

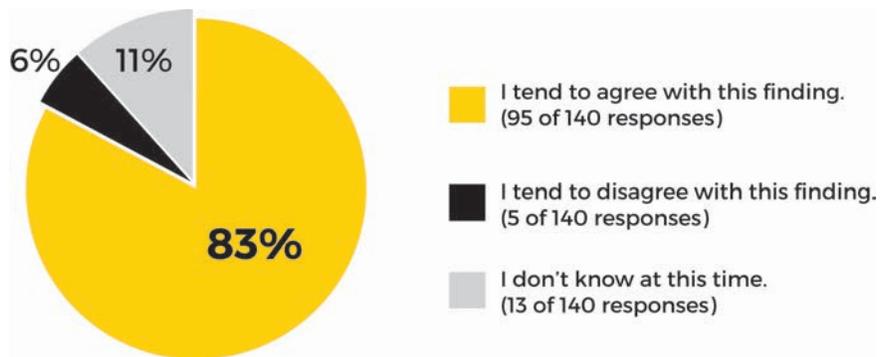
Building Team Survey Feedback*

April 5 through April 13

*includes paper survey forms filled out by building team members at the Building Team Meeting on April 3, 2017

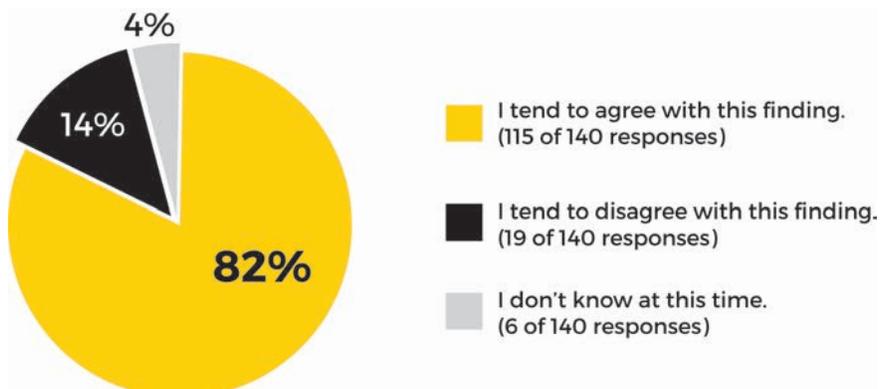
Need for an Operating Levy

In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board (FAB) suggested that the Board of Education pursue an operating levy of 3.75 mills, which funds day-to-day expenses and would allow the district to continue current levels of operation. The FAB noted in its report that this would be the district's lowest operating levy request in more than 35 years. The district would not need to return to the ballot to ask voters for additional operating funding for three years. What do you think of the FAB's initial finding for operating millage?



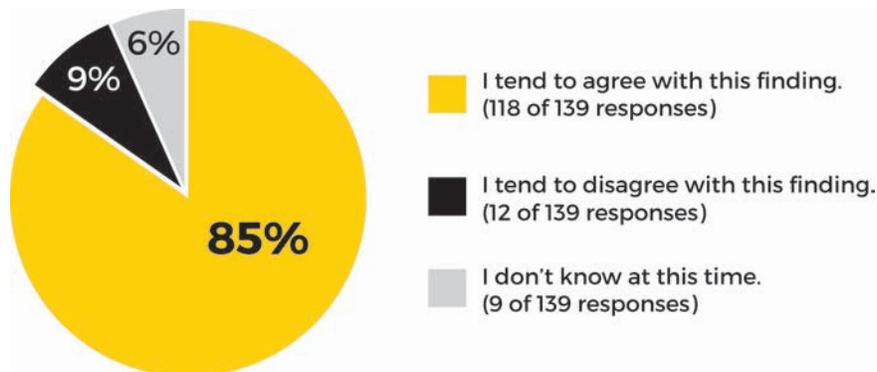
Phasing of the Master Plan

In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board recommended a two-phase implementation schedule for the master plan, with the first phase consisting of rebuilding the high school and renovating or rebuilding all five elementary schools. The second phase would include the middle schools and Burbank Early Childhood School and would be revisited by the community and the Board of Education in approximately 10 years. The FAB's rationale for including the high school in the first phase is the immediacy of the physical needs of that building. While the physical needs at the elementary schools are approximately five to 10 years out, the FAB feels it is wise to include the elementary schools in the first phase because of rising construction costs and a possible increase in interest rates. The FAB also feels it is wise to pursue a permanent solution for enrollment growth at the elementary schools instead of funding trailers as a temporary remedy during the first phase of the master plan. What do you think of this initial finding to address the high school and the elementary schools first?



