



2017 School Planning Survey

Annex



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- A methodical approach that listens to all voices in the community.
- A plan that people can afford to stay in town with.
- Address environment concern regarding these issues, consider affordability issues in Yellow Springs, consider outdoor educational opportunities in any facilities discussion, collaboration with Antioch College
- Any information that they can provide would be more than they have given us.
- Before we vote, we want to see the whole scope of the project and how much it's going to cost and for how long.
- Common sense
- Depending on the chosen proposal I would need more information about what they're going to do.
- Find the people who wrote this survey and figure out why they're asking these questions without providing more information. This is the worst survey I've ever participated in.
- Have a public debate on all this.
- I don't know (2)
- I don't see any reason for this. I don't see any problems with the way it is now. There was just an upgrade to the schools so they don't need it. There is plenty of space where they are now and they haven't made a case for why they need new schools.
- I feel like the board is just not in touch with the community. Many people are against higher taxes. The board needs to do something about it. They could renovate slower so as not to increase taxes too much.
- I just want more information on all the smaller details for the plans.
- I need to know about plans in general because I don't know much about it in order to vote
- I need to know that there's really a problem, I haven't been convinced. I just think someone is trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist. We have some of the best schools in Ohio, what is the purpose of a new building?
- I think the board should provide a synopsis - regardless of what decision they make- so people know how and why they chose any particular path.
- I think the plans for the Mills Lawn facility plans, which have already been drawn up, need to be made public so everyone can understand the implications. I would also like to know why the superintendent does not support a K-12 facility at the high school campus.
- I think this plan needs more communication between the Board and members of the community. It seems to me they came to us with an already developed idea instead of consulting the community first.
- I want a laid-out plan of what they're going to do and no hidden costs. For them to be very transparent and open to feedback from the community. We are a very tight knit community and all parents want to be involved.
- I want more details about the plan and what it would include. I don't want a fancy school, we need an efficient school.
- I want more information about school population, specifically why 30% of students come from out of district and we're building to serve them. I feel the cost of Yellow Springs is keeping

families out and I want a vibrant community. I want accountability for our facilities. I spend a lot of time in the school buildings and there's a general disrespect fostered by the administration.

- I would generally like better options. The plans they are proposing are not realistic cost wise.
- I would like a better understanding of the specific costs regarding maintenance of the facilities over the next decade or two if no renovation plan is put into action. I think we need to compare the cost of building or renovating with the cost of maintaining the different schools over the years.
- I would like a clear statement of cost and benefits.
- I would like a survey amongst just the teachers at the schools and their opinions and a survey about what specifically the parents and/or students (at least the high school age ones) think about the plans.
- I would like another firm to give us an estimate on how much building a new building will cost, not just the Ohio Facilities Management people.
- I would like clarification about the plans.
- I would like for them to address the Mills Lawn building in the first phase instead of the Middle school / High school. The elementary building is in much worse shape overall so it needs to be fixed sooner.
- I would like listening sessions not during the summer because a lot of people aren't around to go to them. Conversations during the school year about the buildings would be good.
- I would like more detail about the need for renovations, exactly where and what the renovations would be, as well as how much renovations would cost.
- I would like more details about the K-12 campus anywhere it's located. I would like to know why they feel a K-12 campus would be beneficial. I'd like them to clarify the cost scenarios for both plans.
- I would like more information about the Mills Lawn K-12 facility plan and if it would include the performing arts center. Also, I would like to know if the sports facilities would be moved from the high school. I would like them to collect data on what the students in the schools want.
- I would like more information about these plans.
- I would like more information about what they are actually wanting to do concerning the facility planning.
- I would like more options than just renovating or building a new campus.
- I would like more rationale for why these renovations are even necessary.
- I would like plans for repairing the existing school facilities. They have been severely neglected and I really hope we can turn a corner on that.
- I would like the board to consider compiling a list of needs, and prioritize those needs. They need to develop an affordable levy that would enable them to address those needs over a period of years. When addressing these needs, address them by renovations and additions and not by building new buildings.
- I would like the board to list a set of prices on the predicted cost of the facility plans and potential budgets. I would like to know what would we get from state funding to know how long would it last. I would like them to focus on budgets that are reasonable and won't outprice the village.
- I would like the board to provide me all the information regarding what needs fixed and how much it would cost to give a better understanding as to which plan would be most beneficial.
- I would like the board to provide public forums to ask questions.

