

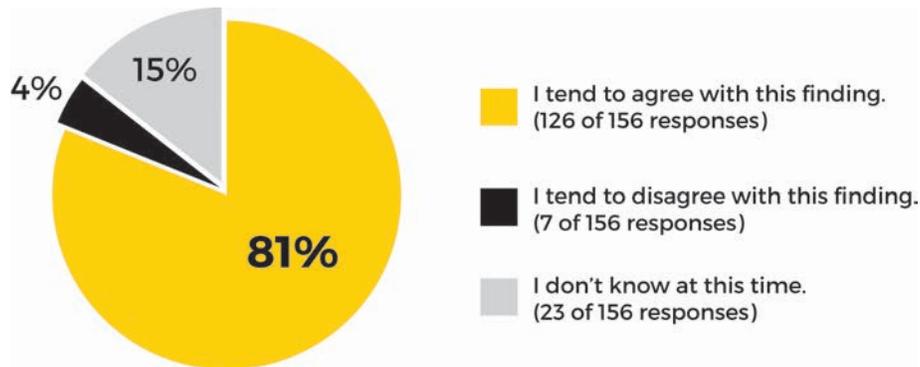
Community Engagement Session #5 Feedback

April 4, 2017

Morning session held at Mountview Christian Church; evening session held at Upper Arlington High School

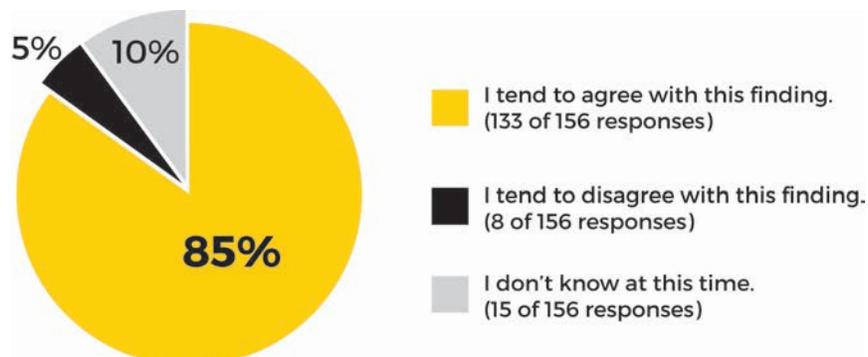
Need for an Operating Levy

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?



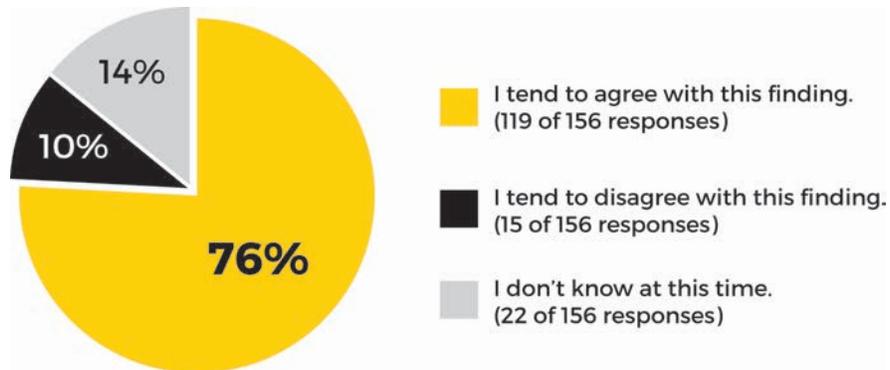
Phasing of the Master Plan

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?



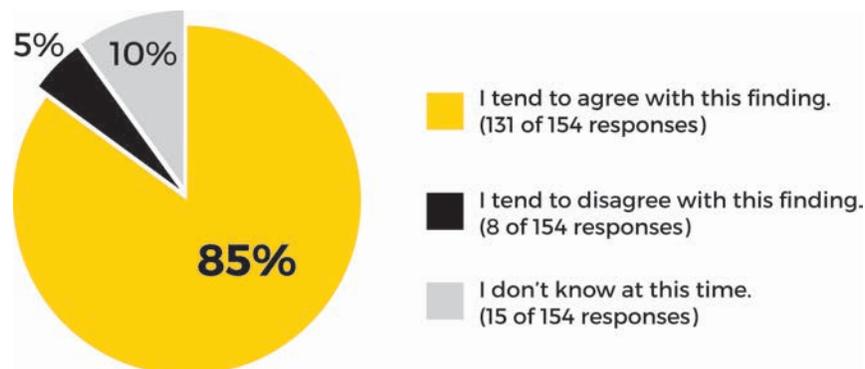
Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options

