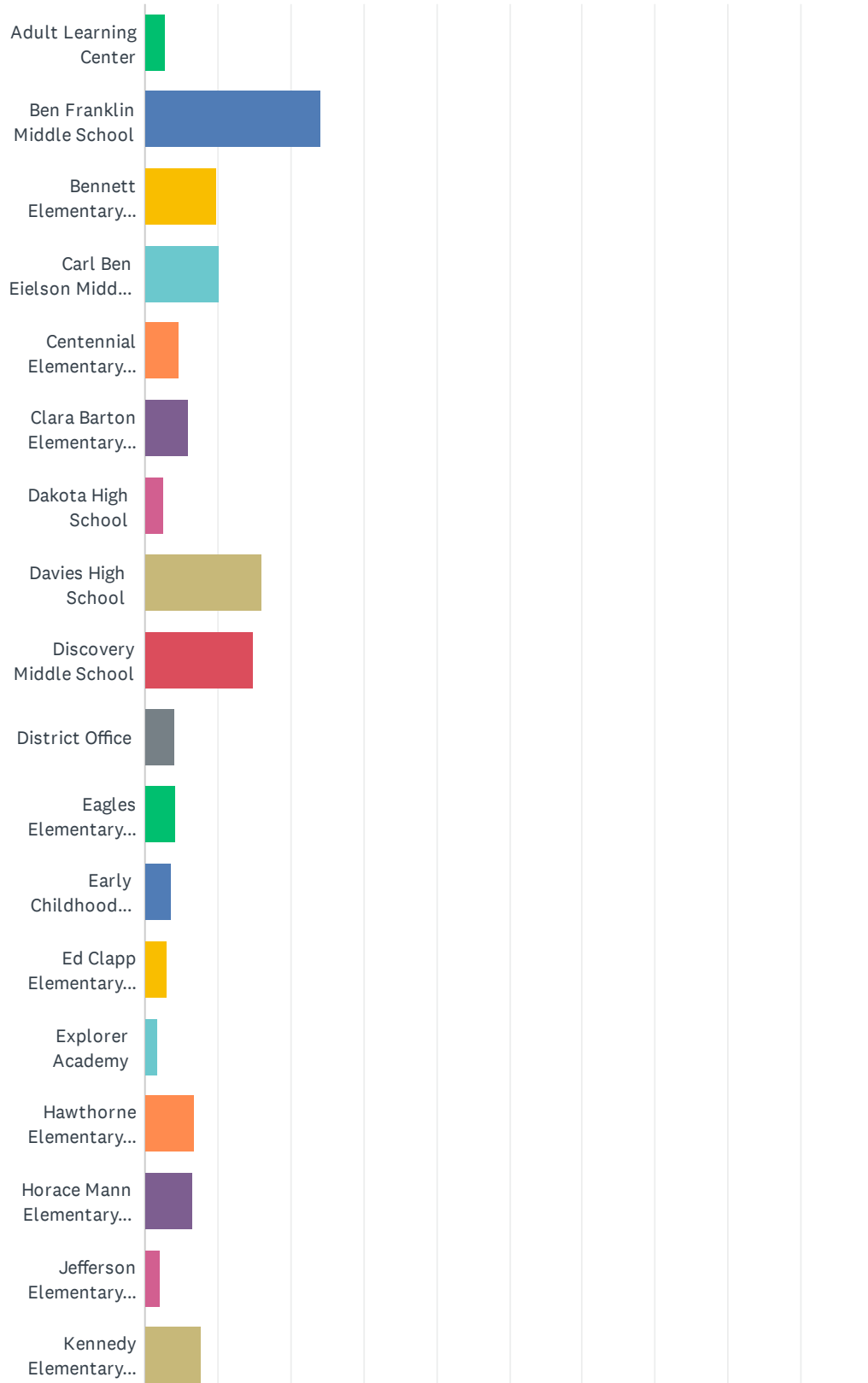
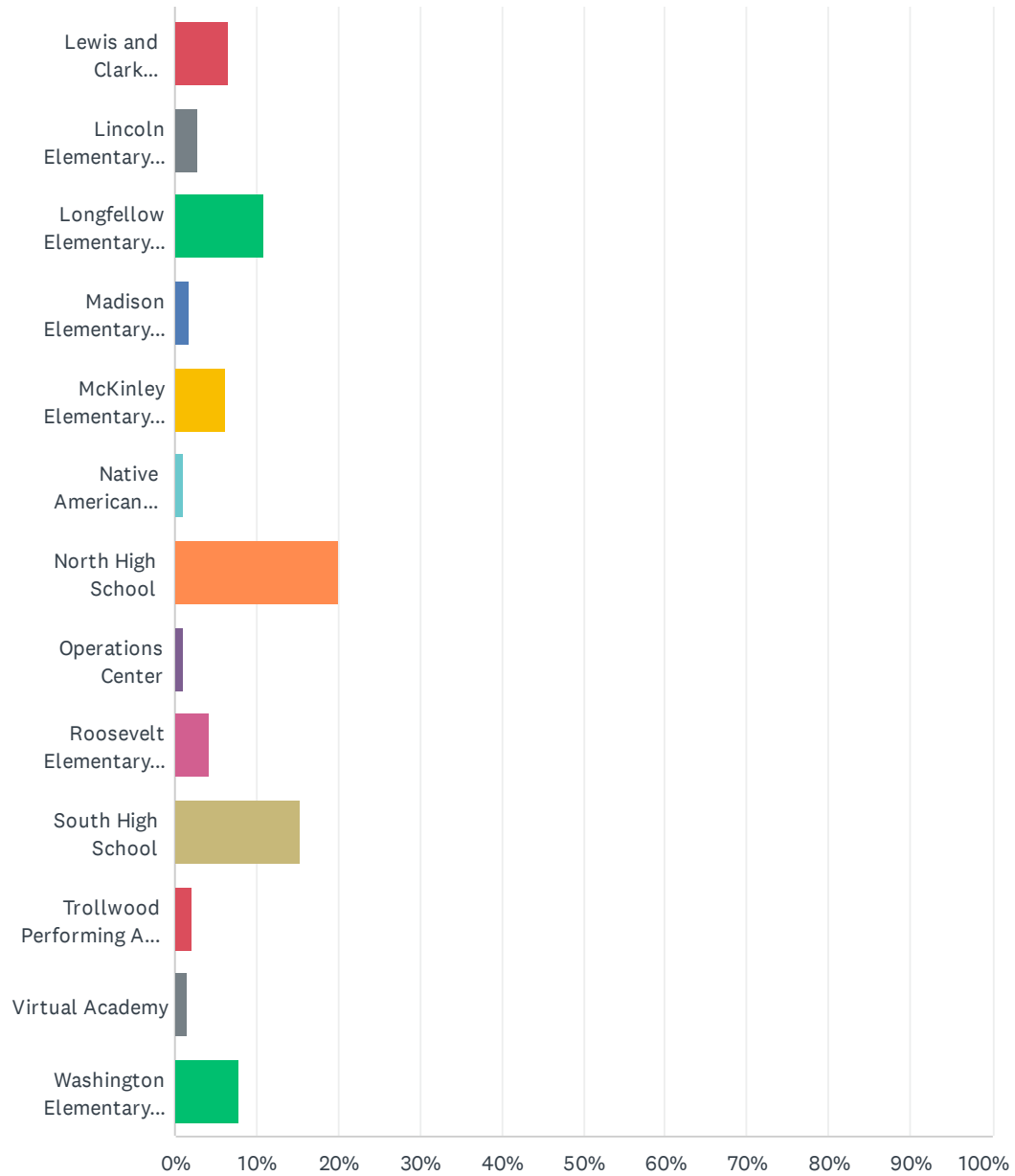


# Q1 Which Fargo Public School(s) or programs are you affiliated with? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 498 Skipped: 33



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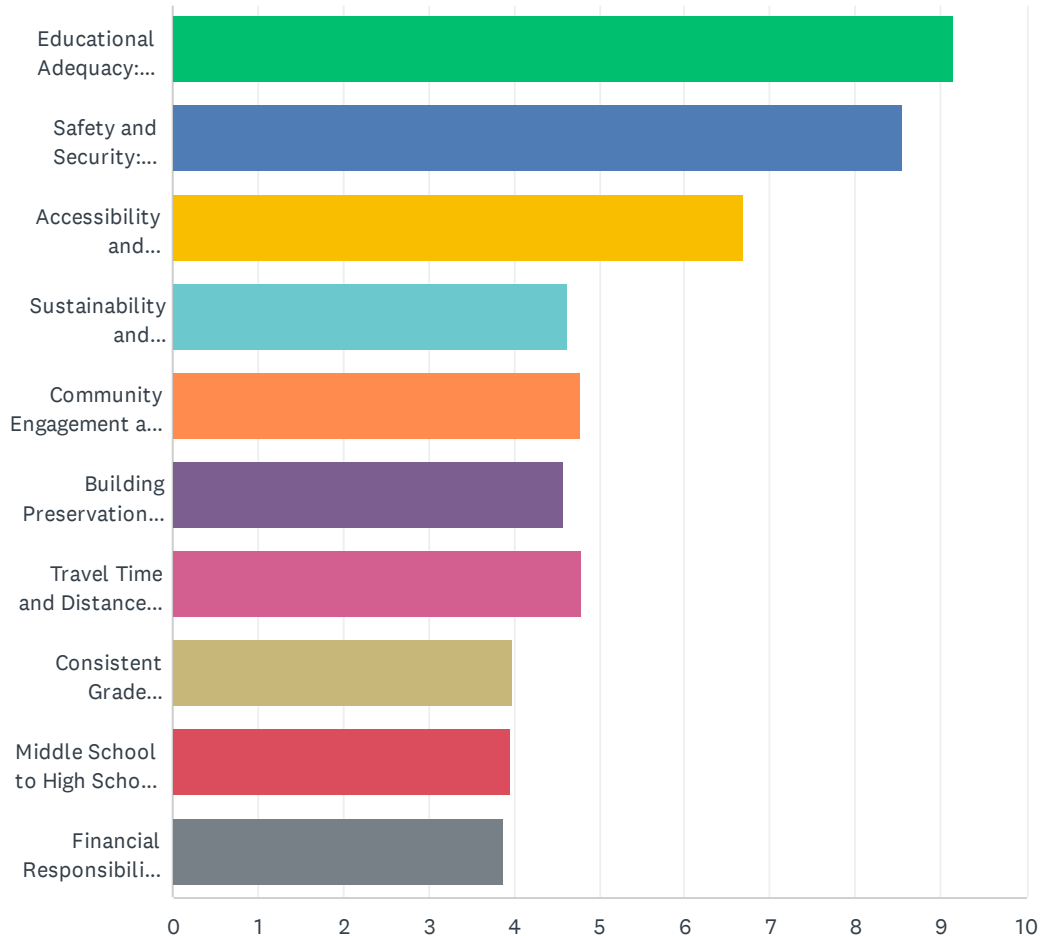


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Adult Learning Center	2.81%	14
Ben Franklin Middle School	24.10%	120
Bennett Elementary School	9.84%	49
Carl Ben Eielson Middle School	10.24%	51
Centennial Elementary School	4.62%	23
Clara Barton Elementary School	6.02%	30
Dakota High School	2.61%	13
Davies High School	16.06%	80
Discovery Middle School	14.86%	74
District Office	4.02%	20
Eagles Elementary School	4.22%	21
Early Childhood Special Education Program	3.61%	18
Ed Clapp Elementary School	3.01%	15
Explorer Academy	1.61%	8
Hawthorne Elementary School	6.83%	34
Horace Mann Elementary School	6.63%	33
Jefferson Elementary School	2.21%	11
Kennedy Elementary School	7.63%	38
Lewis and Clark Elementary School	6.63%	33
Lincoln Elementary School	2.81%	14
Longfellow Elementary School	10.84%	54
Madison Elementary School	1.81%	9
McKinley Elementary School	6.22%	31
Native American Education Program	1.00%	5
North High School	20.08%	100
Operations Center	1.00%	5
Roosevelt Elementary School	4.22%	21
South High School	15.26%	76
Trollwood Performing Arts School	2.21%	11
Virtual Academy	1.41%	7
Washington Elementary School	7.83%	39
Total Respondents: 498		

Q2 Strategic planning principles for facilities are used to help make decisions about school facilities. Rank the planning principles from top to bottom with the top one being the planning principle you believe should be ranked highest.

Answered: 516 Skipped: 15



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Educational Adequacy: Ensure that facilities meet the educational needs of all students, providing adequate space, resources, and environments conducive to learning and growth. This includes suitable classroom sizes, appropriate facilities for specialized programs, appropriate classroom furniture, fixtures, and equipment, natural light, and adaptable spaces for varied learning activities.	55.43% 286	24.03% 124	10.27% 53	5.81% 30	1.94% 10	0.97% 5	0.78% 4	0.19% 1	0.39% 2	0.19% 1	516
Safety and Security: Maintain a focus on the safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors, with secure building access, emergency preparedness, and a healthy environment.	25.00% 129	41.28% 213	16.09% 83	8.53% 44	4.46% 23	2.33% 12	0.97% 5	0.58% 3	0.39% 2	0.39% 2	516
Accessibility and Inclusivity: Commit to facilities that are accessible and inclusive, serving the diverse needs of all	3.29% 17	12.60% 65	33.72% 174	13.18% 68	13.37% 69	8.33% 43	3.88% 20	4.65% 24	3.29% 17	3.68% 19	516

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students, staff, and community members, including those with disabilities.

Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility: Emphasize eco-friendly practices and materials in facility design and maintenance, aiming for energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.	0.19% 1	1.74% 9	6.20% 32	23.84% 123	10.85% 56	11.63% 60	10.66% 55	8.53% 44	10.27% 53	16.09% 83	516
Community Engagement and Partnership: Foster facilities that encourage community involvement and can be utilized for various activities, enhancing community-school relationships.	0.58% 3	1.55% 8	4.46% 23	10.66% 55	27.91% 144	12.79% 66	13.18% 68	12.40% 64	9.69% 50	6.78% 35	516
Building Preservation: Preserve buildings within the school portfolio, ensuring that these structures are maintained and integrated into the modern educational environment.	1.36% 7	3.68% 19	4.84% 25	8.72% 45	10.85% 56	27.13% 140	12.79% 66	10.08% 52	10.08% 52	10.47% 54	516
Travel Time and Distance Consideration: Minimize travel time and distance	3.88% 20	3.49% 18	9.50% 49	8.72% 45	7.75% 40	9.69% 50	28.29% 146	13.18% 68	8.91% 46	6.59% 34	516

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for students to and from their schools, ensuring that facilities are conveniently located and accessible to reduce transportation barriers.

Consistent Grade Configuration: Implement a consistent grade configuration across the district (K-5, 6-8, 9-12), ensuring uniformity in educational transitions and experiences for students at different levels.	1.36% 7	2.33% 12	5.23% 27	6.01% 31	8.91% 46	11.24% 58	9.88% 51	29.46% 152	16.09% 83	9.50% 49	516
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Consistent Grade Configuration: Implement a consistent grade configuration across the district (K-5, 6-8, 9-12), ensuring uniformity in educational transitions and experiences for students at different levels.

Middle School to High School Feeder System: Establish a clear and efficient middle school to high school attendance boundary feeder system, facilitating smooth transitions for students and fostering a sense of continuity in their educational journey.	1.55% 8	4.26% 22	4.65% 24	9.50% 49	8.14% 42	9.69% 50	9.88% 51	11.43% 59	27.91% 144	12.98% 67	516
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Middle School to High School Feeder System: Establish a clear and efficient middle school to high school attendance boundary feeder system, facilitating smooth transitions for students and fostering a sense of continuity in their educational journey.

