/8/2016 10:40 AM
511	email	5/8/2016 10:37 AM
512	mail	5/8/2016 10:21 AM
513	More factual coverage by the press. Other areas of information sharing was good. But more frequent would be helpful.	5/8/2016 10:16 AM
514	Design a campaign utilizing every possible method to reach the voters, newspapers, mailings, more meetings, etc!	5/8/2016 9:43 AM
515	Local papers, email blasts, visits to each elementary school addressing concerns	5/8/2016 9:16 AM
516	District Emails , hinsdale newsletter	5/8/2016 9:14 AM
517	Beyond all traditional (including social) media channels, maybe work through PTOs, local businesses, special newsletter for Clarendon Hills?	5/8/2016 8:30 AM

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518	Email	5/8/2016 8:27 AM
519	U.S. Mail -- assuming it isn't slanted information and that all viewpoints are fairly and accurately represented.	5/8/2016 8:22 AM
520	Social media	5/8/2016 8:17 AM
521	Snail mail. Support the mail system.	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
522	Newsletter in newspaper	5/8/2016 8:06 AM
523	There needs to be a group of people who are well known in the community and reliable to help get votes. The referendum needs to be better supported by the community.	5/8/2016 7:52 AM
524	Mailer, community meetings	5/8/2016 7:33 AM
525	email Meetings	5/8/2016 7:31 AM
526	Email or mail	5/8/2016 7:23 AM
527	US Postal Service. Explain why you want to spend 65M of taxpayer dollars, the need for an entirely new school facility instead of improving the current capital facility, and the necessity for all the amenities in the new campus.	5/8/2016 6:49 AM
528	Door to door, information meetings, newspaper flyers, TV, and the Good Year Blimp (sorry for the humor, don't use TV).	5/7/2016 11:28 PM
529	Email and mail	5/7/2016 10:49 PM
530	Direct mail; open forums in public venues; paid space in local newspapers and unbiased reportage in same. Pam Lannom urged passage!!!	5/7/2016 10:11 PM
531	Mailings, newspapers and community presentations. COmmunication was fine this time, the message was not favorable to me.	5/7/2016 9:22 PM
532	mail	5/7/2016 7:49 PM
533	Post it the local newspaper.	5/7/2016 7:33 PM
534	D-181 Website, sofial media, newspaper, mailings, meetings. District communication effort on failed referendum was solid, with good outreach to residents, who had little excuse for not being informed. Thank you.	5/7/2016 6:06 PM
535	local newspapers	5/7/2016 5:56 PM
536	Mail or email	5/7/2016 5:28 PM
537	I think the meetings and notices received were good	5/7/2016 5:25 PM
538	Mail and/or Hinsdalean.	5/7/2016 4:45 PM
539	mail and email	5/7/2016 3:21 PM
540	email and mail	5/7/2016 2:54 PM
541	Mail	5/7/2016 2:42 PM
542	email	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
543	website and town hall meetings	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
544	I am not sure but keep it direct and clear so people can not vote it down	5/7/2016 1:38 PM
545	Details need to come from the Citizens Committee (PAC) NOT the District.	5/7/2016 1:37 PM
546	Use ALL methods at your disposal!	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
547	Mailing	5/7/2016 1:31 PM
548	Thru a mass mailing to all the tax payers that would be effected by the tax increase AND by using The Hinsdalean and The Doings, both for the new proposal and updates.	5/7/2016 12:53 PM
549	on line & mailing	5/7/2016 12:22 PM
550	mail	5/7/2016 11:58 AM
551	Hinsdalean, mailings	5/7/2016 11:51 AM
552	newspapers	5/7/2016 11:26 AM
553	web or email.	5/7/2016 11:21 AM

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554	Mail or email.	5/7/2016 11:17 AM
555	A mailer and articles in The Hinsdalean and The Doings.	5/7/2016 11:01 AM
556	The flyer to log onto this survey seems a good way. Can put more information on a website cheaper than large mailings.	5/7/2016 10:51 AM
557	Mail flyer pointing to info on d181 website is fine.	5/7/2016 10:41 AM
558	mail, newspaper	5/7/2016 10:12 AM
559	All that was already tried but also speak to various groups such as seniors at other gatherings.	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
560	Have a fund raiser with the people who voted yes and in one evening you should have all the money you need.	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
561	Email and Hinsdalean	5/7/2016 9:53 AM
562	The referendum was turned down. Listen to the TAX payers. Reduce current cost to pay for the project so Taxes are not raised	5/7/2016 9:46 AM
563	Mail.	5/7/2016 9:22 AM
564	e-mail, door to door, phone calls	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
565	In the Hinsdale Magazine	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
566	Internet, mail, newspapers.	5/7/2016 8:46 AM
567	Local papers, web site	5/7/2016 8:42 AM
568	District website	5/7/2016 8:38 AM
569	US mail	5/7/2016 8:32 AM
570	Mail and internet.	5/7/2016 8:31 AM
571	Good ideas usually find their way too me. The medium doesn't matter.	5/7/2016 7:56 AM
572	Direct mail The Doings Clarendon Hills local paper	5/7/2016 7:22 AM
573	Save the money. Use free media coverage so I see the promotion and so I can make sure I vote so I can vote it down.	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
574	The district should not spend tax payer funds on print material and mailings to promote a district referendum. I don't think strictly on line information is the best way to reach residents. The Board should work with a parent group to develop a citizens group to promote the project in order to reach ALL residents with no cost to the district.	5/6/2016 11:52 PM
575	email, town halls meetings, website	5/6/2016 11:38 PM
576	Continue to use local newspapers. Consider a website. Stop the pressure from current parents - yard signs, decals, etc. We're all tax paying residents, some who have children who have grown.	5/6/2016 10:42 PM
577	By email or mail	5/6/2016 10:25 PM
578	Newspapers and info on website that's easily accessible	5/6/2016 10:15 PM
579	Mailings and Doings	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
580	Send the information electronically and save the cost of printing and postage. Information meetings are also an effective way getting the facts out to the community.	5/6/2016 9:26 PM
581	Mailings, newspaper (Hinsdalean)	5/6/2016 9:04 PM
582	First class hand addressed mail with a color rendition and why property values correspond to the quality of education.	5/6/2016 8:57 PM
583	Newspaper e-mail blasts	5/6/2016 8:41 PM
584	Direct mail	5/6/2016 8:24 PM
585	The mailer was nice	5/6/2016 8:01 PM
586	Mail and email	5/6/2016 7:46 PM
587	same as this survey. postcard with information to a website.	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
588	Mailer and local newspapers	5/6/2016 7:16 PM
589	Newspapers and mailers	5/6/2016 7:12 PM

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590	Hinsdalean and a post card that references a website that has the information	5/6/2016 6:42 PM
591	Local newspapers, i.e., The Hinsdalean	5/6/2016 6:41 PM
592	email	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
593	Hinsdalean or Doings or community email	5/6/2016 6:34 PM
594	local paper, and mailing cards	5/6/2016 6:31 PM
595	Email, snail mail	5/6/2016 6:22 PM
596	Mailings, website	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
597	I didn't feel uninformed this time -- the price was outrageous	5/6/2016 5:55 PM
598	Website with easy to find project information. Too hard to find design and budget info on previous website. Also, send our a physical mailing to counteract the C4CH...they are notoriously inaccurate. If they send out a mailing opposing the project, you should correct any factual inaccuracies.	5/6/2016 5:32 PM
599	You are doing a good job with the combination of snail-mail, email, and word of mouth that you are using now. Keep up the good work!	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
600	Mail, email, newspaper	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
601	There needs to be both mailings and door to door calling to inform people.	5/6/2016 5:05 PM
602	A printed document and email.	5/6/2016 5:04 PM
603	Empty Nesters are not in the District communication network. Finding a way to educate them on the financial benefits to their property values is essential.	5/6/2016 5:04 PM
604	Mailers. Uniquely Thursday tables. Community house events.	5/6/2016 5:00 PM
605	The Hinsdalean	5/6/2016 4:57 PM
606	Newspapers. Reporters cover your meetings.	5/6/2016 4:55 PM
607	Mail Communication with specifics on what we are doing and why.	5/6/2016 4:38 PM
608	Let the committee in place determine the best steps. They didn't have much time to organize.	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
609	Email distribution through the schools	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
610	I was able to gather information myself. I would not want information sent from the board as I do not believe a single thing they say. It is nothing against you. But you agenda is not the same as an agenda of a sensible home owner.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
611	flyers are fine	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
612	email, coffees, information sessions at the schools	5/6/2016 4:24 PM
613	Detailed mailings giving all options-not one brand new school with all the bells and whistles only	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
614	Your past communication effort worked fine for me.	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
615	Set up a website with detailed info and mail out a postcard with where to find the information. Also town hall meetings for questions.	5/6/2016 4:11 PM
616	Email from the district and mailings. Public meetings are helpful too.	5/6/2016 4:10 PM
617	Hinsdalean, Direct Mailer, Direct Email, Open Board meeting discussion	5/6/2016 3:27 PM
618	Hinsdalean	5/6/2016 3:23 PM
619	emails, texts, FB, community meetings and school open houses so people could see the actual current building, mailings and letters to the editors by designated information /opinion shapers	5/6/2016 3:06 PM
620	Social media, newspapers, community hearings, small community break out sessions	5/6/2016 2:59 PM
621	Local newspaper, flyer I the mail, information on d181 website.	5/6/2016 2:50 PM
622	This is incredible given the state the economy. Two referendums in the same year? I would suggest taking a step back and concentrating on one at a time. It appears the district is full steam ahead on these two referendums. Not taking into account the community ihas already said NO for 65 million dollar middle school let alone another 65 million for the high school. There are many families who live in Hinsdale that are not extremely wealthy and can not afford this unreasonable expenditure.	5/6/2016 2:36 PM
623	mail/print/meetings	5/6/2016 2:28 PM

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624	Local papers, District Newsletter.	5/6/2016 2:27 PM
625	email, local newspaper	5/6/2016 2:18 PM
626	mail - like the survey postcard; downtown Hinsdale is hostile to visitors not on foot, even if you have the stupid sticker with no benefits other than another fee for nothing; therefore take most of my business to Westmont, where you can park	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
627	Newspaper coverage (The Hinsdalean).	5/6/2016 2:07 PM
628	email	5/6/2016 1:43 PM
629	Mail	5/6/2016 1:42 PM
630	Mail	5/6/2016 1:36 PM
631	E-mail and mailed flyers	5/6/2016 1:22 PM
632	The Hinsdalean	5/6/2016 1:20 PM
633	Snail Mail	5/6/2016 12:55 PM
634	email	5/6/2016 12:52 PM
635	Mailings from you and any groups which have opinions different from yours.	5/6/2016 12:01 PM
636	Community meetings, social media and your website.	5/6/2016 11:18 AM
637	Old fashioned mail may be the best way, as some residents may not be connected to the internet.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
638	D181 emails, in the hinsdalean, mailer to my home, live forums/town halls to allow for discussions	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
639	email	5/6/2016 10:23 AM
640	The emails and the paper (Hinsdalean and Doings)	5/6/2016 9:41 AM
641	Website, local newspapers	5/6/2016 9:40 AM
642	mail, letters,email	5/5/2016 11:57 PM
643	Everything! Social media, meetings, newsletters...!	5/5/2016 10:47 PM
644	Hinsdalean Newspaper	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
645	Email, website, Facebook	5/5/2016 9:57 PM
646	email	5/5/2016 8:59 PM
647	I liked the emails with periodic explanations of the proposal. I thing those should by mailed out to households in the community without children in the school system. They were very informative. You need to get information to people on their own time, they will probably not attend town hall meetings.	5/5/2016 8:12 PM
648	Email is good for me.	5/5/2016 7:44 PM
649	Newspaper, mailer, website	5/5/2016 7:19 PM
650	email	5/5/2016 6:15 PM
651	It was way too much last time so just one e-mail and post to site	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
652	Hinsdalean paper	5/5/2016 3:07 PM
653	D181 emails	5/5/2016 2:22 PM
654	Doings, Hinsdealean	5/5/2016 1:31 PM
655	You need to allow tours of the existing building so residents can see first hand the issues. A neutral party would lead these tours.	5/5/2016 1:01 PM
656	Multiple ways. Flyers, meetings, email, posters, board coffees, etc.	5/5/2016 11:45 AM
657	Hard copy to the home-Hinsdalean newspaper	5/5/2016 11:33 AM
658	I thought the emails and brochures we received were informative.	5/5/2016 11:02 AM
659	Email and Community Meetings	5/5/2016 10:38 AM
660	email or website	5/5/2016 8:09 AM

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661	Email	5/4/2016 10:58 PM
662	Newspaper	5/4/2016 9:57 PM
663	Same as last time, enough information was communicated but people, especially CHMS area did not like the plan	5/4/2016 9:40 PM
664	email, Hinsdalean	5/4/2016 8:25 PM
665	Local papers	5/4/2016 8:16 PM
666	email	5/4/2016 7:13 PM
667	Open sources on social media that are able to be posted and shared.	5/4/2016 4:39 PM
668	I felt a received a lot of information from the District via email, mailings, newspaper articles, web site. Communication was not the problem. Everyone I spoke with in town knew the details.	5/4/2016 4:18 PM
669	Host it online on the districts website and remind everyone through the local newspapers and mailings	5/4/2016 3:11 PM
670	Email	5/4/2016 2:49 PM
671	mail to home	5/4/2016 2:39 PM
672	I would find out who voted no. And personally call them and offer to give a tour of Hms	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
673	I think you did a good job of getting the word out but I am on a lot of email lists that provided information	5/4/2016 2:18 PM
674	Local newspaper	5/4/2016 2:08 PM
675	Email	5/4/2016 1:43 PM
676	mail and email	5/4/2016 1:29 PM
677	email and write-ups in local newspapers.	5/4/2016 1:26 PM
678	Distirct 181 emails and written material in the mail	5/4/2016 1:12 PM
679	Us mail and info in Hinsdalean.	5/4/2016 1:01 PM
680	Through the school e-mail.	5/4/2016 12:31 PM
681	local news outlets	5/4/2016 11:51 AM
682	email	5/4/2016 11:31 AM
683	I would like to see a web site that people could reference where all information about be viewed.	5/4/2016 11:14 AM
684	email and mail	5/4/2016 10:39 AM
685	email	5/4/2016 10:19 AM
686	Mailing and Electronic Posts (emails, webpages);	5/4/2016 10:14 AM
687	meeting, open and honest meetings on various days and locations with walk throughs with staff and admin	5/4/2016 9:20 AM
688	Email	5/4/2016 9:08 AM
689	Start with identifying the budget and then stick to it. Only provide details and architectural plans that fit into the budget.	5/4/2016 9:04 AM
690	For me now email is best but should be snail mail or mailbox drops especially for new residents (as I was few months back) and older folks.	5/4/2016 8:56 AM
691	The district did a great job of getting information out about the referendum. In fact, I believe some of its actions were on the brink of being illegal because the communications were so one-sided. The referendum did not fail because of poor communication. It failed because it was a ridiculously high-cost plan, the community has no faith in [REDACTED] and his administration to execute properly. Also, our state is in poor financial shape and our tax burden here is already high enough.	5/4/2016 8:42 AM
692	Email, newspaper.	5/4/2016 8:41 AM
693	Email, mail brochures/newsletters, community meetings	5/4/2016 8:15 AM
694	Email communication and mail.	5/4/2016 7:06 AM
695	The least cost effective methods. We are spending where we shouldn't.	5/4/2016 6:04 AM
696	Same methods as before.	5/4/2016 5:54 AM
697	Coffees hosted by members of community; I generally thought the emails were good	5/4/2016 12:39 AM

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698	Grass-roots. It starts best with lawn signs, a social media presence, and obvious support from the surrounding community.	5/3/2016 11:24 PM
699	In the past, they have held lots of meetings to inform the constituents and have tried to keep costs down so that they would get support from the constituents.	5/3/2016 11:11 PM
700	email	5/3/2016 10:43 PM
701	Posting to the district website and a concise mailer with key facts comparing HMS to CHMS.	5/3/2016 10:34 PM
702	Detailed costs and plans on village and D181 website.	5/3/2016 10:27 PM
703	Email...phone calls directing where to find information..text.,,	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
704	In-home coffees with board members, where residents invite others to learn more in a friendly environment; community Q&a at community house and Hms, with recordings posted on YouTube... Etc.	5/3/2016 10:22 PM
705	Email	5/3/2016 10:21 PM
706	Have flyers sent around and advertise the current condition throughout Chicago putting pressure on voters	5/3/2016 9:39 PM
707	Email	5/3/2016 9:23 PM
708	As a teacher/tax payer I felt well informed. Knowing other friends without children in the district, they were not well informed. Perhaps door to door or phone banks would help educate those folks.	5/3/2016 9:21 PM
709	The website was detailed enough.	5/3/2016 9:13 PM
710	I would go from every single angle. I would hit the new families (through the preschools), newspapers, internet, door-to-door and perhaps even a town hall-type debate. Voices need to be heard and then enough time to weigh and decide. I heard a lot of people voted no because they didn't feel they had enough information, that can't happen again.	5/3/2016 7:05 PM
711	email	5/3/2016 6:50 PM
712	by any means	5/3/2016 6:46 PM
713	Instead of making slick D181 brochures discussing new administrators and their exaggerated accomplishments, use that money to show detailed architectural plans and detailed costs of various options.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
714	You have done a great job getting the information out - well done	5/3/2016 6:05 PM
715	Mail/flyers	5/3/2016 5:31 PM
716	Website/ newspaper flyer	5/3/2016 5:30 PM
717	Mail and email	5/3/2016 5:21 PM
718	Flyers/posters at train station, Starbucks, public places. I'm more likely to kill time reading those than pull up a multi-paragraph email.	5/3/2016 5:18 PM
719	you need to get people into the building to see how awful the facility is. I think people would have a hard time voting against it once they saw the facility. Maybe host some community coffees to get in elderly residents and those with older/younger children? That's how the referendum for York High School in Elmhurst got passed. I also think you should consider grade centers so everyone in the distract will be impacted if the referendum doesn't pass.	5/3/2016 5:09 PM
720	ONLINE	5/3/2016 4:38 PM
721	Local news paper	5/3/2016 4:26 PM
722	email and social media	5/3/2016 4:04 PM
723	Hinsdalean, Monroe School visit, Library talks.	5/3/2016 3:46 PM
724	Hinsdalian	5/3/2016 3:40 PM
725	email notifications from district 181	5/3/2016 3:39 PM
726	Email	5/3/2016 3:35 PM
727	E-mail	5/3/2016 3:16 PM
728	email, mailings	5/3/2016 2:55 PM
729	If you decide to lower the cost then you need to message it as " We heard you, and this is what we have done". All methods used before were fine. Could have used some more time, but given you already have those short months in addition to anything right now prior to November, you should be fine. Run a full page in the Hinsdale as many times as you can. Not all voters look at Facebook or get emails from moms - especially if kids are grown.	5/3/2016 2:50 PM

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730	website	5/3/2016 2:44 PM
731	A website devoted to the referendum where documents are easily accessed. It was hard to find things this time around and while I tried to keep up with the podcasts, there were often audio issues with those that made it hard to follow what had been decided.	5/3/2016 2:30 PM
732	D 181 email	5/3/2016 2:19 PM
733	on the district website	5/3/2016 2:14 PM
734	Social media, local newspapers	5/3/2016 2:12 PM
735	Unbiased reporting if that is possible	5/3/2016 2:03 PM
736	Resident Meetings and/or community broadcasting; mailings, email blasts.	5/3/2016 12:55 PM
737	Snail mail, newspapers, social media.	5/3/2016 12:26 PM
738	mail	5/3/2016 11:52 AM
739	flyers	5/3/2016 11:11 AM
740	Direct communication with families from the district. Please no more updates via PTO newsletters - that was irritating. Perhaps more town halls during the day for parents with school age children. Info via mailers but not expensive glossy ones.	5/3/2016 10:11 AM
741	I would get it out in every way possible.	5/3/2016 10:06 AM
742	email	5/3/2016 10:06 AM
743	More meetings and door to door canvassingt.	5/3/2016 9:40 AM
744	pony express	5/3/2016 9:27 AM
745	Same as in past	5/3/2016 9:20 AM
746	It needs to show better financial process, the process for getting quotes was seriously mistaken and the cost came back much higher than it should. We're buying a nice car but paying 2x the sticker price.	5/3/2016 9:08 AM
747	Via the mail and email. All details should have two simple things. 1) Comparing what is being added to HMS vs. what CHMS has. 2) What are the specific costs to each taxpayer over what period of time.	5/3/2016 9:07 AM
748	Everything emailed as attachments or in the body of the email.	5/3/2016 8:44 AM
749	Continue the same practice as before	5/3/2016 8:40 AM
750	One e-mail, from the District offices. I do not want weekly e-mails or "question of the week" included in my PTO's weekly e-mails.	5/3/2016 8:25 AM
751	D181 communications, Hinsdalean, Town Meetings, Open Houses (multiple) at HMS, real estate brokers getting on board.	5/3/2016 8:12 AM
752	Newspaper, e-mail newsletters	5/3/2016 7:55 AM
753	Email and website.	5/3/2016 7:15 AM
754	Hinsdalian, Facebook, website, mail	5/3/2016 6:59 AM
755	Live events flyers door to door. Hold events at the school and in town.	5/3/2016 6:44 AM
756	newspaper	5/3/2016 6:17 AM
757	Mail	5/3/2016 5:54 AM
758	By email	5/2/2016 11:04 PM
759	mail	5/2/2016 10:43 PM
760	Email, Facebook	5/2/2016 10:41 PM
761	Email	5/2/2016 10:34 PM
762	I think the grade schools need to be more involved.	5/2/2016 10:31 PM
763	Provide more time for feedback before finalizing before the election Fix the curriculum 1st (our child is a recent graduate, and the class content is a steaming mess). Don't lie.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
764	Email blasts, community events/town halls, Twitter/FB, newspaper updates	5/2/2016 10:12 PM