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

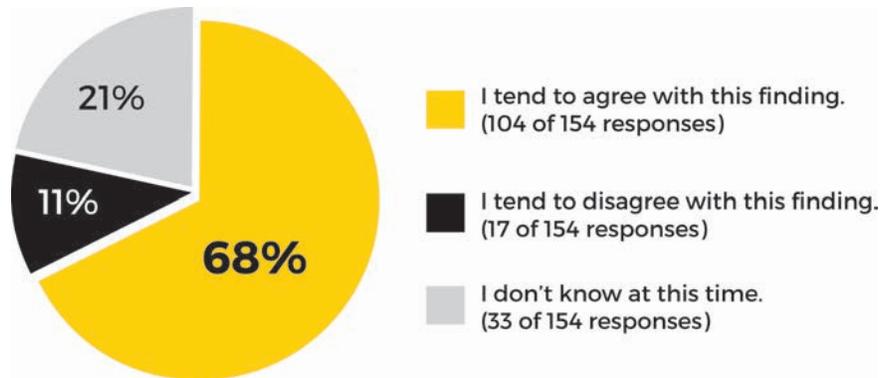
In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board suggested that the district set a minimum private fundraising target of \$5 million. The FAB felt that this was a good option to reduce the overall cost to taxpayers for funding the master plan and felt it illustrated a good-faith effort by 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

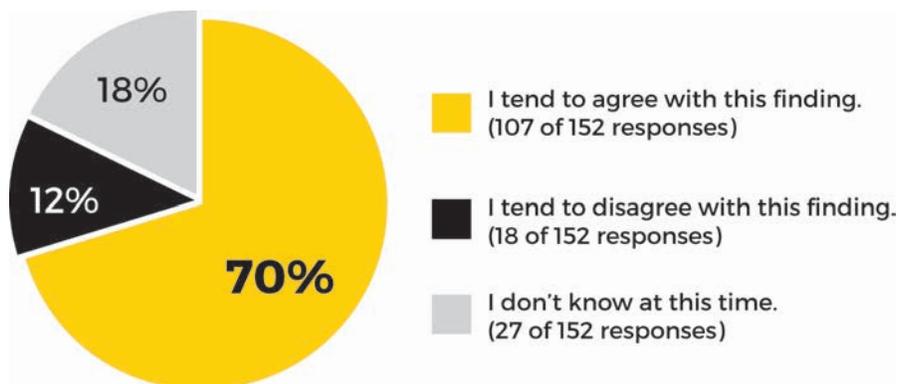
In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board recognized the need to identify transitional athletic spaces to continue to support current programs while school sites are under construction. The FAB *does not* support pursuing turf fields at the middle schools as transitional athletic space 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

- Stress that the operating levy is a replacement NOT an addition. Stress that your figures are from Turner Construction, a professional/viable/respected source.
- Strongly disagree (noted under Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options). Please provide a drawing that shows how this would fit on the parcel (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). How long is the bond

issue? Years? I still think we should acquire more land - either west of Brandon or east of Mt Holyoke. This solution is still a bandaid. The high school needs more space. There are other ways to acquire land other than a check - tax abatement - naming rights etc.