- I would like the board to talk to some of us who are of limited income who are property owners who have always voted for everything and let us talk about how much money we have to spend and what our living costs are and tell us where we can find that money in our budget to build new buildings.
- I would like them to answer this question, "Who will fund the state portion of the state fund match?"
- I would like them to be considerate of the income difficulties of living in the village, and I would like them to understand that there are limits to what the village could endure in terms of taxation.
- I would like them to consider the possibility of looking at Antioch Midwest at the corner of Dayton Street and Enon Road by the high school. I don't see why that might not be a possibility since it's going up for sale.
- I would like them to provide a little more transparency.
- I would like them to provide better safety for cross guards, in particular I have noticed some of the vests are faded.
- I would like them to provide more detailed plans.
- I would like them to talk about strategic renovations instead of such a massive undertaking. This is not the best time right now because of the levy that just passed for the fire station. I would like a 5 year plan for these renovations.
- I would like to hear from the teachers themselves about the advantages and disadvantages of a K-12 school. I would also like to hear from the teachers about their own preferences in regards to the two plans being proposed.
- I would like to know about the McGregor building, if that's a possible option.
- I would like to know how they're going to pay for it considering the out of district students that attend. Need to look at renovating the old buildings. It doesn't make sense. Need to be clear that not partially because of project based learning.
- I would like to know more about the possible expense of renovating the buildings versus building new ones.
- I would like to know more information about how much more we are going to pay in taxes on this.
- I would like to know what some estimates from non-state construction people and other options other than those presented at the meetings.
- I would like to know why it seems that building a new campus on the high school property doesn't seem to be an option and more meetings regarding the information.
- I would like to know why the school board has ruled out a K-12 campus at the high school.
- I would like to see a breakdown of the funding and the number of phases to be completed and the breakdown as far as property taxes and income taxes for each phase.
- I would like to see a gifted program for those students who are more advanced.
- I would like to see how much of the building they're going to change if they do build onto the high school or find they need a new building. I'd like to know more about the existing buildings such as the middle school building. And where they are going to put the students while renovating. I would like them to use green technology to the best cost effective ability, ex. Solar panels and fuel efficient windows. I would like information and input.
- I would like to see the different plans. I've read about them but I would like to see a video or some pictures of what they are thinking about.

- I would like to understand why they feel everybody needs to be together on Mills Lawn, a smaller property, as opposed to on the high school property where there is significantly more land. The high school is relatively close to town so it's a convenient location for a K-12 facility if that's truly what they want - instead of overcrowding the center of the village.
- I would love to know if they have considered a permanent improvement levy as a means of accomplishing the necessary expansions and renovations as opposed to a regular bond issue.
- I would really like to see a layout of each plan and the general changes to the existing buildings.
- I would want a more comprehensive sense of the renovation cost.
- I would want to know what value of excess of the school board is. There are twenty acres owned by the school. I want them to renovate the high school and mills lawn, and sell the acreage to the south of the high school that is not being used.
- I wouldn't mind seeing architectural plans.
- I'd like a public meeting or meeting at people's home once they figure out what they're doing. It's a lot of money and it's essential that people know what they're getting for their money.
- I'd like an in depth comparison of the long range value of project based learning compared to the older-style traditional teaching methods.
- I'd like more community pulse meetings and more information on the subject.
- I'd like more information about what they're doing with the money.
- I'd like the board to continue providing any details they find out and not leave anything out.
- I'd like the school board to provide more information about the proposed levies, but I admit that I haven't been paying as much attention as I could have.
- I'd like to know more about the reasons why they want to build a new building.
- I'd like to know what the board has provided to me so far.
- If this is funded by property tax, we would be really hurt. We don't want to leave town but we are considering it.
- I'm not going to the meetings because my daughter thinks I would get too upset, but I'll say that I'm not going to say how I'll vote until I know what their finalized plans are.
- I'm on a fixed income so it is kind of limited, but I would look at it very closely because education is important and facilities are falling apart.
- In my opinion, I believe that the town can't afford the 34 million dollar plan. I feel like there needs to be more discussion on the renovations. I also feel that they should start the renovations, and then do a second round later when the town can afford it.
- It would be nice to have a consistent breakdown of what's going on, side by side comparisons, and what it means for tax payers.
- More conversations with the village. I think it's a really good idea with this community.
- More information about the plans in detail from the school board.
- More information on alternatives to a total rebuild of the facilities. Could we just rehab sections that are already there for a lower cost?
- Plans for the renovations and a budget for the schools maintenance plan.
- Quality education, no favoritism, no punishment for not being among the favored people, de-emphasis on religious and military teachers, more attention to bullying, understanding of cultural differences, freedom to criticize without fear that my child will be punished
- Send a letter or an email with more information about this to villagers. Post a public form of results of this survey. I think they should survey more than 400 villagers and survey a more diverse group of people.

