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From September 27 -October 12, Banach, Banach & Cassidy, Inc. (BB&C) conducted an online survey related to two facility-related scenarios being considered for a May 2025 bond proposal by Midland Public Schools. The online survey completed by over 1,600 Midland Public Schools parents, employees, secondary students, and community members.

The survey began with a short, pre-recorded video by Penny Miller-Nelson, Superintendent of Midland Public Schools. The video reviewed two scenarios to address Midland Public Schools facility needs.

Following the video, survey respondents were presented with a series of questions related to addressing facility needs. Survey participants were asked to provide feedback on two scenarios before Midland Public Schools develops a final project list for a May 2025 bond proposal.

Verbatim responses from survey participants start on page 9. Note that all comments are presented as written by survey respondents, including spelling and grammatical errors. Comments with profanity and personnel matters have been removed.

The survey opened with an opportunity for participants to share their opinions about the school district in general. *On a scale of 0 - 10 (with 0 being very unlikely and 10 being very likely,) how likely would you be to recommend Midland Public Schools to a friend or colleague who is new to the community?*

Unlikely

Very Likely

8.17



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Next, survey participants were asked, *What do you think is the greatest strength of Midland Public Schools?*

The top strengths identified by survey respondents include:

- Teachers and staff (477 occurrences)
 - Passionate and committed teachers
 - Supportive administration and faculty
 - Strong relationships between teachers and students
- Education and curriculum (251 occurrences)
 - High academic standards
 - Diverse course offerings
 - Focus on learning outcomes
- Educational opportunities (251 occurrences)
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Special programs
 - Career and Technical Education
- Student success and achievement (216 occurrences)
 - Student achievement and graduation rates
 - Support for student growth
 - Diverse student body
- The community (196 occurrences)
 - Strong community ties
 - Supportive environment
 - Parental involvement

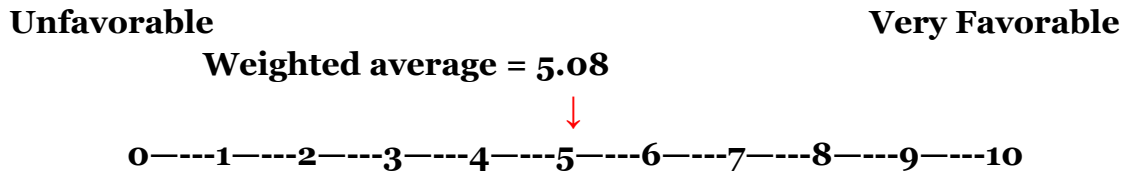
Survey participants were also asked, *What do you think is the greatest challenge Midland Public Schools is facing?*

The top challenges identified by survey respondents include:

- Class sizes and resources (204 occurrences)
 - Overcrowded classrooms
 - Insufficient resources and staffing
 - Teacher burnout
- Trust within the school community (147 occurrences)
 - Distrust in administration
 - Challenges with parent and staff relations
 - Division and respect issues
- Technology and curriculum (95) occurrences
 - Adapting to new technologies
 - Not updating the curriculum

- Funding (89 occurrences)
 - Budget constraints
 - Sustainable financial planning

The survey continued with a review of the facility needs scenarios under consideration. Beginning with Scenario A, survey participants were asked, *On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is unfavorable, and 10 is very favorable, how favorable are you about Scenario A?*



To learn more about what survey participants like about Scenario A, the following question was asked, *“What do you like most about Scenario A?”*

The top responses include:

- Maintains separate schools (722)
 - Smaller class sizes
 - More opportunities for student participation
 - Maintains current school structure
- Maintains the current grade-level structure (456 occurrences)
 - Familiarity for students, staff, and community
 - Less disruption to the educational journey
 - Preserves stability and avoids uncertainty with organizational change
- Student opportunities 218 occurrences)
 - More opportunities for extracurricular activities
 - Greater access to student leadership roles
 - Supports students of all levels to participate in activities/programs
- Community tradition (78 occurrences)
 - School rivalries
 - Sense of identity and community pride
 - Continuity of history
- Cost-effectiveness (62 occurrences)
 - Fewer resources and better financial investment because of changes
 - Maintains efficiency with the same number of buildings

- Less logistical work for staff

To learn what survey participants liked least about Scenario A, the following question was asked, *What do you like least about Scenario A?*

The top responses include:

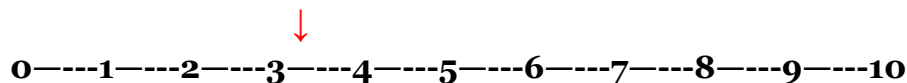
- Elementary School Concerns (369 occurrences)
 - Capacity of elementary schools
 - Moving Pre-K students
 - Changing elementary boundaries
- Cost concerns (266 occurrences)
 - High costs
 - Taxpayer burden
 - Long-term financial impact

A review of Scenario B was also provided to survey respondents. Following the review, survey participants were asked, *On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is unfavorable and 10 is very favorable, how favorable are you about Scenario B?*

Unfavorable

Very Favorable

Weighted average = 3.16



To learn more about what survey participants liked about Scenario B, the following question was asked, *What do you like most about Scenario B?*

The top responses include:

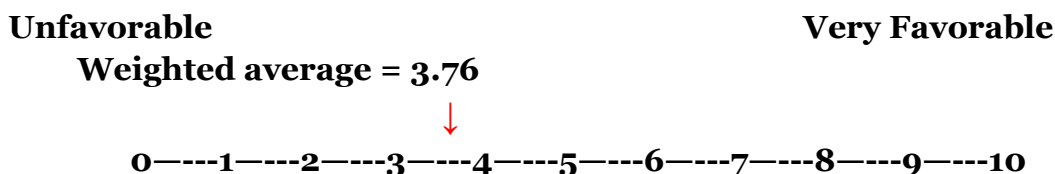
- Nothing (386 occurrences)
 - Overall dissatisfaction with the proposal
 - Opposition to change
- New high school (58 occurrences)
 - More space and better facilities
 - Community unification
 - Upgraded learning environments
- Infrastructure improvements (51 occurrences)
 - Upgrading facilities
 - Improving older facilities
 - Long-term benefits

To learn what survey participants liked least about Scenario B, the following question was asked, *What do you like least about Scenario B?*

The top responses include:

- Reduced student participation (325 occurrences)
 - Fewer opportunities for students to participate in academic programs
 - Extracurricular activities will become more competitive
- Grade re-configuration (216 occurrences)
 - Grouping 9th graders with middle school students
 - Learning and development concerns
- Overcrowding (204 occurrences)
 - Larger student populations in the buildings
 - Concerns for more students “falling through the cracks”
- Loss of school pride (199 occurrences)
 - Loss of traditions and community ties
- Cost concerns (173 occurrences)
 - High cost for unclear benefits
 - No information on long-term operating costs

Scenario B had an additional option for the consideration of survey respondents. This option includes adding auxiliary facilities such as a pool, stadium, and auditorium to a new community high school site. Following the review of the addition of auxiliary facilities to Scenario B, survey participants were asked, *On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is unfavorable, and 10 is very favorable, how favorable are you about Scenario B, which includes adding auxiliary facilities to the new community high school site?*



To learn more about what survey participants liked about Scenario B with auxiliary facilities, the following question was asked, *What do you like most about Scenario B with the addition of auxiliary facilities?*

The top responses include:

- Understanding the importance of the facilities (385 occurrences)
 - An asset for the school district
 - Necessary improvements

- Nothing (229 occurrences)
 - Uncertainty about the need
 - No clear advantage
- Access and usage (100 occurrences)
 - Accessible for all schools
- Enhancing sports and extracurriculars (61 occurrences)
 - Improved facilities for events
 - Supports extracurricular participation

Survey participants were also asked, “*What do you like least about Scenario B, which includes adding auxiliary facilities to the new community high school site?*”

The top responses include:

- Cost concerns (419 occurrences)
 - Unnecessary expense
 - Budget and financial strain
- Prioritize the needs of the community first (135 occurrences)
 - Social and economic priorities
 - Community use facilities
- Existing facility investments (52 occurrences)
 - Recent upgrades
 - No need for replacements

With only one option being placed on the May 2025 ballot, survey participants were asked, *Based on what you now know about the scenarios being considered, which scenario do you think the school district should place on the May 2025 ballot: Scenario A, Scenario B, or Scenario B with auxiliary facilities?*

<i>Scenario A</i>	49.66%
<i>Scenario B</i>	4.66%
<i>Scenario B with the addition of auxiliary facilities</i>	14.37%
<i>Not sure/Can’t say</i>	5.33%
<i>I cannot support placing any scenario on the May 2025 ballot</i>	25.98%

If survey participants said they were unsure which Scenario they would like to see on the ballot, they were asked the following question, *Would you mind sharing what you are unsure about?* A full list of responses to this question is included in the Survey Participant Comment section starting on page 9.

If survey participants said they could not support placing any of the scenarios on the May 2025 ballot, they were asked, *Would you mind sharing why you feel that way?*

A full list of responses to this question is included in the Survey Participant Comment section starting on page 9.

To be responsive to survey respondents' questions about the proposed bond proposal, all survey participants were told, *If you would like a school administrator to contact you about your questions regarding the scenarios, please provide your name and your phone number or email address.*

Two hundred thirty (230) survey participants provided their email addresses or telephone numbers to receive a follow-up all from a Midland Public Schools administrator.

To close the survey, survey participants were asked one additional question, *If you could send one message or idea to Superintendent Penny Miller-Nelson or the Board of Education about the proposed bond or any other topic, what message or idea would you send?*

Eight hundred sixty-nine (869) survey participants responded to the question. A complete list of all questions and ideas submitted by survey respondents is included in the Survey Participant Comment section that begins on page 9.

Demographics of survey participants:

Are you a registered voter in the Midland Public School District?

Yes	89.06%
No	9.21%
Not sure	1.73%

Are you... (Check all that apply.)

A parent with children attending Midland Public Schools	69.32%
A parent with children attending another school district	3.46%
A parent who homeschools their children	0.92%
A Midland Public Schools student	4.94%
A non-parent (do not have children attending school)	20.17%
A business owner in the Midland Public School District	8.18%
An elected official residing in the Midland Public School District	0.85%
A Midland Public Schools employee	14.88%

Are you... (age)

14-17	4.07%
18-25	1.40%
26-35	12.98%
36-45	40.00%
46-55	26.46%
56-65	7.44%
66 or older	7.65%

Survey Participant Comments

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What do you think is the greatest strength of Midland Public Schools?
Responses
Quality education and a broad range of available classes
Passionate teachers
Well maintained. Positive attitude. Seek excellence.
It's teachers and the sense of community within the schools
A high percentage of graduates. Graduates are proficient in reading and math.
The elementary schools have incredible administration, teachers and staff all geared to create a strong academic and social foundation for young minds and bodies.
Quality of the education and safety of the students.
Teachers and commitment to the students
It's commitment to making the best choices for it's students, and the teachers it employs
Multiple school options, school of choice
Teachers & staff
The teachers; some members of the community and some members of the administration.
MPS has always offered high quality education.
Teachers
Its dedicated staff.
The knowledgeable and committed teaching staff.

The teachers.
well funded
Opportunities academic and athletic
We have been very happy with the education provided to our child. The teachers and administrators have been great to work with.
The interaction with the community.
The teachers
The Community
Great Teachers.
Sports programs
The rivalry between schools
The teachers care about the students
Academic program and the gifted teachers
A diverse range of opportunities
Diversity. Glad to see steps being taken for the kids to be more inclusive among themselves. More team building / school events are needed. School / PTO partnerships are key.
Spending my tax dollars
Commitment to excellence.
Music program, passionate teachers, continually working to spread and teach inclusion
The people - we are new to the district with our oldest entering kindergarten this year and have been very impressed by the faculty and staff at Siebert.
Teachers, curriculum, and extra curricular activities
Good teachers.
The arts programs and the teachers
Teachers, arts programs
The reason it performs well is the quality of the students and families that are attending (high per capita income and education levels.)
Fundamentals
The academic rigor and preparedness and also the number and variety of extracurricular activities.
Cross-grade opportunities that give every student individual challenges according to his/her performance

Supportive teaching staff and challenging courses
Great teaching, curriculum, high standards
Quality
The convenience of neighborhood schools and the strong sense of community.
The best teachers are truly exceptional.
Parent involvement.
Academic opportunities
High level of involved parents and community members.
Teachers
Academics
Carpenter Pre-Primary
Lots of options for schools. School of choice. Programs to help parents with before and after care. Good academics and sports. Love the staff!!!
Individual teachers (varies greatly), parent support, community resources
Resources available to students
Quality of educators
Sports programs
We have an amazing school system
The academic excellence and supportive involved families.
AP IB and early college prorams
Segregation
STEAM programs in all schools
Availability of robotics and computers in school combined with a safe environment.
Quality education, access to programs
General education
Great Students It's Very Safe Lots Of Opportunities And Great Learning Environments And The curriculum Is Spot On
The teachers and technology
Variety of extracurricular activities
It's teachers
The teachers all seem to be pretty awesome. My son loves them.

The small elementary schools that are part of the neighborhood. The involvement of the community in the education process.
Excellent music program and strong science education. The music programs I participated in provided me with a robust friend group, which I am still in contact with today. As an MPS graduate with AP credits I entered my college engineering program with a strong science and math foundation. This was critical to my success in my undergraduate career.
Amazing, Dedicated Teachers who are skilled at teaching their disciplines to their students.
The staff
Many opportunities for kids in extra curricular.
The community
Offerings
Diversity, Community, Inclusion and Education.
Focus and n high quality education
Solid education program
The broad range of educational opportunities and the amount of community engagement.
The education!!! Multiple options for schools, clubs, sports & activities.
The Education
Midland has a community that cares.
Great teachers
I believe that Midland Public Schools is really great at providing students with a variety of opportunities that both in academics and socially.
Education quality
Teachers
MPS has always had a solid and strong curriculum.
I think the opportunities presented to students is a strength, there are many options/paths for students to take.
Great staff and community. Lots of choices with different schools that make it easy for families to what is best for them.
their teachers
The curriculum
An engaged and generous community
Teaching to the top performing students
The teachers.

The arts program is very strong.
Teachers
Diverse and high achieving community with strong students and parental support
Commitment to academic excellence. Extra curricular activities are abundant and well funded.
The staff is wonderful, the community is involved and the schools feel safe. There are also some amazing programs such as the sports teams, band/choir/orchestra & robotics. My husband and I are both Midland High grads and our children are at Adams and NorthEast. We moved back to Midland so our kids could go to MPS.
Staff
Community involvment
I. My experience so far, very good and clear communication from admin to families. Great teachers, strong implementation of curriculum.
Teachers
Excellent teaching and students are held to a high standard.
Location.. the students are able to get to school on their own with working parents
Reputation for education
Teachers!
Some of the teachers.
Well funded, lots of resources and opportunities for the kids, good education and safe community
Academic excellence and opportunity
Staff and curriculum. Student -focused.
Parent volunteers
It's people
Opportunity to try different clubs and sports without being an expert or star to have a chance
community & opportunities!
Great tax base.
Safety and good education
Dow money
Academics and variety of music, art and sports options
The schools are clean, and they do have some security measures in place.
The options available for students with different strengths and weaknesses

It has more opportunities available to students compared to those in smaller schools districts.
Active community of board members, parents, teachers; quality educators
Opportunities for kids in multiple sports/music/extra curriculars, high school academic options.
The overall educational experience. Exemplary teachers, staff and kids.
The activities/classes offered
community support of our TWO schools
Funding
Community, academics, athletics
Excellence in preparing kids for future whether college, vocational careers or world minded citizens
Teachers and staff
Opportunities for students to be involved in clubs, etc...
Various academic opportunities for students.
Great educators and safe learning environment
Acceptance
Diversity of learning opportunities, clubs and athletes
Small community feel
Academic standards
Adam's Elementary
Music program, supportive and generous parents
The teachers and curriculum options.
Staff from paras all the way to principals
Does a good job of educating the top half of the class.
Many of these students have well educated parents
Safe IB programs
The teachers are phenomenal in my experience
Academic opportunities and achievements
Music program and being inclusive
It's your only choice
Providing a solid education for all students

Overall strong teachers and parent involvement paired with plenty of extra curricular activities
Support of students. Opportunities and variety of class offerings.
I think you do your best. It's just not enough. That's why every week more and more kids are leaving and going virtual.
Teachers and supportive parents.
Smaller class size; STEAM education; access to music and athletics
Our children went to Adams, Northeast and Midland High. They were not only enriched by amazing staff, programming, and school spirit/traditions, but by an acceptance and welcoming of student diversity.
Teachers
MPS has a legacy of providing excellent education. The multitude of course offerings, excellence in many programs (not just one or two), and smaller neighborhood schools are key to this.
The greatest strength of MPS is their ability to provide students to be involved with as many activities as students see fit. Flexibility and support of students' interests go a long way.
I think the teachers are great at MPS.
Close to neighborhood
Small town feel with quality learning
money
Communication
Fairly strong academics
Close community atmosphere
Great education
Quality staff and supportive community
In a city as affluent & well-educated as Midland that they are able to pitch the illusion of 'inspiring excellence' while boasting the bottom of the bottom of assessment scores in the nation and the public still doesn't see through the veil and understand they are nothing more than a sly marketing gimmick disguised as a school district.
Teachers
Academic excellence, balanced with extracurricular opportunities (art, music, sports, etc.)
Rigorous, high level curriculum for high achieving students, while providing curriculum at all levels for all students.
I believe the Midland Community has a high percentage of parents who highly value education of their children and striving for excellence in general. They tend to pay attention to their

children and the school system and demand/encourage quality in both and ultimately get good students, teachers and administrators.
Many excellent, dedicated teachers. Not all have bought into the DEI agenda.
Advanced opportunities for academics, sports, etc
Supportive staff, care about community input and involvement, good educational plan
Good infrastructure, good staff
The teachers
Strong teachers, sense of community, willingness of staff to support children and families.
The Neighbourhood schools and walking distance for most people in town to any school, as well as the easy access to their attached wood/forest/park areas for members of the public and students
The teaching and support staff, along with the quality of additional programs like athletics and music and extra-curricular clubs
It's teachers and staff.
They provide a great education with great staff and extracurriculars for the kids.
They do a fairly good job focusing on education and not getting caught up in the transgender and liberal agenda that everyone else is dealing with.
MPS is still ranked well amongst other public schools across the state of Michigan.
Leadership, resources, teachers.
The teachers are fantastic!
Teachers
Great teachers for most part. Numerous classroom and extracurricular opportunities
I think the teachers are the greatest strength and they work so hard to make learning fun and engaging.
Great teaching staff, special education programs, athletic programs, and high educational standards.
Each school has a good culture. The students and teachers.
Community
The compassion all teachers and staff show to the children and parents !!!
Good support for typical students
We have a great dedicated and caring teaching and support staff in place, as well as compassionate, intelligent administrators.
Involved community

The teachers and staff
Strong community involvement
Quality of education and offerings for students
A good public education for the students
Abundance of funding, access to opportunities for students.
Funding allows for opportunity to be involved in the arts as well as athletics.
The community it serves
The quality of education, the dedicated educators and staff, and the community's willingness to invest in education.
Community support
Not requiring school supplies to be bought by every single student, lots of funding for activities, trips and supplies
Great facilities
Parents
The teachers
Academic opportunities
Great teachers and community support
It used to be that reading writing and arithmetic were actually taught instead propaganda such as lgbtq+ craziness. Leave the families alone. Stop taking parents out of the equation due a very few and the lies of the news media.
Excellent bus routes.
Educational excellence
Quality of the teachers
Its vast opportunities provided to students.
The number of clubs and extracurricular activities although they are mostly at high school.
The teachers and staff truly care about the kids. We have had nothing but good experiences with our teachers at Adams so far
Great sports programs
Quality of academics
teamwork and understanding each other
The academics throughout all grades
Organizers and future thinking

Quality staff and teaching staff, good programming
I think our greatest strength in MPS is celebrating diversity and inclusion.
Caring.
Virtue signaling & coasting on a once great (& deserved) reputation.
The teachers.
It's teachers
Quality teachers
Teacher/staff are great with students
Community supports and organizations
People
Music program/general variety of opportunities for students.
The staff and teachers!
The Teachers! They are incredible role models. Because they clearly value building and fostering healthy relationships with and between students, they are able to challenge our students without overwhelming them (ie HoCo week). They know just when and how to tweak and fine tune the student environment. It's like they have a "spidy sense" and their reaction time and subtlety is unbeatable, if not excellent.
Excellent teachers
Good education and college prep
The scope of classes offered, coupled with the International Baccalaureate program, creates a great preparation for college and post-secondary learning.
The teachers, administrators and the parent volunteers
Diverse programs, special education
Staff and Teachers
Neighborhood schools
Great quality instruction, ample opportunities for clubs / sports
The greatest strength of MPS is its teachers. They don't receive the pay they deserve or the support they need from administration. Yet they show up every day and give their heart to educate our communities children.
very good facilities
Academics and resources for students
Parents who are involved in the schools.

Resources to help students to succeed. The help that my daughter has received since coming to MPS is amazing. The tutoring and programs they have, and the staff that cares is invaluable.
Resources that few comparable schools have access to.
From what I see they care about the kids more than others.
The greatest strength of MPS is the pride in its culture and the existence of traditions. I have stayed connected with my closest friends (we are in our 30s) because of our time at Central Middle School together.
The resources available to the district due to the income in this area
The programs that are offered to the students
Teachers
free
curriculum and teachers
MPS provides a high quality education with a wide variety of academic and extracurricular opportunities. MPS is also part of a community that supports education.
Opportunities for kids to participate in good sports teams, bands, and other activities.
Varied programing. Students are able to choose between 3 kinds of music classes and a variety of classes during high school.
Academics, broad selection of extracurricular options
Great programs. Excellent teachers. For the size of the community, I'm impressed with the variety of clubs and athletic opportunities.
Great front line teachers. Admin is still to far left.
Opportunities afforded to the kids
I think the amount of opportunities available to students to help them land on their feet after high school is what appeals to me the most.
Diversity, intellectual strength
Education focus so far, not overly woke, yet?
Diversity, compassion, empathy and strong academics.
Quality of teachers and programs available.
The small community feel that translates to a genuine care for each student as an individual. This can not be maintained with the creation of a mega school.
Vast amount of extra curricular classes in the trades fields.
schools are located conveniently with residential neighborhood.

Great teachers, extra curricular activities
The Diversity of students in the building
STEM Program
The academic system
high academics and athletics
Variety of programs.
In comparison to other local school districts, I feel that we have a strong education system with many academic opportunities available to our students.
The sense of community in each building, and the drive for excellence in all areas
Safety, very small bullying problem, Knowing my kids are being taken care of
Academics, pre-k offerings, non-athletic extra curricular offerings.
A culture of close cooperation among all stakeholders (admin, teachers, parents, etc).
It's staff, from teachers and administrators to kitchen and custodial and everyone in between,
Staff
Education level
Multiple opportunities for all students to be active and involved
The diversity of different activities offered and safety at schools.
Good education for public school
Having Options with various schools to choose from at lower grade levels.
Everything
The city of Midland itself.
Public schools aren't what they use to be and as of now, I wouldn't send my kid to one
Curriculum.
The amount of different classes they offer once in High School
I used to believe the sense of community/family. As my children have grown and staff have changed I have learned that is not as true as I once believed.
Strong educational process
Communication, activities and teachers
Structured classes, close knit staff and student interactions and engagement, compassion, compassion.
It is the advantage of small town community quality, MPS itself is not special

Dedicated and highly educated teachers.
Smart kids, good community support, diverse sets of programs
You have the extra help for kids tht have learning disabilities
Midland Public Schools' greatest strength is communication. I feel well-informed both at the district level and within my specific school.
The staff
Opportunities for involvement.
Communication from teachers and superintendent is wonderful.
Wonderful students & concerned parents.
Rooted in the community and overall good teaching standards
Diversity and resources
The teachers!!!
The high quality teachers
Providing exceptional education and diverse academics
The push to provide high quality education and opportunities.
Teachers, community support, IBA schools
High quality education that prepares children for adulthood
Diversity
Teachers and community support
Rigorous class options
Community engagement, pride in our schools
Community
Caring teachers
Opportunity for individual growth and achievement through both academics and extracurricular activities
Art Education
The community.
Hard working dedicated teachers
Teachers are doing their best to create a good experience and create a safe place for students.
The staff.

Quality of education and teaching staff; prepares children to go out into the world and be successful in college and/or the workforce.
Teachers and leadership.
It's dedicated staff
School safety
MPS provide opportunities for students from all backgrounds to receive a quality education.
Quality of education.
Resources
Excellent academics and sports
Quality of programs
Well organized, a lot of extracurricular activities.
Educators and CTE
Good teachers
Teachers, tradition
MPS benefits from having a community that overall places a strong value on education. That value leads MPS to have to meet high expectations.
School spirit and community
the teachers
Quality education
Classes available
The people in the community which have instilled basic ethics and morals in their children.
Quality of education delivered.
Strong academics
Quality of educators
The dedication to excellence.
High expectations and teacher support
The staff
Education
The communication and transparency with the parents
Quality teachers who understand their subject, who can teach it in an engaging manner, and who provide support to kids that need it.

We have some of the most exceptional elementary teachers and offer a good variety of classes.
MPS has strong academics, including many elective options.
The teachers are wonderful and they do A LOT for their students.
Focus on fact based education not extreme views.
PTO programs, extracurricular activity options. Level of education offered
Decipline,hardwork
Curriculum offerings.
Academically rigorous course offerings and graduation pathways for a variety of student interests.
Legacy of academic integrity and high quality education.
The schools' academic reputation.
Teachers
Safety
wealth and safety
Small class sizes and dedicated teachers.
Educated community, variety of programs, safe city
Teachers
Teachers that do their best with individual students
Size of the schools in relation to the size of the city. We are a SMALL city, people live here because of that.
The area
Strong focus to educate students of all levels of ability.
For my daughters schools it's excellent teacher and principal.
The many schools, the option for school of choice, the clubs and athletic opportunities, the option to receive college credits while in high school
opportunities for all kids
Conservative Christian leaders
Teachers
communication
History of providing solid education. Strong commitment to education in the community.

The community support for the schools.
It's teachers
Dedication to student success
Dedication and commitment of the staff. A district that strives to improve and grow- know better, do better
Excellent opportunities for quality education and access to extracurricular activities
They have a lot of great ideas that are being tried.
The "extras" that these public schools have compared to other distracts
Teachers
Safety and communication
The education system is great and some of the teachers are wonderful
Amazingly talented staff
IB programming
committed staff
Sense of community not found in many other cities.
The diverse opportunities for our young minds.
Diversity of student population and classroom sizes.
Willingness to try new approaches
Good teachers
Music departments
Embracing technology and providing clear and concise communication to parents from the Administration.
Quality of education, opportunities for extracurricular classes and emphasis on STEM topics.
Community resources and wide spread programs/extra circular activities
Good reputations for successful learning
educators
The administrators and teachers are topnotch - particularly at Midland High. They have gone above and beyond to help our son and we're forever grateful.
The money in the community
Great teachers and coaches!
Diversity, opportunity , good parent involvement

Diversity, educational quality and strong community support
Instruction and opportunity.
Safety
Leaving the schools as is with only necessary repairs to allow our older community the ability to afford cost increases.
Access to outstanding resources. Great opportunities for students.
The staff and how well they support the children of our community.
Nothing
Generally a safe environment with high academic standards
Teachers and financial support the district
The community that it resides in.
Excellent teachers
All of the staff working together for students
teachers
The school makes sure to have stuff for the kids and families. I like how they include each other even outside of school hours.
It's arts program Music especially. I think you pull a lot of students to the district because of these programs and even get homeschooled students to come for the music programs only.
The staff.
Good teachers and staff.
Programs available, resources, money spent on the schooling, academic success
Its teachers
Teachers
Carpenter Pre Primary School
The high educational standards, variety of opportunities at higher levels and ability to choose a school that works best for your kid.
Teachers
Quality of education
Wide variety of course and extra curricular options at the high school level
MPS reputation is boosted for academic results, a robust offering of various extracurricular opportunities, and a caring and engaged community. I would also highlight parent involvement and commitment to supporting education.

Safety
There are many different schools within MPS. Each facility and staff are unique so you can select the one that best supports your needs/values for your children.
The teachers and the community that is felt at the schools
Neighborhood schools which foster community connections
The teachers and programming is fantastic. My children love CPE
Strong academics, high standards, good community.
I mean, really - it depends on what you end up doing.
Resources
Sense of community, lots of opportunities for involvement of students in clubs and groups. Resources like chrome books for every student.
Teachers, individual school cultures, neighborhood schools, small town feel
Excellent preparation for college with challenging classes and many AP classes available.
good overall education
The income level of the families whose students attend MPS.
The teachers are knowledgeable and advocate for their students.
Opportunities for all
Teachers
The academics are strong.
Music program, Arts Programs
Having multiple schools to give more kids more opportunities!
There is an emphasis on best practices and implementing the newest educational trends.
Midland Public Schools provides great resources for our students to learn
Academics
Their caring staff.
Quality of education and local resources
Commitment to students; variety of options offered to students; COMMUNICATION from downtown re student safety and other concerns
Dedication of staff
The education given

Generally appropriate level of academic focus, though sometimes fails to meet the needs of students at their own level.
The Teachers
Quality of education utilizing community and professional resources
Many opportunities available on a learning level and with extra curricular activities.
I dont know
Great teachers
Economic and cultural diversity, strong academic programs, opportunities for exposure to various educational and extracurricular activities
The multiple opportunities for all students whether college bound or skilled trades.
The diverse offerings at schools
The Midland community
Funding
Kids get a great education and a variety of extracurricular activities.
Higher learning that is available
In general, friendly teachers and staff, personable, feels safe and welcoming. I also really appreciate the opportunities for arts and sports.
Diversity and inclusion
Convienent
Faculty
A competitive curriculum that prepares students for college or work post graduation.
The teachers
The district offers students many opportunities to be involved, and there are great teachers.
academic programs
We have good teachers
Our Teachers. Working together in a collabortive way to lead each student with respect, trust, and courage to achieve success.
Educational excellence. The curriculum is more advanced than other districts in the area.
Class offerings.
Music and arts. Support for special needs.
Great leadership, dedicated teachers

Support staff the students have. I sub in the schools, and compared to other districts I have subbed in, the support the students have from the many staff around, is a BIG difference maker.
All the Midland schools are consistently highly rated
Small class size, IB focus, staff
MPS has excellent facilities that inspire children. Children are attuned to their environment, so when the building is beautiful, heat and lights work and the classrooms are organized and appointed with quality furnishings, they succeed.
The fact that we have two high schools so that students can have a chance to participate in activities without being "cut" because there are too many students.
The dedication to STEAM programs.
Diversify
Our educators and employees are very knowledgeable and care about their students and MPS
Diversity
The variety of extra curricular activities offer for students.
Teachers
Students.
I think we have great people that recognize the importance of a well rounded education. This includes teachers, administrators, students and parents.
MPS has for the most part a great staff you strive for the success of our children
Excellent teachers
Relatively High Standards
The teachers and the community.
Staff, students, families...the PEOPLE!
Many programs for advanced learning, access to athletic activities.
Academic rigor, college prep, variety of extra curricular activities
The caring teachers who go the extra mile always.
Teachers
Our Great Staff.
The extra curricular opportunities for children
The community participation
Teachers who care, focus on school safety

Number of offerings - academic, athletic, arts
Education
staff, ability to and willingness to evolve
The teachers
Safety and taking students' misbehavior seriously
Academics, sports, and care for students mental health
The students
I think the greatest strength of Midland Public Schools is the vast amount of resources and supports they have available to students and families. I've never seen a district so focused on student and staff mental health and well-being.
I love the teachers and Admin at Midland High School.
High Academic Expectations
Academic Opportunities; Academic Excellence; Teaching Staff
That the teachers celebrate the different ways students can be successful than making them fit a mode of perfection.
Teachers and expectations set on the students AND parents.
Academics
Teachers. Midland so far has had great teachers for my son.
MPS has a strong sense of community. I believe they do an excellent job of meeting students where they are, caring about them, and providing for their individual needs.
The various option of classes and ability to take courses that fit your academic level
Teachers
Lots of resources
The teachers
The Teachers.
Teachers that care
Teachers and diverse curriculum.
Midland Public Schools offers high quality education in a safe environment. Special education is top tier and the latest methods and technology is incorporated into learning for all students. The teachers are great and truly care about the students.
Highest performance and services of any school district in the region.
The teachers.

The greatest strength is the academic integrity of all the Midland Public Schools.
The excellent staff at all levels providing a high-quality education.
Supportive community
Comunication when it comes to my child..
Safe and high quality education
Class offerings, quality of schools and extra-curricular programming
Strong academics
Great teachers!
It has a great tax base for operations funding.
Course offerings and amazing staff
teachers with outstanding quality, resources & opportunities that are given to our students
The teachers and their involvement
The staff... I have never once had an issue with my child's teachers; we have loved them all!
The quality teachers provide an excellent education.
Safety
It does have a lot to offer. Great programs even if parents cannot afford them.
Some teachers are great
Priority on individualized experiences for students; focus on STEAM education; music education opportunities; PYP
Available resources and support
Academics and culture
The teaching staff genuinely cares about delivering an outstanding education and providing a great experience.
Education and safety of the children are a priority.
The students
The Educators
Resources for all types of students to succeed through school. Many people that work there go above and beyond to help with that.
Dow corporation.
Teachers that care

Strong leadership who cares about equity and inclusivity, strong academics, good variety of extracurriculars
The teachers
The quality of the teachers and staff.
Very focused on college bound students.
The quality of the staff hands down
It is committed to providing excellent education for all student and supporting their efforts to meet their potential. Quality teachers are their strength.
Good variety of AP, IB, and accelerated course options
Education
Highly competent staff and administration. Progressive/future focused thinking by new leadership.
Strong, caring teachers
Expereinced teachers
We have done of the most amazing students and some great teachers
Very supportive
Conveniently located to my home, high ratings
Teachers
The programs it offers it's students.
New parent, low confidence in my answer: Perceived culture of excellence. Striving to be an elite public school. Focus on STEM skills and program availability.
Program offerings seem to be broad and instructors seem to be in many cases quite well credentialed.
Quality of education
The teachers
Our children got an excellent education. Both the curriculum and extracurricular activities were great
Education and way above average SAT scores
MPS is academically competitive and offers a lot of extracurriculars and sports opportunities for students.
Community involvement
Curriculum and sense of community

Strong community support, wonderful teachers, involved parents, fledgling commitment to inclusion.
The opportunity for a student to receive a great education in the classroom while balancing academics with the opportunity to be involved in an extra group activity such as sports, music and the various clubs.
Access to opportunities
Offering a wide variety of academic programs, from math to sciences to languages to music to career and technical education.
You have some great teachers and a community of parents that care about their kids.
Opportunities
AP classes, IB program, Early College Progeam
Educational programs that are available.
Very strong in academic and extracurricular activities!
Academic performance
Community
Nice area.
It's teachers
Their athletics.
Academic quality.
Offer lots of programs/extras for kids
Small community and very involved patents
They are probably best parent involved schools in the tricity area.
Inclusive learning environment
Eager taxpayers.
Spending money
Diversity
The strong old fashioned values
I think MPS has a few strengths: AMAZING administrators at CPE, a Superintendent who is changing the culture with staff, and staff who work tirelessly to help all kids succeed.
Several different opportunities it offers students.
Teachers, administrators and curriculum
Music program at Dow High. Teachers high quality experienced teachers.

It's teachers and school staff
The community and the teachers
Excellent education
Community support,
Dow.
It's diversity in activities for our students.
Our students, families and staff.
Nothing
Extra curricular opportunities, sports, band etc
Challenging and diverse curriculum in all areas
Teachers
the opportunities it provides due to bigger schools and many amazing teachers and class options, especially in the music programs
Opportunities for students
General Education and communication for gen Ed students.
Midland's tax base. Not sure I can point to any other strength.
Good teachers
Academic excellence and preparation for an undergraduate degree
Academic Excellence
Neighborhood Schools. Academic Excellence.
An involved community.
Incorporation of community, assisting in building community, resources offered to students regardless of background.
The opportunities it offers.
The quality of education
Excellent education for their students
It's focus on student based learning.
Teachers and class options/variety.
Keeping class sizes small to ensure all student achieve maximum academic success.
Strong community engagement and density for a suburban environment.

1) Large offering of AP/OB classes. 2) Wide array of elective class offerings. (These are both relevant to the high schools. Yes, that's two strengths. If only one is required for analysis, please choose my first response).
Academically rigorous classes and opportunities as well as many extra curriculars available for everyone
Academics
Reputation for being a good school system/district
good people
The Teachers
Including everyone and creating alot of diversity.
nothing
Prompt actions regarding weather...
Teaching Staff and community support
The teachers
Teaching staff
The greatest strength of Midland Public Schools is that the curriculum is great and easy to understand and we have many great programs that many districts do not.
Our community puts a strong emphasis on education; therefore, our children grow up in an environment that supports their learning.
Variety of programs
The diversity and opportunities in each school
Dow Chemical support, large number of highly educated parents.
Good community
Variety of offerings and quality of student opportunities and instruction.
Community support
Teachers
Supportive community
Teachers and parents
Class/subjects and activity opportunities/choices. College readiness and parent engagement.
The education experience we offer our students and ability to prove that our education boasts one of the best in the state.
We have great teachers.

The teachers & opportunities for students
Course offerings
Actually I'm not really sure
Support of the community
The people and their dedicated focus on the kids.
The quality of education the kids receive.
The teachers
Sense of community
Decent education
academics
Parent involvement
Academics offered
The teachers, support staff, and wide variety of academic and extracurricular activities available to students.
History
Reputation
preparation for college
rounded education
Strong community with significant parent involvement/volunteerism.
Community connection. Educational opportunities
Quality of teachers
Variety of options for students from trades to gifted.
The schools have enjoyed the overwhelming financial & other support of the community as we come to expect educational excellence, and abundance of opportunities, healthy competitive spirit, amazing educators & facilitators.
There are many options like the option of schools, classes, careers, sports, arts, clubs, and extracurriculars.
The diversity and academic proficiency.
Even through challenging times, I think MPS does really care for the students.
dedicated teachers
Our teachers and our curriculum.

Community schools, caring teachers who know my student individually, rigorous academics, plentiful arts and extracurricular opportunities for students.
The strong arts program that includes band, choir, & orchestra in addition to elementary general music for all students.
Mid sized grade sizes with lots of club/sport opportunities
Amazing Teachers
Strong teaching staff
Strong community involvement
Communication
Safe community
Teachers and staff that care about their students.
Willingness to grow and learn
It's fine.
Safe and parent knowledge of what's taking place in class at any given time
Students and community
To help students learn more about everyday lifestyle.
They have a better quality education than many Michigan districts.
Educational, skill training and sports opportunities.
Academics
Safe community
Good class sizes, and quality teachers.
Community
academics & arts
Class options
staff
The teachers and staff
They're academic programs
Quality of education
Class offerings, some leadership
Staff, parent, and community strength and collaboration.

School of choice. Multiple schools, especially at high school level, provide more options to families to select to attend and more extracurricular opportunities to students.
It's teachers
Great teachers and paraprofessionals
The community support for the district has always been stellar, and the academic achievements of the students reflect that support.
comparatively, I have to believe that we are among the state's top 10 school districts with the most financial resources....whether that is accurate or not, I'm sure that the support systems around the schools are up there (PTOs, booster clubs, etc.). I also know that our community leadership is invested in our school systems.
The teachers are compassionate and caring. The specials options are wonderful.
Teachers/Reputation
Great teachers and resources
The teachers
IB program
Athletics
Good Education
Access to varied educational programs.
More extra-curricular programs such as clubs and sports.
Staff that are highly trained.
Education
Academic rigor
Quality of education. Community feel
Not having any strengthes
Solid basic education.
Program offerings with many choices
Curriculum
Cash to waste
Teaching staff
Their teachers
I moved here in retirement. I admire your attention to the arts but have little hard info about school quality.

Smaller schools with excellent teachers. Prepares students extremely well for university
diversity and inclusion
Academics
The staffs and administration
The smaller high schools and the cool sense of community that each school has!
Great support of the kids and teachers/staff have been wonderful to work with.
quality education
Focus is the needs of students as we look to the future with population changes.
Strong focus on education, with enough diversity to support most avenues in college.
The teachers
Diversity and opportunity
Professional teachers who care, and an administration that wants to do the right thing.
The different programs
Pride in education
Ability to prepare youth for careers in the future
Strong tax base compared to other districts in the region.
Strong community engagement and excellent individual teachers provide the support and opportunity for a large portion of students to maximize their potential.
Quality of instruction.
Good teachers and the neighborhood concept.
Preparing students for their future. Quality academics.
Focus higher learning opportunities through IP/Advanced Classes. School resource officers provide security and safety measures and reduce conflict within each building.
The quality of the teachers and the commitment of the community to their schools.
Strong academic programs, diverse extracurricular activities and highly qualified teachers.
academics
The people, the diversity of offerings, the values the district embraces.
Level of education provided
not a fan
Curriculum offerings, quality staff, vast extra curricular offerings.
The staff

A wide variety of offerings for education, recreation, and athletics.
Good education
Dedication to a good education
Teachers
Parents and community involvement
The excellent students and excellent teachers
Variety of class offerings, excellent staff and teachers
The teachers.
Good solid schools, well kept and staffed
The leadership, teachers and staff are great.
Focus on a career path that fits students' needs, from IB/college-bound to CTE. Access to arts, music, STEM and athletics. Great teachers.
Willingness to engage parents outside of the classroom via email, newsletter, and community outreach.
Being a Bay City native, and living in midland for last +5 years I feel the Elementary curriculum is well suited for the students.
Academic options and athletic facilities, dedicated staff
STEM, Music, & Arts - MPS excels at these and provides an environment where students are successful at all levels
Inclusion of all income families
Community
Singling out students, favoring students, not having sufficient resources for students falling behind
Teachers
Academics
Strong academic performance recognized locally, regionally, and state-wide.
The teachers
Quality teachers
Its inclusivity and its music department
Courses offered, great teachers, inclusion
The curriculum prepares students well for college, as long as that is your track.
The courses that they offer.

Academic rigor
The teachers and opportunities
Teachers and Staff
Free or “free”
The teachers and staff
Decent teachers
Although not perfect, and I don't know how you would please everyone, I believe that MPS has students in mind. Education is challenging but also preparatory for life beyond K-12. There are options for the college-bound and career-bound students. Arts and sports are both supported, as well as other extracurriculars like robotics. Students are encouraged to be a part of the community and the fact that you are doing this says that you are thinking forward.
The schools provide so many resources for kids in need, ie PT, OT, speech, socialization etc.
Music program
Education level/ranking. Rigorous of education
None that I can think of.
Community and parental involvement. Being traditionally neighborhood schools gives the student body a sense of place.
Strong academic teaching along with abundant sports and extracurricular activities available
It used to be strong schools and the board backing teachers is no longer that way
Programs for all learning levels & many extra circulars, sprt, clubs, & organizations
Good teachers. Focus on STEM education.
Academics
Creating an environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed
Staff-educators including teachers and paras
The staff & students take care of each other and the facilities they use.
MPS tends to be innovative and ahead of the times when it comes to instruction and accommodating students who think differently than the majority.
STEM and their focus on diversity and inclusion to make the schools a safe place for everyone to be themselves.
The community in which it resides.
Solid education provided for students, making them more than ready/prepared for college.
Advanced course offerings

Staff, teachers, principles, Penny
Pride in each high school & cross town rivalry
The variety of programs that MPS is able to offer to it's students.
The staff
Great teachers
Academic excellence, community support, staff engagement in the learning process
The Midland community itself is the strongest asset. Education is valued by parents and employers. The community is inherently much safer than some other surrounding communities.
Educated parents
Strong curricula
Wide variety of class offerings, strong STEAM programs, many extracurricular activities.
It's not because of anything Midland schools is doing, but the city and the police do a good job at making sure Midland is safe which makes MPS safe for children.
Wide range of facilities and programs
school
Academic rigor
My grandmothers, parents, my children and I attended Mps. We all enjoyed the experience, low crime rate (if any at all). The up-to-date learning. No crowding in the classrooms. Sadly since you demolished many of our elementary schools, this is no longer the case.
Opportunities for kids to join activities, clubs, teams, programs.
The teaching staff
Community
Hard working, well educated teachers and staff. Kids, and families that have support in a community that has strong economic background.
Education standards and variety of opportunities offered
staff and community support
Quality educators, supportive community
Excellent student activities
Community, student achievement
Sense of community.
The ability of the community to give it appropriate funding, resulting in high level education.
Challenging and high-performing academics, compared to other districts in the region.