- Thank you for explaining the high school choice. That was helpful. Agree that high school and elementary is right place to start. Both financially and who is impacted. Every student goes to high school and is used a lot by the community and students spend most time in the elementary schools.
- Based on conversations I have had with many peers - they want to see just the HS in phase one (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan).
- Excellent presentation
- I would recommend the elimination of budget cushion. Explain impact on value of my house. Explain/consider tax consideration under the Trump Tax Plan. Consider the elimination of extras/nice to dos.
- Re: Presentation mat'ls & slides - unnecessarily hard to read. Make the key descriptions & facts & subtitles stand out. Put these in black ink. Orange type over white (presentation packet) & orange type over color stripes do not stand out. Instead of color stripes use underlines btwn points.
- Every new building should be LEED certified and net carbon neutral, such as Discovery Elementary in Arlington, VA and Richardsville Elementary in Kentucky. We are building for the next 50+ years.
- I think this is expecting a lot from grandmothers and great-grandmothers. We all grew up when wages were dirt cheap. Most young people today make enormous incomes compared to what seniors now get so it is difficult for us to wrap our minds around these enormous figures. We keep trying though!
- To deal with questions about rebuilding Greensview ... Could you show need for classroom rebuilding - how it would look differently. Stress our projected enrollment.
- But needs to be higher? Raise more in private funds (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). I would like more in private funding as part of plan (noted under Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue).
- Amount + timing reoccurrence (noted under Need for an Operating Levy). Although could bump 2 elementary schools maybe (noted under Phasing of Master Plan). Should be lot higher if total is > \$300M; would lower burden on home owner (noted under Private Fundraising of Master Plan, in which the respondent marked both I tend to agree with this finding and I tend to disagree with this finding). Stop trying to appease all the sports with more fields (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). Not 5.17 = too high. Strive for 3 at most. We will be having more increases in a couple of years again as well as again at the 10 year point (noted under Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue).
- As a senior citizen I am concerned that many of our UA senior citizens have not received the information about the school facilities project to understand the financial needs of the district regarding the rebuilding, renovating and repair of the buildings. I think additional outreach to seniors would be beneficial. Also, I think it would be useful to mention that property taxes are deductible on individual income tax returns for those who itemize deductions. Itemizers would, therefore, have less of a financial impact on account of increased property taxes resulting from a successful bond issue.
- HS for sure, not so much the elementaries (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan). As long as it is part of a complete Northam Park renovation plan (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). Mostly I wonder why rebuilds of the 3 elementaries are necessary. I worry that they could bring the levy down.
- But question rebuilding totally new schools @ elementary level (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan). But not naming (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). What programs would city use fields for? What is green space used for now? (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). Not sure I agree with sharing anything with the city. School makes better independent choices!

- w/o inclusion of City of UA - would like space to be UA Schools only (noted under Transitional Athletic Space).
- I think this is something we all just have to buckle down & do as a community. \$1200 a year in extra taxes will be tough for us to accommodate into our budget but we'll just need to make sacrifices & find other ways to cut spending. I am impressed by the investment of time & expertise into this process. I'm a little tentative to accept that all the elementary schools need the overhaul but fully agree that a high school build is important. However, after this meeting our family will get behind the proposed levys this fall.
- Might be helpful to put a calculator on your website so that people can put the actual auditor valuation in and see what they will actually pay.
- I did not completely follow the discussion of added space needs, in view of our lower enrollment. I got part of it, but this needs to be carefully covered in future documents, talks, web, etc.
- I am so impressed with how thorough, transparent, and communal this process has been. I applaud the effort and time to committing to do this the right way, with as many voices being heard all the way.
- THANK YOU for all the hard work!
- Try very hard to save the sycamore trees along Zollinger. We have already let OSU kill a bunch of them. Immediate community involvement during construction will be a must.
- I'm not excited about paying extra property taxes for the operating levy and bond issue. I live in a house originally built in 1955 with an addition in 1979. We have done some upgrades since then. We have a structurally sound house which is over 60 years old. I think improvements could be made in the existing school buildings at a much lower cost. But I love living in UA and I'll go along with the recommendations.
- Operating levy could go down if the community does not support the building/re-building option. Might not be worth the risk. We support UA Schools even though all 5 of our children attended private schools K-12. We have lived in UA for 45 years and are happy to support such an excellent school community.
- Well thought out plan. Thank you for keeping the emphasis on education and not just the buildings.
- Concern class size high (noted under Need for an Operating Levy). Agree work on high school & elementary schools should be done quickly to reduce need for trailers. I understand class size and building space is an issue and support alleviating this.
- Class size & security / safety is of utmost importance to our family. Please make sure safety/security professionals are consulted because even building design can reduce risk/offer protection and that's cheaper in the long run.
- It's time for our community to plan for the future. If the bond issue does not pass, we will be right back in this same position in a few years. I appreciate the FAB's thoughtful approach and recommendations.
- Thank you for spending the time & effort to research this (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan). Do not do this "part way." Do the best long term option. (noted under Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options) That would be a nice community improvement. Much needed (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). As a resident with no children in the schools I feel very strongly that the schools need to be their best for our current & future students. They were strong when we moved here; we need to do that for the future generations.
- Can it be higher? \$5M is a small % of total cost (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). Subject to sharing cost since it will be used by broader community (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). Understand that this is the only mechanism to generate funds to build schools in OH. New schools are great for community & will help UA be a special place, but as a family w/ older children who will not use any of the new/renovated schools, the annual tax increase is hard to swallow. The assumption is that UA home prices will be stable, or even increase, as a result, but that is only a paper gain until you sell the home