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765	Email - local papers	5/2/2016 10:08 PM
766	I felt communication was fine for the last project. I believe the reason it failed was because the design and bid process was was mismanaged, resulting in a project the community could not support.	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
767	D181 emails are fine	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
768	emails, snail-mailed simple bullet point info sheets for seniors and those who do not have access to email often.	5/2/2016 9:53 PM
769	Through the website. the previous website was hard to navigate and essentially repeated or redirected to the school district's website. It needs to have dedicated drop down menus for different things like, Q&A, blueprints, costs averages (no sub categories), timelines, more transparency on the decision process on a topic to topic basis.	5/2/2016 9:49 PM
770	Emails can be sent via the District communication channels and also a webpage dedicated to all the HMS referendum details can be provided.	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
771	I thought the communication about this past referendum was excellent.	5/2/2016 9:48 PM
772	Email and website.	5/2/2016 9:34 PM
773	I was fully informed about the school, however a lot of competing groups sent out fliers supporting their position why the school wasn't a good idea. I never received a common sense honest proposal from the district. No negatives were ever discussed. Honestly the District 181 reps didn't appear to be credible and frankly seemed to dismiss the residents' concerns. They seemed very arrogant and then were surprised when their proposal didn't pass.	5/2/2016 9:34 PM
774	A big event?	5/2/2016 9:26 PM
775	email and texts	5/2/2016 9:23 PM
776	US Mail, email	5/2/2016 9:17 PM
777	Email or special mailing. I don't read local newspapers.	5/2/2016 9:15 PM
778	Newspapers, emails	5/2/2016 9:01 PM
779	Emails, meetings, Facebook updates	5/2/2016 8:58 PM
780	facebook	5/2/2016 8:53 PM
781	You need to email those with kids in the district as well as reach out to those residents who do not have kids in the district - mailings to residents.	5/2/2016 8:49 PM
782	email	5/2/2016 8:38 PM
783	Email...	5/2/2016 8:32 PM
784	Email	5/2/2016 8:30 PM
785	community meetings that are televised	5/2/2016 8:29 PM
786	In person- face to face, door to door, meetings, large and small group.	5/2/2016 8:29 PM
787	I am already on board. You need to reach out to the people who voted NO.	5/2/2016 8:12 PM
788	Email or mail	5/2/2016 8:08 PM
789	Local newspapers	5/2/2016 7:51 PM
790	email blast	5/2/2016 7:48 PM
791	You tube	5/2/2016 7:38 PM
792	Swamp every media out let with info. Doings , hinsdale mag , meetings, emails.	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
793	local paper	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
794	you should actually make sure that ALL the schools and district personnel are on the same page-- having 1/2 the grade schools disagreeing doesn't really help	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
795	Former referendums had teams of parents and staff distributing information door to door and talking with residents and we used a phone bank plus open houses at the school(s)	5/2/2016 7:34 PM
796	Email and online	5/2/2016 7:33 PM
797	In depth emails and town hall meetings	5/2/2016 7:24 PM
798	Same as before, through email, social media, phone calls, and advertising	5/2/2016 7:22 PM

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799	Email	5/2/2016 7:08 PM
800	I'll be sure to get the information	5/2/2016 7:02 PM
801	Fliers, town hall open meeting, personal calls asking if any question and perhaps parent meetings at each elementary school to discuss concerns related to that specific group of people.	5/2/2016 6:54 PM
802	emails thru the district	5/2/2016 6:54 PM
803	Information from sources people already trust and encounter -- the principals, the teachers -- close friends. The prior communication campaign seemed limited -- like a understaffed first attempt.	5/2/2016 6:51 PM
804	Web site, email	5/2/2016 6:49 PM
805	Same as before	5/2/2016 6:44 PM
806	Email, Facebook	5/2/2016 6:38 PM
807	Emails and mailings and newspapers	5/2/2016 6:37 PM
808	Deluge of emails, town meetings You must educate everyone You also must change the mind set of Clarendon hills residents Maybe add on to CHMS to make one big junior high for 7th and 8th and leave 6th graders in feeder schools.	5/2/2016 6:29 PM
809	I had all the information from the web, attending board meetings and listing to the podcast.	5/2/2016 6:28 PM
810	Email	5/2/2016 6:25 PM
811	I'm in the district so I get emails etc. I think you need to target non attending residents, Monroe and CH with more than a website. Unfortunately people do not take the time to look.	5/2/2016 6:25 PM
812	I felt there was plenty of information available regarding the referendum.	5/2/2016 6:24 PM
813	I found the methods used to get referendum information out to the public with this past HMS proposal was quite adequate. I felt well informed.	5/2/2016 6:17 PM
814	Through local newspaper coverage, community engagement sessions, door to door canvassing and direct mail, guest speakers and informational sessions at local schools, Rotary, community organizations.	5/2/2016 6:16 PM
815	I was well informed	5/2/2016 6:12 PM
816	d181 email communication	5/2/2016 6:02 PM
817	Mail and email is fine. I do not think the communication was lacking last time around	5/2/2016 5:41 PM
818	email	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
819	By mail or email.	5/2/2016 5:35 PM
820	email from school and local newspaper The Doings	5/2/2016 5:34 PM
821	Email, mail	5/2/2016 5:29 PM
822	Honest and complete side by side comparisons between the proposed school and CHMS via email.	5/2/2016 5:28 PM
823	Website	5/2/2016 5:19 PM
824	The way it was communicated was fine. You were very close to crossing the line though, in terms of taking a position in he district information	5/2/2016 5:14 PM
825	email	5/2/2016 5:09 PM
826	Social Media, The Doings, Hinsdalean	5/2/2016 5:06 PM
827	Email or publicize links to a website with all the relevant information.	5/2/2016 5:01 PM
828	Hinsdalean and mailers	5/2/2016 4:58 PM
829	Don't spend another \$200,000 of taxpayer money for mailings. This upset more home owners than you realize. Continue with your town halls and PTO meetings.	5/2/2016 4:56 PM
830	I think the district needed to focus more on 1) why the current location (vs. others) and 2) why at that cost (i.e., why everything included in whatever the final proposal is is in fact necessary and important to the design).	5/2/2016 4:54 PM
831	Email. Don't spend a ton of money on mailings. Also put it on website. Last time there was not enough information available	5/2/2016 4:38 PM

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832	Seep rate mailer maybe.. With all info and also tour dates, times along with information meetings and times. This should be sent at least 2 times. And then also use the schools to distribute information to students to send home. Email and social media. Every avenue should be used.	5/2/2016 4:28 PM
833	emails FB letters local news papers House parties w/ informed speakers	5/2/2016 4:22 PM
834	Email	5/2/2016 4:20 PM
835	As you already have --through Colleague Connections, and individual school PTO's posting the "question of the week" in their bulletin.	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
836	I believe it needs to be all encompassing...multiple post cards, email, phone calls, door-to-door, information in business windows and throughout town, 4th of July parade, etc. This needs to be a rallying cry for the entire community.	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
837	Email and Facebook posts.	5/2/2016 4:15 PM
838	Community forums	5/2/2016 4:09 PM
839	True factual emails though school emails and information sent through the regular mail for families who aren't involved in d181.	5/2/2016 3:59 PM
840	Email	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
841	e-mail	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
842	email	5/2/2016 3:45 PM
843	Concise accurate facts. More community events with knowledgeable people answering questions.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
844	Direct mail and emails	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
845	community meetings, emails and something in the local paper	5/2/2016 3:38 PM
846	emails	5/2/2016 3:24 PM
847	same as last time...but the path forward must be clear at the outset. the district needs a new middle school, and the board heard loud and clear the price was too high...stick with roughly the same general design and pull items out of scope down to a more sensible level--compare to Clarendon Hills cost (with construction cost escalator) so voters have perspective. Don't let the costs escalate!!	5/2/2016 3:14 PM
848	Email.	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
849	Website, mailers	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
850	Bullet point info. addressing issues that seem to have been of most concern for people. One-to-one communication- phone banks? visiting door to door?	5/2/2016 2:46 PM
851	Email & website	5/2/2016 2:41 PM
852	mail and meetings	5/2/2016 2:30 PM
853	Email and town halls	5/2/2016 2:30 PM
854	Every way possible - signs, forums, email, Facebook, school communication	5/2/2016 2:28 PM
855	The emails work really well for me, but not everyone checks their email as frequently so maybe some mailers out to residents.	5/2/2016 2:24 PM
856	Social media. Hinsdalean	5/2/2016 2:17 PM
857	email, community paper	5/2/2016 2:14 PM
858	All hands on deck - signs, door to door, community meetings, updates in the newspapers, etc	5/2/2016 2:14 PM
859	More emails to parents. Articles in the local paper. More verbal communication and possibly more tours.	5/2/2016 2:12 PM
860	A brochure that lays out the plan design with a rendering of the building and how it fits in the village. I want an explanation about how the costs were minimized but the quality and all the details of the contract were accounted for (no missed clauses like the clean up at Veeck Park). I do not want a glossy high cost brochure that reeks of a marketing firm that is trying to "sell" and idea. If it is reasonable and functional, it will pass.	5/2/2016 2:06 PM
861	Door to door, phone bank, more open-houses with a great amount of publicity.	5/2/2016 2:02 PM
862	a mailer, and community meetings	5/2/2016 1:58 PM
863	email	5/2/2016 1:57 PM

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864	emails, social media, The Doings, School channels	5/2/2016 1:56 PM
865	You did a great job of publicizing details of last referendum through District eblasts, home mailer and newspapers. People need to read what is sent. The majority of friends who had no idea what was happening admitted they don't read much sent home from D181 communications dept.	5/2/2016 1:46 PM
866	District e-mail	5/2/2016 1:37 PM
867	Email/mail	5/2/2016 1:32 PM
868	Public meetings and online details	5/2/2016 1:30 PM
869	*Community OPEN HOUSE at HMS to show the residents why we need this new school. * More articles in the newspapers about the reasons why this is needed. *Block captains with community volunteers in each school area that would canvass their school area and distribute info and answer questions. They would also be responsible for identifying all "Yes" voters and keeping a count. * Programmed mailers or an email each week to all residents with information on "why" our community needs this and why it costs the amount it will.	5/2/2016 1:22 PM
870	Mail to every resident.	5/2/2016 1:12 PM
871	I thought the district did a fine job at getting the details out to the public.	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
872	I go to the open houses and read the material. But MANY people do not. Get information to ALL of the PTOs- especially Walker, Prospect & Monroe. Need to get more people involved and more avenues for disseminating information. I talked to many friends in CHMS feeder areas because I really wanted this referendum to pass and the amount of rumors and wrong information out there was appalling. D181 needs to go to them. They will not seek out information and go to meetings or open houses.	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
873	Email out to all families of D181	5/2/2016 12:57 PM
874	By email correspondence.	5/2/2016 12:56 PM
875	I felt fairly informed after I read the info on the district's HMS referendum site. It seemed fairly clear and concise.	5/2/2016 12:30 PM
876	email, direct mail.	5/2/2016 12:28 PM
877	A mailed newsletter, social media and community events. I truly appreciated being able to tour the current HMS. I have young children, so I had never set foot in the building prior to that opportunity.	5/2/2016 12:24 PM
878	D181 email and town hall meetings	5/2/2016 12:22 PM
879	District website and local newspapers	5/2/2016 12:17 PM
880	Have the NEW superintendent draft thoughtful, intelligent emails.	5/2/2016 12:09 PM
881	direct mail/website/email	5/2/2016 12:08 PM
882	Local papers & emails	5/2/2016 12:04 PM
883	website, youTube video presentation(s), FAQ	5/2/2016 12:03 PM
884	People have to come communicate with the CH residents. I felt like many people didn't really have a full understanding of the need at HMS. Honestly, some door to door might have to happen. It needs to be more than emails and one flyer that came in the mall.	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
885	email, websites	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
886	Thru email	5/2/2016 11:55 AM
887	email	5/2/2016 11:51 AM
888	No change to methods used for 3/16 referendum would be needed - you did a great job of communicating.	5/2/2016 11:45 AM
889	Media Blitz. Lots of continual school communication to all families with students in the district, Maybe record your open community event to be available online for people who can't come in the evening.	5/2/2016 11:45 AM
890	The current communication mechanism if fine. It's the decision process of choosing the viable options. The cost is too high for a small community like us. please do another another one without greatly reduce the cost.	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
891	emails	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
892	same as you have been	5/2/2016 11:39 AM
893	I think the communication on the last referendum was done well. I don't think that was why the referendum failed. I think it was the cost.	5/2/2016 11:38 AM
894	Emails	5/2/2016 11:28 AM

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895	Email	5/2/2016 11:27 AM
896	I thought your communication efforts were good. I liked the summaries provided in the e-mails we received from D181.	5/2/2016 11:24 AM
897	Show comparison to what was done in CH with the middle school. Make it more reasonable.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM
898	In-person, evening sessions; web-based; and, through the local newspapers.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM
899	Email, direct mail, newspaper.	5/2/2016 11:20 AM
900	early and often and many different ways- newspaper, email, FB, community gatherings, local interviews, Q&A, publicity	5/2/2016 11:17 AM
901	Draw comparisons between what was planned for the school before, vs. at present & show the cost savings. We need to KNOW that extravagant spaces have been eliminated and that you're building a sensible school. This is a NEED vs. WANT thing. I hope you get that.	5/2/2016 11:13 AM
902	I liked the weekly emails	5/2/2016 11:11 AM
903	email	5/2/2016 11:11 AM
904	Website and email. Community events with a video replay webcast. Please provide specifics and responses to concerns raised by voters.	5/2/2016 11:10 AM
905	Same as before -- The Hinsdalean and Patch news outlets, mailers to voters homes, town hall. I suggest focusing on the homes that would NOT benefit from the new school. Those of us with kids at HMS are already convinced.	5/2/2016 11:07 AM
906	na	5/2/2016 11:05 AM
907	Direct mail, town halls, more community involvement.	5/2/2016 11:04 AM
908	Email	5/2/2016 11:02 AM
909	email	5/2/2016 11:01 AM
910	email	5/2/2016 11:00 AM
911	email	5/2/2016 10:58 AM
912	emails; info posted on elementary and middle school websites	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
913	electronic notifications and newspaper updates as well as public forums. similar to what was done.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
914	Social media.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
915	same methods as previous. i felt informed.	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
916	Mailings USPS	5/2/2016 10:54 AM
917	Do not rely on community meetings for people to go out on their own to get the info. Mailed materials from Citizens for CH seemed to have huge impact on people so	5/2/2016 10:50 AM
918	email some reading material	5/2/2016 10:50 AM
919	In the mail and in local papers and some door to door and phone solicitation.	5/2/2016 10:48 AM
920	Mail and Email both. You need a chart, on the left side showing the original proposal and the right side showing the new proposal. In addition, you need a chart refuting the one put out by the Clarendon Hills group.	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
921	Email	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
922	Flyers/news papers.	5/2/2016 10:45 AM
923	Emails and The Hinsdale	5/2/2016 10:39 AM
924	email or district website	5/2/2016 10:38 AM
925	Hinsdalean and email.	5/2/2016 10:37 AM
926	More communications and meetings directly from board members (rather than community volunteers) since they are ones recommending it and know the most about it.	5/2/2016 10:36 AM
927	Meetings or email	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
928	email	5/2/2016 10:30 AM
929	email or via mail	5/2/2016 10:29 AM
930	email [REDACTED]	5/2/2016 10:28 AM

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931	Door to door and mass mailings and a expensive website published in local newspapers. Flyers in newspapers are cheap.	5/2/2016 10:27 AM
932	I had plenty of information. The lack of voter information was NOT the problem. The problem was the lack of a clearly thought out, vetted, transparent process. Do NOT spend MY tax dollars mailing me a propoganda piece with one sided information on it.	5/2/2016 10:26 AM
933	email	5/2/2016 10:21 AM
934	Everything you did.... Facebook, website, mailings, informational meetings. Unfortunately, many people don't read a thing. :(Maybe people knocking on doors of houses that don't have young children.	5/2/2016 10:18 AM
935	same as before	5/2/2016 10:17 AM
936	Email and local paper such as the Hinsdalean.	5/2/2016 10:14 AM
937	Email & allow residents to email questions.	5/2/2016 10:12 AM
938	The Hinsdalean paper	5/2/2016 10:10 AM
939	email	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
940	total blitz. Fliers, email, calls, yard signs, etc...	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
941	Internet and community outreach via town halls where residents can engage with the development team to ask questions.	5/2/2016 10:07 AM
942	email, school/district website	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
943	email	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
944	Hinsdalean Newspaper	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
945	Emails	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
946	e-mails followed by open forums to discuss the proposals and allow the community to asks questions as needed to get the voters comfortable with the level of diligence undertaken to support the plans put forth.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
947	i think its important to talk about all aspects of proposal, like why do we want synthetic turf (long term Savings), Why do we want an auditorium (save in rental space income generation), get expert opinions on property values, and most importantly the major problems with current HMS and the long term costs of maintaining.	5/2/2016 9:58 AM
948	A separate mailing, an email from the district that is detailed.	5/2/2016 9:53 AM
949	I would recommend not giving emails to an advocacy group, especially when that group can't even explain why such a poor budgeting process was followed.	5/2/2016 9:49 AM
950	Communication from d181 is great, I will get information that way. I am also connected with 'HMS yes' group & will stay informed with their communication.	5/2/2016 9:46 AM
951	text / email	5/2/2016 9:43 AM
952	website, mailer, email	5/2/2016 9:43 AM
953	I would like to know what it would cost to replicate CHMS only changing the size.	5/2/2016 9:42 AM
954	Information was very well advertised.	5/2/2016 9:40 AM
955	I think it should be run by an outside consultant and in a grass roots type of manner.	5/2/2016 9:39 AM
956	via local newspapers (Clarendon Courier) and communication from the schools	5/2/2016 9:36 AM
957	Newspaper, District web site, community meetings, board meeting time, and mailers to residents and staff of the district.	5/2/2016 9:34 AM
958	A blog with an RSS feed.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM
959	email	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
960	Through District 181 communication, the Hinsdale Public Library, The Doings, The Hinsdalean	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
961	You should work with D86 to decrease the potential tax increase. Voters will be less inclined to pass two tax increases in a row.	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
962	Email	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
963	no change to prior approach	5/2/2016 9:29 AM

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964	email. or postal mail.	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
965	I thought we received great information the last time.	5/2/2016 9:26 AM
966	Email	5/2/2016 9:25 AM
967	Email	5/2/2016 9:23 AM
968	Email & a website (not facebook).	5/2/2016 9:22 AM
969	Given the lack of time, I was actually surprised that the district did not hire a PR firm to get the right information out quickly. There was so much confusion, lack of quality information, and emotions running high due to people feeling their voices were not heard. I feel that a professional firm would have been able to disseminate the correct information in the right places, more quickly. It was disappointing that there was such a lack of information until after most people had already formed their opinions.	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
970	Mail and town meetings.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
971	Previous methods were effective.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
972	Email	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
973	email	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
974	Hire a PR firm, since the info that was disseminated before the last referendum completely failed.	5/2/2016 9:17 AM
975	The same way as last time, I believe that there was sufficient information, it was the outrageous proposal that doomed this project.	5/2/2016 9:16 AM
976	Email	5/2/2016 9:16 AM
977	Email	5/2/2016 9:13 AM
978	Send detailed information to all taxpayers on the plans.	5/2/2016 9:12 AM
979	Email	5/2/2016 9:10 AM
980	N/A	5/2/2016 9:09 AM
981	Email	5/2/2016 9:09 AM
982	A paper letter even though I prefer electronic information. A paper letter will get more people's attention, based on experience.	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
983	Over communicate - set up Facebook pages, and be very transparent on the bill of materials	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
984	Emails, regular mail	5/2/2016 9:06 AM
985	email, flyers, through the schools	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
986	Public forums and through local newspapers	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
987	mail and email	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
988	Email	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
989	emails are fine. I have been very informed EXCEPT when I asked how much CHMS cost and [REDACTED] avoided the question. It is pertinent.	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
990	Work with the elementary PTOs/schools to hold info sessions at EVERY D181 school. Send detailed booklets to every resident. Post to d181 website as you have done.	5/2/2016 8:59 AM
991	Facebook, Community Events, Flyers and through the local newspapers in both Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
992	community meetings and email campaigns	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
993	Door to door canvassing has worked in the past and shows a commitment by the volunteers who want to get the referendum approved. Meetings by the referendum supporters committee at each school (at least 2 or 3 at each school) as was done in past referendums.	5/2/2016 8:57 AM
994	Emails and word of mouth. There was a group organized in Clarendon Hills against the proposal that would also benefit getting some literature.	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
995	I believe there have been plenty of ways to see the proposal.	5/2/2016 8:56 AM

