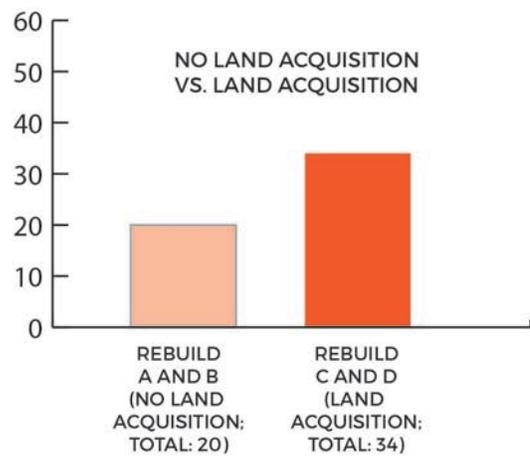
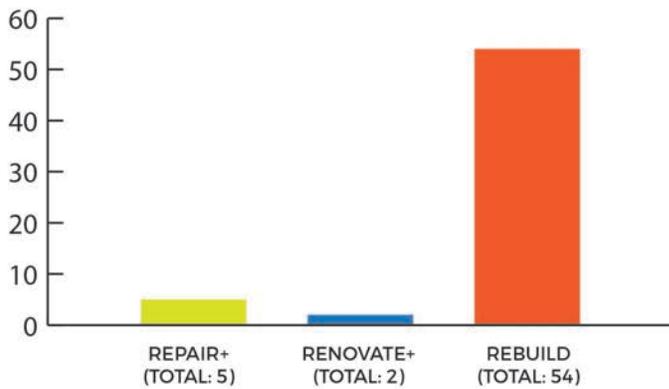


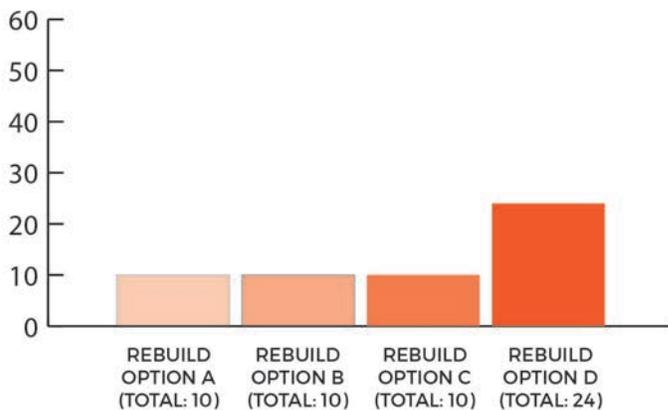
# UPPER ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING TEAM SURVEY FEEDBACK MAY 2016

District leaders asked the members of each school's building team to take a brief online survey in which they selected their preferred option for that school building. Sixty-two members of the Upper Arlington High School building team responded. All results and comments are included in the compiled totals and feedback.

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## BREAKDOWN OF THE REBUILD OPTIONS



## UAHS COMMENTS

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- Acquire land all the way to Northwest. Moving the stadium a few 100 yards for \$5M seems like a waste of money and a losing battle to try and win with the community. Options B/D need clear benefits to justify the higher price tag.
- Rebuild is absolutely imperative.
- I would like to see the natatorium and exhibition gymnasium be able to be used by the community during school hours, while they are not in use by the school swim team, swim club etc. I attended a build a pool conference in the summer of 2015 and would be happy to help with making recommendations as to how to make the natatorium profitable.
- We should do what is the best option when we are talking about a project for the next 75 years This is our best option
- We need to rebuild the high school and we need to do as much as we can now so it will last as long as it can for our students and remain current for years to come.
- If we are truly to have a 50-year vision and a 50-year facility we need to do all we can now to maximize the size of the site and strive to achieve the greatest programmatic efficiencies possible. I feel Option D does this best by providing 1) more "breathing room" and green space around a new school building on Zollinger, 2) a stadium integrated with (not isolated from) the school allowing shared functions and synergy, 3) a properly zoned site with contiguous athletic fields to the east and south and contiguous academics to the north and west. Cost is obviously a concern, but the high school should be the District's top priority as the signature learning facility for every UA student. All students eventually pass through UAHS and they will benefit from its greatness. Be bold! Those looking back in the year 2070 will be grateful and thankful.
- I like that there's the school side; then there's the athletic side. Similar to the way Capital University has its athletic facilities as the gateway to the football stadium. Since so many sports use the football stadium, it is good to have the athletics together. I love the open space in the middle of the buildings! Three stories or four stories should be an option we keep open, since we have space concerns. Could we shrink the school footprint if we had four stories, and perhaps have another practice field? One thing I love about the additional six acres is the additional practice field. Our renovations do net us one less practice field.