- What about previously mandated state funding? (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan) I am convinced that our state legislature will never comply with its school funding decision by the courts as long as taxpayers continue to supply funding by voting for levys. I always considered bond issues as construction answers for funding ... not tax levys! Why is it always on the backs of property owners? Our city seems destined to rid itself of senior citizens like one who need affordable housing and not rebuilding current school systems by constant elevations of property taxes.
- Still taxpayer money either way if school or city is responsible to fund. How much is a turf field? (noted under Transitional Athletic Space) Do not agree with potential reduction of combined gymnasium/cafeteria space at elementary schools. Feel we need both spaces, and that cafeteria space should be multipurpose (mostly flooring wise). Winter gym space is so limited that elementary students have basketball practice until 9:30 p.m. and that is using current cafeteria space to practice. With enrollment # increase, this problem will only worsen.
- Any option of creating 2 way street on Brandon? Personally I don't find the current front door attractive - it seems it is rarely to never utilized - no parking, etc. (noted under Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options). Not needed long term (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). I completely agree that the high school needs to be rebuilt for several reasons. However, having been in the elementary schools, I am surprised that these need to be rebuilt. If funding becomes an issue, I would recommend definitely pursuing the high school for now. Thank you for your work on this - all very well done!
- Need to do a lot of additional reading. The presentation was first rate, but the devil is always in the details.
- Where do the young kids go who use these fields for grass T-ball, softball, soccer, etc?
- Rebuild HS options: What if Zollinger Rd - connects to Ackerman Rd / SR 315 interchange increases the traffic flow on Zollinger Rd??
- Thank you for the very informative meeting. We are appreciative for the UA schools. Our children received a great education here. We will support future generations. Thanks for your very thorough approach to this process! Good luck
- This is a very detailed, informative process which exceeds pre-work done in other communities. Nice work, looking forward to the next steps in the process!
- Why not Jones & Hastings too? Would at least like to know the cost of the middle schools. (noted under Transitional Athletic Space)
- But would like to see MS fields turfed (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). Great job!
- Great job! This is long overdue. If this passes, it helps our home values. Please make that more of a focus.
- Very open, collaborative process. Appreciate the full disclosure.
- Sooner the better! Go for it. Please make sure to get professional help managing this large project. Administrators need to do their day-to-day jobs!
- I am sorry trying to make a good decision
- High school first, elementaries next, then middle and Burbank (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan). Widen Brandon to at least 3 lanes and prohibit on-street parking on it. Make it a 2-way street for first responders. 4 lanes on Brandon would be better than 3. Possibly same for Mt. Holyoke Road. (noted under Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options). If voters vote for operating levy but oppose construction levy, then entire issue is defeated because one-half of it was defeated. All-in-one levy makes it "all or nothing" proposition (noted under Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue). UA has history of gold-plating everything - example is Northam Park disaster.
- I would be crushed if the trees on Zollinger were cut down for this rebuild. They can't be replaced in our lifetime. I still think Zollinger by Kingsdale is lacking w/o those trees. P.S. I'm not a tree hugger! I would be interested to know what the options are if the bond issue doesn't move forward.