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996	Have a board member who is in FAVOR of the referendum run the communications. [REDACTED] was in charge of communications and OPPOSED the referendum (vocally I might add). Shockingly the outreach to the community was a failure.	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
997	I thought you communicated very well to families with currently enrolled students. Maybe improve your outreach to families who have aged out? You should also focus more on why this is good for the community as a whole--excellent schools keep property values high and real estate moving quickly. Why will a new school improve the education of the students and what might happen if the school isn't replaced? What are the impending repair costs of HMS just to keep it running for the next 5-10 years? How does that compare with the cost to build new?	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
998	Email	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
999	Be everywhere! Former block committees with a captain. Knock on every door. Answer every question. Produce a one page sheet "facts vs fiction"	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
1000	US mail	5/2/2016 8:53 AM
1001	You've already tried the worst way when the district gave everyone's contact information and children's identities to political hacks. So don't do that again. On second thought, that makes me so angry.... forget the referendum. I'm not handing money to incompetents. Fire everyone and get back to me.	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
1002	Email, articles in the paper	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
1003	Email, facebook, local papers.	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
1004	E-mail, snail mail, website, social media, word of mouth	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
1005	Through D181 emails - although I am a D181 parent. Other modes of communication would be needed for families without kids in D181 schools.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
1006	email, local newspapers, continue with what you did, and also private school parents forum	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
1007	No change required, communication and plan have been good enough. If people feel they don't know the status of the plan than they are not trying very hard. IMO	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
1008	Email or a brochure through the mail	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
1009	Mail, email, meetings	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
1010	Email or social media (Facebook).	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
1011	Facebook	5/2/2016 8:49 AM
1012	That ones tuff...I guess what you all did the 1st time around. Email....Newspapers etc	5/2/2016 8:48 AM
1013	Hold open forums and design education sessions in all voting districts. Find out why people voted no and educate them.	5/2/2016 8:47 AM
1014	Focus groups with participants selected to work as grass roots representatives to spread the word at parties and events. In my opinion, word of mouth is the only way nay-sayers will be educated.	5/2/2016 8:46 AM
1015	Email newsletter,	5/2/2016 8:46 AM
1016	broad based approach...meetings, town halls, website, newsletters.	5/2/2016 8:43 AM
1017	Hard copy plans mailed to every resident with all the facts and plans. I don't think many people had the true facts. We heard so many different things throughout the process- most not true!	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
1018	Email	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
1019	A widespread series of town meetings by Administration and BoE members in which all the cost and financing details of the design would be shared transparently and the costs per square foot would be shown in comparison to National, Illinois and Chicago-area suburban averages.	5/2/2016 8:41 AM
1020	Email	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
1021	Email	5/2/2016 8:39 AM
1022	Email	5/2/2016 8:39 AM
1023	There was no problem with the communication. The problem was the price tag.	5/2/2016 8:37 AM
1024	Local newspaper & social media	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
1025	same as before.	5/2/2016 8:32 AM
1026	email	5/2/2016 8:28 AM

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1027	Regular mail	5/2/2016 8:25 AM
1028	emails, Hinsdalean, papers going home with D181 kids for parents, events for residents with no D181 kids	5/2/2016 8:24 AM
1029	Post mailing	5/2/2016 8:24 AM
1030	this email forum is fine but if voting could be done by proxy ballot that would be ideal, frankly, as physical voting is cumbersome in my families case and i suspect many other family cases as well...make voting easy please :)	5/2/2016 8:23 AM
1031	It's not about me. I have kids in D181. It's about the 70% of the electorate who do not.	5/2/2016 8:20 AM
1032	Put people on the street talking about it, run an internal PR campaign to address how this benefits everyone in the district not just HMS families..	5/2/2016 8:20 AM
1033	setup a central hub, hold community discussions at current HMS	5/2/2016 8:19 AM

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Q19 Is there anything else that you would like the District 181 Board and administration to consider for a potential future referendum?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 930

#	Responses	Date
1	That anything proposed is reasonable - you don't need top of the line facilities to provide a first rate education - 500 theatre seats - elevated running track - turf - none of these are necessary to provide a high level of education - it's over the top	5/18/2016 9:50 PM
2	Have you read the blog "hold d181 accountable"? We have other more pressing problems right now, just get a dry roof on HMS for now. And try a fresh, different construction/design firm	5/18/2016 9:48 PM
3	Please involve the residents! The facilities committee is mainly composed of #181 staff and administrators.	5/18/2016 9:33 PM
4	In talks, I think the community would support some more fancy items IF AND ONLY IF the use of them was spelled out at the introduction of such items but because the district currently does not allow any use of their buildings, etc., the community is less likely to support limited use auditoriums, etc. It is too bad because we would all benefit from items such as that and we all should have access to the buildings we are paying for.	5/18/2016 8:31 PM
5	No	5/18/2016 8:20 PM
6	██████████ seemed to be the only board member who worked to protect the interests of all tax payers, not just those who were intent on quickly passing this proposal. I get there are problems with the HMS but ramming through a design based more on extravagant wants instead of practical needs is not the solution to the HMS faults.	5/18/2016 5:24 PM
7	Their are too many people voting who are not going to educate themselves about the cost to maintain the current school or the benefits of a new school with a slightly higher price tag. Since you cannot get the message to everyone or force everyone to learn about the projects, I think you should force the "learning" through the referendum. Give voters a choice between the a new school and maintaining the old one. But include the costs for each and the pros/cons for each. The questions may be longer, but hopefully people will read it and have a better understanding of the issues and vote for the new school.	5/18/2016 3:45 PM
8	The advertising in favor of the proposal was a big annoyance, and the arguments presented by some interest groups in favor of the project were so far fetched and ridiculous, it was insult to people's intelligence.	5/18/2016 2:15 PM
9	save the taxpayer	5/18/2016 1:06 PM
10	Not for a referendum but I do think that if it fails again there should be an alternate plan considered for student attendance at both HMS and CHMS, ie., lottery system, split campuses by grade level, etc. Thank you!	5/18/2016 12:29 PM
11	Good schools is the right thing for kids and drives property values	5/18/2016 10:58 AM
12	SEEMS LIKE NEW PROBLEMS IN DELIVERING HONEST, CLEAR COMMUNICATION CONTINUE TO UNFOLD. THIS NEEDS TO BE TABLED FOR YEARS TO ALLOW BASIC NEEDS TO BE FIXED	5/18/2016 10:54 AM
13	Take the time necessary to develop a well thought out design and proposal. Putting the referendum on the fall ballot is too rushed. It will also conflict with the D86 referendum which I believe has much stronger community support than the D181 one. Wait until April 2018--after the board election and also to let things settle down.	5/18/2016 10:18 AM
14	We desperately need to stop spending time on this referendum. Ensure HMS is safe and tackle priorities - curriculum, making decisions based on data, excellence in central office leadership, special education continuum.	5/18/2016 10:16 AM
15	reduce the total cost	5/18/2016 10:15 AM
16	Make it reasonable	5/18/2016 9:49 AM
17	Take better consideration of enrollment projections. School seems sized for more students than projected.	5/18/2016 9:22 AM
18	If a new HMS referendum passes and they have upgrades over CHMS-then money should be set aside for some upgrades to CHMS-both schools should try and be equitable-I know the old HMS was not up to date but this district can't allowing and approving this "one upping" of the two schools-the goal SHOULD be to have fair and equitable as much as possible	5/18/2016 9:17 AM

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19	Transparency. And have a credible architect selection process, and include the architect that designed CHMS. There can be jealousy between Clarendon Hills and Hinsdale residents. If the Hinsdale design is a cadillac compared to CHMS, you will get less CH support. If the Hinsdale design is comparable to CHMS in terms of features and appearance, you are apt to get more support.	5/18/2016 8:11 AM
20	use a different more conventional process for your architect selection. Design competitions with no budget in mind and no fee to produce abuse the architectural community and arrive at grand and glorious solutions that don't keep budget in mind. Research should be complete and presented to the public of what similar districts in our area have spent on their facilities	5/18/2016 7:22 AM
21	do whatever you can to get it passed we need a new middle school	5/18/2016 2:37 AM
22	Consider the needs of all the elementary schools in the district.	5/17/2016 10:40 PM
23	stress the factor of how much cost keeps going into the repair of HMS?	5/17/2016 10:30 PM
24	I believe it is widely agreed we need to rebuild HMS; it needs to be fiscally sound, however, and the recent referendum was not. The in-town location of a community-based HMS is the right location and solution for our community. The costs associated with this site are appropriate; belt-tightening needs to occur in other parts of the planning and design process. If there are special financial constraints about building this building, they need to be aggressively but honestly communicated. The proposed referendum design was highly outsized in room size and number. I strongly agree that the District should obtain updated enrollment projections (Kasarda or similar) to ensure building specs are based on sound population estimates not wildly high population projections with large additional margins that will never come to pass. Are school districts usually in the business of building parking garages? Have the lower cost parking options really been fully explored? The design process should involve an honest representation of all stakeholders--including taxpayers with children in the district or not--not just teachers and staff who acted like they were given a blank check.	5/17/2016 10:07 PM
25	Yes. The communication process was poorly executed, and the information not sufficient to support what was asked for. The result was a significant feeling that the School Board was catering to an image, rather than to improvements in education	5/17/2016 9:43 PM
26	Try to manage this responsibly. The fact that a school referendum was defeated in this district with such favorable demographics should give you some indication of how far off base it was. I was insulted by the referendum.....the highest bidder was selected, cost overruns were noted even before the project was approved or even proposed, the budget was loaded with contingencies to spend on more overruns and pet projects.....it this were proposed in my business the entire project team would be fired.	5/17/2016 6:58 PM
27	No	5/17/2016 4:52 PM
28	Other architects.	5/17/2016 4:47 PM
29	You need to have more informational meetings for Clarendon Hills residents. Really need their support for it to pass. Threaten open admission for Hinsdale residents to CHMS so they feel importance of Hinsdale new school. Also, St. Isaac residents need to know school situation impacts their property values.	5/17/2016 4:34 PM
30	Consider not moving the district office every several years. Another example of wasteful spending which could be due to poor planning and qualifications.	5/17/2016 1:14 PM
31	No, the district needs to fix its curriculum, particularly in math. Constant changes in advance learning, teaching resources and direction has generated poor student performance. Basic student needs are not being met.	5/17/2016 12:12 PM
32	get as much feedback as you can on why people voted 'against' it, and adjust those variables if you can.	5/17/2016 10:23 AM
33	Excellent education can be had in a well planned modern building. \$65 M is a big number. A building that works well with reasonable amenities at a reasonable cost is what the tax payers will approve.	5/17/2016 10:14 AM
34	District 86 needs to improve Hinsdale Central and the taxpayers can only afford so much!	5/17/2016 10:10 AM
35	I believe that District 86, Hinsdale Central High School needs improvements. Let's not spend all the taxpayer's money on HMS!	5/17/2016 10:03 AM
36	there needs to be an address of cost relative to other recent school modifications or rebuilds. i know there were references to the overall cost relative to other projects but many did not take into consideration the like for like and look at comparable time periods, material costs, labor costs, etc.	5/17/2016 9:54 AM
37	No	5/17/2016 9:46 AM
38	Start getting your acts together and managing money better.	5/17/2016 9:33 AM
39	It seems like a waste to keep spending money on the existing school if it is eventually going to be torn down.	5/17/2016 8:47 AM

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40	Ensure/demonstrate that any new school building of this cost magnitude will be maintained appropriately and managed well. We need responsible and active building managers. The current HMS school building appears unkept, dirty, untidy (including sloppy classrooms). The age of a building is no excuse for this. There are 100+ year old houses in this town that have been maintained well and look much better than the school building that was just built in the 70's.	5/17/2016 4:40 AM
41	I would like more details on the project and cost and amenities and why those amenities are necessary. There has been very little transparency about when and where board meetings are held for those of us not yet involved in the district but who will be shouldering a long term portion of the cost.	5/16/2016 10:18 PM
42	You are going to have to figure out a way for other areas that wont be attending to vote yes...i.e, CH... Need to rezone the current junior highs to north of tracks south of tracks in order to convince CH/monroe tpaers to support	5/16/2016 9:30 PM
43	Group any other proposals with this Referendum so it is one vote for all	5/16/2016 9:06 PM
44	Regarding those that voted no, figure out why... Then do target marketing to them... A document highlighting that if the referendum does not pass, there will be negative impacts on them	5/16/2016 9:04 PM
45	Please listen to the community. Very out of touch decision made first time around. Lucky District has not been sued due to mold issues. I would not rule that out in future people are very upset. Perhaps out kids should have option of attending CHMS via lottery. Seems like fair way to decide who has classes in the portables. Hinsdsle funded CHMS it's their turn.	5/16/2016 8:53 PM
46	During the sales process focus on features, advantages and benefits. Keep in mind people buy benefits.	5/16/2016 8:51 PM
47	Curriculum and excellent instruction make great schools, not brick and mortar. First, Start rebuilding a great school with a true educational foundation and then go for the structure	5/16/2016 8:42 PM
48	Have a clear plan B that spreads the impact of a sub-standard school on the entire district, i.e. put current CHMS kids at HMS for some portion of their middle school years. Do it seriously, i.e. not just an idea floated, but work through all the details and move on that plan beginning in the 2017-18 school year.	5/16/2016 8:08 PM
49	HMS is a sunk cost I think and needs a well considered plan for replacement. We moved to Hinsdale for the education of our children and will support tax increases to provide them a world class middle school.	5/16/2016 7:51 PM
50	The taxes in this community are already too high. The families who live here are more and more likely to be two-parent working families as a result. The district administration needs to keep making efforts to include working parents by holding meetings at night and on weekends, by using podcasts and webinars, and by keeping costs down.	5/16/2016 7:49 PM
51	All day kindergarten	5/16/2016 7:45 PM
52	Do away with d181 and return Hinsdale students to one consolidated HMS; as it's the ONLY grade level(s) that mixes students. Allow Hinadae and CH to independently pay for K-8. I moved to Hinsdale to have world class school facilities; not average or in this case below average. 20 years (or so) of D181 has resulted in massive growth of CH schools financed by an overwhelming percentage of Hinsdale tax dollars.	5/16/2016 7:41 PM
53	All of gym facilities to used on the weekends. We need more space for kids in the winter	5/16/2016 7:39 PM
54	I think that the cost is simply too high. Whether that is re-bidding it or making cuts, I don't know. But \$5-10M needs to come out of it if it is to be successful. Many of my friends have made this same comment, fwiw.	5/16/2016 7:38 PM
55	It is very important to everyone's property value in Hinsdale that we retain the quality of our school system. Certainly HMS does not reflect the same quality building as most others in our district.	5/16/2016 6:23 PM
56	Use private funds to pay for and auditorium and other non vital components to the new building. Hire and architectural firm that isn't getting paid by the pure size of the project. Have consideration of the views of the people who will be paying for this project. Keep costs contained or the project will never pass.	5/16/2016 5:34 PM
57	Get it done	5/16/2016 4:43 PM
58	Wight and Company's design was better and its cost estimate more accurate. They also stated they have experience with lobbying and pushing through referenda. The district should consider changing architectural firms.	5/16/2016 3:32 PM
59	Replace the building, but at a lower cost than what was proposed in March.	5/16/2016 3:18 PM
60	You already remodel this school. Why didn't the Dist do all the necessary repairs for the future?	5/16/2016 12:46 PM
61	Be sure the communication to the public is clear, concise, accurate and unchanging. I believe that sometimes the details get misconstrued and the public votes based on inaccurate information. Be sure the Board is in complete agreement and ALL send the same message. Good Luck. I hope it passes next time.	5/16/2016 11:58 AM
62	Lower costs and don't make it the Taj Mahel of schools.	5/16/2016 10:17 AM
63	The proposal failed. Look at a less grandiose plan that will address the needs for the facility without putting the latest and greatest ideas into the mix.	5/16/2016 10:11 AM

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64	I pulled my son out of HMS after 7th grade, because of what we thought was inconsistent teaching and quality of teachers. He also absolutely hated school. We enrolled him at Vine Academy that uses a very old antiquated building. His progress at Vine has been amazing. His writing skills have gone from well below average to testing in to Honors English. Its the TEACHERS and the teaching methodology, not the building! My property taxes bill is now higher than my mortgage payments. In the last 15 years my property taxes have more than doubled and my house is worth less! Its not the building, its the teachers! Get rid of pensions, put them on 401Ks and pay them more. Go talk to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] knows how to teach and so do her teachers.	5/16/2016 9:12 AM
65	Definitely keep the extra stuff out, the middle school doesn't need public spaces for the community. It needs learning space for the kids who are packed to the gills in a land locked area.	5/16/2016 8:50 AM
66	You passed several referendums over a decade ago. This isn't new to our community. We've also shown in the past with the request is reasonable it will pass. We renovated/replaced almost every grade school in the district. We built a new middle school in Clarendon Hills. This is not rocket science. You're clearly asking for to much on this one.	5/16/2016 8:11 AM
67	You've blown the trust in the community and people don't believe you were judicious with our tax dollars. There's now a question of competence with the D181 Administration. You have a long road back. You need to handle this next round flawlessly.	5/16/2016 7:50 AM
68	To change the pension plans and the health insurance plans of the teachers and administrators so that they are not funded by the taxpayers but rather are the responsibility of the teachers and administrators. My property tax bill is way too high because of the pension portion.	5/15/2016 10:22 PM
69	Not sure I ever heard why anything is needed at all. Most of my info is from Citizens for CH emails.	5/15/2016 9:21 PM
70	Show fiscal restraint. Ask the teachers to make a financial sacrifice in their contract to pay for the improved working conditions that come with a new school.	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
71	Remember this is a jr high not a high school. Share cost of parking with the village. No auditorium, use the gym. It can have a stage included in the design.	5/15/2016 8:59 PM
72	More bang for tax dollars in classrooms and labs. Other middle schools had more classrooms for less cost. Given limited site, artificial turf, indoor track and large gym necessary. Village pays for 1/2 of any parking garage or eliminate it. NO AUDITORIUM; use the gym for such events.	5/15/2016 8:53 PM
73	Remind people that good schools help keep property values higher.	5/15/2016 7:16 PM
74	I do not think we need an extravagant Middle School when we are also faced with a High School that needs much attention	5/15/2016 6:20 PM
75	Don't be extravagant. Focus on classroom and shared spaces that benefit the highest possible number of students vs. thinks like better tracks.	5/15/2016 6:12 PM
76	Just do it in an appropriately ethical, professional way. No competitions, no unfettered costs.	5/15/2016 5:43 PM
77	Please consider separating CHMS from HMS. It's clear that the CHMS folks don't want to help improve HMS even though we funded their school. I have no desire to continue to support CHMS if they cannot invest in the future of the entire district	5/15/2016 5:42 PM
78	I just don't think people with kids in the Clarendon Hills schools want their children's placement to be affected by any of this. We already lived through the building of our new schools and would like to stay put where we are.	5/15/2016 5:00 PM
79	The community is aware that a new middle school is needed in Hinsdale. The community is aware that Hinsdale Central High School also needs some capital expenditure work. I do not want to max out my capacity for a tax increase on only one of these schools.	5/15/2016 2:40 PM
80	Re-use the existing building and build a new annex for \$35M in total	5/15/2016 1:47 PM
81	Just revising the design to reduce the cost.	5/15/2016 1:36 PM
82	Recognize that you've lost credibility because you're not viewed as objective stewards of tax dollars. Credibility and trust needs to be re-built before doing the referendum again. This may best be done by modifying the Board to better reflect the real voice of the community.	5/15/2016 11:39 AM
83	If moving the school would provide a significant decrease in the cost to build it, that should be explored	5/15/2016 10:53 AM
84	As a Monroe parent, I am supportive. I think the ref needs to be a bit better thought out and explain the costs and payback economics better.	5/15/2016 10:32 AM
85	A ban on boosting teacher pensions by "goosing up" their pay the last few years of employment. Teachers play an important part in our civic world, but their pensions far outpace the pensions of those who support the teachers. Just as corporate CEO's shouldn't be lavishly paid compared to their employees, teachers should not overly prevail on their fellow citizens.	5/15/2016 10:19 AM