- I also like Option B so I would vote between B and D.
- I'm not sure about the differences between the options. I see a slightly different floor plan, but they are all basically the same. Where is the off-site option?
- I think the renovate option is not reasonable, being so close to the cost of the rebuild option. I do not see enough advantages of acquiring the land on Brandon. I do not see enough advantages to Rebuild option B over A, and not sure if entering on Zollinger is a good idea.
- Adding the parking and taking down the apartments makes total sense!
- I would make the High School building in Option A have a smaller footprint. (Four stories with a garden level). Therefore, there is enough space for the two baseball and softball fields (shown in Options C and D), without having to purchase more land.
- I like the floor plan and building orientation of the Renovate+ Option the best. I love the idea of building up, and using three floors for our academic areas. However, for a variety of reasons, I think it's best to rebuild. I chose Rebuild Option B because the site is nicer with the stadium & fields all together, BUT I would prefer not to link the stadium to the building. Option B's parking lay-out seems convoluted. It would be nice to re-orient the building so the parking areas flow better. Also -- please reconsider the courtyards in the design. We know our site is already small by today's standards. Please re-think allocating precious site space inside the building footprint, where it can't be used for anything else for the next 50 years! I would prefer to keep the main entrance off Zollinger Road. Zollinger is very busy and it will only get worse with the high school's entrance. Are we sure the A-Z connector will not happen in the next 50 years? We should consider this possibility before we commit Zollinger to being the main road to the school. I like the idea of enlarging the site, but the net gain for Options C or D is not worth the trouble. When we lose parallel parking on Brandon and Mt. Holyoke, we might only gain back those lost spots plus a practice field. It seems like a lot of trouble for one field. I would be interested in looking at other options to enlarge, or move, the site.
- Maintaining the maximum parking on the site is key the getting the most use from the facility
- Go for the whole thing regarding the high school.
- I would still like to see a better location, like OSU.
- In my opinion, the two viable options are Repair+, or Rebuild D. When you look at the comparative costs, it seems to me that once you commit to spending over \$130 million, it is smarter to go for the ultimate solution (with sports uses together and land acquisition), rather than to compromise. I am comfortable with Repair+, but it seems like a lot of upheaval and investment for a relatively small impact on the learning environment.

- This is without knowing how much the land is actually going to cost. But this Rebuild Option C looks like it is the most optimal and economical of the options. However, how will the homes along Northwest care to watch the tennis matches from their back window? I know that was a point of contention at Northam Park - the distance from the courts to people's property. Please make sure the parking situations are conducive to teenage drivers. The new Tremont Library parking spaces are too narrow between the rows of spaces; using that same minimum calculated spacing for the high school would increase the number of accidents. Please be realistic about the distances for parking spaces in the lots. These costs don't consider a "garden level" floor in addition to the 3 floors, do they? I liked that idea about gaining vertical space. Please make the "drop off" area by the front door workable. For example, Option D is precarious to me, as everyone would want to wait right at the entrance to the front door, blocking traffic into the street. I'm not sure I see a good flow for the stadium - parking-wise or walking to get in. That would have to be thought through.
- I'm choosing Rebuild Option C because I think acquiring some extra land and providing additional parking is paramount for a school like UAHS that serves as a community center as well. I also don't feel that the stadium needs to be replaced. I understand that it may have necessary repairs but several million dollars have already been spent that would seemingly become wasted dollars. It's already nicer than any of the other OCC stadium experiences.
- All of the options that are available are very expensive to any home owner (considering this is only for the high school).
- Option D just seems to cost \$5M more and I can't determine what, if any, benefit we get for another \$5M. C seems to get us a new school with more land details at a slightly lower price
- Parking availability is an issue - however, I do believe with the new "U" drive in front of the school off Zollinger that many parents will use this for drop off and pick-up in the mornings and afternoons. This leaves Mt. Holyoke and Brandon Rds. to continue to be used for parking. The only time parking along these roads (and on Ridgeview) seems to be an issue is during peak drop-off/pick-up periods. Although the purchase of the homes along Brandon would increase parking spaces available, I think the traffic studies will conclude that closing Brandon will actually make congestion worse, and the net number of parking spaces added will not be worth the cost.
- I am not truly able to vote for or against C and D until the numbers and studies are complete.
- Sooner the better.
- The architectural designs are lacking innovation, genius, and brilliance.
- It is clear that the district is going to do something that will cost tax payers a good bit of money. The fact that the situation has gotten so bad that's it's come to this

is distressing. What has the money gone for? Why has zero money been put aside to plan for this?