Financial Responsibility: Exercise financial prudence in facility planning and maintenance, balancing quality	7.36% 38	5.04% 26	5.04% 26	5.04% 26	5.81% 30	6.20% 32	9.69% 50	9.50% 49	12.98% 67	33.33% 172	516
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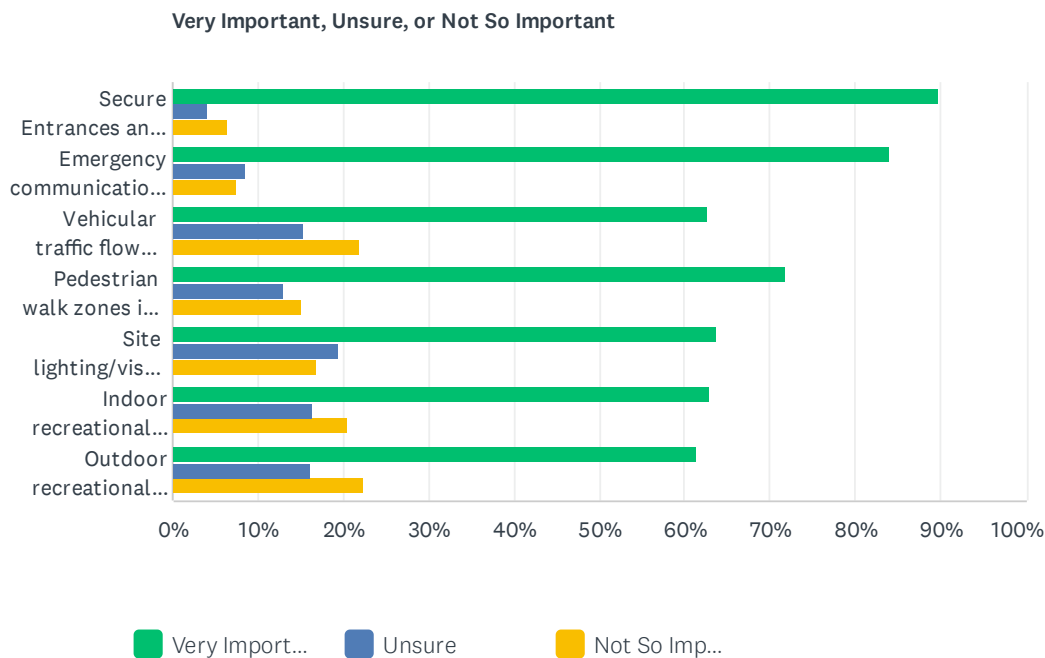
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**Q3 Given your knowledge of the school facilities please answer the following questions. There is no right or wrong answer. Responses will help us understand what you want FPS to prioritize for its facility investments in safety and security and indoor/outdoor recreational amenities. How important are the following:**

Answered: 446 Skipped: 85



Very Important, Unsure, or Not So Important				
	VERY IMPORTANT	UNSURE	NOT SO IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Secure Entrances and Access to Facilities	89.66% 399	4.04% 18	6.29% 28	445
Emergency communication systems (facility, parent/public, EMS)	83.97% 372	8.58% 38	7.45% 33	443
Vehicular traffic flow patterns (bus lane, parent pick-up/drop-off, parking)	62.70% 279	15.28% 68	22.02% 98	445
Pedestrian walk zones in front of schools	71.78% 318	13.09% 58	15.12% 67	443
Site lighting/visibility (parking lots, walkways, entrances, etc.)	63.66% 282	19.41% 86	16.93% 75	443
Indoor recreational amenities (auxiliary gymnasiums, multipurpose rooms, etc.)	62.98% 279	16.48% 73	20.54% 91	443
Outdoor recreational amenities (sports fields, open areas, playgrounds, etc.)	61.40% 272	16.25% 72	22.35% 99	443

## Q4 Are there other improvements and/or renovations you would like Fargo Public Schools to consider as part of the long-range facility plan?

Answered: 207 Skipped: 324

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More comfortable HVAC; less standardization of grading (our kids are all different-let our trained educators run their individual classrooms for their group of students), stop letting students run the schools and take control back	12/3/2023 8:39 PM
2	Needed asap bathrooms in pre-k at Agassiz it is very disruptive and time consuming to walk children to the bathroom No natural light in several classrooms so depressing.	12/3/2023 1:36 PM
3	Safety in and around schools for students,parents,staff and community. Early childhood education. Safe reasonably priced daycare for very young children would go along way to help parents and help children across 'the board' be prepared for school. Some sort of after school accountability and supervision for school angers. So much trouble happens with kids walking around after school. This cultivates negative behavior we see in school and in our community. I feel schools could be the driving move to change this.	12/3/2023 9:05 AM
4	Ben Franklin needs more green space for activities. Schools are a way to attract families to neighborhoods. We need to have vibrant neighborhoods throughout Fargo.	12/2/2023 9:59 PM
5	Ben Franklin is falling apart and needs major renovation to keep it safe. Invest in north Fargo schools like you do south Fargo schools	12/2/2023 7:43 PM
6	Definitely improve student safety. No fighting or bullying allowed!!!!	12/2/2023 1:31 PM
7	South High heating and cooling system is OLD and there is not a regular temperature in building. Many rooms have fans blowing so loud that it is difficult to hear students. There is roof issues and black mold in SHS with the leaking roof there are floors that get slippery in the spring and students and staff have slipped and gotten hurt. Also, the flooring is in need of replacement and to get rid of carpet and installing tile would be cleaner and less smell since the carpets do not get cleaned each year (and not often vacuumed unless teacher does it.)	12/1/2023 10:49 PM
8	Copy McKinley's drop-off/pick-up plan at Washington Elementary. Washington drop-off/pick-up area on Broadway is a mess. People park in no parking areas while there are open spots on Broadway. This is terrible, especially in the morning traffic. More needs to be done for the students safety in getting to school during the morning rush hour.	12/1/2023 10:02 PM
9	Keep maintaining an applicable amount of Operations and maintenance facilities.	12/1/2023 7:47 PM
10	More diversity in recreational amenities.	12/1/2023 6:20 PM
11	Close/merge underutilized schools to quit wasting resources	12/1/2023 5:38 PM
12	School signs!	12/1/2023 4:06 PM
13	I believe that some facilities need a "gated" or fenced area for our special needs program. As a former Sped employee,...I have chased many sped children a couple blocks because of their needs, and because there is no dedicated space. Especially ECSE.	12/1/2023 4:06 PM
14	Outside classroom spaces	12/1/2023 12:34 PM
15	Utilize the space you already have in the brick and mortar. South HS is designed to house many more students than are currently there. Re-drawing district attendance boundaries is a touchy subject-do it!	12/1/2023 11:25 AM
16	I would like to see Washington to continue to be a FPS regardless if it's a complete remodel or new building. It's a wonderful school and a great location near Ben Franklin and North High.	11/30/2023 10:47 PM
17	consider building design and flow through a safety lens, with more visibility/access for teachers to common spaces and across shared spaces, so teachers can better support each other in an event, and teachers have better visibility to behavior in more open spaces	11/30/2023 10:11 PM

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18	Repaint the embarrassing grey dome roof at North High. Everyone knows it's grey, not white because it's filthy.	11/30/2023 4:41 PM
19	You should not build anything until you close underutilized building. Shared principal are sign of this. Establish a minimum school size and close those that do not meet it. You are wasting education \$\$ on maintaining these building	11/30/2023 2:06 PM
20	At Horace Mann, it would be great to have a buzzer/doorbell at Door 3. This is closer to where we park and would aid in convenient pick-up from after school programs, when entry to the building must be approved from inside/buzzed in.	11/30/2023 11:14 AM
21	Updates to common spaces in older schools (e.g., cafeterias, exteriors, libraries, athletic facilities) to make them feel less inferior to newer schools	11/30/2023 10:48 AM
22	Older buildings with very differing classroom sizes and extremely old furniture, while newer schools have large classrooms and brand new furniture.	11/30/2023 9:58 AM
23	Equally healthy buildings and equitable space and facilities available for students *and* staff (including air flow, properly sealed windows, cafeteria space, staff bathrooms in a reasonable vicinity to staff, and staff lounge space/windows/vending machines) at ALL district buildings, including the D.O. Students and staff should be treated equally at all buildings.	11/30/2023 9:25 AM
24	Keep 15-year-olds in a different building from 18-year-olds because of sex offender laws. Keep ninth grade in middle school.	11/30/2023 9:04 AM
25	The growth in South Fargo is increasing. There was talk about an 8th grade building plan. Discovery Middle School is too crowded. Mental health in this age group is growing. Students need more adults in the school building and less kids. Our kids come first. We need to see this physically with smaller class sizes (20 or less) and space inside the buildings.	11/30/2023 8:52 AM
26	All secondary schools have an enclosed theater (as they should) except Carl Ben, ridiculous decision. This tiered area, with steps, is also used for the cafeteria! What other place - anywhere - can you think of that has a tiered cafeteria? Try holding a tray and maneuvering down steps - ridiculous. Close schools on the North side that are underutilized and consolidate. Think of the money that could be saved by consolidating Madison: 136 students McKinley: 161 students Horace Mann: 170 students Roosevelt: 198 students It not only makes financial sense, it is a benefit for teachers to have peers to collaborate with. Money saving for less administrators, office staff, custodial, not to mention the cost of running those old buildings. This is long overdue.	11/30/2023 8:28 AM
27	Enough space for the amount of students, staff members/services in a building so no one is sharing/in a closet, bigger lockers for all the winter gear student bring.	11/30/2023 8:13 AM
28	I feel that Ben Franklin should be demolished and a new building built that gives the same educational experience to students as the other two middle schools.	11/30/2023 8:02 AM
29	shared community spaces with the ability to rent out for events, winter adult indoor basketball, volleyball, pickleball, etc... These buildings sit empty often and could easily generate revenue in other income streams.	11/30/2023 7:53 AM
30	Update and/or renovate Madison Elementary School. It appears neglected and is vital to that area of our community.	11/30/2023 7:37 AM
31	no	11/30/2023 7:29 AM
32	New northside middle school. Compared to any other middle school in the Fargo (or Moorhead/west Fargo) Ben Franklin is not even comparable-there is no outside space for them, it is old and tired. It feels very closed, dark and not welcoming for our students. It is needed for all our students on the north side...not any more renovations, it needs to be a new space to accommodate the needs our our students, mentally and physically.	11/30/2023 6:50 AM
33	separate and back up service shuttle for gifted son from Ben Franklen to Noth high instead of utilizing same driver from south high to north high.	11/30/2023 6:42 AM
34	The educational experiences for students at Ben Franklin, Specifically the building itself, does not seem equitable to the buildings students on the South side attend.	11/29/2023 9:02 PM
35	Paying teachers more	11/29/2023 7:45 PM
36	Separate cafeteria and gym for the students.	11/29/2023 7:32 PM

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37	Equity between schools	11/29/2023 4:39 PM
38	Use a common sense approach to school boundaries and not jump neighborhoods over others.	11/29/2023 3:02 PM
39	The school boundaries seem odd - almost redlining. The Hawthone CB neighborhood is included in Fargo North district, whereas areas on the other side of university or the south side of the interstate are Fargo South/Carl Ben. This is creating an effect where low income families are being funneled to one area of town. I don't agree with this model and think there could be improvements to avoid this situation. Children need to interact with different backgrounds, status, race, religion, etc. Additionally, it seems that there are more children with inattentive parents and children with behavior and learning disabilities, which is distracting to my child when over half the class is in that group. Things need to be mixed up - the higher income neighborhoods in North Fargo / Hawthorne and then the south fargo Davies - things are just getting ridiculous and I don't feel my child's education is thriving in FPS.	11/29/2023 1:30 PM
40	More indoor recreational opportunities for all grade levels and abilities. Allow all students to get some physical activity in. Community partnerships with other organizations	11/29/2023 12:29 PM
41	update to the tennis courts at South High School. need new surface.	11/29/2023 9:42 AM
42	Increase the security of all schools. Make it so any potential school shooter would choose to not target a Fargo school since the security is so tight (Ex: all external windows are bullet proof, bollards by any weak point that could be rammed with a vehicle, armed and well trained security guard on site during all hours students are present [potential partnership with police department], review any potential access point for security weaknesses [roof?], etc.	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
43	Tennis courts for Fargo South.	11/29/2023 8:39 AM
44	Football field and track	11/29/2023 6:41 AM
45	Investing in our older buildings as much as the newer buildings. We have to make do and be creative in having equal resources and opportunities as other buildings. We use old broken furniture, mismatched , whatever is leftover. We feel like we are always last in list of importance.	11/29/2023 3:13 AM
46	I know some buildings are aging (ex. Horace Mann) but I would hate to see the district raze the building and build a newer building that does not fit with the character of the neighborhood. (i.e. like Jefferson).	11/28/2023 10:35 PM
47	Tennis courts at South High are dangerous and need to be replaced.	11/28/2023 10:28 PM
48	More stem and career options for middle and high school kids.	11/28/2023 8:50 PM
49	new tennis courts at South High School	11/28/2023 8:12 PM
50	Get rid of wood chips on playgrounds they are not handicap friendly.	11/28/2023 7:32 PM
51	Na	11/28/2023 5:56 PM
52	Agassiz school building has many aspects that serve us well- as a district and for its existing programs. The location of that school building is ideal for the diverse student and staff populations - being mid central and having many bus route connections. The issues of accessibility and safe / logical entrances are also real and important. The unused north wing seems a perfect area to explore for a demo then new addition. That could provide modern, spacious, and secured entry- for pedestrians from Univ side and easy access from the parking lot. There would be room for a modern office space and elevator access to all three floors, etc. Each older bldg in the district needs to be considered independently. Agassiz is a bldg with so many benefits- pls consider these and whether adjustments might be made that could maintain this flexible educational, community, PD space!	11/28/2023 5:36 PM
53	Building structure maintenance	11/28/2023 4:16 PM
54	looking at school enrollment and consolidate schools if necessary. Review cost allocated per student. Do we need to be spending \$12,500 per student per year? Let's be smarter and more fiscally responsible with the money we have.	11/28/2023 4:12 PM
55	One location for the ECSE program that fits their needs.	11/28/2023 3:45 PM
56	One location for all ECSE students	11/28/2023 3:09 PM

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57	Accessibility for students and staff members who have mobility difficulties. Also, having our most vulnerable students (ECSE) all together in one building and in a facility that is better-suited for them.	11/28/2023 1:54 PM
58	Please keep in mind when providing spaces for specialized programs that many specialist need to maintain confidentiality when working with students (ie: counselors, SWFFs, psychs, outside mental health providers, etc). Often these individuals share space with others, or are not even given a space. It makes much of the work that needs to be done difficult.	11/28/2023 1:39 PM
59	Classroom spaces for those who want to learn vs those present only to disrupt	11/28/2023 11:52 AM
60	Build new structures with expansion in mind	11/28/2023 11:37 AM
61	More access for public to use outdoor activity areas during summer such as walking tracks.	11/28/2023 10:49 AM
62	Reconsideration of the Fargo South boundaries. We live closer to South High School but are now in the North High School boundary.	11/28/2023 8:29 AM
63	Amount of student and staff bathrooms available near by for each wing of classrooms. ( Madison has limited student bathrooms )	11/27/2023 10:42 PM
64	Update older schools! New schools have state of the art lighting, seating, security, etc while older schools do not get any improvements or new furniture	11/27/2023 7:39 PM
65	I would like the families from Kennedy who had to send their kids to Carl Ben to have transportation options for extra curricular	11/27/2023 3:59 PM
66	Ben Franklin MS needs to be a priority.	11/27/2023 3:13 PM
67	Ben Franklin needs a more modern facility with more green space.	11/27/2023 3:05 PM
68	Though student security is job #1, maybe there could be some outdoor walking tracks for the general public at off-school times.	11/27/2023 2:20 PM
69	Handicap access for recess doors!	11/27/2023 12:19 PM
70	Outdoor play spaces kept up.	11/27/2023 11:40 AM
71	Get out of the old buildings and provide better and newer facilities.	11/27/2023 9:38 AM
72	Look at doing boundary lines that could stay consistent without uprooting part of Discovery and Davies (8-9) to a different building. We have two other middle/high schools that are not at capacity. We need to look at utilizing the buildings we have before spending tons to build new ones.	11/27/2023 8:26 AM
73	Building sustainable buildings. Building taller buildings. Leaving more outdoor space. Start with North Side (Ben Franklin).	11/27/2023 8:24 AM
74	Making sure there are learning spaces available that are not classroom or gym or cafeteria	11/27/2023 8:01 AM
75	Get rid of evidence based reporting - there is no reason for PowerSchool if the grading system is not transparent - and a "2" does not tell parent whether child got wrong 20% 30% 10% and I have watched all the YouTube videos and read all the guides - I have talked to so many parents about this and they all feel the same.	11/27/2023 5:16 AM
76	Quality HVAC for temperature and humidity control.	11/26/2023 8:54 PM
77	Yes. Too many schools on the north side are under used and the south side is overflowing. Close and consolidate some of the North schools and fix the unequitable south side population.	11/26/2023 7:13 PM
78	Middle and high school west of I29 to allow for grow and less travel time for students	11/26/2023 6:41 PM
79	no	11/26/2023 6:27 PM
80	Stop wasting money and teach our kids. Proficiencies are sad	11/26/2023 6:19 PM
81	No	11/26/2023 11:29 AM
82	Please push the issue of over crowding in south Fargo.	11/26/2023 8:57 AM
83	COST!	11/26/2023 8:07 AM
84	Auditoriums for elementary schools	11/25/2023 10:12 PM