The greatest strength of Midland Public Schools is that it creates a lot of unique oppurtunities for students.
Community and teachers
The educational staff
We offer a variety of academic, athletic and extracurricular activities that reach a diverse student body.
Sports
teachers
Variety
Safety
Academic offerings
School based mental health services.
The district, and staff. Midland is fun and unique.
The teachers, curriculum, and extra curricular activities for the students that it offers.
Great staff
We are a small community with a small amount of schools to support. They do it well.
Academics, including the diversity of offerings, is the strong suit of the district.
Ease of access. Reasonable curricular offerings. Good teachers
The community.
Great teachers, extra-curricular opportunities.
They're public
It's location in the state and the teachers.
The citizens of Midland value education and are generally very supportive of Midland Public Schools.
Academics
It's reputation. Unfortunately the current school board and the direction it is taking will destroy the positive reputation we have
Music education
the arts programs
Their teachers, community evolvment, and curriculum.
Academic excellence, Great sports programs, great extracurricular activities. These allow the greatest amount of students to participate in something!

It's staff and inclusiveness. These things are absolute strengths for the district
Parental & community support
Class selection, activity selection
Our strong sense of school spirit and pride, and the academic rigor.
It is safe
College prep in STEM for students.
I think that MPS' content is a great strength as well as the multiple opportunities and resources available.
The curriculum and after school variety of activities
I think the greatest strength is the quality of educators in our district. Midland has excellent teachers.
I think that it has a lot of options, especially at the high school level, that allow students to take different classes that fit what they want to do when they get older. I also think that because of this wide range of selections, it is possible for students to be able to discover new interests in the classes that they choose to take.
After school opportunities
The diverse community that has been built upon the foundations of this district
Their teachers are by far their greatest asset. They make the best with what they are given and always go above and beyond.
The opportunities and accessible resources
The instructional staff.
The community and people
Strong caring teachers and responsible students who take education seriously
having events at schools
The greatest strength would be its dedicated and passionate teachers and staff. Another plus side is that it's quite peaceful, at least from what I've seen (I've never witnessed any bullying before).
Diversity of activities for students.
The IB Diploma Programme.
I think the greatest strength is the faculty and the course offerings. Students have access to high-level classes and engaging teachers who are passionate about what they teach.
The high quality and dedicated staff, the curriculum and ability to meet special needs of students

I think that the greatest strength of MPS is the quality of the materials they gave to us. But also the resources. And the security of the students too
The flexibility and opportunity to be your own person and thrive in any direction or field of study.
The availability of classes at the high school level and the diversity of staff and students.
Opportunities
I think the academic strength of the schools is good I also like that the IB diploma is available.
The student community, it is really positive and accepting
Midland Public Schools' greatest strength is their sense of community that is unique and special to any of their schools and facilities.
Its efficiency. It works, it's a solid school district.
The opportunities it provides for students of various interests.
The environment that is created
Overall good and effective education, supports students.
I think MPS does a good job of reaching and serving a broad range of students from special needs to gifted.
Mps is great for gen ed kids.
The quality of teachers and variety of opportunities offered to students
Expansive opportunities for students to find their path: academics, athletics, the arts, clubs, robotics, Student Leadership, DECA, just to name a few. There are so many ways for students to be a part of something that interests them and learn the value of being a part of something bigger than themselves.
The educators, student opportunities, connection with the community and safety of students.
Opportunities
MPS has some great teachers
I think that the greatest strength of Midland Public Schools is the strong and engaging community.
Their special needs curriculum.
The original city layout had elementary schools throughout the city where young children could walk easily to and from school, attending with kids from their own neighborhood but many elementary schools have been closed and demolished, and the distances between homes and schools has grown while the community feeling we liked so much when we moved here twenty years ago, has diminished.
The teachers.
Quality of education students receive

Educational opportunities for students
variety of course offerings, teachers
Most of the teachers are phenomenal and I truly believe they go above and beyond and really care for the students.
Faculty class offerings, administration
We have great staff and administration.
It's dedicated teachers and staff.
Quality teachers
Well rounded education program
MPS's greatest strength is and has always been the teachers and coaches.
Academic performance
Sports
Sense of community, inclusion
Staff, athletics, school pride.
School administrators and teachers
The teachers and staff
The teachers are excellent. Clear love for what they do and our district attracts top teacher talent.
The staff
Under current leadership, I see the greatest strength being vision- seeing the path for the future and what is needed to give our students the best opportunity for college and career prep.
Relatively good security and okay teachers
Leadership
Overall financial stability
Academically it is a high achieving and overall it is a good school district.
Preparing for college.
MPS is not your average public school. We love that Midland has been slower to develop the issues that plague public schools across the US. Our kids think for themselves, they get a great education, have access to top notch extracurriculars, and thus far extreme agendas haven't been pushed on our families.
Its smaller classroom size and dedicated teachers.
The fact that this community has money thanks to Dow.

Faculty
Diversity, good teachers, good schools
Programs, such as sports and especially the music program!!
Teachers
Quality education
Strong stem program
Community
A balanced focus on academic achievement, student wellness, and opportunities to pursue interests
Great staff and Parent volunteers
Legacy of excellent education preparing kids for college
Strong education, strong extracurricular activities, band
Community
Have programs for special needs
Teachers
Most of their teachers
Variety of courses at high school level
I think the greatest strength of MPS is the teachers and paraprofessionals who work in the district.
Education
Quality of programs offered.
System as a whole and opportunities others do not have along with diversity. Work together but individual schools.
They're free. Strong reviews and outcomes.
The inclusivity
Neighborhood schools and great teachers
Music and science programs
Excellent teaching staff.
The staff and great families in our community.
The academic programs are excellent and the dedication of the teaching staff to instilling good behaviors and academic excellence is very impressive. Also MPS has a very supportive community.

Good teachers, programs
Providing food to kids
Having the competition of 2 high schools
Diverse academic offerings, reasonably sized class sizes, qnd caring staff
Two great well respected academic schools
Diverse programming
The teachers
Academic focused
Community, opportunity and education.
Class offerings
Inclusion and sports
The Music program / Arts
Public Funding
I am not aware of any.
Parents and teachers pouring into youth.
Teacher quality
Staff! We have only had one bad experience with a teacher.
Staff and diversity
good education for the majority of students
Variety of options for all students
Academic excellence and challenging coursework for top-end students
Nothing
Having neighborhood elementary schools.
Education
MPS has dedicated staff
That it is ok to be intelligent
The variety of classes offered, the knowledge of the teaching staff in their content, the history and traditions of the schools.
The extracurricular programs like the music program are exceptional. I know that my family would not be able to participate in music programs if it weren't for the fact that Midland public schools does such a wonderful job funding these programs.

quality education and instructors in a safe environment.
All of the opportunities.
Their variety in academics.
Great staff and variety of courses offered as kids get in to high school.
Staff and high quality education
The sense of community is very strong.
Staff is excellent, wealth of extra curricular activities, trade skill classes
Strong academics, Variety of activities, award winning programs
Great variety of classes that they offer and their relationship with local colleges.
The wonderful teachers and substitute teachers that educate the students
Quality education
A lot is offered to students. Community schools.
The staff and the large variety of opportunities for students in the arts.
The academics and the clubs and programs it offers to students
Staff, teachers, education and activities
The teaching staff
Track and stadium and gyms
Teachers who are qualified and care
The TEACHERS
Elementary schools are exceptional. Middle and HS are above average.
Education
Providing a very good educational environment and program.
The community and family structures in town
Variety
Teachers, quality of education, educational opportunities!
It is a great school system with lots of opportunity to get involved in different ways. The smaller schools allows a better student to teacher ratio and more personal one on one time for students with faculty. We also have a great amount of sports and clubs activities that is spread across multiple schools, giving more students opportunities to participate. And even developing a health amount of competition and pride while learning limits.
The teachers and resources that they have access to.

Teachers have been great
That each school offers something different and we can choose which best suits our children.
MPS' greatest strength are its faculty and staff who work to support students' diverse needs and interests.
Arts education
Teachers
The strength of its citizens!
Good staff, at MOST buildings.
The teachers and the community feeling of the district.
Faculty and academic focus
Great teachers and great community of families that come together.
Personal attention to students Opportunities for varied programs and activities for all Caring teachers
One great strength of MPS is that it is a great educational space with an excellent music program.
Opportunities available to students.
I think the greatest strength of Midland Public Schools is that they offer a lot of opportunities for their students. For example, their music programs and all the Extracurricular's that they offer.
The teachers by far are the greatest strength of the district. They meet the children and encourage them.
Teachers/Parents, extracurricular activities and commitment to the best possible education
The incredible staff. They do so much more than just educate children, they support them on many levels.
Education quality
Rigor, dedicated teachers
Good academics for high-achieving students
Superb teachers
We have some great teachers. There are some bad ones as well but the good ones outweigh the bad.
The district offers a variety of courses from technical training to IB/AP and dual enrollment which makes it an ideal district for families with students of varying interests.
The attention to students to help them all succeed.

Diversity in experience
Feeling of Community.
Music program
Teachers
Good teachers that care about pupils.
What we currently have
The community support
The variety of opportunities available to students. There is something for everyone to be involved in.
That they are great schools
Teaching staff
Quality of Teacher s
Educational opportunities for all students, academically and extracurricular activities.
academics, arts, sports
The teachers and the opportunities the district provides.
Sports, band
Strong community support
Facilities and teachers
Multicultural, PYP, PLTW, world languages, great teachers
Great academics and staff in most buildings.
I think we live in a diverse community of thinkers and people who want to make our community better.
The teachers
Teachers
MPS provides a solid, broad based learning experience!
don't know
The teachers and safety provided
The teachers and curriculum.
Students are prepared to be well-rounded and successful for the rest of their lives.
quality of education and competition between the two high schools
Most teachers

Good administrative organization and leao
Dedicated staff
Its history
Community support with an "attitude of learning" focus.
Support of the community through funding and participation
Enough opportunity for marginalized students to participate in activities because there are enough places available with all the schools for them and not just the same couple of top kids
They offer a lot of different resources and clubs to students.
I dont feel I have an opinion here
The Alps program and the accommodations made for 401 and special education classes.
teachers
not crazy with politics
great teachers, variety of extra curricular activities for students, challenging curriculum
Reputation
Staff who care about our children
If they have kids that don't struggle with school work they support them well.
The quality of their extracurriculars and the degree of advancement offered intheir coursework
AP class offerings for high school students.
I have 2 children and 4 grandchildren who are Dow High graduates. All either went to college or are still in college. Their preparation for college is MPS greatest strength.
Educational opportunities, and extracurricular activities such as sports / clubs, etc...
organization
About of diversity and many options for kids as they grow and lesrn
Educators
academics are strong across the schools; they may rate differently but they are all within the same range.
Resources available to students.
The educators!
Good community, good schools.
Caring teachers/staff
The teachers and staff

Strong teachers with right-sized classrooms to maximize student learning without losing the individual student impact.
The many options that our students have available to them regarding their education.
All of the offerings they provide to students, the excellent music program, and the caring staff.
Solid educational outcomes.
The multitude of subjects and opportunities for kids to learn and grow.
MPS has a lot to offer in regards to programming and opportunities for students to be involved.
Being a small community where we can give individualized attention to students and their success.
Academics, Community Outreach
The commitment of the Administration to the children and their community
Quality education with a lot of opportunities
The employees, volunteers, and other supports that provide fantastic opportunities for students and families.
Dedicated teaching staff
Community support
Unknown - I'm a new parent to the public schools.
Great teachers and overall curriculum.
The families and students.
Students are receiving a quality education
There academic programs and financial stability
Staff
Great teachers who care about their students. Involved parents.
It's teachers. Hands down!
The number of high-quality offerings for students.
Strong focus on educational excellence and a community that has a high ratio of advanced degree holders.
The staff / teachers and involved families
The greatest strength is the many opportunities offered to students especially those in middle and high school.
The families that support it
It's community.

The ability to offer a ton of class choices, programming, and extra-curriculars to a wide variety of students. Your administration and support staff really seem to know what they're doing and don't tolerate bullying and harassment. The strong values and guidelines of the district are directly reflected in the student body, and it shows.
Quality education
Our teachers and students
Try he teachers love the kids!
My child seems to be ahead of other kids in other school districts. Co-ops with colleges, middle early college.
The education
Commitment to DEI and student success
Good teachers and a drive by the board and others to strive for excellence. a mentality that we should be the best
The teaching staff is fantastic and truly dedicated to the students
Strength of teaching
Great curriculum, teachers/admins that care, ability for students to do band, and sports they love.
Community feel, learning and athletic opportunities, amazing teachers and support staff.
Excellent preparation for college for these students who fit into that group
I believe the greatest strength of Midland Public Schools is the teachers and staff.
Academics
The S.T.E.M Community.
Teachers
Great teachers and a wonderful community that supports the students.
Individual school pride and excellence in education.
Ability to deliver quality education
Academics
The staff and opportunities for the students
Our staff is exceptional. They lead and teach with their students first of mind.
Our extracurriculars and electives.
Academic, athletic, and arts expectations.
Strong academic programs is number one. MPS has also adapted and adjusted to support SEL in many ways. There are a wide variety of programs available to students of all types.

When they played football at home
The work around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - it is important and must continue. It has truly impacted my children.
The greatest strength of MPS is our community. We stick together and are willing to help one another.
History
Should be education not diversity
-The desire to improve
Community Support and location.
Welcoming environment
High standards
The supportive community towards a strong education.
I think the greatest strength is how inclusive the schools are of their students
Community Involvement
Its safety, the money that they have at their disposal...
Good enrichment programs like robotics and music
Variety, staff, learning environment
The teachers and staff, the sense of community/everyone working together and everyone striving for excellence.
The range of courses and classes available, the passion and expertise of many teachers, and the community it exists in.
Academic excellence
Small schools dedicated to children's success
Community
Resources. I am forever grateful for speech therapy my son received. I also appreciate the kindness and goodness of the school staff!
Strong funding support from the community, which allows for facilities upgrades, additional programming, special events and athletics, etc.
The diversity in it.
easy to understand gpa calculations
The teachers.

STAFF - almost universally, in all grades, staff have been the most integral part of the quality of our children's education while at MPS. Staff have taken a personal interest in our children, and have made efforts to establish relationships beyond just classroom learning.
Free to attend, easy to access with a variety of academic, arts and athletic opportunities.
Low student:teacher ratio
Strong academics and faculty
I think that the greatest strength is the options that we have for the children and the sizing of the schools.
The teachers are hard workers!
Strong community involvement, safe.
Quality education and extracurricular programs. Community involvement in schools.
Quality education at a reasonable cost to the community. MPS does not have the excessive bond measures of other districts in the area.
My children are grown so I don't know currently what the greatest strength is.
Teaching staff
the strive for inclusive education and up to date facilities
Great staff in an environment where students are successful.
Its commitment to student success--academics, music, athletics. There are options for all students to participate and belong.
Teaching staff and student opportunities
The staff are the greatest strength.
The staff - highly professional, motivated educators.
teachers
Cool teachers
Teachers and community.
Diversity
being big
Its teachers
Compared to some of the other schools around, the HS level has a lot of advanced academic options.
Strong academics and capable kids/families.
the community that values education

They care about the students and the community
Education
The faculty and how they run it.
Academic rigor and diversity.
The education the students get is top notch and prepares them for their futures after high school.
It cares about education.
Clear course options for students
Curriculum, teachers, staff and administrators
Quality educators.
Lots of opportunities, especially at high school level, for co-ops, extracurricular activities.
Small classrooms. Inclusion and diversity.
Teachers
The teachers, the cross-town friendly rivalry, how are community comes together with the rivalry, sharing of major sport facilities; the pool at Dow High and the community stadium at Midland High
The varied opportunities for students
The teaching staff is amazing.
Large variety of programs
Teachers, technology used with the students, close community felt at the schools
Academics
The commitment to serving all students.
The school rivalries drive our athletes to compete stronger. It gives the students something to look forward to.
It's mission, programs and high standards.
Availability of arts, science, and extra curricular activities. High academic excellence
sense of community
Diversity of program opportunities
Good education, quality teachers, great community
Teachers, students, curriculum
This is only our first year but I'm very grateful for how easily it is to work with the school district for my homeschooled child taking classes. Thank you so much for being so easy to work with

and understanding and offering so much to my child while still allowing me to homeschool them.
Very strong supporting community
Ability to get bond proposals passed
Adapting to the changing environment around education
The Midland Public Schools fine arts programs are the strongest programs in the school district. They continues to have enrollments well above school districts Music programs in the area. Part of the success is dependent on the ninth through 12th grade in one building structure. Any plan that would interrupt that would irreparably damage the arts programs.
The teachers
Academics
Teachers
Supportive parents
connection with dow
The ability to detach students from reality
Quality of the academic offerings in high school.
The education curriculum
Our academic excellence and diverse population.
Multiple programs offered, multiple sports offered, classes offered for various academic speed and depth.
High educational standard
Neighborhood schools
Great education
I think our greatest strength is the size and strength of our auxiliary programs. Many school-of-choice students and home school students choose Midland Public Schools because of the auxiliary programs. I believe that the degree to which the community cares about things like music, art, robotics, etc is a testament to how well things are going everywhere else.
Quality education.
Rigor of programs and instruction. I feel confident my children are prepared for post secondary education.
Experienced teaching staff
The ability to educate a broad range of students.
Lots of excellent learning and other opportunities, ie sports, clubs, etc.

Choice of classes, dual enrollment opportunities
High standards
Good schools, great community
Equity, Diversity and strength of curriculum options
Many opportunities for students
The teachers and staff
DEI
Balance
The diversity of its students and the community
The academic and extracurricular offerings.
The wonderful teachers and ability to attract and retain them.
international community
Curriculum options.
Quality education programs based on personal achievement and accountability.
Balanced focus on arts as part of a robust education; neighborhood schools; engaged faculty
Nice schools in smaller hometown
Preparing students for college
Retaining Top Students
Rigorous curriculum and expectations with a wide variety of choices in which to specialize at the high school. Students are able to move between high schools in order to serve their interests.
Arts
Is located in an amazing community
The quality of the education.
Secondary schools are great.
Academic rigor
Safety and student development
Community
The music programs and inclusive clubs available.
Diversity, inclusion, education
Excellent teaching and support staff, high academic expectations, variety of programming.

MPS is consistently above average everywhere. It has no real "problem" schools and while its facilities are older, they get the job done and serve their purpose.
Strong academics
The academic excellence coupled with the availability of clubs and athletics provided by two elite high schools.
Great teachers, focus on what is best for the children, a good community
Teachers
I think the strength is that MPS promotes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
Music and art
I think the greatest strength is how it's constantly expanding and trying to improve. Also, MPS has a lot of unique and strong clubs and opportunities.
The teachers
Great resources
Education
Academics
The community and families within the district.
I love the neighborhood elementary schools
Supportive of the Midland community
The community. Teachers care about the kids.
Ability to educate students in a setting that matches their skills.
Students, staff, and parents.
Academic performance
It's teachers. The ones on the ground in the trenches doing the hard work. Dealing with the students and their needs and behaviors. Dealing with the parents and their requests.
1. The quality of families enrolled in the schools that support a quality education that goes beyond the classroom. 2. The music education.
It's teaching staff
There are good options at the high schools for ALL students
The staff.
Band and orchestra program
It's commitment to academics and social and emotional learning

Academics
Arts
Balancing academic excellence with opportunities and access for all.
Teachers and programs
Staff
Music Departments and Academics
Teaching staff
Staff
accepting and encouraging diversity
Small, easy to access school buildings with a consistent learning plan across all buildings.
High quality education and small setting
Teachers
Education
Dedicated and talented staff and teachers.
Culture at each school and great education
Small class room sizes and the ability to push each child at the pace they need
The funding
Building a strong community of learners and leaders.
The opportunities available to students (things like orchestra, band, CSI classes in middle school, potential associates degree in high school, etc.)
Staff is great.
There is lots of kids
We have great teachers
The teachers
Focus on academic, more opportunities for kids
Incredible teachers and balanced district focus on academics, arts/music, and sports.
The relationship between teacher and student
Understanding and safety and inclusion.
Teachers, paras, support staff
Community awareness

Legacy of excellence
We have awesome community support and a positive school climate.
Options for students
Size of the district and programming it offers
Staff, DEI initiatives,
The teachers
Excellent teachers, interesting electives, and awesome opportunities for students to explore different topics that interest them (woodshop, green design, auto tech, life 101, etc.).
our people, our programs
Great academic education in both rigor and course selection.
Great staff and a supportive community to enrich student learning & experiences.
I would definitely recommend a friend/colleague to send their children to Dow High School
In general, I think our greatest strength is our teachers.
The people. Staff, parents, admin all wanting what's best for the students.
The greatest strength is that Midland has a viable curriculum. They also have knowledgeable and seasoned teachers. (However, it is a concern that many of the experienced teachers will retire soon)
The amount of Extracurriculars That are at the schools.
Excellent for smart student who wish to be challenged.
The help
Variety of offerings for a public school, community and school safety
Great environment for children to learn and grow.
A variety of learning environments to meet the needs of different students
Safety and variety of classes/extra curricular activities to choose from
The greatest strengths are the teachers, building staff and coaches. They are the ones that are building personal relationships with the students and parents in the district.
Good academics
Academics, Reputation
I feel that it's greatest strength is the programs for special education students and students with special needs.
I think we have great resources. We have amazing opportunities for our children in arts, music and trades!

Variety of teachers and personalities
teachers

Midland Public Schools Community Survey
What do you think is the greatest challenge Midland Public Schools is facing?
Responses
Managing ongoing cost increases to run the schools
Increasing class sizes and educational resources
Meeting changes in culture due to AI.
Creating equitable education across the schools.
The curriculum.
Too not let fear and panic rule safety issues. Striking the balance between being prepared and not doing anything at all while keeping the runaway terror What lfs from controlling the decisions on safety.
Dealing with privileged kids and also their parents.
The prior administration's disrespect toward teachers & other district staff has created an us/them mentality that makes administration and other departments working together difficult. That distrust for admin has carried out into the community, as the prior superintendent made his lack of respect for others very clear at times.
It sounds like enrollment is down
Radical DEI alienating traditional family values
Ensuring our children are safe when in school. Preventing our district from being a national embarrassment (litter box lies). Ensuring we aren't banning books.
Unsure but I am aware that some buildings are aging.
Budget
Increasing student enrollment with facilities reaching their end of life.
Adequate space for teaching staff to do their jobs to their greatest capacity. Listening to teaching staff and taking their expertise into account when making decisions.
Facilities that are growing older and a community that wants to keep all of the schools.

lack of diversity
Student numbers declining
Integrating elementary, middle, and high school together, and being informative to new students.
People who are resistant to change
Resources
Spending money.
Addressing the needs of kids with learning disabilities.
The threat of losing that rivalry
The facilities are outdated. This is not good for the students, teachers and staff. It also does not attract new people to move to Midland.
Aging facilities
The public's close-mindedness to change
Large class / student ratio. Parent / home support to school programs and initiative is critical, this is challenge not only for MPS.
Space in the Parking lot , parking lot attendants . Better paras needed. More bus routes for elementary kids.
Liberal infiltration. We need to go back to our conservative roots.
Class sizes, ability to address child specific needs/issues, losing pool access - swimming is a LIFE skill and we live in a state with SO MUCH water!
Managing the shift in population within the district as it relates to school utilization.
Facility upgrades needed
Too many state and federal guidelines and benchmarks.
Aging facilities and accessible parking at the elementary schools
Facilities
Lack of forward thinking. I feel like my child is in a prison rather than a school. The rules are harsh and dehumanizing, there are police and weapons detectors everywhere and the students aren't trusted to have their school supplies, backpacks or phones with them in the classroom. It's a punishable offense to even use the restroom when nature calls. Also, despite all the wealth in the community, our schools lack basic necessities. For example, the buildings are ancient, there aren't enough buses or lockers, the middle schoolers have to go off site for sports or theater or after school programs. Even poor rural communities have more impressive facilities and a sense that the whole community takes pride and wants to invest in them.
Class sizes
Not enough extra curriculum and academic offers to prepare students for future success

At risk children, discipline, lack of accountability on kids and parents
Having proper support/staffing for students who need extra resources.
Inclusivity for students with special needs.
Overcrowding, especially the poor layout of parking lots and car pick-up lanes. In metro-Detroit, this is better planned and executed.
Recruiting and retaining promising teachers. In recent years several talented teachers I know have left MPS to teach elsewhere or to take other work. It was a loss to the district's students.
Running out of space
Outdated school building and oversized/filled classrooms.
Not enough parent involvement.
Not competitive in majority of athletics
It seems like the schools are filling up. Space seems to be an issue. I also worry about teacher retention and hiring during a shortage.
Funding?
Academics! District wide, test proficiency is only 48% for elementary math and 54% for elementary reading. In my anecdotal experience, we've struggled to get academic opportunities aligned with test scores for our children. Last year, 3rd grade M-Step reading proficiency was only ~50%. I see more and more families opting for homeschooling options. Personally, my family is considering pulling our students (who are >95th percentile in testing) out of MPS to homeschool due to lack of academic challenge and growth.
Aging facilities, less people going into teaching professions
Downward enrollment , way to many staff employees, zero commitment to the extreme needs of skilled trade programs for young persons to earn a living wage in our country .
Lack of aids for teachers and kids that don't fit the bill get lost in the shuffle
Taking choices and support away from families and moving to making choices for parents.
Public image
Kids exposed to more adult themes too early, through TV, YouTube, and online games. I generally think Midland is doing a good job managing it, though.
Class sizes way too big. Student -parent-teacher-family management
Special education
I Think The Biggest Challenge Is Transportation And Some Of Its Locations It Could Be Better Transportation As Well Could Improve But Another Thing That Is A Challenge Is Overcrowded Elementary Schools So Maybe Building An Additional 7th One Would Be A Good Idea And Then Building A 3rd Middle School
Diversity, racism and bullying

Teacher shortages
The low pay of teachers and other support staff, compared to the rising cost of student loans. Teachers are leaving for other better paying jobs and low appeal of the teaching position for new potential candidates. Why would anyone want to be a teacher in the near future?
Revitalizing the education system to meet the needs of diverse students to prepare them with career readiness skill in a changing work environment.
Primary school class sizes.
MPS is too easily distracted by new fads in curriculum: IB, NewTech, Early College, STEM schools, etc. As a graduate of MPS schools and parent of an MPS student, I want MPS to stick with a proven, high-quality program and invest in it, rather than entertaining a potential curriculum overhaul every few years.
Social media
Aging facilities
Retention
To big
Pay for teachers
Losing talented players educators to burn out & retirement
Attracting and keeping top rated teachers.
Adequately handling kids on all ends of the spectrum when some need support to make it to school and ensure basic needs are met and some need advanced educational opportunities and more rigorous curriculum. Giving each what they need in a kind inclusive way is an incredible challenge.
Space, high class numbers, high behavioral problems
Not meeting the needs of the kids who fall in “the middle” not struggling but not gifted
Overcrowding
I believe sometimes Midland Public Schools have a difficult time providing appropriate instruction for young/neurodivergent students.
Drugs, vaps, and bullying
Student count
Special education resources are spread too thin.
Making sure every student has what they need to succeed and are encouraged to do so. I feel as though often times students are held back or not given adequate help in college preparation throughout high school or offered higher positions.
Aging facilities and what to do with them.

Overcrowded buildings due to school of choice, many classrooms have too many students in K-2, not enough paraprofessional help, poor upkeep of the school grounds
Funding
Embracing diversity, dealing with real issues rather than maintaining appearances
Teaching to students who are not at the top of their classes
The academic rigor is better than most in the region, but it is not at the level many believe. Students are ill-prepared for college.
Buildings
Facilities are lagging behind the average school district. We need more investment in athletics.
Adapting to serve the widely varied needs of all students
The teachers are underpaid even compared to other local school districts. There is a huge need for social/emotional learning. Counselors and paraprofessionals are absolutely necessary before some children feel safe & loved enough to focus on academics. MPS could learn a lot from Bullock Creek & Meridian. Making a district-wide priority to get kids out in nature often goes a very long way to help combat behavior problems. The problem child in the classroom is often the leader outside. There is plenty of green space around the schools & working more with the Chippewa Nature Center would greatly benefit this generation of kids.
Facilities
Facilities over crowding, fiscal mangement. Private schools do it for about \$5000 per student. Public schools receive 9-10,000 per student and ask for bonds and millages with almost double the money already coming in.
Retaining and hiring quality staff
Keeping diversity and equity at the forefront of decision making. The wide-ranging socioeconomics of our community get overlooked but greatly impact a student's ability to learn.
Parents
Facilities
Misinformation/disinformation
Facilities
Sharing stadiums and pools
Maintaining their excellence
Declining numbers with smaller families
Class size, seems like some teachers just want to pass the kids without teaching them. Administration and discipline or lack thereof in high school.
Too many students transferring in
Competition from other school districts

Too many students in class
Providing preparation for post-secondary opportunities for students who are not college bound
Finances
Competing, many schools offer dual enrollment options that graduate in 4 years with an associate degree and special extra programs with certification like emt, etc. overcrowded classrooms, no gifted options other than math until high school
diversity, inclusion, external safety concerns (poor parking structure, quality of some schools' playground equipment)
Overcoming tradition.
Students behavior
Increased enrollment, aging facilities.
Bullying
They should hire certified teachers that apply instead of substitute teachers. Also they should fix the times of some elementary schools to be closer in time with all other Midland schools. Also the schools should have more security.
Continue to challenge students in an environment they can thrive based on size
The population of the the area whom attended Midland high schools and will noy give up there allegiances to the high school they attended for the betterment of the children today.
Opposition to change
Keeping standards high, better base education at Central Park.
1. Facilities
2. The growing imbalance at the schools. Putting multiple PILOTS in the same neighborhood.
Bullying
It is my opinion that evening trying to think that consolidation of the 2 high schools makes any sense at all for the quality of any and all activities, as this will make grouping of anything so large that kids will be left out that aren't able to participate, any activity no matter what you name it band, football, etc. any extracurricular activity, class size. etc. SURE you could have the best of the best be on teams etc. BUT that will surely leave ALOT of the students left out unfortunately. there is simply NO way around it. the student body will be soooooo big that there is no way that all interested students cannot possibly participate. think about this one example we have two marching bands with approx 150 kids (dow has morel believe) how can you possible have 300 students on a football field for a halftime show that is probably impossible. THERE WILL BE students told there not good enough for band to simply accommodate a band that would function properly..... i could go one you get the point.
Outdated facilities, especially classrooms and sports complex
Lack of diversity

Aging facilities
Bias
Reinforcing good behavior of the students and disciplining bad behavior.
Providing equal opportunities at both middle schools and both high schools.
Outdated facilities and large class sizes
Communication
Keeping up with aging buildings, management of children who are neurodivergant students
Putting children first and class size.
Merging so many students where there has been such a division, especially income
Teacher policies
Reading, math, focus on fundamentals of education
Under paid staff, supply shortages and aging buildings
Keeping staff moral and hiring administration who isn't familiar with the culture of the district and community.
Educating the bottom 30 % each class
Overcrowded classrooms
Mental health issues continue to rise and more focus should be put on that
I would the total compensation and rewards offered to teachers is low which can lead to turnover and a need for parents to provide more supplies for the classroom
Student to teacher ratios and aging facilities
I'm concerned about all the push for equity and inclusion and the school focusing more on that instead of teaching my child.
Parents
From a student perspective: bullying
From a parent perspective: class room sizes seem to be increasing. For example my daughters teacher did not have enough cubbies for each child in the class and was going to have to try and figure out how to solve that issue.
Aging buildings
Diversity, inclusion, and effective anti-bullying policies. Quality of facilities both schools and sports.
Teachers that actually want to teach instead of just having the students work from laptops hence once again why so many parents are pulling their kids from the actual school buildings

Lack of strong administrators and an overall lack of institutional knowledge that can be leaned on for perspective and understanding.
Apathy in the community; aging buildings
I think the unknowns. Things feel afoot and changing quickly in the world. Our community has always supported and aspired to high levels of quality in our schools. While change is inevitable for our schools, there is also a large amount of change we are moving through in our world in parallel. It could be impactful and present more to manage as MPS pursues it's own necessary changes.
Decrease test scores. Reading issues, math.
Big changes are frequently implemented in what seems like an attempt to follow trends in education. MPS used to be among the trend-setters rather than the followers, and it would be great to get back to that. Of course there is also the challenge of reaching every student and all of the DEI challenges, but those are issues ALL school districts face so I'm not sure its unique to MPS, although it is significant. Combining schools will skew the data to imply that we have improved/closed the achievement gap(s), but that will not actually HELP at risk students. I suspect it would lead to more at risk students falling through the cracks as they are lumped in with a larger population, but their lower test scores would be watered down and offset by being in the larger population, so it would give the appearance of improvement. Seeking the appearance of improvement is silly. MPS should be courageous and return to being a leader and trend-setter and confront this DEI and at risk achievement gap problem by piloting intervention programs that can help these students rather than simply hide them. Things such as bringing back a greater variety of .2 and .3 course offerings, reviving the Humanities program (a life changing course that GREATLY serves the DEI mission), and perhaps piloting new intervention programs to better reach the lower achieving populations.
The greatest challenge that MPS is facing is that it does too good of a job gatekeeping from the decision makers. MPS will often make decisions without consulting the experts that those decisions will impact. This leads to lesser quality education and poor mental health on students and staff.
The way the MPS is segregated is one challenge. There are stereotypes depending on which school you go to. The discrepancy between what field trips are done at the different elementary schools are known. Why don't all the elementary schools get to go to Lansing?
Finding land for a new high school in good central location
Aging technology and buildings
people with money who think they are more important than everyone else
Drop off and pick ups
Diversity and inclusion
Being Jefferson Huskies/Dow Chargers and having our kids in sports (football and basketball), the lack of sports facilities (football stadium at the high school, no track at the junior high), uniforms, bussing to events.
Aging infrastructure, limited population growth/retention opportunities

Keeping up the facade while trying to sell this facility improvement pitch, none of what is being suggested addresses the real issue with public education decline that has been happening for decades, they are bleeding enrollment and will continue to while the focus on all the wrong things and fall in line with the Michigan department of education's plan to indoctrinate children and waste taxpayers money.
Parents & budget
Large class sizes, personalized instruction
Aging infrastructure and lack of planning for the future in the past 15 years.
Social Media, "Woke" and "DEI" Culture
Improving the actual academic achievements of the students. Improved learning of the basic skills needed to be viable, contributing adults in society. Regaining public trust.
Our current world environment regarding safety, mental health, equality
Not enough staff to fully support all students needs, too much money and focus put towards sports facilities/improvements when that money could be used to benefit all students
Diversity, food nutritional quality
Leadership
Lack of resources to support children in need, and gifted children.
Aging schools, Teacher shortages, keeping up with the advancements in clean technology
It's face. The buildings look and feel old and dated. Particularly the two high schools.
knowing the Curriculum and what is best for students, lack of GREAT technology, not having modernized buildings
Pressure from the liberal movement.
Bullying, large classroom sizes, not enough resource support for children who have additional needs.
Getting enough support staff - paras, subs, social workers, behavioral specialists, etc. The demand is higher now.
Adapting to a rapidly changing world is another challenge because you need structure in the education system but also need to consider how students are changing with the world around them. Gender neutral bathroom options should be available in every building with your upgrades, especially middle and high school.
Early specials is ridiculous. My child can't eat breakfast until 10am that's terrible. She's in elementary
Large class sizes, minimal support
Keeping and attracting great teachers going forward

I think the greatest challenge is the lack of communication with the teachers. We, as teachers, hear information at the same time as the rest of the community due to the fear that information will leak out. Why does everything have to be so "top secret" and protected to begin with? Also, why are teachers not trusted with information?
From the outside, they seem to be doing great.
Not handling rumors well. Not updating curriculum when it should be but saying the district is great at educating our students (ex: reading curriculum). Not taking care of "small" issues that are actually quite big at schools or at least being up front with the parents & teachers (ex: mold, safety, mice, technology upgrades, bullying, metal detectors-are they actually detecting what need to be caught), lack of paraprofessionals at ALL grade levels (not just the lowest grade levels....teachers need support),
Decreasing enrollment
Safety and security, also pick up and drop off lines being dangerous
Good support for any kids with challenging behaviors and accepting kids with different abilities
Facility updates and crowded classrooms.
Higher cost of everything
Old buildings, and not enough room for students
School Infrastructure, class sizes, and safety.
Meeting the variety of needs of a diverse group of people
A district that is currently using outdated curriculum and teaching practices that are negatively impacting our students.
Aging infrastructure, changing population.
Getting taxpayers to support new buildings being built when so many school buildings were recently demolished
Aging infrastructure, overcrowding in some schools, difficult to use pick-up and drop-off areas
Remaining a high performing school district
Growing class sizes.
Class sizes and old buildings
Bullying
Woke mindset
Implementation of a curriculum that doesn't work for all students.
Aging schools
No homeworks, too many kids in the classroom and no incentive for sports and sometimes too many young teachers.

Listening to the parents and grandparents and guardians has been a big problem of late.
Most people don't want your dei and sel and lying about history and science. It took awhile but many of us have woken up to the push toward socialism and even communism instead of real helpful community...when needed...not when shoved down our throats by those who don't understand economics. Let's get back to teaching the kids instead of trying to parent our kids.
Lack of discipline and accountability.
Aging infrastructure
Old facilities
Aging facilities & a changing & aging population.
Bullying.
Navigating the social and emotional challenges that this technological/post-covid age brings
Standardized testing needs to be changed, not all children are the same & learn at a different pace & in different ways.
Old buildings
keeping Midland and Dow from fighting
Maintaining the buildings
Our biggest challenge is budget and having the funds to run, staff, and keep up our buildings as needed.
A growing community
Becoming unwoke
Communication with all stakeholders.
Not having enough staff
Bad ELA curriculum at elementary level
Providing direct support services to children, for example having little to no follow through on 504 plans due to lack of resources.
2 schools potentially consolidating to 1
Aging buildings
Motivating students.
Maintaining and improving the positive healthy relationships in the school which is foundational to the students and by extension the community. This is a challenging thing to do under current, and what seems to be ongoing, stressors in our modern culture.
Aging infrastructure
Aging buildings

Declining enrollment (everywhere, not just here) probably threatens operational budgets to offer such programs in the medium- and long-term.
Aging facilities
Large classes in elementary schools
Space in the buildings for staff.
Spending money in unnecessary areas and not funding to have smaller class sizes and lack of support for teachers.
MPS greatest challenge is the relationship between teachers and administration. Administration does not listen to their teachers or allow them to adequately control their classrooms. As a result, discredited curriculum is being taught and teachers are forced to teach lessons that don't meet the needs of their students or consider their academic level. Administration needs to focus less on their community image and more on the needs of students and teachers. Additionally, teachers do not receive adequate administration support when disciplining students. As a result, there are constant behavior issues that disrupt the classroom and prevent learning for all students.
improving proficiency in reading and math especially at Central Park Elementary but all schools. Improving opportunities outside of college bound such as career technology.
Large class sizes, aging facilities
Trying to stay relevant in society and also to traditional values that had made schools an institution that taught personal respect and responsibility as well as core democratic values.
I unfortunately have little knowledge of MPS other than our experience these past 2 years with my daughter, and that has been wonderful.
Avoiding arrogance.
No gifted school any more for children that should have access to one.
It seems like MPS is not adhering to the "if it ain't broke don't fix it" adage. I don't know if the attempt is to create a defining identity for the administration's careers or what, but some things can be left well enough alone. The high schools share a pool and a football stadium. The student body does not need to be shared also unless the STUDENTS decide.
The ability to address student needs outside of the mean, those who are more advanced than the curriculum and those who struggle, particularly after the decline in skills after COVID closures.
I believe the communication between MPS and different community programs needs to greatly improve. There are so many missed opportunities at the moment.
Large class sizes at elementary level and facilities issues
navigating aging buildings
Solid teachers, and teaching a tangible curriculum

Managing the changes needed for MPS with the community. It seems that many within the community resist any change (e.g. "road diet"), but there may also be valid concerns for/against either of the options.
Over capacity
Meeting the needs of gifted students. Midland tends to teach to the middle thus leaving out lower and higher students during elementary and middle school.
Aging facilities
Infrastructure
Lack of public trust
Discipline
Far right parents who won't admit that white washed theocratic curriculum is out dated and challenge any progress attempted with far more outrage than is warranted?
Requiring updates facilities
Remain education oriented and resist the political woke temptation which should not be the basis of education
Appears to be aging buildings and need for updated facilities.
Infrastructure needs. Poor design to the buildings with traffic problems. I think this is a result of inadequate transportation. Kids who live 2 miles away should not have to walk. More parents then drive causing all kinds of chaos and creating dangerous conditions.
Not forcing political beliefs on students and families.
Challenges includes slow learners who become behind in their grade competencies.
Building updates
Lack of inclusion
Funding
Bad behavior and lack of discipline
DEI is over emphasized at leadership and teacher levels - teaching students they are victims instead of leaders / high school English teachers are too liberal
Infrastructure and staffing
I think there are many challenges. Classroom sizes are larger than the teachers are able to effectively teach in and students able to learn. Due to these large class sizes, there is a lack of support for students who need additional assistance during class and there are no resources outside of school to support students who need it. There is a lack of experienced teachers in our community coupled with teachers who have many years of experience who are starting to feel burned out from the demands of an education system that is not set up to help them be successful and from students who lack engagement for a multitude of reasons. In our current

society, more students are coming to school with personal and social burdens than in previous years. This is creating a challenge for teachers in the learning environment.
balancing an increasing and changing need in many areas (student support, building structures, etc)
I hope it's not becoming a problem where kids with better financial situations are not inclusive with kids struggling.
Aging infrastructure
Attracting and retaining the best quality teachers
Inequity of school populations (especially the secondary schools) creating a disparity in academic achievement and opportunity. This has been an issue for a long time and will only continue to get worse as the enrollment decreases. It will be quite a challenge to continue to have all programs offered at all schools.
Budget
Lack of diversity. Lack of consistency with teachers communication utilizing the online tools (ParentVue & Canvas)
Large class size
Older schools and facilities
Dealing with the increasing student population and having quality staff.
Apparently infrastructure and upkeep. Before this video, I would have said political divisiveness around what schools should be teaching.
The ability to change.
Everything
Charter and Private schools
Using funds appropriately
aging buildings
Safety.
The fact that there isn't enough supervision with the grade schools to help stop the bullying
Finding the right mix of new materials/processes that optimizes resources with minimal waste associated with "shiny object" tendencies.
Age of the school buildings

Horrible athletic coaches for SOME, but definitely not ALL, sports, particularly fall sports. Absolute the worst I've ever seen or dealt with as a very involved sports participant across various levels for multiple years. To the point of bullying multiple students and degrading good athletes that do not deserve to be treated as such. Coaches that make students feel discriminated against, under confident, and morally undervalued. To the point that the whole team suffers because the students all care about one another. This situation has been brought to attention multiple times and no one has bothered to correct it, hold coaches accountable for their actions, or simply eliminate the source of the problem.
Mindset of education purpose, seems to be confused, focused on improve average versus fit education to different kids, budget also will be a challenge if MPS cannot improve its own efficiency
Apathy among both students and parents towards school, behaviors, and academic success.
Quality of teachers. Aging buildings.
Change
Midland Public Schools' greatest challenges are equity among buildings and in special education services.
Behavior in the classroom and space
Large Classroom size, attention to kids who need additional help or the ones "in between"- not exceeding but not falling behind "just getting by".
Frankly, only 48% of 3rd graders being proficient in reading!
Political correctness
I actually do not think that aging of the building is such a great challenge. They are still in good shape to me and continuous improvement has been done during the years
Growing learners to fit today's needs
Funding
The plan to tear down schools and place too many multi age students in a building. Putting preschool students in elementary schools when having them in one building so they feel comfortable and not just shoved in.
Outdated classrooms and bathrooms
Aging facilities and creating equal opportunity within the district. As the residences expend north and west of town, I fear it will create have vs have not schools.
The school board, and parents.
Keeping up with the world, technology and keeping our children safe with the state of the world
Deteriorating School buildings, over crowding of elementary schools and lack of bus drivers to be able to add more routes.
The administration, and lack of respect and order in the classroom

Old facilities, facilities that need updating, facilities that do not compare to the quality of other school districts
Large class sizes
Buildings
Poor vision and lack of common sense by the school board
Funding
The large number of students per classroom
Good Subs and assistants
Taking on too many initiatives for image instead of doing well at a few. Some programming takes away from foundational learning needs and taxing on teachers trying to balance needs and expectations.
Keeping away from the "woke" mentality
Facilities. Aquatics in particular.
The way the districts for various schools is divided, especially Jefferson/NE and Dow/Midland. It certainly seems there is intention to route certain kids to NE/Midland and others to Jefferson/Dow. This is problematic for a variety of reasons.
The option you are giving combining high schools. Way too costly and misleading. One high school hurts the kids. Too many school board members trying to spin it to the business leaders who aren't happy with it.
Overcrowding
Bullying
Receive more funds from any possible resources . The grand could help upgrade the facilities or provide more opportunities for educational experience
Embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion and preparing our children challenge prejudice.
Increases in taxes
Aging local population and reduced student numbers
Appropriately sizing schools. Downsizing due to lower attendance has been the recent trend, however, there seems to have been a minor baby boom, and it will be curious to see how that impacts numbers within the next few years.
Effective leadership.
Losing students to charter schools
Not enough teachers
Inequity in several different aspects of the organization. Everyone knows teachers who are fantastic and truly care and just as many that are terrible but get paid very highly for less work.