- Some realistic appraisal of what they're trying to accomplish with all this building.
- The school board has never given the term of any financing. We're still paying off the last school renovation.
- They need to consider the financial aspect of the property owners because it's always on our shoulders to fund these types of projects.
- They need to do more homework and more rustling of the trees to get more state and federal funds. \$35 million for 4,000 people is atrocious and putting it on the backs of community members is inappropriate. My threshold is paying up to 10% personally with federal and state funding for the other 90%.
- They need to do with what they've got with some improvements.
- They need to provide a decent at existing funding levels.
- To consider that we don't need new school buildings. We should renovate and utilize the empty buildings in Yellow Springs.
- What would the dynamics of the days look like (for example: drop off time - if everybody in the district is being dropped off at the same time, what kinds of chaos would be going on in the community)? How would the interchanges between older and younger children be handled?
- Why isn't there a question about a K-12 campus at the high school on survey?

Annex B: Do you have any additional comments that you would like us to convey to the Yellow Springs School Board?

- As a parent and citizen, I think schools are important, but it's sounding like it's going to be a lot of money and they need to consider what's best for both students and citizens in Yellow Springs.
- Be careful about how much more they will be taxing people because some people can't afford it. This was a good survey.
- Congratulations on telling us everything. I thought we would have a vote on our druthers before we vote on the money.
- Consider the environment more and it would be more costly to build new because of climate change.
- Consider the fact that taxes are very high, if the school board wants to encourage families to come to the Yellow Springs District; keep in mind that adding taxes will discourage them.
- Do not change the footprint on Mills Lawn! Do not put all schools at Mills Lawn! Keep high school where it is. McKinney Middle School was designated to last 10 years; it's been almost 30. McKinney must be rebuilt or combined with the high school. A standalone performing arts center located at either the high school or elementary school would be excellent.
- Don't create policies based on your own children but rather the benefit to the entire community. You have lost all support from families of gifted students.
- Don't increase income taxes.
- Emphasis on how important the greenspace is to the community and how important it is to keep it.
- Emphasize how much I value the property at Mills Lawn because of the green space and not just for the elementary school. It needs to not be filled up with a huge building and also it's not age appropriate to be putting high schoolers and elementary school kids in the same building.
- Even though we have access to more advanced technology, it is expensive and a good education doesn't require advanced technology.
- Everyone I have talked to shares my point of view and are hoping they don't go with the K-12 plan.
- Fix the schools they have and don't waste money on the survey.
- For Mills Lawn, I feel like they could be more creative about future use of land. They could sell some of the unused land near Phillip's street. People would love buying a lot near the elementary school and it would bring more people into town.
- Give the people a choice
- I am absolutely against the K-12 Mills Lawn idea. I am also very concerned about the effect these plans are going to have on the general affordability of Yellow Springs.
- I am adamantly opposed to destroying the Mills Lawn property to turn it into a K-12 facility. They need to consider the impact it will have on the neighborhood, especially in regards to property values.
- I am concerned that the higher taxes will price out some of the renters, which are the schools kids' parents. With the fire levy, these taxes are hitting families hard. I think it's going to change the dynamics of the town.
- I appreciate that they are doing all of this process.
- I ask them to be sympathetic to the elderly in the village. I am a retired teacher and the income that I receive from my retirement just isn't enough to support all of this on top of my other expenses.