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86	People are tired of higher and higher taxation in the current climate of stagnant economic growth. Get real. There are people in this community who are unable and unwilling to spend HUGE \$ on a new school and take that financial hit. The extravagant proposal was tone deaf and you have really done damage as to how the community will view your next attempt. . .	5/15/2016 9:18 AM
87	Stop spending and live within your budget, just like I do.	5/15/2016 8:55 AM
88	The benchmark is CHMS, so let's see a clear comparison (adjusted for the little inflation that has occurred since it was built).	5/15/2016 8:38 AM
89	I think you may want to consider a design that can be built upon over time. There was one design with green roofs. Very nice - comes off as extravagant. Maybe build the space and then over time finish each roof.	5/14/2016 7:57 PM
90	would be much more in favor of this if teacher contracts/union were not completely out of control and outside of market conditions. Money to support pensions, benefits and salaries is used when should be better balance for students.	5/14/2016 5:52 PM
91	Be wise stewards with the money entrusted to you, whatever the amount.	5/14/2016 4:53 PM
92	HMS students are smart, HMS teachers are good. HMS is a Blue Ribbon School now, even though the physical plant is lacking. We don't need a showplace school. We need a solid, utilitarian school at a reasonable price.	5/14/2016 3:13 PM
93	District 181 is corrupt, greedy and believes that the tax payers are not paying attention. The building of the mobile units in late summer 2015 was done deliberately to "scare" the public. Also, the email message to the parents of the middle schoolers, in particular the 6th grade parents, that some learning would have to be done outside because some mobile units were not ready was done intentionally to instill fear and anger. All it does is show how incompetent and devious District 181 is. You should be ashamed of yourselves and you do not deserve the respect and trust of the tax payers. For a future potential referendum, you should consider firing all those involved in the creation of the first one and then create a reasonable referendum in cost and design that the entire population of District 181 can support. Best wishes.	5/14/2016 2:45 PM
94	Move to Robbins park or the soccer field on Hinsdale avenue(47th st)	5/14/2016 2:30 PM
95	We don't need the best facilities to properly educate our kids at the top level Hinsdale expects. We need the best teachers and classroom experiences. A running track, auditorium, stadium turf, and parking garage do absolutely nothing to advance the education of the students. That is where you swung and missed!	5/14/2016 2:20 PM
96	We do not need a Taj Mahal with every bell and whistle, just a good, well designed and realistically priced new school	5/14/2016 2:05 PM
97	Money is cheap at the moment. Lock in to longer term debt and reject plan for larger increases to current taxpayers.	5/14/2016 12:44 PM
98	Moving the school may be an option to a more cost effective location , but there is uniqueness about it being near downtown and the library.	5/14/2016 10:16 AM
99	No	5/14/2016 9:49 AM
100	Look at what is needed overall. Forget about what may or may not benefit your child directly. All schools will not have the same facilities, but all schools can benefit from an auditorium at HMS. If you feel the middle schools should be equal, then put all the 6th graders at CHMS in portable classrooms. It is way past time to correct the mistakes made by district 181 in the 1970's when the current HMS was built.	5/14/2016 9:36 AM
101	Resignation as a group would be delightful.	5/14/2016 9:12 AM
102	Yes. Simply ask voters if we would prefer if you spent OUR money for a less costly option like the \$6 million to completely fix all the current building issues and possibly a little more for improved athletic facilities such as a turf field.	5/14/2016 8:40 AM
103	Respect the 1st referendum outcome -- the voters are not in favor of higher taxes.	5/14/2016 7:55 AM
104	Another referendum costs money, a third one even more. Let's rather put that cost into the new building. Clarendon Hills should pay for their schools with their taxes and Hinsdale should pay for their schools with their taxes.	5/13/2016 11:12 PM
105	Yes, reduce costs significantly! The real estate tax burden in Hinsdale has become unbearable and piling on with a lavish school needlessly adds to the pain.	5/13/2016 10:09 PM
106	The taxpayers have voted-accept the results.	5/13/2016 8:40 PM
107	Both middle schools should offer the same amenities to the students.	5/13/2016 8:34 PM
108	Yes, stop wasting money!	5/13/2016 6:56 PM
109	I think the board and admin needs to find a way to have CHMS areas have "skin in the game". It is too easy to ignore someone else's problems.	5/13/2016 6:49 PM
110	Think of the children and the value that will be added to the community.	5/13/2016 5:09 PM

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111	Honestly--and I realize that this may well be a perception issue and not reality--but it appeared that there was not enough pressure exerted to keep the costs down. I realize it's always a balancing act between having the ideal school and having a less expensive school, and my preference would be for it to be a bit more on the cost-effective side.	5/13/2016 3:44 PM
112	Get this passed. HMS is a total disaster! This is Hinsdale and our kids are going to school in trailers with a leaky, moldy gym.	5/13/2016 2:42 PM
113	The Community House has learned from past financial crisis that they need to seek out the backing of corporations with leaders in the community. Though I know it is more of a challenge for a public school to have the same structure, the LEADERS that can motivate their friends to support the D181 efforts MUST be brought into the fold -- start a conversation that gets the traditional leaders AND the younger heads of households working TOGETHER for success. Look the backers that The Community House has -- http://www.thecommunityhouse.org/how-you-can-help/community-partners/ Expand that list so there are few younger physicians, attorneys, traders, and executives from firms like McDonalds on the list and things like a district wide fund will be successful. Ignore these folks and they will not work to support any proposal...	5/13/2016 1:33 PM
114	We have to figure out what Clarendon Hills voters are going to hold HMS hostage over and work towards a compromise. I am disappointed to see that the HS referendum is going to be so expensive. It will be really hard to get voters to agree to both at the same time. Especially since the HS seems to be "nice to have" but HMS is a "need to have"	5/13/2016 1:03 PM
115	If the design needs to be revised to cut costs, the design priorities must continue to accommodate student population for the long term and increase parking. If possible, keep amenities such as auditorium.	5/13/2016 1:02 PM
116	No	5/13/2016 12:57 PM
117	I wish you all the best. I support the referendum. We just need to get the right cost so enough of the community can support it. Surveying the dissenters is probably a great start. Good luck.	5/13/2016 12:46 PM
118	cost	5/13/2016 12:07 PM
119	Support needs to be generated at grass roots level--kids, teachers, and staff at CHMS need to feel the importance of a new middle school...and need to have consequences if not built--like their educational comfort is a risk	5/13/2016 11:40 AM
120	Just don't	5/13/2016 11:35 AM
121	Concerning HMS, yes. Perhaps do this in phases focusing on current NEEDS (not an elevated track or synthetic turf) first...	5/13/2016 11:29 AM
122	Good luck!!	5/13/2016 11:28 AM
123	Your biased approach to try and tax us more failed, move on to something else. The people have spoken, stop trying to manipulate the process and try to get it passed again. Fix the school as needed, its only 40 yrs old.	5/13/2016 10:56 AM
124	I have always been concerned about the thinness of the walls in regards to a fire. Is the school safety fire codes "Grandfathered in;" thus not matching the new fire safety codes? If so, I believe pushing the issue on fire safety and other type of grandfathered safety codes, like the size of the stairs...too narrow; along with lowering the cost might get the referendum passed in November. Also, a louder voice on the concern for health of the kids due to the old building; not much was heard throughout the community beforehand.	5/13/2016 10:55 AM
125	Consider the costs of teacher salaries/benefits that continue to rise and would be an additional tax burden to residents before you ask for even more money to demolish and rebuild a school.	5/13/2016 10:51 AM
126	Yes - communicate the problems that need to be solved. Take photos of the congestion, engage a PR company to really lobby the local residents and inform them of the problems PLUS the benefits of a better equipped school.	5/13/2016 10:50 AM
127	Best school district is the fundamental reason for desirability and increasing property values in this area, if schools are not able to provide the best environment for district children, it will negatively affect the home buying decision of future buyers and house values will suffer more than the increased property tax. I would like to see this idea pitched with next round of referendum.	5/13/2016 10:49 AM
128	As a new resident to the area the referendum seemed extravagant and a bit chaotic with all the cost changes. It is hard to believe a more sensible plan could not have been developed in a reasonable period of time. Based on the overwhelming defeat of the referendum is seems like community feedback is needed throughout the process to ensure that what is being proposed is what the majority wants.	5/13/2016 10:40 AM
129	No	5/13/2016 10:24 AM
130	NO	5/13/2016 10:09 AM
131	I REALLY want HMS to be rebuilt so it is a safe school. My current 4th grader currently calls it "the sick school" and is terrified to go there.	5/13/2016 8:23 AM

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132	What does this mean for parents in the Monroe School district that feed into CHMS? Throughout this process, the only impact I can see is: 1.) Positive momentum for the Hinsdale community and 2.) Higher taxes. My 3.5 year old, whom we plan on sending to Monroe and CHMS won't benefit directly. Even though I voted for the referendum, I struggled to support extravagant costs for only benefits 1. and 2. noted above.	5/13/2016 7:25 AM
133	Explain to residence the cost increases since CHMS was built. Via your seem to just keep comparing and the 2 facilities are very different in what they will offer, costs have increased since then and the facilities will be available to all d181 taxpayers.	5/13/2016 6:56 AM
134	If folks in Hinsdale are so keen on building it, at that ridiculous budget, create a path where just those.residents would be taxed on over ride that would cover the coat delta.	5/13/2016 6:38 AM
135	As a previous D181 BOE member who served on this BOE when previous referendum were passed, I would absolutely advise not to run another referendum in November 2016 when D86 is probably going to run its referendum. Also, there is not sufficient time to follow a proper process to review and refresh the proposed HMS design and have the referendum marketed properly by Nov. 2016. Do it right this time with out the mistakes that occurred in the March 2016 referendum!	5/12/2016 11:30 PM
136	Tell people how to get involved. We want to help get this passed! Good luck :)	5/12/2016 9:57 PM
137	Most of us agree HMS needs a new school. In today's market, we MUST be fiscally conscientious and build a nice school that meets student needs and nothing more. Eliminate bells, whistles and "wants". Use CHMS as a model of school that meets students needs without the bells and whistles. Having a walking track and auditorium will NOT improve my children's educational outcome!	5/12/2016 6:52 PM
138	Next time you will get hit on why "instructional" money spent at CHMS is much lower than HMS? Better be able to explain that or Cl. Hills folks will all vote no.If you need a parking garage build it tastefully in the train station parking lot just north of the tracks between Lincoln & Washington Streets.	5/12/2016 5:37 PM
139	I would like to see the board also look at options for repairing the existing HMS.	5/12/2016 5:10 PM
140	If the district truly want to determine the range of supporters and defenders there needs to be MORE OUTREACH. Set up a little tent at Dancin' In The Streets (I heard this was done to garner support for the Clarendon Hills Police Station construction...), the Fourth of July Parade, get the BOE members or Facilities Cmt volunteers out there and let folks "buttonhole" them...	5/12/2016 5:06 PM
141	Keep it cheap. My taxes are high enough.	5/12/2016 5:05 PM
142	yes	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
143	LOWER THE COST.	5/12/2016 4:25 PM
144	How to make the new building functional and state of the art without breaking the bank. Figure out what is vital for student learning, how the building can also provide services for the community to "rent" or borrow to generate revenues to offset the cost, determine what is a want versus a need.	5/12/2016 4:19 PM
145	No	5/12/2016 3:49 PM
146	No. Good luck. Do it well and it will happen.	5/12/2016 3:45 PM
147	If it's not passed, make use of both schools for all of 181. Either a lottery system or certain grades in each school.	5/12/2016 3:44 PM
148	Scale back. This is a 3 year middle school not a high school.	5/12/2016 3:43 PM
149	No. This is a big enough task.	5/12/2016 3:36 PM
150	It becomes increasingly difficult as each referendum fails therefor the 2nd one must be reduced & extra time used to present full details. Emphasize why so many invest in our communities. Schools are a very important reason.w	5/12/2016 3:22 PM
151	For now Claridon hills needs to share the burden of this on livable space known as Hinsdale middle school. We need to move Claridon hills residence say all the seventh and eighth graders to HMS and put all the six graders and special ed at CH for now Clarendon Hills needs to share the burden of this on livable space known as Hinsdale middle school. We need to move Claridon hills residence say all the seventh and eighth graders to HMS and put all the six graders and offices at CHMS. I think it would impact the vote drastically if Clarendon hills new their children would be attending the school.	5/12/2016 3:05 PM
152	Nothing else. But...(I'm a researcher)...	5/12/2016 2:24 PM
153	No	5/12/2016 2:13 PM
154	Learn from past mistakes. The initial CHMS referenda were also too expensive. Build based on needs and not wants.	5/12/2016 1:36 PM
155	Private funding with naming rights will get you over any hurdle in building the school. The ego manics in southeast hinsdale would love to put their names on the auditorium, the running track etc.	5/12/2016 12:58 PM

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156	Don't give up - The current building is completely inadequate, outdated, and is an ear sore both internal and external. The current building also negatively affects the property values. A big draw for young families to Hinsdale is the quality of our schools and the "affordable" areas of Hinsdale are within the HMS boundaries. Don't give up	5/12/2016 12:45 PM
157	No	5/12/2016 12:45 PM
158	The school was already outdated when it was built. Replace it as soon as you can. I have not a child in Hinsdale schools in 14 years and if I am willing to support this change so are others. Reach out.	5/12/2016 12:37 PM
159	More focus on educating our kids instead of all the focus on a new school.	5/12/2016 12:31 PM
160	Fix the existing building - most school houses last 50 years - why can't ours?	5/12/2016 12:31 PM
161	Consider that everyone values education. In this day and age when all you hear are big numbers and tax hikes when the taxes we pay are already considerable it is hard to get approval. Come up with a reasonable alternative to the last referendum. The district should look seriously as to where they spend money and see where cutbacks can be made so that the burden isn't only on the taxpayers.	5/12/2016 12:07 PM
162	You have greater chance of success in Nov 2016, as more people will be voting ...	5/12/2016 11:46 AM
163	If this is not added to the ballot, then add a lottery system to the ballot. Allow HMS kids to attend CHMS...and force CHMS kids (and families) to experience HMS...would change opinions in a hurry...since we as HMS families are still paying for the new CHMS in our taxes anyways.	5/12/2016 11:37 AM
164	don't spend money like liberal sailors	5/12/2016 11:31 AM
165	The cost of the project and the fact that two other taxing entities plan to ask for more funding.	5/12/2016 11:29 AM
166	Is there a way to reduce the payments in the first couple of years (even though it will increase the total cost) such that people will not see an increase in their taxes? I think this would help optically. As mentioned above, I also think keeping the cost at or just below \$50 million would be good optically. Finally, I think removing or reducing some of the items that people felt were "extravagant" would help to persuade the people in the CHMS district that they are not overpaying. I would STRONGLY recommend that the board put this up for vote this November. I think we are very close, and with a few tweaks we can get this approved.	5/12/2016 11:05 AM
167	We need to be more cost sensitive. I have no interest in spending \$65 million on a new school	5/12/2016 11:01 AM
168	More information prior to vote in one email not several piece meal emails, we are all busy these days and inundated with emails...	5/12/2016 10:57 AM
169	I hope they provide a lasting solution for a structure that is safe and conducive to an academic environment	5/12/2016 10:21 AM
170	I think I have explained my opinions quite clearly and every other person who I know who voted no has the same opinions	5/12/2016 10:12 AM
171	Do not have kids go to Clarendon hills middle school for 1 grade and hinsdale middle school for the other grades (this was discussed). Kids should go to one middle school for their entire middle school career.	5/12/2016 10:04 AM
172	HMS students will continue to suffer from our subpar facilities. My family did not move to Hinsdale to deal with this kind of ineptitude. If Board members cannot successfully deliver a proposal endorsed by the community, each member should accept his incompetence and should NOT seek re-election. Solve the problem or step aside.	5/12/2016 10:02 AM
173	Addressing the Clarendon Hills voter conflict - those residents will vote against a new HMS because their town already has a new middle school.	5/12/2016 9:57 AM
174	Perhaps consider replacing this architect. I would also say that the comments/actions from the YesHMS group added to my negative opinion the referendum. There seemed to be too much self-interest and not enough consideration of the broader community's opinions.	5/12/2016 9:53 AM
175	Having taught in a district with similar facilities issues I say press on. Education is such a high priority for the community members of D181--quality, size appropriate facilities enhance and contribute to a positive academic experience.	5/12/2016 9:51 AM
176	You assume referendum is required but you should consider slightly improving Hingis In case you haven't noticed the taxpayer isn't flourishing now You have responsibility to respect those who pay the bills who are consistently ignored Cut costs staff teacher benefits before bleeding taxpayers further	5/12/2016 9:48 AM
177	Why not get corporate funding ? That would help Frey the cost	5/12/2016 9:43 AM

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178	The parking garage would be useful for the downtown shopping and seems like a good idea with village benefits. Consider putting the auditorium at CHMS to buy off the portion of the vote that is parochial, and they can share it with concert from both schools. The gym there is not particularly good for concerts either. Then everybody gets something out of the vote and space is saved at the downtown location, which has very little extra space due the density around it. Maybe this eliminates the need for the parking garage here, but would require more parking at CHMS? On the survey you didn't put a space for ideas for moving the school, so I will note that there seems like there should be a creative solution there to moving it to another location, including to the park next to the Highlands station, which is pretty but next to the tracks and not much used, its basically just a buffer park. A school would provide a good buffer too. Then you could sell the land downtown for commercial development and raise some money, or expand the park downtown as part of the exchange for green land. This would eliminate issues during the transition period of construction for students being ferried around town. I know these ideas have been explored and have backlash issues. I don't buy the argument that you would have to transport "all" students to the middle school from a new location. Any location you pick will have some people living closer and some further away. You're not building it in Elmhurst...	5/12/2016 9:41 AM
179	Just roll out the information as quickly as possible.	5/12/2016 9:32 AM
180	Ignore the haters who will never votes yes...you need to determine where there is a real opportunity to sway a no-voter or convince a bystander to vote in support. The CHMS parents have no skin in the game and the board needs to make it know that, if this fails again, a lottery system must be employed to allow all D181 kids equal access to the "safe and learning-conducive" CHMS school...not a threat just a promise of equality...do that and many of the "whats in it for me" NO voters will support the new HMS plan	5/12/2016 9:30 AM
181	seek private local donors to help supplement the funding of the school, specifically when it comes to the "special" aspects of the school. The plan should be basic (funded by taxpayers), and special features (turf or parking garage) paid for by donors.	5/12/2016 9:29 AM
182	take out the unnecessary items	5/12/2016 9:27 AM
183	Explain due diligence and utilize multiple bidders.	5/12/2016 9:25 AM
184	Remind former parents how bad that school really is- kids are too young to really know and parents aren't at the school enough years to know its flaws. Use the air quality issues,not just the aesthetics.	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
185	be realistic in what is NEEDED- not wanted.. space for learning	5/12/2016 9:21 AM
186	Obtain more bids	5/12/2016 9:01 AM
187	Let people know mold and mildew problems. Outdated. Elevtors and lack of them.	5/12/2016 8:56 AM
188	The design and cost of the new school does not need to be so grand. We should not be building a "church for the Easter Sunday services". The constantly changing costs were very alarming - the Board did not seem to have its facts straight and rammed this through. The cost is shouldered by the masses and not just the more fortunate residents of the District. The cost is outrageous especially since we just received a RE tax bill that was up 9% without the school costs.	5/12/2016 8:55 AM
189	mail out flyers with basic blueprint & costs & location info before voting day to all d181 households. Include # of quotes received from builders on the same exact plan (including builders who made CHMS), time frame to build & amount of increased tax burden it would mean for each family. Be clear how it affects each household.	5/12/2016 8:51 AM
190	Other options for the middle school students of D181 need to be explored if a bigger school is not in the future for HMS. This building has been ignored for too long.	5/12/2016 8:48 AM
191	Don't rush the process again. Make sure you have more buy-in before presenting it. I think in general people feel like a very expensive proposal was quickly rushed out the door vs. considering all options and maybe taking more community feedback (like these surveys) before. Most of us have busy lives and can't make board meetings.	5/12/2016 8:47 AM
192	I have heard that the referendum failed because CH residents were against it. As a CH resident, My feeling is that if you reduce the total cost and provide the residents with accurate information about the project, people will vote for it. We all realize the need for a new HMS and are prepared to pay for it. Just come up with something more reasonable.	5/12/2016 7:59 AM
193	Carefully think it through. And be cost conscious. Spend the money as if it were your own. It's not fair to just expect that taxpayers will absorb it. And it will end up costing more, construction always ends up running over. Don't expect the taxpayers to just pay it. There is definitely a need for a new middle school, just be mindful of the cost.	5/12/2016 6:49 AM
194	Have the people who utilize that middle school contribute more? Not sure if that is possible as I am u sure how the break down of taxation occurs.	5/11/2016 10:27 PM
195	additional classrooms to fulfill student needs.	5/11/2016 9:58 PM
196	HMS and CHMS should be comparable with all amenities and budget for improvements	5/11/2016 9:45 PM