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85	Please move the Gateway neighborhood within the Fargo South boundary. Our neighborhood is the only one from Lewis and Clark that has to go to North which is very far from our house.	11/25/2023 7:10 PM
86	Maintaining what we have and plan to build. The maintenance of the Davies pool and its equipment is a shame. There should be someone responsible for upkeep.	11/25/2023 4:46 PM
87	Speed bumps in high school parking lots all over town, or cameras/monitors to be sure kids drive safely. The lots are dangerous because of bad driving. Many accidents occur.	11/25/2023 11:56 AM
88	reduce costs	11/24/2023 10:19 PM
89	N/A	11/24/2023 8:31 PM
90	Pay staff and facility above average wages.	11/24/2023 6:55 PM
91	No	11/24/2023 6:07 PM
92	If indoor and exterior recreational facilities are constructed and paid for by taxpayers, then taxpayers should be able to use them, with priority giving to students first.	11/24/2023 5:54 PM
93	Indoor recess options Equipment for special needs and sensory input at all buildings	11/24/2023 4:16 PM
94	Utilize the schools we have now to the fullest before building new schools. Example - Fargo South once held 1500+ students and now doesn't even have 900. Change boundaries!	11/24/2023 3:45 PM
95	Embrace technical learning, consider it a priority rather than a talking point.	11/24/2023 2:49 PM
96	Update all outdoor hockey rinks, and if not target key rinks in all areas of Fargo to keep up to date and ditch the ones that are too far gone	11/24/2023 11:30 AM
97	The demolition of Horace Mann or Roosevelt would be wasteful "progression". These are historic buildings and if secured entrances are the issue, put money into that issue, not starting from scratch.	11/24/2023 10:30 AM
98	Fiscal responsibility is the number one priority to me.	11/24/2023 10:28 AM
99	Parent traffic patterns for dropoff and pickup.	11/24/2023 9:45 AM
100	Bigger lunchroom or more seating options during lunchtime	11/24/2023 9:43 AM
101	Kids in middle school should still have some equipment to play on outside in the green space. There is no reason that 11-14 year olds should not have recess and some equipment to get outside.	11/24/2023 9:42 AM
102	Get a new superintendent	11/24/2023 9:32 AM
103	Change boundary lines	11/24/2023 8:09 AM
104	Just pay your staff better instead of investing in more stuff that you're going to struggle with staffing. As a parent of 2 children who now exclusively go to VA I want money spent towards their teachers as well as respected. You have done a terrible PA job thus far.	11/24/2023 7:48 AM
105	Job shadowing, basic level of an apprenticeship training	11/24/2023 1:01 AM
106	STOP SPENDING MONEY YOU DON'T HAVE!!!!!!	11/23/2023 11:23 PM
107	Teaching basic education and being committed to forming properly educated people	11/23/2023 9:48 PM
108	- safety. Open areas don't offer as much in the way of security. - classroom space/size. Think about class sizes coming up as well as last averages. Kids and staff need SPACE to learn in	11/23/2023 9:45 PM
109	Stop putting so much money into sports. Pay your SUPPORT staff far better than you do. Admin staff need a pay cut.	11/23/2023 9:34 PM
110	Repair or replace broken or run down exterior items, such as school signs.	11/23/2023 5:45 PM
111	I believe that ensuring a safety plan and having schools updated accordingly is the most important thing to do, more than recreational additions or upgrades.	11/23/2023 4:30 PM
112	Consider budgeting appropriately. People in this community watched the school decide to build a new track without having any consideration for the 180 million in improvements needed for	11/23/2023 2:27 PM



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other places. It comes off that the school district expects the community to cover all the terrible budgeting decisions.

113	We have two schools that are separated by grade levels and should be all together like EVERY OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. It would be consistent for everyone if these buildings were joined with all grade levels.	11/23/2023 1:10 PM
114	No	11/23/2023 12:02 PM
115	Preserve the older buildings	11/23/2023 10:43 AM
116	Do not build schools unless we need them right now. It's not the time to come to the taxpayers and ask for more money due to our economic situation. We're in. Do not use the buildings. You have to the max capacity. Shift someone to student's South to North High School. If the building is empty, ship the North.	11/23/2023 9:11 AM
117	Indoor turf facility on Bennett field in conjunction with Park District, help support needed gym space at Bennett Elementary	11/23/2023 8:08 AM
118	Indoor hockey arena, turf baseball and softball fields, tech school	11/23/2023 7:05 AM
119	Combine both of the split campus buildings so they are each one school. It unnecessarily splits up resources having two buildings and makes an unnecessary transition from 2nd grade to third grade.	11/22/2023 11:27 PM
120	Carl ben is very behind especially compared to west Fargo	11/22/2023 9:12 PM
121	Public use, i.e. indoor walking tracks	11/22/2023 8:33 PM
122	Horace Mann Roosevelt students deserve to learn in buildings that are not falling apart and unsafe.	11/22/2023 6:32 PM
123	Have spaces that community members can use without having to pay an arm and a leg to use. We already put money into this. We should have access to buildings if needed.	11/22/2023 6:16 PM
124	The North side is in desperate need of a new middle school and up to date elementary buildings; especially Horace Mann/Roosevelt and McKinley	11/22/2023 5:48 PM
125	I really want our neighborhood schools to be preserved. They are unique and serve us so well. My kids thrived in their small elementary schools, and I wish we could go back!	11/22/2023 5:34 PM
126	1 building to house all of ECSE.	11/22/2023 5:19 PM
127	Fill in existing schools before building new ones.	11/22/2023 3:43 PM
128	Adequate student teacher ratios, better maintained classroom infrastructure (better heat, no leaking ceilings, clean bathrooms). Put 25% of all projected new facility spend into upgrading existing. Close low capacity schools. Improve diversity.	11/22/2023 3:00 PM
129	Don't cherry pick certain areas of the district to improve the education experience. If a new school is built an effort should be made to update existing school to the new standards. Get away from the warehouse/factory buildings.	11/22/2023 1:48 PM
130	I wish, and still advocate for, neighborhood schools, despite the higher cost of running more smaller schools. And my high prioritization of financial responsibility does not preclude this value.	11/22/2023 1:32 PM
131	FPS must meet its commitments to maintain the physical plant of all buildings. Before purchasing and building new, old must be brought up to standard. The level of what's an acceptable state of maintenance at some schools compared to other schools should be a source of shame to the people who allocate such resources.	11/22/2023 11:17 AM
132	Electronic signs outside of each school	11/22/2023 10:34 AM
133	Ben Franklin Middle school needs major updates and expansion. The north side often gets overlooked compared to the south side.	11/22/2023 10:27 AM
134	Build a baseball field for Fargo South	11/22/2023 10:18 AM
135	Treat all sports equitably, including funding and facilities.	11/22/2023 10:10 AM
136	We like having a smaller school for elementary. I wouldn't like if they combined a bunch of the	11/22/2023 9:33 AM

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schools and made a giant school.

137	Safety first. With all that we've seen happening in our schools, nation-wide, we need to assure these families that EVERY security measure is being taken so that no more senseless acts of violence and crime can be committed in our schools. These are supposed to be our "safe spaces" for our kids (and spouses/family members that work in schools) , not places of fear and terror. Safety, safety, safety.	11/22/2023 9:16 AM
138	Whatever it takes for our kids and teachers to be safe at school. More after-school program space to allow more students to enroll	11/22/2023 9:10 AM
139	Facilities in North Fargo, indoor areas for recreation and events. Partner with fargo parks to develop the old Yunker farm into a multipurpose recreation center like Rustad. It is cold 9 months out of the year and students need Facilities for activities. Technology integration into the classrooms, smart boards with camera systems to help with safety issues. The amount of behaviors in our schools is out of control, smaller classroom sizes will help keep behaviors down. Keeping elementary class sizes to 18 or less. Schools like Longfellow are growing with young families and schools like McKinley are not but yet they out eclc at Longfellow taking up an entire classroom wing it makes no sense, leverage the buildings that are in neighborhoods not being structured for families like McKinley.	11/22/2023 8:53 AM
140	We desperately need an alternative school with staff that are trauma trained. A success alternative program for all grades will increase graduation rates. This would also achieve meeting the needs of ALL students.	11/22/2023 8:44 AM
141	Maintain structure that although not key are located in central areas that could be repurposed. Costs become impossible when let fall into disrepair.	11/22/2023 8:32 AM
142	New Tennis Courts at South High School	11/22/2023 8:29 AM
143	We need to take care of our existing school before building new ones. It is a catch 22 when you keep building new schools families want to move to the south side that is over populated because they have the most up to date facilities. If we invested into our current ones and made not build until all schools are at capacity it would be fiscally way more responsible and level the playing. Plus, we would not need to tear down school and rebuild because of deferred maintenance. It cost less to remodel that build new.	11/22/2023 8:17 AM
144	I'm tired of hearing about the board and teachers not being able to agree on their contracts. At some point you need to start at the top and make cuts.	11/22/2023 8:00 AM
145	Maintain adequate staffing to assure that the school buildings are clean and safe.	11/22/2023 7:37 AM
146	Redraw the district lines so kids in Woodhaven do not have to drive 15 minutes to South or 20 to CBE when Discovery and Davies are only 8 minutes away.	11/22/2023 7:29 AM
147	Indoor areas for elementary schools to use when there is indoor recess instead of their classrooms.	11/22/2023 5:55 AM
148	More secure buildings procedures especially after school hours	11/22/2023 5:52 AM
149	Improve academic scores and less focus on non academic requirements like sports, clubs, drama	11/22/2023 5:44 AM
150	You obviously haven't been the the bathrooms of your older elementary schools.	11/22/2023 5:02 AM
151	Ben Franklin has little outdoor space and next to no recreation facilities. This is not equitable for any student attending Ben Franklin. The wheelchair accessibility of Ben Franklin's gyms are questionable, if not worse legally speaking. Little natural light or common spaces for many north schools.	11/22/2023 2:40 AM
152	In revising the long-range facility plan for Fargo Public Schools, it's crucial to consider improvements that address the concerns highlighted in the City of Fargo's Core Neighborhood Master Plan, especially regarding schools as neighborhood anchors. In light of this, here are several suggestions: Consideration of the Fargo Growth Plan: Before implementing long-term solutions, it's essential to review the Fargo Growth Plan. This ensures that the school developments are aligned with the city's overall growth and development strategies, avoiding the risk of schools becoming too large or too far apart, which can dilute their effectiveness as neighborhood anchors. Consider Safety and Security Enhancements with K-2 and 3-5 Split: Splitting schools into K-2 and 3-5 segments can enhance safety. Smaller schools allow for	11/22/2023 12:30 AM



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better familiarity among students and teachers, increasing the likelihood of noticing unusual behaviors or outsiders. Smaller schools also make emergency management more manageable. This structure can foster closer community ties, as smaller schools are less intimidating and more welcoming as neighborhood anchors. Modernized Learning Environments: Upgrading to modern, flexible learning spaces is essential. Multipurpose areas can cater to both educational and community needs. Community Engagement Spaces: Enhancing schools with community-centric facilities remains crucial. This includes public meeting rooms and recreational areas, fostering schools as central community points. Green Spaces and Playgrounds: Developing green spaces and playgrounds around schools is vital. These areas, accessible outside school hours, promote shared community ownership. By focusing on these areas, and particularly by advocating for smaller schools that might cost more to operate, but improve the education experience of our students, safety, and community as neighborhood anchors, Fargo Public Schools can address the concerns about their role as neighborhood anchors, making them more integral and vibrant parts of their communities.

153	I am tired of funding small inadequate schools and old inefficient buildings that require two campuses purely to appease small groups of homeowners who feel their areas/property values should be supported by the rest of the tax payers. Having tiny schools with one very small class at each grade but a fully paid administrator and office staff is inefficient. Have some neighborhoods with multiple schools requiring multiple gyms and doubling up of services in old buildings because the neighborhood associations demanded it is inefficient and unfair to our city as a whole. The waste in heating and maintaining these additional buildings is costing everyone and small group demands do not make it right.	11/22/2023 12:24 AM
154	Please consider boundaries that would Make ALL high schools used to their potential. Fargo South has very few students and is the largest high school facility. Please make good decisions on boundaries.	11/21/2023 10:27 PM
155	Renovate/update McKinley Elementary to make it a more inclusive, safe, and comfortable building for students and staff. Expand/update Ben Franklin Middle School to help accommodate the increase in students numbers, and make it a safer learning environment.	11/21/2023 10:21 PM
156	Reduce spending.	11/21/2023 10:20 PM
157	Build new elementary schools in north Fargo. They are outdated with poor safety and security. Why should children in south and West Fargo only have the newest and safest schools	11/21/2023 10:18 PM
158	We need more schools for southwest Fargo	11/21/2023 10:15 PM
159	Equity amongst secondary buildings.	11/21/2023 9:58 PM
160	Establishing level C and level D programming for students with special needs through age 18.	11/21/2023 9:48 PM
161	Easy entrance to facilities for individuals with handicaps.	11/21/2023 9:38 PM
162	No	11/21/2023 9:33 PM
163	Use existing facilities that are underutilized and have room for more students by changing boundaries prior to building a fourth high school.	11/21/2023 9:32 PM
164	We need more space (buildings) for special programs like ECSE and Level C/D programming in Special Education.	11/21/2023 9:23 PM
165	Use of facilities after school hours. Work to keep bathrooms and schools cleaner. Consistent holidays and closing "storm days" among all F-M-WF schools!	11/21/2023 9:21 PM
166	Renewable energy sources at every school: solar, wind, geothermal	11/21/2023 9:18 PM
167	No	11/21/2023 9:11 PM
168	Just update the facilities you already have new lighting Roofing and ventilation systems are the top priorities	11/21/2023 9:01 PM
169	Our old north side buildings are antiquated, impossible to retrofit, and barely ADA accessible. The tiny schools miss out on specialized services and their scheduling is so difficult with staff who are their limited hours. Tearing down Roosevelt, building and new property, and combining HMR and Madison would benefit all of those students and staff.	11/21/2023 8:51 PM
170	Closing buildings that are no longer feasible	11/21/2023 8:51 PM

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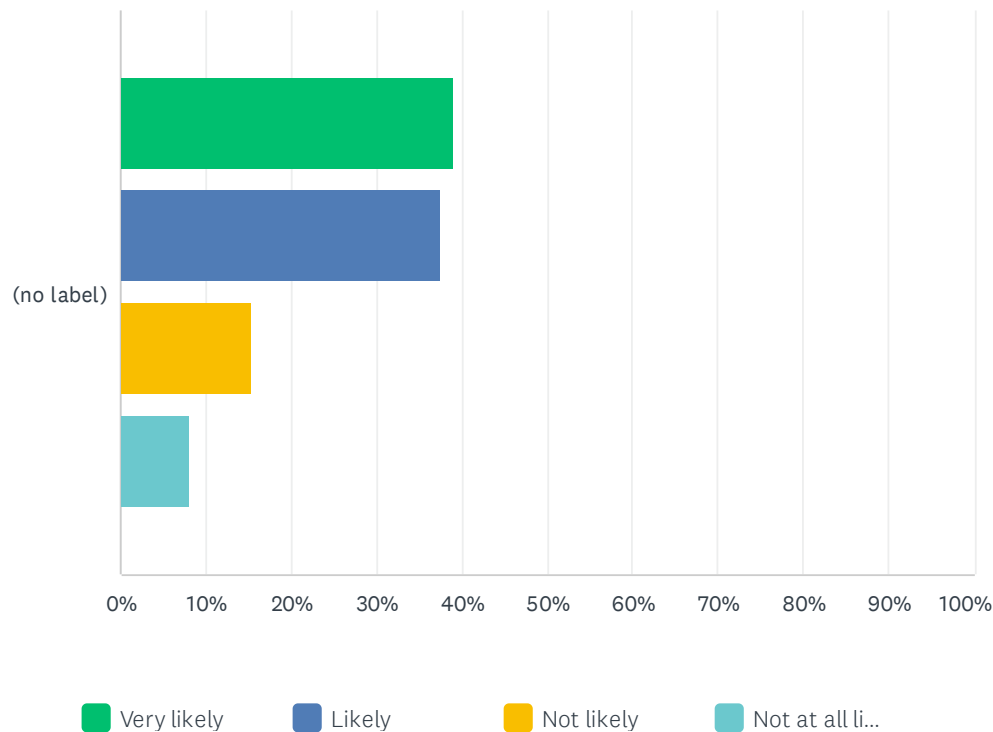
171	Better equity across schools facilities. A quick visit to McKinley elementary then going right over to Longfellow will show there should be more equity in facilities. Why are some kids deemed more worthy than others to have a nice building?	11/21/2023 8:44 PM
172	The FPS leadership should be absolutely embarrassed for their treatment of north Fargo schools. Ben Franklin is falling apart and has serious odor issues with no discussion for improvement. There is almost no green space and there never has been. Please compare Discovery and CBE green space to BF!! Superintendent Gandhi keeps pushing a personal agenda on the district and wants to please the haves and ignores the have nots. Yet, FNH keeps leading the district in student performance. But, with the recently hired BF principal and her dismal performance, I am not convinced this will continue.	11/21/2023 8:39 PM
173	Make sure all schools have a space where multiple classes can utilize during the school day- not being used for lunch and interventions all day.	11/21/2023 8:37 PM
174	I think school needs need to be met before buildings that just house adults. Children should come first.	11/21/2023 8:35 PM
175	General, ongoing maintenance. Example: locker rooms at South High are in need of work. Jim Johnson continues to defer. There is no auditorium at Carl Ben. This is a HUGE LOSS for this group of students, and solidifies the "inner city school" Rupak Gandhi is seeking to establish.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
176	Accessibility, redo the school buildings	11/21/2023 8:32 PM
177	All schools should have communication signs outside the school as this is an equitable practice. Jefferson- a school with a significant challenge of communicating with our families is one of the few schools without a sign outside the school. Jefferson has the most EL students and the need for this is paramount.	11/21/2023 8:26 PM
178	North side schools updated	11/21/2023 8:25 PM
179	You should learn how to properly maintain what you have and live with what is on hand	11/21/2023 8:24 PM
180	Bigger population schools need more playground equipment to equalize with smaller populated schools. Playgrounds are the same size for elementary schools with 200 students and 650+ schools.	11/21/2023 8:24 PM
181	Fix Bennett sign	11/21/2023 8:22 PM
182	Northside has equitable facilities to far south side	11/21/2023 8:16 PM
183	Many of our months are spent indoors or with inadequate weather to be outside. Creating indoor spaces where children are able to exercise and move are critical.	11/21/2023 8:08 PM
184	More schools so they are smaller	11/21/2023 8:05 PM
185	Transparency in bidding and cost outlays for all projects.	11/21/2023 8:05 PM
186	Consider Ice and indoor turf facility	11/21/2023 7:51 PM
187	Id just like to see a little more attention on the older schools. I feel like we can keep the old buildings and still give those kids an equitable experience to the kids in the newer buildings. And I don't think that's happening. I don't think it's even close to happening.	11/21/2023 7:50 PM
188	Horace Mann elementary needs adequate outdoor lighting (like Clara Barton for example). MUST keep historic buildings or build an addition if needed.	11/21/2023 7:50 PM
189	Bathrooms and water fountains for every middle school team center.	11/21/2023 7:43 PM
190	Don't you dare build another school when existing schools are not safe and adequate	11/21/2023 7:36 PM
191	Upkeep and modernization of older schools in older neighborhoods for consistency between old and new schools.	11/21/2023 7:34 PM
192	Build a new school that keeps the standards equal with other schools	11/21/2023 7:27 PM
193	Preserve older buildings.	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
194	HMR needs to be one building with a double secure entrance!!!	11/21/2023 7:12 PM
195	Student desks and lockers need to be updated so that kids aren't using broken desks and lockers. Classrooms need more outlets so kids aren't sitting on the floor trying to charge their	11/21/2023 7:03 PM