- I can't believe they are considering a K-12 campus at Mills Lawn. There would be no parking and would make the area a mess with all the cars. It wouldn't be safe for the younger kids to be around the middle-schoolers and high-schoolers, and might be dangerous for little kids to be around teenage drivers. Also, it wouldn't be able to fit all those kids.
- I currently work in a school that has less money than the Yellow Springs school district and it's well maintained and has everything that Yellow Springs wants but we've done it with less money. They just need a better plan. I also am opposed to the central facility because I don't like the idea of grades K-12 being combined and the loss of green space is terrible.
- I definitely feel like both the schools definitely need renovation. That's a must and the facilities do need improvement. I have reservations about combining the younger and older children. I know the facilities would be separated but it's still too overwhelming for younger children in grade school.
- I didn't like the survey. It didn't say what it needed to get the right answers and opinions from the community.
- I do appreciate that the school board is reaching out like this. I have seen quite a bit of information from them and I really appreciate it.
- I don't have confidence in the process because it's biased in that it's embarrassing in the negative. I wasn't given an opportunity to answer in the positive about my opinions. This is a caring community and people still want to work with the administration even without raising taxes.
- I don't know how to answer the question about the performing art center because I won't base my vote on that and I don't know what it would cost. I want them to work within a much lower budget. They should also present lower cost options and predictions on how long those improvements would last. Also, a second firm should look at our buildings and see what we could get from the state.
- I don't know what they're basing this on. I don't know what the population is now but we're attracting and trying to draw too many people here. This is a small unique village, we don't need to make a suburb out of this.
- I don't know why building K-12 campus on the current middle school/high school site isn't an option. People wanted it there instead of at Mills Lawn.
- I don't see where they have the big need to expand and do all this renovation and everything.
- I don't think older kids should be combined with younger kids. There is too much bullying or sexual harassment these days. Also, my property taxes are so high as it is. We are paying for the new fire house and our electric went up recently. This community could become too expensive for people to live in.
- I don't want to put a grade school and everyone in the same location. I want schools to be split up.
- I guess I'm confused as to why the property would be at Mills Lawn when there is more space at the empty field by the high school. I understand the central location, but the space at Mills Lawn is smaller. It would be mayhem over there. It seems like a better use of space at the high school. I think it's smarter to just renovate than pay twice as much for bright shiny new buildings.
- I have always believed that you don't fix something if it isn't broke. With the exception of a few updates, I don't believe they need a new building. You could do a lot of updates with a lot less money instead of building a whole new thing. It's always sad when districts have good buildings and then rebuild for millions of dollars. I've worked in lots of schools and I just don't get it.

- I have high expectations for the Mills Lawn elementary facility because we need to give the younger kids all the opportunities they deserve.
- I have yet to hear a compelling rationale for why K-12 has to be in the same location. We have existing buildings. I believe in renewal and sustainability and reusing what we have, so until I'm convinced we've done all we can to look at renovating and making more sustainable existing buildings I don't understand why it's necessary to put all the kids together. There's no compelling rationale to put K-12 together, they aren't losing anything by being separate. I'm not against the idea of them together but I don't see any real reason for it.
- I hope that at the forefront of their thinking is how to assure that Yellow Springs doesn't become prohibitively expensive so that we can have all kinds of diversity in town (ethnicity, racial, etc.)
- I hope they continue to engage the community as fully as possible. I hope they make the best decision for the kids' and for the village's future.
- I hope they update the high school because it needs it.
- I hope they're taking into consideration that a lot of people in Yellow Springs can't afford the proposed new school, certainly not a \$34 million project.
- I just really don't want them to build on the green space at Mills Lawn.
- I just think we're too much in a hurry to tear down what we already have and I feel that we can use what we already have.
- I know that Yellow Springs always passes school levies and has besides one time in the time I've lived here, but people may actually vote against this one. I've seen more negative comments around this than ever because they go for everything. They need to quit thinking money and start thinking of the people who have to pay for it. We have 200 acres. Our property taxes are already high.
- I know we may not have space for it but I would like to see them build a brand new school for middle school/high school behind the existing high school and when that is done, they can totally demolish the current building. This new building would also have a nice performing arts center. I would also encourage them to make ASKS from private individuals to help with funding.
- I like the idea of one location for everyone just not at the Mills Lawn location. I think you could separate the elementary age kids from the older kids and still have a nice relationship, but I do not want it downtown.
- I like the idea of renovating at the existing locations rather than building new. Also, I think the elementary kids should be separated from the middle schoolers and high schoolers.
- I personally believe that the focus needs to be on the educational standards and on the appropriateness of staff and/or faculty interaction with youth as opposed to the physical building. I would be happier to see more financial resources put towards human development instead of buildings.
- I really have appreciated the letter to the editors, it has provided a good dialogue for this. I am confident the school board members will make the best choice for all residents.
- I really think that renovation is the answer. We already pay enough to live here and to consider raising property taxes is not reasonable.
- I strongly advocate renovations over building from scratch.
- I think a K-12 would be perfectly appropriate if located at the Enon Rd site.
- I think it's a bad idea to take away green space from the center of town where Mills Lawn is. And I think a lot more study needs to be done on the influence of high school and middle school