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197	The first press release on this project left a bad taste in my mouth. It was drawing of a possible middle school for the site which looked like it belonged on a college campus and the range in cost was so dramatic that it was clear to me someone didn't do their homework before presenting it to the public. I started to question the integrity of the individuals involved.	5/11/2016 9:20 PM
198	Find a new site	5/11/2016 8:51 PM
199	Sometimes, I think we should change Hinsdale's name to the Village of Entitlement. Getting everyone to feel part of and not in control of is quite a job.	5/11/2016 8:32 PM
200	Find ways to REDUCE the tax assessment. It is currently way too high for a district of this size.	5/11/2016 8:14 PM
201	Realistic balance between quality/modern facility and cost	5/11/2016 8:10 PM
202	There is NO NEED to rebuild the school. Remodeling is the best choice. We cannot pay more taxes than what we are paying right now.	5/11/2016 5:54 PM
203	Lower project cost and no tax increases	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
204	Live within your means and stop overspending	5/11/2016 4:44 PM
205	I think Clarendon hills and hinsdale have similar tax brackets and CHMS is a very nice middle school and I don't think hinsdale needs to be twice as expensive when people in Clarendon Hills are paying for the school too.	5/11/2016 4:39 PM
206	Get Prospect and Walker communities more involved - they need to better understand how the new school helps us all.	5/11/2016 4:34 PM
207	Spend our taxes wisely	5/11/2016 4:33 PM
208	I do believe there is support within the D181 community to build a new HMS, but the cost and the "extras" were too much for the community.	5/11/2016 3:33 PM
209	I think transparency is foremost. If D86 is going to be coming to the taxpayers with a referendum at the same time, let that be known. I have already heard that is coming. And, the taxpayers should not be blindsided or feel like you slipped one past them. You have a responsibility to the taxpayers first. Curriculum and teachers second and building facilities last. Remember - Haves and have nots! Be grounded in needs not wants!	5/11/2016 3:20 PM
210	I like the way the high school is approaching their referendum. It seems to be looking at all of their needs. D181 is now talking about the master facilities list and how that needs to be considered in conjunction with the referendum. Also - just provide the actual answers to questions. Once the district finally said that Robbins Park is on a peat bog and building would be extremely difficult or impossible, I'm now satisfied that the spot doesn't work. This information wasn't given out until after the referendum failed.	5/11/2016 2:29 PM
211	If you are going to come at us for d86 too then keep that in mind. Not everyone can afford	5/11/2016 2:09 PM
212	Make sure the whole board is behind it	5/11/2016 1:47 PM
213	Population changes, possible declining enrollment and what is the true long range cost if our best students don't return to Illinois. Allocation of capital and how to spend within our means, is our next test as a district, village, state and nation.	5/11/2016 1:42 PM
214	No	5/11/2016 1:32 PM
215	Listen to the voters. The Board will not push this onto the residents of the district. Running the proposal multiple times hoping for passage is the height of governmental arrogance.	5/11/2016 1:29 PM
216	look at the cost of other recent buildings (CHMS and other communities) and adjust for inflation- no need to triple the cost.	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
217	\$65 Million is insane! It should be around \$20 million. It's a middle school building.	5/11/2016 1:23 PM
218	Yes, please give up on this referendum. Not going to pass. I didn't take an active role in fighting this referendum last time but will do so if you put it on the ballot again. Sounds like we are in grade school and you are asking for a 're-do.'	5/11/2016 11:27 AM
219	Just total cost and tax implications.	5/11/2016 10:20 AM
220	no	5/11/2016 10:17 AM
221	A new school is a need not a want.	5/11/2016 10:13 AM
222	We don't need grandiose plans. Just a good educational environment.	5/11/2016 9:46 AM
223	People (especially those without school-aged kids) might be more inclined to vote for it if they knew their property value would go up. Perhaps this should be communicated and/or studied.	5/11/2016 9:32 AM

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224	We screwed up in 1976 and must build a process that communicates a well conceived current plan. The goals and objectives for the project must be clearly stated and agreed by the voters. The plan must make sense at its basic levels and the community must learn to trust those who are putting forth the plan. I am concerned that this will take some time. The plan that exists may be very good - I admit I have no confidence in the process that took place leading to the failed referendum and therefore, have no confidence in the plan. This must be corrected.	5/10/2016 11:53 PM
225	Please consider all schools in any bond issuances. It is senseless to make this about just one school; take the same amount of money, spread the benefit among all taxpayers, and support will be more likely.	5/10/2016 10:00 PM
226	It will only pass if the Board is fiscally responsible.	5/10/2016 8:58 PM
227	no	5/10/2016 8:29 PM
228	No	5/10/2016 7:34 PM
229	Good luck. Those with no vision of the investment in our children and community will block.	5/10/2016 7:22 PM
230	A new middle school is a must. It is embarrassing to be living in such a respected community and have our kids schooled in the kind of environment HMS is currently providing.	5/10/2016 4:05 PM
231	not sure	5/10/2016 4:03 PM
232	the bidding process felt like a cheap bidder was selected and then they were allowed to add on lots of money after the fact. that didn't seem fair.	5/10/2016 3:47 PM
233	The board should not run this referendum again. It failed and the vote was not even close. Is the goal of the board to run the referendum over and over again until it passes? If so, the board is fiscally irresponsible. Just because District 181 is located in an upper middle class suburb, does not mean that the board has a blank check to build an extravagant new school that is not needed. Make the necessary repairs to the current middle school which is only 40 years old.	5/10/2016 2:32 PM
234	How to get CHMS residents on board - they need some buy in / incentive to support by changing the current way kids are divided so they also use HMS and current HMS residents are not left with a moldy, unsafe school for 3 full years of their child's education while the work is done to put another proposal together which can pass.	5/10/2016 1:49 PM
235	Feedback from HMS grads and what they thought of their learning environment.	5/10/2016 1:27 PM
236	You've got to convey the win-win: the schools have to be nice for our town and property values to remain prosperous.	5/10/2016 12:55 PM
237	The Board and administration should be sensitive to the rising real estate tax burden in the Village. As noted above, this is a concern, especially to long time residents. Our cost per student in the District is already quite high relative to state and national averages. Adding to the cost by asking for a 30% to 50% tax increase on the D181 line item to cover the debt issuance is a big ask, and should be handled accordingly. It is unfortunate that such a poorly conceived building was approved in the seventies. There are many schools and similar public buildings with useful lives much greater than 40 years. That said, I understand the request for a new facility, but ask that the Board and administration exercise appropriate judgment in separating needs from wants and wishes.	5/10/2016 12:43 PM
238	YES - make the community aware of what the HMS students and teachers have to deal with at that building. While CHMS students were learning my daughter was sitting in a classroom drying off science books when a pipe burst. While CHMS students enjoying PE, my daughter was running around buckets in the gym, trying not to fall during PE. While CHMS students were learning, my daughter sat in a room on the second floor with a leak last year and listened to basketball dribbling on the 3rd floor above. Ethically wrong not to do something about that building and pouring chemicals on the metal roof will not solve its problem. Now in addition to mold, they will probably breathe in carcinogens. A disgrace. Look for cost cuts not just to the proposal but also the district budget. Communicate the INCREMENTAL costs; identify what D181 will save by not keeping the building.	5/10/2016 12:38 PM
239	Perhaps the plans for a gut/rehab should be made public. RFP's and costs associated.	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
240	The Board really needs to slow down and be unified before going to a vote. Do NOT rush to get this on the same ballot as our already confused national election!	5/10/2016 12:26 PM
241	The proposal to have all middle school students of D181 attend both schools (CMS in 6th grade and HMS in 7th and 8th grade) is the best way to ensure that all voters have an equal stake in the costs and benefits of the new school.	5/10/2016 11:50 AM
242	no	5/10/2016 11:45 AM
243	Offer frequent tours of the current HMS and do all it can to encourage people to go. Once they see for themselves, the choice becomes more obvious. Also, publishing testimonials from former teachers, students, etc. who have experienced health issues as a result of their time at HMS may influence the community's vote as well.	5/10/2016 11:32 AM
244	I am concerned that a referendum in November will have a lot of negative votes given the political atmosphere in the presidential race. I feel that this was part of the reason the March referendum was defeated.	5/10/2016 11:31 AM

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245	The original plan for HMS was not wrong, until they added the sixth grade.	5/10/2016 10:58 AM
246	I suggest you run a campaign via postal mail and email, and down-loadable app, in which residents can see the impact to their property tax bill.	5/10/2016 10:56 AM
247	Yes, act professionally on behalf of the community.	5/10/2016 10:20 AM
248	Keep up the good work! Continue to stay transparent. Continue to get feedback. Continue to remain professional. Do what is right for the students and staff in this district. It is for their benefit! Let's not let anyone lose sight of that. Best wishes as you continue the journey towards a positive solution to a very real facilities problem.	5/10/2016 10:19 AM
249	Consider possible need to tie in with any d86 referendum for improvements at H. Central, as could then capture C. Hills and non-Hinsdale support as part of package deal or try to get own referendum voted on separately first bf taxpayers tired of approving referendums	5/10/2016 9:46 AM
250	No	5/10/2016 9:41 AM
251	Keep the focus and do not let this discourage the team. We need a new school and the community will support it but if you are going to spend \$65M we need to have a more sound plan not one that is rushed and changes all of the time.	5/10/2016 9:07 AM
252	No just stay focused on a new reasonable building in the current location. Stop creating too many complexities and choices. KISS is what my boss says (Keep it Simple Son):)	5/10/2016 8:38 AM
253	Keep trying to gt it the building we are in is a sick building and not healthy for students and staff.	5/10/2016 8:17 AM
254	Timing and cost will be key to passing. Residents are watching the cost and plans for this school.	5/10/2016 12:17 AM
255	Yes, as mentioned above. It has been communicated that capital improvements are needed at the other 181 schools yet it does not seem that these are being factored in. Present a comprehensive plan at referendum time.	5/9/2016 10:27 PM
256	Build something reasonable and it will pass easily. Everyone understands something must be done. Don't build any statement pieces! This doesn't lead to better education. Propose a design appropriate for junior high kids and resist the desire of this board to make the cover of Architectural Digest.	5/9/2016 10:16 PM
257	It is insulting to continue to have referenda until you get an answer you want. I think the last vote was pretty clear.	5/9/2016 9:59 PM
258	Quickly bullying this through isn't the answer. Please be sensible. If cost are reasonable, I'm sure more would be in favor.	5/9/2016 9:05 PM
259	A new school needs to be built ASAP. All board members need to come together and find a plan that they all can support. The longer it goes on, the more divided our community is going to be.	5/9/2016 9:02 PM
260	No	5/9/2016 8:36 PM
261	HMS is perhaps the most pressing issue in this town right now. Failure to find a solution not only lets down the children but all the residents as the current school only falls into further disrepair, the quality of education diminishes and potential residents choose other towns to reside. This will result in falling property values, declining tax base and more. Money is certainly cheap right now, there is an urgent need for a new facility and a modest tax increase for a short period of time across the district is certainly not asking too much to keep this one of the best disticts in the state. Get it done, now.	5/9/2016 8:34 PM
262	The architectural sketches were most unsatisfactory. No idea of how the buildings related to downtown Hinsdale, not even any street names. When I did figure them out one was 90 degrees mislabeled. The design itself is about as kid-friendly as a hospital.	5/9/2016 8:04 PM
263	Future considerations of curriculum attendance numbers and national trends that will impact our school buildings	5/9/2016 7:56 PM
264	Fix the Learning for All curriculum fiasco and you'll go a long way in building parents' confidence in this administration's and BOE's ability to also manage a well thought out, practical HMS construction project.	5/9/2016 7:52 PM
265	Get parents of current students out knocking on doors.	5/9/2016 5:53 PM
266	Get it done	5/9/2016 5:44 PM
267	Very disappointed in the Board selection of the engineering firm. They obviously had no idea what a school costs. I realize new features were added to the existing proposal but they should of let everyone know what was happening to the cost. I have very little faith in the engineering firm that the Board selected and paid. I have no faith in the construction firms and their estimates. It appears to me that the Board has no one looking out for us TAXPAYERS.	5/9/2016 5:27 PM
268	with village newsletter to cover those households without kids in schools.	5/9/2016 5:16 PM
269	Be honest, open and transparent. Please plan with goal of successful referendum that can bridge the divide in this community. I want a new hms for my kids but not a new hms that is not well thought out and expensive and rushed. I want architects whose goal is to designs functional, efficient, cost effective building that is within a budget of \$45 million.	5/9/2016 4:59 PM

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270	Create a more modest proposal, bombard people with information outlining why building a new school makes sense vs. wasting money maintaining that current dump of a building and focus on selling it to non-HMS future parents (they are already voting 'yes')	5/9/2016 4:47 PM
271	Monroe should feed into HMS. Make new HMS bigger and then CHMS won't be as crowded. I don't trust population predictions. The past projections have been wrong but at the end of the day, the only reason the majority of people live here is for the schools. And HMS is an unhealthy dump (The building only-teachers are great!!!)	5/9/2016 4:35 PM
272	I think the relevant parties need to highlight for voters what the differences will be between a new HMS and the not-so-long-ago constructed CMHS. Specifically, things like cost differences, space differences, design differences and why. I think the relevant parties also need to let voters know what the possible implications would be of another failed referendum (eg. possible grade sharing of middle schools)	5/9/2016 3:55 PM
273	No	5/9/2016 3:37 PM
274	Not at this time...	5/9/2016 3:12 PM
275	Significantly reduce the cost!!!!	5/9/2016 2:55 PM
276	This is a middle school...build a good middle school with appropriate facilities! Do not build the Taj Mahal! These communities are becoming more and more transient because the taxes keep going up...they need to be managed better and quite frankly the recommendation of \$65M was insulting.	5/9/2016 2:47 PM
277	Need to stress to the community that the auditorium and the parking garage will serve all of Hinsdale and the surrounding areas	5/9/2016 2:36 PM
278	Get the word out to preschool parents..they have no clue and their kids are the ones that will reap the benefits.	5/9/2016 2:10 PM
279	Help Clarendon Hills and non-parent residents realize this is an village improvement, and a requirement and not 90\$ million, but in line with other school renovations.	5/9/2016 1:04 PM
280	no	5/9/2016 1:02 PM
281	The connection between quality education and the facilities is a very overblown argument. Find better reasons to spend so much money.	5/9/2016 12:45 PM
282	Please keep the proposal and spaces in the new school realistic. This building does not have to have every amenity and follow all the latest trends. Sensible designs, floor plans, and layouts are what matter most.	5/9/2016 12:25 PM
283	If the tax increase is lower, even tho it takes longer to pay for the school, isn't the cost born by a broader public. As older residents move out and younger with children move in. Just a thought.	5/9/2016 11:59 AM
284	again to make sure this is really well thought out and presented to all. Have universal board and community support	5/9/2016 11:56 AM
285	We live in a very competitive community - it's simply a fact. This is why any design that is seen as "better" than CHMS will not be supported by CH voters.	5/9/2016 11:54 AM
286	In order to pass, I'm sure the price has to be lowered. Don't give up on how badly a new school is needed. Present the plan with solid arguments as to why each component is needed, and stand strong that these are not "extravagances" for the students. I'm sure that a lot of residents in the HMS area voted "yes" for the referendum for CHMS to be built, now all residents should support a new school for HMS students.	5/9/2016 11:50 AM
287	This is a middle school that feeds into HCHS - keep the design in perspective - this should not be a state-of -the art higher learning campus - it is a middle school. Appropriate learning can be effective in safe, conservative classrooms and surroundings. The first proposal was over the top in design, amenities and cost.	5/9/2016 11:47 AM
288	Consider shifting students between CHMS and HMS for different grades--if there are more stakeholders attending HMS, the referendum stands a better chance of being passed. ADDITIONALLY, do a better job promoting the community based volunteer review board that approved the first plan. Voters need to understand that their well-respected PEERS signed off on the first plan, it was not only reviewed by D181 and the school board.	5/9/2016 11:12 AM
289	out-reach to Catholic school parents and Clarendon Hills parents many of whom feel that they should not have to contribute to the overall well-being of the school district despite being residents	5/9/2016 10:43 AM
290	Please use some common sense when it comes to design ie don't go with the hot new idea like the open classroom used for the current school and consider pricing.	5/9/2016 10:39 AM
291	Rehab the present building	5/9/2016 10:32 AM
292	Change the attendance structure to get Clarendon Hills residents motivated. All district 181 students attend HMS for 6th grade. 7th and 8th grade, all students attend CHMS. There has to be a carrot or stick to incentivize Clarendon Hills to vote in favor of the referendum. Perhaps offer part of the bond money to go to repairing CHMS.	5/9/2016 10:18 AM

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293	I think having parking and auditorium are good for the community, not just the kids at hms. These factors could increase general support from the community	5/9/2016 10:04 AM
294	Once cost cutting measures have been explored and utilized...the sooner the better!!! As a parent of a current HMS student, one on the way to HMS, and a future HMS student, I am hopeful that the community will get behind the next referendum. HMS in its current condition is completely inadequate and needs to be replaced. Thank you!!!	5/9/2016 9:59 AM
295	I think there was opposition from many CH residents from a "Hinsdale vs CH" perspective; seemed to be a real sensitivity that HMS would be "better" than CHMS because of the (mis)perception Hinsdale is "better" than CH. If the referendum does not pass, I think there needs to be a fair process to all residents that if HMS is to continue educating our kids in such horrific conditions, then ALL kids should have the opportunity to attend CHMS with a lottery of some sort. It isn't "fair" that based on living on one side of Route 83 or over the tracks, our children's learning environment is so drastically inequitable. I suspect more residents opposed would reconsider if they thought their kids had a real chance of having to attend HMS.	5/9/2016 9:56 AM
296	I support the need for a new facility for HMS...I just feel the pricetag is way too high.	5/9/2016 9:52 AM
297	\$65 mil was way to much to ask for to cover a mistake (existing school design). Find less expensive way to fix instead of throw away and start over	5/9/2016 9:49 AM
298	None at this time	5/9/2016 9:32 AM
299	Keep it realistic.	5/9/2016 9:28 AM
300	Control cost - bid bid bid all construction - and don't assume everybody likes higher taxes for something as silly as a 65 million middle school for a small districe	5/9/2016 8:51 AM
301	Don't propose another referendum	5/9/2016 8:34 AM
302	Replace the board.	5/9/2016 7:53 AM
303	We love our district and pay huge amounts of money for the staffing (perhaps that needs to be reduced?), so don't overkill us on building costs	5/8/2016 8:41 PM
304	Don't give up. Don't spend a lot of money trying to fix the current school. Try to rally as many people as possible to vote for the referendum.	5/8/2016 7:58 PM
305	I think we NEED a new HMS facility and that is something that needs to be addressed ASAP	5/8/2016 7:43 PM
306	Be sensible. These days, a high school, especially in our district is like a small college and probably needs more features in it's design. A middle school is, well, still a middle school. Though very necessary, it doesn't need a lot of bells and whistles. The children are more adaptable than in high school.	5/8/2016 6:28 PM
307	Your costs are way too high and the taxpayers suffer for it. Nobody trusts your judgement.	5/8/2016 5:53 PM
308	Don't try to be so sneaky about how you present it.	5/8/2016 5:43 PM
309	no	5/8/2016 5:12 PM
310	Best of luck! I support District 181!!!	5/8/2016 3:43 PM
311	Bust the teachers union and hire new teachers at sensible salaries.	5/8/2016 3:05 PM
312	cut the local residents a break. Are you sure the current school is unworkable?	5/8/2016 2:47 PM
313	The taxpayer. Show some restraint.	5/8/2016 2:17 PM
314	The Board needs to better connect with the community. It seemed arrogant in its expectations here. The Board has a lot of work to do to get back from that.	5/8/2016 1:59 PM
315	Yes. You have eroded my trust in your ability to act thoughtfully and responsibly. The proposed design was for a "dream school" that we cannot afford to fund. It went above and beyond the needs of our community and your rush to get it to the referendum sent a message of entitlement and thoughtlessness for what is best for our community as a whole. I also wonder whether you put out this ludicrous proposal knowing it would fail so that when you put forward your next proposal it would look more reasonable and get approved by the community more easily. I hope that was not your intention but I've heard this theory passing through Hinsdale on several occasions and, even if that was not your intent, it shows that people are speculating and questioning your intent. Do your homework, clearly and transparently communicate the true costs involved, listen to the concerns of others, and do so with the honorable intent of doing what's best for the kids and not for your own personal/group agendas.	5/8/2016 1:01 PM
316	Do not over build. Be sure you know the enrollment statistics. Taxpaper pockets are not bottomless pits for education. Build modestly - students are only in this building for 3 years not a lifetime.	5/8/2016 12:59 PM