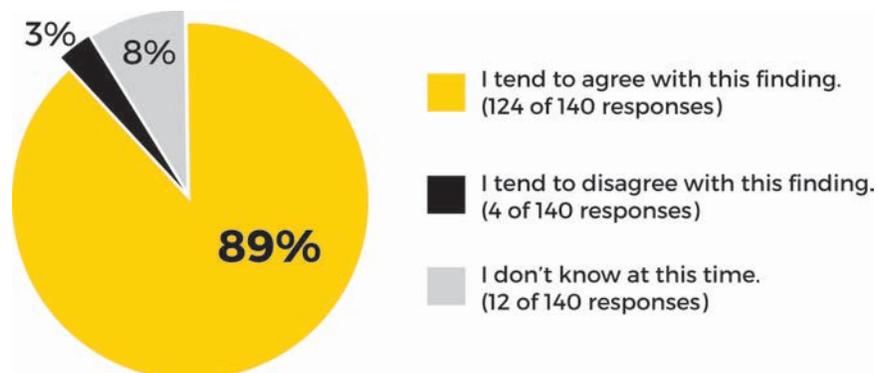
Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options

In its initial draft findings report, the Financial Advisory Board recommended rebuilding Upper Arlington High School on Zollinger Road with a drop-off lane and rebuilding and relocating Marv Moorehead Stadium within the current site. The FAB favored the Zollinger Road option (with an estimated cost of approximately \$142 million) over the Brandon Road option (approximately \$137 million). The FAB cited the following reasons for favoring the Zollinger Road option: better flow of traffic, easier access for first responders, better overall site layout and a better option for future expansion if needed. (To see illustrations of those options, please see the FAB initial findings report at www.uaschools.org/facilities.) What do you think of the initial finding supporting the Zollinger Road option for the high school?



Private Fundraising for the Master Plan

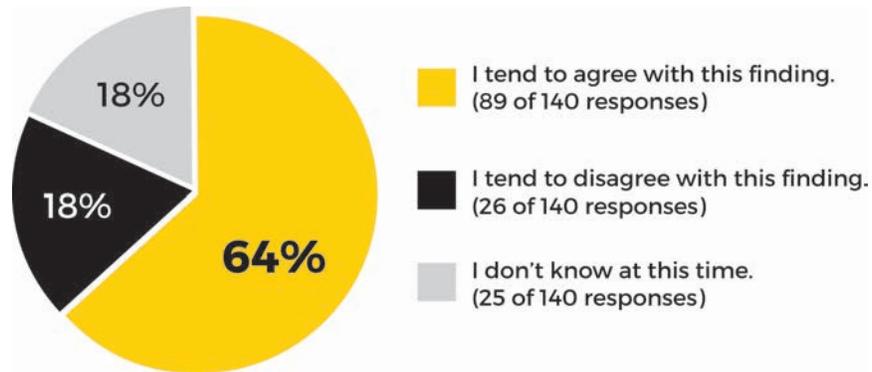
In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board suggested that the district set a minimum private fundraising target of \$5 million. The FAB felt that this was a good option to reduce the overall cost to taxpayers for funding the master plan and felt it illustrated a good-faith effort by the schools to explore an outside funding option that would be unique for a public K-12 school project. What do you think of the FAB's initial finding on a minimum private fundraising target of \$5 million?



Transitional Athletic Space

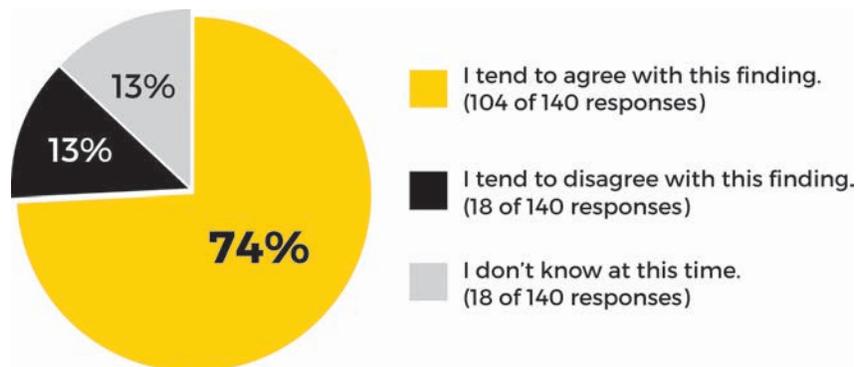
In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board recognized the need to identify transitional athletic spaces to continue to support current programs while school sites are under construction. The FAB *does not* support pursuing turf fields at the middle schools as transitional athletic space as part of the master plan. But the FAB *does* support pursuing a turf field behind Tremont Elementary School for use during and after construction at the high school by student-athletes and the community. The FAB encouraged the district to explore sharing the cost of that turf field with the City of Upper Arlington. What

do you think of the FAB's initial finding encouraging the district to pursue a turf field behind Tremont Elementary?



Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue on the November Ballot

In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board suggests that the Board of Education pursue a 8.92-mill combined operating levy and bond issue on the November 2017 ballot. Of the 8.92 mills, 3.75 mills would generate operating funding that would allow the district to maintain current levels of operation. The other 5.17 mills would generate the bond funding needed for construction at the high schools and the five elementary schools, totaling approximately \$230 million. The combined operating levy and bond issue would cost the owner of a \$400,000 home an additional \$1,249 in property tax each year. Compared with 2017 tax numbers, that would be approximately a 14 percent increase in overall property taxes and a 21 percent increase in school-related property taxes. What do you think of the initial finding suggesting that the Board of Education pursue an 8.92 mill combined operating levy and bond issue for the November 2017 ballot?



Additional Comments

- Should be more (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). Superintendent said Zollinger entrance was picked partly for safety reasons. (1) Have you considered safety if the Ackerman-Zollinger connector is built? (2) Have you spoke with City Council about this? (3) Are there minutes of the FAB discussions? I could not find on the web. (4) Was an income tax considered? If so, why was property tax settled on? If not, why not? (I think it may be easier to pass?) Thanks for the opportunity.
- Is there a way of merging to get best of both worlds? (noted under Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options) But think that is high (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan).

While I agree with the overall approach, I believe it will be a hard sell considering the total cost. I would like to see materials that prove out the costs, e.g. more detail on current & historic school property taxes in UA.

- Thorough! (noted under Need for an Operating Levy) Concerned as a staff member that the operating mills will not support raises (future) for staff. Many staff members live in community and will be experiencing these increases as well and will be seeking cost of living increase. There is already talks w/in union about this issue.
- My first thought (I tend to disagree with this finding) but --> (I don't know at this time). I am pretty sure the JMS field needs repair! :) Private funds were being raised for this at one point. Maybe this can be part of the plan (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). I think market this to the grandchildren and great grandchildren not born yet. So many families hope their children return to UA to raise their families. Will that happen with the decay of school buildings? Keep UA strong!
- I think it's important to see the expected chance to pass vs. the mil-rate to access how sensitive to the mil-rate the planning should be. If rate has only small effect on "chance to pass" then much effort should focus on need and process. On the other hand if people are very price sensitive then the focus of the plan needs to be very much on cost containment or alternate funding.
- What does this mean (circled "continue current levels of operation" under Need for an Operating Levy).
- ? (underlined "continue current levels of operation" under Need for an Operating Levy) Aim higher (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). 3.75 mills (circled with an up arrow) and 5.17 mills (circled with a down arrow), (noted under Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue).
- Could be more (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). I agree with the Tremont fields. I would also support the investment for similar fields @ Jones/Hastings.
- What happens to JV baseball/softball during construction?
- My hope is the school FAB is keeping long term maintenance and sustainability in mind when discussing cost reduction options. Reducing energy use and purchasing higher efficiency equipment is a long term investment. Also the whole turf discussion is also a long term maintenance thinking and seems like a small investment.
- I would pursue turf fields at middle schools; I'm concerned the operating levy is too tight and would support a slightly higher operating levy to ensure the quality of operations.
- I cannot support this project/levy/bond. The first time we were asked for feedback and it was compiled and shared, my concerns were not there. I have talked to other teachers who said the same thing. This leads me to believe that you only want our opinions if they agree with you.
- Should we limit the private fundraising goal to \$5 million? Obviously, if we go over that no one will complain but should we set it a bit higher since the overall cost is drastically higher. Just a thought!
- I feel your lack of support for the middle schools is unfortunate.
- Is there a chance that the levy/bond issue would be potentially more successful if they were separated instead of the current combined plan?
- Having suffered an athletic career ending injury on the traditional grass turf at Hastings, I believe we owe it to our children to install the safest surface we can reasonably afford on the middle school fields.