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	computers during class.	
196	North's lighting system in the theater is not working. North's theater is starting to show its age and a renovation would be amazing	11/21/2023 7:00 PM
197	Restroom renovation	11/21/2023 6:58 PM
198	I would like to see more dollars allocated to north side schools. They need maintenance and updates.	11/21/2023 6:52 PM
199	Ben Franklin is severely lacking in ALL these categories. They ALL need work.	11/21/2023 6:41 PM
200	Common sense on builds....we put 16 million into Discovery and built half a gym and a band room that's too small	11/21/2023 6:24 PM
201	Old spaces at old schools lack features important to learning: team areas, adequate space for physical activity, natural lighting, etc. Many newer schools take these features for granted.	11/21/2023 6:23 PM
202	New tennis courts at South High.	11/21/2023 6:14 PM
203	Lunch room and gyms a better parent drop off area for Washington elementary	11/21/2023 5:52 PM
204	Include areas for Agriculture, Shop, and Trades areas as these tend to be stable good careers kids can learn to work into.	11/21/2023 5:52 PM
205	Consider the long term growth of Fargo. They built a bridge over I-29 in south Fargo and it's south high attendance in walking distance to Davies. You had to push that boundary change through.	11/21/2023 5:35 PM
206	New middle school to replace Ben Franklin. Reduce number of north elementary schools and build a larger school	11/21/2023 5:31 PM
207	BUILD ANOTHER SOUTH SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL!!!!	11/21/2023 4:52 PM

Q5 Fargo Public Schools oversee facilities, collectively valued at around \$1.5 billion, which are facing funding challenges for their upkeep and modernization. With an average age of 50 years, spanning construction dates from 1909 to 2021, there is a growing need for additional funding to address renovations and improvements beyond what has historically been allocated. How likely are you to support increased funding for these necessary upgrades? Please explain your answer

Answered: 439 Skipped: 92



	VERY LIKELY	LIKELY	NOT LIKELY	NOT AT ALL LIKELY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	38.95%	37.59%	15.26%	8.20%	439	0.00
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#	PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.	DATE
1	I would prefer to invest in the older, smaller schools rather than build more large schools that are further away from the neighborhoods that they serve.	12/3/2023 11:04 PM
2	Senior citizen limited income	12/3/2023 10:26 PM
3	FPS puts too much money into overhead positions to tell teachers how to teach. Save some of that money and stop hiring so many new positions.	12/3/2023 8:39 PM
4	Improve existing schools first not likely to vote for new schools unless it is for ECSE this stinks we need one new improved building.	12/3/2023 1:36 PM
5	Better schools, and learning environment makes for a stronger community for 'everyone'.	12/3/2023 9:05 AM
6	I prefer to upgrade rather than relocate. Facilities should be maintained.	12/2/2023 9:59 PM

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7	Ben Franklin is falling apart and needs major renovation to keep it safe. Invest in north Fargo schools like you do south Fargo schools	12/2/2023 7:43 PM
8	I'd support a sales tax hike	12/2/2023 5:24 PM
9	Eliminate waste first	12/2/2023 1:31 PM
10	depends on how the funds would be allocated and if it was financially responsible or just a dream to keep something that is old and needs to go	12/2/2023 10:27 AM
11	Look for ways to reduce costs with the existing budget	12/2/2023 7:26 AM
12	If changes need to happen I am willing to support financially.	12/2/2023 6:57 AM
13	As per my understanding schools older than 40 years might need to start new construction plan, school buses older than 15 years need to be replaced,	12/2/2023 3:20 AM
14	There are needs that need to be taken care of in buildings, especially the older buildings such as South High. Please update the heating and cooling, plus fix leaking roof. It would be great to have more natural light in classrooms since many rooms do NOT have windows. Many teachers and students would benefit with skylights installed so there is sunlight to assist with the long winter months and seasonally depression issues.	12/1/2023 10:49 PM
15	More information needs to be shared before an acceptance. Instead of continually building one story, build up to save land space for more outdoor areas. Stop utilizing buildings for student use and saying that they are temporary when they are permanently being used.	12/1/2023 10:02 PM
16	Very likely only if plans are developed to use the money wisely and not waste it on buildings that are underutilized and far to costly to remodel and modernize.	12/1/2023 5:38 PM
17	With the growing needs of behavior and special ed related issues,...I do think that the older buildings need updated facilities,...along with the outside. Is it cheaper to build a new school on old foundations,...or update them. Do not get ride of the older schools.	12/1/2023 4:06 PM
18	Increased funding is unavoidable in order to have the necessary facilities built and/or upgraded to meet the needs of our Fargo students and families.	12/1/2023 3:47 PM
19	Online learning isn't conducive to every student. We need strong facilities to help educate future generations.	12/1/2023 12:34 PM
20	The state of ND needs to up their contribution to facilities for K-12 across the state. Local property taxes are maxed out at this point due to hardships all families are facing in this current economy. Other than growth in the city of Fargo itself in the southern and southwest part of town, no new construction should be undertaken other than perhaps elementary schools. Davies may be at capacity as well as Discovery, however, as noted earlier re-draw boundary lines!	12/1/2023 11:25 AM
21	Likely but I don't want my property taxes to increase because of this	12/1/2023 9:00 AM
22	I would need more information on what schools,why,ect...	12/1/2023 7:04 AM
23	Schools need to be updated. Everyone in the community benefits from our schools as either a former student, current student, parent of a student or grandparent of a student. If we didn't have schools, learning and caring for and making children's needs are met would be difficult. Schools embody the statement, "It takes a village."	11/30/2023 10:47 PM
24	I believe in FPS and the need for our community to support its continued growth, which includes the upkeep and improvement in our buildings. Our children spend so much of their lives in FPS buildings, learning and growing, and everyone who spends so much time here deserves to have buildings that support learning and development, are safe, and inclusive. I am a FPS alum, I have one son who is, and another now at North High School, and I would be more than willing to support our amazing educational system here in Fargo, for our community and future generations. It is an investment in our community, our economy, and the growth and retention for Fargo.	11/30/2023 10:11 PM
25	I would need to see some detail surrounding the renovations and improvements.	11/30/2023 9:39 PM
26	Stay up with issues instead of letting leaks which turn into mold and trip hazard carpets linger for years and you wouldn't need so much money to fix them.	11/30/2023 8:02 PM

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27	Rationalize your budget and cut waste. Be more responsible with my money.	11/30/2023 5:07 PM
28	But to keep our current building updated. Not to just build new schools	11/30/2023 2:47 PM
29	once you eliminate the underutilized building I would support upgrading the rest	11/30/2023 2:06 PM
30	Students and staff deserve to attend school in buildings that are updated and safe.	11/30/2023 2:05 PM
31	Some as with any city/school district that has growth. But should not be a significant amount/hardship on the community. Prioritize/Allocate funding from various areas.	11/30/2023 12:51 PM
32	I recognize it is difficult to maintain the old buildings in our neighborhood (HMR), but appreciate all that the District has done to keep these spaces operational and safe. Neighborhood schools are positive for our community and kids, and we want to keep them going. If the buildings themselves are beyond repair, I'm ok with new construction ... I place more value in the location of the school than the historic sentiment of its character. (Meaning....hold onto the location and do what you must with the building). I do think the modern playground equipment is essential, so thank you for the investments you've prioritized in that over the years.	11/30/2023 11:14 AM
33	We need to keep kids in their neighborhood schools and engage the surrounding community. I am concerned that if we abandon our older schools and keep building new schools further and further south that students, families, and community members will disengage with their school because it is so far from their home.	11/30/2023 10:48 AM
34	I'd like to help fund, but I already don't make enough money to put into savings each month.	11/30/2023 9:58 AM
35	After viewing the facilities study, it is clear that some buildings in Fargo Public Schools have been neglected in their upkeep and maintenance. I support that this needs to be remedied and schools on the North side have a higher percentage of those buildings. In a district that strives for equality, there is a glaring disparity across the district. I am not willing to break the bank in order to remedy 25 years of mismanagement, but I will support reasonable approaches to fix the problems.	11/30/2023 9:28 AM
36	Communities have been built and families are purposely located around specific neighborhood schools. Preservation of community should hold a higher priority than building new establishments, throwing a wrench into the community. Building new establishments also costs money.	11/30/2023 9:25 AM
37	It's important to have proper maintenance of any property type.	11/30/2023 9:21 AM
38	Student to teacher ratio is the most important factor for learning.	11/30/2023 9:04 AM
39	An investment in schools is an investment in our youth. Also you get what you pay for. Without adequate structures, supplies and tools, students are unable to reach their full potential.	11/30/2023 8:55 AM
40	I likely will support keeping buildings up to date, but not the ones that are have so many problems they need to be taken off line. There is only so much you can do to a building to keep it up to date. Several of our buildings are beyond that. We've been kicking this can for far to long, it's time to do something and James is the one to do it!	11/30/2023 8:28 AM
41	Using the current funding better should be considered before asking for more.	11/30/2023 8:15 AM
42	It is going to be more expensive in the future to renovate or build new in the future so we might as well do those things now.	11/30/2023 8:02 AM
43	There is enough money in state funds to cover all improvements and renovations without impacting the city taxes which are already plenty high and is likely going to see additional tax for Fargodome improvements.	11/30/2023 7:53 AM
44	It would depend on what needs to be done and if the work would extend the life of the building 10+ years.	11/30/2023 7:51 AM
45	Ben Franklin is falling apart - literally!	11/30/2023 7:46 AM
46	Perfect example of this is Madison. There are holes in the wall and mismatched paint. These are just a couple example of cosmetic needs let alone the modernizing of classrooms and structural and functional upkeep and improvements.	11/30/2023 7:37 AM
47	If you dont keep old ones up you will have to build new which often ends up costing more	11/30/2023 7:29 AM

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48	We don't have savings or extra to give.	11/30/2023 6:42 AM
49	We need upgrades to facilities to ensure they're keeping up with safety, environmental, and technical standards as the world around us continues to evolve. Fargo is continuously growing and ensure we have the facilities to accommodate the growing city around us is a must and that takes funding.	11/29/2023 7:45 PM
50	Children are always going to be our future	11/29/2023 6:27 PM
51	Public schools benefit the entire community, and must meet standards necessary to benefit the entire community.	11/29/2023 4:39 PM
52	I'd be willing to support with a clear facilities plan and plan for growth without disrupting current neighborhoods.	11/29/2023 3:02 PM
53	I have several kids in FPS and I would like to see proper facilities to best promote the learning of all abilities.	11/29/2023 1:05 PM
54	Education is paramount to overall community and economic health, growth, and engagement.	11/29/2023 12:29 PM
55	Maintain the current facilities. Increase security in the process so Fargo Public Schools are the last target of evil people.	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
56	You can never replace the historical value in the older schools. I would throw money at them rather than tear down. Especially Horace Mann. Hawthorne could be modernized.	11/29/2023 7:34 AM
57	Our buildings lack the space and resources we need to help support our students. Improvements and safety are concerns.	11/29/2023 3:13 AM
58	As a tax payer and an educator, I'm 100% for investing in the public school system.	11/28/2023 10:35 PM
59	Schools must be maintained and I support funding for these improvements.	11/28/2023 10:28 PM
60	FPS needs to even-out the spending on facilities in older neighborhoods where there is a long-term need for a school to maintain a quality similar to newer schools	11/28/2023 9:48 PM
61	Administration needs to be downsized	11/28/2023 9:47 PM
62	Providing the best educational opportunities for our youth is paramount. Generations before us have paved the way and we need to continue funding future generations	11/28/2023 8:41 PM
63	Would need to understand what the necessary upgrades are	11/28/2023 8:12 PM
64	If it increases taxes for households then no.	11/28/2023 7:32 PM
65	Our buildings are outdated, in need of repair, and not meeting educational adequacy needs. As a community, we are obligated to invest in the improvements necessary to support our students.	11/28/2023 7:14 PM
66	Environment plays a huge role in how well kids learn.	11/28/2023 5:46 PM
67	Depends what they are? What other monies can be reallocated being spent on unnecessary things.	11/28/2023 4:16 PM
68	I will support the projects if they make sense financially. Don't put money into Roosevelt when it should be combined with Horace Mann. If you mention any funding toward DEI, I will not support it one bit. Don't even try to spend money on gender neutral bathroom, etc. We need to set up the infrastructure for these buildings to last another 50 years. This cannot be accomplished in one referendum. No one will stomach that large of cost. This long term plan needs to be transparent, otherwise it will look like a money grab every other year for pet projects	11/28/2023 4:12 PM
69	depending upon the plan, a modest increase in taxes could go a long way to improving facilities and taking care of deferred maintenance	11/28/2023 3:09 PM
70	Our community as a whole values education, so I feel a raise in taxes would benefit the community as a whole.	11/28/2023 1:54 PM
71	I've worked out of Agassiz for the past seven years- I've seen how badly the programs and staff within that building need more adequate space, and how there is nothing available.	11/28/2023 1:39 PM
72	If there is public input how the funds will be used.	11/28/2023 11:52 AM



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73	Buildings need to be safe first and if repairs are more expensive than building new I would say build new	11/28/2023 11:37 AM
74	Depending on the projects being approved by voters as open check book days are over due to poor economic conditions.	11/28/2023 10:49 AM
75	Work with the City of Fargo to help repopulate the areas of the city where there are lower pupil population. Offer tax incentives to younger couples to help them move North instead of moving South.	11/28/2023 8:29 AM
76	I support education	11/28/2023 3:05 AM
77	Can't afford higher property taxes but see the need for higher funding but wish government could step in for education renovations	11/27/2023 10:42 PM
78	FPS needs to be fiscally responsible. Enough with the big fancy buildings. Focus on what's important. Like actually teaching kids.	11/27/2023 7:24 PM
79	I would want the district to do a cost/benefit analysis of what it costs to renovate current facilities vs building new to prove the financial responsibility of their recommendations including the transportation costs related with newer facilities moving further south or moving south kids further north, etc.	11/27/2023 2:56 PM
80	Our kids and the buildings in which they learn have to be adequate for learning. I know some taxpayers are struggling but education is so important to me even though we do not have children. I am a product of the Fargo School District and I cannot say enough good about it.	11/27/2023 2:20 PM
81	We need to do what is best for students!	11/27/2023 12:19 PM
82	I'm lower class	11/27/2023 11:36 AM
83	As a community we need to make sure we can serve the needs of our students for many years to come!	11/27/2023 11:23 AM
84	I am willing to support increased funding knowing it is for the benefit of students and faculty.	11/27/2023 9:19 AM
85	The district needs to look at its spending at the district level - we continually add positions at the district office but then say there isn't enough money when it comes to teacher negotiations. We also need to hire people that live in ND so that we are not paying travel expenses, etc. There is money that can be found.	11/27/2023 8:26 AM
86	There is going to have to be a compelling argument for me to understand how FPS has neglected schools for so long and now tell us that Everything will be Critical to be fixed in 20 years.	11/27/2023 8:24 AM
87	I'm just looking for a sensible plan that meets the needs of our community. I would especially be supportive of a plan that reworks elementary schools in the North. I have been in several of them and they seem small and outdated.	11/27/2023 8:01 AM
88	I feel the public has an obligation to support public education.	11/27/2023 4:10 AM
89	Our children are our future is an often quoted remark that is tellingly accurate but hard to address. Finding a method to get all segments of Fargo's communities to understand the funding needs of our schools is difficult but not impossible. Everyone should get on board to fund our schools!	11/26/2023 10:43 PM
90	Live within your existing funding and reserves	11/26/2023 9:08 PM
91	Schools in older neighborhoods are key social infrastructure and should be invested in.	11/26/2023 9:02 PM
92	Raise taxes	11/26/2023 8:54 PM
93	I will support the school system as long as all buildings are fully utilized before building new facilities.	11/26/2023 8:33 PM
94	I would like to see the current facilities used to their fullest potential prior to building additional schools.	11/26/2023 8:20 PM
95	It depends how FPS continues to utilize the money in their budget. I feel we have far too many operational and administrative staff. We also fund things that don't just benefit FPS students like Trollwood. I want my dollars used for things that directly impact students, their learning,	11/26/2023 7:58 PM



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and their involvement. Many of our schools would function just as well with less operational staff and fewer administrators. Neighboring districts are doing a better job of this. We need to instead invest in our teachers (boots on the ground) and the buildings and programs that make a difference for our students.