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317	Cost. The Board seems to have forgotten how important cost is. Run this like you would a business. Not like you have access to unlimited funds to build a dream school building.	5/8/2016 11:54 AM
318	No, appreciate the efforts to getting to a final "Yes" vote in the future!	5/8/2016 11:50 AM
319	Common Sense. Seriously, an elevated running track for middle school.	5/8/2016 10:56 AM
320	The Board cannot be fiscally short sided, despite the absolute necessity that this school must be rebuilt. There is a need for more classroom teachers to increase the effectiveness of their education as well and this referendum is slowing down the effort the change classroom guidelines. The Board must reconcile all other issues with this need but not waste any more time doing so on a bias.	5/8/2016 10:40 AM
321	Eliminate CHMS and their families from our district.	5/8/2016 10:16 AM
322	Bid it out to an outside company. Compare with other communities, tell CHMS that they may get more students form Lane and Madison to elevate HMS over crowding. Tell them you will put trailers to accommodate.	5/8/2016 10:00 AM
323	Remember who they work for, the residents, and most importantly, they're there for the students!	5/8/2016 9:43 AM
324	How to change the attitude that it doesn't help my child.	5/8/2016 9:16 AM
325	I appreciate that the District reached out to understand . Even though I voted yes on the proposal , I do understand how many residents may feel and we need to incorporate that while increasing the tax burden , it should be evened out over a longer period so can balanced and also a practical but not over the top design	5/8/2016 9:14 AM
326	The school was built in 1976. Keep the building and make repairs.	5/8/2016 8:29 AM
327	Consider changing school boundaries so that more resident children can attend CHMS. Fewer resident children would then be considered in district for the new HMS and would reduce cost so the new HMS referendum can get passed and the building can be built quickly.	5/8/2016 8:27 AM
328	Let's keep HMS on par with what was done at Clarendon Hills Middle School (let's keep them equitable). Remember that what we WANT is not necessary what we NEED. Be truly prudent and efficient with my tax dollars. Let's not be Lincoln Way district. Build for slightly under the project maximum attendance. It's ok to use portables occasionally during temporary surges in attendance. Again -- these are 12 year olds. They don't need fancy buildings, they need meaningful instruction.	5/8/2016 8:22 AM
329	Repair the very poor streets near schools and all the streets in Hinsdale. Pot holes everywhere and very dangerous to drive in Hinsdale. Student and resident safety appears to not be a concern of anyone related to the village.	5/8/2016 8:08 AM
330	Please look for other funding sources like donation/gift and consider renaming HMS in exchange.	5/8/2016 8:06 AM
331	Including Monroe school to join the new middle school	5/8/2016 7:52 AM
332	THE REFERENDUM MUST BE FULLY SUPPORTED BY ALL 7 BOE MEMBERS!	5/7/2016 11:28 PM
333	Keep trying. We need a new school	5/7/2016 10:49 PM
334	Negotiate agreement with park district to swap existing razed, clean site with enough of Robbins Park to site the new HMS. Both d181 and park board are two trouser pockets of the same taxpayer. Get support of the village board for this trade and include the parking deck in village property.	5/7/2016 10:11 PM
335	You will NOT win on a presidential ballot. You need a low turnout election. Sorry, but that's the truth. You need to stop thinking that the HMS kids are more deserving and entitled than the other kids in D181. You need to address the attendance areas for each middle school. There is also a benefit to the students in sharing facilities at Hinsdale Central. Their comfort with those facilities helps the transition to HS.	5/7/2016 9:22 PM
336	A decrease in pensions for the teachers and administrators.	5/7/2016 7:33 PM
337	There was a wideread feeling that the failed referendum was rushed, that information and plans were incomplete, and that more qualified architects and builders should have been consulted/hired for this major, complicated project, which Hinsdale could be living with for 75-100 years. Also, the predictable, all-in support for the failed referendum from many familiar longstanding D-181 supporters was irritating and at times obnoxious. There simply was no talking with these people, no give in them for trying to find other solutions to problems with the HMS design and referendum. My-way-or-the-highway is out in this community. Get rid of the zealots, bring in new faces and fresh thinking. Thank you for this survey, and for your continued outreach to the community. I appreciate the district's efforts in this difficult task.	5/7/2016 6:06 PM
338	MORE TRANSPARENCY	5/7/2016 5:28 PM
339	Fiscal Responsibility Expand CHMS and sell HMS property.	5/7/2016 4:45 PM
340	Be frugal	5/7/2016 3:48 PM

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341	Everybody wants our children's education to be first class and our housing prices are correlated with the quality of that education. However, the school costs need to be justified and in keeping with the standards of other comparable school districts.	5/7/2016 3:21 PM
342	Total cost and tax impact are high and when combined with the District 86 upcoming request the compounded effect makes us think about moving! The combined capital request from both school districts is over \$100 million with no apparent synergies or long term strategic plan. Continuing a fragmented approach is not affordable nor sustainable. Merge the two school districts, eliminate redundant overhead, and build an overall strategic plan that makes sense instead of the current piecemeal approach. Why does the operating plan not have a capital replacement line item that builds up over time so that you don't have to keep increasing the taxes?	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
343	Creating a budget and then sticking with it and holding all parties accountable to the budget.	5/7/2016 2:26 PM
344	Me and my spouse are both professionals. We pay a massive amount of money to taxes at all levels that we expect will only increase. We are considering leaving Illinois due to the high taxes. The district needs to cut costs.	5/7/2016 2:00 PM
345	No. We just need a new middle school.	5/7/2016 1:38 PM
346	Facts facts facts I think you did a reasonable job on the last round, albeit tardy in timing, start earlier.	5/7/2016 1:32 PM
347	This is a middle school, not a high school & does not need to be a show piece. It's important to keep in mind the needs of the age of middle school students. Excellence of staff is most important. There is no need to tear down the present building & carry a large debt. The facility can be rehabilitated to bring it up to present day standards. An addition is all that is needed for a gym & for any other classroom space.	5/7/2016 1:00 PM
348	I think teachers who don't live in the district need to understand the tax burden that our residents already have. Our family is at it's tax limit!	5/7/2016 12:53 PM
349	trend of class sizes.....teachers salaries.....	5/7/2016 11:58 AM
350	n/a	5/7/2016 11:21 AM
351	The need for a new school is pretty clear. Maybe sell the benefits to the broader community (people w/o students or in other towns) of strong schools to property values.	5/7/2016 10:51 AM
352	Try to be a better custodian of our tax dollars. The existing middle school looks like it had inherent design flaws that limited its useful life. Reassure us that the new school is well designed and will have a long useful life.	5/7/2016 10:41 AM
353	I have heard at another event from a group of parents that the architect has already come back with figures that are lower...do you trust him? Didn't the district ask for his best price to begin with? Seems like we were taken advantage of by the architect. We may be considered a "wealthy" community but we are also "smart" when it comes to costs. I would never have chosen an architect who told me the total cost for my home and then came back with a cost that was greater! How can he be trusted?	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
354	no	5/7/2016 10:04 AM
355	NO	5/7/2016 9:46 AM
356	D86 has been waiting longer. Let them have their day.	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
357	Reveal the exact pension benefits teachers are scheduled to receive and their current and future pension funding shortfalls	5/7/2016 9:04 AM
358	Consider locating donors who would underwrite a portion of the cost in exchange for naming rights	5/7/2016 8:32 AM
359	I am a parent of a recent d181 student and understand the issues with the building. I care about education in d181 and am in favor of a new building BUT it needs to be a SENSIBLE design and cost. Consider proper maintenance of the building. Consider that this is a middle school and the focus should be on the basics - education, health and safety of the students.	5/7/2016 8:31 AM
360	If you want to win, you can put anything you want in the spring of '17. The only people that will show to vote will be the PTO. But be sensible.	5/7/2016 7:56 AM
361	Regarding bussing students to a new location...many parents drive their children to school every day - even the students who are within walking distance. I don't think bus riders should be huge consideration.	5/7/2016 7:22 AM
362	Just stop. Get a job in a different district if the superficial appearance of this building bothers you so much. Its what is inside that counts.	5/7/2016 1:13 AM
363	Since school administrators have a shelf life of about 4 years locally, the board should study the desires of administrators and staff with less weight than the opinion of taxpayers.	5/6/2016 10:50 PM

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364	The high and increasing taxes in Hinsdale will create an exodus to lower tax communities. New families will be reluctant to move to Hinsdale. 181 needs to be extremely fiscally conservative and listen to those who vote - not the wishes of staff and employees.	5/6/2016 10:42 PM
365	I am bothered by the fact that CH did not support this in spite of having all new schools. Not sure what you do about that but it's troubling (I'm in Hinsdale).	5/6/2016 10:15 PM
366	Please keep it simple. I still am looking for a different location. I think the Madison school area would be better.	5/6/2016 10:07 PM
367	Don't rush to get another proposal on the ballot until the design, location and cost of the school has been carefully thought out. The information also needs to be effectively communicated to the community.	5/6/2016 9:26 PM
368	The new middle school does not need to be the Four Seasons. The project can be done in a reasonable way that is appropriate for a middle school.	5/6/2016 9:04 PM
369	Not at this time	5/6/2016 7:46 PM
370	think of your audience, it is not just the parent base. why would this be appealing to the non-parent base? and please do not use the old and repeated line: "it will increase your property value"	5/6/2016 7:35 PM
371	No. My taxes have doubled since 2003. Need to find ways to control growth of spending.	5/6/2016 7:16 PM
372	Some space issues could be solved with better scheduling. No reason for every classroom to sit empty 2 out of 8 period each day. Good teachers don't need their "own" space. Build a good, large staff area and have teachers take their planning and meeting times there, leaving rooms available for student teaching.	5/6/2016 7:12 PM
373	Not at this time.	5/6/2016 6:41 PM
374	no	5/6/2016 6:39 PM
375	The tax load is at the breaking point. Well, perhaps PAST the breaking point.	5/6/2016 6:31 PM
376	Young families cannot afford to move into the district. Note how many homes are on the market. People are moving out due to insanely high taxes. A GIANT school is not necessary. SCALE IT WAY BACK. You are building for way too many students. Enrollment is decreasing.	5/6/2016 6:06 PM
377	My property taxes went up 10% this year and over 80% of the increase was due to the schools. If you can not manage your business better than that why would I trust you to come up with a reasonable plan. If you thought that the past referendum had even a slight chance of passing you were delusional.	5/6/2016 6:05 PM
378	Deep down inside, the majority of D181's residents are value buyers: we've worked to earn and save our way to D181), but we're willing to spend money if we see high value in what we are buying	5/6/2016 5:55 PM
379	Explain why the overall cost as well as the cost per student is significantly higher than CHMS. Proactive arguments will diffuse the instinctual resistance of Clarendon Hills residence. The clear thought in town was that "Hinsdale residents are getting a far better school than we did". In my opinion, this is why a majority of CH residents that opposed this did.	5/6/2016 5:32 PM
380	My sense from what I have heard among neighbors is that, irrespective of the projected bond amount, and bolstered by recent observations regarding SUBSTANTIALLY late and over-budget delivery of other 'government' projects, few believe that the project would be completed on time and/or within budget. As a retired program mgr I share that skepticism. Hiring someone with DEMONSTRATED successful project completion experience would do much to boost the credibility of this project and sell it to the community. Good luck.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
381	You must convince the people of CH that their selfish attitude about stopping a new HMS, especially after the Hinsdale people voted for a new CHMS, is not only destructive to the community but will eventually come back and adversely impact their children.	5/6/2016 5:24 PM
382	It took 3 times to get CHMS done so perseverance is important. Getting Clarendon Hills to vote for this referendum will be a challenge as the opposition seems to be there. Maybe a referendum with additions to CHMS if needed and a new HMS might get the CH voters on board.	5/6/2016 5:05 PM
383	Get more education value for each \$ spent. Cut expenditures for sports and other none essentials.	5/6/2016 5:04 PM
384	To gain some synergies with other local gov. agencies. If the city builds parking garage on current space, how could that help reduce cost - allocate spaces for teachers to reduce parking built by school; can there be a share of facilities with the high schools if the want a referendum, too, so everyone is not building pools, auditoriums, etc. Don't think it ever came to fruition - at one time Lake Forest Middle School struck a deal with the LF symphony, and the Symphony would pay a significant portion of the auditorium in exchange for making it the home of the symphony. Can a similar deal be found for HMS?	5/6/2016 4:57 PM
385	Can we have some money to fix the roof. Should we send the 6th graders back to grade school?	5/6/2016 4:55 PM

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386	Be reasonable. The building is not what provides children with a great education, it's the teachers. Please do not forget this again.	5/6/2016 4:38 PM
387	Fully explain the difficulty of moving the school. Zoning issues. The parcel looks valuable, but few developers would want to take on the zoning change fight necessary to use the property for anything other than school use.	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
388	Be realistic!!	5/6/2016 4:37 PM
389	How about a pension referendum? Or something on adjusting the IRR used to value the liability to the community. How about we adjust it to reflect the true future costs of decisions we are making today so we can avoid destroying the community for our kids??? Any of those would be nice. Or, we can continue with ridiculous projects which add little value and pretend pensions will get funded with never ending property tax increases. You decided to run for these positions. How about we make some tough decisions like real business owners. Just a thought.	5/6/2016 4:33 PM
390	no - HMS needs to be replaced asap but with a more reasonable design and cost than was originally proposed.	5/6/2016 4:24 PM
391	No-stay within your means....give the HMS students a school that makes sense, a public school is for education, not for wish lists and extras that the kids will not benefit from	5/6/2016 4:17 PM
392	Don't price families out of the district. If you do there will be no one to pay taxes to fund anything.	5/6/2016 4:11 PM
393	Please address the inequity of building a [\$65] million school that only half of D181 benefits from. Is there a way families in Monroe can not be adversely impacted from not being a part of the catchment area that would include a new HMS. I feel like the Monroe area will lose some of its appeal by being excluded from a new HMS (not to say anything about how those in Clarendon Hills and others feel). I also think it is very important to help the public understand how the Board believes all this acrimony will not ultimately result in little to no support for any unexpected spending (requiring a referendum) to CHMS in the future - that worries me as a parent whose children will attend CHMS as the lines are currently drawn.	5/6/2016 4:10 PM
394	Yes. If this is not addressed on the November ballot you should instead put a "lottery system" on the ballot...that would allocate all students from CHMS and HMS into a lottery to randomly select who would attend middle school at HMS. The health issues and learning issues presented by the current HMS building should be made equally available to the current CHMS students.	5/6/2016 3:27 PM
395	Not at this time. Although a referendum to maintain our buildings isn't a bad idea. HMS is certainly the priority.	5/6/2016 3:23 PM
396	If you put this one the Nov ballot it still will not pass. Keep design simple. Reduce the cost. Do not put the high school on until next year. Be careful and listen to the community.	5/6/2016 2:36 PM
397	build for essential needs ... we all went to school without "everything" and seemed to learn!! I think the board "wants" are OVER THE TOP!!!!	5/6/2016 2:28 PM
398	Point out the dangerous (mold?) situation. The school was in bad shape when our children attended it in the 80s; it hasn't gotten better.	5/6/2016 2:27 PM
399	live within your means like everybody else	5/6/2016 2:17 PM
400	I want the current building gone, it has been a sick building for years and the academic space is bad, the interior design is awful. Please give the community a better thought out idea.	5/6/2016 1:42 PM
401	No future referendum	5/6/2016 1:36 PM
402	The ultimate location of HMS should take into account the economics of selling the current site (which presumably has high value) in exchange for a less costly site away from the congested central business district, presumably positively impacting (lowering) the total cost.	5/6/2016 1:22 PM
403	no No No	5/6/2016 1:20 PM
404	You had good momentum. It was not a devastating loss at the polls. Put something palatable right back on the fall vote. Don't go back to the drawing board on the design - just eliminate the over the top stuff to get the cost down and make the necessary design modifications to support this.	5/6/2016 12:52 PM
405	I fully support the need for a new school, but do not rush the decision. Take time to develop a reasonable proposal. Do not hold the referendum this fall to conflict with the 86 referendum. Wait at least a year or two. Two referendum close to the same will cause the 181 referendum to fail [REDACTED] comments that Hinsdale wants/deserves a Cadillac middle school are offensive to many. He comes across as out of touch to residents. The community will support a reasonable proposal, but not an extravagant one.	5/6/2016 12:19 PM
406	Still don't see anything will a re-work/addition in the mix.	5/6/2016 12:19 PM
407	Measure twice, cut once.	5/6/2016 12:01 PM

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408	Hiring consultants to "approve a referendum" rather than "informing the details of the referendum" is extremely poor public policy. Further, the idea that a "better school" simply "costs more" is not how you position things with the community.	5/6/2016 11:18 AM
409	No, but thanks for soliciting community input.	5/6/2016 10:33 AM
410	We need a new middle school. Get the cost under \$50 million and it should pass.	5/6/2016 10:23 AM
411	We need a new HMS! We cannot get caught up on playing on what is equitable with CHMS - it has not been level playing field since CHMS was built! Let's open our blinders and do what is best for our students and our community!	5/5/2016 10:47 PM
412	The board should seriously consider repairing the current school using the \$11 million contingency plan that was developed in case the referendum failed.	5/5/2016 10:22 PM
413	The new school should be addressed quickly, while borrowing costs are attractive. Get a slightly more reasonable plan in place and I think it would pass.	5/5/2016 7:44 PM
414	keep HMS at same site.	5/5/2016 6:15 PM
415	People are not going to talk while there kids are at the school unless you do an anonymous source. Central did this when new administrators came on board. There are repercussions on the kids if parents speak out.	5/5/2016 5:45 PM
416	An option that keeps the existing building and renovates it while adding the needed additional space.	5/5/2016 5:01 PM
417	The Above questions didn't ask opinion about the school being relocated based on any savings. if the school was moved if it would save money by selling the existing property (if it theirs to sell) or if there would be any savings involved in moving the school. I thought I was pretty educated about the referendum but never saw any info about costs of moving (I might have overlooked it)	5/5/2016 2:22 PM
418	We should seriously consider a lottery for Middle Schools in Hinsdale if the referendum does not pass again. It is incredibly unfair that we all pay for CHMS, but not all of us are able to attend and we have such a HUGE difference in the facilities.	5/5/2016 10:38 AM
419	I feel the best solution would be to have all d181 6th graders go to CHMS and all d181 7-8 graders go to a new HMS	5/5/2016 9:25 AM
420	We appreciate their work on this challenging question.	5/4/2016 9:57 PM
421	Moving HMS boundaries to include Monroe School...or having all 6th grade go to CHMS, then 7th and 8th at HMS. Something to be more inclusive and entice CHMS voters to vote yes for HMS.	5/4/2016 9:40 PM
422	students first	5/4/2016 7:13 PM
423	There needs to be some level of parity between the two middle schools. CH residents clearly felt that was not the case. Even though it requires compromise at HMS, it's very important. It will also help reduce the cost which was clearly too high especially considering potential future tax increases due to unfunded teacher pensions.	5/4/2016 4:18 PM
424	Rising pension costs and high school repairs behind this. HMS will be nice, but it may not be all state of the art given existing and anticipated tax burdens.	5/4/2016 2:49 PM
425	Immediately move one elementary school over to CHMS. Hms is damaged. Have them enjoy overcrowding then bring this to referendum. You aren't going to get approval until all in the district are hurting. Plus it's not right that HMS is overcrowded AND in desperate need of repair	5/4/2016 2:35 PM
426	I work in Hinsdale but live in Naperville. Several years back, there was a referendum to increase taxes in order to remodel Naperville Central High. The tax referendum failed at first, but passed on another try. The district there did an excellent job of selling the tax increase to the community. At every open house night (from elementary to high school) in the district, detailed plans for the new school were presented and residents were given a clear understanding of why the school was needed. Various open houses were held at the high school so residents could tour Naperville Central High and see why a new high school was needed. The schools worked to get parent volunteers to canvas the entire town to get buy in on the proposal. Overall, months were spent marketing the plan to taxpayers, and this helped considerably with buy in. A similar approach might be helpful for Hinsdale. You need to educate people about the plan and why it is important in order to get community buy in.	5/4/2016 1:49 PM
427	Stick with it! A new middle school is very much needed.	5/4/2016 1:43 PM
428	The strong focus that needs to be made on getting Clarendon Hills and Monroe residents to vote YES. Also, an architect will a track record of winning referendums by promoting it.	5/4/2016 1:29 PM
429	No. Just please get it done! The kids need a new school, but middle-schoolers don't need a FANCY new school.	5/4/2016 1:26 PM
430	It is important to establish that this is the basis of our community...people move here for the education and we cannot compromise on our standards...across the board.	5/4/2016 1:12 PM
431	Not at this time	5/4/2016 12:31 PM

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432	Consider talking to the people who designed CHMS, Walker and Prospect schools - my understanding is that, for whatever reason, they weren't part of the talks this time around tho I heard that their \$65,000,000 for a new HMS was spot on	5/4/2016 10:19 AM
433	Make a campaign that communicates how important education is to everyone's future and the things kids learn at the middle school grade levels while also majorly promoting the benefits to the community as a whole to the green spaces outside, shared use auditorium for all schools arts, and a vibrant downtown with plentiful parking.	5/4/2016 10:14 AM
434	Stop being worried about being "HINSDALE" and have to be showy and pay attention to the needs of students and the families that participate in the schools. This idea of snotty Hinsdale people only shines through when you see the insane ideas and costs you all think are reasonable. No wonder it did not pass.	5/4/2016 9:25 AM
435	Although it is not the fault of the administration, the community needs to build a trusting relationship between all parties involved or all future referendums are likely doomed. The bullying/aggressive behavior by some board members and parents is breeding a toxic environment within the community. Its impact directly affects progress for our schools and trickles down to impact ALL students within the classroom!	5/4/2016 9:22 AM
436	Solve the overcrowding problems at HMS & CHMS instead of trying to build the perfect middle school. Most parents drop their children off at school anyway, so having a central location in downtown is not important at all. If parents cannot drop off, charge a reasonable bus fee. Non-cut sports, chorus, and additional opportunities to boost learning are more important than a beautiful new school. Middle school has become too competitive and impersonal. Middle Schools are simply not as important to the community as high schools so parents will never agree to overspend there.	5/4/2016 9:04 AM
437	Address the opposition's concerns (and possibly misinformation) earlier in the process in mailings, etc.	5/4/2016 8:56 AM
438	Go back to a modest plan for a CHMS-like building and stop pitting the community members against each other. And do not release parent contact info without permission.	5/4/2016 8:42 AM
439	I would like to see the cost breakdown of the facility structure in an effort to be more transparent, so it can be reviewed to see where costs can be cut down to prevent overall tax increases. Taxes are already astronomical in this district and my kids will not even benefit from this facility. Who is to say that once this extreme budget is passed that another school is going to attempt to pass the same type of referendum and the tax increases will just continue. We need to ensure that we are being fair among all the schools in the district and not giving more money to one and not another.	5/4/2016 8:15 AM
440	Please realize that the district needs to build better trust on the way they spend money, and the community, especially those who paid for the first middle school, need to know the money will be well spent. I'm not nearly as wealthy as many typical "Hinsdaleans," but I know how badly we need a new middle school, so I voted yes, but I'm nervous about which "educated" parents will be making decisions with my hard earned money. Tread lightly and get the right people that are thinking long term. Don't spend money on the "next best thing."	5/4/2016 6:04 AM
441	No doubt a new school is needed but I don't think enough due diligence was conducted (especially competitive bidding) I am happy to contribute more thoughts, ideas or help in other ways. [REDACTED]	5/4/2016 5:54 AM
442	It felt rushed. I also heard a lot of negativity about the lack of experience of the contractor building schools.	5/4/2016 12:39 AM
443	We think HMS needs to be redone, but at a more responsible cost.	5/3/2016 11:11 PM
444	no	5/3/2016 10:43 PM
445	Educating the CHMS voters about all of the HMS deficiencies and why we need a new school.	5/3/2016 10:34 PM
446	Teachers and administrators need to realize how much of a burden it will be for residents to start financing teacher pensions, a new middle school and major high school renovations at the same time. Illinois property taxes are the highest in the country. Teachers need to stop pushing for expensive new schools and technology if they want to keep getting raises, good insurance, and pensions. Was very inappropriate for so many staff to be on facilities committee and to be so vocally in favor of the referendum.	5/3/2016 10:27 PM
447	Take less time to finish construction.	5/3/2016 10:21 PM
448	more advertising	5/3/2016 9:39 PM
449	As a 30 yr resident who worked on several earlier referendums, I feel we should ask for the best for the children in 181 and look to educational needs as our delivery continues to change and evolve.	5/3/2016 9:21 PM
450	No	5/3/2016 9:13 PM
451	Let's just do what we can to get this passed. Our kids are suffering and it is unsafe and unhealthy. The community absolutely must rally together to look at the future.	5/3/2016 7:05 PM
452	Just please get it done.	5/3/2016 6:46 PM

