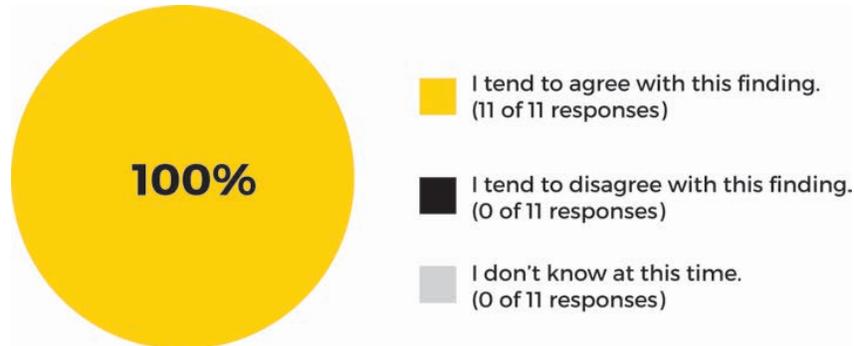


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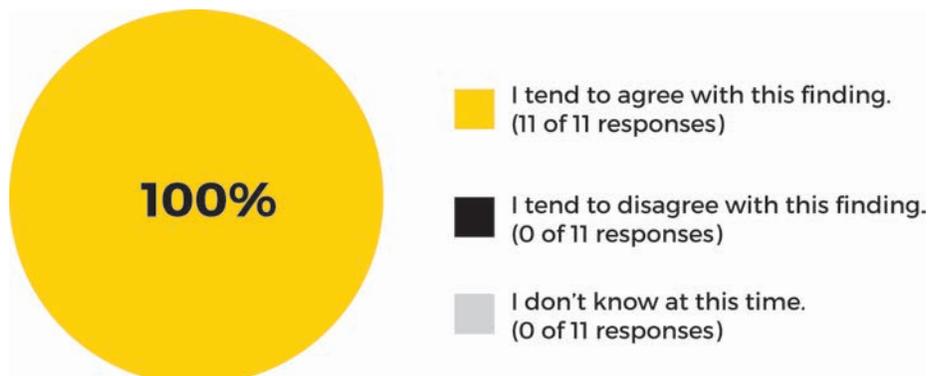
Need for an Operating Levy

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?



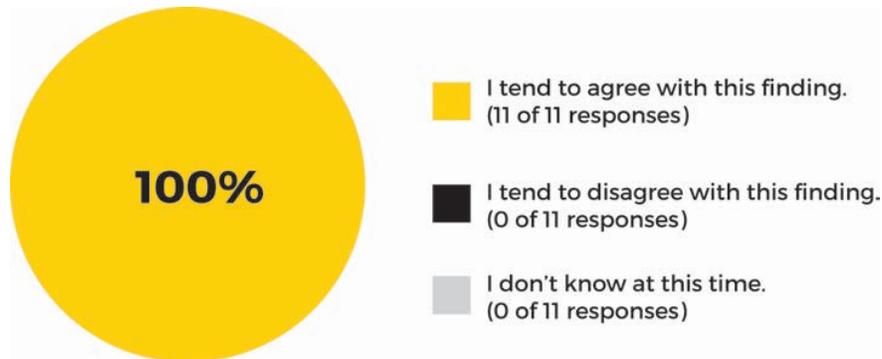
Phasing of the Master Plan

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?