96	Education is of paramount important to society, and very little expense should be spared in this effort.	11/26/2023 7:48 PM
97	I would support a modest mill levy increase.	11/26/2023 7:28 PM
98	People are tired of always having their taxes raised. Whenever new buildings are built they are loaded with items that are "wants" but not needed. They should be built with what is needed for the students to get a quality education without the added costs associated with all the extras.	11/26/2023 7:17 PM
99	Everyone know that some of the North side schools need to close. I do NOT support spending money to keep them open	11/26/2023 7:13 PM
100	I support schools	11/26/2023 6:27 PM
101	Stop building wasteful schools	11/26/2023 6:19 PM
102	I have seven kids to go through the FPS system, I want to be supportive so they get the best education possible.	11/26/2023 6:19 PM
103	Balance student population in facilities. le move boundaries to maximize utilization of all facilities	11/26/2023 6:02 PM
104	I am happy to help pay for keeping up facilities. FPS has fallen behind other districts. Its facilities were once recognized as the best. No longer. They don't have to be the best but they must keep up.	11/26/2023 11:29 AM
105	Important part of our community to fully fund and support.	11/26/2023 10:54 AM
106	While I understand the importance of historical buildings, the older buildings across the city are becoming too out of date to salvage.	11/26/2023 10:17 AM
107	We already pay a lot of money to FPS and I am not sure it is being used wisely. Why are Fargo teachers paid the lowest of the area schools?	11/26/2023 8:07 AM
108	It is important to upkeep, but at a certain point we need to let some properties go and build elsewhere.	11/25/2023 4:46 PM
109	Tax increases have occurred. Use what yiu have been given/budgeted. I believe the more money given to any entity, the worse they are at managing it.	11/25/2023 11:56 AM
110	It will just get more expensive if we don't address it. A stitch in time saves nine.	11/25/2023 9:41 AM
111	The older schools have a lot of history and from being in a few older ones, they still are able to be renovated for minimal change i believe.	11/25/2023 8:50 AM
112	Assume this will be done with tax payer dollars	11/25/2023 4:18 AM
113	You need to reduce costs. Quit spending so much on sports.	11/24/2023 10:19 PM
114	Children are our future	11/24/2023 9:41 PM
115	I support upkeep of the current buildings but not new construction	11/24/2023 9:05 PM
116	If we believe in education and making sure our students have what they need to succeed we should be okay with increased funding for these upgrades. In the end these community spaces will benefit us all.	11/24/2023 8:31 PM
117	Our kids should be comfortable in order to learn	11/24/2023 7:49 PM
118	Maintain and pay your support staff better wages.	11/24/2023 6:55 PM
119	If the funding is for our school system and the education system across the board, it's something I will support	11/24/2023 6:07 PM
120	Fargo Schools facilities are old and outdated compared to neighboring school districts of West Fargo and Moorhead	11/24/2023 5:54 PM

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121	Our students need to see, hear, and watch how we can put them first not just with our words but also our dollars.	11/24/2023 4:16 PM
122	I will support updates but not new buildings which are not needed because the board and superintendent are afraid to change boundaries and make people mad because they don't want diversity.	11/24/2023 3:45 PM
123	Depends on where these fundings are coming from	11/24/2023 11:30 AM
124	I support funding increases as long as they are going towards education related improvements including increased teacher salaries, increased outreach and access to stability, inclusivity, disability accommodations etc for students. I support increased funding to music and the arts. I do not support money going to sport facilities and teams etc which seem to me have been overfunded in the past.	11/24/2023 11:09 AM
125	There are likely ways to funnel funds into high priority issues rather than increase taxes tremendously.	11/24/2023 10:30 AM
126	I realize it takes money to maintain facilities, however I think it's very important to balance that with a budget (just like families do everyday with their homes).	11/24/2023 10:28 AM
127	Smaller impact over a longer timeframe is better than large annual amounts per property. Prioritize educational needs over athletic or extra curricular wants	11/24/2023 9:45 AM
128	As long as it makes sense to upgrade the building. If it's cheaper in the long run to raze it and build a new one in it's place, I would support that.	11/24/2023 9:43 AM
129	FPS has money, it just has not been allocated in the proper manner. What happened to the Covid \$\$\$\$?	11/24/2023 9:42 AM
130	We homeschool	11/24/2023 9:32 AM
131	Willing to pay increased taxes for updated facilities- especially our middle school, Ben Franklin	11/24/2023 9:31 AM
132	Education is important to give students the necessary skills to be involved and active members in society upon graduation. A well-rounded education for ALL learners is vital to ensure students are college and career ready.	11/24/2023 8:09 AM
133	Read above	11/24/2023 7:48 AM
134	I don't mind paying for our education for the future. I do have a problem with wasteful spending on extra activities. School is for learning and future work requirements and not for babysitting and not being productive. I want our children to be a productive citizen to our society	11/24/2023 1:01 AM
135	YOU SPEND, SPEND, SPEND. People want to remodel home but can't because of their budget. Quit wasting our money, our children don't need Taj Mahal's, it doesn't make them smarter. Our children are fading away because of our idiot administration. Let teachers teach and not babysit and cut back on administrators.	11/23/2023 11:23 PM
136	Everyone is stretching their last penny. The education system needs to do the same. This is not a time to ask people for more money. Focus on educating the children properly and discipline in schools	11/23/2023 9:48 PM
137	I would want to see clear and detailed plans for spending prior to increasing any budgets	11/23/2023 9:45 PM
138	Maybe the maintenance department doesn't need BRAND NEW vehicles every year.	11/23/2023 9:34 PM
139	Likely as long as the school zoning is not changed for high middle and schoolers	11/23/2023 7:35 PM
140	I think there's more important things to spend money on than renovations. I grew up in fargo and schools were never renovated and it was fine. Now I feel like they do it just for appearance and to sound better.	11/23/2023 7:24 PM
141	Well maintained properties help kids feel good about going there.	11/23/2023 5:45 PM
142	I would be comfortable supporting additional funding for renovations and improvements if they are deemed necessary. Having fun or novelty extras is nice but I really think that any money allocated should be used to ensure the safety of students and staff.	11/23/2023 4:30 PM
143	With failing achievements, out of control safety issues, a mass exodus of quality teachers and a superintendent making six figures (and climbing) with no accountability or consideration to	11/23/2023 2:27 PM

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make improvements in any of these areas, I would absolutely note support and make sure I tell everyone not to support this out of control school board and district. Perhaps the district should review wasteful positions and spending on fruitless results before ever asking for more money. At almost 16k a student per year, our outcomes are embarrassing.

144	If it's in my taxes, I will pay	11/23/2023 1:10 PM
145	It would depend on hat the funding is being used for.	11/23/2023 12:21 PM
146	Low income family don't have funds to help when I'm struggling myself	11/23/2023 12:02 PM
147	property taxes and special assessments are much to high now. if it means increasing them again I am against it. If there are other ways to help with this then I would be more likely	11/23/2023 10:58 AM
148	Schools are more important than Fargodome.	11/23/2023 10:43 AM
149	Education is one of local government's biggest responsibilities.	11/23/2023 10:39 AM
150	Go to the state and ask for money. The state has got plenty of money. There is no reason us taxpayers have to build build. Build user buildings to max capacity and then build users. Use your state funding and your money from the taxpayers wisely. Stop spending it foolishly on foolish projects and foolish spending on employees.	11/23/2023 9:11 AM
151	Would not support if funding is not equally distributed to all communities. I.E. old buildings up north need more money but over crowding, large classes and lack of teachers are an issue down south.	11/23/2023 7:54 AM
152	I think funding educational infastructure is important. People have aot of flexibility in where they live these days, and a family looking to relocate will investigate the areas school systems.	11/23/2023 7:48 AM
153	Because of increased taxes from the last vote that have exceeded the amount we were told	11/23/2023 7:33 AM
154	Property taxes have consistently gone up the last few years and with inflation and the increasing cost of home insurance it can make it difficult to pay more.	11/22/2023 11:27 PM
155	However not willing to fun the Fargo dome at the same time.	11/22/2023 9:12 PM
156	Upgrades are usually for the worse besides for maintenance activities	11/22/2023 8:59 PM
157	My child has many years left in school, so I want things up to date.	11/22/2023 8:33 PM
158		11/22/2023 6:20 PM
159	I have seen how these spaces are used and taken care of first hand. Make the building faculty and admin use their money more effectively. We shouldn't be spending millions on football fields and hockey arenas. When some of the carpets and walls are terrible. Not to mention equity in where money goes if you spend a million on sports the arts should get the same. Or lower the founding so both are equal.	11/22/2023 6:16 PM
160	I really want our neighborhood schools to be preserved. They are unique and serve us so well. My kids thrived in their small elementary schools, and I wish we could go back!	11/22/2023 5:34 PM
161	Better facilities better opportunities	11/22/2023 3:43 PM
162	Moderning and investing in existing school facilities is key to the health of the school system and thus to the well-being of the community and tomorrow's workforce.	11/22/2023 3:42 PM
163	Too many old and new schools. Some older ones should close to make budget for remodeling others. Also, consider tax relief incentives to better repopulate shrinking communities so we stop driving our tax base south into overpopulated schools	11/22/2023 3:00 PM
164	Education is our future and we should be willing to support those facility needs. Upgrades need to be done with fiscal responsibility. Education facilities should not be architectural masterpieces, yet functional.	11/22/2023 1:48 PM
165	There is a point where the delayed maintenance makes reconstruction a better value than modernization. When major construction projects are contemplated, I want to see the life cycle costs considered for the contemplated function instead of the lowest cost option. And I want to see the cosmetic costs being minimized.	11/22/2023 1:32 PM

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166	Taxes are already to high - considering the state of ND is sitting on billions	11/22/2023 12:35 PM
167	We need an educated community and being in an environment to learn is important	11/22/2023 11:56 AM
168	How would I NOT support appropriate funding levels for public education?	11/22/2023 11:17 AM
169	Being taxed to death already, can't afford another tax, Period. Unless you are going to Exempt the Retired on a Fixed Income.	11/22/2023 11:09 AM
170	This primarily depends on where funding comes from. For the most part I support most methods of gaining funding, even considering personally supporting/donating	11/22/2023 10:48 AM
171	I would support the funding if it goes in the right direction and to building needs many of us feel are needed and which ones.	11/22/2023 10:27 AM
172	Kids need a safe environment	11/22/2023 10:18 AM
173	There are too many district office personnel not to mention people working from across the country and that has an impact on spending. Reconfigure the district office to be more efficient and pay paraprofessionals and teachers better to keep the good ones we have left.	11/22/2023 10:06 AM
174	I support upkeep and modernization. HOWEVER, there is a lot of expensive architectural flourishes and materials in these schools that can run up construction and upkeep costs that I do not feel contribute to the academic mission. More basic designs could be used that would still provide for open areas and natural lighting at a more reasonable cost. FPS seems to forget that taxpayers need to make sacrifices to pay increased taxes for these costs. It would make sense that the FPS would also try to make some compromises in order to be better stewards of public money.	11/22/2023 10:06 AM
175	While we continue to put turf on football fields at a great expense and remodel outdoor facilities along with other district projects at a time when taxes from a state government perspective are set up to decrease. In Fargo we continue to see an ever increasing property tax.	11/22/2023 10:04 AM
176	I would vote yes on bonds for a well-planned facilities plan.	11/22/2023 9:33 AM
177	Investing in the safe and modern education of our children should be a top priority of any community. The continued use of existing buildings should be prioritized over continued sprawling of new facilities.	11/22/2023 9:26 AM
178	I think everyone in our community should be supportive of any increased funding demands made by the school district. Unless we choose to go the private school route, we are all heavily invested in FPS by default. Public Education in general needs to be a bigger priority in every community. We're losing ground quickly with our inability to keep up with population growth and overcrowding our school walls does nothing good for the students or the teachers. It creates unfavorable learning conditions and promotes burn-out among our most precious resource... the teachers!	11/22/2023 9:16 AM
179	It is needed and necessary and we should always invest in our kids educational needs and safety	11/22/2023 9:10 AM
180	I disagree with many aspects of the public school system and would not give more money.	11/22/2023 8:55 AM
181	FPS received MILLIONS! from covid relief to update ventilation systems and boilers but these projects were not completed? Why? \$\$ was invested into redoing discovery, reducing the capacity while Ben Franklin repairs and needed updates to systems were deprioritized. Until FPS can make sound investments and use their budget wisely, like trimming the excessive overhead staffing at the district office, I will not support additional funding. 1st staff priority TEACHERS in classrooms, until we have a 1 to 18 teacher to student ratio and facilities to support these classroom sizes there should be a reduction of all staff at the district office, we don't need a full time lawyer, we don't need half the positions we have.	11/22/2023 8:53 AM
182	Buildings need to be maintained to keep schools open, close to home to reduce travel time and keep classroom sizes smaller. The middle schools need smaller classroom sizes more than ever too. We learned during Covid that there are less behaviors with smaller classroom sizes.	11/22/2023 8:44 AM
183	Educating our youth and having safe, competitive programming is key to attracting families and staffing.	11/22/2023 8:32 AM
184	If the buildings are not going to be kept for many years to come, we should not be investing	11/22/2023 8:31 AM

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any money in them.