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453	Consolidate with Oak Brook because their middle school only has 150 children in it. This would be the fastest, most cost effective way to immediately meet the needs of all of our students and the community.	5/3/2016 6:33 PM
454	Not that I can think of at this time.	5/3/2016 6:05 PM
455	Leave the Monroe/ CHMS kids out of the picture.	5/3/2016 4:38 PM
456	Question 17 raised another concern. There are many taxing entities that pass levies on our property tax bills. Each operates independently. I have heard of other entities that are anticipating needing to ask for additional taxes. This is very concerning to me. The taxing entities do not communicate and do not take into consideration what each is doing. There should be a master plan or at least some communication. The taxes are getting to be a huge burden.	5/3/2016 4:26 PM
457	The vote yes HMS committee is actually doing more damage in the community for the possibility of passing the referendum than they are helping. The social media nonsense they are putting out and the idea that voters were not educated on the referendum is a complete misunderstanding of the constituency. Taking a complete and thorough look at all options for repairing, adding on or rebuilding is necessary.	5/3/2016 3:39 PM
458	Show an effort to modify the costs to something a bit more humble.	5/3/2016 3:16 PM
459	More people come here for high school than middle schools. I would rather spend my tax dollars on improving high school which is surely needed than an extravagant middle school	5/3/2016 2:55 PM
460	Put it on the November ballot. The turnout isn't going to be strong (most republicans are staying home due to candidacy issues). Cut the cost. I know you want these awesome things incorporated, but I would rather have a new school without them than our existing. And the time is now. Just get it done. And that means cutting cost. A small cost cut won't work. Make it drastic. I know you are stuck with this contractor if its on November, so make it work with this builder.	5/3/2016 2:50 PM
461	Be mindful of the messages you send. At one meeting I was at [REDACTED] derided the four homes that are just to the east of CHMS. I grew up in one of those homes and am so grateful to my parents for providing me with a wonderful childhood. To hear a leader make fun of it unfortunately made me feel that there was a real desire to make sure that HMS was far superior to CHMS. Then when the Yes to HMS group started, they pushed out divisive messages. I know they are not a part of the district, but they are also clearly not communications professionals because I think they supported doubts in the thought process of voters rather than making it seem like a good idea to spend so much money on one school while leaving all the other D181 schools untouched.	5/3/2016 2:30 PM
462	To ensure no-benefiting residence elderly, children who do not go to HMS do incur any cost/ taxes as result of this construction.	5/3/2016 2:14 PM
463	No reason to continue pouring good money into HMS as a bandaid. Be more vocal about the interior of the school that the kids and teachers contend with daily- dripping water, dark/damp classrooms, and overcrowded hallways, for example.	5/3/2016 2:12 PM
464	I think if it's cost-effective moving the school out of the center of town would be the best idea I think it's safer for the children, less congestion for the downtown area and probably more lucrative I'm sure that land is worth a lot more money	5/3/2016 2:03 PM
465	Stay unified!!	5/3/2016 12:32 PM
466	Although beyond the scope of the D181 Board, someone needs to address the impact to the community at large. Freeing up the downtown space for senior living would add to the quality of our town.	5/3/2016 12:26 PM
467	After talking to many friends who send kids to CHMS it seems that they would still not vote for a new hms even if it was cheaper. I think the only way to get their approval would be to redistribute. Clarendon hills residents should have their own school district or make all of a certain grade attend one school, etc. all 6th and 7th at CHMS and all 8th at hms. Then all would vote for a new school. This way I doubt Clarendon hills residents want a tax increase if it has no impact on heir kids education.	5/3/2016 10:27 AM
468	Since I would get no benefits from a new HMS (I have a current 6th grader) I am less likely to support an expensive referendum.	5/3/2016 10:12 AM
469	Be cognizant of what D86 will be asking for. When you compare the conditions at D86 to those of D181, it is clear that all D181 schools are in better shape than D86. Also, what is the actual cost of redoing HMS rather than tearing it down? Maybe that is a more palatable proposal for taxpayers.	5/3/2016 10:11 AM
470	there were too many moving parts, process seemed rushed. Get one story down pat, with comps to recently built schools to south, west. better identify components of project that are "shared" investments (auditorium, parking, turf field) - fully attributing 100% of those costs to HMS project instead of isolating those as community improvements would reduce cost of HMS on stand alone basis.	5/3/2016 10:06 AM

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471	Make sure you have administrators in place who will meet deadlines, be able to answer questions asked by the BOE, committee members and community members. As a first step, have the board approve the Master Facility Plan, prioritize the projects (as D86 has done), fully engage the community in that process and only then proceed to referendum on the project(s) that have priority. You need a road map that will be followed not just on one school, but for all 9. It is absurd that the Master Facility Plan has never been board approved.	5/3/2016 9:40 AM
472	Include Monroe students in the new HMS	5/3/2016 7:16 AM
473	If the District wants HMS to be at a higher standard than CHMS, then it needs to find a way to bring CHMS up to that same standard.	5/3/2016 7:15 AM
474	sell this plan. Give community members the reason the costs are what they are and really show what is needed and what is planned. Make the community proud of the project. Make them want it. Show how little the taxes will affect residents and how it will/can improve resale.	5/3/2016 6:59 AM
475	Gather support before the vote! Don't let social media be your main voice.	5/3/2016 6:44 AM
476	The next few election cycles will be tough. Not favorable for referendum to pass. Back door has higher probability to get through. School expansion needed.	5/3/2016 5:54 AM
477	Option to fix the existing school	5/3/2016 12:07 AM
478	The referendum should be done as soo as possible to minimize the capital expense associated with the existing building. Also, an analysis of the impact on property tax values with and without the new HMS would be informative.	5/2/2016 10:34 PM
479	What about moving 6th grade to CHMS, and 7 & 8 at HMS, that way CH residents are invested in the solution.	5/2/2016 10:31 PM
480	See #18.	5/2/2016 10:27 PM
481	Cost needs to be lowered, but doesn't seem to make sense to start design process all over again- That work was already done. If feasibility of site has already been conducted, it needs to be more broadly communicated why current site is most favorable. If new site is an option (for a lower cost), community needs to know where and why it would be better alternative (and what could be done quicker. There is large amount of supporters who just want to move forward ASAP and anything that would compromise timing on getting this back on ballot in November would be viewed unfavorably.	5/2/2016 10:12 PM
482	Need to consider holding off on referendum if 86 runs one in November too	5/2/2016 10:07 PM
483	Keep costs to a minimum. Minimize tax impact to homeowners.	5/2/2016 9:59 PM
484	no	5/2/2016 9:53 PM
485	New school needs to include Monroe and it will pass.	5/2/2016 9:49 PM
486	Please keep any proposal for new HMS in line with the inflation adjusted cost and facility of CHMS.	5/2/2016 9:34 PM
487	The designs are very extravagant, in a good way. Just lower the price and I'm in	5/2/2016 9:26 PM
488	I would rather we spend money on quality curriculum and educators than facilities.	5/2/2016 8:58 PM
489	You should fire the person that led this referendum. It was irresponsible and resulted in too many people falling victim to group think. Appoint a sensible point person surrounded by sensible people. Use common sense....kind of simple. If you were dealing with your own money what would make the most sense.	5/2/2016 8:57 PM
490	I believe Clarendon Hills residents voted this down because they believe it's not their problem do they shouldn't have to pay for it. If memory serves, CHMS could not have been built without HMS residents voting for it and paying for it. I think this point should be emphasized. In addition, another way to encourage CH residents to vote for it is to bus half the CHMS kids to HMS and half the HMS kids to CHMS. The patents in CH would quickly change their tune. Does the board have the onmitment to this project to do that? I doubt it.	5/2/2016 8:56 PM
491	Keeping HMS and CHMS similar - - not making one so massively different than the other.	5/2/2016 8:49 PM
492	2 main points 1. Lower the cost 2. Last time it felt like the board made the decision about the school size, additions and cost without community input, created the referendum and then went around seeking community support for it. This time I suggest the board take their time, seek community input on size, cost, additional items (i.e. Track, aduatorium) before creating the referendum. Get the community to feel ownership of the process and feel part of the decision. Give the people options before making your decision and then just trying to sell it.	5/2/2016 8:32 PM
493	there must be cost caps, so the project doesn't begin at one promised budget and than skyrocket with additional work orders. the contractors must stick to their proposal within a certain percentage, and that should be contractual. bonds should be long term so the burden is shared by the people who will use the facility. public should be given stats on expected population growth or decline.perhaps a private firm should vet the proposals, to assure the public school board members are not colluding with contractors	5/2/2016 8:29 PM

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494	Obtain unanimous support of the board for the proposal before putting it to referendum	5/2/2016 7:51 PM
495	The board should be completely embarrassed and recognize they have lost most of their credibility by acting in such an amateurish fashion with the last ballot measure.	5/2/2016 7:48 PM
496	Schools are built for education. How does the new building reflect the 21st century classroom. What will be done to move the current staff into this century. Much of the instruction matches 6 years ago	5/2/2016 7:38 PM
497	Nov will be a great time for the vote because it going to be a lot of voters for president in November	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
498	you really have to focus on how much \$ are being wasted just trying to patch the school to keep it functional while all this nonsense is sorted out-- it will probably end up costing more than \$65 by the time it gets done just because of all the \$ being wasted now	5/2/2016 7:36 PM
499	We need to be clear that all other locations were explored and . We need to be clear that all alternative sites were examined and vetted and that the Hinsdale park district properties are needed for the village just as Clarendon hills has their own and an additional field house added to chms as part of the referendum paid for by all taxpayers	5/2/2016 7:34 PM
500	Spend the taxpayer money wisely. We are sick of getting taxed - move the school so shops can be out there and generate some sales tax for the village. And then not overrun the downtown stores on Fridays after school.	5/2/2016 7:33 PM
501	Consider d86	5/2/2016 7:24 PM
502	Renovation	5/2/2016 7:02 PM
503	It seems that digging out the basement is adding significant additional cost -- for that reason, I think it might be nice to consider a different site more remote. I don't know that it's an advantage for the school to be in the middle of the downtown - it's bad for businesses, it's bad for traffic, parents don't like the kids all over town all the time. I'm not opposed to a bussed location.	5/2/2016 6:51 PM
504	If the price is right, the referendum will pass. I think people were offended that there was a perception that there was a 'blank check' available in Hinsdale and money was no issue.	5/2/2016 6:44 PM
505	You have to educate before throwing something on a ballot. The tax consequences were minimal but people did not understand this.	5/2/2016 6:29 PM
506	Never give out my email to any third party, including political action committees. I think you should have removed any staff involved in that episode. You need to redo the entire process starting with a clear set of requirements and ending with a re-do of the selection of an design firm. The production of clear financials would be greatly appreciated.	5/2/2016 6:28 PM
507	Please be conservative and expandable - all facilities need ongoing rehab. Regarding transportation issue - please get a number of kids who walk or ride bikes because gut feel has that as tiny - big traffic in dropoffs and pickups that is chaotic due to lack of enforceable routing.	5/2/2016 6:25 PM
508	No suggestions...and thanks to a dedicated and hard working Board and administration. You have a tough job!	5/2/2016 6:17 PM
509	Every board member should be in favor of the end result	5/2/2016 6:12 PM
510	We need to be proactive to inform the empty nesters. Set up shop at churches, kramers, etc.	5/2/2016 5:38 PM
511	Getting input from various stake holders, like now to see what the majority wants.	5/2/2016 5:35 PM
512	Focus on necessities not the dream school version	5/2/2016 5:34 PM
513	Tax the residents who feed into HMS higher and decrease the tax on CHMS feeder residents.	5/2/2016 5:24 PM
514	Why didn't you communicate better and why were costs so high?	5/2/2016 5:19 PM
515	It was not hard to know why this failed. I've supported pr virus referendums when the cost was reasonable. This was not even close. Especially in terms of other 181 projects, pension issues and potential state mandates on property tax increase. We live in new times. Everyone needs to live within their means. I also would reconsider renovation. I assume the cost was more then half the original \$40 million, which makes it much less than the final \$65M. Again, kind of glossed over.	5/2/2016 5:14 PM
516	Find the marketing executives in our community who favor the proposal, and enlist their (free) help in marketing the project.	5/2/2016 5:01 PM
517	It is ignorant to think the community is willing to allow their taxes to go up without justifiable cause. Not everyone belongs to multi million dollar incomes. Understand people are losing their jobs or they are double income families that work paycheck to paycheck just to live here.	5/2/2016 4:56 PM
518	consider more outreach and in-person meetings with constituents in D181 who are not in HMS boundaries	5/2/2016 4:54 PM
519	Costs!	5/2/2016 4:38 PM

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520	Communication is important.	5/2/2016 4:20 PM
521	No. I think the Board and Administration did a great job communicating to all parties.	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
522	Find ways to not make this about Hinsdale vs. Clarendon Hills. Potentially there are things built into HMS that CHMS students (and the community at large) will benefit from. Find a way to get the parents that live in Hinsdale but go to CHMS to see the benefits of this school for them and the community. Dramatically improve communication with easy talking points to combat against the rumors that were flying all over the place. Have a unified front as a BOE - once the decision is made, everyone needs to be on the same page and in complete support to get the referendum passed...you can't turn this into a republican/democrat situation where nothing gets done. Make it clear that the development at the corner of 55th and CLR is NOT an option - a lot of time was wasted with people thinking this was a possibility when it was clear the builder wasn't interested. Get this done before people start leaving the community. Once it passes, green light construction immediately and get it built as quickly as possible - kids CAN'T keep attending classes in that awful disease ridden building.	5/2/2016 4:16 PM
523	You guys did a great job but I was so disappointed that the referendum didn't pass. We need to do something to counteract all the negativity that was going on regarding the referendum.	5/2/2016 4:15 PM
524	Get more involved in the communication. Instead of all the incorrect, bias garbage that is spread from groups like CFCH, we can get factual, honest information directly from d181.	5/2/2016 3:59 PM
525	Please get another referendum & get it passed!	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
526	Find out who the specific leaders of the people who voted against the referendum and invite them to a coffee design/budget presentation.	5/2/2016 3:54 PM
527	Better management of timelines and process. Better district leadership. Don't build a school that is smaller just to appease people who don't benefit from a new school. Build a school that is right sized and lasts for the next 40-50 years at least.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
528	Adding Monroe to HMS. Put some skin in the game. If this doesn't work we need to see some redistribution of kids. I've heard they don't want HMS to be better than CHMS although their s hook has been better than ours for years. We've paid for three new schools in Clarendon only to have ours snubbed. trsilers are embarrassing to our community. The lack of bathrooms in there is terrible. The fact that the kids have to go upstairs to reach their lockers and lose valuable learning time is crazy.	5/2/2016 3:43 PM
529	build it on need not want....I am in favor if something is added that would benefit ALL students in D181 and not just HMS kids.	5/2/2016 3:24 PM
530	Take your time and know that those of who don't have children who will go to HMS are not the enemy. We are supportive of all kids in the district lets just make this proposal more filled with needs than wants.	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
531	Don't be greedy. This is funded by TAXPAYERS	5/2/2016 3:00 PM
532	This whole survey presumes the answer is to build a new school. You need to broaden your point of view to consider whether building a new school is even the right overall conclusion. That is the fundamental conclusion that many don't support.	5/2/2016 2:51 PM
533	I know a lot of people worked hard to pull together a great proposal. Thank you!! Unfortunately perception of it being too much or too luxurious was out there as well as "fairness" issues between middle schools. While I think these are unfounded and petty, going forward, we need to present information with the awareness of these perceptions.	5/2/2016 2:46 PM
534	Really highlighting the negatives of the current building - let the parents, students and teachers speak out. The stories they have to tell are real and people need to know what it's like to go to school each day in that environment! It is NOT a place where anyone would want to send their own children if they spent time in the building and also not a place that the teachers are happy teaching in. Let them talk.	5/2/2016 2:28 PM
535	I think stressing to people the bad conditions of HMS and the fact that quality of education will/is suffering as a result. Also, stress the fact that property values are directly tied to education systems in an area and attractiveness of an area for homebuyers. I bought my house in this district solely for the school system (and I don't think I am alone). Home values are kept higher by the ranking of the school system. Appealing to people who already have children in elementary school or HMS is probably not necessary, since they are probably always going to vote yes. Education for the others is key. Also, see what Clarendon Hills did to finally get their referendum passed.	5/2/2016 2:24 PM
536	If you are going to build a school, build it right or it will cost more in the end!	5/2/2016 2:23 PM
537	Just be sure residents know how this would impact their lives and the lives of the students present and past.	5/2/2016 2:12 PM
538	No. Just please spend our money wisely and work on the basics of the education of our children.	5/2/2016 2:06 PM
539	No matter what happens with a referendum, HMS needs solutions because we are bursting at the seams here, and having portable classrooms separated from the rest of the school, while much better than nothing, is far from ideal.	5/2/2016 2:02 PM

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540	This really is needed and people without D181 kids need to know that. This isn't a nice to have, its a must have. Really poor conditions exist at HMS and why keep pouring good money in after bad?	5/2/2016 1:56 PM
541	I think the ability to solve downtown Hinsdale's parking problem by having the jointly shared/expense shared parking lot was not explained early enough or well. People that no longer have children in the schools know that this a HUGE need for the village and it's D181's chance to get these people interested in voting yes.	5/2/2016 1:46 PM
542	need to have a clear update/fix what we have vs. building a new school (less extravagant with multiple bids) proposal and information sharing. people cant even make the trade off... or is it that the district does not want us to make the trade off...they just want a new expensive school.	5/2/2016 1:44 PM
543	no	5/2/2016 1:37 PM
544	Be reasonable and don't design a "taj mahal". Focus on the minimum design required and then give people options for add ons with associated increases in cost. Don't bundle it all together and push a project that is too costly.	5/2/2016 1:30 PM
545	Your were so close on the last one, I think with a bit more time, more community support (volunteers) and a bit lower price tag we could pass this.	5/2/2016 1:22 PM
546	I would propose getting multiple bids from contractors, using the same design, minus the auditorium, track etc.	5/2/2016 1:12 PM
547	N/A	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
548	Thank you for all of your work on this. Having had kids already go through HMS and more kids going to HMS again and in the future, we NEED a new school. We appreciate your efforts.	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
549	Keep the teachers out of the process. I don't think the community has much sympathy for them even those who want a new school.	5/2/2016 1:07 PM
550	You are spending other people's money. It does actually come out of our pocket. You need to behave in a responsible way rather than gold plating things.	5/2/2016 1:00 PM
551	I want a five million dollar house with a four car garage, I live in a 1 million dollar house with a two car garage I want a 40 foot yacht, I have a kayak I want a Lambo, I drive a Toyota Let's be fiscally conservative and find ways to cut down on project costs. Save equipment, don't make it extravagant. How many times have we seen projects fail or become more of a burden on tax payers in this state? Just because we live in Hinsdale/Clarendon Hills does not mean we should agree to the whatever the design team says. This isn't a home for one family, where they should have the ultimate say. This is a home for families. Not everyone in our community can take on the additional tax hike, nor should they be burdened with something they will not be able to ever take advantage of.	5/2/2016 12:57 PM
552	Offering options for the project base on cost basis (1) excessive / expensive plan - \$65 mm (2) design plan 2 - x cost (cheaper) (3) design plan 3 - cheapest cost List the trade offs of increasing the plan so residents understand the optionally that you want us the tax payers to pay for. Eg 500 auditorium would probably not be in option 2 or 3. It would be nice to review the nice to have/ hard requirements vs the we will pay for everything cost is not an issue options. You are asking for large tax increases that children in CH may not even benefit from. You need to outline why you are looking for the plan.	5/2/2016 12:56 PM
553	Listen to the residents who voted no, do not just try to educate them and convince them to vote yes.	5/2/2016 12:43 PM
554	it's very important to have new HMS as soon as possible.	5/2/2016 12:28 PM
555	I would appreciate a better explanation as to why certain "luxury," items are necessary or optimal for the new HMS. For example, how would a 500 seat auditorium benefit the community down the road?	5/2/2016 12:24 PM
556	May I missed it, what were the cost for renovating the old HMS? It seems that one of the driving forces behind building a new school was its 1970's look. I would lie to know the costs of perhaps renovating the upstairs gym area into traditional classroom space and building a new detached recreational center on property..? Is it feasible and cost effective to do this and repair the roof..?	5/2/2016 12:17 PM
557	parent input into teacher evaluations	5/2/2016 12:08 PM
558	Hire a real estate broker to examine alternative sites and value the land of the current HMS.	5/2/2016 12:04 PM
559	Unknown	5/2/2016 12:03 PM
560	spend money as if it your own money	5/2/2016 12:02 PM
561	A lot of people ask why this, what that. For example why not move the school. But they don't know all the time in the past the district already took to look into that. Having a clear online resource that answers those questions could cut through some of the neysayers.	5/2/2016 11:45 AM