Same in true in several departments, not just amongst teaching staff. When that inequity is recognized, it leads to staff turnover and poor culture.
The changes with jobs in midland effecting lower enrollment.
Overcrowding and older buildings that haven't been kept up to date.
Declining student numbers
Growing pressure to adapt to DEI and woke social agendas instead of the focusing on building students skills in math, reading, history, and other foundational needs to be productive members of our community.
Capacity.
Cultural shifts and changes in attitudes within the community resulting in increased divisiveness.
Meeting needs of all
To stay focused on a strong workforce and dedication to students and curriculum; not getting bogged down in current trends. Parents are always the decision makers in their child's life.
Outdated
growing need vs. resources
Old facilities and competing with larger schools in arts and sports
Effectively handling kids and their cell phones/devices
Not all teachers are quality teachers. Some are bad. And nobody at MPS cares. Also there is too much (monetary) focus on athletics and not enough (monetary) focus on education.
Class size and more assistance with those below grade level. Lunch program needs changes as some are not cooked long enough and not appealing.
Resources seem stretched, and we seem to divide who has access to what depending on which school one attends.
Not appreciating their teaching staff and support staff and treating them like they are second class citizens when they do the hard work every single day.
The conservative views in the community who want to control content to have a religious or political bent
school closings, crowded classrooms
Parent politics and favoritism given to children whose parents are employed by Dow Chemical
Declining enrollment due to agenda-based teaching in the classroom along with taking on needs that are not being meet at home (food, clothing, support systems).
Changing and adapting to new technology.

I don't know for certain, but my guess is that we are unable to find enough teachers and other staffers.
Teachers
Restructuring
not having a more balanced curriculum. need to offer more electronic and creative approach instead of only math and science.
The new curriculum for elementary is not showing us growth in testing. Students are still falling behind and we are not offering enough support district wide.
Curriculum is too essay in elementary & middle schools as most students get an A. Teachers are too flexible with grading system.
Asking too much of the community
Shady board of education members
Quality of teachers, administration and facilities
Enrollment
Overzealous planning that may optimally serve the community.
Safety for all schools.
Older buildings that require public funds for improvements, negative public perception of public education in general, personal agendas and beliefs of decision makers that are counterintuitive to quality education, federal and state policies that undermine quality teaching and education, teacher/staff burnout, more challenging students, too high of standards for students
Managing progressive culture expectations and softening our standards for many to appease the few
Overcrowded rooms
Losing teachers, not getting paid salary like everyone else, no communication, lack of support, not keeping an inclusive environment
We are new to the neighborhood and school district this year. I was surprised at the size of the class (teacher/student ratio) and the size of the classroom that my child is in at Siebert Elementary. The learning environment is much less than I anticipated and a drastic change from the last public school district we were in.
The growing socioeconomic gap between Dow High and Midland High.
Higher security for the schools in keeping our kids safe.
Space in the schools
Too large of class sizes, no capacity or room in the buildings, limited opportunities for true inclusion
Offering quality special education services or supporting students who struggle in school

Over crowding of Elementary Schools
Allocating funds
Too many kids and not enough resources
Natural aging of the facilities and equipment.
Security in the preschool/Ok school Carpenter needs to be way better
Not enough support staff in order to ensure what we have in place is working effectively to support students especially as needs continue to rise. There are systematic changes needed but no one collects data to determine whether the systems are working in order to reflect and make meaningful changes for both staff and students. Staff mental health is a huge concern as a result of this. The expectations remain unrealistic.
Growing class sizes and funding
Too much open enrollment affecting elementary schools.
Overcrowding with the facilities that we currently have due to shutting down too many facilities.
Staffing shortages and middle school athletics.
Diversity. Not just for those of different cultures and backgrounds but those with neurodiversity.
Communication
Right wingers and Christian nationalists
Teachers trying to get the kids to their line of liberal views.
Changing demographics to the city. Its becoming a town of retirees not families.
Our community is being taxed to death, this is an extraordinarily large ask when many community members are facing financial hardship and have already experienced substantial tax increases. Adding another nearly \$700 ish a year is not going to be well received. Bullying an issue in the schools as well that is raised often and doesn't seem to be adequately addressed.
Over populated classes with a large teacher to student ratio, large schools, politics involved with school, bullying
space. classrooms and school buildings are very small for the growth we've seen
Providing an inclusive community for all students when many of the at-risk/ALICE student population struggles with transportation to/from school.
The aging buildings and division at the high school level.
Constantly changing how lessons are taught
Classrooms too full for optimal teacher/ student interaction and individualized teaching
Money, safety
Advocacy, pet projects, and special interests driving decision making.

Technology, teachers caring about all students, not having enough locker space for students at Dow high, no football stadium at Dow high and outdated chrome books
Keeping costs down to afford life
Large classes, limited support staff
A wide variety of opinions and the evolving landscape of education.
Allowing pedos into the schools.
Complacency
Meeting the needs of the ever changing atmospheres.
Needing another elementary school and security in schools especially high schools, letting students through unsecured doors
An increasing number of students are disruptive to the learning environment.
ratio of highly-qualified teachers to students (class sizes too large and not enough highly-qualified teachers), too many para-pros instead of TEACHERS
Right now class sizes are way too big. My kid has 28 or 29 in their 5th grade class.
It is running out of room and class sizes are becoming to big.
Old buildings, less offerings for students, and an overcrowding of elementary schools.
Using an ineffective literacy program for elementary grades
Valuing and understanding the importance of supported teachers and the foundation that the pre primary building is laying
Class sizes. Inequitable access to education. Poor facilities. Lackluster administration that cut staff to the bone to save money. Relying too much on volunteers. Poor planning for the future.
Influx of students and low availability of experienced teachers
Appropriately spending and allocating funds.
I think maintaining a high quality education while maximizing funds and updating aging buildings and grounds.
Buildings at end of life
turnover/fluctuation of administrators at buildings and downtown (hard to have a district vision when the leaders keep moving/changing)
Two main challenges. 1. Teacher quality and longevity. 2. Facilities being well past their useful lifecycle.
Diversity
Lack of special needs support staff.

Protecting students from bullying. I think the attendance is lopsided in Midland. I think they need to adjust school boundaries.
Aging facilities
A push by anti-intellectuals to try and infiltrate the school board and push their conservative ideology.
It's tough to get teachers. While some are excellent, we've had to provide our kids with tutoring to make up for some who are less than stellar.
Gaps in Services for Students, lack of diversity
Class sizes are getting too big at Siebert elementary. Not enough opportunities for advanced elementary students to receive extra opportunities to be challenged academically. Each elementary school should have a delegated gifted and learning classroom for each grade, not just one class at Central Park.
Sticking with tradition and what's best for kids while also meeting the demands of technology and social changes as well as old infrastructure. There has to be a way to do it all.
Providing excellent student options for post graduation opportunities. Not all students are college material, and there is a strong need for industrial skills such as electricians, etc. Aging facilities are straining the systems as well.
aging of facilities
The greatest challenge is attempting to rebuild the trust that has been destroyed between the community and the school district. And what seems to be a large amount of turnover among staff.
Financial, plans for the budgets, lack of updating of facilities.
My daughters school just needs more space
Teachers with no experience. Teachers influencing students about their political and world views
I feel that there is very little support/push for athletics within this school district. I am always seeing things about the fine arts (i.e. band etc.), robotics, etc. Very rarely do we see any push, marketing or positive publicity from the school regarding athletics. It comes across as if it is almost intentional.
The world today, too many outside things to deal with that the actual 'school' part is lacking because of everything else.
There are many teachers that find children below grade level as inconveniences and are unwilling to meet them where they are at.
MPS has way too big of class sizes in elementary.
There is not as many people wanting to become staff.
Lack of social studies materials in the middle school; staffing
Financing new projects

Lack of resources and space in buildings
Very little commitment to help students with neurodivergent challenges. Students with these challenges are excluded from standard classrooms, forced to attend the single school in the district that can somewhat support them. That support is well-intended but the broader staff is untrained and handle interaction with these students poorly.
Parent involvement
Facility locations and limitations
Administration
new changes
Overcrowding in the elementary schools.
Updates to the current schools. Putting security systems in place and cameras in all buildings.
So many kids.
To go forward with the same determination for each student to meet their needs and goals. Students should excel because of their schools not in spite of them.
Over crowding
Pushing DEI instead of focusing on academics and individual accountability.
Evolving to provide programs that students need
Underutilizing support staff as a consistent resource for teachers. Large class sizes, behaviors, and a growing list of curriculum requirements seems to lead to burn out.
Not enough parking lot space at each school
The same general struggles with education- teachers having to put up with classroom distractions with behavior, technology, etc. and requirements from the government for what to teach/how to teach adds a lot of pressure, too much testing.
Lack of direction for the future and needs of the students
Keeping well qualified staff with such low pay
Bullying
Deteriorating facilities
Bringing students up to the level, they should be and keeping them there. Students that have reading problems often have to go to private tutoring to succeed
Support for teachers/adding too many responsibilities on teachers
Old facilities and inconsistent administration. Moving them around too much makes it difficult to have consistencies in our schools.
extra-curricular activities

Too much woke stuff
Safety.
Not having enough room in classrooms.
Finding quality teachers to teach the advanced subjects.
I think they care too much about their reputation. I think they focus too much on the high achievers. The high achievers are going to do just fine no matter what.
Pick up and drop off of students. But honestly I see the food being served as a challenge. I would like to see the schools be on the frontier line of healthy eating.
Overcrowding in some of the elementary schools, school safety / mental health of students
Support for faculty, state of the art facilities, and space
Logistics of transporting children of all ages to school and extra-curricular events.
safety
Diversify
The overall changing of the world in general
Financial
Lack of support
Aging facilities
Continuing to keep up with the changing environments, technology and safety seem to be things that are always evolving.
Aging facilities.
Schools too full and growth - I have a student at Siebert and classes are too large
MPS needs to shift its focus back to the basics - Reading, Writing and Arithmetics
Changing demographics
Money
Facilities are definitely falling behind. Additionally, a clarity of vision for support staff is much needed.
Possible shrinking enrollment, age of infrastructure.
Maintenance of facilities
Facilities. Sports are not a priority. ESP Middle School sports
Aging facilities, Administrative/teacher burnout
The inequality of the student populations at each building. Some buildings have more less privileged students than others do.

Growing population, lack of diversity, funding
Focused too much on metrics, need to put the children first
Elementary classrooms are too full for efficient learning
Mental health issues with students
Challenging students with more high level knowledge so they can be competitive with applying for college
2. Making sure there is no bullying, or abusive behavior as well keeping school drugs and marijuana free environment
Buildings, facilities for athletics
The faculty
Poor Facilities
Out dated facilities, buildings, etc.
Currently a challenge I feel Midland Public Schools is facing is the out of date ELA curriculum that is not supported by the science of reading and current research. Elementary school teachers are expected to spend over two and a half hours each day on the current curriculum.
Continue to move the bar when it comes to academic rigor.
Using their teachers time during specials more wisely for them to collaborate with each other instead of attending meetings
Keeping up with classroom technologies and ensuring classrooms have the equipment they need to stay competitive.
Diversity; competitiveness
The needs of our students is growing, but our resources to provide for those needs are not keeping pace. Some of these needs are with the students themselves (e.g. academic readiness, mental health, etc). Other needs come from changing expectations for schools. Schools in 2024 are expected to provide much more in terms of programming, support, and facilities than they were 50+ years ago.
Student overload. Too many students in one location.
security
administration
politics within midland
Increased children with behavior concerns
Bullying drugs and alcohol
Over crowding. Safety. Too many kids per class. Extreme lack of Pre-K options
outdated facilities

Misinformation
Maintaining a quality teaching staff.
The greatest challenge is funding as things continue to be more and more expensive in every facet of the school district.
Teacher being able to properly help their students, cause their so many kids in a room or not enough time..
Some kids don't get it as fast as others, and some don't have parents at home to help all the time if they have to work.
And so a lot of the new stuff parents don't understand at all
Space and equity with that space (level of upgrades and safety) across buildings.
Racism. Bias. Lack of diversity in staffing and faculty. The proficiency grading scale has devastated our kids' progress. There is no accountability for finishing work in time. Our high schooler is struggling because his middle school structure was so passive. There's no active communication for how your kid is doing in their classes. Almost none of the teachers actively update scores in either of the tools given to parents. Our younger children will not attend MPS.
Lack of administrative support in the schools...one principal for 600+ kids with no nurse, counselor or assistant principal is unrealistic when adding in all of the tasks required
Declining enrollment and aging facilities
Avoiding the woke agenda.
Society's lack of respect for public schools
How to strive for excellence while facing limitations with facilities and resources
Failure to address learning disabilities including dyslexia because scientifically proven interventions exist and are not included in the MPS curriculum.
Budget constraints and aging buildings
As such a large district it is very difficult to feel like High and Dow are one school. Shared resources don't always seem fair.
Midland doesn't like having academically low or at risk students.
Kids getting lost in the shuffle. We do a good job of helping the low students and acknowledging the high students, but our low"ish" and average students get lost.
bullying
Being able to challenge the more advanced students while bringing up the lower students
Many of the families are struggling and already having difficulty at home, then adding school issues will be hard due to families having a lot less money due to economy at this current time.
Lack of follow through at home; students are more apathetic and blame is placed on staff.

Government push of political BS, being woke, DEI, teachers pushing their own political views on students.
A morale crisis.
obviously this survey is addressing an aging infrastructure
Trying to do too much (social, diversity, inclusion, meeting too many needs)
Their ability to accommodate kids with learning disabilities
Supporting kids who are struggling. Proficiency scores are surprisingly low
Managing behavior needs and supporting students in a whole child approach
Communication
The rising inequity between the two major districts within town.
The school and facility failing to provide to students and keep up with issues like clocks failing and classes that are outdated to the point of harm.
All aspects of diversity.
Facilities
Overcrowding
Dow Downsizing and globalizaiton.
Bullying
School safety is terrifying, period. That's up there as #1. I think it could also be hard balancing the socioeconomic diversity in midland and really meeting everyone where they are.
All initiatives they keep swinging back-and-forth to but not doing well at any of them
Taking on initiatives and then not following through. Not giving support to teachers and staff.
Not focused on needs of students that are not college bound including special needs students. Inherent bias against socioeconomic disadvantaged students.
Communication needs to be simplified. We have 5 kids in 3 different schools and we get on average, 6 emails a day and most of it does not pertain to us. So guess what happens when something important comes through from the same senders? We miss it because we are so sick of seeing generic emails come through. Communication is great but it needs to be relevant, timely and to the point.
The other issue we have had is just being a part of our kids schooling, I used to volunteer every year for all my kids and lately the schools have become more and more unwelcoming to parents.
Sounds like money and the safety of the buildings
Community pressures to dismantle equity, inclusion, and social-emotional support efforts.
Aging schools

Safety
Facility/infrastructure needs. Uphill climb in community support for either scenario given the challenges of the current economy.
Listening to parents input
An elementary reading curriculum that needs to be phased out for a new curriculum that is aligned with the science of reading, over crowding/unbalanced elementary schools due to school of choice, needing updates on middle school facilities, and needing more para pros in the elementary schools
Woke ism and socialism
Behavior
Facility costs, keeping educational environments safe and healthy in the face of the tiktok/social media/chronically online era
Financing
Unmotivated teachers (underpaid and underappreciated)
Shrinking population, teacher pay, helicopter parents disarming teachers, aging facilities, climate of Tax reduction.
I feel I'm communicated AT rather than TO very often. Some teachers seem to be better about it than others.
Maintaining its mandate of teaching reading, writing and mathematics.
Space
Large classroom sizes
Politically motivated community members trying to undermine any and all things school
Keeping the standard as high as it has always been. It is what keeps people bringing their kids to MPS
There is some failed infrastructure (North East), and MPS could improve with some social/emotional curriculum.
Current Board and administration not listening to the community and thinking that money is unlimited
Aging facilities, buildings and fields
People who want to undermine public schools because of political agenda
Elementary school classroom size. This may or may not be a problem at the moment but it was when my now 19 and 16 year old daughters attended Woodcrest elementary. The staff did an excellent job trying to find volunteers to help in the classroom when students needed additional help but having a parent volunteer as opposed to an actual trained teacher helping struggling students is not an ideal situation. The teachers were spread to thin at the time.

Not sure about the current superintendent but the previous superintendent gave the impression he didn't see people of color as equal. His actions and comments largely supported a non-DEI point of view.
How to finance an excellent education for students despite a continuing low birth rate.
Having to keep up with the federal and state Academic expectations while at the same time sacrificing the mental wellness of the child. Not enough help and support for students who struggle with these expectations.
Bullying, not dealing with bullying At All letting it slide and sweeping it under the carpet based on popularity or status of the parents and too many kids crammed in one extra curricular activity not giving them all a chance to participate. Too many students not enough staff to teach them or enough protection from threats . Need healthier food options as well
Reading proficiency
Education needs to be tailored to accommodate different individual's needs.
Limited high school class availability causing schedule conflicts, not allowing students to take classes they want
Infrastructure
School of choice, population increase, old buildings.
Old buildings and infrastructure
Democrat woke agendas
Budgets
Bad test scores in literacy
The over emphasis in DEI. The staff who withhold information from parents. The misinformation that the staff and district push. The low testing scores. The loss of learning directly connected to the poor COVID decisions.
Learning plan tailored for every individual
Keeping the wide verity of cultures feeling involved in our schools community.
Woke mind virus.
Declining National test scores, fewer students performing at acceptable grade levels.
Putting their focus not on learning and growth but on social justice issues. Not listening to parents.
We have so many initiatives and changes (elementary literacy curriculum, elementary district assessments, technology, administrative personnel) that it's hard to do any ONE thing well.
Modern cultural thinking
Becoming too large and losing touch with students individual needs.

Managing resources. Jefferson pool has been in a state of disrepair for at least 7 years, Dow High all students have to share lockers.
Figuring out the plan for the future changes
Not listening to the teachers and staff
Shrinking enrollment and aging / out of date facilities, lack of athletic experiences
Listening to parents
Too many threats.
Funding the needs of our special education students.
Capacity and too many people enrolling who do not live in the district or county even.
More academically talented programs
Focus on education.
Infrastructure, crowded elementary buildings
Finanace
keeping up with modern materials and building needs
Social media - becoming to dependent on it.
Special Education - all aspects including staffing, follow-through, post-secondary education
I see a group of children who are at risk but nothing seems to be done to address this. The issue is reading. I had a child who struggled with reading. We read every night but nothing seemed to help. I asked for help but even though she was reading a year below her grade I was told she wasn't bad enough. I have a friend whose daughter struggled with reading and math who was put in special Ed. I've volunteered at school and met a little girl who had been held back twice and still couldn't read. A place that I worked a mother came in to see if we could help her son who had been held back twice because he couldn't read and the school wanted to retain him a third time! Has our school not heard about dyslexia? Is there no one trained to help students who have dyslexia? Why aren't special instructors helping these kids on a daily basis? I understand why we need to work on infrastructure, but let's help these kids too rather than build new pools, stadiums etc. our kids are our future!
up grading facilities
community cohesion and marginal athletic facilities
Funding
Maintenance of older buildings. Overcrowding in elementary schools.
Remaining focused on educational basics and keeping schools open.
Utilizing resources efficiently that help out a majority of students.
Space for special education students that is appropriate for their needs

Space for all students and particularly special education rooms
Aging facilities and staffing shortages.
Infrastructure as a whole.
Class sizes have exploded this year!
Capacity and aging infrastructure
A loss of a unified identity and focus on academics with a shift towards socially active and politically related causes seeping into the curriculum and, probably more importantly, into the symbology and messaging throughout the school building, acculturating the schools. Although present in both high schools, it appears more overt at Midland High. I have no direct information on the elementary and middle schools.
Community buy-in and support from individuals who do not have students in the district
lots of students and full schools
The safety
Having enough money to get supplies.
everything
Getting teachers that aren't uselessly brand new, overall communication from schools
Teachers that take away learning opportunities for the entire class as punishment to one.
Lack of diverse learning opportunities and learning choices.
Failing curriculum expectations. Teacher once had excellence as their standard and it is slipping.
Helping kids who have reading challenges. My son is dyslexic and we get no help through MPS. We have to go outside to get him to reading level.
Curriculum development
I do not think Midland Public Schools is facing any big challenges.
There are significant challenges with ever increasing demands on our public schools to provide not only an education, but many other services to our students. Although we are often in the region considered to be one of the more wealthy districts, we still have a large portion of the population that is designated as Title 1.
Diversity
Middle schools need updates
Lack of socialization due to increase use of social media.
Capacity and aging facilities
I think the quality of education is declining rapidly. We focus too much on political issues and ignore the education standards which should be the focus of the school.

Crowding in classrooms
Over reaching with these two proposals
They have to big of an ego.
Reading and writing performance at grade level. The school/teachers assuming they have to teach students empathy, bravery, risk taking, basically parenting.
We have experienced the overcrowding at Siebert Elementary. I'd like to see smaller class sizes so educators can offer better support to students and a more conducive environment for learning.
We are not keeping up with in technology. We do not have IT people at the highest level for the district. We have people that are good with computers or IT. We need to look into hiring people with expert knowledge for the future because it's coming faster than most people will understand.
We need to start looking at other schools from around our own state and see what they are doing. The wood shop program or other programs are on the rise and we are staying the same. We are not growing as a school.
We try to do too much - jack of all trades, master of none. We offer so many options for kids & stretch ourselves too thin.
Large class sizes, lack of funding, split of course offerings between Dow and Midland High Schools requiring students to travel between the buildings to take advantage of the full course offerings at the high school level
Fluctuating enrollment
You need a new consolidated swim/dive facility for the area.
Aging building and updating facilities to keep up with technology.
Aging buildings
Paying for this proposed bond
Wokeness. Teaching kids the basics, writing, arithmetic, reading, banning cellphones in favor of focus of daily education
special needs
Aging infrastructure
Continuing to provide high quality services with rising costs. Greater cooperation with community organizations and businesses is needed.
Strong start in primary grades particularly in LA and reading
Lack of planning for space for students classes this fall are too large
directed interventions and educational support for ALL levels....not just elementary
Security of schools, keeping technology current

Ensuring teachers are utilizing modern, best-practice, data-based teaching methods.
School of choice
Challenging student behaviors and unrealistic expectations of how to move forward with this bond proposal.
Not qualified administration!
Student's distractions... especially screens
Maintains all from my answer in question 1. Prop B will destroy opportunities to participate for every extracurricular activity. This includes all athletics, performing arts, clubs. As a travel coach I see students playing football, basketball, baseball, soccer and others from grade 4 through high school. These students are often together on a team for 6 years before they ever play HS sports. They have bonds and have huge advantage of having spent years together, making our HS teams more competitive. In many cases HS coaches are coaching these travel teams as well, so players enter their HS athletics with a distinct advantage. These kids are already dreaming of the possibility to play together for their HS. Prop B kills that dream by reducing the number of athletes in half. Prop A threatens to force kids & families to attend a different school than they had planned. Are you offering school of choice with Prop A, as you did 25 years ago when my family was forced into a new district on the eve of my sons transition to HS? Wasn't anyone considering "aging facilities" when they refurbished Central Intermediate? What is the intended repurpose of Jefferson, why isn't that being clearly communicated in advance.
Communication to parents and students about district or school things
A need for increased safety and security.
Dealing with the challenges of government doctrine versus what's really best for the students
cultural decline, resulting in decrease in student readiness to learn
Changing demographics of Midland.
Large school size
The community stadium with 2 high schools. It would be more idea to have each HS have its own facilities
In need of upgrades/inside and outside
Outdated technology
Inclusion and support for different ethnic groups and the teachers
Too much focus on DEI junk
Bullying
Middling at best - not outstanding, but could be worse
Using curriculum that is discredited in other states
One football field for 2 high schools and 2 middle schools is silly.

Going away from teaching critical thinking and social skills
Morality
Increasing class sizes
Poverty
Updated facilities
Capacity issues and increased enrollment
Funding
Letting girls wear shortie shorts. It is disrespectful to woman. My bf daughter wears shorts to school that when she bends over you can see her butt cheeks.
Too focused on DEI and not enough on topics that actually help children succeed in life.
Facilities
passing an increase millage
Infrastructure
DEI stands for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion- no thank you for my students!
Kids still falling behind from Covid years, students needing extra support, sports issues- bussing, uniforms, equipment and students getting opportunities to play, helping students to better understand the IB/AP testing and the opportunities to do the early college program.
Future decisions
Lack of leadership in some buildings, very low morale, very high workloads of employees, lack of consistency between buildings, student behavior is out of control at one middle school and MUST be addressed
Diversity and equity. The woke agenda. Bullying
The lack of proper city planning has created a wide economic divide between the Midland High area and the Dow High area. Income driven housing units are being built in the MHS area, while larger, more expensive, housing communities are being constructed in the DHS area. There should be a much bigger effort to disburse these two differing housing options throughout Midland. Not just one side versus the other. This lends to the MPS school divide.
Need more qualified teachers with good teaching skills to provide more course options to students. Compared to previous years, academically advanced high schools students are now limited to course selection due to lack of qualified teachers.
Keeping and finding quality teachers for the high standards of the community.
building are getting older
Smaller population resulting in less (FTE) dollars for the district.

I think we have to face what most schools and communities have to face right now - progress is being slowed by community members who have strong opinions who are shouting down folks who are aware that not everyone in our community is able to access our resources in the same way. It's not fun to be in decision making roles because you literally can NOT make everyone happy (especially when there are folks determined to be upset if they don't get exactly what they want even when research and data support other positions). But you've got to go with the science. That's the reason we have it and the reason we have such a huge focus on STE(A)M in our curriculums....Most folks can be reasonable when they're presented with research-based facts and will recognize that those who aren't are 1) in the vast minority and 2) are just determined to be...
Continued improvement
Catching up to the rest of the Public School districts regarding facilities
Bullying
Shrinking classes Teacher satisfaction Pre K opportunities Aging facilities
Hiring good teachers and who enjoy their students, i.e., we need another band teacher because the one we have is over stretched trying to cover too many classes.
Getting the public to understand the financial policies and guidelines the district must follow. Buildings are a mess. Falling apart with furniture that is all a mess. Parents/Guardians that are aligned with politics that get in the way of learning and teaching a diverse population of students.
Some of the schools are older need updated. More security
Elementary schools that are outdated
Aging buildings, inconsistent security
The evidence
You caused overcrowding by making the decision and tore down all those elementary schools. Now a couple years, you want to build new ones at the tax payers expense. NO, SOME OF US LIVE ON A FIXED BUDGE AND CAN'T AFFORD THIS INCREASE! 1
Aging facilities
Continued competitive curriculum and investments in the Arts.
Remaining frugal with the taxpayers money - spending like it's your own money
Attitudes, bullying, outside issues affecting schools
Class sizes and allocation of resources to accommodate them especially at the elementary level

I think like all schools quality is probably reflected in available budget and ability to hire top staff.
Aging buildings and facilities
funding
Need for updated technology.
The inability to properly understand the needs of the community as a whole!
Aging buildings
maintaining the historic high quality education in the current social and economic conditions.
Age of buildings and functionality. Another is the cross town rivalry if the high schools are combined
MPS needs to strengthen their trades programs to allow for more students access to the trades. Too many students are being pushed to college.
Staffing
Bullying and lower paid teachers
breakdown of society and man made climate change
Having consistency across the district
Social issues creating a divide
I think the class sizes have gotten way big. I also truly believe that we are lacking a career School like SCC. They have them all over the state and I feel like our community gain a lot by adding one.
infrastructure
Becoming increasingly ideological. Outcomes are not sufficiently superior to state and national averages. Competition in the school marketplace should make MPS stronger but would probably be viewed as a challenge.
Marxism's long march thru the institutions.
Class size at the elementary level and disparity of education quality across schools within the district.
Funding.
Declining enrollment
Schools located in the older section of town becoming the lower socioeconomic area vs. the schools to the North and West. The separation between the two high schools and two sides of town both economically and academically.

Need to challenge students on how to think, not what to think. Students should not be able to determine a teacher's bias and personal option. Schools need to focus on reading, writing and math skills. They need to deviate from political and social activism focusing on critical race theory, DEI, etc. They need to embrace humanity and respect for all and stop categorizing students into divisive groups. The school needs to focus on educating kids in all facets of real life skills. They need to leave school understanding civics (purpose of the government, America) and it should be a core curriculum K-12. They need to understand basic fundamental skills finance, cooking/nutrition/health, etc.
Aging facilities
Large class sizes
Old building, bullying, poor female sports programs
Outside political non-sense.
Well, obviously facility needs are a big challenge. Other challenges include uncertain state funding, not knowing from year to year the amount the district will receive per pupil. Other challenges include increasing student needs (special services, social/emotional needs, etc.)
overcrowding and a lack of consistency in experience across the district. Not many people want to go to central park due to perceived issues
not a fan of the emotional learning class that is taking up time when they should be learning math science reading and fundamentals. not a fan of rainbows, not a fan of the all inclusive grading scale over all not a fan of how teachers are being told what to teach and how to teach and no one is held accountable for actions and there is no discipline. MPS needs to take a step back and look at what has always worked not how to change things
Students/families that don't value and support education, and bullies, drugs, disruptive students in classrooms, and keeping quality employees.
Large classroom numbers
Aging facilities along with a tough economic environment making the fixes expensive.
Too much teachers use computers for everything
Size of classrooms and updated facilities
Lake of funding
Funding and teachers using their liberal agenda when it is uncalled for
A lack of willingness to change and innovate from the administration (for example: later start time for high school, longer passing times for secondary and longer lunches for all ages, one half day per week, ending point-levels!!!, etc.) — I'm talking structural changes that actually make a difference; a lack of administrative willingness to stand up for what's right (like ending point-levels) and what's best for students & teachers based on what students & teachers say they need. Also it's disgusting that there is no paid parental leave (without having to use your own sick days first...). All these things will stop teachers from wanting to work at MPS and from wanting to go in to teaching in general, which is probably the biggest challenge public schools face (teacher shortage).

Lowering enrollment and aging buildings
Teachers leaving the profession due to poor pay, and poor working environments.
Lower enrollment as population has few children
I do believe that the facilities are getting very outdated and need investment.
MPS could focus more on English/creative writing. They could make it easier to participate in clubs and sports at the middle school level (transportation, regular announcements about clubs starting, etc). Right now, focusing on those kids who were part of this Covid mess (so many parents have said their kids are quiet, don't have friends, etc and math classes just barreled on ahead without addressing the gaps for the Senior class). Need more space for theater and music
The outside politics are polluting our Childrens education inside the education system. There has been so much focus on college and not enough on trades. Kids are not getting engaged with their future career aspirations. Too much Government. (ie. standardized testing, "industry experts", funding, etc.)
Funding to keep pace with changing parent demands and student needs. Possibly overbuilding for a future population that may not be there.
MPS Administration does not listen and take into account input or feedback from their own staff and students. MPS excels because of its teachers, staff, and students, not the administration.
The challenge of giving the advanced students more advanced work when other students need to catch up.
Infrastructure & technology advancements
Everything
Old buildings
over crowded classrooms. underpaid staff, teachers, subs and para-pro. BULLYING
Planning for the future (regarding facilities).
Potential new funding request on the ballot in May 2025 will be especially challenging to get approval since the approved 2015 bonds were also needed to keep existing school buildings physical plant updated and secure.
Administration being out of touch with what teachers and students need to succeed
Buildings reaching their end of life and maintaining a smaller town feel
Upkeep
Outside forces trying to change public schools into parochial private schools.
Not offering classes that are geared to life.
Better preparing students for the trades. This is a dwindling workforce, greater emphasis needs to be placed on the potential for success in these areas.

Population decline
Bullying and social emotional learning gaps (but I am seeing positive movement)
Facilities
Levels and standards of education
Infrastructure challenges and apparent lack of a long term plan to address these
Division...the have's and the have-not's, minority acceptance, the "friendly" rivalry between DHS and MHS. Conservatism and Liberalism. MPS is reflective of our community, so these are things which are community struggles. No blame on MPS.
The buildings are old and difficult to maintain. Repairs are costly.
Taxation increases with the millage as midland has already been skyrocketing property taxes for homeowners as it currently stands.
Not teaching in different ways for people who learn differently
Working within your budget!
Attracting and retaining teachers. Facilities are useless without adequate the teaching staff to meet students needs.
Safety and security
Leadership and management of money we passed a village a few years ago for a new roofs and now they're saying schools need new roofs and they used most of that money for a new stadium and gyms for schools and now they're saying we need new ones doesn't make sense
Space & money to get any projects done
class size to teacher ratio.
Remaining inclusive and providing educators who know their field of study, it's application, and are inspiring
Bias/racism-- educators/staff/administration taking into consideration and dealing with ingrained biases that affect their daily decisions when dealing with students of color. Students of color should be consulted about how their lives are affected everyday by students saying racist things to them, teachers/staff disciplining students of color differently, and whatever else these students say is affecting how they are learning and the school environment in general.
Aging facilities and infrastructure
Teacher training to handle changing needs of students and dealing with parents
Bureaucracy and people solely concerned with their next position.
Overcrowding of the schools and their ability to efficiently and effectively deal with bullying at all grade levels.
Liberal programs like crt that distort actual history and discourage thinking .

Recognizing not all students will go on to a four year college/university. Students heading towards a vocational background have limited options (from what I know—thinking in terms of a Bay Arenac Skill Center option)
Lack of bussing
Aging facilities
Scheduling for students. If MPS were to run some classes with smaller class sizes more students could schedule the classes the desire.
Overcrowding in the elementary schools.
Smaller class sizes than the past and availability to continue offering wide variety of curriculum opportunities
Failing facilities
Focusing on critical educational issues and learning to tune-out noise from then many sources of irrelevancy. This means to me that we need to emphasize the three "r"s. It is also critical to the community that life skills (civics, handling money, conflict resolution) be taught without preaching.
Uneducated teachers
Funding
Lack of support for current bond proposal options
<p>1. Busing. Judging by the mile long line up of cars dropping off and picking up kids, it's a hard sell for me to think you need new buses.</p> <p>2. Debt. MPS still has the original bond debt out there (which you conveniently don't mention) now you want to issue more debt. This is unacceptable, you are taking on too much debt. Nothing I see is pressing, wait until the first bond issue is complete.</p> <p>3. This is not a competition to see what town or city can have the nicest schools. Get back to living within you means and respecting where these tax dollars come from.</p> <p>4. MPS board members need to understand that a 3.10 mil increase may not seem like much to you but for some it's the difference between eating or taxes.</p> <p>5. Be more aware of your words to the public. In the MDN you have Phil Rausch making the quote "Any time we talk about a bond, I don't think any-body on the board takes that lightly". This is the exact "boilerplate quote" that was made for the first bond issue. Empty words, regardless of this survey, you going to put this on the ballet anyway. This is nothing but theater.</p> <p>6. MPS puts too much emphasis on SPORTS! What is needed with today's poor preforming kids in MORE CLASS TIME to prepare them for the future.</p>
Uncivilized kids
school
Bloated proposals for unnecessarily expensive bonds, swings from too many schools and closing/demoing to thinking we need to build new

Adding the schools back that you destroyed.
Issues with current buildings such as mold, mice, not being kept to good condition, technology issues seems like lack of funding
Excessive focus on testing and testing scores, which is often counterproductive and detrimental to student growth.
Quality student time
The mental health challenges that kids and families are facing. The shift in everything in our schools to be technology based. Too much time on devices including chrome books.
To come up with a clear long term vision for the district, something I feel has been unfortunately lacking in the past.
addressing at risk students needs. They are great with high performing students
Funding everything the set as a priority
Buildings
Retain teachers who can support students of all levels in a classroom, Reducing the need for driving and bussing.
Race and wealth disparity issues. Diversity isn't a strength in the community.
Aging infrastructure
The shortage of teachers for specialized courses (ex. foreign languages, STEM courses, etc.) is a big challenge, as well as a lack of funding for clubs to function.
Loosing focus of priorities, worrying about being politically correct instead of teaching
Midland Public Schools still has a long way to go when it comes to diversity, equity and inclusion in the classrooms. A lot of curriculum is also outdated.
Apparently maintaining test scores since we are falling behind the state.
Finding and retaining staff
Safety
Population decline
School balance
A growing community with limited capacity for students.
Staying current
Convincing the community to pay to update facilities.
Aging buildings
Could use more support for struggling students
Facilities are outdated and need to be replaced with updated ones

Facilities. This district is sorely lacking when it comes to athletics, performing arts, etc. In this world of remote-working, currently MPS is not a destination for families due to its deficiencies when it comes to modern physical amenities.
Lack of real long term planning.
Keeping kids safe
Adjusting to changing demographics.
Since MPS closed several elementary schools and tore down some, this proposal to build new schools is going to be a hard sell to many people.
Fighting the woke mind virus the liberal elites in this town have
Making education effective
Continuing to incorporate DEI and social emotional wellbeing. Balancing school safety with an overly burdensome program.
Decrease in students
The student body has become somewhat troubled. In particular, the students currently in 8th & 9th grad have had several incidents and can be quite rude and disrespectful.
Only 50% of 3rd graders can read. Academics should be the top priority.
Outdated facilities
Old infrastructure and a sense of stagnancy/lacking the confidence to make necessary changes requested by students and staff.
phone policy
Declining enrollment as the population of the community changes over time.
None.
lack of consistency between highschoools (Midland, Dow) such as the computer science department
The greatest challenge is increasing class sizes and building populations. Continuing to allow school of choice families when buildings are at capacity is concerning. In addition to this, behavior and discipline are also a major issue.
Money
I think the greatest challenge is making sure that all students are mentally healthy. Although there are initiatives to make that happen, I don't think that they go far enough.
Safety concern
Student behavior and discipline. Students are not held accountable for their behavior by the school and this is carrying over into other students performances and academics.
Parent/student/administration communication, DEI, Mental health resources

Keeping a balanced budget and being financially stable.
Out of date/aging facilities and large class sizes
Too much work done on computers. Not enough group contact
meeting new people
The technology and equipment are not very up-to-date.
It is very hard to create change; the school board is very rigid.
I think the greatest challenge is managing growing number of students with the resources available. For example, counseling is something I feel like is often stretched thin during the school year.
Prioritizing perceived needs
I think that the greatest challenge MPS is facing is phones.
Unity and a sense of community
They are focusing on too much unnecessary issues like phones in class, absences, or other new rules and regulations.
Lack of diversity and large class sizes. The most advanced classes at Dow High have started to become overpopulated. I also think that Midland's and Dow's academics are very different and Dow has much more academically inclined students.
Handling Technology
The greatest challenge that Midland Public Schools is facing right now is the usage of AI in the classroom and the discourse it ensures.
Scrutiny from the kids and parents.
Lack of advanced courses, incompetent leadership in both the district and in the individual schools
infrastructure. A lot of the buildings are really old and it shows
Funding for students to pursue all their interests. (i.e. some programs have potential to be greater but have lack of funding)
Classes are full
Obsolescence of buildings and population shift.
Resources for special needs children, lack of proper, caring staff and training to deal with the kids.
Inequality and test score differences between the schools that have students with poorer families vs students with wealthier families
Aging facilities.

Keeping up with the times given the aging facilities including athletic facilities. We want to attract families and students to the MPS district but that is getting harder when there are better experiences people can have at schools with better facilities, building infrastructure, technology to give a few examples.
Making decisions that impact so many people
Money
Miss management of funds and implementation of programs such as DEI without putting it on a ballot where the parents and tax payers can have input on what is happening.
Trying to change where the kids go.
MPS needs more teachers and admin. They are overworked with their caseload.
Housing of our special needs students. There are enough students in my opinion to have both middle schools and both high schools have ASD rooms. These kids are bounced from school to school or room to room because that is what MPS allows ESA to have.
Space and aging infrastructure
aging infrastructure
Overcrowded elementary school classrooms, either because there aren't enough teachers or because there aren't enough classrooms.
Declining enrollment, decaying building structures (need for more innovative environment)
Trying to predict enrollment.
Keeping children in MPS vs. homeschooling.
Getting the community together on what is best long-term for the school district.
Diversity. There is no unified behavior management plan; every teacher just handles behavior as they seem fit. Behavior management plans are dated and do not match current practices.
Social Media influence on students
I believe MPS's most significant challenge is addressing a growing number of students attending smaller adjacent districts like Freeland, Hemlock, and Meridian.
Safety
It is an great error trying to remove all adversity from children by trying to make everything fair and equitable. You allow current trends to be promoted in the school while avoiding other beliefs. These trends have nothing to do with childrens education and should be kept out of schools.
Facilities are dated.
Diversity
Overpopulation and safety
Increased class size

The increase in neurodivergence in the Midland population and lack of resources and up to date training in that area for our administration, teachers, and support staff.
Outdated facilities, lack of space
I personally think the lack of diversity among students and staff is a huge issue- and has impacted my black student each year he has attended MPS.
They overly restrict what websites students can use, restricting websites like the louvre and websites for other school districts.
Overcrowded elementary schools
Racism in the community and with staff.
Paying teachers more money.
I feel the biggest challenge that this district faces is change for the sake of change. Changes should be evidence-based, and consideration to longevity is important. Carpenter Street School was remodeled not long before it was taken offline as an elementary school, and now it's being looked at for possible demolition. Wasted funding. And the planning for Central Park Elementary was poorly thought out and executed. I love the idea of a STEM school, but not as a school that is defaulted to people in a geographic neighborhood. It should have been implemented as an optional district-wide school.
Listening to the people.
Accommodating kids from hard places and/or challenging behaviors. Teachers need far more support to honor 504 plans or other issues. Gen ed kids are pushed aside and average childhood behaviors are not handled well because teachers have zero time to support children. Every elementary class needs a para who is paid a living wage. Current pay will never attract highly trained and trauma-informed staff.
The idea that we need to change everything to make it better
parking lot safety, Keeping actual programs that teach skills instead of book smarts that aren't useful in real life. No one is using Trig unless they are in a field that uses that and usually requires a college degree where you are forced to take those types of classes. As a former mps student I can honestly say none of that has helped me survive life as an adult. It's just busy work to make conforming and easy controllable adults. I think the great challenge you face is failing the kids who aren't destined for college but for a skilled labor such as press operators (printing technology classes that were done away with), mechanics, welding, art, ect.
Overcoming liberal educations desire to indoctrinate our children
Building health. . Decling enrollment
Shrinking student population
Bond proposal
diversity
Older facilities
Teachers and staff feeling unappreciated and overworked

Consistency, and an approach of trying to do too many things without full implementation instead of trying to do fewer things well and completely.
Staff shortages, limited resources, Bullying from students
Lack of opportunity for kids to have exposure to multiple alternative paths to college and professions and lack of preparation to independent living skills
Too much politics in handling troubled kids
Social media and homeschooling
Teachers don't really communicate with parents
Leadership
Infrastructure
Meeting the educational needs of all students, especially in elementary school. MPS MATEP scores show less than half of third graders can read at grade level. This is an educational tragedy.
I think the greatest challenge for MPS is figuring out how to keep talented and dedicated teacher and paraprofessionals.
Overcrowding
Behavior of students. I do not like seeing well behaved students having to deal with such disruptive students. It takes away from their quality of education. I have seen this many, many times first hand. It simply is not fair to have a small number of students in a classroom take so much attention from the teacher. This needs to be identified and addressed in kindergarten, not waiting another year or two. If it takes more than a couple months, a paraprofessional needs to be assigned to that disruptive student. If parents knew how much of their child's education is being sacrificed for ill- behaved children, they would be very upset.
Continued excellence-forcing to be one vs separate as always been.
Lack of classes available
Not enough counselors for students
Aging infrastructure
From a physical asset perspective, the challenges are aging facilities and modernizing security. From a student perspective, I would like to see improvements in diversity and inclusion.
Facilities are in rough shape. Our secondary buildings are dated and auxiliary facilities are subpar.
Aging facilities, social issues getting in the way of education.
Transparency, accountability
Using the public's money wisely
Lack of substitute teachers

keeping our kids safe
Funding
Class size
Jefferson Middle School auxiliary facilities are not good. No pool, low quality track & field, old tennis courts.
Aging schools
Siebert is overcrowded and there is no differentiating instruction because class sizes are huge
Space
Parking, Safety of students
Maintaining Academic Excellence and Character Development
There is a socioeconomic divide in the student population. Kids on the low end are struggling and kids at the high end aren't allowed to reach their full potential.
Infrastructure, facilities for two high schools when population doesn't warrant having two. Lack of being as competitive state wide academically or athletically the last 10 years
Bringing excellence to underserved populations
OVERCROWDED CLASSES lack of support from admin
Bullying
changing demographics and poor choices by some people about how to have different opinions than others
Old infrastructure
Racism and homophobia
Terrible administration and bad leadership at the board level.
Teacher burnout. The shortage is going to start hitting midland in these next few years. As well as lack of subs.
Old facilities
Curriculum is skewed to promote liberal ideologies. I've heard instructors teaching during COVID/home instruction and I can tell you what political party they align with. This should never happen. Ideas should be presented and explored, NOT forced. PERIOD.
Finding the resources for the plan and understanding that, due to affordability, plans may need to be scaled back .
I think that if students fall behind or are not part of the general education environment, Midland public schools tends to fail to bring them up to speed or maintain their personal curriculum.