- For UA to continue as a premier place to live in Central Ohio, these proposed rebuilds and renovations to the school facilities is of vital importance. One issue needs consideration prior to construction on the grounds of the high school and behind Tremont, and that is the former Litchford Cemetery and Colored School that existed in tact from the 1830s up through the early 20th century. While 27 graves were located and moved in the 1950s when the high school was built, there was a distinct likelihood more human remains exist at this site. With collaboration with cultural resources professionals modern geophysical techniques can assist in identifying possible grave shafts prior to any ground disturbances, and archaeological monitoring and systematic recovery in collaboration with a qualified funeral director, cemetery association, and the Franklin County Coroner's Office can result in a timely and respectful recovery and re-interrment of any such remains.
- Have you done a feasibility study yet? (Noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan) It's not explained very well. I discussed with Superintendent. (Noted under Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue)
- I think it should be higher at least 5% (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). I thought the property tax comparison was good to see. To be doing this much construction and still be lower than Olentangy, Hilliard & New Albany is great news. Thank you for all your work. I think the FAB really added credibility - great move - and reassuring to me as a taxpayer. They are people we know and respect their business-sense to 'represent' us.
- Should be more \$10-20M (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). M.S. fields would be more permanent (noted under Transitional Athletic Space).
- Decreases should be considered; current should not be assumed to be justified (noted under Need for an Operating Levy). Should be three (phase implementation schedule). It is my experience that not all construction costs increase with time; esp. the next 20 yrs. (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan). (Circled "maintain current levels of operation) No! All of society is making cuts! UA Schools should also. (Circled "a 14% increase in overall property taxes and a 21% increase in school-related property taxes") Unacceptably high and therefore causes me to vote against the levy. Costs of new facilities need to be reduced so that the levy can be decreased to an acceptable amount. Thank you for all of your effort on this very important topic!
- I have concerns and would like to better understand the impact of a 4-story building in a residential neighborhood. And at the same time I appreciate the concern for green space. (Noted under Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options)
- Will this be enough space? What opportunities are there for collaboration w/ the city/parks? (Noted under Transitional Athletic Space) Let's get this done! UA facilities and green spaces/sports facilities lag very far behind other communities. It's time for our buildings to be as good/great as our students are!!!
- But could support all buildings now as well (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan). I could support turf at middle schools (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). The process has been well run from a community involvement process. I would continue to encourage the district to take the long view.
- Or higher (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). After design is done will the construction be bad?
- Note from the district: Both "I tend to agree with this finding" and "I don't know at this time" were marked under Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue.
- I understand the needs for rebuilding/renovating. I would just ask that, as much as possible, please have mercy on those of us who cannot afford a significantly larger tax burden.
- Timing is important, many are likely to base some portion of their decision on when this project will occur and complete. If the actual schedule deviates significantly from what is promoted, it is likely that some

element of support may erode. That said we must also be sensitive to the perception of rushing to decision. Finally, emphasize this quality of talent that is represented in the FAB --> This is an extraordinary group that would be prohibitively expensive to hire - well done!

- If the two levies are combined into one, where only one would be voted on I would likely vote against it - for me, bond issues are fine as long as the debt can be serviced through current revenues.
- Should try for more though (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan).
- I feel the \$5M private funding could be set higher.
- Think this should be more (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan).
- I am supportive of the proposed levy & bond issues - I know my property taxes will increase, but I understand why and realize that my children, the community and (selfishly) my property value will ultimately benefit. My concern is that the campaign be as effective as possible. There will undoubtedly be a lot of "fake facts" thrown around by the opposition. I hope the "pro" side creates promotional material that is concise and clear - use lots of pictures and less language. The comparison to other school districts is good. Attention spans are short, and many people are going to have to see a reason to read beyond the headline of "TAX INCREASE." Thanks for your work!!
- Good work!
- Great work! So excited!
- Thank you for all your hard work. Bright future ahead!
- If bond issue passes - will increase
- Re the potential scope adjustment to forego a premium HVAC system - I hope this would not be at the expense of increased decibel levels &/or run times. When operating, Barrington's AC runs more than it is off. Last I knew it could not run at night w/o violating zoning codes.
- Today, there is not enough parking for students and staff @ UAHS. With the new proposed entrance on Zollinger Rd., I am concerned that overflow parking will spill into my Wakefield Forest neighborhood which is a safety issue. We have no sidewalks or streetlights. Zollinger is very crowded with cars at drop-off and @ the end of the school day. With the new traffic flow on Zollinger between Brandon + NW (westbound), it has become worse. Traffic flow is a big concern for me. You will also need to convince property owners w/ no children in UAHS schools that this is an INVESTMENT in our community that keeps their property values competitive.
- Agree/will support, but seems low (noted under Need for an Operating Levy). How does this impact Northam renovation? Fourth of July/fireworks activities? (noted under Transitional Athletic Space). Thank you for these meetings - very helpful! (Even if my daughters may never know the joys of study hall in the W. Cafe!!)
- I appreciate this meeting and your taking the time to explain the process and all that has gone into this master planning. Thank you!
- Re: private donations and the (potential) 'sale' of naming rights, please do not allow any of the schools to become advertising billboards. Should someone underwrite, for example, the high school library an appropriate, non-gaudy plaque ought to be sufficient.
- Should be 3 phases, w/ high school first (noted under Phasing of the Master Plan). Operating levy and bond issue should be split (noted under Combined Operating Levy and Bond Issue).
- This was well presented, and the thought, time and expertise that has already gone into this project is impressive. While an increase in property taxes is certainly not exciting, the cost increase is reasonable for the outcome.
- My main concern & goal is that this project is done well!! The presentation tonight was well done and thoughtful.