children on younger children, and if they're all going to be together there needs to be a strategy and a funding on the strategy to make that work.

- I think it's best to keep the teenagers separate from the grade school kids. I am definitely against a common campus. I also have already paid enough school taxes and I especially don't want to handle more property taxes.
- I think it's ridiculous that they are building new schools. The people who will be paying for this new tax levy won't be able to afford it and will have to move away from Yellow Springs. We've lived here our whole life. I will vote against the tax levies because it will force me to move. Seniors can't afford it because they are on fixed incomes. There aren't even enough students for this.
- I think that all-encompassing plan with the k-12 facility is awful. I really dislike it.
- I think that elementary school students are better served in a separate environment from the older students.
- I think that most of Yellow Springs is extremely supportive of the schools and it is a problem that the buildings haven't been properly maintained over time. I just want to know that the money being invested will also be enough to maintain whatever construction happens over the long term.
- I think that they aren't considering younger and older people that are on fixed incomes. I would also like for them to get the plans out to the community before we have to vote on them. I feel like they have done a good job with having input from the community. I feel like they are just not listening to what we have to say.
- I think that they should proceed with the most affordable plan possible because the village only has 1,800 households and it is not realistic to incur such a substantial financial burden on such a small number of people.
- I think that they should still look at the Antioch-McGregor campus as a possibility.
- I think that we do need to have new school buildings. I don't think renovating is going to work. The community needs to think of growing or we are going to have too few homes to support the town. Yellow Springs is intent on continuing to be a small town but we need to grow to support ourselves.
- I think the buildings should be well-maintained and cared for. However, there is a limit to the expenses involved. Some of us have very limited incomes so they need to keep that in mind.
- I think the performing arts center should be at mills lawn and the existing schools should remain where they are.
- I think the school board needs to make an effort to survey the entire village as opposed to a representative sample, whether through more phone calls or mail-in surveys. I know a lot of people who want to give their opinions on the matter but who wouldn't usually pick up the phone for an unknown number because they are wary of phone solicitations.
- I think there is a need for more communication between the schools and the villagers. Also, they need more forms for community input.
- I think they need to be very cognizant in all avenues not just the state route.
- I think they should continue to give information to taxpayers as to how they're going to proceed and let us know when they make decisions so we can still have an opportunity to have input.
- I think they should take more teachers' inputs when teaching curriculum especially when teaching project based learning and especially in the math department.
- I think they will make the best choice and I will support them.
- I think they're doing a good job, but they need to inform the community more.