Compromising academic standards, offering too many "out of building" options for our high school students, creating schedules without deliberate teacher input that best meets the needs of students.
retaining good teachers and supporting the extra curricular teachers: choirs, art, orchestra, etc.
A lot of students, students getting 'left behind', bullying.
Lack of diversity and lack of seasoned teachers.
Keeping up with the population of students.
A lot of behavior issues.
Infrastructure
Too much school of choice, curriculum consistency, too many behavioral issues in classrooms that take away teaching opportunities from the other students, bullying
I think MPS is facing pressure to compete with high performing school districts. We have aging facilities which can be problematic for many reasons. We have families and children from many backgrounds. There is also the concern of drug use in the High Schools, trickling down into the younger school agers.
Older school buildings; community stadium outdated.
Large size/ full capacity at some schools
maintain and improve
Working through mental health issues that are running rapid through out the school system.
Changing population and battling tradition.
The infrastructure.
Aging infrastructure
This upcoming decision. Lots of tradition and pride.
Discipline
Lack of school pride
Children
General lack of respect for authority from youth
Old infrastructure
Focus on academics and less on athletics.
Diversity

Plymouth elementary is in need of better security measures for students.
There is a woods that borders the playground and should have a high fence installed along the border of the playground and the woods.
Another school security issue is that needs to be addressed is before students are allowed in school they are every outside in an unstructured environment and this should be addressed as well. There is no security measures to ensure students safety. Anyone could have access to the students. Need to have more security cameras installed and personal outside while students are waiting to enter the school. I volunteer at Plymouth elementary every day for lunch and recess. I have observed that the school does the best they can to ensure safety for the students. I'm sure other elementary schools have similar issues.
A board of education that is not transparent.
Management
People trying to destroy the history and tradition of two great highschoools. While also decreasing the amount of students that can participate in sports and clubs. For example: say only 25 students can be on a varsity soccer teams. We would currently have 50 players between the two schools for just that one soccer team, if you combine, now only 25 students can participate on a team. Leaving 25 other students to be spotless, lose a sense of belonging, differentiate from friend groups, and no longer participating in fitness related activities.
Number of students per class
Out dated schools
Old buildings
MPS faces challenges in meeting diverse needs of elementary students, as many classrooms are overcrowded. These formative years are critical to student and community success, and smaller class sizes equipped with research-based tech and equipment will ensure more students have equitable early education opportunities.
Serving special education population fairly
Aging schools.
Over crowding at the elementary schools
Too many kids, not enough adults
Space for all the students.
Keeping kids focused
MPS is not reading the community or addressing the true current and future needs of our district.
Inclusion and diversity.
Maintaining the small feel (even though middle and high schools are large & provide many big school opportunities, they have personal, modest size feel /relationships/care) , security, and great opportunities for so all

Building facilities and availability of buses for athletic events.
The possibility of combining schools resulting in less opportunities for students and a high school that is too big!
I think that they could do better with the communication to parents about all that is happening.
Diversity is the greatest challenge. In trying to include all, it pushes others into an uncomfortable position as not to offend others but also trying to stand for what they believe even if it is a more conservative view.
Facility upgrades and obtaining and retaining good teachers
Aging infrastructure, continuing to be at the forefront of school safety (of which I think MPS does a great job).
Decreasing headcount
Attacks from right wing groups against diversity, critical thinking, and for book bans.
Parent/political influences
Special education
Safety. Keeping education competitive.
MPS has a great deal of challenges in expanding to fit the social emotional needs of its students.
Class sizes are too big and some kids get lost in the mix that need more attention in order to be successful.
Increasing enrollment
Budgets to keep experience growing
Changing socioeconomics of our families
decreased enrollment
Getting and keeping good teachers.
Bullying
Nothing
Operating two middle schools and two high schools in a climate of declining population/students.
That student opportunities will be cut severely by potentially combining high schools.
Old buildings
Kids that fall between the cracks with 504 and IEP because they don't need a ton of help .
Student count
Less kids

employee retention
Poor facilities. It seems sometimes MPS chases too many fancy things at once, making it complicated for teachers and parents to understand the overall strategy.
Not being bias in the agenda. Allowing the staff and teachers to talk to under age children about sex. Ally signs up in classrooms about "I am here to listen and I am a safe place"
Security
Preparing non-college bound students for post graduation jobs. Overselling college as part of the American dream.
Not having a strong literacy curriculum that supports the Science of Reading
Reluctance of some buildings to promote or allow events that show diversity. Not all buildings are inclusive.
Aging infrastructure and a very narrow minded viewpoint when it comes to this Midland High versus Dow high mentality.
Not maintaining buildings and now wanting new
Facilities
A challenge is that some buildings are in greater need of repair/updates than others.
don't know
Pressure to push LGBTQ+ agendas to younger and younger ages.
Declining enrollment, lack of resources to support students who are struggling with mental health and poor home environments.
dwindling job markets in the surrounding area and the cost of housing effecting new students coming to the district
You have a wide range of family household incomes. It has become very difficult for some families to afford to live in the community.
Parents
Cost control
Aging facilities
Remaining focused on education and not social justice
As always, meeting the needs of all students. Society and education are changing so quickly it's a challenge to address the changing needs
Aging population with a reduction of school age children
The idea and fewer schools will be better for students. NOT!!!

That everything is electronic, from newsletters to communication. There is no person to person contact or papers sent home. It makes things very difficult and challenging causing problems for parents and the student to stay up to date.
The large amount of kids.
facilities are getting old and not being kept in good repair
how to spend money wisely
Overcrowded schools which turns into higher class sizes
DEI hiring and woke politics
Decline in societal expectations of importance of behavior and education, lack of parental involvement
Not behaving like a corporation - spending more time with the kids that need the help the most. Currently it appears to be the school system acts more like a corporation than like a school that truly cares about a kids that struggle with school. that should be their focus.
Same with schools across the US, the fact that education is being pirated as a culture war talking point, forcing schoolboards, teachers, librarians etc. to be in the crosshairs when they are just trying to do the best to educate students.
Eliminating wasteful spending.
Keeping it affordable for the taxpayers of the community. All the scenarios Ms. Penny-Nelson discussed are frankly too expensive for me. You have to remember that the schools are just one of many areas proposing to raise taxes.
Inconsistent grading amongst schools
The thought that our district would even consider moving to "One Community High School". Outside of that, I'd say the decreasing jobs in the area (seems to be a lot of cuts at local companies)... is Midland really growing if these companies go away? If people are losing their jobs, do they have the funds to pay higher taxes?
teacher retention at poor performing schools
A lack of elementary schools and over crowding
Buildings are Old
Offering a stronger arts/musical program, offering specialty classes, inclusion.
Level of visibility with Administration.
Aging buildings
Too many schools/dual middle and high schools
Outdated buildings
Old facilities
Forcing two High schools together

Slowness to embrace necessary change or unwillingness based upon what is best for adults rather than kids.
Having people understand that hard decisions need to be made.
Focusing too much on DEI efforts rather than merit and achievement.
My daughter's class is filled with a lot of kids. I think classes are too full and that's a problem for both students and teachers
Their greatest challenges are the aging facilities within the district.
Employment of support staff due to low wages and lack of consistent training across the district. Support staff is an extremely valuable piece of MPS. We are not utilizing the best from it. We should be giving training across the board on behavioral techniques, situation training, and more responsibilities.
Technology advances for curriculum, Keeping the community happy.
Aging infrastructure and To stay the course against extreme fringe wokeness.
Not truly considering or listening to what is best for parents, students, and employees in the district with these new building proposals and allocation of funds.
A polarized electorate and a lack of value placed on being educated.
Preparing students for the job market of the future.
Parents taking kids out of school to homeschool or school-of-choice
Keeping focus on quality education and not letting fiscal challenges crowd out the elements that make for quality education...including elements beyond the classroom.
Parents want to run the district...especially pushing their religious beliefs
Changing demographics that might not be prepared to help their students be successful.
Aging infrastructure
Resources for staff, getting highly qualified staff
Classroom discipline is a challenge.
The SEVERE disconnect between central admin and its teachers/classrooms. Central admin has absolutely no idea what the climate is in these classrooms. For example: behaviors are out of control and your class sizes??? Are you serious? Do better! When you go to philosophy with behavior is to "build a relationship" how is one supposed to do that effectively when you have 30 kids in class and five are destroying the classroom?
Aging facilities.
Population shrinkage especially in K-12 grades. I also think there are impacts of heavy dependence on using portable technology which impedes learning and proper cognitive development.

Overcrowded classes at Elem & Middle School levels (I have no high schoolers yet)
The greatest challenge is to update the oldest schools.
Lack of counseling/assistance for ADHD/ODD children
Keeping with current trends while existing in a very diverse SES community climate.
To keep every child on even playing ground despite the growing size of the MPS district. Even though your numbers are growing, make sure you have adequate support for those children who tend to fall through the cracks. Continue to offer just as many opportunities for the at-risk or average students, as the advanced students have.
Getting back to basics
Keeping good teachers, paying them what they deserve
Growing. I had to advocate for my child to be put in higher math. Wish that teachers would have tuned into that more. She might be further ahead.
Administration dictating what and how teachers are to teach.
Facilities and attracting a diverse workforce
There are currently limitations to meeting efforts to achieve excellence and to be the best.
People unwilling to invest in our students
student behavioral issues
Decreasing number of students
Class size, potential to be too big and students could get lost in the shuffle.
Number one is the fact that not all students are achieving functional reading skills. Number 2 is the age of some of the facilities
I believe that the greatest challenge Midland Public Schools is facing is mental health awareness.
Too many children in classrooms
Health Conditions of the school. No nurses.
Smaller budgets, older infrastructure
Old and outdated facilities
Creating too much change. If scenario B is implemented, the auxiliary facilities should be included on the new high school campus or else additional challenges for faculty and families will cause frustration, especially in multi-children households.
Class sizes
Expansion, room for the children
Funding

Aging facilities.
Facilities
Stagnancy, people and students in this district want to make a change but those in charge are comfortable with keeping things the same.
Divisiveness within the community. Many people are not pleased the administration and staff are becoming too political.
Continuing to challenge our highest academic achieving students. So much of the initiatives and focus from the outside is on helping others, which is great, but our strongest students still need to be challenged and supported.
The greatest challenge for MPS is moving into the future. When it comes to technology and where the global economy is headed, we need students that are prepared for what's next.
Declining enrollment/lack of growth in students - this in the longterm is something I am really nervous about for the district.
Administration
D e i
Inconsistencies between each schools and over-crowded classes
Passing the millage and obtaining desirable land for new construction.
Aging facilities
Flat enrollment
The community's view that the status quo that Midland Publics schools has the needed resources to continue to be a leading educational program in the state.
I think the greatest challenge is helping their students all have a good mental health state
Leadership
Raising the standards
Too many kids and not enough teachers and classrooms
Need more teachers.
Ripple effects of the pandemic. Hiring and keeping excellent, dedicated staff as some of the older ones retire. Keeping the bar high.
Significant inequity across the district, change resistant community members.
Updating current facilities
Aging schools
Old infrastructure
Angry Parents.

Small classrooms but more kids per class
Two-fold: Addressing school safety issues (i.e. school shootings) and addressing bullying and behavioral problems from children who aren't receiving proper parental/family guidance and support. #2 is a HUGE issue at Central Park.
We don't focus on the right skills.
Unengaged students
Old facilities and technology
The greatest challenge MPS is facing right now is not thinking big enough in its plans to revamp and renovate its learning environments. Over and over again, our kids are forced to sit in classrooms for hours on end, and regurgitate spoon-fed information. Why is the district not considering alternate non-traditional scheduling, year-round school and an immersive curriculum that brings with it an approach to education fully immersed in drawing connections between ALL subjects being studied? Cross-subject immersion, and encouragement of creativity and discovery, will create students who learn (instead of students that just parrot information).
Striking the right equality across schools and ability to minimize social / political influences.
Trend of consolidating schools leading to higher student:teacher ratios and increased competition among students for resources/teams/ensembles/clubs
Funding for school sports
Politics
In all of education - staying relevant in a world that is changing so rapidly.
Vanity projects and focus on non-academic matters
Maintaining community engagement to support schools
Bulldozing formerly used buildings rather than putting them to a new productive use
I think one year of required PE should be in middle school and high school.
Use of technology
growing with the 21st century and updating decaying buildings
Continuing to thrive while the rest of the area is in decline.
Infrastructure updates are needed in the schools.
Administration is out of touch with what's happening within the schools at the teaching and learning level
Dated/aging buildings and lack of investment in gaining/retaining top experienced staff.
Declining enrollment. Declining number of professionals entering the education field and the impact on recruitment.
safety

Stupid things like you cannot bring your backpack to class, have to sit there for 5 minutes in a line to go through some stupid scanner, and if I finish my work early I am not allowed to use my phone.
Parents, politics, and economic hardships.
Infrastructure challenges and increased enrollment
Very little diversity
equality. actually being equal and giving people equality, and enforcing a policy of school wide respect. I've heard the F slur so many times its wild. And the teachers never care, the admins never care.
It's ageing facilities
At least with the upper-levels of achievement, there appears to be little to no overall vision with how the entire K-12 program should work. ALPS is a good start, but there are missing planned paths to cross-grading (math) and access to more advanced material, for example. There are lots of parents that could be help their children excel academically with minimal program guidance, but the program choices are little more than teach everything ourselves, or wait on the school.
Being open to new possibilities when many community members are not.
The bullying punishments
the need to be very cost efficient
Staffing/Financial issues
Diversity and inclusion. Lack of students in the district.
Useless metal detectors
Not enough space in elementary schools
Addressing aging facilities and trying to maintain two separate high schools.
It doesn't always think about everyone's needs, though it tries to.
Some of the teachers and faculty
Our facilities are not up to date with other districts our size.
Growing class size.
Bullying. Also, non bias political views from teachers.
The swimming pools are failing. The Midland Community has some of the top swimmers in the state but we don't have the facilities to take these kids to the top of their level.
Large elementary class sizes (teacher to student ratio). Elementary buildings crammed/no dedicated spaces for Spanish, Music classes
Paying our teachers enough.

Aging facilities and a lack of equity between the schools, particularly the elementary buildings and middle schools
The inequity of programming between all of the schools. There are schools that have courses that others do not - at all levels - primarily auxiliary courses.
So many students with diverse needs, hard to have connections with all
Old buildings, class sizes are getting larger
Budget planning
Classroom space
Large class sizes (JMS).
Continuing to build a culture of inclusivity.
inexperienced teachers, bullying
These schools are so nice compared to the ones I attended. They feel overbudgeted.
Technology based teaching instead of instructor led.
Bullying
The reading program has years of research debunking its effectiveness and now Midland test scores have dropped significantly after its implementation. Reading should be phonics based. This absolutely needs to change.
Declining enrollment
Leadership
Older facilities and technologies
The biggest challenge Midland Public Schools has is their lack of facilities to accommodate the success of their students. In particular, this means not enough pool and not access to an adequately sized auditorium.
Understaffed
Growth and dealing with issues like Diversity and Inclusion.
Not enough good teachers
Overcrowding and student apathy
keeping the principals
The ability to prepare students for the reality of life.
Quality of facilities. Schools need updates, but especially athletic and music facilities.
Funding for afterschool sports and programs
The increasing difference between the two high school's academics.

Progressive policies
Properly vetting employees
School policies
School board - future planning they are doing. They put out fires instead of doing long range planning.
Finances and aging facilities
I think our greatest challenge is building-level decision-making. As things stand, students are not guaranteed an equal education based on their zip code because each building is allowed to make wildly different decisions on curriculum and other offerings.
Space and funding
I'd like to see the schools as safe as possible. It should be as difficult to enter a school as it is an airport or courtroom.
Misadventures of administration, losing site of who they are working for, failure to be adequately informed of alternatives prior to making decisions and WOKE influenced priorities.
Facilities. Academic, athletic, and instructional
Too large of classrooms.
Aging infrastructure
Underpaid staff
Bullying
Better busing (offering for AIPS) better pre k offerings
Aging facilities and class size
Reading scores. Lack of universal screening for things like dyslexia. Lack of true science of reading curriculum
DEI resources and aging infrastructure
Beauracracy
Meeting changing needs of community
Growing inequality between households bleeding into the schools.
Aging infrastructure.
Also too high of demand on specific schools creating an imbalance at certain grades/schools.
money to pay/keep excellent staff
Running too many aging facilities.
Not focus on educating students that ready and willing to learn, yet focus on students who don't care about schooling

Equal opportunity versus equal outcomes. Every child deserves all opportunities, but all outcomes should be based on the performance each individual child.
Keeping good faculty; positive student engagement in an ever-evolving environment; safety concerns
Reaching to those kids below and above ntl average. Not teaching to kids abilities but teaching the middle ground
Elementary overcrowding and not having advanced opportunities for elementary students like there was 10 years ago.
Teaching Little Kids to Read
Our elementaries were over crowded the second MPS closed Cook Elementary. Big plans for collaborative learning spaces never materialized, band and orchestra classes have inappropriate learning environments that lack heat, privacy and sound isolation, elementary and secondary buildings do not provide adequate professional level spaces for special education and electives staff and too too many teachers have no access to their classrooms and curricular materials during their prep time. These problems are a result of MPS's greatest challenge- refusal to thoroughly investigate what employees need in a work environment in order to improve student learning. MPS says employees are the most valuable asset but the incredibly vast pool of knowledge is ignored and dismissed regularly. Case in point, this current proposal. Why are employees JUST NOW being asked for input? My concern is sincere not snarky or punitive. I truly want the best for MPS and know staff has a tremendous desire to help shape our future. How has their expertise been tapped? What groups were brought in to discuss potential needs for auditorium, pool, and stadium?
Ineffective administrators
Over crowding understaffing
Nothing
Elementary reading outcomes.
Changes form historical practice's or nepotism in the school district.
Inflation
Influx of students from other districts
Supporting all of the programming, recruiting and retaining excellent staff, upgrading aging facilities.
Aging infrastructure and congestion at various buildings.
DEI creeping into curriculum
Aging infrastructure
Bullying

The courses offered do not favor students when it comes to IB and AP exams. For instance, AP/IB physics rushes through the AP Cmechanics curriculum in 1 semester, and then a very challenging IB HL curriculum second semester, with 0 in class review time for the AP/IB exam. Both sets of test takers struggle to focus on their respective tests. For me, when it came time to prep for the Cmechanics exam, I was having to handle a rigorous college level IB HL curriculum, which made it extremely difficult to prepare for the exam. To fix this, I hope MPS can separate AP and IB, as it would be in the best interest for all students.
Keeping teachers
Inadequate facilities
The courses and academic levels are made so that students who want to go to more advanced levels have a harder time, especially in high school and middle school. For example, students who want to cross grade in science or english aren't aware of opportunities to do so or find it hard since it isn't as openly talked about.
Safety
Not being able to plan properly for infrastructure, wasting money not keeping schools updated, poor planning on all the money that has been provided by taxpayers for the last millage, not planning properly for elementary school sizes, tearing down parkdale, cook, and Eastlawn, instead of maintaining them. Now you're asking for another elementary.
Overcrowded classrooms. Teacher to student ratios are rough in elementary and I think it sets kids up for failure when they are first starting school.
Kids with behavioral issues affecting entire classes/busses
Old, outdated educational tools such as using F&P running records, leveled readers, and other curriculum that mostly "work" because many of the MPS students have great family support before Kindergarten but the kids who don't have that support may struggle with the curriculum.
I think that it is stuck in the past a bit. I'm surprised at the lack of technology in classrooms.
Adequately meeting the needs of student behavior and academic success, including the referral process for special education.
Variety of educational options for the needs of all students offered at all campuses.
Parents continuing to feel left out of the education process and decision making process in what the curriculum of the district should be.
Safety
Inclusivity, and too many parents driving their kids to school.
The disconnect administration has with the teachers who are actually in the classroom making them look good.
Previous administration & school board members that have made poor decisions (closing schools in the district, specifically in the northern part of town and the previous bond that didn't address the current needs) that now put the district in the state it's in along with the struggling economy and high levels of inflation.

Elementary and middle schools are too crowded and teachers can't personalize to fit kids needs.
Being consistent. The district likes to start all of these new programs and initiatives which are short lived due to the lack of consistency and follow through.
Academic in middle school.
Space
Keep valuable teachers and staff.
Leadership
Attracting and retaining quality educators and aging facilities.
Declining enrollment, bad administration
I disagree with the point-based system used to track high school classes. I believe it restricts student growth and undermines the goal of providing equitable opportunities for all learners.
Ever evolving society, community, and technology changes.
Poor conditions in some facilities
attempting to catch up from learning delays experienced through COVID. offering behavioral health support for children in need.
There are space constraints in the facilities and the structures are aging.
Having enough staff and classrooms for our growing community
Aging buildings and fluctuating class sizes
Extracurricular
Some schools could benefit from better playground and sports areas
Appropriate communication and parent involvement via digital platforms.
Outdated infrastructure
Behavior is increasingly becoming an issue.
There remains a lot of work to be done in the space of diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and belonging. This is not just up to MPS, but as a large part of the community MPS should play a role.
Outdated facilities and an often contentious relationship between administration and teaching staff.
Low pay for teachers is creating an environment of unhappy, overworked, inexperienced educators.
Bullying, i feel the bullying by paras and other children is just swept under rugs,and teaching the children how to write. You know basic handwriting that is legible

Over crowding
Over crowding
Teacher qualifications, Better program for gifted students
Decreasing enrollment
Discipline and behavior. Students have no real consequences for actions
Short staffed? Not enough substitute teachers?
Staff morale, retention of staff, space in elementary schools, class sizes, lack of proper classroom furniture (desks, chairs, etc), curriculum, technological advancement, forward thinking, DEI, support services
Keeping up with technology in both teaching and learning.
Aging facilities
We are behind the times with our facilities.
Lack of parent support
Apathy from community about education in general
Overcrowded class sizes, movement of building principals at the elementary level, not listening to the needs/ideas of the staff who are in the trenches day to day
Funding
Too many students in each building, staff/classroom shortages, unrealistic/uninvolved parents (obviously not the majority of parents, but a loud minority can make student learning/accountability difficult).
The toxic cross-town rivalry
communication
Addressing the needs of at-risk students. Midland has a lot more poverty than a couple of decades ago and these students do not do well academically (nor in other ways). Even though Midland does a good job education most students, these are kids that do not get involved in school - academically or extra-curricularly and Midland needs to find ways to address these deficits.
Midland faces a town that is deeply divided between high schools and "sides of town". There is also a major disconnect between "downtown" and the staff within the buildings.
Aging facilities that have not kept up with the other great districts in the state.
Overcrowded elementaries, inadequate middle school buildings
Lack of resources for students who may not be successful in a traditional classroom. Midland also needs more resources for students who struggle with mental health. There also is a lack of consequences for behavior.

Raising results of the lower 30% of students who are not proficient on standardized tests.
Curriculum for Trades is weak.
Older Buildings not being able to have as many opportunities as the Newer Buildings In the District.
The work
Managing bias within student population
Maintaining the position as one of the best school districts in the state while the rest of the area is in decline.
More unity between the ESA and MPS
Teaching of topics that should be left to parents, and forcing topics on our kids that they should not be forced to learn (ie pronouns/transgender, etc.)
MPS Administration and Board that make decisions without including teachers, students and parents.
Facilities are outdated
Bullying
Enrollment and funding.
I think there is a clear division amongst Midland and Dow. Why are 2 different high schools in the same town receiving such different academic scores??
Phone policy is too strict
buildings and retaining quality teachers

Midland Public Schools Community Survey

What do you like most about Scenario A?

Responses
A maintains most of the present systems and organization. It puts preschool children closer to their homes.
Less change is incorporated in this plan. Less work is necessary for the staff to manage change.
It's less disruptive to the status quo.

<p>Separate high schools, bigger is not necessarily better.</p> <p>Two schools offer more opportunities for student participation.</p> <p>The use of existing facilities.</p> <p>Grouping 11, 12, 13 year olds together.</p>
It plans to keep both high schools. They are already large, and I do not like the idea of them being combined.
It keeps the tradition of how schools have been used (ie school rivals-helps in creating friction and challenges to expand ideas). I like that overall it's a cheaper option.
Keeps 2 middle schools and high schools
Same structure as currently
I believe it's very important to preserve the 2 middle & high schools, to keep the overall class size low -- teachers get to know 300 kids in a graduating class better than 600. Athletic & club participation will also be limited if we have only 1 high & middle school, and many students who are "less talented" will be unable to participate.
Expanding pre-K options
Infrastructure improvements
A new elementary school and balancing the elementary enrollment.
Less disruption for kids (moving to new buildings every couple of years) which is what came to mind when comparing to Scenario B.
Both High schools stay open
PreK expansion and updates while utilizing the land and facilities the district already has.
Nothing
The additional elementary building is necessary.
A new middle school to replace NE.
Carpenter will finally go away
Having two high schools
Less disruptive for the community , how long has MPS known 2 building would need to be replaced ?
<p>I personally feel it makes more senses to add an elementary school and maintain two highs schools. Our child is currently at Woodcrest and that place seems like it's busting at the seams. This additional school could help to alleviate that pressure, though I'm unclear what adding pre-k to the building would do...</p>

I have friends and families in some of these mega high schools (Grand Blanc, for example), and they express a lot of frustration with how incredibly large and impersonal they can be.
Less cost
I like how we still get the town rivalry, and that not much about the schools has changed.
Nothing.
That Midland high and Dow high remain separate
There are still 2 High Schools allowing more students to participate in the after school activities (sports, arts, etc.)
It's not messing up the structure of the academic program. It still gives choices for middle schools and high school
Keeping 2 high schools, which is key for good competition in academics, sports, etc. Older kids need to have more opportunities to be active physically and mentally.
I don't care for any of this, You should be using the tax dollars you're already getting. This is way too much money, we the people are already struggling. The absolute last thing of importance on this list is the buses, trying to get a bus route for our children is nearly impossible. And school of choice children have no bussing options. We should have been maintaining the infrastructure of these schools instead of waiting until they need to be torn down and replaced. Where is all the money you've been getting after closing other elementary schools in town?
Less upheaval to current layout, keep school sizes smaller
We purchased the house we did for its proximity to both elementary and middle schools. I like that this proposal would allow most people to continue attendance at their neighborhood school. It also makes transportation more consistent (compared to Scenario A) for sibling groups. Finally, it seems less disruptive as the construction of the new middle school could happen while the existing facility is in use.
Similar to existing design of school
Focus is on having schools closer to homes.
Keeping 6-8 and 9-12 in same building. All the enhancement updates. New buses
Major facility commitment
PreK at all grade schools
Gets us 2 new schools. Keeps 9th graders in high school so they can take advantage of the academic and extracurricular offerings of a high school. Puts pre K in the neighborhoods.
Perk programs in neighborhood schools
Minimizing change of school sites, which means minimizing change to students' lives; keeping at least 2 middle and high schools in the city maintains the balance of students' motivation in all field
Keeping 2 high schools

New schools
Spreading out elementary students amongst 7 buildings, rebuilding middle school, keeping fewer transitions to new buildings, keeping two high schools
The division of grades.
Two high schools remain, offering options for students to participate in extra curricular and sports without competing for spots. No grade changes for elementary and middle school.
Not sure how necessary these moves are. Carpenter and NE, though older, do not seem that badly worn. I was on the MPS Board when we voted to sell an older Siebert School. I was the lone dissenting vote. For years after, the district had to use several portable buildings--poor substitute.
Keeping two high schools and two middle schools
Nothing
Balancing out the elementary schools and constructing a new middle school.
Smaller classes for elementary and addressing growth north of town.
Keeps current footprint of middle school and provides additional capacity for elementary.
No high school changes
It involves a lot less moving around for students than scenario B
Keeping the 2 high schools.
Not pushing 5th graders into middle school
I like that the middle school will stay 6-8 and the high school will be 9-12.
I will be voting NO !
That they will offer more preschool
It's the simplest solution.
Nothing
I Think Adding A New Elementary School Is A Good Idea That Way It's Spaced Out And Not Overcrowded I Think It Is Tome To Replace Northeast Because It's Seen It's Better Days The Gym Is So Narrow It could Use A New Gym And Maybe They Could Use A New Pool Make It Bigger That Way They Can Maybe Host Middle School Swim Meets At Their School With The New Middle School They Should Add A 6 Lane Pool And Then Bleachers That Way It Can Have It Swim Meets And Not Interfere With Dow Swim Practices Other Than That Just Make The Updates It Needs And Maybe Jefferson Can Be Like Midland And Dow Where They Share A Pool Except Jefferson Practices At Northeast
New buses
Smaller impact and disruption to community while adding needed upgrades.
Seems practical

Least disruptive, schools still have amenities on location
Continue with 2 high schools
New middle school
That there is a PreK in every elementary building to make it convenient for families with preschoolers to be at their neighborhood school. I like that the high school remains all four grades since it was identified in the past how important it was to have all four grades housed in the same building to aid in students completing their high school diploma.
Maintains two middle schools and two high schools
Nothing... Midland has closed elementary schools in the past 10 years and now MPS is asking for a new elementary school. Seems very shortsighted and the optics of this this choice is terrible.
That there would not be a change for my family based on where we live.
I like that Scenario A keeps schools spread geographically throughout the district. Scenario A represents an equitable investment in the community by increasing geographic access to PreK and keeping commute distances to the middle and high schools appropriate for the areas they serve. Additionally, Scenario A keeps students in developmentally appropriate age groups and prevents students from having to make additional school changes between grades. It is not appropriate to use the existing high school buildings as intermediate/middle schools for students as young as 10 (as suggested by Scenario B). As a parent, I want my student to have a stable and appropriate learning and social environment. Sending my student to large buildings (built for young adults) at a young age and adding two new, unnecessary school changes between grades will impair social, emotional, and academic development. Finally, I worry about the district's ability to provide for my child's learning needs and physical safety in such large schools. I feel that my child would be unsafe attending 5th grade in a high school building, and if Scenario B is chosen, safety would compel me to choose a different school district. Scenario A is better than Scenario B. Scenario A is a better use of funds, will provide more appropriate environments for our students, and will continue the tradition of equitable geographic access to MPS schools.
Nothing
New middle school and new elementary
Me gets replaced. It has been neglected to long
Nothing
Keeping the Grade levels where they currently are at
Keeps high school 9-12. And keeps 6-8 as middle school. I'm not sure why we would leave the middle school model at this point as it's proven to be a helpful transition cohort - I would suggest bringing back a team model for 7&8th in order to have more yard looking out for kiddos in a team like setting. Also 9th grades a benefit from sharing space & opportunities with upper

classmates. At an age where home students turn to their peers as models, this stretch of 9-12 grades is extremely beneficial for student social and emotional growth.
Adding an elementary north of town might make sense. What is the reasoning behind adding all the preschools? Is there a shortage in town? Is it really necessary?
Highest value with lowest impact
I don't find this scenario particularly appealing
I like that there is a pre-k option at every elementary. This would make it easier on parents to have their children all at one school.
Keeps existing schools and adds pre-primary education
Continuing two high schools, updating the existing schools that need updates.
5th grade doesn't have to move
Grade school go through 5th grade, fewer school transitions for students, 9-12 grade are still in the same location
Keeping both high schools
I believe it is in the community's best interest NOT to combine high schools.
I like that it adds an elementary school in the northern region.
Keeping Jefferson middle school. Having the high schools separate allows for different choices.
It's fine
Jefferson middle school will be updated
Seems like a balanced option
Cheaper and keeping the current structure of MPS schools that are working fine.
Balancing by redistricting is key.
Realignment of school boundaries to balance numbers
New Middle School
5th grade stays in the neighborhood elementary schools
Midland and Dow High continue to have separate programs to allow more kids to participate
A is a good solution for lower grade levels to address shifting population
Nothing
Pre K students attending their neighborhood schools. Safety addressed. No impact on current high school students.
You leave the ninth graders at the high schools

PreK students attending their neighborhood schools. Some kids will have the opportunity to attend new schools. Won't impact current high school students allowing them to finish school without much upheaval.
Helps with crowding
Addresses elementary school needs, which are dire. Less disruption to all other grades and systems already in place.
Two high schools
High schools will remain mostly the same.
The locations would stay the same so kids aren't switching between 3 schools and can get to school on their own.
No school combinations
Nothing
That the high schools remain separate and remain grades 9-12
Keeping Middle School grades 6 through 8 and keeping two high schools in the district. This increases opportunities while still operating two very needed high schools
Pre-K in all elemntaries, including K-5. Retains the two middle schools with 6-8 configuration and two high schools. Keeps schools in the neighborhood. Minimizes transitions and bussing. Makes better use of existing resources.
Updates to infrastructure but keeping class sizes mamageable and keeping pre k with local areas
Sounds reasonable
Addition of another elementary school.
keeping the layout of most schools the same, keeping grade levels in the same spots
Keep the high schools separate.
More space for children
New Middle School
Security
It maintains two high schools where students can have the most opportunity
Keeps two high schools/middle schools. More opportunities for a variety of kids to be on teams/ performances etc. Smaller schools- so better for admin to really know and interact with student body. More opportunities for leadership development- less competition for fewer spots. From homecoming courts, Deca, Pom, sports teams and keeps community involved in "mini rivalry"
Least disruptive to school assignment, bussing. Adds elementary school in area of most need.
nothing at all, make the existing schools updated as needed to improve the school experience

2 middle schools and 2 high schools
No decrease in space, using mostly existing buildings
Keeping things the same.
Best keeps neighborhood school model and current grade levels together.
Change is minimal easier to transition.
Keeping grades the same in schools
I like having a new elementary to decrease the number at each school and the location being north of town.
Keep elementary, middle school and high school age grouping and location as is
It keeps the kids in middle school and high school together. I feel it would be hard to be on an athletic team and not go to the same school as your teammate.
Nothing all bad
Updated schools
More schools will hopefully mean smaller class sizes
Keeping two high schools, giving families school choice.
Keeping the same grade levels in schools and keeping 2 high schools
Keeping 2 high schools.
Adding an elementary and keeping two high schools
Separate high schools
Not much
Allows for updates where needed
Updated facilities and opportunities for better student to teacher ratio
Keeps the rivalry going and more potential for those to participate in sports
Keeping the elementary, middle school and high school structure the same. I think adding an additional school with create another stressful transition for students.
Keeping two high schools, adding the pre-k to the elementary schools. Eliminating a transition.
Keeping two middle schools is important for keeping the most extra curricular opportunities for students. Shrinking to one team per sport or one orchestra should be avoided.
As little change of change as possible. New school for Northeast students/staff.
The aging facilities at Northeast Middle School would be addressed.
Nothing. You rip down perfectly good schools to build other ones. It's ridiculous

Two high schools
It's less change for the community in the short term - which is appealing "in the now", but I'm not sure it's the most flexible option for the future unknowns I mentioned previously.
I REALLY like the fact that we would address overcrowding at the elementary level, address critical infrastructure needs by replacing Northeast, while maintaining the structure of our district and avoid an irreparable overhaul of the entire system that we cannot even confidently say would be successful. We should learn from previous mistakes, such as closing too many elementary schools, and not jump into another very expensive decision that we don't know FOR CERTAIN is the right answer. We should also learn from the mistakes of other districts in our state who have merged and restructured this way and regret it, later separating the schools again (at great cost!) or suffering as a result of the move.
I also like that this scenario would be the least disruptive to students, staff, and families.
Upgrades to northeast
I like that it replaces old facilities while not losing any history from the secondary school programs.
Bringing in Pre-K to the elementary.
Keeping elementary schools in neighborhoods
Addresses some needs of aging buildings and other needs of students
Moving Pre-K to the elementary schools will help students have less of an adjustment because they will be at the same school again for Kinder
Keeping 2 high schools and re-using buildings.
Keeping the schools separate and smaller. I would like to see the mascot/color stay the same from elementary to high school. Chemics are Chemics PK-12 and Chargers are Chargers.
Updates to aging schools
I like the fact that the elementary level will continue through grade 5, which I think is important. I also like that there will still be two high schools (I have valid reasons for this) Plan A has much less disruption overall for the students which I like.
Keeps middle school grades 6-8 and high school grades 9-12. Keeps two high schools and two middle schools.
It seems to address and implement the 7 areas identified in the research, and provide a system wide upgrade for all grades while removing the oldest properties from the system and replacing/moving resources to an area it will serve our population better
What is the cost to renovate the Carpenter and Northeast Buildings? Why is this data not being shared and instead this massive investment of new buildings is being pitched as the only option. There is no limit to MPS administrations arrogance and waste.

Needed upgrades. Keeping 2 separate high schools.
Infrastructure Improvements and Safety & Security Upgrades
Maintain existing feeder systems and alignment between elementary, middle, and high schools
Keeping 9th grade at the high school level.
I like that it's familiar for families with students already in school and beneficial for families that have both prek and elementary level kids for drop off and pick up times, the new elementary in an area that needs it so potentially smaller class sizes, I like the middle schools staying the same in the same areas for dividing up the traffic and distance for people/buses to drive so probably better for the environment and overall city traffic
Nothing really
Although I do not live in the area affected, I think the new elementary location is needed. I also worked in the preschool when it was in Adams and I see how beneficial that was including those in the elementary setting and the transition it provided
Not so disruptive
Replacing NE is a must
New middle school
The re-pour pose and keeping neighbourhood schools and re-building ones on site or where they will be needed
Updating essential infrastructure, security, and STEAM options.
It is least disruptive to the district and community (not sure if that is a good thing).
Our elementary schools are over populated and are busting at the seams.
That you are keeping middle school and high school grades the same.
Makes sense logistically
Moving pre-k to elementary schools
Less change and probably less construction time.
Same level structure we currently have
Smaller schools, class sizes. Tradition, inner city rivalry
Keeping 2 high schools. Keeping neighborhood elementary schools for more years (prek to 5)
I like the idea of keeping the two high schools and not making families have to travel to multiple schools to drop kids off.
It keeps the high schools separate. This allows more students to participate in our special programing like athletics. If we were to go down to a single high-school, fewer kids would be able to enhance their education through our extracurriculars.

The updates to increase the student learning experience and having a new elementary school since there is overcrowding at some of the schools.
Using existing structures
Elementary will have pre-k and safety and security issues will be addressed
Using what is already in place and making preschool options more accessible based on location.
This scenario addresses the need for PK/Elementary provision to the north - to align with population migration.
It keeps grades configured as they are, and neighborhood schools.
Having junior high years split up into two different time frames.
New middle school at North Eastside current location
A new Northeast needs to happen. Jefferson certainly needs changes to traffic/parking infrastructure and enough expansion that there is enough parking for parents on conference nights, and enough room in the theater for all parents to see their children sing in the choir. I got to stand in the hallway after arriving an hour early as there was no room left to sit.
Replace Northeast
Allows more students to walk to/from schools as they are in areas they live. Seems like there would be less buses than the other option. Keeps 2 HS and middle. That allows for more kids to be able to play sports. My kid gets to play sports bc of the 2 schools. If there was one, he wouldn't get to play.
Pre k program expansion and building the new middle school.
New middle school and elementary , keeping two highschoools
It would keep both high schools
A new elementary school nearby to my home
Keeps both high schools and keeps kids closer to home.
Least impact to early education. Doesn't split grades up as much.
Balancing class sizes
Separate high schools maintaining smaller graduation size and allowing more opportunities for all students.
Keeping different locations and competition between schools
Nothing! The cost is prohibitive when people don't have the money.
Nothing
This scenario minimizes the impact of change while also addressing the needs.

It maintains a sense of tradition & history with its secondary schools, while continuing a healthy rivalry between the two. There is a lot of value in a community where its school system is its center. There are more opportunities for students available as well. Staff positions are certainly more stable in this scenario.
It's a step in the right direction
High schools stay the same
Keeping lower school enrollment sizes and fewer transitions between buildings/environments
That there are still 2 high schools
the fact that both schools stay separate but everything is updated for students safety
I think adding another elementary school is a great idea and I would rather keep the middle school in the same location
Less change in how the schools and grades are structured. Keeping school sizes where they are now. Keeping schools in the neighborhoods
I appreciate keeping the schools as-is in terms of locations and grade levels. I am also in support of keeping the high schools separate. I think our schools make sense geographically where they are located to make them walkable/bikeable and convenient for drop-offs. I also appreciate only having to transition 3 times, versus 4 times, with keeping pre k/elem, middle, and high school separate.
It keeps the the high schools separate
Nothing. Proposing MORE taxes in an already OVERTAXED community illustrates exquisitely the tone deafness the board & school administration.
Well...I'd like to know where the money goes that should have been doing all the updates to keep the schools in shape
New elementary school
New upgrades
Balancing pre k through grad 5 and I like keeping both middle schools and both high schools. Seems like the less disruption to current processes.
Keeping 5th in elementary. I have witnessed multiple times-in various districts-5th grade added to 6/7/8 and each time they reverted back to elementary. 10/11 yr olds are typically not social-emotionally ready to join the middle school ranks. I also like that each school has a PreK program.
2 high schools
A greater number of elementary schools maintains fewer students per school and better relationships with fewer conflicts. Also, fewer buses/ lower gas costs are needed the closer the students live near an elementary school. *Keeping two high schools maintains a "friendly" rivalry, something that is dearly needed in the grown up world. It also allows for more opportunities for students to participate in sports (two football/basketball/ etc teams allows for kids of many skill levels to participate vs one team only

takes the top athletes). In addition Midland has overall more visibility in the state which leads to greater visibility to every single student that graduates from our schools. It keeps them competitive.
The established schools will continue with little change. NE will get a new building but will still continue as NE.
Maintaining 2 high school system maximizes student opportunities for arts and sports. Minimizes need to transition to new buildings. I agree with need to replace northeast.
Keeping Middle school and high school similar to current.
Seems more conservative in scope - for better or worse - than another alternative I've heard.
Keeping the two high schools and getting a new middle school. Northeast has served its purpose
New middle school and another elementary
Keeping the same building structure in place for grades.
Maintaining the 3 school set up. Elementary middle and high school.
Scenario A meets all need while also creating two new facilities which will benefit the community for 60+ years. Keeping school locations the same also benefits homeowners who made home purchases based on their child's ability to walk to school.
not much. Northeast Middle appears in very good shape. Destroying it seems premature
Keeping two community HS, grades 9-12
I feel it is best to maintain the K-5 structure for elementary students because families will be able to support the schools versus having children in multiple schools. The social emotional development of 6-8 is better suited to 6-8 and 9-13 model. Having two high schools allow more students to participate in sports and other extra curricular activities and maintain a closer relationship with administrators, counselors, teachers, and other staff.
It just makes more sense than Scenario B
I like that the core cultures of the city remain in place. I understand facilities but especially in today's society identity must come organically. If anything Old Northeast's successor building should remain Northeast to preserve the spirit of the area. Midland High was still Midland High after leaving the building that became Central Middle School (if I remember right the royal blue remained the same between Union and Midland High, which kept the continuity of the city of Midland's High school experience/identity.)
Grades split up like they normally are.
There definitely needs to be upgrades to the school (particularly NE). I also love the expansion idea for the younger grades.
Adding an elementary school where the population is makes sense. This would then keep two high schools which allows for smaller class sizes, sense of belonging, ability for high school to participate in band and sports.
improvements to the schools

This is option is straightforward, appears the simplest option to directly address the need to replace Northeast and reduce crowding in the elementary schools.
Keeping both high schools and keeping the grades structured normally is very important. I don't believe people will want one mega high school with less sports teams opportunities and only 10-12 in one place. We love the rivalry.
Elementary buildings with the PK in the same building. Students only have to change buildings 3 times (possibly less driving for parents) Smaller high schools (not 1 large one) More opportunities for students to participate in music and athletic programs.
Keeps options available for a child who might not fit in at one of the middle schools or high schools. With school of choice would have an option to try the other middle or high school.
Keeps the cross town rivalry for extracurriculars that is fun for the community.
Keeps same level of opportunity for kids to participate - one big middle school and one big high school limits how many kids get to be on the football team, basketball team, etc.
Reasonable approach to deliver on your priorities.
new elementaries and middle schools
Keeps similar numbers of kids in each building
2 highschoools, minimal school changes
I like the idea of preschools being in the same schools as siblings and making the transition easier on student and mornings easier on parents
Addresses the necessary needs
Grade separation stays the same and kids will only move through 3 schools instead of 4. Also, this plan seems to address the 7 points better than building one high school.
Maintains two high schools. A single mega school with 3 grade levels is not desirable.
Not combining the middle and high schools. Leaving the middle schools the same and leaving Dow High and Midland High schools seperate.
More consistent with existing balance of schools location.
Retaining appropriate grading structures, aligning building needs.
Keeping two high schools to give students more opportunities
The improvement ideas
Midland and Dow High will stay separate
Keeping the high schools separate
2 middle schools and 2 high schools
Keeping the two high schools.