- Still lots and lots of questions.
- For me, the option is between D and B. It looks like the main difference is the parking and the # of playing fields for baseball/softball
- I've only made it to a couple of the meetings but I want to say thank you for the continued community involvement in the process
- I believe that a total rebuild is better in the long run than simply trying to update the existing structure.
- I hope someone will explain how all of the UA school buildings have deteriorated to such an extent that we now have to fix/rebuild/build anew every building at the same time. I hope we will see a plan to take good care of all buildings, year by year, when we vote.
- Materials used need to be of the same quality as those used in the original building. The materials need to be of the quality used in the original building. The renovation needs to extend the life of the school for another 50+ years. Stone and bricks on the exterior maintaining the character of the neighborhood. All buildings need to be energy efficient.
- Would prefer not to move football stadium if all elements can be achieved.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING**

- Great job so far. Love all the latest community outreach and involvement.
- Nice job keeping this process transparent and soliciting citizen feedback. Wish my 8th grade daughter would be able to use the NEW UAHS!
- I think that the school district has done a fantastic job with this process!
- The cost of displacement to trailers is far more than a dollar amount. Avoiding trailer usage should be a very high priority
- It has been a great community engagement process so far. I wish we could figure out a way to get even more school and community members involved. There have probably been 300+ involved from a community of 33,000. A majority will eventually use their vote to give their ultimate feedback. It sure would be great to engage them now. Also, I really think we need to capitalize on student input and involvement moving forward. What a wonderful opportunity this could be for both students and the community. Don't sell our students' value short. Thanks for having this survey.
- Thank you for having this process.

- Please make sure we are doing this as soon as possible! On a daily basis, the wear and tear of the building is evident and I'd hate to have us spend excess money on a school that we won't be using forever.
- The auxiliary gym needs to have four courts, not 3. Four will allow for multiple teams to have meaningful practices at the same time, which will get kids home 2 hours earlier.
- Wish we could move faster!
- Not on an unlimited family budget, a bigger HS likely means less for other schools. HS is most important, get it right and don't skimp on extras.
- I appreciate how well the process has been handled -- organized, inclusive and transparent -- and especially how friendly, responsive, and approachable the district staff has been throughout this project. As we move into seeking the funding for this, it would be interesting to know how our taxes compare to neighboring districts, and their commitments to bonds vs. operating levies.
- Thank you for keeping everyone so well informed and thank you for giving us a voice in the process. Great work!!!
- The process was not transparent as many believe that it was. The whole process and 'discussions' were very guided by the architectural and design firms as no time was allowed to ask questions during the presentations but rather only during the small groups.
- This has been a well run effort by the district - getting people involved at the ground level to understand the needs and options is critically important.
- so far I feel that it is going well. no big issues!
- The show for public interest did not come across as a genuine effort. It was obvious there was an agenda from the very beginning. The building tour was what gave it away. When asking questions & giving comments, it did not appear as though I was heard. Reasons for replacing the school were artificial and staged. There was a lack of understanding about how large buildings function.
- Enjoyed being part of the process, in general. Felt like I was being 'lead to the correct answer' by the architectural group from Chicago. It might be part of the overall process, but I didn't appreciate it which is why I stopped coming to some of the meetings.
- The use of the HS space for baseball and softball, or any other field sport seems to rely on the Northam Park project. If we are going to lose space there then we would need more at the HS. If we gain space at Northam, less seems to be needed at the HS.

- I believe the school system has put a lot of time, effort and due diligence to come up with these options. It isn't easy to invest in new schools but it is the right thing to do for the future of our community.
- Over all, I think the district did a really good job reaching out to the community and inviting participation. I wish the UA School Administration had not partnered with City Council in making the changes in the parking lot and the upcoming changes in the park itself. This may make it difficult to gain support for expensive options.