- I think they're looking at things the wrong way and project based learning is not for everyone. It's never about the building it's about the teachers.
- I think they're rushing into this too quickly and they can't prove that their enrollment is going to increase. Therefore, I think they just need to repair and upgrade and not build new facilities. I'm a graduate of K-12 schools in YS and my children/grandchildren have attended. I think it's not a good idea. Since I'm retired, my income is limited. I would have to move.
- I think they've done a good job at getting people to be aware of the needs of school district. They need more meetings because more people need to know the details about their plans.
- I think we do need to update and renovate and maybe add to the existing facilities but I don't want to see a K-12 site downtown. I think it would disrupt the flow downtown and the life of Yellow Springs residents.
- I understand that it's important to have everything in one local area and that if you have the campus away from downtown, it feels like it may be separate. There's not enough space at Mills Lawn. The gym and track on the high school property are in great shape. Building the campus there would be preferred. The kids are going to have to do their track meets and sports stuff in that area anyway.
- I want the village to quit raising income tax to the point where people can't afford to stay here. They have shown a deplorable lack of stewardship with the facilities they have and can't expect people to keep giving them money when they don't take care of the property.
- I want them to do more with less. They rely on throwing money at everything too much. Many of the problems that happen in the schools are created by the very few people who are supposed to solve them. These questions don't get to the root of the problems the district is facing. They need a more diverse group of people to make these survey questions.
- I want them to keep the elementary away from the upper grades.
- I want them to know that I choose not to send my three children to the schools in the Yellow Springs School District because, in my opinion, they aren't responsive to what the community believes.
- I will vote against anything that increases my property taxes.
- I would like better conducted board meetings for this issue in particular.
- I would like for them to have more opportunities for the kids in sports and music instead of just focusing on academic abilities.
- I would like greater involvement with Antioch College so far as educational activities. Students of both schools should participate in some of the educational activities of the other (i.e. classroom activities).
- I would like the board to consider working with Antioch college and their arts programs rather than trying to create our own independent performing arts center. I am also concerned about those of us who live and work in the village. If they tax both property and income, will we then be hit with a "double whammy"? Will we be contributing more than most? Things need to be affordable.
- I would like the school board to be a little more attentive to people's concerns about the financial strain this would put on a lot of people in the village. They shouldn't go up any more on the property taxes. If they do I'll have to move, it'll be become too expensive.
- I would like them to know they've been elected to make a decision and while I appreciate that they are seeking community input, which is desirable, ultimately they were elected to make this decision.
- I would like them to look at the possibility of using the Antioch-Midwest building.

- I would like them to spend their money appropriately.
- I would like to convey to them that it would be beneficial to start writing in the paper about needs, costs, and rational. In my opinion it seems easier to fix a roof of a house rather than build a new one. It doesn't seem smart to start from nothing.
- I would like to make sure that they focus on technology centered programs when considering the new building plans.
- I would like to say that I know that we are badly in need of buildings, I'm just not sure how the village is going to support any kind of tax increase if the village doesn't grow. If they are going to build a K-12 campus, it should be on Enon Road where the high school is.
- I would like to see money prioritized for teaching staff. Repairs and renovations should be for safety mostly, none for aesthetics.
- I would like to tell them that they do excellent work and I wish the incumbent members luck in returning to provide the strong and effective leadership that they have been.
- I would say that I'm in favor of the new buildings if they are built in a more traditional sense instead of for PBL purposes (project based learning). The school board needs to make sure that they conduct the renovations at the right time and that they make wise decisions.
- I would want to know why they are not looking at purchasing the Antioch land. Mario Basora is terrific.
- I'd like to know whether the school board has at least considered buying the Antioch Midwest building. Even though it could be expensive, there are some advantages to that plan and I'd like to make sure they've at least considered that possibility.
- I'd prefer a single site K-12 facility at the high school location.
- If they just keep open communication between the board and the community, I think things will go relatively smoothly.
- If they try to railroad the single campus on Mills Lawn they will be shocked at the result. Just don't try to pull anything, make sure that we are aware of what's being considered. If they try to ram anything down our throats it would backfire.
- If Yellow Springs would change the school system they would be changing the system that people move into. To make serious changes would impact the lives of too many people in our village financially and in terms of education choices. I will never vote for that levy to change the school system to K-12. The village is against that concept. We want Mills Lawn to stay where it is; we want our green space. People are concerned/upset about these proposals. Everyone is against the K-12.
- If you intend on building a new school, pay for it yourself.
- I'm for reusing facilities instead of building new buildings because it's better for the environment.
- I'm for the most cost effective plan that meets the needs of our students.
- I'm glad they're seeking input from the community.
- I'm skeptical of the need for a new school since there was just money put into the schools 10 or 15 years ago. They sold the concept of PBL (project based learning) but never mentioned anything about the facilities not being conducive to PBL and now they're using that as a reason for the new schools.
- I'm very proud of our schools.
- It would be important to know exactly what type of renovation/construction, type of materials, and the long term impact. Also I'd like to know how involved the teachers/staff would be in the execution process.