- Thank you for keeping us informed and engaged. I look forward to the process continuing.
- But not a naming right (noted under Private Fundraising for the Master Plan). I believe an earned income school district tax would be a better way to fund the schools. This would reduce the burden on people on fixed income.
- The possibility of an income tax was mentioned only briefly. Was it not considered at all? Was it rejected? If so, why?
- Thank you for all your hard work
- The mail communications have been very informative. Thank you - to all for their expert & dedicated service.
- Thank you for an efficient meeting! Not a fan of more than 2-story buildings in residential neighborhoods in UA - Not sold on the money-making 'urban' myth developers continue to sell to the UA leadership and surrounding suburbs. I am unlikely to vote in something in someone else's neighborhood that I am unwilling to put in my own. In these changing times of safety concerns in our nation's schools, have safety issues been evaluated thoroughly for a 4-story? Are students farther from administrative offices? - Is it easier for students to 'get lost' if they choose to in a 4-story building? What are evacuation issues with a 4-story building, as opposed to a 2-story? In exchange for building a residential or commercial multi-story building in Upper Arlington, consider a one-time building fee per story that would absorb some of this school cost. Having attended UAHS and also having walked busy, unsafe Zollinger Road regularly as an adult with a child and a dog, I have always preferred the school classrooms and courtyards on the quiet residential portion of the property. I was disappointed to hear that the new Wickliffe building would be built behind the original building. Having walked the Wickliffe neighborhood often, I consider the large green space at the back of Wickliffe to be one of its appealing assets. I would be more open to short-term inconvenience and expense to have long-term goal of green space at the back of the school away from the street. Didn't we put a lot of money into Greensview in recent years? I am in support of the great learning that is happening at Windermere and the great team of people there, but I was disappointed to learn that the Windermere building is designated to be torn down. I remember well sitting in a windowless classroom in UAHS and disliking the space (even though the class and teacher were good). Please provide classrooms with windows that open - fresh air was far more appealing for learning. Please, no trendy, soon-to-be-outdated architecture. Please, no naming rights, unless it is in the name of honoring an educator at the school. May all students come to the school on equal footing, not some with their family name on parts of the building. Sharing a Tremont field with the city would be a concern. Having lived near a city facility, the city's managerial attention and accountability and ethics demonstrated are not up to warrant a trust of a shared partnership of this kind. Not seeing how this solution would be better than the Jones/Hastings proposal. Get all details documented. It is a concern that if the City of Upper Arlington administration/elected leadership does not get its house in order regarding its management and need for a reset of its ethical compass (too much legal action needed to justify decisions!), it may prove a more difficult task for the city schools to ask the public for this amount of money. Thank you for a thorough and efficient process in involving the public with this planning process! Thank you for being open about the planning, even when presenting some things that might be difficult or unpopular. Thanks for considering solutions outside of the box and rethinking some suggestions when they are offered. I am thankful for the good leadership of our schools - at the administrative level and in the individual schools. I hope to support the future of the schools, but not quite on board with all of it yet.