I like that this option keeps the high schools separate. This community is too large to have one high school for the number of students we have.
Utilizes existing resources, especially buildings, with less repurposing
Pre-K is back in elementaries where it should have been all along.
Addressing facility needs, keeping two high schools, addressing Pre-k needs.
Maintains continuity with the district's current structure (which seems to work fairly well).
I believe something needs to be done to our schools infrastructure, and this one seems less of a change than the other scenario.
It does improve facilities for the short term but adds no additional value. It provides no new solution to help with reduced enrollment and cost management.
Having 2 separate high schools
New Northeast and middle school remaining grades 6-8
We do not like either proposal scenarios. With the tough financial challenges families are making adding additional financial burden is not acceptable.
Upgrades to existing schools and replacing buses. Maintenance items should happen.
Pre k moving into neighborhood schools.
Everything
Nothing
Nothing. Schools were giving billions recently and used the money foolishly.
it gets northeast and carpenter out of the equation
Keeping 2 high schools and grades where they should be. I disagree with putting 2 high schools together.
Not combining the schools as much. We already have too many kids in each school as it is. We are from Central Park where there is essentially 3/4 schools into one and there are so many kids there that there are huge issues with bullying and other things and not enough supervision while not in class. We have transfered out of district due to it
The new building to replace Northeast at the same location.
Most economical use of current resources.
Adding the new middle school in place of NE
Keeping the high schools separate and hence smaller
Replace Outdated bus and upgrade middle school
What I like most about this plan (Scenario A) is that it maintains separate groups for grades 6-8 and 9-12. Research indicates that including 9th grade in the high school grouping helps

students better understand the importance of their grades and that ninth-grade GPAs are strong predictors of high school graduation and college enrollment
The new elementary school to hopefully relieve some of the massive overcrowding at the elementary level.
Middle school upgrades
Nothing
Keeping 5th grade at the elementary school. Not building a new high school. Expanding pre-k offerings.
To even out the school boundaries and updated/new middle school.
2 highschoools
Two city high schools (important cultural rivalry) w/more students in sports, band, choir, etc.
Addresses elementary school crowding and also maintains a consistent and reasonable grade distribution within the school types, maintains the strong legacy of both Dow and Midland High, and maintains the number of athletic team opportunities for the children across the grades.
Keeping the high schools separate!!!
It keeps a similar structure of current scenario
Nothing
I like the focus on balancing The elementary populations has those years are critical and education.
NE being replaced
The high schools are separated with less driving between schools for multiple kid families. As long as Northeast remains northeast and just gets a new building scenario a is best
I like that it keeps 2 middle schools and 2 high schools which means opportunities for more kids to participate in things they're interested in but may have limited numbers such as extra curricular activities.
I like everything about scenario A
updated middle school
New elementary where the overcrowding is taking place. Also keeping the middle and high schools as they are.
Keeping 2 9-12 high schools
It addresses immediate needs for crowded elementary schools and replaces a NE Middle school at end of life while still operating both high schools which provides the maximum amount off opportunity for individual involvement and success

More elementary schools, where smaller class sizes are most needed.
Not much
Same amount of schools for parents with multiple children. Updating what we have and need. Elena tries are overcrowded and student teacher ratio is too high for proper learning.
Keeping 2 separate high schools, and rebuilding Northeast which clearly needs updating. I also like keeping the grades grouped as they are now.
Separate high schools
This allows students to continue be in traditional grade alignments with the least disruption to students
Keeping the two high schools is what's best for education and kids.
Building a new elementary school to help with crowding
Takes care of the facility needs with minimal upheaval
Security
I feel neutral about scenario A, but I support continued investment in our facilities in general, ie I prefer scenario A over no millage proposal
Enhanced learning experience
Improves a working model.
Accepting more students will be helpful for the community!
Attention to infrastructure
Midland keep both high schools which means more opportunities for more students (arts programs, sport programs)
Keeps it easier for families with multiple kids. Also like the new Northeast Middle School.
New Elementary
Two 9-12 high schools
Keep 2 middle schools and 2 high schools.
Keeps schools in neighborhoods, doesn't rush into building bigger and fancier.
Expansion of pre-k
Grade bands not significantly changing.
Keeping separate middle and high schools. Combination of the schools limits the opportunity for student participation in many activities.
Nothing
North east being closed. That building is too old.

Pre-k in all elementary schools
That middle school will still serve grades 6-8 and that high school will still serve grades 9-12
Minimal changes to students
Meets most of our needs and is relatively affordable.
Results in 2 new buildings, decreasing the average age of our facilities by a greater amount than scenario B
It keeps two high schools and doesn't deprive students of extracurricular opportunities
Helps with overcrowding at the elementary
9-12 is at the high school and there are two middle schools and one more elementary.
The high schools stay apart and a new elementary building will be added
Two highschoools
Keeping high schools small so more have an opportunity to participate in things like band, choir, and sports
Addressing the building issues without overhauling everything.
Straightforward. Maintains the structure that the community is used to.
It addresses the overcrowding in the northern elementary schools, and replaces Northeast.
Seven elementaries, 2 high schools and Junior highs
Technology upgrades are necessary to compete in the future.
Nothing.
improved infrastructure, arts and athletic improvements
Nothing.
Keeping 2 High Schools.
Maintains two middle schools and two high schools to give families options to stay in MPS when social or other drivers and requiring them to transfer to a new school.
Seems to meet needs.
My daughter is just starting kindergarten, and I am a graduate of MPS myself. Selfishly perhaps, I would like my daughter to attend a high school that is not so massive, so I like the idea of keeping two high schools. I also am of the perception that Dow and Midland High School are not in terrible states of disrepair, and it's moreso other buildings that need replacement.
I like the existing format of grades in each building. Also I like having options.
Northeast stays at current location. High schools remain unchanged.
I like that we will still have two high schools and two middle schools.

Simple. Replace 2 very old schools and upgrade the ones that need it.
keeps the two separate high schools
Not much
Updated school
Not combining the high schools
Updating schools surrounding safety
Keeping the high schools on either side of town, building a new elementary in the north part of the county, new busses, preschools being available in elementary buildings
New middle school
It more considerate of the students (Not having to acclimate to a new building every few years.) and families with children spanning many age/grade levels. (For example, 3 kids in 3 different buildings, not relative to our residence, as with plan B.)
nothing
Keeps the grades in the building, less having to bus kids
The addition of another elementary building north of town
Keeping two high schools and not eliminating half the athletic opportunities for our high school athletes
From the video I appreciated the emphasis I heard on balancing students among the elementary schools. Based on my job experience I also believe keeping a more traditional middle school (6-8) and high school (9-12) approach is most beneficial to students- particularly high school students hoping to continue education at the next level.
Keeping the high schools separate. It has been a long time tradition to have the two schools. The town "rivalry" would be missed by the community. Keeping them separate would allow more kids to have the opportunity to play sports. If we put them together some kids will not have the opportunity to play.
We need another elementary to relieve the numbers in other buildings.
No changes to high schools
The land that Northeast sits on now will be reused to house another newer school.
Balancing enrollment. Maintaining current grade configurations.
Keeping schools separate
Less shifting overall but seems to meet the needs. Cont 2 high schools.
The closer of Northeast wouldn't be a horrible idea do to the disrepair of said school
That the structures of many schools won't be changed. It seems easiest and makes the most sense.

We need more elementary space and a new middle school
New elementary school added for increased enrollment at northern area schools
Moving pre-k to the elementary schools
keeping high schoolers in a 9-12 building and not blending the two high schools
It aligns most appropriately with the needs of the district.
Updated facilities
It adds another Elementary school to keep classes smaller.
Aligns with community need and balances resources through the community.
It fulfills the needs of the community.
Less disruptive to current schools; potential to finally give the Charter Square low income students bussing to school.
More lower elementary schools would hopefully allow the class sizes to remain smaller. Adding pre k into the buildings would help parents with multiple young children in the mornings/afternoons.
no change to my current schools (anticipated to remain in current zone). lowest cost. Best use to current land with constructing middle school on current site.
I like that there will not be consolidation of classes in higher grades so that kids don't have to switch school every few years. We do not use MPS preschools as we prefer Hidden Treasures so adding that option to the elementary school does not benefit us. I do not agree with combining the high schools and all of 5-6 and then 7-9 and 10-12 so this is the preferable option.
We do not change the grade in school systems, we do not create larger populous schools
The new elementary building in the northern area, where we are seeing growth. redistricting where students attend elementary to better divide the elementary balance.
Pre-k moved to local schools
Closing the older facilities
Lowest cost increase, replaces aging buildings and keeps everything else relatively the same.
The only thing I like is the new middle school, but why not have one large new combined middle school? Then demolish the two outdated and aged schools.
Keeping both middle and high schools in place
Nothing
Keeping all schools K-5, adding pre K to each elementary school, keeping 2 middle schools and 2 high schools.
It will address the concerns of elementary capacities and keep 9-12 in the same building.

Keeping 2 highschoools and not combining which I feel would create more bullying also keeping the sports for 2 highschoools and not combining which would really cut so many people from playing sports, also this would decrease the needs for all the teachers we currently have which is not fair to let teachers go. We have had 2 highschoools for over 50 years and has been great and Worked very well and given so many kids in midland the opportunity for sports so why disrupt that opportunity for children and that impact on midland. Adding an elementary school! Keeping the grades currently together to stay together because changing grades in one school would cause more bullying also. Updating security.
Improving infrastructure
Nothing
Not changing grade levels or combining high schools.
The fact that improvements will be made with the kids involved.
There would be more room in the elementary buildings.
least disruption
I like that the highschool stays 9-12th grade.
Balanced enrollment means smaller class sizes right? I like that.
Keeping grades how they are now (6-8 and 9-12)
PreK in the elementary buildings and adding a new elementary school
The only thing I like about this scenario is that my students would only have three buildings to work through.
Nothing
Nothing
There are still plenty of elementary school options, smaller school sizes at intermediary levels, and more opportunities to participate on teams at a high school level with two schools.
I will not be voting for anything that requires additional tax increase.
There is less disruption of students and community.
I like that we are keeping schools relatively small so that we can provide students with a more personalized learning experience and a small town feel.
Additional pre-k schooling
Keeps ninth grade with the high school and keeps two separate high schools rather than one HUGE high school; addresses need for an elementary in north part of town
A plan for a new elementary and middle school is attractive. And realigning boundaries for balanced enrollment.
I like the idea of repurposing buildings.

I like that the high schools will remain separate. I like that they are upgrading and getting rid of buildings that are past their useful life.
High schools are separate
Smaller middle and high schools
More opportunities for extracurricular involvement with this option.
It addresses the most pressing needs.
Grade levels stay the same.
The new elementary, updates to current buildings. Age appropriateness of keeping middle schoolers grades 6-8
Sticks with what we know works. Kids are in their neighborhood schools.
Having pre-K as a part of our elementary schools
Adds a new elementary and middle school. Keeps two high schools.
keep the existing structures (with two newer ones) and locations of high schools
That the two high schools remain separate
I think having the two middle schools and two high schools, it allows for sports to be competitive and for pride in students school. Preschool being moved to the same elementary school allowing for more efficient drop offs instead of running to two or three different buildings.
Limits high school class size. Provides an opportunity for more students to be engaged in extracurricular activities.
It seems the least disruptive to students and families in the district.
Not dividing up the grades. High school should remain high school at grades nine through 12 younger children should remain together as it has been previously.
I do not think it is the best long term solution to the problems that exist however - keeping both high schools adds an element of fun, camaraderie, and tradition that will be sad to see go.
New middle school
Nothing
The age structure of the schools will match neighboring districts and the variety in ages in buildings will help the overall development of students.
Keep the current buildings open.
I like that NEMS will be kept in the same location.
The division of all the schools, separate high schools. Leaving the school structure how it is for the most part!
Staying with neighborhood schools

I stopped reading after ...build a new elementary..
Scenario A leaves the schools in place. Two middle schools two high schools, and we add back an elementary school (even though we had 12 at one point and we already demolished half of them which was wasteful in my opinion and many others). Keeping facilities updated is much better than demolishing schools that have history in them. Generations of families that have attended the same schools.
High schools don't get combined.
That we continue to have two middle and high schools.
Keep high schools the same
Family housing choices with kids in mps district are still supported by keeping many of the same physical locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -meets all the districts identified priority needs -changes provide least disruption to students -keeps elementary and secondary schools at appropriate grade levels -allows secondary class sizes to remain smaller instead of having entire district together
Up grades with new buildings
Keeping the Northeast middle school location where it is, because our family cherishes the proximity to which we live to the school. Keeping Midland High School where it is, because we also like the proximity to which we live to MHS. Moving the pre-k programs to their neighborhood schools will be hugely helpful for families and I would expect will increase enrollment in MPS pre-k programs. This is the fifth year that our family has had students at Carpenter for pre-K and students at Plymouth for elementary school and having to travel to two different schools for drop off, which also happen to be across town from one another, is a hassle.
Good start
Keeping the schools and doing updates.
Peek in the child's "neighborhood" school
No extra costs
Maintains the k-5, 6-8, 9-12 cohort structure, distributed elementary, collected middle schools and high schools. This model has been working well and the focus with scenario A seems to be on addressing what is needed to help the MPS improve on a working model.
Keeping the schools and adding the elementary. Still having 2 high schools and being similar to surrounding school districts.
I like that it keeps students in traditional k-5, middle school and high school grade buildings.
Fewer overall changes to the district

Keeping most of the current grade levels secure in their existing format. Allowing for more extracurricular participation.
It seems to address some problems of decaying infrastructure which hopefully would include making the clocks right, and keeping them correct.
PreK programs will be moved to neighborhood schools.
Keeping two separate high schools
I don't like any of it
Best option in my opinion
That it stays with the two high schools, which will benefit the students the most
Technology updates and structure updates
Middle Schools will continue to contain grades 6-8, and high school will continue 9-12.
Maintaining the two high schools, and keeping the breakdown of ages where they currently are
Keeping 2 high schools is very important to me- I see more opportunities for the students (sports, arts, less overwhelmed by large school) and staff (not laying off teachers and staff, more support) more personal attention is likely when supporting fewer students.
lower cost
Seems as if class sizes will be smaller, less travel for students to get to school.
Retains the basic elementary, middle, high school structure, retains more opportunities for more kids (2 sets of sports teams, etc.) The new elementary will alleviate overcrowding in some of the schools.
Keeping 2 middle and high schools.
It's the least intrusive for students and addresses the direct needs of the district.
Keeping the 2 separate high schools
Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high
Students won't have to change schools as often with scenario B.
Reusing existing middle school location land.
It keeps two high schools.
Demolition of Northeast MS.
The middle and high schools will still be serving the same age/grade levels as that is where the majority of my children are located.
Keeps up with MPS traditions of two High Schools which allows more opportunities for the students at each high school.
Keeping 2 high schools and not having the added extras of the other plan.

I like the fact that there are 2 separate high schools. I feel like this gives more students an opportunity to participate in activities/programs than if there is only 1 high school. I feel that all the programs MPS offers our students are beneficial to developing a well rounded student. With only 1 high school I feel many kids could get lost in the crowd and not be able to participate in activities or get the attention that they need.
That MPS would continue to have 2 high schools
upgrades and improvements
Not too much of a shape up from what's currently in place, while still replacing necessary infrastructure.
Keeping the schools fairly the same and allowing kids who walk to school to be able to continue to do so.
Keeping school loyalties alive and their communities.
I like keeping the high schools separate due to a concern I have about limiting extracurricular activities in a combined high school
This keeps people from driving across town. It maintains classmates and friends. Allows Dow and midland high to both maintain their own sports and activities instead of stuffing everyone into one school. It is cheaper. Less confusing. The list goes on.
PK into neighborhood schools. Adding another neighborhood school north of town.
addresses growing population in northern area. Mills Elementary School was closed, creating influx at Siebert with the children funneled there, as well as that being the area of town in which population has grown. Still keeps students together throughout school path from elementary to JR high to SR high.
Keeping Jefferson Middle School as a 6-8 facility and keeping Dow High as the 9-12 for families who live on the west side of town.
There will be another elementary school to hopefully lower class sizes
Keeps two high schools in midland
It address a lot of the concerns with the buildings and keeps the middle schools and high schools more traditional with 6-8 for Middle School and 9-12 for High School.
We live near Siebert and Jefferson and I like that the elementary and middle schools would remain in walking distance. I like the consistency of only 3 schools for a child's school career. It would be nice for people that live north of 10 to have a closer elementary school.
New middle school
Least disruptive
It certainly addresses some current needs, and will be a significant upgrade from what MPS currently has.
Not one HS.. that is ludicrous
Maintain Two High Schools

I like that there would be a new middle school constructed at the same site that Northeast stands now. I also like that the two high schools remain.
Compared to Scenario B, I like keeping 2 high schools (which means the grade levels of each the buildings stays the same)
expansion of preK programs
The new building for Northeast Middle School and renovations to Jefferson
The improvements to the learning experience
Keeping 2 high schools and keeping 9-12
I like all that is proposed equally
Keeping schools the way they currently are
Two middle schools. I think one giant middle school and combining all those kids together will be extremely challenging for the students.
New Elementary and NE Middle School
Focus on the oldest buildings that are in need. Dow High and Midland High schools are kept giving options on both sides of Midland city.
The schools staying the same are wise
Pre-K options at each elementary school and a new elementary school to hopefully help with the crowding.
Keeping two separate schools
2 high schools
Kids will have 3 different schools through PK-12, rather than 4. Allows students to be geographically closer to their 6-12 schools since there are multiple schools for each stage.
Maintaining the 2 high schools
new elementary school and keeping high school grades 9-12
I like that there is a new elementary school (to help alleviate crowding) and that fifth graders remain in elementary buildings in this scenario. I also like that high school and middle school grade bands remain the same.
Change boundaries and build a new elementary school where there is need
A new facility would be nice, but is it needed?
Using existing resources.
NE is undeniably end-of-life and needs to be replaced.
Less change
Keeping the traditional grades together

The consistency and creates less issues.
Keeping 9th grade in the high schools!
Addresses short term needs
No need to buy more land for a new high school, the chaos of pick up time remains the same not increased like in scenario b,
The new Elementary school. Our elementary schools are bursting at the seams right now.
Upgraded schools
Nothing. Building 2 new buildings and tearing down buildings are very costly. Anything that will raise my bills higher has to be a no at this point, so I can be able to have a home.
No major disruptions while improving the schools needs
Keeping the high schools 9-12
I do like how there will be an updated middle school
That Northeast and Jefferson will remain separate schools
Scenario A is the only reasonable choice to ensure that students are not lost in the cracks.
Elementary located near growing enrollment areas
The schools keeping their same current locations and serving the same stake holders.
Keeping 2 high schools
Fewest changes with only required expenses
Smaller classroom sizes. More opportunities for the children.
Northeast is in desperate need of demolition, and that school needs a modern replacement
Expanding Pre-K offerings
Grade levels in buildings
Closing Northeast
Keeping 2 high schools
nothing,
Not combining middle and high schools
It probably just appeals because it's the more familiar of the two. It doesn't feel like it would totally rock the boat, but would help with many of the issues today. This option may also cause less strain/stress on the students who already suffered so much during Covid shutdowns, and who I imagine would be entering high school by the time this plan might be built. It would be more stable for them.
Smaller changes, shorter commutes

Rebuilding Northeast and adding another elementary
We need to replace Northeast, and we need more elementary sections, especially at Woodcrest and Siebert.
Leaves current grade structure the same. Northeast needs to be offline
Nothing, what's the value? You talk about what the plan is but not what the value is or how it improves things, aside from student balancing which doesn't seem like an issue to me
The two different schools will still be in place, teachers will all still have jobs and Northeast will be updated which affects my kiddos
The new middle school and the maintenance of existing grade spans.
That the overcrowding in elementary schools is solved
Keeping 2 high schools. Plus traditional 9-12 at high school and 6-8 for middle school.
Keeping two high schools in Midland.
Continuity of structure
It addresses basic needs from a facilities/infrastructure standpoint
In do not want any increase in taxes. MPS is Not good stewards of resources
Hopefully more balanced elementary schools. Location would be key - is the plan to place it serving the growing Larkin Twp population or would a better placement be in the former Cook Elementary area and re drawing boundary lines.
The keeping of two MS's and two HS's.
That Northeast will have a new building
Like that there is a wider age spread in the middle and high schools-fosters community, also that a student would have the ability to switch schools if there were an insurmountable bullying problem. Decentralized and mixed age are both things I value.
Nothing
Seems to be the least disruptive route to achieve the objectives.
Seems to meet needs
Keep appropriate grades together. Minor Change where kids go.
Separate high schools
Budget wise, this is a nice compromise.
I like that the two high schools remain high schools, and that students have twice the opportunities (than if there were one high school) to pursue student leadership positions, play sports, and join extracurricular activities (like theater).
Keeping two high schools

Updated buildings, keeping 9-12 together
Adding an additional elementary school would help class sizes.
Having two high schools allows students greater opportunity to be involved in a group activity for example music, sports and other groups.
Keeping neighborhood schools in tact and replacing northeast.
It maintains the middle school grade configuration that was implemented in 1997 after lengthy study and deliberation.
The new elementary school in the northern part of the district and allowing PreK to move to neighborhood schools.
Don't close a school to open a new school that's wasteful . improve what you have
Shiny and new but that's not worth the money
It keeps two high schools and two junior high schools allowing more opportunities for more students in athletics, clubs, student council, etc.
Like to have 2 middle schools and 2 high schools in the district, fun to have a lot of interschools activities.
does not cause a lot of disruption
Having two high schools
Upgrades to middle schools.
I don't think new tax dollars should be implemented...use the tax dollars you already get, and budget better!
Best option of the 2
Keeps 2 highschools which will allow for more kids to play on sports teams
1. Grade level distribution stays the same 2. New middle school can be built on same land as current middle school
Keep two separate middle and high schools.
I like the grade distributions stay mostly the same (aside from pk) and actually sets kids up for less transitions. It allows them to spend more time at one school to develop relationships with staff.
New middle school at northeast, keep two high schools in the city
Fixing existing schools.
Nothing. Fancier schools, new furnishings doesn't address the decline we've seen in achievement. Test scores in Midland are deplorable.
Nothing

Hopefully we can learn from experience (from construction of Central Park) when building a new elementary. This scenario seems like the "safest" change.
Stronger programs
Renovation of existing buildings and retaining two Highschools. Two Highschools give more opportunities to the student body. Two Bands, two football teams, two Orchestras
Keeping 2 middle schools and 2 high schools.
It's keeps things as they are and addresses the issue of NE building.
Reusing the land Northeast middle school is currently on
Northeast is non-existent.
It keeps the high schools separate.
My concern is what happens to the northeast students during construction? And how long will the construction last? I do not want to live in a construction zone for years...
Nothing
Safety upgrades
Keeping two high schools and two middle schools; pre-primary at family schools; replacing Northeast
It allows the community of schools to generally stay the same and doesn't require the grades of schools to switch around allowing mhs and dhs alumni to still connect with their school.
Keeps most of the current schools as is.
Addressing the need for PreK classes
Keeping separate high schools
Keeps both high schools open
Addressing of lower level grades
Maintains 2 high schools, and neighborhood schools enabling kids to walk to school.
Everything stays mostly the same, while there are still some upgrades. I like that the high schools remain separate.
Fine idea. Plays into what is already working, which it does well enough.
More room for elementary students as space has been needed for a very long time
I like that there will still be two high schools and middle schools. This creates more student opportunities for student group organizations and athletics.
Leaving the middle and high schools separate.
Building a new elementary school and expanding the capacity for pre k at elementary schools.

Putting Pre-K within each local elementary school.
Keeps same three tier model as existing structure and other regional schools
I like that the individual classes will remain smaller (e.g., two middle schools and two high schools). I think this provides a better atmosphere for students.
Continuation of 2 high schools creating greater opportunity for students and allows school of choice when one fits a child better.
Additional middle elementary school space
I really like the community style elementary schools.
seems like it could work
Keeping the in-district rivalry
Having more schools in different areas will allow more kids to be in school.
The updates to school facilities and school classroom environments.
Updating is important
Maintain separate high schools to allow more students to participate in extra curricular activities which has been proven to be a marker of success.
I like the two schools and that 9th grade needs to stay with the high school.
I like that it is building a new elementary school.
I like the school locations for all grades as it still somewhat maintains the "neighborhood" school concept.
Continue to have 2 high and middle schools, Updating necessary buildings, bus purchase plan.
Not bussing children back and forth across town. (And you know the mom's will drive them instead) This option keeps abysmal Midland mom drivers and their giant gas-guzzling SUV's off the road as much as possible!
Nothing
Keeping two separate high schools (and middle schools) and keeping middle schools 6-8th grade and high schools 9-12th grades..
Northeast being rebuilt
Save Northeast!
Two high schools and not a ton of grade changes in buildings
The updates and the balanced elementary schools. Plus the facility improvements.
That we are investing in our existing facilities where the majority of the population in Midland already exists.

That we are keeping both high school. We need to keep both because if we go down to one then sports teams goes to one which makes it harder for kids to be on teams which then makes kids act out and get in trouble when they have no after school sports..
it's traditional
I appreciate updates to the schools
Improvement of arts and athletic opportunities
Maintains local neighborhood area elementary and middle schools, close to home for those kids non-driving age. Also maintains two-high school opportunities for the kids.
I feel like it best utilizes the districts current facilities while improving on weak areas and fixing the biggest problem (NE).
Two separate high schools
Nothing
Using our present resources
technology
New busses and updates
Everything in the first bullit point. Improvement to Jefferson intermediate and upgrading buses as needed, middle schools serving grades 6-8 and a four year high school program
Not moving a lot of students around to different facilities and keeping current grades together as they are.
High schools remain 9-12
9th grade stays in the high school
new middle school
Maintains current path of students through buildings from K-12 .
safety and security upgrades, still allows lots of extra curricular options for all students versus having to compete for spots like in plays, sports, music, etc.
Keeping existing infrastructure
It does not consolidate the high schools.
Nothing it's idiotic furniture, facelifts etc have nothing to do with learning enhancements
Figuring out how to mostly manage with existing infrastructure, minimizes disruption to most students and staff. Students still attend schools close to their home neighborhoods.
It maintains 2 HS and current participation levels for studentcathletes and extracurriculars. It isn't the student dream killer that Prop B is.
I like that it keeps the high school, middle school, and elementary schools the same, and just adds one elementary school and one middle school.

The grade configurations remain largely the same.
Trying to improve facilities, and working to balance school locations based on districts enrollment
Getting the elementaries more room to move around. I volunteer in the newest building and they are already running out of room after only being open for 7 years. I would like to see the district use more teacher input in the remodeling of existing schools and the new school. I think there were too many fashionable learning spaces that don't function the best when CPE was built. I would like more info on where this new school would be located. I'm sure they have a site since the video mentions needing to look for a site for the new high school but not the elementary.
It keeps the two high schools, which are already attached to their ancillary facilities
A new elementary school would address overcrowding of northern most schools.
I appreciate that there are still two high schools. This allows more opportunities for students in the arts & athletics. It also makes drop off/pick up easier for families with students in multiple buildings. Keeping 2 MS & 2 HS buildings allows for fewer students in each building. Teachers & staff will be able to make more connections with students rather than having more students who potentially slip through the cracks.
Keeping the 2 middle schools and 2 high schools. I would like grade sizes to not be much bigger than 200-250 kids plus more opportunities to play on sports teams with the 2 schools
Keeping 2 high schools and 2 middle schools.
Maintaining 2 high schools
PreK in other schools
Nothing
Less transitions for students, more opportunities for students with two high schools
Keeping two high schools
Keeping the two high schools and middle schools
2 high schools and 9-12 in schools together.
Tech, safety, arts and play updates
I like that there would still be 2 high schools, that enrollment in the elementary schools would be more balanced, and that in the long run it is the cheaper option.
Enhancing exterior and interior
This is the option that makes the most sense based on the current trends.
I like how it is Midland High School and Herbert Henry Dow High and I say leave it the way it is.
It keeps our current structure of having the two middle schools and two high schools.

The issues are at elementary mostly with new growth and the closure of so many of them. I think a new elementary school just makes sense in the northern area.
Nothing
Two separate high schools that begin in 9th grade
Schools are spread out throughout the city.
That an elementary school will be added and that the high schools will remain separate.
Proposal A is the least disruption of student impact
Demo northeast
Two high schools
That there still will be 2 high schools but we will expand and have new schools too.
It's fewer transitions for the students, from school to school. It's also keeps 2 separate high schools.
NE middle school is my neighbor. In this scenario, it seems there is a clear plan for the lot--a new middle school! I don't see a plan for this in scenario B. Also, keeping two high school location options for families makes it easier for commuters and young drivers. The pool at Dow High, the Community Stadium at Midland High, and the auditorium at Central are familiar and not too far removed for residents.
Keeping kids in the same physical building for longer.
Keeping the two high schools.
Keeping the existing high schools and not building a new high school.
Keep schools at current sizes.
with the life experience and information I have now after watching the video, I prefer 2 smaller high schools to 1 large high school (albeit with fewer grades present). HOWEVER - you have not shared pros / cons of each option. I'm a parent who knows nothing about this except what I've learned in the video. What are the pros / cons of each option? What do the teachers / staff think? What are the environmental impacts of each option? Do 500+ person graduating classes lead to a weaker sense of belonging? would kids be more likely or less likely to "fall through the cracks" with smaller schools? Do larger populations make more appealing targets for those with dangerous intent?
The district should have never shut down as many elementary schools as it did. By adding a new elementary this will fix some of that problem.
new buildings can be built to accommodate security and technology concerns
Keeping both high schools separate should be a priority. That's what makes Midland unique.
I like that the High schools are still separate, allowing for less students and more opportunities for every child (competitive and educational)
Keeping current schools in same location AND keeping two high schools!

I like that the grades will all stay how they are currently and not add another transition year.
New elementary school
Midland High School and Dow Hight School have always enjoyed the competition between the two schools. Too many students will be left out of the competition if we go to only one school.
A little more cost effective
Pre-K moved to the elementary schools
I like that the schools remain their own entities, providing the most opportunities for children to participate in extracurricular activities. I like that this plan does not put a building out of service that is not "at the end of its useful life". I like that this plan is not packaged with an "optional" rider to make it look less expensive.
Grade levels kept the same. PreK in neighborhood schools
K-5 6-8 and 9-12 is perfect new building is nice
High schools stay as-is
Replacement of busses and renovations or replace roofs as needed
Less change for the community. Elementary schools together, middle school and high school same grades.
Nothing
Two high schools
Prek-5 elementary
It would help lower class sizes at the elementary level and new building for Northeast families
I like having 2 middle schools and two high school. My daughter experienced a middle school with 2000 kids in TC. After moving to Gladwin, even though the educational element was not up to par, I valued the opportunities of a smaller school i.e. being on student council, an important member of the track team, on the homecoming court. Not possible in a big school. So academics were not great but she had a work ethic and was successful in college.
Keeps two high schools. I came from Texas and 3000 student schools where students get lost, Dow and Midland are the perfect size
preserves traditional high school structure.
Rebuilding Northeast commitment to adapt to today's population
Addressing the needs of the community without trying to remake the wheel! Keeping our community high schools is very important to me!
Cost for tax payers
pre k thru 5 schools spread throughout the district

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What do you like least about Scenario A?

Responses
Cost is too high
There is no plan for robotics.
It doesn't address the challenges of educational equitability that MPS is facing.
The goal seems to be to provide "free" daycare at the taxpayer's expense.
Busing.
It keeps the tradition of how schools have been used (ie it naturally creates division instead of acceptance).
So many elementary schools.
The cost
I actually believe we should consider adding a pool to MHS and a football stadium to DHS at some point, as well as a community theater that is larger than what Central Auditorium is able to hold.
Changing boundaries for elementary school alignment
Repurpose vacant buildings (Old Delta College, Kmart, Old Farmer Jack's) or lots (Cook, Mills)
The cost.
Building a new elementary school. Would think we could just upgrade them all and not build new.
I suppose not knowing what the school boundaries will be? But, that's really a nonissue.
High Taxes
While adding another elementary building alone will help with the lack of space at elementary buildings right now, adding PK back into every building will take up any space gained back from the new elementary building. This is in addition to the vast level of differences in needs from PK students all the way up to fifth graders being housed all in the same space.
That the high schools are not getting the extra facilities shared in the third option.
your using carpenter as an excuse for the 3rd time it was suppose to be closed when Central park was built.
Cost :Not sure a millage that big will be able to pass
It doesn't really solve the problems, just pushes them down the road
I feel like resources are still spread thin.

I do not see why we need another elementary school at the moment.
destroying north east.
My taxes are already too high.
How expensive it is
It is more expensive and it feels like we are getting less structural improvements than Scenario B.
Cost to implement
Other buildings also need lots of work.
The transition period while the middle school is being built for the current students would be a logistical concern
Way too many elementary schools already. Building another one to add Pre-K does not make sense. Pre-K needs are more similar to daycare. I don't feel my kids will be safe with older kids. Perhaps they can be moved to Longview or Sugnet? Little kids do not need to be closer to older kids. Too much hassle and rules to keep them safe. This is making the proposal expensive and lots of people are very unhappy.
The lack of compassion for tax payers mps only wants to keep taking without budgeting the money they have already been given appropriately
No mention of pool option, other facilities are aging so this feels like a bandaid
It doesn't seem like it will provide as long-term solutions as Scenario B
PreK in existing buildings seems impossible when many buildings are stretched to the max. Curious how that will solved.
Moving pre-k into the existing elementary schools. Demolishing carpenter. As it's a historical building
Investment outside the heart of the city
Does not address high school facilities
No new high school. Doesn't address the lack of sports facilities at Jefferson and Dow High and all the schools still have to share one theater off site.
The price
Instead of building /fixing facilities for extra extracurriculars, such as pools, in individual schools, the school district could create a center for all those.
Many schools will not be updated
Not as community wide. I may live in the district with school aged kids but won't benefit at all from any new buildings.
Nothing.

Some elementary students will have to change buildings and the early childhood center will be eliminated. The younger 4 year old students will not have access to developmentally appropriate playgrounds meant for preschoolers versus elementary children.
How pressing are the needs? I'm not convinced bricks and mortar are the most important issues in MPS.
Tearing school down, and buses replaced. All unnecessary.
Where's the robotics center???
Tearing down Northeast, the costs.
Closing the pre-primary center.
Old high school aging facilities just still getting bandaids.
I think the early childhood focus at carpenter will be lost if the program gets absorbed into the elementary. There is such a pressure to push curriculum down each grade, the efforts they're making to be developmentally appropriate will be lost. Additionally, their ability to collaborate will disappear.
Carpenter will be closed :(We love carpenter and it has providers great start for kids.
High cost to families. Why build a new elementary school when enrollment is declining? Why add more preK and therefore more students before meeting / improving needs of existing K-12 students. The district should prioritize K-12, not preK.
In the interim of the new building, what happens to current northeast middle schoolers? I'm guessing there will not be a complete demo and tear down in 1 summer. Additionally, has parking between northeast and plymouth been considered? For sporting events and school conferences, there are never enough parking.
I feel like these issues should have been addressed several years ago when the district closed several schools and built Central Elementary.
I will be voting NO !
Having to tear down an old school instead of trying to update the existing one.
Horrible use of tax payer money
Not Really Much If Any Other Than It's Gonna Cost Lots Of Money
Cost projection
It's not clear that such updates are worth the price tag, when they don't add new value creating venues in the community. Are there considerations to add the auditorium/pool/etc to this option?
Redistributing elementary school boundaries
I don't know, I am not the expert
PreK moved to elementary buildings

3 and 4 year old should not be in a school with elementary kids. They need their own school.
Building a new elementary school. Almost all the elementary schools are located on northside of town. We have already built a new elementary building: CPE. Instead of doing another elementary, perhaps we can combine plans. PreK -4 in current elementary schools, 5-6 upper elementary school (Jefferson) 7-8 middle school (DHS) and 9-12 school (MHS with additional facilities such as 9th grade building where Parkdale stood?)
Possible rezoning of our elementary district
This scenario has very little upside.
Putting more children into our already small school.
None. I prefer Scenario A.
All of it
There is no robotics center. Mps needs a permanent center like hemlock and not lease space. With all the engineers and companies we have in town, there is no reason we shouldn't have a center for robotics excellence.
The cost
Cost is too much. Why can you be happy with what you have!
Tearing down Northeast School when parts of it were just built 16-17 years ago
I don't love that preK gets lumped into elementary schools preK-5th grade is a huge stretch of students and it makes it trickier to form full school sense of community. Perhaps if upper and lower el were separated for activities and events. Even better if there could be an administrator for upper elementary grades and another for lower elementary grades. The workload can't keep increasing for administrators and burning them out.
You're demolishing a building that you just put a bunch of money into less than 3 years ago. Seems VERY irresponsible!!!
Upgrades to elementary school are minimal
The building of a new elementary school in the north of the district will likely continue to pull people northward out of the city limits roofing the tax base further and continuing to weaken the sense of community here.
I'm not sure that building new schools when we already have existing buildings. Many people are struggling to pay the bills they currently have and everything keeps increasing in price.
Space for all classes
No new pool facilities
The cost.
I feel as though the changes are not necessary and cost a lot of money for the impacted people.
The cost is a big increase on taxes. Also, will the 3s program go away?

It's fine
Waiting to update busses until the very end of their life.
Seems to only address a fraction of the issues
Not everything on the list is necessary. Would love to see MPS pick absolutely important updates like safety and infrastructure updates and keep cost down. Consumers are already under pressure due to high inflation. Would not want to see a large property tax increase in the near future. I think it's going to force young families out of Midland.
Keeping the number of buses fixed is not going to be sufficient unless student population drops so much that MPS ends up with too many schools again.
Tearing down Carpenter
Does Northeast really need completely replaced? Is it possible to renovate & save money to be used toward other necessary items.
Does not address facilities for older students at all
The high school should be combined.
Little impact on my family.
Putting 5th and 9th graders together. Too much maturity difference
Plan will have little impact on my family. New boundaries may separate current elementary families/friends.
Always needing more money 9-10K per student isn't enough?
I know some rec facilities really need updates. Hopefully the new middle school would have a fantastic auditorium to take pressure off of Central Auditorium.
Cost
Expensive upgrades that do not seem necessary to me.
I favor this scenario
Replacing northeast and building a new school. We just spent all this money updating just to tear them down? Or tearing down building just to build new ones? Planning seems not future facing.
I don't like building new buildings
Destroying Northeast Middle school
Needs to include stadium and auditorium facility upgrades. Put a pool in new Northeast
I'm totally fine with it
Does not address lack of resources and opportunities for students that reflect options other schools provide leaving us weaker in competing for college spots
integrating pre-k into already over crowded schools

I like Scenario A.
Take a lot of time plus the cost
Not an add on enhancement.
Nothing
Would like more info why schools need torn down vs updates.
New middle school built at site of old middle school. Where do students go during that time?
accomplishing this consolidation will surely leave many ordinary students behind unintentionally i'm sure but with. student body of let's say 2000 kiddos you simply cannot have small class sizes for learning AND just imagine having to whittle down 130 or more football players to the 11 that can be on the field to play at one time THAT in just one of the MANY undesirable consequences of making the school that large.
Putting preK in elementary buildings and closing Carpenter
Keeping things the same, costs us same amount of money.
The community was ensured current elementary schools that stayed open were adequate, now a NEW school?
Building more when 3-4 buildings were ripped down when all the schools were closed.
A taxpayer increase
Bringing Pre-K students in with older students. My kindergartener has learned the f, b, and s words from the older students. We do not need even younger students exposed to this.
None
Possible zoning limitations for north region
I am concerned, putting the pre k back in the schools does not solve the overcrowding, even with an additional new elementary school.
Moving the students.
Older buildings
Cost
Can we see a proposal for fixing NE? What is the cost for that? What about fixing Carpenter? I think Pre-K does not belong in the other schools. Littles need more supervision and tax payers should be looking to support K-12 regardless of the new push for prek by the state. There is very little regard for the tax payers when you demo so many schools and then turn around and want to double people's taxes. Especially in today's economy. Seems tone deaf.
Cost
There is no plan to update Dow High Athletic facilities.
Redrawing elementary lines, while needed to balance numbers, could cause issues with available child care and cause students to change elementary schools

I don't understand why expanding Pre K is an initiative. We now have daycare centers having to close rooms once dedicated to PreK because it is in MPS. Changing location of Carpenter to the north based on enrollment trends seems to make sense but I would be interested on the income levels - those north of town tend to have higher income compared to the neighborhoods surrounding the schools...
Has little to do with improving the education of children
Nothing
Worry about the age/ usefulness of the high schools and Jefferson
Doesn't update the high schools to be more modern
The property tax increase. While I agree that we need to make upgrades, property taxes in Midland are already VERY high.
The lack of the auxiliary package availability.
Less community for kids in the same grade level across town but I think that is minor given class sizes.
That a new elementary building would be constructed after demolishing multiple K-5 buildings in the district.
All of it
No bigger auditorium
Having had two children go through MPS (and now college), each stage of elementary, MS and HS is important to their development. But, the high school is their launching point into the world, and I think it's the level that does not get strategically addressed for the future in this model. It's not something families realize until they get there! But, I am beyond grateful for the high school experiences my kids had and how well it prepared them for their next stages in life.
No plan for upgrades to the existing high schools or to maintain/upgrade Jefferson Middle School. It seems that it would be wise to modernize and upgrade our existing facilities before it is too late. Northeast was neglected for so long that from what I understand, it is beyond repair. Typically large buildings like these can serve very long lives if they are invested in - just look at the amazing historical academic buildings at the University of Michigan, or more locally, Bay City Central HS and Bay City Handy MS. Those have been preserved beautifully. Investing in upgrades for both of our high schools, and Jefferson, would be awesome (whether that's the boring stuff like HVAC, etc or exciting stuff like remodel/additions, or both?). I also don't understand why there is no A+ scenario - where we go with Scenario A but also have the option of an auditorium, pool for MHS, stadium for DHS.
I don't see a truly balanced elementary school with school of choice. Increase in taxes disproportionately affects lower income individuals. The cost to build a school north of town. I am especially against purchasing land to accomplish that.
Keeping the same scenario for middle and high schools.
Less add ons available to help with current and future needs of students
I like the current location of NEMS so if it is built far away from there it is a bit of a bummer

Putting PK into the elementary. There's a big difference in age groups. Woodcrest is already so full.
Cost
It may limit access to early education for folks in the midtown/downtown area. It keeps high school properties the same, with improvements. I'd like to see what the projected lifespan and realistic price point is going to be to build and maintain all existing properties through their life expectancy so we could collectively understand what the real cost of our communities education will be in the future.
The scale at which you are deceiving the public about the tax increase, you may think you are fooling everyone with the small cost increase, but the deception is noticeable, and I will personally work to make sure the public is made aware of the truth.
Cost
Lack of provision for additional amenities (community stadium, pool, performing arts center)
Concerns that both high schools will not offer rigorous curriculum for high achieving students. No new arts center.
I would be concerned about space and staffing for adding prek into elementary schools, but it does seem doable. I'm just wondering why northeast would have to be torn down/rebuilt, is it structurally unsound and unsafe? Or just old and outdated?
The concept of needing bigger and newer, after intentionally not taking care of the infrastructure, instead forcing buildings into enough upgrades to 'need' to be replaced.
Absolutely nothing I think it is a terrific plan. It's unfortunate to have to tear down Carpenter after repurposing to get it to its current state but plans change and it sounds like it is needed regardless.
Cost
Building a new elementary after you closed five in the last fifteen years.
Would like to see inclusion of afterschool programs, including tutors at the middle and high school levels. Some districts keep their schools open and provide supervision, and academic tutors after hours (say until 6pm) to provide a safe space for students to hang out, and to get academic help.
Having Adams El. Go PK-5 due to its small size and slightly higher numbers than the schools "max" already
Why would we remove one of the elementary schools? We do need another elementary school, because the classroom sizes are unacceptable, but if you just add one but take another away it defeats the purpose. Why would we build a new middle school from scratch instead of renovating NE? With such a greater need to invest in our gaps in mental health support for students, proper training for staff, etc. Both plans frankly seem fiscally negligent.
It has a limited impact on the district. The new buildings only impact a very small subset of the students in our district... and my taxes will be going to pay for that limited impact.