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562	Please do a true diligent process of evaluating the cost and benefit. Fair assessment on what's really need instead what's the best out there. Make the vendor selection process as transparent as possible. Also learn from examples on how other district solve this problem with less money	5/2/2016 11:42 AM
563	We are all part of the same district. So providing comparable options for all students is important. We desperately need a new HMS, and we need it to be something that is comparable to CHMS.	5/2/2016 11:38 AM
564	Communicate how dangerous the current hms school is for our students and we need to help them ASAP	5/2/2016 11:28 AM
565	Consider redrawing the school district lines. If the lines are drawn so that some existing CHMS households would now have to go to HMS there may be some more people in favor of building a new HMS.	5/2/2016 11:27 AM
566	I am concerned about paying for D181 when I know that D86 needs funding for improvements as well. My priority is high school. Be aware of dipping in the same pockets too many times.	5/2/2016 11:26 AM
567	Board unanimity is essential.	5/2/2016 11:23 AM
568	I realize you did not want to focus on the negative - what happens if we don't do it. But that is a powerful part of the story. If we don't do it we still need to spend \$Xmm and/or consider changing boundaries and/or impact CHMS in a certain way. It isn't \$65mm or nothing, so it seem we could get more people on board by showing them the alternative.	5/2/2016 11:11 AM
569	No	5/2/2016 11:11 AM
570	Please provide options to the community before putting on a ballot. 1) basic replacement, 2) upgraded and 3) all of the bells and whistles. Please also provide the cost per square foot for other schools (Elementary, Jr High and High School) built in comparable areas.	5/2/2016 11:10 AM
571	na	5/2/2016 11:05 AM
572	We live in an affluent neighborhood, isn't there someone/people that are willing to make a donation to help fund the school?? Look at other funding options.	5/2/2016 11:02 AM
573	If a stage was put in a lunchroom, you could use the lunchroom as an auditorium. See Geneva Middle Schools for and example.	5/2/2016 11:01 AM
574	I recommend Nov 2016, in conjunction with general election for better voter turnout	5/2/2016 10:57 AM
575	Two thirds of the residents/voters do not have school aged children and are less inclined to support a building that is perceived to be extravagant. Contact the Village Board about a parking deck. They were interested in building one about 12 years ago.	5/2/2016 10:54 AM
576	You need to make Clarendon Hills have a benefit to their community to make them vote in favor of this as clearly they are not very altruistic-- I liked the 6th grade at CHMS and 7th and 8th at HMS proposal for that reason.	5/2/2016 10:48 AM
577	3 things- (i) you need to address the parking lot issue and discuss the cost. Is it solely for the school? For downtown? This was never clear to me. (ii) you need to make a case for an auditorium - as much as it was said "good for the community," no one ever said WHY the community needed it or WHAT events it would be used for. (iii) any decision to go forward should be a unanimous board vote, otherwise I think it would be doomed. (iv) someone needs to explain why simple questions seemed difficult to answer - for example, I asked at an open house "how many students was the building originally designed for?" and received an "I don't know" answer from everyone. In my mind, this was unacceptable. To convince people to raise their taxes, you need to say "designed for X students, but we have X+ ____." It seems that the entire group of people who were involved knew a good amount, but relied on people to see an old building and say "sure, tax me more, even though the estimate for the building increased from the initial estimate, the contractor said it might cost more, you have an auditorium that you say is necessary even though they never had one, etc., etc., etc. While I supported the referendum, I think the communications were lacking.	5/2/2016 10:47 AM
578	The "new" plan/referendum needs to be set and specifics communicated. There seems to be an idea that the numbers kept changing and I believe that leads to the thought that the people in charge don't know what they are doing and therefore the money would be wasted if it were to pass.	5/2/2016 10:45 AM
579	Have you looked at private donors to help keep the cost down? Maybe a family or group of families could pay for the gym, auditorium or landscaping, etc.	5/2/2016 10:39 AM
580	Provide better visibility into the proposed tax increase. The cost seems de minimis when compared to the community benefits (including property value maintenance/appreciation), but concern over the tax increase was one complaint I heard.	5/2/2016 10:37 AM
581	I don't remember seeing actual cost breakdown of fixing current school. I would like to see actual cost breakdown of repair costs to current HMS building and actual values of current land and building	5/2/2016 10:36 AM
582	Get your costs in line with what middles schools cost for this# of students across the country.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM

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583	Yes. Just because we live in a wealthy community, not all residents drive Teslas and Land Rovers. Please remember the impact to the community when considering the proposal and differentiate between wants and needs. Thank you.	5/2/2016 10:33 AM
584	this is not an us vs them issue, in regards to CHMS and HMS IT seems to have gotten contentious, and that is foolish. In the 70's the referendum to build the current Jr high took 3 votes. This is normal. Just make sure the new plan, isn't as lousy as the school built in the 70's again.	5/2/2016 10:30 AM
585	No	5/2/2016 10:28 AM
586	Determine if the education of the community on the costs can be done more effectively- and do it- to sway the vote to pass the referendum.	5/2/2016 10:27 AM
587	Fix the curriculum. Bring back differentiated learning for the top third (or more) of our students. Bring back rigorous academics. Bring back math facts for our elementary schools. Bring back spelling and vocabulary tests on a weekly basis. Go back to what has worked for decades. No fads, no consultants. Get our scores back up to where they used to be. NO more lies, no more public relations spin. We know what is going on and we do not like it. When we trust you, we will give you the tax dollars. We simply don't trust the superintendent and the board majority at this time.	5/2/2016 10:26 AM
588	talk about prior spending and whether the district stayed within plan or exceeded plan.	5/2/2016 10:17 AM
589	DON'T RUSH	5/2/2016 10:10 AM
590	No.	5/2/2016 10:08 AM
591	Just some advice: Consistency equals credibility and we need to match our expectations with our means or Hinsdale will continue to lose population.	5/2/2016 10:07 AM
592	it is important to consider the overall impact of these costs to residents who already pay high taxes to support the district. It is also important to consider the impact of any referendums that might be upcoming for D86	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
593	DO NOT consider changing kids from CHMS to HMS/splitting grade levels/schools. This would turn off many people	5/2/2016 10:05 AM
594	This referendum MUST have unanimous board approval. There cannot be board members that are badmouthing the referendum, if you have any expectations of it passing.	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
595	Let the public know how bad HMS is!	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
596	No	5/2/2016 10:02 AM
597	this is clearly an issue of the Clarendon hills and Monroe parents seeing no benefit to them or their children. They need to be educated and frankly be less selfish. They wouldn't let their children go to school with major safety issues we shouldn't be forced to do the same.	5/2/2016 9:58 AM
598	Make it similar to chms, so there is parity among the schools and in the district.	5/2/2016 9:53 AM
599	The biggest concern after the referendum failed was the potential of putting 6th graders with early education at CHMS and requiring all D181 7-8 graders to go to HMS. Hinsdale 6-8 should go to HMS, and Clarendon Hills 6-8 should go to CHMS. Providing bus transportation across the tracks for all those kids would be expensive and dangerous, and it would split up students in families. Another priority for this district should be full-day kindergarten. Where is this discussion and referendum?	5/2/2016 9:48 AM
600	The district clearly needs a new middle school to replace HMS, the sooner the better - the cost of fixing the roof, etc. would be better utilized elsewhere. The escalating costs to get to the \$65M gave strong ammunition to those opposed to the measure. The district needs to be prepared to come out with a budget, not just the same project again. The most reasonable argument against the 'too expensive' school was comparing it to a homeowner going into a project with a budget rather than just saying they want to tear down & rebuild their house, need to determine the budget tolerance of the community. Maybe \$65M is the budget tolerance (it frankly should be), but that question needs to be answered.	5/2/2016 9:46 AM
601	Educate community on positive impact to home values that the new facility would generate	5/2/2016 9:42 AM
602	We need a new school to continue to attract residents to this town. We are considering moving out of district for the middle school years just to avoid the old HMS if it is not finished in time for our children to attend.	5/2/2016 9:39 AM
603	Once again, impress on the residents how much the current building can negatively affect the students' daily learning experience.	5/2/2016 9:34 AM
604	I support the district's efforts to build a quality new school, but the proposal has to be for a reasonable cost. All other factors are secondary to me.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM
605	The actual cost of the building needs to be shown separate to the cost of digging out the bowl so people understand the difference. Allow more teacher voice at BOE meetings to answer questions as admin doesn't always know how to answer.	5/2/2016 9:33 AM

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606	Look at needs..... Not wants!!!!!! Everyone knows we need a new HMS.... But 65million is insane!!!!	5/2/2016 9:31 AM
607	make the proposal reasonable. it doesn't have to be the taj mahal. the economy is stagnated. raw materials costs are a bargain despite what the contractors might say. devote resources to technology focused on student learning. the school need only be functional by 21st century standards. practical and functional will lower the price and get it approved.	5/2/2016 9:29 AM
608	How about fixing the old school????????	5/2/2016 9:27 AM
609	I would worry less about timing and more about getting it right, i.e., the budget reasonable and the school functional. Question 7 wording regarding "seemed" to be too extravagant is concerning. It "was" too extravagant and need to fix this in next proposal.	5/2/2016 9:23 AM
610	I currently have a student at HMS and one in grade school. I do not think it is fair to the students to keep everyone separated into the two schools as it exists now until a solution is reached. Something should be done immediately to make sure that all students get the same opportunities to attend a quality school. Until everyone in the district can experience what those of us who have kids there experience now, I think you will have a hard time passing anything. From what I hear from friends in CH and the Monroe area, it is clear that they simply do not think it is their problem. And that is an issue that either nobody want to admit exists, or has not been addressed at all. Something needs to be done so that the entire district realizes that this could, in fact, impact them. Right now there is a huge feeling in the community of it being "us" or "them" which is both sad and unfair to the kids, but it is the reality and needs to be addressed.	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
611	WHAT ABOUT THE CURRENT STUDENTS????????????????	5/2/2016 9:21 AM
612	Just consider that it has taken years for this district to have the "feel" of unity and equity between towns, and you will unravel that in no time at all if the new HMS is anything more than what CHMS is.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
613	It is a school where students attend for three years only. We needn't create a palace. Consider the errors of the CHMS construction (two locker room showers where paper reams are now stored, for example), as well as the good points and apply them here. \$65 million is exorbitant given the land is already owned.	5/2/2016 9:20 AM
614	Convince the non-HMS population on the need for a new school first -- have a referendum on that question first.	5/2/2016 9:19 AM
615	I think it would be helpful if this was presented as an asset to the entire district, not just the HMS family. One way to do this would be to say that it is possible that the boundaries would be re-drawn. Every school in CH has been updated and Hinsdale residents worked to pass them all. If CH felt as though this may impact their children, they may vote differently. You can also discuss grade-level buildings.	5/2/2016 9:18 AM
616	Something needs to be done and soon. The current conditions in the school are unacceptable, especially for a community like Hinsdale. Many of the residents I know may consider moving to the CHMS district when their kids become old enough for middle school, if situation at HMS is not corrected. Hire a PR firm. Get the word out on the conditions and the actual costs of construction now v a decade ago. Get rid of the extravagant nonsense that is completely unnecessary for a middle school. Make some compromises and get this done already.	5/2/2016 9:17 AM
617	Don't let architects run the project, get input from the community on what is needed. Money should be spent on programs	5/2/2016 9:16 AM
618	No referendum information, but please try to focus on hiring good teachers. It seems like the middle school teachers are impatient and don't teach - everything is sent home to do. I'm losing faith in District 181.	5/2/2016 9:13 AM
619	Create a website that outlines the objectives - plans - and costs.	5/2/2016 9:12 AM
620	Please act efficiently. Those children in the current building are at a major health risk regardless of what the very superficial air quality testing has shown. Waiting on a new referendum for the "perfect" timing is a very bad idea.	5/2/2016 9:10 AM
621	What about the other schools? Do any require capital improvements?	5/2/2016 9:08 AM
622	we want a new HMS! let's get this done!	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
623	See comments above.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
624	keep re-enforcing the need for new facility and its positive impact to community and children's education. quality of education is what separates hinsdale from other communities.	5/2/2016 9:04 AM
625	Stop wasting money, it makes you look irresponsible. Why did you waste money assessing in you could move all 6th grade students to CHMS if you were not serious about it?	5/2/2016 9:03 AM
626	Consider an even bigger parking structure and have city of Hinsdale pay for entire parking structure but allow for teacher/staff parking.	5/2/2016 9:03 AM

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627	We don't need to go back to square one. Collect the results of this survey, modify the plans, and hold a special referendum within the next 4 months. The longer you wait. the more it costs the community. And soon, CHMS will be even more overcrowded as more and more people seek to send their kids there.	5/2/2016 8:59 AM
628	Working more closely with the residents of Clarendon Hills and Monroe school to help them better understand the overall benefits for everyone that a new middle school would provide and to help them think outside of the district boundaries and not that one school is better than another fostering jealousy in place of logic and what us best for the children	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
629	we don't need the most expensive Middle School in the Midwest, if not the U.S. at large. While HMS does desperately need to be "replaced", the District must be more realistic and informed on what the community wants/needs/will willingly pay for. And this comment comes from someone who actually voted "For" the referendum.	5/2/2016 8:58 AM
630	Do not rush. Do not presume. Learn from your mistakes. Figure out why people voted no. Do not pit community members against each other (there is enough of that without the administration causing more dissension by not putting to rest some of the panic mongering ideas, such as the lottery). Figure out if the administration is up to the task of overseeing such a large, costly project, and if the answer (as I suspect) is no, make the necessary changes.	5/2/2016 8:57 AM
631	People whose children attend CHMS must have something "invested" for the renovation plan to pass. If they only see a higher tax bill, they will never want to support. We need their support for the referendum to pass.	5/2/2016 8:56 AM
632	Ensure all D181 stakeholders have skin in the game. I attended the first board meeting after the failed vote and was disheartened by the leadership and their disconnect with the feelings of the residents. Forming more committees and studies just delays the process. I was shocked (and sad) to hear the board worrying about the timing of the next vote because they didn't want it to coincide with board seat elections and be a referendum on that vote. Guess what, EVERY vote is affected by the HMS situation until resolved! And there were also comments on not wanting to pit one town against another. Too late. If this was simply a vanity upgrade then I can see opposition. But the current facility is a health hazard. Communicate to Hinsdale residents that their property values are directly tied to a vibrant and exemplary school system. Show facts of property values versus surrounding districts and present "at risk" value percentages. As to the Clarendon Hill residents, the board has less control but know that there is high resentment from Hinsdaleans. Whether financial boycotts or just social freeze outs, know that a wedge is deepening and detrimental to our dual community partnership in this school district. Please have the board actually lead!!! And have the head of communications actually be behind the initiative. Good grief.	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
633	You would get more support if the school seemed more basic and not so state-of-the-art with extra bells and whistles. Maybe there are some things that could be added later if the district has funds or did a fundraising campaign from just the families who attend the school. For example, CHMS families paid for our new wooden gym floor through a fundraising campaign. Maybe HMS families would be willing to pay for the running track or other "extras" in a few years??? Just an idea. Good luck!! I know this is needed so you can count on my support!	5/2/2016 8:55 AM
634	Vote for Clarendon Hills students to attend Hinsdale South. If Clarendon Hills residents can vote on Hinsdale, we should vote on where their students attend High School.	5/2/2016 8:54 AM
635	Please review the demographic projections and present a strong clear case for the appropriate size for the building. The only meaningful way to lower the cost of the building is to reduce the number of students it holds. The building needs to have finishes that are attractive and high enough quality to hold up well.	5/2/2016 8:52 AM
636	Learn from this last referendum, plus the referendums that led to CHMS. Maybe we should consider building 2 smaller schools instead of one larger school. The current HMS has about 800 kids, CHMS has about 680, so a total of about 1500 kids. Maybe we should have 3 middle schools of 500 students each. This way, it would be easier to gauge parity with one another.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
637	Clarendon Hills was really upset with this proposal. You'll need to factor away to sway them. Most families only received negative information. You need to tackle Clarendon Hills and private school families.	5/2/2016 8:51 AM
638	Cut the cost and do not include the referendum with the D86 one because D86 is in need of the funds more than HMS.	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
639	Float revised cost estimates out there before the referendum vote to get anecdotal feedback on response.	5/2/2016 8:50 AM
640	They truly need to be cautious about putting the CHMS people against the HMS families. That was not smart. Just make it about district business. Scale back. CHMS is s very basic school. There are no bells and whistles. Make the school new and nice, but not extravegant. That's the perception. And take personal donations if they are being offered.	5/2/2016 8:49 AM
641	Make all have a share in this....the good and the bad. Monroe people (majority) voted no because they know their kids will go to CHMS. If that changed - then this vote will change!!!!	5/2/2016 8:48 AM
642	At risk bids by contractors.	5/2/2016 8:47 AM

HMS Next Steps

643	We need a new school asap so keep at it with the residents. Re district and then maybe the non Hinsdale residents will change their minds if it effects them and their kids.	5/2/2016 8:46 AM
644	Taxes are already high and given the fiscal disaster in Illinois (and USA!!), this is going to get worse. Federal, State, Property, etc. Empty nesters are selling their homes as to avoid being part of the IL fiscal "solution". Try to keep this in mind as the necessity of all of the "extras" for the school are debated.	5/2/2016 8:43 AM
645	modifying the existing building and working with what we have.	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
646	No	5/2/2016 8:42 AM
647	Fix the Math advancement and acceleration issue in the elementary grades by returning for the 2016-2017 to the advancement and acceleration model which existed for the 2012-2013 school year and be very tough publicly and privately on any dissent by the teachers union leadership and/or individual teachers on this issue. Make it very clear to them that returning to elementary grades math advancement and acceleration immediately is a strategic imperative and any teacher who is not in agreement is not a good fit to work in D181. Many D181 parents are looking to see this action taken as a key litmus test by the Administration and BoE before any new HNS referendum.	5/2/2016 8:41 AM
648	I think it is imperative to use some of each year's operating budget to save money for this. You need to reduce tax rates if you think that you are going to get people to pay 65 million for a school that is not needed. I send my kids to 181 to get educated. Construction projects should be at a complete minimum.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
649	Parity is a huge issue. Do not come back with a design unless it is the same as CHMS! It will never pass if it isn't the same and the cost is much lower.	5/2/2016 8:40 AM
650	Cost is key. Everyone, Clarendon hills and hinsdale want a new HMS but not on a high school scale and cost	5/2/2016 8:39 AM
651	Use this time wisely. Coming back with another bloated proposal that includes late game cost changes from contractors would be a management disaster for the District. Get it right and the proposal will pass	5/2/2016 8:36 AM
652	I think this is a great example of need vs want. The kids in the HMS attendance need a safe and functioning school. Currently HMS is neither of those things. The original proposal was filled with a lot of "wants" that would just cost the tax payers and districts more money. I believe the community as a whole will be more willing to pass a referendum for a safe and functioning facility that has room for additional students as our community grows as opposed to one that has an inflated price tag with all the bells and whistles included.	5/2/2016 8:32 AM
653	Keep the cost more reasonable. Taxpayers don't want to fund an high cost project.	5/2/2016 8:26 AM
654	Commit to being fiscally responsible with the funds.	5/2/2016 8:24 AM
655	HMS is clearly the weak spot in an otherwise excellent educational delivery system. Having gone there and being in the district today, we can do better.	5/2/2016 8:23 AM
656	Spend more time with those with children not in the schools both in area as well as Monroe and Clarendon hills. They are not aware of history or increased cost of doing nothing.	5/2/2016 8:23 AM
657	Stop pitting town vs. town or school vs. school. 70% of the voters don't have kids in D181. Maybe its time to court those voters.	5/2/2016 8:20 AM