185	I would absolutely support this if it is going to existing schools. I would not if this is going to a new build	11/22/2023 8:17 AM
186	Yes, if we keep our current schools maintained and full. If they are not full, fill them or make the decision to close them and fill the next closest school.	11/22/2023 8:00 AM
187	Why are we not using the extra space in our buildings to house our administration. We purchased the RDO building when we could have used the money for our schools. Let's get going and sell the old building.	11/22/2023 8:00 AM
188	I think we need to deal with overcrowding in the south end before we update older buildings on the north end or center of town that have low numbers.	11/22/2023 7:54 AM
189	Viable schools lead to Viable neighborhoods	11/22/2023 7:49 AM
190	Fixed income	11/22/2023 7:37 AM
191	My property taxes are already high!	11/22/2023 7:29 AM
192	This is Fargo's future. It's very important.	11/22/2023 7:17 AM
193	I believe along with staff pay Fargo Public Schools need to increase funding for facilities to ensure students get a proper and safe education.	11/22/2023 6:22 AM
194	Need to balance the budget / prioritize	11/22/2023 5:52 AM
195	Agassi voted to be demolished with plans of new constructions. The District never carried through with that last citizen vote.	11/22/2023 5:44 AM
196	I've seen the budget, you're asking for an increase every 10 minutes. Back off fancy high schools and maintain what you got.	11/22/2023 5:02 AM
197	Please also be creative in asking out state to help and writing grants and seeking private or public donations. Sandford loves to have sport complexes in their name and Ben Franklin needs one.	11/22/2023 2:40 AM
198	Fargo Public Schools is the fourth largest employer in Fargo. Not only this, schools are responsible for educating our future work force. Investing in our schools is investing in the future of Fargo.	11/22/2023 12:30 AM
199	If the old, inefficient buildings that double up services for the same neighborhoods are not addressed with modern single buildings that provide a better education and better efficiency in both number of people need to staff and space requiring heating and maintenance, I will not be in favor of providing more tax payer money.	11/22/2023 12:24 AM
200	I appreciate the effort to maintain what our community has already invested in with regards to facilities. While alot of money goes into new construction (and including many "wants" in these projects), it is even more important to balance wants/luxuries with needs/basics. Facility operational systems, efficiencies, responsible and timely maintenance, security, accessibility, grounds, etc. are all basic needs to ensure a lengthy and efficient lifetime for each facility.	11/21/2023 11:31 PM
201	Don't always trust that money is spent on things that are needed	11/21/2023 11:26 PM
202	It is important that students across the district have equitable learning spaces. Each school, no matter what the size, should have the same materials and resources so each child has access to a quality education.	11/21/2023 11:17 PM
203	There is a need to upgrade our "old" buildings to meet the needs of all students in the district.	11/21/2023 10:27 PM
204	The funding for these projects is critical to the safety and success of our youth!	11/21/2023 10:21 PM
205	School district already spends more per student than surrounding areas. The school district needs to spend the tax payers money more efficiently and lest wastefully.	11/21/2023 10:20 PM
206	Use oil revenue. We can use oil revenue for a library in Medora but not fund new and safe elementary schools.	11/21/2023 10:18 PM
207	Without the gathering spots of our buildings, education is not possible	11/21/2023 10:17 PM
208	I live south of 52nd Ave S and with the new boundaries my kids would have to go to Carl Ben.	11/21/2023 10:15 PM

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First of all, that's a long bus ride for them and a long drive for us if we need to pick them up. Second, people purchase a home with the school district in mind and this is not what I planned. I pray that I will you will find a solution before my kids are in middle school.

209	Property assessments too high already. Get mandatory funding from fed and state	11/21/2023 10:04 PM
210	This is very likely as long as needs are addressed versus wants. Address the highest needs first.	11/21/2023 9:58 PM
211	Adequate learning facilities are important for students and staff.	11/21/2023 9:57 PM
212	Schools build communities	11/21/2023 9:38 PM
213	We have some very old buildings and we need to have equity amongst the buildings for our students	11/21/2023 9:33 PM
214	Underutilized space and classrooms at South High School. We have room for more than 200 plus students.	11/21/2023 9:32 PM
215	Schools educate the future, we need to invest in that.	11/21/2023 9:30 PM
216	There is no more important factor in creating a vibrant community than education, and in turn, we should invest in the education in this community.	11/21/2023 9:21 PM
217	Capital improvements have been consistently underfunded for decades by Boards and Administrations and the Community to appear fiscal stewards but were in fact delaying inevitable decisions until they were someone else's problem and make public services look ineffective and inefficient.	11/21/2023 9:18 PM
218	Schools are an important part of our community. However, I would like to be thoroughly informed of why extra funds are needed and all options available to assess if the funding makes sense.	11/21/2023 9:11 PM
219	I value education, but money spent on facilities and programs must be spent efficiently.	11/21/2023 9:10 PM
220	Paired with boundary changes to utilize space and create equitable distance to/from school	11/21/2023 9:10 PM
221	Keeping up with the buildings is very important educational facilities are a must-have in any community I would support expanded funding for such goals	11/21/2023 9:01 PM
222	Fargo needs to support their schools in order to support kids and our future.	11/21/2023 8:51 PM
223	Because not all of the upgrades need to happen to every building.	11/21/2023 8:51 PM
224	I know it needs to be done but I want to see transparency, fiscal responsibility & long-term strategic planning	11/21/2023 8:49 PM
225	There is not equity in facilities. Investment should be made to get the less nice school facilities on the same level and quality as the others	11/21/2023 8:44 PM
226	Superintendent Gandhi has ignored the Northside schools. He seems so interested in building new schools to compete with other local districts not improving what is already leading the district from an academic standpoint but not facilities standpoint.	11/21/2023 8:39 PM
227	Teachers and students deserve to have spaces which are up to date and comfortable to be in all day long	11/21/2023 8:37 PM
228	That amount of deferred maintenance means there needs to be an overhaul in the fargo school district and maintenance staff. Proper budgets have room for maintenance. Taxpayers deserve better. When everyone feels the same pinch of taxes, people would care more.	11/21/2023 8:35 PM
229	The district has money that is moved around when needed.	11/21/2023 8:35 PM
230	FPS needs to better budget the continuously increasing tax dollars they are provided. Having completed timely maintenance would have prevented much of this issue.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
231	I am likely to support this if it goes to the correct schools.	11/21/2023 8:32 PM
232	It totally depends on what is being asked for; I would not support a blank check for "improvements" without clear indications of a strategic plan for what is being asked for.	11/21/2023 8:31 PM
233	Children are the future of our community. If we give them what they need educationally, we will	11/21/2023 8:30 PM



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	be providing ourselves with the well educated professionals we need to keep moving forward.	
234	Our children depend on it	11/21/2023 8:25 PM
235	Current budgets should always have room for maintenance. Deferred maintenance on such a level should mean maintenance leadership and school board leadership should be fired.	11/21/2023 8:24 PM
236	Close older schools and sell them. Rebuild a new school or bus to other smaller schools. Not everyone can have a neighborhood school. In fact, most south schools are not neighborhood schools.	11/21/2023 8:24 PM
237	Cut some programs, do not take motorcoach buses everywhere to lower costs	11/21/2023 8:22 PM
238	Education is of critical importance to keep a community attractive for young families.	11/21/2023 8:08 PM
239	The ridiculous costs associated with recent projects, combined with a lack of transparency, indicate a poor stewardship of upkeep and construction funds.	11/21/2023 8:05 PM
240	The district has made their priorities administrative staff and programs that are not educational . The school district needs to make responsible choices and spend our money carefully.	11/21/2023 7:59 PM
241	I would need to see the need for additional funding validated by proper use of existing dollars	11/21/2023 7:51 PM
242	Schools are one of the most important parts of a community. Funding is necessary. Plus, I don't want FPD to become the inferior district of the three in the F-M area.	11/21/2023 7:50 PM
243	At the 100 year anniversary there should have been a plan for Horace Mann. Find the money. Lets not loose our *historical* buildings. Should be showcased as historical successful investments!	11/21/2023 7:50 PM
244	I am very supportive of ensuring that students, regardless of the income level of where they live, have access to quality facilities to support their education.	11/21/2023 7:42 PM
245	Fix or replace existing buildings.	11/21/2023 7:36 PM
246	Fargo Public Schools, especially the older school facilities, needs to keep pace with West Fargo Public Schools or risk losing more and more families to West Fargo. Just look at the demographics. Families are choosing where to raise their kids and it ain't old schools in Fargo. This trend needs to change.	11/21/2023 7:34 PM
247	I want to see equity between the high schools. Given the boundaries a de facto socio economic divide has emerged. This will be exacerbated with continued building south. The School Board must make South attractive via naming it a STEAM School or health and science school - or some attractive curriculum to alleviate the blatant socio economic division.	11/21/2023 7:30 PM
248	FPS system has adequate buildings. No more new buildings.	11/21/2023 7:24 PM
249	Why spend money on buildings when you can't hire teachers to be in them? WhenESSR money is gone, we will have a debilitating need for subs. Luckily we can cry about it from very shiny offices.	11/21/2023 7:16 PM
250	I will support it if it is equitable- our buildings are NOT equitable!!!	11/21/2023 7:12 PM
251	It is needed to upgrade aging facilities.	11/21/2023 7:12 PM
252	Quit wasting money on stuff that doesn't matter (bluestem, new district office, hundreds of unneeded administrative positions, sports facilities, Canvas, etc). Use your money wisely!	11/21/2023 7:03 PM
253	Schools need to be a place where students, teachers and community can feel safe and want to go to everyday	11/21/2023 6:58 PM
254	Cut the number of administrators.	11/21/2023 6:52 PM
255	I moved to the area where my kids can go to Davies. And my fear is the boundaries will change	11/21/2023 6:49 PM
256	None of this \$1.5 billion has been spent equally between north and south side schools. South side schools are new, have excellent outdoor facilities for students. Meanwhile, the Northside has had sub par upgrades for the last 30 years.	11/21/2023 6:41 PM
257	If it's purposeful. Making the capacity of a middle school match that of the high school.	11/21/2023 6:27 PM

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258	District office is way too overstaffed. Too many assistants of every department	11/21/2023 6:24 PM
259	The city has exhausted our taxes. They are too high!!	11/21/2023 6:16 PM
260	Need to keep up the current facilities and not worry about feeder schools before building new.	11/21/2023 6:14 PM
261	Our students/children are our future, they deserve the funding to meet their needs and be successful.	11/21/2023 5:56 PM
262	Sell Trollwood considering it is outside of the district and outside of the state to make back some money. Stop insisting every building needs single use spaces. Not every building needs an independent auditorium/gym/cafeteria. Most of them could be a three in one and it would be perfectly fine. The district took away classroom space a Discovery to put in the auditorium. FPS administration and school board seem to want to prioritize everything except academic success. 28% math proficiency and 44% reading proficiency seem like excellent reasons to no increase funding because clearly the priorities are incorrect.	11/21/2023 5:52 PM
263	My kids are still elementary age and have many years left at FPS, they and their peers deserve a quality education in a safe and functional school environment.	11/21/2023 5:40 PM
264	We have to build for our children and potential grandchildren to have better educational opportunities and experiences	11/21/2023 5:38 PM
265	Looking fiscally responsible is your key to success .	11/21/2023 5:12 PM
266	My kids will attend someday so as long as I feel the money isn't being wasted I am ok with funding public education to improve my community.	11/21/2023 4:55 PM
267	Use all the high taxes I currently pay. Cut Ghandi & ALL the other administration salaries in half	11/21/2023 4:52 PM



## Q6 Share what could change your mind from how you responded to the previous question.

Answered: 230 Skipped: 301

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If it were not possible to update a building due to safety or architectural issues.	12/3/2023 11:04 PM
2	There is no accountability on budget spending.	12/3/2023 10:26 PM
3	Seeing our money used for teachers, administrators, and facilities (the source where our education happens)	12/3/2023 8:39 PM
4	An outline of proposed spending	12/3/2023 9:05 AM
5	Ben Franklin is falling apart and needs major renovation to keep it safe. Invest in north Fargo schools like you do south Fargo schools	12/2/2023 7:43 PM
6	No idea	12/2/2023 5:24 PM
7	Higher teacher salaries needed.	12/2/2023 1:31 PM
8	nothing	12/2/2023 10:27 AM
9	Sharing the financial report	12/2/2023 7:26 AM
10	Schools and facilities year of construction and buses purchased date	12/2/2023 3:20 AM
11	Unclear what this means...	12/1/2023 10:49 PM
12	More information. Permanent classrooms. Children shouldn't have to change into outdoor gear just to get to their classroom.	12/1/2023 10:02 PM
13	Not at all likely to support if proposals include preserving buildings that have outlived their usefulness.	12/1/2023 5:38 PM
14	With an increased need in special education programs,....inside and outside renovations need to be made to accomodate the population. It will not get better,...it is just the current society and we need to adapt to the increases in these areas. This is especially important for the Early Childhood area. The population of this specific area is larger than some elementary schools. Focus needs to be on accomodating this population at an early intervention time in their lives. It is a an area that has been ignored and needs to be looked at closer.	12/1/2023 4:06 PM
15	It would not be okay if our tax dollars were spent for frivolous reasons or for creating	12/1/2023 3:47 PM
16	Outlandish changes to buildings.	12/1/2023 12:34 PM
17	Nothing	12/1/2023 11:25 AM
18	If the funds are raised some other way rather than increasing property taxes.	12/1/2023 9:00 AM
19	Not having more information and if the money goes to newer schools. My answer would be not likely.	12/1/2023 7:04 AM
20	Depending how the funding is raiser. How the costs would affect property taxes	11/30/2023 10:47 PM
21	I can't think of anything that would change my mind on this - as a graduate, parent, and Interior Designer, space changes behavior, and our children, and those teaching our children, deserve our support.	11/30/2023 10:11 PM
22	Same as I mentioned above.	11/30/2023 9:39 PM
23	Meaningful changes to the bloated spending habits.	11/30/2023 5:07 PM
24	see above	11/30/2023 2:06 PM

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25	If teacher salaries are affected I would change my mind. This financial responsibility should fall on citizens in the form of taxes or a referendum.	11/30/2023 2:05 PM
26	If it was a significant amount	11/30/2023 12:51 PM
27	I think FPS needs to reconsider/repurpose how they are using curing tax dollars before asking the community to support a bond referendum.	11/30/2023 11:06 AM
28	I would be much less enthusiastic about supporting funding for renovations on schools that are relatively new (e.g., Discovery, Davies, Kennedy, Bennett) or on schools that have enrollments SO low that they should really be consolidated with other schools.	11/30/2023 10:48 AM
29	Data that proves me wrong	11/30/2023 9:28 AM
30	If a completely honest and transparent financial review (from each of the opposing sides of the issue, plus one from a neutral party), were presented to the public, comparing the costs of preserving history or building new schools. If this was presented to the public with time to review and respond, without any leading language included in the reviews, and it was clear that building new establishments was not only cost effective but that the savings outweighed the damage it would do to the existing communities, then I would reconsider.	11/30/2023 9:25 AM
31	However, just like in our own individual properties/homeownership, my mind could be changed if spending got out of hand or unnecessary for the goal - the goal being to see each child succeed. Sometimes that goal gets lost to other interests/priorities.	11/30/2023 9:21 AM
32	None.	11/30/2023 8:52 AM
33	The only thing that would change my mind, was if the school district had the money to be financially responsible to make all the upgrades our older buildings need.	11/30/2023 8:28 AM
34	If additional funding is used to renovate the newer schools while the older schools continue to deteriorate. Like how Discovery got a remodel while other schools had greater needs.	11/30/2023 8:02 AM
35	Elimination of all state property taxes and if you've lived in this state the majority of your life there is state-level assistance to help with home ownership in the state.	11/30/2023 7:53 AM
36	Put money towards the building because the staff feels as if the district does not know or care about the building.	11/30/2023 7:37 AM
37	Showing the cost of maintaining versus new	11/30/2023 7:29 AM
38	Community forum that utilizes parent trades and expertise that could find alternatives and save money.	11/30/2023 6:42 AM
39	Majority of resources benefitting only a small number of students or specific area of town (only in the south where new building is occurring).	11/29/2023 4:39 PM
40	If we continue to cater to the high income neighborhoods and leave lower income to a concentrated area of schools (or those who fall in the middle of the city lower income grouping), I would be less likely to support. I don't want Fargo to continue building schools where the areas are all high income and further pushing those in the middle of the city to be only those who are diverse and low income.	11/29/2023 1:30 PM
41	Should have added/updated the school sooner before letting them get run down. Proper HVAC in some of the school is essential as well.	11/29/2023 1:05 PM
42	Data and facts on other school districts having other similar cases and what did or didn't work. Are larger schools (with more services, opportunities) better despite a longer distance from students' homes? How do these factors play in regards to school bus staffing issues?	11/29/2023 12:29 PM
43	Nothing. Maintain existing schools over building new.	11/29/2023 8:41 AM
44	Do not tear down our old schools!	11/29/2023 7:34 AM
45	If all improvements go to buildings that already have these in place and just want visual updates. Putting more on teachers when already stretched thin without considering how to help them in the process is what needs to be considered	11/29/2023 3:13 AM
46	If the district decided that the distribution of projects and funds would be inequitable across the district, or they are wasting money by investing in "fad" architecture with a focus on beauty over function.	11/28/2023 10:35 PM