- Thank you for your continued efforts in support of our school community.
- I do not see here an explanation for the logic of requesting a combined initiative of the bond + levy. My concern is that if residents want to vote against the building, they will also vote against the operating levy, leading to a larger problem.
- Thank you for your work! This is a very large increase in taxes, especially as a single homeowner without children. I appreciate the district's continued work in finding ways to reduce costs without negatively impacting students' educational experiences.
- My only concern is for the middle schools - while we have elementary schools that are newer and in better shape than the middle schools, they are getting rebuilt or renovated over the middle schools option of repair. Rising enrollment issues will not just be seen at the elementary level. It just doesn't make sense. I don't think the tennis court issue at Jones was really fully investigated - either put them on the already space-limited athletic field or spend millions to purchase a building to knock down for the courts - both options seemed doomed to get a "No" vote. The stage/gym issue is a recognized failure in design and affects more students than any other issue yet no one seems able to figure this out. I hope in the near future, when the middle schools come back under review, that a better option than repair is available.
- I am disappointed that a free standing gym space at Jones was not pursued in any of the findings. The current space does not meet any of the daily class or athletic needs and poses a security risk when open for events after school as the entire building is open due to the current gyms location.
- This plan strikes me as prudent and one that sets our community on a path into a future with a strong school system. This will be our generation's gift to the future, just as the families in the mid-1900s have to us.
- I would like to see an option that gives tax payers the opportunity to vote on phase 1 being with the high school and elementary together or phase 1 being just the high school and lumping elementary into phase 2 giving tax payers an option at the polls
- Re: 2-phase approach. Assuming funding, why isn't the UASD looking at a "1-phase" schedule? Yes, would be challenging & incur increased costs, but (like removing a bandaid) completed all at the same time. I'm concerned that we'll have kids experiencing 6+ years of construction (elementary to middle), as well as community construction fatigue.
- \$1,250 extra per year is a lot to ask! I'm concerned the Operating Levy will last only three years. The District will be asking for increased operating funds again soon if this passes. Eventually, people will be tapped out & cannot afford more taxes. They might be there now. I did not see how long the 5.17-mill Bond Issue will last. I don't support the Board's choice of the more expensive option to rebuild the High School. I don't see how it creates a better flow of traffic with the main entrance on a four-lane road & very close to the Northwest & Zollinger intersection. If the A-Z connector ever happens, this option could be a disaster. I don't see how it makes better access for first responders. Does that mean that first responders are not able to access the current building with its entrance on Ridgeview? These feel like excuses to justify the more expensive option. Since the Board is choosing the more expensive option on the very first building, it makes me wonder about all the other buildings that will follow.
- Personally I think the middle schools are in worst shape at least Hastings compared to some of the elementary schools. I think middle school updates are critical as these are the years leading up to HS so technology updates, science labs etc are much more important at this time. I don't think Hastings should be on a long term plan as it has immediate needs. Tremont and

Greensview have both had additions that should shift them to later in the plan and move Hastings and Jones up.

- UA Schools cost per student is the highest in Central Ohio and we get relatively little for it. There is little maintenance performed on the school building and grounds -- the administration would rather just build new than do proper maintenance. Student fees are now several hundred dollars per year for items that should be covered in the general budget. There is no bussing. The gifted program for elementary schools is substandard. There are no efforts to fix ongoing problems like student dropoff at Barrington. Staff salaries and benefits are still out of control despite recent minor adjustments. A tax levy the size of what is being discussed will hurt UA property values as well -- has this been considered?
- It's too much to ask at one vote. I support doing high school first then the elementary in 5 years or so.
- I am curious if teacher salary has been addressed in the FAB's discussions at all. Many teachers live in the district, and when our taxes/cost of living increase, it will be important to make sure salaries continue to increase as well (avoid a freeze or reduction in percent increase). Teachers want what is best for our students and own children (updated facilities!), but also need to be able to financially support families and still provide supplies and materials for their classrooms (we spend a significant amount of money out of our own pockets on this).
- The buildings should all be LEED Certified to ensure that the long term operating cost for the schools remain in check, and the school buildings can be used as a teaching tool for the students to learn about green technologies. This investment in the future of our children's education should also be one in the future of their quality of life.
- The reason I put " I don't know" regarding the turf behind Tremont is not because I don't agree, it is because there are many residents that don't feel that the city has been honest in terms of enhancements to the parks and/or the tennis courts. The fees to participate at the courts this year went up 35% and the city states that there will still be a deficit even with the price increases. I just feel the city needs to explain where the fees would come to help with this turf. Some residents don't trust their decision making with Northam park and I don't want that to negatively affect this master planning for the school. The district has done a wonderful job being transparent and many residents don't feel that way in regards to the city. Great job UA Schools!
- Would like to see details why the stadium needs moved or extensively renovated - as it just underwent a \$5M renovation a few years ago.
- My concern is the five year gap between passing the levy and having any building rebuilt or repaired - is there any way to make this a 3 year projection instead of 5? I love the idea of transitional athletic spaces and perhaps they can be in other locations beyond Tremont that could be linked to community space as well. Thank you for working so hard on this process!
- I wish you would re-visit the options to turf Jones and Hastings. My daughter has had two injuries solely related to poor field conditions. The significant use of the fields warrants a plan for the safety of our student athletes.
- It makes sense to plan athletic fields in the time between building and making the fields at the old space. Building free and clear of the current building really makes sense because of the unpredictability of remediation process of whatever would need to be done to the original building. We are UA and we are a united community partly because this is the one high school for all of our students. Let's make it a place that grandparents can find the front door of. That sports teams can arrive where they are clearly supposed to be. That science labs would be large