That we don't have the option for B2. We need the "extras" to help modernize Midland. We might look good but we are old and need an update.
Huge tax increase, not all may be able to afford.
Always with the tax dollars.
Carpenter, while difficult to maintain, is a historic building that I'd like to see kept around in some way
The rivalry between Dow/Midland persists. And I think an intermediate option is better for 5th and 6th graders.
The amount of students per class to add pre-k. The students per class is already way to many
Both scenarios are a significant tax burden
I do not know how building one elementary is going to resolve the overcrowding issue in the other elementary schools, especially when you are going to add the pre-k classes. I also do not like the idea of tearing down Carpenter just because of its age. You should look at its quality and historic value to our community rather than its age. The community will not be in favor of this, and I fear it will upset too many voters. Unfortunately, you have this in BOTH scenarios.
The cost, but our kids are worth it.
Putting preK in with all of the elementary kids (they are still quite little and should at least have their own separate part of the building). Will this actually help with the overcrowding? How many students would have to change schools due to changes in the district map?
Wish it was free !!!
Nothing - like this option
This scenario does not include enhancement/accommodation for extracurricular space (swimming/arts/etc)
No plan for a needed pool or theatre.
Only having 1 school to teach all the children in an individual grade.
The cost.
It's expensive, but to me as a taxpayer and student parent, it's worth it.
Building another elementary when we closed so many in the past. In addition, we are letting too many school of choice that do not pay taxes to support this bond. We should take care of City of Midland students first.
Potential lack of equal courses, or having to spend half the day at the other HS to get the classes you want.
Two new school buildings being built
The lack of specific upgrades to high schools
Cost

How/when do we upgrade the high schools. Do we eventually move to one new high school?
The cost. Tearing down schools instead of updating them.
No auxiliar facilities in this option
The cost is too high. No need for additional Pre-K programs.
Everything!!
It's the most expensive option
Nothing major.
It doesn't address the high school buildings
Pre K being in elementary schools
It feels like a step backwards since so many elementary schools were closed years ago- but times have changed and it is what it is.
That we are building new schools when we had schools that were demolished and could be utilized now that there's a need
everything's perfect
Other then increased taxes, nothing.
I have no complaints with scenario A.
I feel like this amount is just ridiculous and know that funds are never spent like they should be
PK in elementary building will max out rooms in the building. No extra space already.
I think it's unnecessary and frivolous spending to achieve what's required.
Cost to taxpayers
I do not have a strong opinion about negatives of this plan. I do feel a larger auditorium would be nice but Central Auditorium works for most events at this time.
Nothing
Not enough elementary schools and a loss of elementary schools near the older sections of town which takes life away from those areas. When schools are built in old neighborhoods then the homes in those areas become sought after again.
Don't have any problems with it.
Not clear on what new technology and furniture is needed. Not clear why this contributes 30+ million. Would like replacement of performing arts center
Putting PK in elementary. I liked the Carpenter PK center.
It's selfish, but my own kids won't see any tangible benefit from this option. (They'll be in high school or graduated.)

I'm not a huge fan of PK in the elementary schools. I was a parent at Adams when PK was there and it made an already difficult parking lot even worse. The 2015 updates have not helped Adams as it has been at full capacity I think since then. Class sizes were too large. World Language was held on the back of the stage. Music on a cart. Maker Space was a classroom. Will closing Carpenter and opening one new elementary school solve all the space issues?
I don't find much displeasing with scenario A. It meets the described needs while also not changing the current school set up too much. It also keeps the grade levels located in the same buildings as before.
It is not obvious how this sizable cost will enhance school proficiency. At Central Park Elementary 3rd grade, 18.3% are partially proficient and 25.4% are not proficient in reading. So nearly half have reading problems in 23/24 year.
Space is tight at elementary school already, adding PK despite adding another building is concerning. What is the anticipated demand for PK at each school, how would attendance lines be distributed throughout the district?
Nothing. I think it puts KIDS FIRST!!!
If Northeast is going to be rebuilt in the same site, where would kids attend school in the meantime?
Too much.
Carpenter should be treated as a historic marker and repurposed, not torn down. It seems like Midland in general doesn't prioritize historic landmarks that are directly related to the Dow family. The reality is that they don't need to be.
No gifted school.
I find this scenario is great to fix what is broken but does not move the community forward. It is trying to maintain the status quo with updates from areas that have fallen behind.
I'd like to see the + options of proposal B added to this. Pools, stadium, arts theater.
just building a new northeast middle will not fix the other problems
Such a cost increase. As home values rise, the sample numbers do not reflect the current housing situation, therefore residents will be taxed higher than anticipated values.
Does not address the need for a larger performance space. Central Auditorium is inadequate. I'm curious why the auxiliary options are only available with Scenario B.
The pre-k program.
What happens to Robotics program? We need a larger auditorium - Central Aud is great but is too small for our large music ensembles - MCFTA is very expensive for school groups to rent. Will Jefferson pool ever be repaired? Will the new NE school be built with a pool?
Nothing. A is the way to go. I would pay more to keep both high schools and get those upgrades added to each, including fields, pools, and auditoriums ..etc.
Bringing pre-K into buildings with 5th graders seems like too large of an age difference

No one loves tax increases, but collectively for our community it's the right thing to do.
We need a new pool
Concerns about having room in the elementary schools to add pre k classes without disrupting special Ed and arts areas
High cost
I think closing carpenter is unfortunate. I think that area of town needs that support and while a lot of kids in the north of town end up bussing in to adams and seibert, those kids tend to be more affluent and have more options than the people in the lower income areas of our community. I know Central Park is right there, but that building being in the middle of all those walking families is needed. I also wonder where you plan on putting middle schoolers when you have NE closed, I'm assuming this project will take several years which means some kids will spend their whole middle school career in what....mobile classrooms? I don't see how that is sustainable. Also, didn't we just pay a ton to have AC added to NE?
My children are getting older and will benefit least from a new elementary school
Nothing really. NE is well past its lifespan. So it seems logical to replace the building. There's plenty of land in that area, so constructing a new building on an existing site would seem to be less disruptive than finding a vacant area large enough for a new high school.
Does not address the traffic congestion
Strategic future planning. Have you taken into consideration a large employer move out of Midland would have and cause empty schools?
Adding another elementary school.
Higher taxes
The cost
Carpenter and Northeast being closed
having preschool at each elementary - very little kids at same building as 11 year olds
Cost
I question whether there could be an option to move grades 5-6 to Northeast and make upgrades to that school. Or, have grades 5-6 at Jefferson or the new middle school and grades 7-8 in the other middle school. I think it might be of benefit to separate these grades and break it down a little more. Middle school is a really difficult time for many kids as they are moving into puberty and there seems to be a lot of bullying that takes place in middle school. Maybe having these grades split up a little more could be of benefit to the students and teachers as it would allow for a better atmosphere for learning.
The wide range of grades/ages in elementary buildings
Tearing down Northeast. While I don't know what the infrastructure problems are, it's a good school in a great location.
Location of new pre-primary location. Overall costs of millage increase.

Putting pre-K into the elementary schools seems like a challenge in terms of space and in not negatively impacting the learning environment for the non-PreK students.
It does nothing to address the disparity between the two sides of town regarding achievement, opportunity, and public perception.
It just keeps the status quo with not substantive improvement or advancement.
Nothing
Did not hear anything about upgrading pools, track facilities, theater facilities as in scenario B add-on
Rebuilding is not the answer. Repairing and restructuring makes more sense for a decade plan.
Building new schools.
Adding preK to existing schools
It doesn't take the student into consideration
Only two middle schools are receiving upgrades when elementary school also need infrastructure improvements.
Everything
My tax dollars used for indoctrination.
Everything
It does not address the aging Midland High.
Putting pre k into the elementary schools
Adding Pre-K to all elementary schools.
Does not address aging performing arts center or pool problems.
The tax dollars
Tax increase and overall total cost, demolition of standing buildings, and creating new elementary
Reconstruct new school and dismantle old school
I had children attending Parkdale when it was closed, along with other buildings, to align with enrollment needs at that time. I understood that these closures allowed the district to focus on infrastructure improvements at the remaining schools. I appreciate that these improvements and preventative maintenance will be ongoing. However, while we added Makerspaces, gymnasiums, and updated kitchens to the remaining elementary buildings, many have outgrown their new spaces. I am concerned that the plan may be too short-term, and we could find ourselves in a similar situation within a decade of these changes.
Adding the pre-primary programs to the elementary schools. I understand wanting to have the transition to Kdg and beyond in one place, but finding the space for the programs is going to almost negate the benefits of spreading out the elementary population. Classes of 28, 29, 30

and beyond is not sustainable for teachers and is very detrimental to student learning given the way we are expected to teach.
Expansion into PreK not necessary and schools are not well equipped for these programs. Feels like a push by the District just to grab more state funding.
I think things fine the way they are
The cost
The longevity of the plan.
I think more details about school safety need to be brought up. We have resource officers already at the schools and metal detectors? How much safer can it be?
Replacing any schools that "could" be renovated.
The pre-primary programs in every school is a bit unnecessary. These programs are killing high quality tuition base programs and offering very little to the children, just more of an offering to the parents so that they can work more.
It's costs
Tearing down Carpenter PrePrimary. The school has a school family feel and the teachers make the students feel welcome, safe and loved. Breaking up this school community would be a huge mistake
It feels like the middle school and high school students will see the least of the benefits from option.
Not addressing updates at MHS
The unknown of if you will change the name of northeast. The cost is too much for the community.
Worry that one side of town will slowly become seen as disadvantaged.
Bulldozing Northeast- it seems that renovation would be a smarter choice
There is honestly nothing I don't like about it, especially compared to scenario B
There is too much spend on administration and facilities. Arguably does not translate into academic performance
high school facilities are not updated
It is expensive.
Costing me more on taxes
I don't see any pitfalls other than it doesn't address aging auxiliary facilities like the stadium, auditorium and pool.
Nothing
would it be better to build a new building for the highschool

We shouldn't need all the hububb with having a new facility when the old facilities aren't being properly taken care of
Wondering why we are building a brand new elementary school when we just closed down several of them in the past several years? Also I am not sure Jefferson needs updates, that school is pretty new.
No new pools for our aquatic programs.
Having to build another elementary school after closing several during the 2010s
Cost
Not sure our elementary schools are capable of housing Pre K. We do not have enough restrooms and we would need a dedicated play area. Currently restrooms at Woodcrest are not even updated for our Kindergarten classes. They can not reach the soap dispensers. How will younger kids be able to.
Attendance boundaries for Elementary will change
Tearing down a school that has been updated already
Contributions on each household based on this budget.
Building a whole new building is costly and is the space going to be utilized?
A perceived unfairness of asset distribution between the two MS.
Combine the High Schools and Middle Schools
In theory I like it all, but without parking/traffic improvements I would be concerned about a couple of the elementaries adding pre-K as current drop-off/pick-up traffic is already chaotic.
Maybe the graphic, using black font instead of the white font won't get you in trouble with accessibility regulations.
Big tax increase
PreK-5th grade in elementary.
Concerned where middle schoolers will go when building by the new middle school
Cost to property owners.
your elementary schools are still aging....
Having multiple kids in direct areas of midland, less kids being able to be able to do sports, less jobs, loss of the midland rivalry Dow vs midland the heart of midland community
Cost
The costs associated all at once
Slightly more expensive than scenario B and lacks some of the positive features associated with scenario B.

Doesn't address how the two sides of town are changing and the impact they have on our schools.
Nothing
I am worried that the "rezoning" of elementary boundaries might not address the fact that elementary buildings are very full.
The other options - pool, theater, stadium are not part of it
I see the benefits of a large school as well, especially the state of the art facilities at a brand new high school
Cost
Unless you can demolish and rebuild Northwest all in 1 summer vacation, replacing a building sounds like a logistical nightmare for everyone.
It feels like not a lot for the amount of money, and doesn't really address shortcoming of the high school buildings.
Doesn't address facilities improvements such as CTE programs or athletic facilities. I also really don't like the concept of knocking down Carpenter. There is history there, and the building needs to be preserved
The fact of splitting up the Pre-primary center into many different schools as they work as a whole team daily to encourage the youngest learners in the district.
The emphasis on security- it is over the top.
increased taxes
None of this makes sense. In the last decade or so, MPS demolished 2 elementary schools: Cook and Eastlawn and now you want to use more tax dollars to build another elementary and possibly a new middle school? We like nothing about this scenario.
Jefferson middle school is aged and may require more upgrades down the road.
What is wrong with Northeast that it doesn't work anymore?
Nothing really! It's all fine.
Nothing is not to like. We had all of these buildings 15 years ago and should have renovated existing buildings and structures.
Increased taxes
I feel that having the pre-primary closed will limit collaboration for preprimary teachers and staff.
Adding an elementary school
Nothing
the constructing of new buildings
Not much

Cost
Demolishing the schools. Update and save money not building new.
The expense
Tax increase
Cost to taxpayers without any students enrolled
"Adjusting school boundaries" isn't clear and leaves ambiguity about whether it would affect my family directly.
everything is fine now- why change
Everything
Without seeing the new school zones, I don't have confidence that ALL 6 schools with experience the relief (space and student capacity-wise) with the addition of the north of town elementary school. This seems like it will only relieve Siebert and potentially Woodcrest. Closing Carpenter and integrating preschool into all of the buildings will completely cut off the possibilities for the educators of our youngest learners to collaborate and team on supporting our most vulnerable students. The work they do at this level is not comparable to that of what is being done at the elementary level.
I recognize that the cost may be high for some families.
Adding another elementary school. We trusted this district to make decisions with closing schools 20 years ago, now we need more schools. We closed Cook elementary and now Siebert is the largest elementary school in the district, is far past capacity and is stretching our valuable district resources thin. So the answer of "build a new school" is tough to swallow after you closed many elementary schools years ago
Should still have some upgrades to the options of theatre, pool, and stadium like listed in plan B.
Increases to taxes
What will be done with the land that the Pre-Primary school sits on now?
Cost is a major concern, especially in today's climate. Adding pre-school to buildings is not optimal.
Adding pre k to over already crowded schools and adding to the congestion and chaos of accessing the school
Taxpayer cost.
nothing
The closer of Carpenter Pre-Primary Center. I love the DK program.
Just unsure where northeast kids will go when it's being rebuilt.
NE Middle being demolished, and new school built.

It doesn't fix the high school problems or lack of pools. We live in Michigan our kids need to know how to swim.
Possible unbalanced middle school/high school enrollments due to "newness" or new boundaries
Nothing
The high schools are still divided. There is enough separation in Midland as it is. Yes the rivalry can be fun but it's not needed in one town.
Pre k in elementary schools.
Not much
No specifics on the arts/sports enhancements like scenario B has additional.
the cost is substantial and the annual tax impact is significant. This is not a small ask and I think the schools need to request more state/federal funding rather than asking for the community to 100% bare this cost. The taxes are already too high for houses in this area, we experienced a \$1000 increase in our summer taxes. The constant taxation and inflation on everything is crippling families.
Cost
Demolishing bldgs that were just updated
Parking insufficient at middle schools now esp NE
Highschool will be the least improved
Doesn't list what changes to northeast. Is it worth it to build a new school verses update
Doesn't address equity for all students.
Every elementary, middle school and high school within the Midland public school district is so old and outdated. This town does not need another elementary school, what they need are new middle and high schools that will actually accomodate the student population
The costs
The high schools need to be updated to maintain status quo in comparison to similar communities around the US.
Only thing would be possibly keeping prek in one building
As a homeowner, I do not want to pay the costs for these plans. I would like to know how long we would be paying these additional taxes. Where would the new schools be? What is MPS doing with the land where schools have been torn down? MPS has kept the land where Cook was torn down when the land could have sold.
Closing Northeast
Everything leave the schools alone.
The cost.

You're making this an either/or situation. Why? I'd like to Scenario A *and* a new swimming facility.
I don't like how the pre-k programs are put into the respective elementary schools instead of having one dedicated spot like Carpenter is now. I think the elementary schools already have enough space problems and adding a Prek class will further the space issue in the district.
Cost. And how little my kids will benefit specifically. Not my favorite. Seems kind of unneeded for a lot of stuff.
Cost
Keeping two high schools
The new elementary school doesn't have a wing just for pre primary
Jefferson is terribly maintained. Both middle schools need uplift. Crowding still exists.
<p>I dislike a lot about this scenario.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I dislike the idea of adding Carpenter classrooms to individual Elementary schools. PK should be its own standalone building. 3-4 year olds are very different & have very different needs than 10-11 year olds & putting them in the same building would increase needs for staff & students, require more training for admin & staff who have never worked with this population before, & I pray would require schools to improve their drop off & pick up procedures as well as overall security (fenced in playgrounds are kind of a necessity for this age group) so someone doesn't get hurt. Not to mention the different licensing requirements for those classrooms & staff or the need for collaboration amongst staff teaching the same age group, which would be lacking in the individual buildings. 2. I dislike the suggestion of building a new elementary school when the district chose to recently close five elementary schools when initially only one school was projected to close. It was an easy budget fix forced on the community & more forethought should have been put into the decision. 3. Safety & Security is listed as the number one motivator for these scenarios, yet this does nothing to address the safety & security of students attending high school. Alden B Dow may have been a wonderful architect, but he did not design high schools with safety in mind. Plus I'm terrified that one day the boilers are going to cause a harmful, major gas leak or something worse.
The cost is unfortunate, but it is due. Also the loss of a preprimary center and new burden on the elementary schools will be tough on some of the already crowded schools
Increased taxes when I've just been taxed over \$200 for the new ESA building. The timing is too close for me to support in addition with the ESA millage.
Nothing
not sure that older elementary schools and Jefferson will get the updates they need
It does not adequately address the High School infrastructure challenges.
It seems impractical to close a center city elementary school and build a new one more northern in the county towards the higher priced homes. Feels like you're abandoning the

potentially lower income families to be more convenient for the potentially higher income families.
I do not like that elementary schools were recently demolished and now we are looking at building another new elementary school. This does not make sense to me at all.
costs
NOT ADDRESSING THE BULLIES
Unsure of boundaries for new elementary school - would worry how this might affect our current neighborhood school attendance
It kicks the can down the road for an improved high school
I would just like to know when all of this would go into play since my son is supposed to be going to Northeast next year. Really not excited to have to haul him to Jefferson
Doesn't go far enough.
I love the preprimary school being on it's own. It's a wonderful environment and culture. If my son was not at Carpenter this year and instead already integrated at the elementary school, I would have chosen not to send him and instead went to a private school for pre-k. That would then have opened the question if we stay there or do private school throughout elementary.
An additional elementary school - going to pose challenges for ancillary staff
Midland High was built in 1956. This proposal should list out what will be done to extend the life of this school so that in 10 years we are not being presented with another bond. I believe the 2015 bond will be paid off in 2025, so I wish the calculations would have included the decrease in property tax with this bond removed. No time line for this new bond but when I was at the meeting at Central last week, it sounded like 25 years.
nothing
The cost but it's necessary.
You haven't identified the names of the new buildings, which leads one to believe you intend on new names.
Nothing
The added expense.
Rezoning Elementary schools, high cost
I like the B+ add on options better. I believe Scenario A is the safe play and does not change a whole lot and would only impact certain students in the district.
The potential for some established students to be reassigned to a new school when they make new boundaries.
The new building needs to be for the preschool building. Keep all the staff together and build it on a piece of property you always own like Eastlawn or Cook school property. Then closer to other schools for parents and no need to convert anything in the elementaries for preschoolers. Make them 1-5th grade and the new building 3years - 5th grade.

I am worried about the high schools continuing to have disparities. I am unsure how there will be room in the elementary schools for pre-primary. I am also worried about 3 year olds being with 11 years old. Also, all of the regulations that come with pre-school.
Nothing/a
After tearing down elementary buildings, I struggle with approving the building of a new one without a full understanding and necessity as to why the others were torn down.
My only question or concern for scenario A is what happens to Northeast students while the building is being demolished and reconstructed? And why exactly can't Northeast be updated instead of demolished and rebuilt.
Closing the preprimary center
Possible downtime for supporting middle school students, disruptions to educational and recreational activities
nothing
Seems unnecessary, money could be used better
Where will NE students go when school is being built?
Will the structural updates be of the same quality as the original schools with input from the teachers and staff about the practicality of the improvements?
We do need new school buildings with air conditioning for the students
The new schools should be constructed prior to demolition of existing. The problems associated with demo-rebuild on the same site are well known, and having a new school commissioned prior to demo of an existing school ensures that school services are not interrupted by construction delays.
I don't think the district manages money well now
It leaves the high schools out that also need dire repairs and updates. If we are focusing on the elementary and middle schools, what will keep students here for high school?
Does not address all of the infrastructure issues (seems like a partial fix)
Nothing
It does not address the issues with curriculum's such as Health & Wellness which are outdated by over a decade and a half and even incorrect on some topics, and .3 and .4 math classes being discouraged if someone is only able to keep up with the difficulty increase but unable to keep up with the work quantity increase.
The cost, what about the other millages the school system has? Where has that money been going for the infrastructure and security improvements.
Moving pre-k into the the already crowded elementary school buildings
There is no discussion of learning outcomes, and how they are to be impacted
That we will lose a Pre-Primary building.

Preschools in elementary buildings and coming NE
I could see the pre-k kids being overwhelmed at the elementary level, but I prefer 3-5 year olds to just be playing anyway, instead of full day school. I would love to see Dow high specifically have more building updates, and I am excited about the possibility of the new auditorium, sad that cannot be part of this scenario.
don't like pre-K being in elementary schools
The elementary schools would seem very busy with PK-5
Tax cost.
Nothing.
Moving the Pre-K in to the schools seems like it would require more resources to run, while not alleviating the overcrowding issues in some of the elementary schools.
Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high
A lot of money for not really much out of it.
Skeptical of "updates" to Jefferson MS. Expect parents exercising school of choice could result in unbalanced MS enrollments. Parents of students attending Jefferson MS are likely to feel "cheated."
Closing the school that my children attend.
Nothing really. Of the 2 plans, this seems the most straight forward.
Adding Pre-K to the existing elementary schools may be difficult to do.
I am just frustrated that at the end of the 2010 school year several elementary schools were closed. The reason that we were given is that in the following years the school district would see decreased enrollment and therefore could not afford to maintain all of these buildings. But now we are being told that the elementary schools are at capacity.
have all the upgrades and improvements been met from last promise? No
Cost
Cost
Cost
Nothing at all. Seems completely reasonable.
I don't see how adding one elementary building is going to open up enough room in every elementary building for classrooms for PK now, let alone room for growth.
its more costly than scenario B
What will come of carpenter school? Can it still be used
It doesn't address the remaining building of concern on the list in Midland High.
Cost to taxpayers

We do not need another elementary school
Need more
I don't like that kids that want to take specialty classes welding, auto, etc. will have to travel to the other high school if it's not at theirs.
I don't believe Scenario A addresses the district's needs fully, or for the long term. If we are going to raise the money for a major facility overhaul, let's make sure we are addressing as many needs as possible for many years to come.
Concerned that we shut down elementary schools 13 years ago and are now spending money to build a new one. Are we properly thinking ahead when we make these decisions?
The need for two new buildings getting a majority of the bond money.
Really just that the Pre-primary building is no longer available (but I realize that's proposed in both scenarios) - having had a child there, I really enjoy having a separate preschool building. There is a lot of collaboration among teachers and allows for a nice introduction to school for little ones without all of the older students mixed in and more congestion with pick-up/drop-off. It'll just feel a lot more overwhelming to have your 3 year old began school in a K-5 building.
Nothing its a great plan
I tend to think that 6th grade is too early to be in middle school and might be better suited to be a part of elementary instead. If that is the case, with the addition of the PK, perhaps the school being built can house just the PK, so seven classrooms of PK instruction.
Splitting up the Pre-Primary Center/moving preschool classes to the elementary school buildings - this is going to bring additional challenges with licensing requirements, administrators are going to need to learn the licensing requirements and work with staff on how to best meet those students needs.
Nothing to comment. Like all proposed in the format it is proposed
Nothing really.
Does not solve the issue of aging High Schools
nothing
That the preschoolers will be I. Elementary
I really like that we currently have carpenter preprimary housing all little people. I do worry about safety and exposure with 3 and 4 year olds being mixed in with big kids.
Explanation on rebuilding or demoing each school.
Favors MHS always.
Nothing, this seems like a good plan.
Lots of money and unnecessary changes
Cost
The overcrowding of area schools during construction.

Pre-k in all of the buildings
I do not like that the preprimary center is discarded entirely because I don't think having preschool children in elementary buildings will look the same as what Carpenter is currently able to offer (but I understand the building is ending its practical lifespan).
Pouring money into resources that will need more upkeep than building new.
I don't think the children across the district benefit equally.
Cost
There isn't anything I don't like about this scenario.
Nothing.
Not a long term solution
We still have aging infrastructure issues that will eventually need to be addressed
Pre-K should not be in the elementary buildings. A new building should be constructed to house them. Having 4 year olds with 5th graders does not seem like a good idea.
I can not imagine how lunchtime would work with 4 year olds.
the overall cost to all taxpayers, seems quite high while the economy is dealing with inflation.
The added costs, as the taxes just went up and now you want to charge us more money.
Same
Nothing
THERE NEEDS TO BE AN OPTION A THAT INCLUDES A NEW AUDITORIUM AND POOL. I BELIEVE IT'S PURPOSEFUL AND DECEPTIVE THAT ONLY OPTION B INCLUDES THE POOL AND AUDITORIUM. THAT LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN CREATING TWO EQUAL PROPOSALS IS REALLY DISAPPOINTING.
Nothing
The price
Nothing
Moving Carpenter
Unless the boundary lines between Midland and Dow High are redrawn, there will continue to be a greater discrepancy between those two schools
Building multiple new buildings
building two new schools after all of the renovations that was done.
I don't love that the new elementary school will maybe serve the most wealthy socioeconomic area in midland and form some sort of bubble. I'd be attentive to where boundary lines are drawn to try to ensure a good mix.

Renovated buildings can often still feel old and cheap, or cost more to maintain effectively
Taking away a pre-primary center
Putting the pre-primary into all the buildings. They need their own space to collaborate, keep things appropriate for their age-level (codes, bathrooms, playground, etc.). Don't take away what they just spend the last years building up at Carpenter!!!!
Concerned that the district cannot develop, implement and manage this large of project. Believe capacity, safety and aging infrastructure can be solved with significantly less money.
No preschool solution. As a country we are falling behind at least in part because we do not offer standard preschool as part of the education track. Instead of tearing down what seems to be a completely fine school, why not use money towards a preschool program or an advanced learning program for all grades.
The amount our taxes will increase
This is not a focus on the equity issue related to access to athletic facilities.
That the high schools do not get any renovations
Nothing
\$50/mo cost
I will not support this massive overhaul...central park is a great example of mismanaged facility not well taken care of. Dow high landscaping remodeling looked like garbage within weeks- we could go on but mps isn't transparent either
Preschool (unclear if it is only Developmental Kdg/Young 5s - or will it also be 3 and 4 classrooms that are currently at carpenter??) The schools already lack classroom, para pro help and playground space for kindergaren. And adding them into the schools will not help the current need in elementary schools. I do not want my younger children (4 years old with 11 years old in ONE building) that is not an appropriate age grouping.
The cost of the project, but it seems like it is needed for the quality of the schools. Just seems really high to me since the demo & new build of the Community center was \$80 million from what I understand.
Concerned about extracurricular facilities
Too much money
It achieves the bare-minimum objectives, if that. Feels like treading water because we're too scared to make the leap to what could be the next-generation of school design/capabilities.
Not a fan of tax increases of course. I'd like more context for building replacement needs and better enumeration of 'upgrades'
That pre primary is moved into local school population.
Nothing
Nothing comes to mind

I don't think this does enough to manage the needs of the kids
Cost
There is no option for the add on of a large swimming pool.
The district passed a very large mileage a few years ago which included demolishing multiple elementary schools. Now the district wants to build a new one. Very poor planning!!
Possibly the building of a new school on new land not previously developed further taking away wooded or natural areas. If new school is built at the Carpenter elementary spot then moot point.
The high cost.
Increase in taxes.
Improve security and quantity of educators and opportunities
Close schools, build schools, tear down schools, build schools.
All equals high Costs to tax payers
Execution during new middle school construction while having students attending Northeast Middle School could be challenging.
high costs
Very vague no details on what will be updated for safety, athletics, technology etc.
My kids will be out of elementary in about 4 yrs. This won't impact us any.
New preK -5 building not needed
More taxes.
I wish pre k could stay in their own building
A lot of money
This seems logical, however where are all the northeast students going to attend school while northeast is being tore down?
The increase in taxes. With the over spending and mismanagement of funds currently we will not vote for any tax increase
There is nothing I dislike about it.
A new middle school in the same place as Northeast but not calling it Northeast.
Scenario A is wasteful spending without addressing why we have the declining test scores and achievement levels. We have more students in summer school than ever before. This costs parents and the district more money and unfairly targets family summer vacations. Children need summers off.

I think the licensing requirements of PK will be extremely difficult to meet in 7 elementary buildings. If Scenario A had a self-contained PK building and traditional K-5 buildings, I'd give it a 10.
Everything. I think it's going to cost more than what is estimated. They just got a bond renewal. Why do we have to keep tearing down schools? How are we focusing on the children's education? Taxation theft. Bond equals debt
The closing of all the schools
The cost
Status quo with little logic for development grouping
Adding pre-k to the elementary schools.
BIG TAX.
Closing schools and building new.
Removing northeast middle and adding too much capacity to the neighborhood schools but expanding north of town.
Everything
Demolition of current buildings just to rebuild. Renovation would be more favorable in my opinion, and less costly. \$34 a month is a lot for some people these days.
Building a new elementary building when so many have been closed and/or torn down. It is, however, a viable solution.
That Northeast has to be demoed
New elementary school. For years MPS has been closing and consolidating schools. Why were so many schools closed if they are needed?
The cost. The value of our home used to be \$180,000. In the last few years the value raised to twice that amount. How can young home owners afford that type of property tax increase which goes up every year. Can a few projects be put on a future list?
There is not clear improvement to the physical activities - students need to be enriched beyond academics and facilities in MPS are very clearly aging.
cost
Cost
Cost
Cost too high, too much pre-k hurting private facilities
Same as before- if looking to make major change, this is not the way to go. Considering the effect of the pandemic on students, might be time to reevaluate and make a big change for the greater good.
I would want to be sure that the demographics support one middle school vs. two

I don't have any dislikes.
That the + option is not available. Although the + option also has some red flags and issues.
Carpenter closing.
No new facilities for HS which seems to be in need of that and our most important to prioritize.
I do wish students did not have to travel between high schools in order to take advantage of all class offerings. It places some stress on schedules around lunch time.
A new middle school instead of a new high school
My biggest concern remain the utilization of the New Middle School and Midland High - will they each still only be utilized at ~70%?
expensive
Still mostly old buildings
Adding another elementary; we already have 6 elementary, why not have another building for the smarter kids to learn at a higher rate.
Considering there was no information on the proposal about what would happen to students that would attend or currently are attending Northeast Middle School while constructing a new middle school.
Still only two middle and high schools
No mention of money being allocated to finish the Dow stadium complex to finalize separation of activities.
I understand raising our taxes with a bond, but what are we doing with the surplus of money and why were we not as the school system anticipating this?
Closing a well built historic bldg ...Carpenter
I think it's unnecessary to rebuild a new middle school. Keep things the way they are! I like the programs here and don't want anything more.
The cost. I feel it is a large ask to more than double the current millage rate.
Reorganizing school boundaries
Nothing - keeps children in the same environment for a reasonable amount of time.
It's already expensive enough to try to own a home. We don't need to make it more expensive.
The increased property tax cost
Adding another elementary school. Seem like the plan to demolition Cook school was not thought out. Not everyone can afford higher taxes for bad decisions.
Some Things have already been updated at Northeast
Building new schools, do not understand the need for a new elementary school. No discussion on enrollment

Seems like the same thing we voted for in 2015. Safety and security was a top priority then. Did that not happen? I thought it did by my own experiences within MPS.
I'd like to see more information about the upgrades needed for each school broken down to see how this would achieve things like better safety and security.
All the elementary schools has Prk that is a big age range of kids
it's just kicking the can down the road / we need to deal with rising costs & fewer students sooner rather than later
It doesn't solve the split of course offerings between Dow and Midland High Schools, so students would still need to travel between the two buildings daily to take full advantage of course offering.
Why is it OUR responsibility to pay for upgrades? Times are already hard enough. Please find a new solution that doesn't involve tax payers having to pay for everything.
Can you make this more confusing?
capital cost is slightly higher, but worth it.
Cost
I don't like having the preschool program mixed with the other grades. I have a child at the Pre-primary center and I feel like this early childhood building concept is more beneficial to children. I also don't understand how Carpenter couldn't be updated instead of building a whole new building. This is a beautiful historic building with nice large classrooms. I understand stand the shifting demographics northward but MPS did a very poor Planning for the future in demolishing Cook Elementary School. This will also be expensive for Midland residents who already pay higher taxes.
Cost factors
everything else - preschool should not be intermixed with grade school. The little ones should have their own space in their own building. The private preschools will be decimated.
Not change to class size
Any new construction of schools
Closing our beloved Carpenter School but realizing it is necessary.
Day late; dollar short
Expensive ask of a community still paying for a bond for the last school building improvement initiative.
cost of building two new buildings. I have friends in other communities, like in Clare that their grandchildren are in 100 year old buildings and are still getting a quality education. Just because buildings are old doesn't mean they need to be "offline" Look at all those shows where they flip houses and restore old houses. I think we should be proud of the history of our schools and repair/restore them versus tear them down.
Pre K moving to schools

All - it's foolish to think improving building infrastructure will impact / enhance learning
Limited opportunities for upgrades to stem facilities.
Moving Pre K into elementary schools is a bad idea. I am speaking as someone who was forced to attend Ashman Street School for K, Cook School for grade 1, HH Dow for grade 2, before Woodcrest opened for grade 3. Also the elementary school parking lot situations are insanely crowded and residential neighborhoods seriously impassable streets as the start and end of school days fill the street creating only a single lane and children darting in and out between cars. Its dangerous.
I don't like the changing of the school boundaries, because what if people are in one school, and halfway through their time at the school they have to switch schools? Also, are only the elementary schools' boundaries changing?
It doesn't seem to address any of the seven updates at the high school level.
Tax increase. I'm on a fixed income, and already challenged. If taxes go up for MPS improvements, they're going to go up for other things as well.
The closing of Carpenter Street School. I would like more information released about why this building needs to be closed and removed. I understand it's age, but I know that a nearby district with buildings of this age just remodeled their buildings without closing and demo because of age.
I would also like to see the pool and stadium situation addressed in this plan.
The idea that another elementary needs to built essentially where Cook used to be but was closed and demolished because it was going to no longer be needed.
I would like to see updates to pick up and drop off structures at the schools.
There are no auditorium upgrades.
Nothing. I think it's great
Nothing
Changed boundaries
Closing the pre primary center
Tax should be the same for everyone across the board
Demolition of northeast middle school and the price
Cost and PK inclusion into the elementary schools
Cost is high but everything is expensive
Rebuilding what's already there. Taxes are already so high in Midland.
Tax
PreK in all buildings and based on neighbourhood boundaries Preschool is definitely needed though

Cost
We should NOT be getting a new high school.
Well, I never like it when taxes increase! :)
Obviously don't like tax increase, but it is very much needed for our students and staff.
That you were building more choools when not to long ago you were tearing down schools because off declining enrollment
Cost
The cost
Expense
No new high school
nothing if we need the new schools
A new community HS will require a lot of land. I believe the only area able to provide that would be north? It seems quite detached from the community, especially when students will be expected to travel to DHS, MHS, and Central to utilize the pool, stadium, and auditorium. This is, of course, assuming these facilities would not be part of the new high school.
The cost in taxes for homeowners and renters
That much of this was also promised in the previous bond proposal and it DID NOT happen.
there are not pros / cons to compare with the other one outside of my (maybe completely incorrect!) understanding of the minimal facts given. (those facts given ARE well presented and easily understood - but there's no reasoning shared behind why these are the best two options or what's better / worse. You can still be relatively neutral in presenting that sort of additional information....)
That we are making a new elementary school when we already had Cook School.
Cost
It doesn't build a combined middle school. Raze Jefferson and combine the middle schools. Which would lead to a combined high school eventually.
Nothing
The high schools are not adequately addressed
Need new pool and stadium facilities
I don't believe that either of these options are the best options available, however option A is vastly superior to option B. I believe that this option will preserve opportunities for students to participate in sports and the arts. For many of these students this will be the only time in life they can do these kinds of things, for others it is a scholarship opportunity. This plan helps reduce the transportation stress of the parents and of the district. This plan addresses our needs without removing or needlessly remodeling a useful building. This plan provides the most equity and opportunity for the student body as a whole.

Cost, of course...but also the inequity between Jefferson and Northeast
Spending way too much of tax payers money, how are we suppose to pay for our kids sports with you upping our taxes
Still challenging with differences between middle schools and high schools.
Cost and ridiculous spend of taxpayers money to run a separate election.
Closing Carpenter. Tearing down NE.
I don't like that preschool and young 5's will be in the same building as 5th graders. There is too much of an age gap as well as a lot of steps to make it possible to have preschool in elementary buildings.
Obviously the per-month cost will make it hard to pass this program. If people are given a chance to dodge taxes, they will.
I'm not sure that are enough updates that benefit all ages.
No upgrades to arts and music programs
Nothing
Nothing that I don't like about it
the high schools do not get major upgrades
Cannot think of anything
I find it strange MPS closed Woodcrest which was on the North side of town and now you are stating the town is growing that way...It has been for 20+ years.
Cost
all of the costs coming from taxpayers.... no effort mentioned to raise funds in any other manner.
Keeps things as they are now.
Seems very expensive
It focuses benefits of new infrastructure on only a small piece of the city and further grows inequities
Higher taxes.
The need to purchase new property and rebuild a new Elementary, when you just knocked down Mills and sold off the property. I'm #DefundPublicSchools in general. So I'm certain you'll just remove my biased notes from the list of suggestions.
Adams Elementary is still split. This is a minor downside.
Rebuilding NE.

The Auxiliary Facilities weren't added as an option with Scenario A. I think a shared Auditorium along with a shared Pool for both High Schools would be welcome. We already have a shared Stadium. I think it will be enticing for anyone who would like the added Facilities to choose Scenario B only for that reason.
Significant impact to taxpayer
The need to eliminate buildings due to the lack of maintenance costs on the buildings.
It leaves less room for the creative use of buildings for such things as a CTE center.
Nothing
no preference
It does not address other facility needs or look at potential changes at the high school level.
seems like we just eliminating elementary buildings and central park has been seen as successful as planned
everything! why demo and build new and make it cost more for homeowners, we already have to pay extra for pay -to -play, parking spaces, school supplies, chromebook insurance, etc. there are WAY TO MANY extra costs as there is! Teachers arent paid enough or supported and the inclusion and diversity is getting out of hand and taking away from what should be being taught at the schools. stop trying to change everything and go back to basics.
This one feels a bit more like a bandage and will likely need updates and repairs sooner and more often than the other option.
Doesn't have an A2 option. I'd like a pool to go into the new northeast middle school
While the price tag is hefty on all projects, this one feels like the cheap way out. It temporarily solves the issues currently faced without looking to the future as much as other plans.
That it does not create a new pool facility for our school swimming program.
It's less innovative than B.
Nothing
Does this do anything to address the lack of space at Jefferson? Particularly lack of space for special education.
Demolishing historical buildings instead of repairing and preserving them.
what is wrong with our present situation?
Not addressing the needs of athletics and activities.
Why can't you include the theater and new sports complex and make an A2 like you did for B2?
Cost
The taxes. With increased values in the market people are having a rough time affording property taxes already. We need property taxes lowered not increased.

Be conscious about integrating the Northeast Middle School students into their new schools and making them feel welcome. Keep the same traditions for the new transition.
Close a middle school to build on the same spot seems disruptive to that schools students. Can we build elsewhere?
This plan doesn't take into account the enhanced facilities needed for the high schools. Ex. Robotics and auditorium
The cost is not ideal. I already pay a good deal in taxes living in Larkin.
Security update, it's going to be half arsed, technology updates will consist of slow systems, building updates are ridiculous, northeast is a perfectly fine school that doesn't need nothing done to it. Stop
the tax increase
Building new schools (after we just closed and razed schools somewhat recently)
Does little to dedicate new resources to either high school. Also does not allocate any resources to high school STEM activities.
I like all of it
I think there should be a scenario A+ with money allocated to stadium enhancements, perhaps building a new auditorium, etc.
New busses if they are electric. NO Electric Buses
Why completely tear down northeast?
Lack of elementary schools in southern (east and west) portion of the city, forcing bussing of these students. tearing down an existing school to simply rebuild its equivalent. This is such a wasteful american mentality to tear down and rebuild.
I'd be sad to see Carpenter torn out as it's a beautiful building.
I don't understand why you want to build a new elementary school after demolishing 2 elementary schools.
Although I know it's necessary, and I totally support the tax increase, I am worried about the financial impact to families. But that is the case for either proposal.
Cost
Cost
Concern that costs will run higher than predicted
Having preschoolers in the same building as 4th graders doesn't seem like a good idea. How are 3 year olds going to play at recess with 10 year olds? Can you even watch 3 & 4 year olds on the large playgrounds at our elementary schools and not have them run off into the woods?
It feels like a Band-Aid that is temporary. I would rather give more \$ and do it right the first time.

That better planning had not been done in the past to avoid such a huge cost all at once. I remember schools being closed because projections indicated there would be fewer students. Now we need those schools back?
We don't need more elementary schools some were just recently torn down
The cost
Everything
The cost to taxpayers and the disruption because of the construction
Shouldn't have to tear any schools down they were all just redone. This is another money grab
It would make more sense to build a new school then temporarily put the pre-k there. Rebuild Carpenter move pre-k back. Temporarily move NE students to new building. Rebuild NE then put kids back, finally use the new empty building for elementary.
Jefferson is out of room and cannot meet all of the needs of its students. A bigger building is needed. Or at least repurpose the swimming pool so that huge room can be used everyday by staff and students rather than just saving it for robotics.
Why not add the extras (from B2) to this plan. Move Midland forward.
Is preserving both high schools really necessary?
Not sure if it will meet the needs of all students and have space for students with special needs. Does not have option to add the other amenities
Tearing down old facilities.
I have no complaints about Scenario A. My only reason not rating higher is that I do not believe costs associated with increased bussing for students have been taken into consideration.
Will classes be crowded? Especially pk-5
Cost
Not really anything, if had to choose knocking down Carpenter as pre primary and putting northern side of town. Would more centrally located be an option?
That Elementary Schools will be redistricted
Will there be a pool in the new middle school? It is needed for swim activities at high school and middle school levels
I wish it included an auditorium large enough for the district to hold large events like commencement.
The cost of course and had we maintained Cook Elementary we might not have had the overcrowding in the elementary schools.

Potential missed opportunities to enhance curriculum for combined jr and senior high schools. I really like the idea of one midland working together as a community to achieve academic success.
While safety and security are important, part of growing up for every child is learning how to keep oneself safe and secure. The proposal seems to me to give too much responsibility to the school system and not enough to parents and the community for children's safety.
It the same old thing
Lack of vision when closing/demolishing previous elementary schools to include the need for future new schools.
Tax increase
It would be extremely expensive.
The first bond sale was to do many of the same things you're asking for with this bond sale. You're going to need to use up all the 1st bond issue money before you get my vote on anything else.
The first bond issue upgraded items at North East and now you want to shut it down. Poor planning and a waste of money!
space is not really being added to handle to influx in kids, schools are just being redone and remodeled
Unnecessarily expensive. Didn't you just close down some schools because enrollment was declining, and get another huge bond to waste money on sports and gyms? Maybe you should have used that bond better.
In my opinion, this is your best course of action, however, I think if you were to go back to the old way, you'd reduce crowding. ie; k-6 and 7-9 and 10 to 12.
I worry schools like Dow high and Plymouth will not get major upgrades they need to stay safe, modern, clean.
I don't see anything in either plan which addresses the district's commitment to sustainability which would be much more cost effective in the long run. Do these plans involve such things as utilizing solar energy or purchasing electric buses?
Blowing money
To costlty
The expansion of preschool in all elementary schools.
Nothing
eliminating NE
Cost, loss of northeast
New construction
Carpenter losing the pre-primary program.