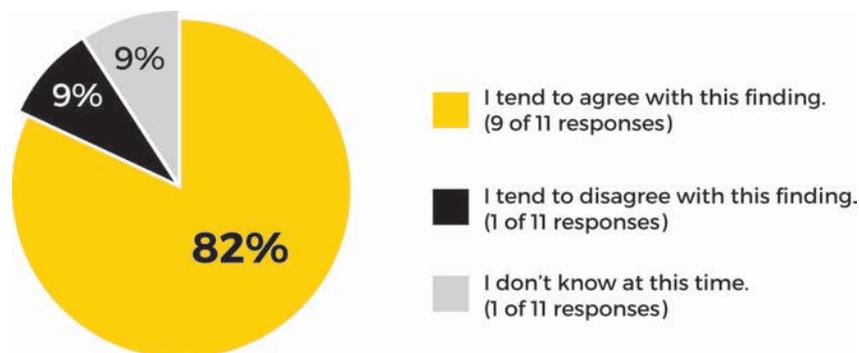
Upper Arlington High School Rebuild Options

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

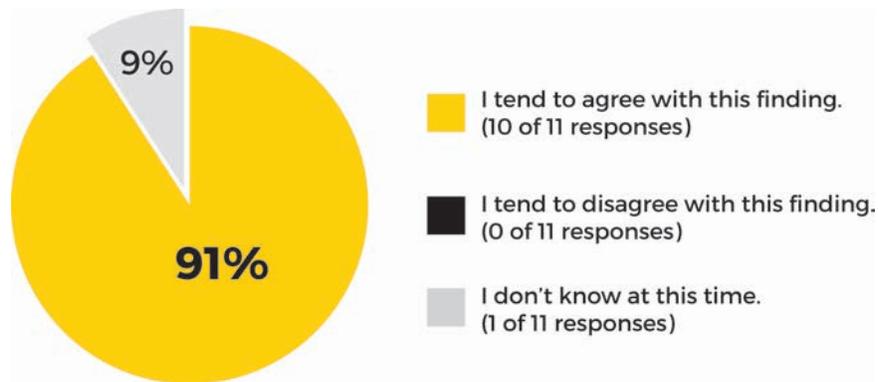
In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board suggested that the district set a minimum private fundraising target of \$5 million. The FAB felt that this was a good option to reduce the overall cost to taxpayers for funding the master plan and felt it illustrated a good-faith effort by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

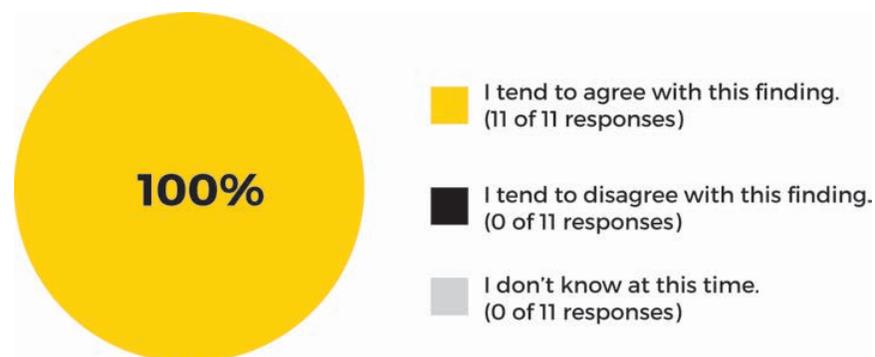
In its initial findings report, the Financial Advisory Board recognized the need to identify transitional athletic spaces to continue to support current programs while school sites are under construction. The FAB *does not* support pursuing turf fields at the middle schools as transitional athletic space 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 home with a current market value of \$400,000 (as determined by the county auditor and listed on <http://www.franklincountyauditor.com/>) 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

- I am in favor of the FAB's recommendations but foresee that members of the public will view this plan as a lot of work and a lot of cost all at once. The message has to be clear (as it already is) that the district has no choice but to spend money on our aging buildings now, that this approach still keeps UA affordable when compared to other districts, and that phasing the work as proposed will ultimately save taxpayers millions of dollars in escalating construction and borrowing costs.

- I thought the group in general did a good job and came up with the right answers these are not easy decisions by any stretch.
- It appears the FAB has shed some good/fresh ideas on the Master Planning Process that may have been overlooked. Kudos to them for their work and creative ideas!