enough so that labs didn't have to get done in the hallways due to lack of space. That had proper teacher work and meeting space. We are UA and we can work together.

- If the reconstruction of the elementary schools was prioritized and possibly partially left off the bond issue then could the asking 5.17 mil be lowered slightly. I'm concerned the community members would not be willing to pass such an increase in their taxes.
- Rebuilding of the schools is long overdue. Thanks for all your work, including all the community outreach. If anyone accuses this process of not being transparent enough, they have no one to blame but themselves.
- The Financial Advisory Board is not representative of the average UA citizen. It is hard to take the advice of this board seriously. I think you should find a board that has a cross section of the community, taking a look at such factors as age and income. It would also be nice if you would try to find people not involved in rotary or the civic association, the education foundation, the community foundation, etc.
- Recommendation for Greensview needs clarification; I am not in favor of replacing the wing that was built in about 2009.
- Putting turf at the middle schools is a better long term strategy for the community. Further, the community needs a holistic plan for Northam Park (done in collaboration with the schools and city). Erecting stadiums and turfing the fields at Northam without a holistic plan could limit a higher and better use for the park (which may still include designated fields for UAHS use). More info is needed on the private fundraising scenario. Didn't like the \$23MM in "line item" cost cuts from FAB without clarity of intent or building team input.
- talking with members of the community, people from a wide variety of places in life (some with young kids, some with HS kids, some with no kids) - the overwhelming majority ask why all 9 buildings at once - the monetary amount of the bond is simply staggering - they all agree that the High School needs to be replaced and have stated that they would support a bond for just the HS as it needs to be the "flagship" building of the district.
- Perhaps the elementary schools should be separated out of this initial levy to gain more of community support and see how much private fundraising is actually raised to cover future costs.
- If you want me to vote "yes", you need to have the HS cost be more in line with other HS projects in the past years (Olentangy, New Albany and Dublin) I understand the need to take into account the demo work but you are \$50 million higher than other new HS's. It doesn't take \$50 to demo.
- I'm sure you're already doing so, but in promotional materials for the levy, please include research that shows quality of schools impacts home values. It's not just an issue that impacts households with children.
- I think if the High School got rid of the displaced sports programs for the 2 years, they could use that cost savings towards the rebuild. This would significantly lessen the levy request. Students can pursue other interests or private programs during that time...or just focus on improving their academic resumes, which would create the largest benefit for future UA students with regards to gaining acceptance at better caliber universities nationwide.
- I am concerned that the operating levy is too low. There is an effort to keep this amount at its lowest request in the last 35 years (to obviously offset the new construction funding costs), when really, it should be at its highest. I'm afraid the system will suffer with too low of an operating levy. The most important thing in this entire process is to maintain excellence with our

staff/teachers/services/support/supplies/etc., above and beyond construction. Please revisit this.

- Thank you for all your hard work and opportunity to participate.
- Combining a challenging bond package with the operating levy creates a risk to passing them both. Fail one fail both. The district has historically ceded assets to the city; Thomson Park, the pools, parts of Reed Rd. Turf options are possible if the city colinvests. Waiting on the middle schools is not a good idea. We have kicked the can down the street for too long already.
- Very expensive findings!
- UAHS rebuild yes. 5 Elementary schools no.
- I disagree with the relocation of the stadium, I think there is opportunity to improve traffic flow with existing streets. Regarding first responder access, The first to arrive onscene may go the front entrance but once they have confirmed location of the incident the other responders will go to the closest entrance. My recommendation is to take the \$5M saved by not moving the stadium and look to buy property on either side of the current complex allowing for expansion in the future if necessary.