- It's important for the board to understand the burden of property taxes and not just look at what facilities could be built but what the actual needs are and how we could work within a reasonable budget. It's not what are the best we can build but what do we need and what are the priorities.
- Just great appreciation for their astute study of this dilemma
- Keep doing a good job. Children are doing well in your schools. Yellow Springs School District rocks.
- Make the right decisions and do whatever is good for the students.
- McGregor school is a wonderful space, plenty of room for facilities. Antioch University has changed function and is bringing in students, go over and discuss with them use of their land. I felt dismissed when I called the school. Instead of Mills Lawn build on land behind the school or get ahold of some of the Arnovitz land.
- More information is needed on the different plans and the advantages of one over the other.
- Other new schools in area are being built brand new and are being offered more money from the state than Yellow Springs. I'm wondering if there is possibility of more money being offered to Yellow Springs in future years?
- Proceed with extreme caution.
- Reach out more to the local community who don't have kids because it affects them as well.
- Remain open to what the community is saying. Seniors and young families will be priced out of the community. I don't want them to forget about the individuals struggling to make ends meet already and what this would mean for them. Yellow Springs has already raised our utility rates 90% in the past 3 years. We just recently passed the fire station levy. Look at the whole picture.
- School board needs lesson in demographics, population has decreased since 1970 in the school and village. I was on the school board, the figures are inflated for the renovations/construction. We may have roof leaks and need to replace plumbing but these figures are too high. Lots of room in the high school, why not move students over to that building. I have never voted against a school levy but I know no one that will support a single campus thing or the building and spending of 14-20 million dollars. The school board needs to listen to the people not their advisors.
- Seniors cannot afford it and we've lived here sixty-some years and to be booted out like that, we're not happy. We've raised our family here and to be kicked out like that would be a kick in the face. We've worked hard and tried to do things on our own and well and love your neighbor and we won't be able to do that if we're forced out of town. It's safe and we hate to leave.
- Set up a vote for the children at the voting place, but there was a caveat that the parents had to vote as well. This could be an idea for training the children to vote and increase voter turnout.
- Spend your money wisely because you're getting too much. Taxes are very high in Yellow Springs.
- Take care of the buildings that you already have. Cut spending, don't grow spending. They have a big spending problem and they aren't even the ones paying the bill.
- Taxes are high in Yellow Springs and all the plans that they came up with would increase our taxes. Academically the schools are fairly good, but they are probably more expensive than other schools that perform better academically.
- The current facilities, while dated, are not totally inadequate. I think that for a half or a third of the money, they would be able to do significant retrofitting. I'm afraid they will embarrass themselves in the election and it will be a huge slap in the face to them.
- The design of this survey is lacking.