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47	Putting money into schools in neighborhoods with low populations of students	11/28/2023 9:48 PM
48	If administration is cut	11/28/2023 9:47 PM
49	Frivolous spending, unnecessary improvements or poor educator morale	11/28/2023 8:41 PM
50	You could cut overhead by not having so many positions at the DO that are redundant.	11/28/2023 7:32 PM
51	Not much. The physical condition and educational adequacy of our schools is poor, on average. I am not sure how we have gotten so far behind as a district in upkeep and improvements but it is concerning. So unless there are funds that could be reallocated without otherwise impacting our district, there isn't much that could change my mind.	11/28/2023 7:14 PM
52	I believe the school district wasted a lot of money purchasing and renovating a new district office. You could have closed one of the north side schools and used that. You have to stop trying to save the north side, because young families are moving further south.	11/28/2023 6:48 PM
53	The quick and cheap builds that I see in a lot of modern construction (Clinics, YMCA, affordable housing) make it hard for me to feel that is a worthwhile investment. The time until major renovation or repairs is very disappointing. So, if I thought that new funds were all going into mediocre construction standards, I would be less likely to feel supportive.	11/28/2023 5:36 PM
54	Clear plans on what and where monies would be used to improve.	11/28/2023 4:16 PM
55	a plan that includes increasing administration salaries	11/28/2023 3:09 PM
56	Nothing. The facilities need to be built and upkept. The money has to come from somewhere.	11/28/2023 1:54 PM
57	If there isn't transparency I won't support it	11/28/2023 11:52 AM
58	State funding would help this greatly	11/28/2023 11:37 AM
59	Move to sales tax or State government funding instead of property taxes. We are tired of being used as an open line of credit with lavish buildings being built.	11/28/2023 10:49 AM
60	New school board members who understand that it's the taxpayer's money they are spending on these buildings.	11/28/2023 8:29 AM
61	Well prices could stop going up	11/28/2023 3:05 AM
62	Raising money for schools another way like volunteering	11/27/2023 10:42 PM
63	Nothing. Be wise stewards with public funds.	11/27/2023 7:24 PM
64	I believe that the school districts proposed overcrowding solution was ineffective and I would like to see boundaries set more effectively.	11/27/2023 3:59 PM
65	i don't want my taxes to go through the roof, but they can increase some	11/27/2023 3:13 PM
66	Can we work with the Park District some more or with businesses to help with funding?	11/27/2023 3:05 PM
67	If the decision is to build new facilities with current facilities being under utilized due to poor boundary planning leaving certain schools in the district at an overall disadvantage both academically and extracurricular.	11/27/2023 2:56 PM
68	Not sure of the question. I will pass.	11/27/2023 2:20 PM
69	More income	11/27/2023 11:36 AM
70	Not much	11/27/2023 11:23 AM
71	I do not support building a fourth high school when Fargo South is at 60% capacity.	11/27/2023 9:47 AM
72	The district showing that they are evaluating how all money is being spent.	11/27/2023 8:26 AM
73	Evidence that this survey will be considered and that a plan isn't already in place.	11/27/2023 8:24 AM
74	Have any Having a lplan that does not really fix anything. Having a plan that tries to fix everything atotoo quickly	11/27/2023 8:01 AM
75	The school board and administration approaching financial decisions from a personal agenda rather than from a students and public's best interest first.	11/27/2023 4:10 AM

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76	A Fargo resident wins the Powerball lottery and donates it all to our schools? Otherwise, nothing will change my mind!	11/26/2023 10:43 PM
77	A disaster, such as a fire destroying one of the schools	11/26/2023 9:08 PM
78	If there isn't a real commitment to shoring up old neighborhood. City core, schools, I would not support additional funding.	11/26/2023 9:02 PM
79	Why would you want that?	11/26/2023 8:54 PM
80	Nothing. Why plan and build new facilities when you have buildings ie high schools that are under used. Change boundaries as needed rather than continuing to move south.	11/26/2023 8:33 PM
81	If all funds went south of 13th avenue and if huge elementary schools were planned for mid or north Fargo killing neighborhood communities	11/26/2023 8:30 PM
82	FPS needs to be more fiscally responsible. If you can be gone and do not need to be replaced or have a substitute you maybe aren't needed. Close buildings with small enrollment. Make sure are operations are for the benefit of FPS students. Many of the board members were not able to justify the budget and where the dollars were going at board meetings. It was embarrassing to hear their no comment or to hear them say they would listen but not address public comments. This was talked about all over our Fargo Moorhead community.	11/26/2023 7:58 PM
83	Nothing.	11/26/2023 7:48 PM
84	If "wants" instead of "needs" are part of the mill levy increase, I would oppose it.	11/26/2023 7:28 PM
85	Fix the boundries.	11/26/2023 7:13 PM
86	Fargo public schools need to focus on the growth of the community. Which is currently south and west of 40th Avenue. Please consider building a middle and high school west of I29	11/26/2023 6:41 PM
87	Fire school administration	11/26/2023 6:19 PM
88	Tearing down historic schools to build new. Don't do it.	11/26/2023 6:19 PM
89	Nothing would change my mind. I would be an outspoken proponent and am happy to pay my fair share.	11/26/2023 11:29 AM
90	Saving aspects of the buildings and adding them into the new sites.	11/26/2023 10:17 AM
91	A clear plan, with a clear timeline	11/26/2023 8:57 AM
92	Knowing that you are not just catering to the wealthier areas of town.	11/26/2023 8:07 AM
93	Evidence of funding misuse.	11/25/2023 4:46 PM
94	Showing prudent spending of tax payer money. Gandhi proposed starting a new Trollwood Academy recently. Money doesn't grow on trees. Let's get our current houses in order before starting new ventures.	11/25/2023 11:56 AM
95	If the bulk of the money was slated for further improvement to South side schools while letting North side schools deteriorate.	11/25/2023 9:41 AM
96	Not sure	11/25/2023 8:50 AM
97	na	11/24/2023 10:19 PM
98	Good fiscal responsibility for the district. Also don't defer planned maintenance and then use it as a reason why the school should be replaced.	11/24/2023 9:05 PM
99	If it is paying for not important details and becomes not about the students	11/24/2023 8:31 PM
100	I'd support I'd support staff already had above average wages.	11/24/2023 6:55 PM
101	If the money was being used for things that didn't fall under the educational system	11/24/2023 6:07 PM
102	If I disagreed with how the money would be spent.	11/24/2023 4:16 PM
103	Changing boundaries to equalize numbers.	11/24/2023 3:45 PM
104	An actual plan, rather than moving boarders and students.	11/24/2023 2:49 PM

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105	Clear boundaries on what the money is being raised for.	11/24/2023 11:09 AM
106	Find an income source or value that is not tax dependent using the assets FPS already owns. For example, a wind farm which could provide income or energy for the schools or both. Maximize services that could be automated such as cleaning or redundant paperwork.	11/24/2023 10:28 AM
107	If it's found long term to be cheaper to build new, then that should be done.	11/24/2023 9:43 AM
108	Tell us what happened to the windfall of money that the school district received after Covid. How was that used?	11/24/2023 9:42 AM
109	Nothing	11/24/2023 9:32 AM
110	I'm on board	11/24/2023 8:09 AM
111	Read 2 above	11/24/2023 7:48 AM
112	Show me that the school is more interested in developing responsible youth than what your doing now at South High.	11/24/2023 1:01 AM
113	Remove our board, they are toxic and love to spend other peoples money. Quit wasting tax payers money!	11/23/2023 11:23 PM
114	If the school system delivers measurable and honest fiscal responsibility, while providing a better education on the most basic aspects of education (reading, writing, arithmetic, students that can think critically and not just indoctrinated), AND removes disruptive students from the system.	11/23/2023 9:48 PM
115	Speaking of how money has been wasted, lack of clarity and planning with foresight	11/23/2023 9:45 PM
116	If I didn't see a brand new Fargo schools dodge pickup truck parked at someone's house every day of the week in north Fargo. I might be willing to be ok with more money spent	11/23/2023 9:34 PM
117	See question 5	11/23/2023 7:35 PM
118	I would like to know how the over 1 billion dollars is being spent and why there is an increased need now for modernization?	11/23/2023 4:30 PM
119	Fire the superintendent, new school board, reduce admin positions, and increase achievement.	11/23/2023 2:27 PM
120	I don't know if I can go back on that. Just add it to my taxes or you probs won't get my money	11/23/2023 1:10 PM
121	Funding for facilities not across the entire city not just growing areas.	11/23/2023 12:21 PM
122	if property taxes and assessments weren't already sky high.	11/23/2023 10:58 AM
123	Nothing	11/23/2023 10:39 AM
124	If I could change things. I would make sure that there would be more funding from state and use our taxpayers dollars wisely.	11/23/2023 9:11 AM
125	More understanding why money is being put into McKinley elementary school instead of other north schools to shut down McKinley	11/23/2023 8:08 AM
126	News could come out that local education funds are being misused.	11/23/2023 7:48 AM
127	Unsure	11/23/2023 7:33 AM
128	Currently the school board seems to work for the superintendent versus acting like the elected officials that they are and keeping him In check. Would not support funding increases that don't align with what is best for students or decided by one person.	11/23/2023 6:41 AM
129	The plans need to be feasible and clearly drawn out in a way that public interest supports them. Broad bond measures with little detail will not be supported in Fargo. FPS needs to play politics and understand the importance of the political dynamics at play. A strategic approach might be to hire a professional strategist to better understand these dynamics.	11/23/2023 5:38 AM
130	I would want to make sure Fargo schools was using their finances in responsible ways and also could find some alternative funding to assist taxpayers with building projects. They need to let the state legislature know of the financial needs the district needs for infrastructure.	11/22/2023 11:27 PM
131	Taxes in other areas must go down and education needs to the priority	11/22/2023 9:12 PM

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132	Proof that FPS won't install stupid stuff like "smart boards" or gay flags	11/22/2023 8:59 PM
133	If the money wasn't going to the appropriate places.	11/22/2023 6:20 PM
134	Better experiences with board, admin, and staff.	11/22/2023 6:16 PM
135	Honestly? I can't think of a thing. I guess you could replace existing buildings? These schools serve our neighborhoods quite well - and are a showcase of how FPS embraces diversity in needs and wants. I don't want a large, industrial school. If I did, I'd live further south or in West Fargo. Further, large schools would snarl traffic in these neighborhoods. Or would we have to bus our kids south and west?! Yikes! No thank you.	11/22/2023 5:34 PM
136	By how much of an increase it would affect taxes.	11/22/2023 4:43 PM
137	Nothing	11/22/2023 3:43 PM
138	My support may wane if money was spent on priorities other than upgrades and modernization.	11/22/2023 3:42 PM
139	Collaboration with West Fargo on classroom, coursework, and better direct credit transfers for AP classes to college.	11/22/2023 3:00 PM
140	The District needs to demonstrate they can build facilities in the appropriate location with a reasonable budget.	11/22/2023 1:48 PM
141	If my other values are not evident in proposed facility plans I am less likely to support them.	11/22/2023 1:32 PM
142	I won't change my mind. Public education is a pillar of democracy. (I'm not hyperbolizing)	11/22/2023 11:17 AM
143	Accountability, and making a School a School and not like you are walking into a Taj Mahal.	11/22/2023 11:09 AM
144	if the amount of personal donation needs exceed my capability	11/22/2023 10:48 AM
145	With the growth of the south side I realize the funding is needed there, however being a life long north side resident I have seen projects on the back burner too many times. Buildings, upgrades and what the residents would prefer.	11/22/2023 10:27 AM
146	If the FPS could prove that they can be good stewards of public money by finding ways to reduce building costs while still meeting the needs of students, I would certainly listen to what they propose. Unfortunately, they have a track record of ignoring public input and/or outright lying about the purpose of mill levy increases which makes it difficult to believe anything they say.	11/22/2023 10:06 AM
147	A clear reduction in special projects within the district that chip away at a very large expenditure budget.	11/22/2023 10:04 AM
148	If it's not thought out and has a lot of parent and community input.	11/22/2023 9:33 AM
149	A solution that ensures a LONG TERM low child to teacher ratio	11/22/2023 9:26 AM
150	Seeing better planning for future schools in parts of our valley that are experiencing the fastest rate of growth. I see it every day in South Fargo (everything south of 52nd Ave, SW towards Horace and Wild Rice.)	11/22/2023 9:16 AM
151	If you modernized buildings with safety being the main focus, residents will be more likely to invest their tax dollars	11/22/2023 9:10 AM
152	If money continues to go to the District Office, I will struggle to support these decisions. There are schools where teachers are teaching and students are learning that need the funding.	11/22/2023 9:08 AM
153	Significant changes to the system with more focus on career exploration and practical adult skills (personal wellness, healthy lifestyle, cooking, budgeting, leadership, conflict management, maintaining healthy relationships, home & car maintenance)	11/22/2023 8:55 AM
154	Answered above. Trim excessive district office staff, proper investment over a 5 year period.	11/22/2023 8:53 AM
155	There is nothing that could change my mind.	11/22/2023 8:44 AM
156	Continuing to slap increase onto property taxes.	11/22/2023 8:32 AM
157	A valid need to keep a building beyond its expected lifetime	11/22/2023 8:31 AM
158	A new building rather maximizing the capacity of current facilities.	11/22/2023 8:29 AM



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159	Bring an outside agency in to look at our structure of employees from top to bottom and school budget.	11/22/2023 8:00 AM
160	Focus first on fixing the over crowding and high numbers at some buildings. Once that is fixed then update buildings that currently exist.	11/22/2023 7:54 AM
161	Fixed income isn't going to change	11/22/2023 7:37 AM
162	Keeping older buildings that don't make sense as far as configuration. Splitting schools into two locations is a waste of money when you think about the long-term.	11/22/2023 7:17 AM
163	Keep neighborhood schools	11/22/2023 6:22 AM
164	Corporate sponsorship money would be problematic if that is what is used to raise funds for the schools. I would change my mind about supporting increasing funding if our schools become billboards.	11/22/2023 6:22 AM
165	A plan that is not articulated or transparent.	11/22/2023 5:55 AM
166	Put new construction and remodeling allocation votes back to the citizens that are greater than \$500,000	11/22/2023 5:44 AM
167	If you killed it w what you got before asking for more. You guys clearly aren't walking into your older buildings.	11/22/2023 5:02 AM
168	I had previously expressed support for increased funding for Fargo Public Schools, based on their role as a significant employer and their responsibility in educating the future workforce, the following factors could potentially change my mind: Quality of Educational Outcomes: If there's evidence that increased funding does not translate into improved educational outcomes or better preparedness of students for future challenges, this could be a significant concern. The effectiveness of how funds are used is crucial. Management and Allocation of Funds: Concerns about the efficient and transparent management of funds could also be a factor. If there are indications of mismanagement or lack of accountability in how funds are allocated and used, it would warrant reconsideration of support. Comparative Analysis with Private Education Providers: If private education providers are delivering substantially better education and facilities without proportionately higher funding, it raises questions about the efficacy of public school spending. If public schools are not competitive in terms of quality, safety, and being neighborhood anchors, then the justification for additional funding becomes weaker. Community Engagement and Feedback: A lack of community engagement and feedback in the decision-making process regarding school improvements could also be a deterrent. Schools should act as community hubs, and if the community's needs and preferences are not adequately considered, it undermines the rationale for increased funding. Impact on Local Taxes and Economy: If increased funding for schools significantly impacts local taxes or the broader local economy in a negative way, this could be a cause for concern. The balance between investing in education and maintaining economic stability is delicate and needs careful consideration. Alternative Funding Sources and Efficiency Measures: If there are untapped alternative funding sources or if the school system is not exploring cost-saving measures and efficiencies, it would be worth reconsidering the stance on additional funding. In summary, while investing in schools is fundamentally investing in the future of Fargo, several factors, including the effectiveness and efficiency of fund use, comparative analysis with private providers, community engagement, economic impact, and alternative funding options, could influence a change in opinion regarding support for increased funding.	11/22/2023 12:30 AM
169	Build a new single building for the Clara Barton area and close or sell the Hawthorne building to reduce costs. Do the same for Horace Mann and Roosevelt. Move the Madison students and McKinnley students to larger buildings and sell those properties to earn money and reduce staffing. Drive through the CBE area to see the results of building a new school. I taught in CBE when it opened and the pride the students experienced in comparison with how the feeling of Agassiz was a 180. Our community will be more attractive to young home buyers if we have modern schools, I.e. see West Fargo.	11/22/2023 12:24 AM
170	Prove that money is spent on what is needed and for the greater good. Focus should be on students and teachers not administration. New offices and improvements to buildings for administration should be on the bottom of the list, not the top.	11/21/2023 11:26 PM
171	Nothing	11/21/2023 10:21 PM
172	Spend less money per student to convince me that you are using money prudently.	11/21/2023 10:20 PM