I like the other one better.
Cost, and my elementary-aged children will likely be directly impacted by this scenario by being redistricted to another school. We moved into this district and chose our house based on the elementary enrollment area.
There isn't really anything new, and it doesn't solve overcrowding in the higher level schools.
Putting pre k in schools they don't have room for mps esa students now
The fact we are now introducing a new elementary school when a few years back, we closed schools and no mention of the interim proposal while a new intermediate is built
Cost
Demolishing the Pre-Primary Center. I believe that MPS would benefit from an Early Childhood Center from Birth to DK. I don't believe that even with the addition of a new elementary school, there will be adequate space to expand our pre-K programs. I also feel as those separating the Pre-K programs breaks the sense of community they have established.
Anything that costs the tax payers more money. Make due with what you have.
The Millage.
Adding Pre-K into the current elementary school configuration. The discrepancy in developmental age is too great.
Nothing
There doesn't appear to be a plan to address facilities (i.e. a plan to even replace or improve Northeast pool).
The cost, but it is worth it.
Will we run into this same issue later down the line with the high schools needing updated as well?
No new swimming facilities. We would lose a pool that our swim team uses nearly every day (North East)
There is no specific detailing of what would be included for athletics, arts, etc. In my opinion, this is the single biggest need for MPS.
Cost
Demolishing Carpenter- which could be used again for robotics- and /or other extracurriculars.
Home owner taxes going up.
Mills and Cook were both in northern areas of Midland; both were closed and torn down. It seems wasteful now to want to build a new elem sch in northern part of Midland.
The cost.

New and replacement bussing. Bussing should not be attached to this proposal.
Separate millage proposal for bussing to the townships and areas bussing serves. Those in areas who do not utilize nor have access to bussing may not want to accept a millage for it.
Adjusting the school boundaries. Just make school of choice and quite playing favorites with schools and boundaries
Wasteful spending
why a new elementary school? we have like... a lot
Getting rid of northeast middle school
Not sure that PreK kids should be in the same building with older kids. Not sure why fixing Northeast isn't an option?
Cost
Having 7 elementary schools is a lot, and distributing them between only 2 schools will be an exercise in dividing classes, unless we make one school smaller than the other.
I do NOT think that PK belongs in elementary buildings. The district has created and fostered the perfect environment for littles at their own Pre-Primary Center. Early childhood focuses on building strong connections, social emotional development, building physical skills and so much more. The needs of our smallest learners will be best met in an Early Childhood center, NOT an elementary building.
There is no set date of how long the project will approximately take.
The Pre-Primary Center closing is such a huge loss for our community. These littles have high needs and those needs are not being considered when you are putting them into an elementary school with hundreds of other kids. They are building a strong community at Carpenter with their staff and families. Putting these teachers on an island to teach alone without support from same, grade-level colleagues is doing them a disservice.
Big money
costs
Leads to several questions: Will this address the potential for declining enrollment as our population age? Are we below of able the projected future enrollment?
The tax increase. I worry that the increase might be harmful to some families.
That we don't update the High School
Northeast closing
I don't like it
May not be long term
- Is it a long-term solution? (considering enrollment is likely to only rise and buildings will continue to get older)
Everything

Cost too much
I think they should make one big high school
Building new schools/tearing down old schools
No changes to the high schools
The cost
maybe the fact that some schools are going to be closed.
The cost
I don't like that there will be no updates for highschool facilities.
I think Midland Public Schools should focus more on the highschool than the younger grades. I also don't find too much of a purpose for a completely new elementary and middle school.
What's the point? Nothing really changes.
Tearing down Northeast
Doesn't address the high schools and their needs
The projected tax increase.
Taxes go up
It does not provide a long term solution to an inevitable with obsolescence of Midland High. It would in large part spend a lot of money to maintain status quo.
All of it. Yall have closed school tore them down and sold them in that last 12 years no need now to waste all our money again.
Splitting up and redistricting the existing elementary schools, cost, Pre-K doesn't need to be in elementary
I have no objections to scenario A
There doesn't appear to be enough emphasis on the athletic and performing arts improvements. In general, I believe the athletic portion of this proposal needs to be explained better and in more detail. It needs to be clear what will be included. I don't understand why we don't include the "athletic extra" that is positioned with scenario B also with scenario A. The state of both high school athletic facilities is embarrassing. Specifically the baseball and softball fields, concession stands (indoor and outdoor) access to bathrooms at the baseball and softball fields, the pool, lack of outdoor storage and lack of press boxes.
Property tax increase. I cannot afford it
Demo of the buildings

\$277 million is too much money for the work you are proposing, causing excessive tax increases on local residents. In the last ten years 8 or 9 school buildings in Midland have been closed and or demolished, yet the budget has never been reduced nor was any of that funding put aside for replacement. Why should the tax payers foot the bill for miss management? Additionally adding day care or pre-K to the schools when you already need new buildings is poor planning. It is not my responsibility to pay for day care of someone else's children. To purpose this at a time when the economy is bad and many families are struggling with inflation shows the disconnect between the MPS leadership and the community.
all of it
Higher mills on the taxes, didn't we just demo an elementary school?
higher taxes
The Cost seems extremely high but so does Scenario B.
I recognize that the two plans are comparable, but it seems that scenario a seems expensive for what is being done compared to scenario b. I worry about the tax rates for those who feel less invested (people who don't have children at home any longer or for people who don't have children at all.) Perhaps if we knew more specifically which infrastructure improvements were planned, or what kind of technology upgrades (for example, if a bunch of new Chromebooks are going to be purchased, I'd be less enthusiastic about that than a new swimming pool at Jefferson, etc.)
Northeast being demolished .
Nothing
The need to take down the middle school. The time that it would take to rebuild something in the same spot would leave a lot of students in limbo.
How long can you keep current buildings viable? Is this just delaying the inevitable need to build new schools (High School)
This will not address the declining enrollment, especially at the high school level.
Concerned that this is not a long term fix.
The lump sum of money will be allocated to two areas of the entire district. I know each school will benefit from this with upgrades, but something about a "brand new school" doesn't seem "fair."
Division amongst the community and inequity for the High School students.
I don't have any areas of concern with Scenario A.
Cost
Boundary changes
Readjusting elementary boundaries will cause some people to be upset but they can just school of choice. :)
MORE IN TAXES

Our High Schools are very outdated and this plan does not include any updates to the High School facilities.
It doesn't address the increasing class sizes (number of kids per teacher)
It leaves questions unanswered for me about the inequities between the high schools- I attended MPS and never understood why the resources were so split (i.e. different trades being offered at one school but not the other, the pool, the stadium)
The cost
Does not address current inequitable high school offerings.
Overall cost
Young families are struggling to pay rent, mortgage and put food on the table. They do not need another monthly tax increase.
It closes the Early Childhood Center, as we know it today. And it leaves no plan in place for the Robotics Center.
The cost, we don't have any extra money. The city has already increased our taxes.
Given national trends is a new elementary school necessary without closing down one?
Why did you build a super elementary school (which is failing because not enough office staff to support that many kids) and tear down several old schools. I would be more happy renovating a school then paying for one to be tore down and then build a new one.
Why did we close all the previous elementary schools? Describe reason why we need to make school demo's?
infrastructure improvements
Too big, too much, need to take it in small pieces
Not sure how the PreK scenario works in some schools
In the absence of redistricting, the new development areas of town continue to feed JMS/DHS only
Concern about location of new elementary
Too expensive
Taxes go up
It seems to make sense
Keeping two aging high schools.
I do not like that the pre-primary students are in the elementary schools. I think it is too big an age range to have all in one school. I am also unsure if it will solve the issue of not enough classrooms in the elementary buildings for all auxiliary areas to have their own classrooms.
Keeping hs separate and in old buildings

Keeping two old high schools. We need to have pride in our schools, not just keep putting band aids on.
Tearing down NE as should have maintained so didn't get to point of needing demolition. If rebuilding schools need to maintain names
Closing Carpenter school
The number of education levels in the elementary buildings with PK-5
not fixing/renovating the high schools
I was apart of the first graduating class to attend high school as a 9th grader when MPS made the change back in the 90's. While it afforded me the opportunity to play a varsity sport as a freshman, the age gap between 9th grade and 12th is dramatic. There's quite a jump in both maturity and life experiences between a 14 year old and an 18 year old. My child can play on a travel team with kids 4 times his age; he doesn't need to go to school with them.
Building a new elementary a school after you just closed a bunch of elementary schools. Terrible planning
Our secondary schools need improved facilities to take pride in. When I travel to other high schools in the state, I am always jealous of what they have to offer.
No HS improvements
Closing Northeast? Where will they go to school? Not a good idea
Demolition of existing buildings
Raising our taxes
New Construction and Demolition, not using existing assets
Cost
Still keeps high schools
Still having some outdates facilities such as pools, stadiums, etc.
All of it!!!
Building a new elementary school, I think just doing additions to the elementary schools we have to add more space is sufficient, we don't need a new building.
All of the plans fail to take account of many of the people in the community that can't afford higher taxes, such as retirees and low income households that can barely afford a mortgage.
It doesn't affect of benefit all students. Building a new high school is when all students would see the benefits.
Cost
cost
Don't see a firm commitment to better facilities at Dow High. Northeast will be new so need a better commitment to Dow side of town

I think we're putting off big costs such as a new auditorium and new swimming pools, they're just not listed or mentioned.....
Difficult to offer some programs, like tech. ed.
It did not mention a new pool, adding concessions or bathrooms to sports areas at Dow High. So needed.
Raising my taxes for a school system in academic decline. Money and facilities are not the problem, bad teachers and bureaucrats are what need to be addressed.
More in taxes
Hopefully the new middle school would retain the Northeast identity. Unless a building is constructed and then the existing building razed, it will interfere with the students currently attending Northeast and their proximity to their school. It seems like completely razing Northeast is wasteful.
We need to update the high schools too. We need a new aquatics center.
Building 2 new schools
Seems ironic that 5 or 6 elementary schools were demolished and now we have to build new; now, I recognize the ones that were demolished were old, but in hindsight, seems a waste. I think NE is a cool building, but recognize it is very old. I
I think most people are going to say that the cost is an issue. However, I don't have any issue with proposal. A
No major mention of how safety will be updated.
That my son may be displaced and not able to attend Northeast due to the rebuild.
Adding PreK to neighborhood schools.
I thought that during the last big school changes, carpenter was deemed unfit for students, but it's now used for preschool. I'm not sure if what you plan is what will actually be followed through on.
Do not care for adding Pre-K to the elementary schools without moving a grade out.
purchasing buses (is leasing an option?)
I don't think there is anything I don't like about this Scenario.
I am comfortable with all the changes
It doesn't reduce the number of campuses that the district needs to maintain. The district will be in the same situation in 10 years due to the age of some buildings.
How do you build a new middle school where NE is? Where would kids go for that year of building?
That there is not an option for add ons
Nothing

Nobody wants to replace a school
Disparity in the middle and high schools
No improvement to high schools
The cost is too steep
Price. But updates are inevitable
We should not be building a school in Larkin township, so hopefully the new building is in city limits
Too costly!!! Tries to do too much in one proposal.
Early childhood in the elementary schools, but that isn't to say I'm not open to it, just what I like least
I like this proposal for the reason I noted above and for its trait of maintaining 2 high schools. As an educator and parent, I worry that many students may feel more of a hunger at a "United" high school than they already do. Social-emotional development is tied so closely to a sense of belonging; I wonder how adolescents will be supported in belonging amongst even more peers.
No complaints
Nothing
That we ripped down several elementary schools years ago and we should of been more forward thinking and maybe mothballed one maybe two for this type scenario!
The cost to us taxpayers
It's all good!
I don't have any complaints at this moment in time.
Not enough info on improvements to All buildings. This is a community endeavor that requires noticeable improvements at all buildings and facilities. A new ele does not fix the lack of space in other ele for auxiliary classes, meeting rooms for staff to work with small groups, rooms for parent meetings, etc. Jefferson needs more rooms for small group instruction, ESL teachers are working in noisy libraries, students don't have a place to take tests without distraction, special students work in the halls with teachers.
Nothing.
May be kicking the can down the road
The yearly tax amount increase in a community where our taxes are already very high.
Simple; The additional proposal to this Scenario would be to add a new stadium complex.
I least like the cost. It would require playground updates to all the elementary buildings to meet the prek ages.
Cost. Quit raising our taxes!

Scenario A invests too much into our ageing facilities with little preparation for the future. Inevitably Midland will condense into one highschool. Building the new highschool sooner rather than later allows the new highschool to continue using Midland community stadium the Dow high pool and central theater before they too age beyond their useful life. As scenario B states new facilities (stadium, pool, theater) may be added to the project or added in the future, that seems like a much better approach to phase out our current facilities as needed.
More of a short term resolution
Not having the High Schools updated.
We just did renovations to Northeast. Why tear down?
Redistricting, cost,
Not dealing with both middle schools the same
I think the struggle with a 6-8 building is that we see such a huge difference developmentally between 6th graders and 8th graders, just as we do between Pre-K and 5th graders. Having the "big kids" with the young ones has its own challenges.
This is not the economic climate to ask people for more money.
That it might separate my kindergartener from the friends he's starting to make at Siebert now.
Closing northeast will be a challenge but it will be worth it.
Nothing
Asking for more money.
no auditorium
Not talking about everyone's salary.
Rebuilding a middle school when the trend is towards a smaller educational population.
Pre-K will be divided between elementary schools placing more students in already crowded buildings. I do not believe one new elementary school will alleviate that strain.
Everything
Cost
The money it will cost to build it , someone should have thought a head a little farther 10 years ago .
Does not add performing arts facilities to the high schools
The price tag
nothing
Nothing
Spending 277k

Taking away Carpenter
The closure of Northeast Middle School. Where do students go during reconstruction. Why does it need to be entirely demolished and rebuilt? Money has been put into Northeast over the past decade to add the new 6th grade wing, new air conditioning units, new windows, new flooring, new seating in auditorium. Why was so much money wasted if the plan is to ultimately demolish?
I just see so much inequity in this. As long as school of choice exists, Dow will continue to grow and MHS will continue to decline.
Costs way too much. Will add way to many kids into one school while the existing is fine
Does not add pool to MHS, improve pool at Dow or provide needed auditoriums at the two high schools. Does not provide Dow High with a stadium complex.
Carpenter School would be possibly torn down.
The cost to property owners. Property taxes have gone up drastically the last couple of years. How is that money being used and why is that not enough?
adding even more tax on property owners when we are already hurting from very opportunistic re assessments when the market was at its peak.
Several schools were closed a few years ago due to lack of enrollment. Now we are suggesting that new schools be built.
There isn't anything that I do not like about this scenario.
The ridiculous cost
Too much new construction. Money was WASTED in the past closing and yearning down schools and purchasing rapidly obsolete technology. Invest in education and staff, not brick and mortar
Building 2 new elementary schools. Still wondering why 2 of the elementary buildings were torn down after Central Park was built.
Moving PreK to elementary schools
I am not seeing an effort to enhance existing facilities for non-college bond students.
Nothing
Losing carpenter and building another school when you just tore down several grade schools
Can we "update" Jefferson, or is it necessary to demolish it and rebuild?
If Carpenter is closed, what will happen to the building? If it's sold, can the money be used toward building one of the new buildings needed? If not, where does the money go?
PreK through fifth grade in already cramped elementary schools. I don't think it addresses the wealth gap between Dow High and Midland High either... all of the development is happening North and West of town by Dow High. The wealth disparity will only worsen.
Tax increase. Northeast closing. Exterior and exterior updates. Unless its AC it is not needed

that's a lot of money, why does northeast need to be replaced. can't it just be upgraded
increased tax on fixed income residents Grandiose plan ,reaching for the sky
cost
It's always about the tangible stuff, buildings and infrastructure. None of your seven priorities addresses strengthening scholastic outcomes. And let's improve play before we address better reading and math skills.
Does not give an option to add on additional enhancements such as performing arts center and pool. Scenario A does not address Performing Arts needs at all. MPS has a state recognized music program and I hope music at all levels is kept central in minds of decision makers not just athletics.
there is no emphasis on how this change will better educate the kids. we're at X scores now and after these investments we'll be at an X score.
What will be the plan for middleschool students while the new middleschool is being constructed at the same site?
The cost for homeowners is high considering the bonds they're already supporting.
It is too expensive. Needs to be reworked to cause a mich lower tax burden.
nothing its perfect
I can't think of anything at this time.
It says NE closed & new structure on same site, but isn't clear as others have said it would be north of town?
Rids the district of historical buildings
Nothing
Seems like a lot of buildings to maintain - maybe the best option to keep the PreK offerings close to the neighborhoods but I do dislike the overall number of school buildings per size of the community - seems high but opinion is not researched and only assumption based it does keep the younger PK-5 schools size reasonable which increases personability of staff / chance the parents know staff, know other parents etc - F it, I like it
The removal of the pre primary center all together
The issues within the existing buildings are not being addressed so there will be one new start of the art middle school while we have students in other buildings with rain and water pouring in from the roofs that were poorly redone only a handful of years ago. We have buildings using broiler systems that are breaking down and causing school evacuations due to gas leaks. We have students getting sick from mold issues that aren't being addressed or corrected properly.
Nothing
The cost and moving preschool into the elementary schools.
Creating more buildings, but will still have other older aging buildings that will need to be addressed in the near future.

The cost increase to taxpayers.
Moving more kids to an already huge class size
Cost
We don't actually address the future problems or reality that will be facing us a community. We need to rethink our system and this keeps us more in the status quo.
The fact that all scenarios count entirely on new and additional taxes is unacceptable. Midland already has high taxes and good schools. These high existing taxes should be able to fund the majority of what is needed for MPS. The fact that roughly \$250-\$325MM is needed to cover needed facility maintenance or replacement buildings speaks to dereliction of duty by those managing funds (either presently or in the past).
Cost, not addressing high school issues.
The lack of improvements to the pool and Auditoriums.
There is not enough value placed on updating the arts and sports complexes.
Putting pre-k in with elementary schools and getting rid of carpenter. Carpenter is an important facility in the district and is a great first introduction into school for the younger ages.
It doesn't do anything to resolve equity issues in our schools, especially at the secondary level.
Cost
A lot of expense for very little impact for my kids. Not much will change for them but it costs hundreds of dollars each year for our family which is a hardship.
There seems to be massive concern for Pre-K and when did this become a public school mandate? Pressing Pre-K into existing elementary schools that are already pressed for space seems short sighted and lacks creativity.
Have you looked into modernizing some buildings (i.e. Northeast) rather than razing them?
Nothing.
Demolition of a building just to build new seems pointless.
We would still be leasing a Robotics building
Concern about whether there is room to add pre-k classes in the elementary schools
It does nothing to address the high schools.
The destruction of a pre primary center. The only help your pre school staff gets is the support from its fellow teachers in the building. You're going to take that away!
Also the new school helps class size in some schools but what about schools like Central Park who also have class sizes of 30? How will a re-zone fix that?
One high school would be huge and there would be fewer chances for students to participate. Think of the large bands and orchestras that both schools now have. If you blended both high schools, a lot of students would not have the opportunity to play. Ditto for football, swimming,

etc. You would be choosing the very best of the best. Unless they were top notch, many students would not bother trying out for anything.
Building a new middle school, is there a way to expand Jefferson to accommodate all MPS middle schoolers?
PK in all of the current elementaries - how could that be supported when already at their capacities (many of the schools)?
Spending this much money and still not getting as much bang for the buck compared to B.
No decided robotics facilities, no new stem facilities
The tax increase is fairly significant. It would be interesting to see what a scaled back version of option A would look like for the school district and taxpayers.
What are the safety/security upgrades
Of course, the increase in our taxes, lol
Possible overcrowding of schools that are already at or beyond capacity. I don't feel redrawing the lines to "balance enrollment" Will help with this.
Jefferson might be much lower quality vs. new Middle School.
This scenario feels incremental. While it addresses near term concerns, is it really setting up for long term success?
Nothing
Love it all.
Not getting as much for the cost.
Cost is significant.
What happens to the students while the new middle school is built
I think Scenario A is the best option at this time. Be mindful moving forward of helping the Northeast students to have a voice in new school traditions and decisions as they are getting a new building.
Only one new middle school (what are the projections/needs for Jefferson?). Having the pre-K students in the building with the "big" kids may be challenging as there is a very wide age and maturity range in those buildings. How would the school boundary lines be affected with a new elementary school - would current students be able to stay in their schools, if they want to?
Carpenter was the school I went to so there is a lot of memories.
Increased taxes
That a new elementary school is being built not long after many were completely torn down.
Unequal treatment of middle school buildings; some will have access to brand new facilities while the others maintain old
Less attention to current buildings.

I don't like how it doesn't address long term issues and is just going to cost more later on.
Possibly losing a middle school pool.
Building a new middle school.
Older facilities for both high schools remain. Challenges unaddressed: not enough swim lanes in town, auditorium stage is too small, Dow High sports playing at Midland High's stadium.
I believe this is a band-aid for an issue that will come up again. Sustaining 2 high schools will be too much as the years go by.
I cannot support a plan that shuts down the pre-primary center. I am currently an educator in a district that has taken their DK classrooms and put them into the elementary schools and it has a very negative impact on DK programming and is something I cannot support for the district.
Getting rid of Northeast
Higher taxes and my kids won't see any of the benefits
Balancing Pre-K enrollment in current elementary school buildings that are already pressed for space, the substantial proposed increase in taxes in the current economic climate, replacing NE middle school versus improving current structure
-PreK classes being added to elementary schools and the possibility of me teaching those classes
Doesn't solve the high school problem.
I do not believe a new elementary should be constructed north of US-10. Neighborhood schools are a key part of what makes Midland special. I believe a new school south of US-10, combined with rezoning, would resolve current issues.
The increase in property tax
I don't like that they will demolish Northeast Middle School.
Not much, if we consider it is a necessity.
Nothing
Potentially does not address longer term issues in the district. Elementaries are already crowded, how will pre-K fit?
Does not impact the district equally.
Nothing, sounds good for future of Midland
No opportunity to "show off our town" through our schools. Our buildings are old.
The community recently approved a millage for 20 Million in May 2024. Asking for \$277 M is going to be hard sell. Frankly, it comes off as tone deaf about the current economic state. Our household voted in favor of every single financial request for our schools over the past decade. Unfortunately, as it stands these proposals are highly unlikely to receive backing from us. This needs to be scaled way down.
It would be nice if Northeast could be updated rather than torn down

Increasing my taxes another \$600 per year when i am already taxed to the max financially
Do we need a new elementary school? MPS enrollment has been at a decline for almost a decade by this point, at least for the entire 8 years I've been in the community. How is it sustainable that 7 elementary schools feed 2 middle schools? Is the greater need another middle school?
I am also concerned about placing more kids/staff/burden on the elementary schools by putting the PreK program into those schools. Where is there room? Can these buildings adequately accommodate that? Will the PreK kids be separated from the other students so as not to be a distraction? Have you accounted for the increased nightmare that this will create from a drop-off/pick-up perspective? Adams and Woodcrest pick-up/drop-off is already so bad that it's becoming unsafe and unattractive to the neighborhood due to the traffic control issues it presents.
No complaints
There is nothing I don't like.
Carpenter building should NOT be discontinued as an early years ed building. Keep it as is to offload some of the pre-K load from other elementary schools.
Carpenter elementary has been a long time member of MPS
Not getting update high school stadium, pool, theater
The demolition of Northeast Middle School closure of Carpenter Street School
Nothing
There is nothing that I do not like.
It kicks the can down the road with our other facilities that also need major overhauls, namely, the high schools.
Doesn't consider repairing Northeast MS
I like everything about this plan
I think repurposing for existing buildings should be seriously be studied. Tearing down Parkdale and Cook schools (much newer than Carpenter) did not make sense to me.
Crowding in elementary schools was mentioned as a reason for another elementary school, but I don't really see this being as issue (I have two kids at Chestnut Hill and one at Northeast), class sizes are stable and near 22 students/class...is that considered crowded?). And there is essentially no projected growth in class size. So, I'm not really understanding the justification for a new elementary school. Seems like you could cut the cost of this option by ~30% by not doing a new elementary school and still get many of the positive outcomes.
Absurdly expensive and involves spending on resources that remain suitable for use
Closing of Carpenter School
Not really anything
Does not address many facility issues for the high school.

<p>If I look back at the previous sinking-fund that MPS passed, these things were promised too, but many of the items were not fulfilled. Northeast still has chairs from the 1990s in classrooms.</p> <p>From Scenario A:</p> <p>infrastructure improvements</p> <p>interior and exterior updates</p> <p>technology upgrades</p> <p>safety and security upgrades</p> <p>arts, play space, and athletic improvements</p> <p>classroom furniture replacement</p>
More costly, less innovative.
they just got a new elementary school they dont need another.
The money being used to make a new school could be used in just fixing the school but okay
It isn't very forward-thinking.
Everything else.
NE is demolished
<p>The proposed cost is extremely high, and this proposal does not even indicate how long the tax increase would be in place. We are dealing with two building replacements (which granted, have a limited lifespan), not new new infrastructure. As these should be ongoing, planned expenditures, what happened to that money? Given that Michigan's schools as a whole are massively overfunded by international standards, where did all the money go that should have been earmarked for facility refreshes?</p> <p>This should be split into two proposals, one for the middle school, and one for the pre-primary to elementary level.</p>
I personally am on board with the one high school (though I do have some clarifying questions to ask, largely regarding location and athletics) so I think the weakness here is keeping two high schools.
Demolishing northeast
too much money!!
What happens to the NE kids when they are rebuilding the middle school?
Midland is going back to the 90's when 9th grade wasn't considered high school and was part of middle school.
More taxes for only property owners
Unclear if there would be a robotics space or the additional amenities of scenario B. We already share facilities across schools today so this shouldn't be a barrier and I would like to see possible inclusion of those facilities in scenario A as well.

That the high schools do not really get updated. However, Northeast is definitely the priority.
It is costly.
It might cause some corruption within the system. But overall not that much wrong with this idea.
Not much is being done to update either high school athletic areas. The concession stand and bathrooms are very, very outdated. There is very little storage at either high school to keep equipment nicer longer. And the same for the pool; it needs more than quick repairs.
None of the extras, like pool etc., as in scenario B
It uses same resources, such as pool, stadium, etc.
There is no talk about improvements to the existing swimming pools
Moving preK classes into current elementary buildings this will still keep current elementary buildings crammed. Classrooms in existing buildings not setup for preschool kids. Lack of bathrooms in current elementary buildings and adding younger children increasing bathroom accidents. Currently bathrooms not designed not small children (unable to reach sinks to reach to wash hands). Even building new elementary still allows for school of choice to add to crowding in current elementary buildings.
It doesn't say how many years we will be paying these taxes. Are there options to recycle material from Northeast and reuse in construction?
A new elementary with the pre-primary in the elementary buildings. While it works now, will this be effective for population growth 20-50 years from now? Also, seems like it would cost far more money to get rooms/playgrounds/bathrooms set up for 3/4 year olds in six buildings rather than just re-building carpenter school or updating it. One building surely must be less expensive than six-seven.
The inequity - a new Northeast, but only remodeling / upgrades for JMS?
I'm a program director of a daycare. Scenario A is better than B, but it's a sad day for those daycare centers that hold Pre-K classrooms at their centers. Midland doesn't offer enough care for before and after school already and now we are adding more programs that will need before and after care.
I don't like putting preK in the with elementary school. Would like to hear about the plan for this. Would the preK be in a separate wing? With a separate playground? I can see issues occurring with having preK with upper elementary.
Not addressing the needs of the arts/sports
Concerned about timeline of replacing NE middle school in the same location.
PK going to the elementary buildings.
I don't see the purpose for pre k being needed in all elementary schools.
I don't have any issues with scenario A. I believe this is the best option and I will definitely vote and advocate for this plan.
Nothing.

Cost to public. Also, if Jefferson Middle School is structurally sound, don't raze it. Fix it.
No precieved downside
Didn't MPS just renovate and then completely tear down an elementary school? That seems now like a pretty costly poor decision. Let's not make changes that are too dramatic if, after a couple years, we need to redo them again.
Build new EL after 3 recent demolitions
The mismanagement of taxpayer funds requiring another tax increase
Not sure if this fully fits the needs of our community and educators
Scenario should also have an option of building an adequately sized auditorium, as well as an adequately sized pool. I do not believe it would be wise to include an option for an improve stadium. The stadium ad Midland high is completely adequate. In fact, it is quite nice and using it as a shared space is efficient
Some elementary schools are over crowded- Siebert. How does this project think adding Preschool is going to fit? Redoing the boundaries may not work if the area - such as Siebert or Woodcrest has a large percentage of young families within walking distance.
Building new elementary
PreK-5 in one building will face new challenges regarding organizing school wide events.
Adding preK to elementary schools. Four-year-olds and 11-year-olds in the same building? Really?
Should make dow a middle school and close some of the elementary
The overspending
No updates to athletic and music facilities. It is embarrassing that we have only port-a-jons available at Dow high in the area where track, baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, and tennis are played. Not to mention, the quality of the field surfaces for baseball and softball are terrible and only reason there is a turf field is private donations
That is a heavy tax increase during already inflated times
It doesn't get rid of the problem of the large academic disparity between the two high schools.
Unsure building a new school in difficult financial times is the best use of our resources... with inflation skyrocketing people are much less likely to approve a bond that increases taxes so dramatically.
Replacing Carpenter
Nothing
I do not like that as Scenario A is currently presented, there is no plan to address the "extras" like a new auditorium and improvements to the stadium. Music families shouldn't have to tell grandparents that they cannot come to concerts because the auditorium is too small, and the stadium should have more accessible bathrooms.

Cost is high - I think people are seeing their family budget decreasing with costs going up everywhere. It's a hard time to ask for so much. Maybe ask high and then come back with a lower amount of only the must haves. People might go for that.
Lack of data establishing enrollment 5,10,15 years out, actual need to close and rebuild schools. Short term data used to make 50 year decisions.
This scenario is not in the interest in the long-term needs of Midland Public Schools
Does not address any of the needs at Midland High
It really only fixes one or two buildings. DHS is falling apart with structural plumbing issues and classrooms much too small for the size of classes and number of students in them.
The elementary schools that were tore down were in good condition and the bulldozing just to build new is ridiculous
Does NE need to be fully demo and not updated?
Nothing
Nothing!
Its lack of creativity
The cost. Also putting free Pre K in all elementary schools is killing local childcare centers.
No concerns
Adding another elementary school will require more hiring and adjusting boundaries to keep the enrollment balanced which may be difficult.
No vision or changes for athletics.
Cost tax payer money and no curriculum update
PK joining the elementary
Carpenter is cool old building, perhaps it could be repurposed and not just torn down
Cost and the cost passed on to homeowners.
Only one new Jr. High.
Voters deserve to know what the 'other' improvements are in schools. Will there be new student furniture or will we still see plastic tables and broken chairs in our hallways where students enter? Will teachers have new, large desks that can handle power needs for laptop, tablet, doc camera, files? What about teacher chairs? Or are they expected to buy their own? Will there be more filtered water stations? Bullet 'proof' window film on all exterior glass? Scheduled maintenance and testing for filtered air handling and mixing in outside air? Replacement of AC systems? Quarterly mold testing and abatement?
Deceptive reporting of only the increase and not the actually TOTAL MILLAGE. Too Expensive
No fine arts auditorium. Central auditorium is not big enough.

When these plans were first proposed, the district said the auxiliary facilities could be added to either. I'm very disappointed that the district is not offering the option to add these facilities to Plan A. The district is in desperate need of a better pool facility and auditorium and I think it should be an option with Plan A, even if it is more expensive. As a taxpayer, I would be willing to pay more to go with Plan A and the auxiliary facilities.
PreK moving into the elementary buildings.
Tearing down schools. Unnecessary.
Preschoolers in the elementary schools
I think this is the best option to make room and keep with the history of Midland.
combining the middle schools and getting rid of Northeast
Doesn't address the issues at the high schools (aging facilities, increasing difficulty in supporting the variety of programming). Also doesn't address aging and sub-par athletic facilities.
Maintaining duplicate middle and high schools seems like a waste of resources and it would probably be more efficient and better overall to focus efforts on one school for each age group after elementary school.
The cost. \$47.40 a month is a lot for our family. We are under 150% of the poverty line
Nothing. I think this is the best plan
Nothing
The need for a new elementary school doesn't seem to be a need right now for me personally.
Building another elementary after closing too many
I think the highschoools should be together
Keep Carpenter!
No enhancement to high schools
Nothing
The cost to all Midland taxpayers.
Having two separate middle and high schools. Unify them and bring the kids together sooner.
No negatives about it.
Shifting the elementary school boundaries. That happened to me in elementary school in a different district. My best friend had to go to another school and I never saw her again.
Why do buildings need to be torn down instead of updated?
There is not the option to improve extra curricular buildings.

Asking for more tax revenue without looking for what can be adjusted to use the current funds available.
The residents of this community are financially having a difficult time. But are asked to put up more money for services, without the same services making any adjustments to better us the current funds.
Need for a pool at MHS
It doesn't include a new high school building.
Cost to taxpayers
You're enrollment is not that high to warrant this large of a tax increase to see minimal benefits.
Building new buildings and adding PreK to the elementary schools. We have enough private preschools that can support our community. I don't see the need to bring Prek into the schools.
Nothing
That preschool is being pushed into elementary buildings that already have limited space. Early childhood programs should have there own building.
Very costly
New elementary school.
It doesn't include the additional upgrades like the pool and auditorium.
Needs a brand new auditorium.
The initial cost is less of a concern than the long term cost to maintain an expanding inventory of over the next decade plus.
Cost to tax payers
I wish that a pool could be added at JMS and MHS
High Schools need more improvements to be comparable to modernized schools of similar communities.
Nothing
nothing
I don't like pre primary students being included in elementary buildings. I think their needs are better served in a separate facility.
Nothing seems to change other than a new elementary
Redrawing of boundaries potentially moving students who are already at a school
No need for extra elementary if you control school of choice
More grades per school and what happens to NE students during rebuild
Nothing

The cost
Nothing.
I am sure you all have a plan for what to do with Northeast students while the new middle school is being constructed, but that seems like it would be tricky to navigate.
Let's put even younger kids in the elementary schools to be bullied perfect
How are the going to have room for pre k in the buildings?
Making elementary schools pre k too
The cost
Pre-primary in with bigger kids
I think changing NMS is unnecessary since it will still be a middle school with the new changes. I think we should use the money for other things.
PreK in the elementary schools. They should be in their own building that is appropriate for those ages.
No room for growth at the 6 elementary schools
How will the high schools be updated?
Would still have to deal with aging MHS building in future
Nothing. It is the ideal plan, in my opinion.
Nothing
Moving Pre-K into the elementary buildings. I think the center-based program has been fantastic and I don't think 3 and 4 year olds should be housed with 4th and 5th graders.
I don't like to cost for homeowners. I have concerns about how it will address the growing space concerns at the middle school level (will Northeast become a much bigger middle school? Will Jefferson get any expansion?). I also wonder where Northeast students will go while the new middle school is being built, assuming it will certainly take longer than 1 summer to demo/build.
Where will NE students go while new school is being built?
Divided high schools
would like to add the "plus" with auditorium, pools, stadium
You'd be adding an additional elementary building, but then increasing the number of grades in each building. I have reservations re: whether this will alleviate school crowding.

<p>There does not appear to be any thought given to the two high schools or any of the other elementary buildings...</p> <p>And Jefferson Middle School is listed as "updates" which is exceptionally vague (the same was said about Dow High in the last bond, and it does not appear that anything was "updated" except for classroom doors).</p> <p>So you'll be asking for my taxes to pay for a section of town that does not affect/help me in the slightest, does not affect/help my school(s), and only impacts my wallet.</p> <p>No thank you.</p>
No negatives
The amount of money It would annually cost to do so, but if it creates a better learning environment I would be okay with it.
See aboveno specific plan to fix substandard performance and the Trades. Roughly 70% of MPS graduating students do not receive a 4 year college degree.
it doesn't make sense
Stop repairing or patching outdated buildings
It does not do anything for the high schools and that is why people choose to live and attend the district.
Demolition of Northeast. Keep both middle schools and just build the elementary school that is needed!
There has been poor management of previous bond funds, as seen with projects like the Close Carpenter Pre-K center. Other aging facilities have been neglected, making this only a temporary solution. Additionally, the district has not addressed the need to expand swimming facilities. The Jefferson pool was damaged and demolished, and now the Northeast pool will be removed without replacement in the new middle school. The Dow High pool lane expansion was cut from prior bonds due to insufficient funds. Over the past 20 years, the community has approved bonds for school improvements, but many of those schools were later closed and demolished. A holistic approach is needed for managing school assets, with a long-term strategy rather than a series of short-term fixes.
I think expansions need to be made at some elementary schools, not closing pre-k building.
Community still divided at the high school level (I know I contradict myself)
In building a new elementary school on the north side of Midland we had one there with Cook Elementary School that was closed and torn down a few years back. Why wasn't that building retained? Now, new property has to be purchased and a new school needs to be built instead of an upgrade to an existing school in the geographic area.
Keeps rivalry between schools
Putting that many preschools in place will have negative effects on neighborhood preschool programs.
The increase in property taxes.

retains separate high schools

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What do you like most about Scenario B?

Responses
Investing in the high school makes sense while repurposing the large current high school buildings for 5-9.
I see no advantage for the cost.
The combined high school has the potential to be a net positive for students in the district. Also, a 5-6 grade school is a great idea.
Grouping 10 and 11 year olds together. Grouping 12, 13, 14 year olds together.
I like the division of grades as 5-6 and then 7-9, that could be good for those schools.
I like the restructure of grades, Jefferson becoming the Robotic hub and that it creates a city/education environment of diversity naturally.
only that elementary schools are less grades.
Nothing
I appreciate that there is some thought put into a home for the robotics program
All schools get updates, older kids are separated from younger students at elementary schools, a brand new high school is built...Midland is overdue for this...especially since towns like smaller towns like Mt. Pleasant have had newer facilities built in the last 20 years or so.
Updates & buses
Nothing.
Updating buildings
Hopefully smaller class sizes.
Nothing in particular.
A new high school. More space for both middle schools if added to the old high schools.
Nothing
Don't like it . Don't believe it would cost the same .
New high school

I like the thought of the community coming together, and the resources we do have come together giving students more opportunities.
nothing
That it's cheaper
The 2 high schools will be combined ensuring equity for all students.
Infrastructure improvements
I like a more consolidated approach to the schools
Joining all students at the end of high school
Nothing. It makes no sense. PLEASE keep 2 high schools, so they can have teams to play against each other for competitions, sports, etc. Pre-K kids don't need to be part of elementary schools. Their needs are very different from elementary school kids
Offers more universal experiences to HS students, I think pool space is an important community and student resource
Using what we have.
I like bringing preschool to the neighborhood schools
Nothing
Upgrades to enhance learning experience and new busses
More efficient portfolio
Real opportunity to create a world class high school
New high school. Maybe with sufficient lockers and cafeterias and better traffic flow unlike today?
Nothing
The budget will cover more new needed facilities
Nothing
You get the benefit once you're in 5th grade regardless of what part of town you live in. Actually community wide.
Upgrades to elementary schools, brand new high school school
Nothing
Probably curriculum advantages.
None of it.
Midland's demographic has pronounced haves and have less homes. This is a lot of money to ask for at this time.
Nothing

Nothing
Jefferson Middle School could be repurposed as a Midland Robotics Center or STEM Center, which is EXTREMELY necessary.
Nothing
Finally getting a high school that will be state of the art to keep up with the times! And also because it allows for every student in the district to be able to utilize/experience this new facility (where scenario A only 1/7 of the kids experience the new elementary and 1/2 the new middle school).
Nothing
Lower cost, although I suspect it would not actually be lower due to lack of inclusion of auditorium, swimming pool, and football field at a brand new high school. I suspect a brand new high school would add those items to the scope at some point, significantly increasing cost. Additionally has land cost been factored in without an identified location?
I like the idea of Midland-Dow High school unified
Nothing.
I will be voting NO !
Nothing
Not much
Nothing
I Don't Like Any Lf It Other Than It's A Little Bit Cheaper But No
New buses
I like the creation of closer peer groups by grade level. It's not clear how advanced students will be treated and how sports 3 v 4 year programs would work. Are there studies the board has that can be posted on similar educational grouping systems?
Nothing
I have to have hope that the courts know what they're doing
Nothing
None of it
PreK-4 in same building. 5-6 in the same building.
Infrastructure upgrades for all schools
Having an updated highschool will better prepare highschool students for the future. Dow high seems like a prison. The fact that some classrooms don't even have windows seems like a safety issue, let alone is not a conducive place of learning. Also, this puts students in a more age appropriate grouping.
It's an okay idea

Facility upgrades.
Nothing
None. I do not support Scenario B.
Why not put the new school at the sight at northeast complex
Nothing
Pooled resources for high school level classes. Students wouldn't have to bus between schools for certain classes. Furthermore course offerings might be able to be expanded for high school level.
Nothing whatsoever
Nothing
Nothing! I don't see anything good coming out of this plan. Kids will be lost in the shuffle.
Significant upgrades to all facilities
The opportunity to eliminate the jockeying over which high school is best or right to go to and the ability to create more of a unified community feeling.
That grades would be more separated so it would be less mingling of large age groups.
Nothing
Space for all, 5th graders need to mature faster, cheaper and more bang for your buck
Nothing
The only good thing about this plan is new facilities like sport arenas and theater. If this is not happening, this plan should not even be on the table.
Nothing
Absolutely nothing
Cost
Seems to address more of the issues and keep costs reasonable
I like that it builds a new unified high school and adds a 7-9th grade school.
Nothing
Nothing. It's awful.
We need to consolidate the high schools.
Don't like anything about this plan
Nothing
Consolidating high schools with upgraded facilities makes sense

Shared experiences across middle and high school - possibly impacting discrepancies in state testing scores between NE/Jeff and MH/DH. End current rivalries that seem to separate town.
Combined high school will create a unified, exemplary high school for all in the city of Midland.
Nothing
Kids come together at younger ages and stay with the same kids from 5th grade on.
Pre K students will attend their neighborhood schools. Current high school students will be able to finish school without much upheaval. Safety is addressed.
Keeps students in elementary at their current schools
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing!!
New building, stadium, pool, and theatre
Splitting the upper grades
Ages of kids are closer together in the schools
Existing elementary schools remain
Possibility of improved athletic and performance facilities
Upgrade to resources for students
It's going to infuriate suggestin segments of the community, especially those opposed to change
I like that middle school is just 5th and 6th
I do not like Scenario B.
Less cost
New High school and all kids go through same middle school, Jr. high, and high school.
A new highschool
I can't think of anything.
Allows expansion of PreK in all the schools. Breaking up the grade levels into buildings specific to the needs of those groups.
nothing at all same response as the previous proposal A response
Nothing
Nothing
Very little I think

Keeping similar maturity levels together.
Nothing
I like having all the high schoolers together so they all have access to the same academic opportunities.
Nothing stands out.
Nothing
Newer buildings
Nothing
Having Jefferson as additional space for robotics, etc
Absolutely nothing, it is ridiculous. Grade level split doesn't make sense and 1 unified high school will poorly affect those students participating in sports.
Not much
Nothing
Potentially getting a set location for robotics.
It is the future with newly updated buildings that are needed
A brand new high school would be nice
I think combining high schools would help with an overall one community feeling. Less rivalry.
I think the high schools need to be updated.
New high school and focused middle school
I don't like it.
Nothing
Consideration given to updating existing buildings. Nothing else, to the point that I would be voting "No" on any bond proposal containing this scenario. I always vote "yes" on any bond proposal for the public schools, but this would be my first "no" vote.
Nothing
I think cost is the only positive here.
Nothing
The possibility of a new auditorium that is more appropriate for the MPS band programs.
Bringing together the kids from 5th grade on. This will bring the community together even more.
Lots of upgrades to make MPS competitive with other districts
Having a unified high school will result in maybe having enough good players on the same team to make more Midland high school powerhouse teams.

The new upgraded facility. Ages are broken out appropriately.
Updates to schools
I really don't like anything about plan B!
The arrogance with which you are selling this to the public to stroke their emphasis on a mega high school that is shiny and new to cover up the fact that neither of these scenarios improves the education of the students which is ironically missing from your seven points of emphasis.
Seems to address all 7 areas of needs, focusing on replacing largest facilities and shifting grades around to better utilize all existing infrastructure
Nothing!
Infrastructure Improvements, Safety and Security Upgrades and the possibility of a new competition swimming pool
Lower tax increases
Not much, but at least it gets rid of NE Middle school, which is definately at the end of it's useful life.
I could see the potential for more student support in having less grade levels per school
Nothing really
I don't think 5th and 6th together is terrible however it still doesn't solve the problem of another elementary in the location needed and I really do not think one school for all middle schoolers and one for all high schoolers is a good idea at all.
I like having the secondary schools combined. This could be helpful in maximizing resources, clubs and other activities. Having schools together could enable after-school programs and tutoring. Also, could this model enable easier switching to a later start time for middle and high school students?
Lower, but not so much, cost
NE needs to be replaced
The reduced number of grades at Adams Elementary and the re-balancing of grades (5th grade in "middle" school like it was many years ago) or so I think (I am also a simp for Adams so please take this with a grain of salt)

So many things:
1) It unifies our high schools, allowing our community to pull together and cheer for all students and support ONE school, rather than being divided on Dow vs Midland... constantly saying we can't do "X" at building "Y" because they're not doing it at the other building
2) I think the age grouping makes a lot more sense both from a developmental standpoint and a growth standpoint. I.e., Putting PreK with 5th graders is a massive leap (not just age, but in brain/body development)... 5th and 6th graders are very close in needs, 7th-9th are very close in needs, and 10-12th are better off separated (an 18y.o. senior doesn't belong in the same building as a 13y.o. freshmen... they don't have any common ground).
3) This provides the largest impact to the entire community. Everyone will be using the new high school (eventually) -- it can be made to be state of the art and modern and really have the facilities match the quality of learning happening within the schools. Every tax payer (with children in school) will benefit from it. AND all the younger kids get to feel like they have a new school too (despite the actual building age).
Creating expanded Pre-K programs for the district.
Nothing, this is not ideal.
Cheaper than option A
We do need a long term robotics site
The community high school, junior high, and intermediate school options are great.
Nothing
Opportunity for swim facility and performing arts
I do not like this scenario at all.
I would not have to provide transportation to school for my kids because they are currently school of choices. There would be only one option and bussing would have to be provided.
It separates the grades some. Putting up a new high school might give students more learning opportunities.
Nothing
New updated schools, smaller grade groups .
The demo of aged infrastructure
One new building - nothing else
Nothing
New unified high school.
Replacing the buses.