- The high school needs attention/replacement. Mills Lawn just needs repaired. I've been in a lot of schools in Ohio and some of the nicest schools are just as old and nice as Mills Lawn. The vibes are just as comfortable and nice in those schools as those at Mills Lawn.
- The idea of preserving the separate campuses and the green space at Mills Lawn is extremely important to me.
- The property taxes are already too high.
- The School Board needs to address those people who they
- The school board needs to make sure they are open and innovative about all possibilities when choosing which plan to go to. They definitely need to think about everyone in the community and how their plans will affect them.
- The school board needs to use good common sense and think the project totally through before any decision is made.
- The schools can be funded less expensively if the state is not involved.
- The survey doesn't give us a clear place to make our opinions known. K-12 plan would be more economical.
- The survey hasn't covered all the possibilities for improving the facilities, but we've asked questions that are biased and the possibilities covered are all about spending as much money as possible.
- The way the questions were structured makes it complicated. It shouldn't say per month because we pay every half year not per month. It's poorly worded. Why isn't a single site location at the High school on Enon Road being considered? I would support that.
- The Yellow Spring School Board should take advantage of resources within the community before they hire outside companies to provide solutions or ideas.
- There are a lot of people who send kids from out of the district. Is there some mechanism for them to pay for part of the building?
- There are not enough details in the questions for an informed voter to make good decisions or good answers.
- There are too much taxes already. A lot of us are on fixed incomes, especially seniors, and they are going to drive us out of town. Also, I am adamant against building a school on the lawn. That's the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of. I'll help them wherever else, but not for building on Mills Lawn.
- There's no children here. Generations of Yellow Springs are aging. There are fewer and fewer families with children and yet always discussions that building schools will bring families. I don't believe that building new schools will bring families. It's not like that movie, "If you build it, they will come."
- There's too many open enrollment students in the school district. I don't see the need for a new school. If you kick out all the open enrollment students there would be plenty of room at the current locations.
- They are about to ask for a fifth tax increase and we just passed the second fire levy. It's unrealistic to charge this much. It makes it difficult for people to invest in property in Yellow Springs.
- They are out of touch with reality. A new building doesn't help with education. They need to focus on giving kids a better education not the buildings.
- They haven't done their job in the past. They were supposed to have already fixed the rooves on the schools but they haven't. They say one thing and do another. I just don't trust them.
- They need more students. Yellow Springs is not growing.

- They need to keep in mind the older population of the town who may not be able to afford higher taxes. If taxes go too much higher, I might have to move away.
- They need to not keep pushing these plans down our throats.
- They really want to force you into answering questions so that they can reinforce their own beliefs. Possibly look into the college building for sale as an option. They should have come up with a better survey before putting this out to the public.
- They're moving too fast. It needs to be considered more carefully. Look at number of retirees who are residents and won't be able to pay additional taxes. I believe public education is important but it can't price out residents.
- Think of everything, don't just have one choice.
- This is a poorly written survey because you are combining questions and it indicates bias in questions. Rather than getting the true opinions of residents, it's asking people to make decisions without giving out much information.
- This is an aging population with not a lot of younger people and fixed incomes. It is difficult to come up with extra money and our housing is being reevaluated by the auditor and our property values are being raised so there are extra taxes in that regard plus whatever additional for school tax increases.
- This is much too complicated of an issue to answer over the phone.
- This is not a contest between the needs of the students and the needs of the community because they are equally important. I would like them to consider the needs of environment, affordability, and curriculum equally and balance all three so none are neglected.
- This may be the first time I ever vote against the school levy.
- This was a poorly designed survey and they could have done better.
- To give up the current high school campus is not in the best interest of the kids or the community because of the cost and there wouldn't be any parking at Mills Lawn.
- We don't need a new school because of the small enrollment.
- We have people who have lived here their whole lives and the taxes are so massive that any increase will push the rest of us out and this will no longer be our home. We are close at this point; one more increase we won't be able to pay our bills and many people have already left. There's no sense having schools if there aren't any kids.
- We have several buildings on the Antioch college campus and it would be foolish to build another facility when there are facilities that are not being used that could be used for that purpose. Antioch University Midwest is about to sell off some of their properties. This might be useful, rather than building new buildings.
- We need to eliminate bringing other students in from outside the district and stop forcing Yellow Springs residents to pay for them. It is not fair.
- We need to have a real common sense approach, like Bob Baldwin suggested: "It's better to be pound wise than penny foolish". Wanting to get those state funds is just foolishness.
- What would the money actually go to? Why do they need new buildings? I would rather spend that money on higher wages for teachers or for more teachers. I think it's a bad example to build an education on buildings rather than higher paid teachers. I would like to see some new entrepreneurial programs and new reformed ideas in preschool education such as Montessori.
- When making decisions, the school board needs to put the students first, not money.
- Work needs done at the high school, but they need to think about the cost and what it will do to people with fixed incomes and the older community. We wouldn't have enough kids in the facilities without open enrollment.

- You keep trying to raise my taxes and people can't afford it. You raise my school levies, you raise my fire and police levies. I'm done with it.