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173	A legislature that refuses to give its children good and safe facilities and use the states resources to contribute	11/21/2023 10:18 PM
174	If there is money taken from salaries to make these changes, I'd no longer be in favor.	11/21/2023 10:17 PM
175	Nothing. I will support anything that puts my kids in a closer/better school district.	11/21/2023 10:15 PM
176	Less salaries at upper admin	11/21/2023 10:04 PM
177	If wants are thrown in with proposals that address equity between the south and north side schools, I will not support. For example, a sheet of ice in partnership with a local hockey club or the park District in addition to upgrading HVAC systems in deteriorating buildings would not be supported.	11/21/2023 9:58 PM
178	Not involving the community in those decisions. Inequalities in updates north side vs south side.	11/21/2023 9:38 PM
179	If the cost is too high	11/21/2023 9:33 PM
180	Do not attach a 4th high school and athletic facilities to a vote.	11/21/2023 9:32 PM
181	Nothing	11/21/2023 9:30 PM
182	Nothing. Education should be priority #1 in a community.	11/21/2023 9:21 PM
183	If property taxes continue to increase at current pace.	11/21/2023 9:21 PM
184	Evidence/data that our facilities are in great shape and educationally adequate and past boards and administrations and community members were forward thinking and had properly invested.	11/21/2023 9:18 PM
185	I would be more likely to support increased funding if funding in something else decreased to offset the cost some.	11/21/2023 9:11 PM
186	Continuing to spend money on additional district administration and "specialists" will cause me to be less eager to raise my property taxes since it is obvious that the district's priority is not improved student learning.	11/21/2023 9:10 PM
187	Plans to pour into expensive ecofriendly processes to enhance sporting complexes over interior schooling decisions	11/21/2023 9:10 PM
188	A plan that only focused on building new schools on the south side, the building of new alternative schools, especially the two the superintendent has been talking about, or a large portion going to sporting complexes would have me double think my support.	11/21/2023 8:51 PM
189	Closing buildings that the report stated needed more than 60 per cent upgrades	11/21/2023 8:51 PM
190	Transparancy & community feedback	11/21/2023 8:49 PM
191	I would click very likely if there were assurances, not just PR, that the increased funding wouldn't only go to the nice schools, sports fields or ice sheets	11/21/2023 8:44 PM
192	Use buildings that we currently have to capacity. Proposing to add new buildings for Davies area when North and South areas are underutilized sends the message that you have unlimited funds/not concerned with fiscal restraint. Would support updating current buildings but not adding more unless getting close to actual capacity in all buildings. Nowhere in Fargo is too far to drive/bus to get to school. Adding more Davies buildings is just to keep the rich kids away from South.	11/21/2023 8:41 PM
193	FNH undoubtedly has the best leadership and teachers in the district but it is not recognized. Unfortunately, the BF principal recently changed and is not meeting the minimum standards and I fear this will not continue.	11/21/2023 8:39 PM
194	Nothing	11/21/2023 8:37 PM
195	I cannot afford to give any more support right now.	11/21/2023 8:35 PM
196	A new Superintendent, school board, better comprehension scores, boundaries that make sense, and a copy of the budget sent to every tax payer.	11/21/2023 8:34 PM
197	I would change my mind if the money isn't used appropriately and the schools in the more affluent neighborhoods continue to use up all of the funds	11/21/2023 8:32 PM



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198	nothing. I will support taxing or whatever funding is needed to support our students. I do not work for the district in any capacity, I just believe Fargo kids deserve a just, safe environment to thrive.	11/21/2023 8:30 PM
199	No change	11/21/2023 8:26 PM
200	How money is asked for. It needs to show it's getting put to good use	11/21/2023 8:25 PM
201	There is nothing that can change it. You already recieved ore than enough and kids deserve a roof over their head and food on their table more than you need hockey rinks and artificial turf fields. How about some ethics on the public dime.	11/21/2023 8:24 PM
202	I would be willing to spend to build a new consolidated school.	11/21/2023 8:24 PM
203	Show some admin cuts	11/21/2023 8:22 PM
204	Streamline schools, put them where the population is, get rid of old inefficient buildings	11/21/2023 8:05 PM
205	Clear all construction and/or significant maintenance projects with a clear and public bidding process, with followup reports and final cost reports.	11/21/2023 8:05 PM
206	I would change my mind if the district would be fiscally responsible.	11/21/2023 7:59 PM
207	Concrete data demonstrating the need and utilization of existing funds	11/21/2023 7:51 PM
208	Nothing	11/21/2023 7:50 PM
209	No. Money that has been poured into athletics and southside schools should be reworked to support the historical buildings.	11/21/2023 7:50 PM
210	Spending money on charter schools or magnet schools in the district. We aren't paying out teachers enough to find a new school. Plus-it is being kept pretty low key and minutes don't seem to be published anywhere.	11/21/2023 7:43 PM
211	There's obviously a limit to how high the taxes can go. Trying some type of coordinating with the City of Fargo so that asks for additional taxes are not coming at us all at the same time would be helpful for both parties.	11/21/2023 7:42 PM
212	Get rid of EBR	11/21/2023 7:36 PM
213	If all I read or am asked to support us to build another high school or any structure that widens the socio economic divide I will vote against, in fact, support a campaign to defeat such a proposal.	11/21/2023 7:30 PM
214	X	11/21/2023 7:16 PM
215	If you don't give the necessary resources to north Fargo.	11/21/2023 7:15 PM
216	Equity	11/21/2023 7:12 PM
217	You could update things that are needing to be repaired.	11/21/2023 7:12 PM
218	Hire a different superintendent.	11/21/2023 7:03 PM
219	If dollars were spend where they were actually needed. Historically tax dollars have been earmarked for Southside schools while north side schools continue to slide into disrepair.	11/21/2023 6:41 PM
220	If the newer buildings get all the updates and the buildings that are in poor condition are not addressed. If the far Southside of town continues to get all the new while the middle and Northside are overlooked, I would not support increased spending.	11/21/2023 6:41 PM
221	Making a new school "state of the art" isn't necessary.	11/21/2023 6:27 PM
222	The DO dictates the vision, no matter what teachers or staff say. Smart decisions based on recommendations from principals	11/21/2023 6:24 PM
223	If we spent money on newly built buildings or on things I see as non-essential.	11/21/2023 6:23 PM
224	If the money was going to go to school improvement	11/21/2023 5:52 PM
225	Firing a sizeable part of the administrative bloat in the district to recoup some money starting with Dr. Gandhi. Turn over your books to the state auditors office to show the public there is no	11/21/2023 5:52 PM

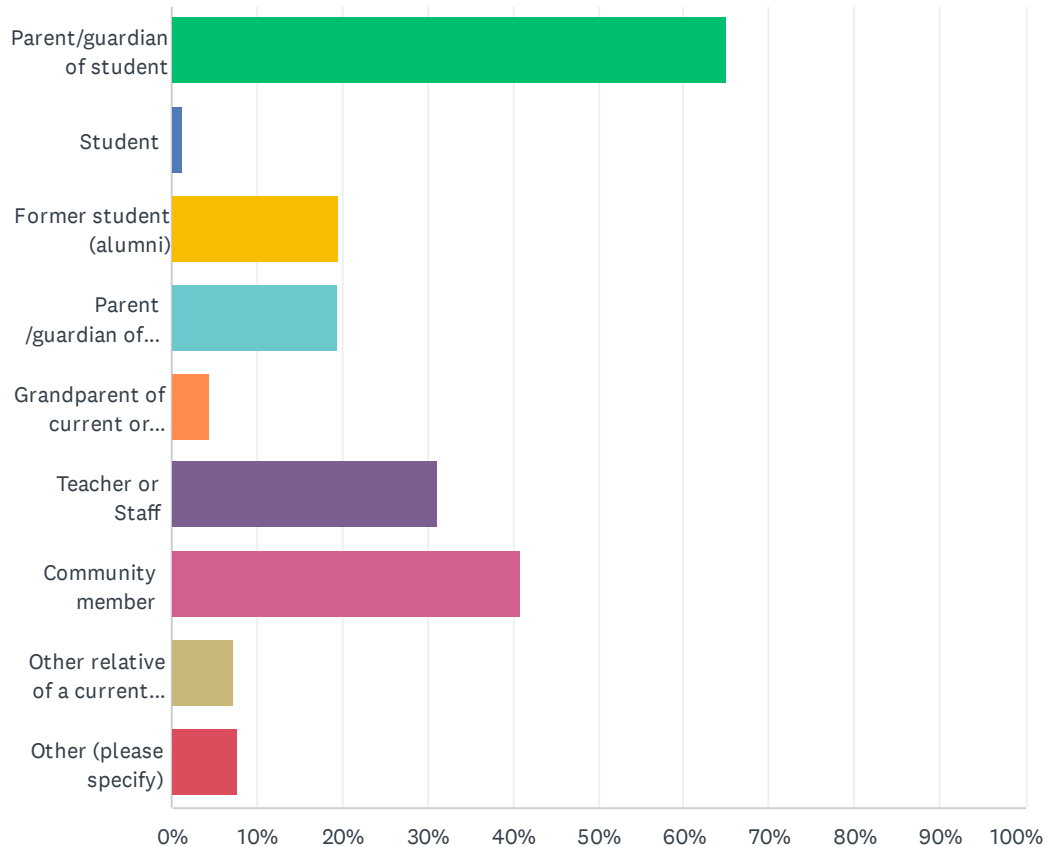
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misuse of funds. Stricter spending restrictions and parameters. These are just a few suggestions that might change my mind.

226	Irresponsible allocation of funds.	11/21/2023 5:40 PM
227	A solid look a top heavy admin costs.	11/21/2023 5:12 PM
228	The building of a new high school. There is too much unused space at Fargo South.	11/21/2023 5:00 PM
229	Poor fund management ie embezzling or theft.	11/21/2023 4:55 PM
230	Decrease administration salaries & use current money wisely. Lower bussing costs by not bussing kids all over town! Clear out the current school board members!	11/21/2023 4:52 PM

## Q7 Please indicate your affiliation with the school district. (Check all that apply)

Answered: 440 Skipped: 91



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Parent/guardian of student		65.00%	286
Student		1.36%	6
Former student (alumni)		19.55%	86
Parent /guardian of former student		19.32%	85
Grandparent of current or former student		4.55%	20
Teacher or Staff		31.14%	137
Community member		40.91%	180
Other relative of a current or former student		7.27%	32
Other (please specify)		7.73%	34
Total Respondents: 440			

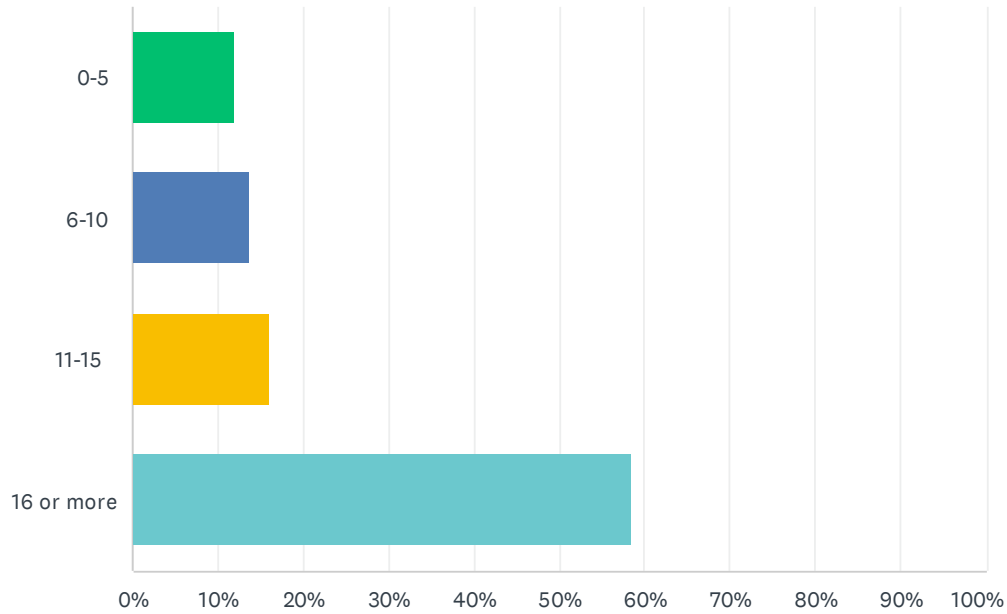
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1	Former teacher, work in social services and preschool teacher/supervisor	12/3/2023 9:09 AM
2	Professional who provides services to students throughout the district	12/1/2023 5:39 PM
3	Was employed by FPS	12/1/2023 11:40 AM
4	Also have many nieces and nephews currently attending FPS	11/30/2023 9:26 AM
5	parent/guardian of future student	11/30/2023 8:36 AM
6	Former Teacher	11/29/2023 1:05 PM
7	FPS alumna, 1957 to 1970.	11/27/2023 2:21 PM
8	Board Member	11/27/2023 11:24 AM
9	Parent of staff member	11/27/2023 4:12 AM
10	Concerned retired public school teacher	11/26/2023 10:44 PM
11	Tax payer	11/26/2023 7:13 PM
12	Coach	11/26/2023 11:29 AM
13	Former staff	11/24/2023 6:56 PM
14	Homeschool family	11/24/2023 9:32 AM
15	Most important person, the tax payer!!!!!! why isn't that on list.	11/23/2023 11:24 PM
16	Contributing member of the tax base	11/23/2023 9:49 PM
17	Former staff	11/23/2023 9:45 PM
18	Concerned citizen	11/23/2023 9:34 PM
19	Former teacher	11/23/2023 10:44 AM
20	Contracted Staff	11/22/2023 4:44 PM
21	taxpayer	11/22/2023 1:33 PM
22	Husband to a teacher	11/22/2023 9:17 AM
23	Parent of current staff	11/22/2023 8:01 AM
24	Former staff member	11/22/2023 7:38 AM
25	General Fargo Awesome Guy	11/22/2023 5:03 AM
26	Future parent/guardian	11/21/2023 11:31 PM
27	Former teacher	11/21/2023 10:27 PM
28	Business leader	11/21/2023 8:45 PM
29	Early Intervention	11/21/2023 8:40 PM
30	Tax Payer	11/21/2023 8:35 PM
31	Former employee	11/21/2023 8:00 PM
32	Parent of a to-be student starting next year.	11/21/2023 7:42 PM
33	Former employer	11/21/2023 6:27 PM
34	Taxpayer	11/21/2023 5:53 PM

## Q8 How many years have you lived in the District?

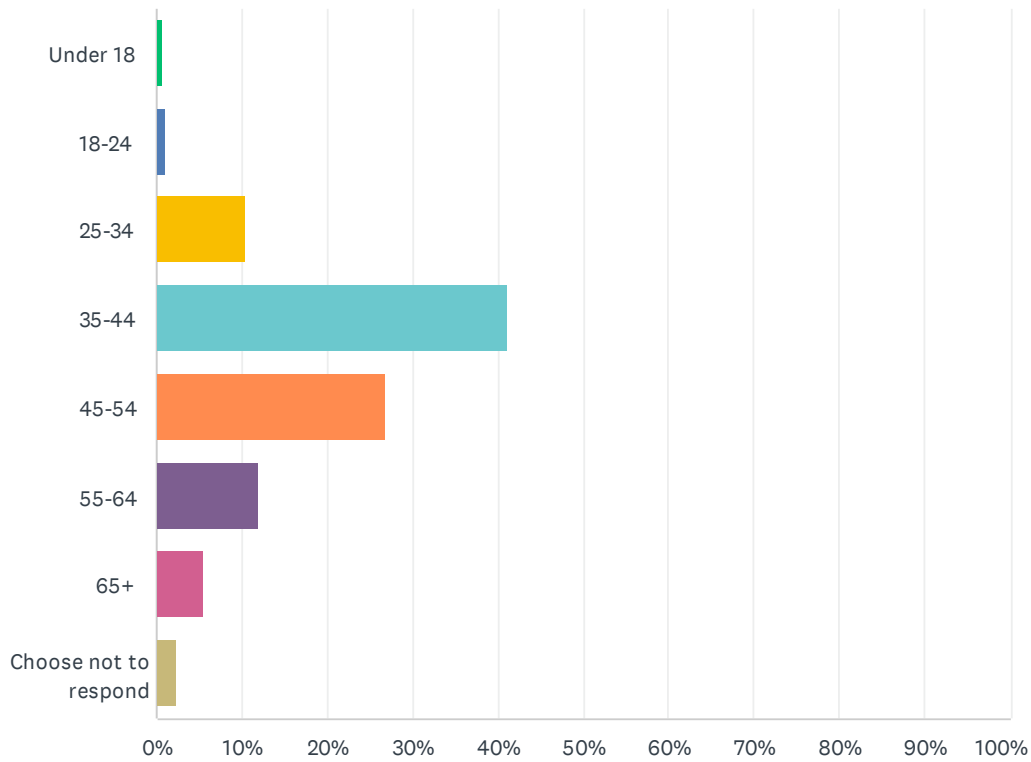
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	12.05%	53
6-10	13.64%	60
11-15	15.91%	70
16 or more	58.41%	257
TOTAL		440

## Q9 Your age

Answered: 440 Skipped: 91



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.68%	3
18-24	1.14%	5
25-34	10.45%	46
35-44	41.14%	181
45-54	26.82%	118
55-64	12.05%	53
65+	5.45%	24
Choose not to respond	2.27%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>440</b>

#	CHOOSE NOT TO RESPOND	DATE
1	65+ and still working in preschool setting and active in my grandchildren's education.	12/3/2023 9:09 AM
2	.	12/1/2023 10:03 PM
3	.	11/30/2023 5:08 PM
4	.	11/30/2023 9:26 AM

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5	n/a	11/30/2023 7:52 AM
6	none	11/28/2023 7:33 PM
7	n/a	11/28/2023 3:10 PM
8	No thanks	11/26/2023 8:30 PM
9	n	11/24/2023 10:20 PM
10	Peers of the board and know many personally.	11/22/2023 5:03 AM