Nothing.
Equal course availability for HS. (Would all courses merge to be offered?)
Updating Dow and Midland High
Nothing!! For 1 you are rearranging the classes to fit your scenarios instead of what's best for the families. At one point in your talk you mentioned how families had to go from preschool to elementary to junior high to drop off and pick up children. With this, they will add another stop....intermediate school.
Updates to all elementary schools
Nothing
The slightly lower cost is an improvement. I also like the utilization of more existing space while investing in high school education. The idea of a dedicated robotics space is very intriguing though I feel an entire middle school is oversized for such a thing.
Potential for new auxiliary facilities
We get a new high school which is needed. Also like the dedicated robotics center.
Less cost per homeowner
New facility
Grades divided up in a way that makes more sense developmentally for students.
The possibility of the auxiliary facilities plan
Nothing.
Tying the resources of the two high schools together, while difficult for folks used to a two-school system, is a more efficient means of concentrating resources for our kids in the long-term.
While I don't like much about this scenario, it is the lower cost option
It has a slightly lower cost, but not that much in comparison to Scenario A.
It does more than A
New high school
Opportunities are at a single location
Nothing
Allows our high school to be a focal point of the community. It's something all students can look forward to. It will make our high school competitive with other top high schools and allow for integration of new technologies
nothing

I don't like this scenario
I do not like anything about this scenario. So sorry!
The option of auxiliary upgrades
Don't really care for this scenario
Nothing.
Nothing
This is ridiculous
Room for all students.
Updates to buildings
Nothing. I think this is a horrible idea.
If we move 5th to "middle school" this alternative is better than combining with 7th and 8th.
Schools will receive needed updates
Nothing
Not much.
Nothing
I love that Jefferson could be repurposed as a robotics/stem center and that the 7-8 graders would actually have nicer outdoor sport amenities like a track and tennis courts.
Nothing
More buildings being demo
I really dislike scenario B. I think it will create more problems than it will solve and take away opportunities from students. It is a lot of money to spend and only receive a new high school when scenario A allows for the creation of two new buildings to serve the community.
Not much. Lots of cost and construction with no obvious improvement in proficiency.
I do not like this plan at all.
it's cheaper, but I'd rather pay more
I don't like anything about B.
Cost is less so more chance of a gifted school that is needed for gifted children.
It is a bold move to push the community in a more unifying way. I believe combining the HS would create a 'Midland' identity where we can become more competitive to regional areas or even state-wide instead of within the town. I believe it creates one path for the entire city to thrive on.
Some existing schools will remain

The + part
I think based on Midland's population, it would be better to have one high school rather than two. Also, I would support having the option to add an auditorium.
the high school needs to be improved and cannot compete with other high schools as they currently stand.
I don't mind the PK - 4 buildings or having 5-6 together. I like the re=purposing of Jefferson as robotics center.
Nothing.
Gets 5th graders out of the elementary- my son was bored by 5th grade and needed a change.
The ability to provide all middle and high schoolers the same educational opportunities
Nothing
I like the idea of one high school - I don't know where it would be built that would make it easy to still use the sports facilities elsewhere
New community high school, the difference in age grouping of schools, new extra facilities
Don't like it.
A new middle and high school could be designed to have better traffic flow.
Nothing
nothing
New facility with less maintenance
Nothing, really
Nothing
i do not like scenario B
Not much
The only thing I can say I like is that the elementary schools will remain in place.
Unified HS, keeping elementary schools in place. Addressing facilities.
Pre-Ks are back in elementary school.
I understand that this proposal makes sense in a world where total enrollment drops from where we are now/historically have been, in that it removes capacity.
The two high schools graduated classes as high as @400 students as recently as the year 2000. Now with total 9-12 enrollment hovering around 1,200 at each school, the graduating classes are much, much smaller. It's time to have one high school and be a unified community where all students have desirable access to all programs from the trades to upper -level advanced classes. We cannot continue to effectively be all things to all people at every school.

It addresses needs for managing class sizes as enrollment decreases. It creates a more sustainable future.
Nothing
A central high school location makes more sense. I'm not sure about all the extra fluff in the proposal. Northeast kids could be moved now and Dow students could be moved to Midland high. The capacity already exists.
Nothing really
Upgrades to existing schools and replacing buses. Maintenance items should happen.
I prefer moving the 5th grades on to school to accommodate older children and unifying the high school.
Everything
Nothing
Nothing
Addresses a majority of the issues
I dont.
Nothing
Only having to build 1 new building instead of 2.
Seems to evenly distribute the students.
None
Seems like an unnecessary and irresponsible spending depletion of funds and tax dollars.
<p>The revised teacher certification structure aligns better with Scenario B and has the potential to make our district more appealing to educators.</p> <p>Since returning to in-person instruction after COVID, I've noticed an increased divide among fifth graders in terms of social, emotional, and academic development. Moving them out of the elementary building could be a positive step.</p> <p>Currently, we have two strong high schools that provide distinct academic experiences tailored to their student populations. While this approach has its merits, it creates inequities in access to education for all high school students.</p>
I kind of dislike all of it.
Not much. Projecting to be cheaper I guess
Nothing
The divided grades within the schools.
The cost is less

I don't care for really any of the options
Nothing
it costs slightly less then Scenario A
Nothing
Adding pre-K to each building would lend for the opportunity for students and families to belong to their school community earlier, which could potentially strengthen the bond and support. I am also interested in the combining of the grade levels by building to narrow focus and serve their needs.
Absolutely nothing
Separating the grades like this, I believe will help with bullying
I like the fact that it is cheaper but acquiring land is missing in the costs
There is nothing to like about this scenario. I would have to drop kids off at 4 different buildings in the morning. No thanks.
Equal opportunity for high schoolers and up to date facilities compared with other districts.
I don't like anything about this scenario
New high school with new facilities
Nothing
Nothing
I appreciate the spirit of a unified Midland High School, but think it will come at the cost of limited opportunity for individual success.
New middle school
Nothing.
I do not like it.
Nothing. It's a horrible idea and terribly misleading.
Nothing
Nothing
Finally replacing Northeast
The new grade groupings
Nothing
None
I like that the high schoolers would have access to cutting edge facilities, and I like that the middle grades are split into smaller groups.

Restructuring the serving grades for different needs.
New high school facility.
Sounds like a good plan to use what we have.
Much needed unification of schools
Less crowded for elementary schools.
Nothing
None
In terms of equity for students (access to the best teachers, etc.), I agree that this is a good idea in the future. I think the timing is not right currently.
Nothing
Cost is lower than scenario A
slightly lower "cost", but is it real?
New high school
Nothing
A new constructed high school.
Nothing
Creating whole-district buildings for grades 5-12 improves the efficiency with which we make use of community resources. Also makes the age range associated with each building more developmentally appropriate.
Nothing
Allows more opportunities for our students and could be a cost savings for the district with only 1 high school
The upgrades that a new high school would offer.
Not sure
New facilities
The cost is a little lower than the other option
I thought this was supposed to have a better emphasis on the arts. I don't see that anymore. Money is not an issue to me so I really don't care what it costs
In addition to addressing the space/resource needs, it also developmentally makes more sense to have an intermediate school. As someone who once went to one (then moved in 8th grade to a district like our current model) even as a kid, I knew it was better in intermediate model. Academically better and socially better.
Separation of ages of students (9th grade in particular)

Nothing.
less of a tax increase
Nothing. Waste of money and inconvenient for everyone. This scenario benefits no one.
Introducing the intermediate and junior high schools
It seems like this could result in higher quality facilities, and maybe is more beneficial from a sustainability standpoint for the future. If the number of schoolkids declines massively, this solution seems more tenable. It's probably best to do what makes more sense for the long term and isn't just kicking the problem down the road.
It is cheaper.
I like enhancing sports complex and should be done anyways
We will have updated facilities.
Nothing
New high school to include new performing arts facility.
Nothing, it is too confusing.
A new, modern high school, preschools available in all elementary buildings, new busses
Nothing
nothing
Nothing
Nothing. I don't like a single thing about this scenario.
New consolidated high school facility.
Lower cost than A
nothing
Nothing I'm insulted you would suggest this as a tax payer and a parent.
nothing
This sounds like it would meet needs on the surface.
The thought of new high school is great, but would be nice to keep them separate.
Absolutely nothing
Nothing
one high school makes sense for town of this size.
potential that having split grade levels could bring
It works to improve our infrastructure needs and has a pool in the middle school.

Nothing
New high school and ability to compete with other districts
It seems like a good use of money. Good changes structurally.
Sounds similar to Freeland and I hear great things from friends with kids within that district.
Th cost difference.
Nothing
The unified high school.
Hate it
Adding the pre k into the primary schools
NOTHING
nothing
Nothing. I hate this scenario.
I do not want this
Nothing
Consolidated highscool
Creating unified buildings at Secondary sites.
That there would be a new highschool, but with this improvement, I certainly hope that a new stadium would be built in order to accomadate the large number of highschoolers.
Nothing
Updates for all schools, PK-4 in elementary schools.
Nothing. Worse than A
I think the combination of students into one district grade level eliminates the divde within our community of those who have and those whom do not.
Keeping all elementary schools open
I do not support this scenario. 5th grade should remain in elementary schools.
Nothing
None of it
Nothing
I like that all the elementary schools stay intact.
Combining high schools is a great idea. And my school growing up was prek to 4 so I like the new division of grades for schools.

More updated schools
I do like the use of existing facilities.
Combining the high schools
I do not like this scenario.
Nothing
Nothing
I will not be voting for anything with an additional tax increase.
The division of the grade levels. PK students start out their education in an elementary school that will be theirs for the next five years.
I like grouping the kids with closer ages in the same school.
New facilities
I like that it is a less expensive solution and is repurposing the buildings we have
A new unified high school - seems logical and practical and in alignment with what other districts have done.
Aligning school facilities with students' developmental needs e.g. housing fifth and sixth graders together has been shown to be the most appropriate way to tailor services and supports to their unique needs, and keeping 9th graders out of the high school has many positive benefits
Getting rid of buildings past its useful life.
nothing
Technology updates, building updates,
Nothing.
More unity in the community without the Dow/Midland High divide
You do still offer pre-K which I think is essential to improving reading comprehension of the students. There are still too many students who do not achieve functional literacy here in Midland
Not much
New High School (even though our kids will have graduated already).
More appropriate age groupings in the buildings, consistent class/elective/extracurricular options for high schoolers, targeted supports for 5th and 6th graders, potentially easier/cleaner caseload splits for ancillary staff
Nothing
nothing, specifically the likely increase in cost when pool/stadium etc is added.

None of this. It's a radically different model and causes the most disruption.
Repurposing buildings
I don't like one high school
I think it is the best long term decision for the district. Combining both high schools will provide a more focussed and streamlined functionality of secondary education. We currently have administrators that run between both high schools and it is not working. Each high school needs their administrators full time.
Nothing. I do not like the ideas of combining the grades the way that scenario b is laid out.
NOTHING
New grade groupings and new high school
It gets Midland out of the status quo and is thinking outside the box. I like that this could have a positive impact on most of the students in the community and could draw a more connected school district and not have it be in its own silos. I also feel this can have a positive impact on all extra-curricular opportunities for students. I know I have heard grumblings about lost athletic opportunities for students, but I disagree as there could be more offerings and a more connected community.
I like the idea of community schools for the higher grades
I like the grade level buildings for multiple reasons. Having existing buildings repurposed makes a lot of sense.
I do not like scenario B. I'm afraid that because it has a slightly lower cost to homeowners that it will go through but I don't think it will work well in the long run for student development.
There is no need for this other than to waste our money
Nothing
Making high school 10-12
Pre k at elem buildings
I like that high school will finally offer the same experiences to all students. There will be more space for Pre-primary in the elementary schools with 5th grade gone.
Pre-K programs in the local school buildings, but this is also achieved with scenario A. There is nothing about scenario B that makes it more desirable than scenario A for me.
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
I am not fond at all of this one.
One high school with equal access as students prepare for their future.

Scenario B adds a lot of efficiencies that are missing from Scenario A. Have two high schools and two middle schools means that a lot of efforts are duplicated. Additionally, student choices are reduced when classes don't have enough students enrolled to run, or there is only one section of a course and a students cannot fit it in their schedules.
Nothing
A new high school would e nice and just having Midland High would make our sports stronger
Updates to schools.
There are no elements of this scenario that I like.
Nothing
Good choice
K-4 being bundled and 5-6 being bundled.
I like that it will be a new building for high school.
Few schools are closed.
Nothing
Provides better building space & room for additional student growth
None of it
Absolutely nothing
The possibilities for the add ons at the new high school- like the auditorium, additional field, pool, etc.
Nothing at all. Our family will move out of Midland if this happens. I am being very serious.
I don't think there is much I do like about it.
Nothing--I don't think it takes the students into consideration. It's basically for money. I think the opportunities that two high schools offer students is MUCH MORE IMPORTANT!
new high school
Nothing.
Elementary schools seem less busy with only going up to grade 4
That it continues to use Dow High and Midland High.
One high school so same opportunities for both.
Not a fan of it.
It sounds like it would offer a new state of the art education Center for the high schoolers.
I like the grades 5 - 6 in a building and 7 - 9 in a building.
Everyone will get the chance to go to the new high school.

Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high
A new high school would provide state of the art facilities for our students.
Necessary improvements would be made, addresses shifting numbers in enrollment.
Unified path for all students in grades 5 through 12. No parents will be in a position to complain about feeling "cheated" because student denied access to the newer MS.
Seeing both high schools together giving students more equal opportunities.
Less increase in my taxes.
Nothing. This plan seems like a mess with so many moving pieces.
nothing
Creative way to solve the student population.
robotics site
Less cost
its less expensive
You know exactly how many rooms open up at each elementary with 5th grade gone. Dow and Midland schools have plenty of room for what they will hold. Single high school increases probability that more diversity of courses will run.
The cost is lower for the community. It builds a new state-of-the-art High School, which more and more parents are looking at.
Nothing
I believe that scenario B is NOT in the best interest of student development in multiple ways. OUR DISTRICT IS TOO BIG TO BENEFIT FROM A CONSOLIDATION SUCH AS THIS
I like that all students in junior high and high school will have access to all the specialty courses at their school.
The division of grades is an interesting concept
Pre-K at every elementary school, potentially more room for each grade level in a building (perhaps this could lead to smaller class sizes?)
Use of our current buildings and the idea of upgrading our HS facilities. Academic offerings and possibilities would improve.
New facilities
I like the break up of age groups the most - I think having 5th-6th graders, 7th-9th graders, and 10th-12th graders will be extremely beneficial to students. I also like that with this scenario, each building in the district is able to get the upgrades they need.
Nothing
Honestly, I don't like anything about it when compared to Scenario A.

Consolidating the high school
All students will have access to the upgrades.
All proposed changes are inappropriate and will result in downgrading the quality of learning and will create unnecessary frustration in parents and teachers and learners
grade groupings
I do not have anything specific that I can say I like the most.
nothing
One High School would provide the most academic opportunities for all students in one building. No need for students to travel to other high school to meet academic needs
Nothing
I guess the school upgrades
Costs slightly less than plan A.
Cheaper to the community tax payer.
nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
I like the concept of a single community high school and having high school classes in one location. I also like that if fifth graders are moved from elementary school that they will be in a building with just fifth and sixth graders.
Unified HS.
Ability to streamline educational offerings for all students in the district
nothing
I like that it will unite this divide we have between the current two schools, and building new provides high quality facilities that will need less upkeep.
I am not a fan of this plan.
Actually addresses the population challenges facing Midland. Scenario A mostly kicks the can down the road.
Brand new high school, more addresses the aging infrastructure
The only thing I like about this scenario is that 5-6th graders would have their own building, they are at a weird bubble age in their current buildings.
Nothing
If it did not have to come out of already broke families, it may be beneficial.

I don't like much about this
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
A truly modern HS would provide an outstanding experience for all students in the district.
Pre-K in elementary buildings
Using current auxiliary facilities.
The community has enough facilities. Learning to share with others is a valuable lesson.
The combined high school
New enchantments, just a couple grades for middle schools
Why not add to Midland High school and Dow
Absolutely nothing
I like the idea of 9th grade being together with younger grades. The gap between 9th and 12th graders is huge. That just feels more appropriate. But mostly I like the idea of a unified high school that eliminates some of the weird schisms between Midland and Dow High today anyway, and promotes a greater mix of socioeconomic and racial diversity. And I think by limiting the grades to 10-12 you can still have adequate opportunities to the arts, sports, etc
New high school and greater separation of ages as kids develop.
I don't like any of the scenario
Nothing!
Do not like this option
Again, what's the actual value and reasoning?
Nothing really but the fact that our kids went to Adams and never liked the idea of that school splitting and knowing that they will not be in school again with half their friends so this would eliminate that.
Although I like the grade spans,
That the schools in the community will be unified
Nothing
Future minded all encompassing plan, includes auxiliary spaces
Elementaries are used.
We are a town of 2 high-schools with many traditions. Do NOT merge

I like that 5/6 will be together. Having a new high school would benefit the community long term and would hope then high school campus will house all venues (tennis, swim, music, arts - so they are not driving kids all around town)
Nothing
Opportunity for extracurricular expansion
Nothing
It's ambitious, and let's us focus doing less things, but doing them better. I'd rather have my son go to a state of the art high school in 14 years than have him go to an again, "ok" high school.
I dont see much to recommend it over A.
That 9 th graders are not with 12th graders. The junior school is more appropriate for that age level.
New high school
I think combining resources of both high schools to one unified school would be amazing for the students. It can sound scary but other school districts have done this successfully. Perhaps more/different sports can be offered to off set the complaint of "my kid will get cut from the team" argument. MHSAA sanctions many other sports not available at MHS/DHS.
Repurposing high schools for middle schools
Cost
A new, modern high school would be built. And the cost is cheaper than option A.
Nothing
Unified high school, new buildings and tech
Cost less
The cost is lower than Scenario A.
I don't completely disagree with one high school. I think there could be some community togetherness that comes from it.
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing.
None
slightly lower costs
Nothing
Not much
Nothing.

Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
None of it
Nothing
Absolutely nothing.
Clearly the district hasn't learned that throwing money around doesn't translate to outcomes/higher learning. We should be investing in raising test proficiency scores.
Scenario B might allow for concentrating our resources for high school students within 1 unified building.
Using more of the existing structures.
It makes more sense
A new highschool equal opportunities for all Midland students French/Spanish taught in one location. Welding and shop in one location.
Nothing grades will have too large of a class
I don't like anything about it
Better cohort alignment
Splitting up the grades
keeping Siebert.
Nothing
This is a ridiculous plan.
Nothing
No positive comments
Safety and security upgrades
Could potentially give students more opportunities with modern buildings and new tech.
Nothing
Nothing
New facilities for a high school and specialized focus to intermediate/junior high schools
Nothing
not much
Nothing

Big change that suits the needs of the students now more than ever. Tailors to the needs of those age groups. Allows for specialization of content. Allows for diagnosing of needs on a more manageable level. Allows for district uniformity in terms of curriculum.
It might not be a bad idea to have the two different ages for middle school
That the 5th graders will be moved to a school with 6th graders. By adding the pre-k programs, I see this to be a large age range with different needs being in one location.
Nothing.
I like the fact that the grades are broken down into small groups making curriculum and behavior to be better supported.
The high schools are combined eliminating some classes only being available on one campus or the other, which eliminated the need to bus between the schools (which is a minor burden for the students)
Pre-K in each local elementary school and a consolidated community high school
Cost
The new high school
I like the age group break outs for this option the best. The ages of students in each building seems appropriate based on typical child development.
The new bigger high school
Getting a new building.
Nothing.
Nothing
The only thing - a new elementary built to relieve class sizes of the current northern elementary buildings.
The only thing I like about this is that kids would not have to take buses to either high school to go to classes that are not offered at the other one
Nothing
I don't like anything about this.
Not really anything
Nothing horrible idea - KISS
Building updates
I don't like having the school facilities spread out all over the place
Moving preK to the elementary schools.
Dumb idea. Keep both high schools

Nothing
A new top of the line high school full of updated and technology and opportunities for students. This could be a great boost leading to growth in the economy especially if we are competitive enough with schools like Grand Blanc. I like the idea of a power house school in all activities and a chance to combine amazing talent. I really like the idea of new updated facilities like a competitive pool for Dow's elite swim program.
I like that we would be investing in our teens and giving them the best facilities possible.
It just makes sense - let's give our kids the best facilities possible, and soon!
How it addresses the educational needs of each age group and eliminates the need for students to travel between buildings at the high school level to take full advantage of course offerings. I also like how it is cost effective in using existing athletic facilities and auditoriums. I also like how it expands neighborhood pre-K offerings.
Nothing.
Not much other than facility updates.
Would form more of a "Midland" community as opposed to Midland v Dow
Nothing
The only good component would be a new pool which is much needed in this community after the Community Center reduced their lap capacity.
The price
NOTHING!!!!
New school, and eliminate in city rivalry
Nothing
Nothing.
Unified high school
I don't like Scenario B.
safety improvements
The grade schools remain
Nothing! This is athletic and education suicide.
New capabilities for students and stem.
It modernizes and improves otherwise-aging facilities.
The only thing I like is the overall improvements to all schools.
Trying to repurpose
This plan does nothing for me. Except replacing Northeast.

I guess only that it is the cheapest of the scenarios.
Updates to Dow and Midland high buildings.
I appreciate the potential upgrades to the auditorium, pool, & community stadium. The lower cost is also a positive for homeowners,
The additional auxiliary facilities
Like the thought of Pre-K through 4 being in the elementary
Not much
More building being reused
Nothing
Upgrades to Elementary schools
Cost saving
Nothing
I like nothing about this scenario. We will move before putting our kids in this scenario. Period.
How the schools are broken up, and tech, safety, art and play updates
Nothing
Unified middle and high school
Nothing
Nothing
None of those we don't need new high school
I like that it's cheaper.
I do like the PreK option being in elementary schools
Nothing
Only one building to add
Nothing
I don't like anything about this scenario. I feel combining the high schools is a terrible idea. It's also a terrible idea to use Dow high as a middle school.
least expensive
New high school
I do not want 1 highschool
The potential for a robotics site.
Nothing at all

Nothing about this plan is good.
I like the investments into the physical buildings, bussing, etc. in both plans. I don't know the reasoning behind this plan to know whether I like it better than plan A
Don't care for this proposal
Building a new combined high school would be an asset to the district.
Nothing
Literally nothing
More progressive and contemporary. Break down silos in 2 competing high schools. Like separating 5&6 from 7-9
New high school Pre-K moved to elementary Will create more classrooms for each grade-possible smaller classes. Newer buildings will be energy effective and will last the students of MPS longer.
Nothing.
Nothing
Lower cost, top notch HS
None
This is ridiculous...In the first scenic you talk about over crowding. Alot of these kids have depression and anxiety from going to the size high school to college size school- way too many kids to get any individual attention.
Addresses aging facilities and programming
Cost
Nothing
I don't like anything about this scenario
Having taught Head Start I am pleased to see emphasis on preschool
Nothing
I'm intrigued with the grade groupings instead of having 2 distinctly different high schools. There will not be a question of which high school is better. There will be more equity in education.
Arts, play and sports are on the list
Nothing
Like the idea of a new high school and the demolition of the middle schools

all new high school with updated learning facilities
I like the idea of smaller class sizes for the elementary schools and making room for PK activities. And of course the smaller price.
Seems more progressive
Nothing
Brining prek to achools
all the improvements, and at a reduced cost compared to A
Indifferent t
All midland residents will be benefitting from a new high school designed to prepare students for careers of the future. The fact that everyone paying for this will be benefitting is key. It will also help to set Midland apart from surrounding districts.
The elimination of DEI and Emotional and social learning initiatives.
Nice new HS
Not much.
Nothing.
nothing
Nothing.
Having one high school should add to the cohesiveness of the schools and community. It also allows more creative use of space.
I don't think it's a good idea
Athletics improvements, having pool and stadium in one place
no preference
Consolidating to one high school while addressing other facility needs.
new buildings
repurposing vs demoing, elementary stays the same
Combined with the additional options the district will have all updated state of the art facilities.
The bonus things like new stadium and pool
I think this is in line with what a lot of other districts have done by rearranging the grades to better fit schools and capacities.
Nothing
Look how much innovation there is!!!!!! Woohoo!!! It's time for this kind of stuff.
It seems like a workable plan

I like that the combining of students begins in 5th grade as opposed to just high school. This gives students a chance to foster friendships that can continue through.
Absolutely nothing.
I do not like
New high school, with the decrease in students, this makes the most sense.
Hard to say. I can see the point, it just seems unnecessary.
Cost effectiveness of Demo versus new build, and overall cost to community. Using what is already present and repurposing.
Students are more isolated in smaller peer groups, pk at elementary schools. One high school.
Nothing
There is nothing good about Scenario B. If I see this on the ballot, I will vote NO and so will my family, extended family, and friends living in Midland.
Nothing.
The new high school facilities.
Nothing
What
nothing
Recognition that combining the two high school into a new facility is best for the total student population. The supposed "rivalry" between the two is more a parental issue than a student-driven issue. The students I see just don't care which high school they are from.
There is no part of this plan that I like
Not much!
Nothing
The unified high school
greater emphasis on repurposing existing structures
Nothing
Nothing
I really do not like this option at all
Modernization of current buildings
Very little
Cost would be less than plan A and continues to use existing auxiliary facilities

I am going to cheat...two things 1. UNITY. We are ONE district. 2. The outside matches the inside. We have a great educational system but our buildings look and feel tired and outdated. We can still have a classic look and modernize to match the education provided in our district.
Nothing
Nothing
New high school
Not much
Nothing
Moving into one high school
Nothing to like about this the schools were just upgraded
Older students aren't in class with younger, like 9th & 12th.
Upending the current division of students w/o a real stated benefit
Jefferson gets a bigger building so that it can better meet the needs of its students and staff
New high school is a great idea. While the grade break up is not necessarily preferred, the idea that students stay together through most of their educational journey is appealing.
Upgrading the facilities
I do not like scenario b at all.
Security updates and new buses. I'm not a fan of this option
Not much.
I like the idea of scenario b but I think it would be better with the football field, pool, and auditorium
Nothing
Do not like age groupings
Infrastructure improvements
I'm not sure what the benefits to the students or community of a single HS are. I'd like to speak with someone truly excited about the idea to see if they can sell this idea to me.
Lower cost
One community working together with enhancing our facilities to achieve sustainable development of curriculum offerings.

I like the idea of lower cost than Scenario A
Less children in each elementary school
Unified high school
Nothing.
Nothing
Combining all these schools has a degree of potential.
infrastructure improvements, internal and external improvements
New Robotics Site
Nothing
I don't like anything about it.
absolutely nothing
new HS
The only thing redeeming about scenario b is that everything the district has for grade levels 5 and up will be in the same building the students of that grade are in.
Nothing
Nothing
It's an innovative solution that adds to the district with the repurposing of Jefferson MS, which the other plan doesn't.
All students are combined starting at 5th grade, so friendships made in elementary school are not broken up due to changing enrollment areas.
It works a lot better than the system we have currently and it's cheaper tax-wise than the first scenario.
It is proposed to be less expensive than scenario A
this is not a favorable option for me all the way around.
Jefferson MS could be repurposed.
Nothing we need to keep two high schools
Not much
Nothing
Better developmental balance among student age groups.
The updates to technology, infrastructure, etc
New High School is semi exciting.

Nothing, it doesn't address my primary concern about closing Northeast pool.
Lots of improvements across the board
Keeping two high schools.
The potential for a new competitive swimming pool.
Nothing
Honestly- nothing. I hate this plan.
Nothing!! Absolutely nothing!
Reducing elem school numbers by reducing grade levels, having bldgs be used for 4-6 and 7-9 and 10-12.
Closer age ranges in high school.
Nothing really. Northeast needs to come down.
Combined resources will be able to service the secondary schools better
Nothing. Worse idea I have seen yet from the school board. Do you think about kids at all? Seriously you think it is better to cut the opportunities for kids almost in half just to save a few dollars in the operating budget? Can't believe you are so short sighted and locked into the left pocket, right pocket thinking on managing money.
I dislike all of it
nothing this is stupid
Nothing
Nothing, seems very disjointed and that kids are moving around a lot.
New buses would provide the opportunity for possibly purchasing electric buses. The new technology for each building would be nice.
I do NOT like scenario B.
Projected to cost less than Scenario A.
Nothing.
I don't like Scenario B.
new fancy buildings
- Reduces population disparities between current high schools: boundaries drawn up by neighborhood -> neighborhood determined by economic status -> economic status affected by race, religion, parent education, etc... which in turn affect opinions, beliefs, points of view, etc. Therefore, combining all secondary students in one school increases diversity of student body.
- Possible to run more niche classes

- Students would have access to all classes
art and play improvements
I like that the high schools are going to be renovated and
That the High School is updated and all the districts academic programs will be at one location
Long term solution
Nothing
Combining the high schools
all of the opportunities would be available to everyone
Nothing
I think it would be great to have one big highschool and only serve the 10th - 12th graders
Emphasis on improving the high schools
The upgrades
It's not that expensive
Including pre-k in the elementary schools
I like that the older students will get better resources and a more modernized environment.
There will be updates to the high school and the facilities providing a better learning environment for students.
Re purposing buildings and adding a new high school
This would positively impact the highschool's extracurricular offerings
The united buildings can allow for more funding of activities and subjects due to not having to fund the same thing at two separate schools.
Nothing
Cheaper than Scenario A
This seems like a long term solution that should preclude the need for another project on this scale for many years.
Nothing
Elementary schools stay the same
Do you know where the CIA agent, Bruce Towers is? I can't find him. He spent some time in Midland, MI. He also has two daughters. The oldest one lives in Bloomington, IL, and the youngest one lives in Chicago, IL.
I can't find anything I like about Scenario B. I don't care that it's less expensive. When it comes to our kids, the cost is so close that it is irrelevant.

The athletic supplement that goes with Scenario B.
Nothing
The merging of the high schools
Nothing
nothing
makes sense to have one high school, utilizes existing spaces well, less impact on taxes, dedicated robotics space is nice
The cost is better, however when compared to it Scenario it is not that much different.
I like that robotics would have a new establishment to call their own.
nothing
Nothing
Community focus with keeping kids together from grade 5 onward. New high school. Expanded course offerings at high school stage.
New High School seems like a good idea
Joining the two high schools will eventually result in financial savings. I feel more class offerings will be available which is why there is academics in the first place!
Seems more long term for enrollment issues.
All MPS students will eventually "benefit" from being in a "brand new school."
The unification in community starting at grade 5 and up. The community can pool all resources into a central location. More class options for all students.
I like the idea of one unified district, especially considering the increased talent pool for athletics.
I DO NOT LIKE THIS SCENARIO AT ALL
Nothing
Utilizing schools we currently have
I sort of like the idea of a school with 5th and 6th graders.
Having all the middle and high school aged students from the district together will allow for more balance in class sizes throughout the district. Also having all the programs (for example languages) available at the same school location could provide more academic opportunities. The Middle and High School will no longer be divided on income levels.
Nothing
The idea of a joint high school excites me. It provides equity to all high school students (class offerings, extracurricular activities/facilities).

absolutely nothing
Grade groupings are more developmentally appropriate, and this scenario addresses current inequitable high school offerings.
I don't like this scenario
It's cheaper. Has a plan possible solution for Robotics.
Nothing
Nothing. If High Schools are combined, our children will all go to Bullock Creek.
More age appropriate schools-not having older kids in with younger kids due to unfavorable influences.
nothing these all are the worst.
I like nothing about this scenario.
I do not like Scenario B
All 6 existing elementary schools remain and will serve grades Pre-K through fourth-grade
keeping and repurposing existing infrastructure
Nothing
New united high school - academic opportunities are strengthened and accessible more equitably.
None
Nothing
Still at dow
Nothing
One new high school and new facilities for stadium, pool, auditorium
Nothing
New buildings and facilities.
It is the less expensive option.
Grades are aligned with their own age appropriate peers
NOTHING! As born and raised in this town
Not much except purchasing new buses and keeping all the elementary schools open
New high school

A) more age appropriate grade distributions.
B) combining high schools means more money allocated to the students, more resources, better learning environment, money from 2 boosters, and better educational opportunities. While I understand the argument, "But what about sports? There won't be as many opportunities for my child to place on a team..." Both my husband and myself are collegiate athletes. My husband was semi-pro. We are of the mindset that it's our job to provide our child with the best possible opportunities for an elite education. Sports participation is important. No one understands that more than we do. Our child can play on travel teams. Sports is not our priority when it comes to the decisions we make about our child's educational future. Setting him up to be successful in his professional and personal life takes far more precedence over whether or not he plays on a high school hockey team.
C) building a new high school will allow us to better implement safety measures rather than trying to retrofit an existing building. Yes, safety is important for children of all ages, but statistically speaking, an active shooter situation is far more likely to occur in a high school setting.
Spread the resources among fewer facilities.
New HS
More educational opportunities for secondary students.
Nothing
I like the unification of the two high schools,
upgraded facilities
New larger HS will afford better opportunities for specialty courses and sports
Nothing
Nothing do not do this
Nothing
Use of existing buildings / assets
Nothing
New auditorium and swimming pool
I do not like this scenario at all
Addresses major issues.
None of it!! It is NOT necessary to go to that extreme!!
Lower cost
I don't see anything desirable about this plan.
Nothing
One highschool

Unified community
This would likely be the best way to have smaller classes and newer nicer things.
United community with a shared front for education, more school transitions could be good for resiliency in kids, new high school facility
less costly than scenario A
We are in dire need of a world-class high school campus. Traveling around the state for travel sports, midland is the richest community with the worst facilities. Saline High School is a great example of facilities - see their pool!
Combing the high schools
5/6 building
It would streamline the district into one unified district
Nothing
New facility for high school would be nice. But not addressing several other needs.
Nothing
There is nothing I like about this
The number of offerings for the high school students (in- building, face-to-face classes) would increase; the socioeconomic divisions between the 2 schools would be blurred, the building would be new and not embarrassing to visiting schools.
Greater use of existing structures
New buildings
I assume most people are going to prefer the cost of scenario B over scenario a. However, this is not my opinion and I do not like anything about scenario B
Nothing
Joining the high schools will be hard in the short term but will bring the entire town to a better place. I feel that right now people consider Dow high as the "better" school because it's in the more affluent side of town.
The elementary schools stay the same.
I like the idea of combining high schools. Going back to true Middle School with 7-9 grade being in the middle schools.
I love the idea of having a devoted Robotics Site.
Only need to add one building
No scenarios are liked
It brings the community together instead of having it divided.

A creative look at reorganizing grades in buildings.
Nothing
Add ons
Elementary schools turn to Pre-k- 4th grade
As the only thing that matched Scenario A, I like most that buses will be purchased as there lifespan is needed.
Putting PK at the local schools and unified highschool gets rid of wealth disparity between the schools
Not much
More ease into high school through 5-6 school and 7-9 school
The cost seems more in line and I like that the high school will have 10th through 12th grade
Nothing
Safety and security upgrades
I really don't.
Nothing
Cheaper option
Nothing
Elementaries all stay open.
Smaller age focus
Nothing.
Nothing.
I like that there will be more space in the elementary schools.
Good grief. Nothing.
The cost is better on this option.
Nothing.
I like the additions that go with the scenario.
Maybe little bit lower cost
Best addresses facility issues for the long term. Most cost effective long term approach. Bring the community together with one high school which would be great from a support standpoint.
I dislike this entire plan.
This scenario is the plan for the future. This is the most efficient use of our current facilities.

A new High School
None
Having one high school
Separate student's by age group
Newer buildings
More forward thinking and longer range planning on addition to better investment
I like putting Pre-K through 4 in one building, it appeals to young families. I like having 5-6 away from those pre-K kids. I also think 7-9 is a better dynamic developmentally than the current 6-8 middle schools.
Absolutely nothing.
Renovating and updating the buildings (but this does not outweigh the negatives, in my opinion)
Nothing.
Nothing
Nothing
Not much. We pay enough taxes as is.
nothing
Nothing
It is forward looking and aligns with academic and educational trends. I love the Midland-Dow rivalry, but I think it's time to combine.
Nothing
Nothing
I don't
Closure of Carpenter and Northeast
New facility for a high school would be nice.
nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
I don't like anything about this scenario.
It's cheaper. It's offers more EQUITY. I know that my Dow High Student is getting a better education that the same kiddo at MHS.

Nothing
Nothing
Fifth and sixth grades would be together, a nicer fit than current configuration.
I dont like it, Midland high just had renovations within the last 20 years. why must you spend?
Using existing facilities which aren't in bad shape.
Repurposing of existing assets and separating grades
Safety and security upgrades
There isn't anything I like about this scenario.
Nothing
Nothing
Some existing facilities will continue to be used (Community stadium, Dow High pool, Central auditorium.
Replacement of busses
Nothing
The separation of the grades.
Nothing
This addresses the wealth disparity and long-term the operating cost for one high school is better. This also gives all 5th grade and up students the same opportunities and same level of resources/education no matter what school you attend which isn't true today or in Scenario A.
absolutly nothing
Less changes to current setting. Safety updates
nothing
leaving most elementary as they are
nothing really
Pooling of the two high schools together could allow for some programs to exist without having to bus between the two schools, programs that wouldn't have enough stucents at either school individually
New facilities are nice, but this doesn't seem like a realistic expectation.
Nothing
Basically nothing. The only thing I like is PK being part of the elementary schools... but that is part of both scenarios, so I wouldn't even count that.
nothing

Nothing
All elementary schools get updated
Nothing
A new building for the aging high schools.
A new high school would allow us to be more competitive with larger schools downstate. It would remove the 'Dow is better than Midland because they have all of the rich kids' mentality.
Nothin
The lower taxable cost.
I like the idea of reducing schools and consolidation. I like that the community will be united with one school instead of of the MHS vs Dow mentality.
Nothing.
Lower cost, streamlined school system.
It creates a unified school district without the us vs them mentality. Re-envisions schooling into the future.
The addition of a new Auditorium and pool upgrades
Total infrastructure concerns will be met. Resources for students will exceed.
Nothing. This scenario is horrible and takes away everything preferred about the district.
It deals with equity issues in classes and offerings for all students and allows us to incorporate Pre-K in our elementary schools.
Nothing!!
Age ranges make more sense per building, PreK more accessible, combined high school. All awesome. This has my vote.
Nothing.
Nothing, it seems pointless
We would have a state of the art high school
Less expensive
Not much of this proposal is favorable.
Brand new facilities
Absolutely nothing.
I think feeding to a single high school is logically the the wisest decision.
The reallocation of age groups to better support students in their psychosocial and academic development.

New high school allowing for setting kids up for success with modern degrees, dedicated robotics and stem facilities
Nothing.
Nothing
Nothing.
I think Scenario B is only going to work if auxiliary facilities are included. Many families have multiple children participating in a variety of activities and by not including all facilities on the potential campus, it is going to cause frustration for many families while transporting multiple children to multiple different locations for practices, rehearsals, and clubs. Additionally, staff members that are trying to get from the school to their activity that they supervise will create additional driving and time. If the auxiliary amenities are not included, the students will consider it half-completing this project and they'll feel like administration does not care about their extracurricular interest and advancements. As a high school student, I would 100% have thought this was lazy by administration if several million dollars were invested into a new school and then athletic, arts, and other auxiliary facilities were disregarded. MPS does an excellent job raising educated student that create their own opinions and they will see right through this decision to not included their auxiliary facilities. Really consider the students perception of your actions.
reduced class size in elementary schools
This scenario follows the trends and sets us up for longer term success. It looks at the educational approach moving forward vs keeping close to what we know and feel comfortable with.
nothing
Technically lower cost but really needs the additional athletic upgrades to be a true improvement which pushes it to a higher cost.
New, unified high school. Make a more unified learning and athletic environment.
Children in 9th grade not being in high school
Not much
New high school and grade changes
This seems like a very logical choice for the district and would only require ONE new facility.
There would be more preschool offerings at the public schools
Nothing
New high school; equal treatment
Robotics site
Loss of cross town rivalry.
I like how it addresses long term issues and later on would cost less.

Building a new high school would unify our community. Midland High and Dow High would be tremendous improvements as middle and late elementary schools.
NOTHING
I believe this is the best option moving into the future. The best bang for our buck.
Building an amazing, new high school sounds pretty awesome.
Honestly, nothing.
dow high gets smaller
-Less grades for the intermediate schools
Nothing
I like the implementation of a middle and jr both model.
Allows district to combine HS's and become a powerhouse for education and sports, while also decreasing costs for the district.
I like the idea of Midland being reunited under 1 high school
I like that they will have more schools for elementary schoolers.
Increased Pre-K spaces would be beneficial to the community
Equally impacts the district, especially at the elementary level.
One high school provides opportunity for community unification, equity, and significant academic opportunity for all students.
Nothing, provides no opportunities for kids with combining 2 high schools. Kids lose out.
A dedicated HS campus with the extras (pool, auditorium, etc) would be great.
Nothing
New high school
Don't like this option what so ever
I need to better understand how this improves resources for all students, especially high school students by combining high schools. Other than it being less expensive - which doesn't always mean better - I struggle to find anything I really like about this proposal. This is bad enough that I would potentially consider removing my child from MPS and send them to a more standard K-5 or K-6 school system nearby or would make me more interested in leaving the community if another opportunity arose, should my child have adjustment issues.
The prek to 4th in elem
There isn't really anything I like about it.
There is NO positive to this scenario.
New high school facilities could be beneficial

Nothing
Breakdown of middle / intermediate school experience that is aligned with developmental growth.
Nothing
Equal academic opportunity for all high school students.
I do not like this scenario. I do not like the thought of all the kids being in one school, I do not like the thought of the sizes of the school, and I hate that combining the schools takes away opportunities for kids to be involved in things since there will only be one drama club, one swim team, one basketball or football team etc... I do not like that kids that need extra help are now all in the same school and fighting for the attention of instructors.
Nothing
I like the grades 5-6 in one building, 7-9, 10-12 divisions.
I like the idea of a new High School. Thats about it.
Absolutely nothing
This better addresses current needs and sets up the district for the next 50 years.
I like that both high schools and the community stadium, Dow high pool and central auditorium are still used
A new high school seems to make more sense.
Combined 5-12 offers additional resources and opportunities to students. Smaller footprint, increased diversity.
Repurposing Jefferson
It is forward thinking and better for kids.
The lack of demolition for elementary schools.
I love that the new high school will help to take pressure off the old ones.
Nothing
If the district was to make a coordinated investment in programs, the larger student body would allow for additional classes, more class levels, and additional extra-curriculars, vs. repeating most of the same options at two different schools at the same level.
I think one new high school could provide some great opportunities for students no longer needing to choose between the schools for certain classes, sports, or clubs.
Nothing
moving PK to elementary schools
Nothing, the best thing with this plan would be the inclusion of the auxiliary facilities.

<p>This keeps middle school 6-8. I like having 9th in high school. Keeps the long standing history of both schools.</p> <p>Keeps schools closer depending where you live. Less bussing needed. More opportunity for students to play sports.</p>
Nothing
Less taxes.
Technology and arts upgrades
I think the updates to the schools are really needed and would make us a premier district in the area.
Nothing
Maybe the renovations to the school.
The upgrades to the upper grades: 6-12th. And the additional upgrades/additions to the athletic areas.
New high school.
The high school would have a longer life span as it would just be getting built.
The mention of a possible new 12 lane pool.
Elementary building changing to PreK to 4
Nothing
Nothing. I don't mind the elementary buildings ending at 4th grade.
One large high school will have more opportunities for all students in Midland to take all courses available in the schools. The building cost is only for one building, not two. Having grades 5-6 together will open up interesting options for both of those grades as well, especially if administration decides to run that building as a "middle school", the 5th grade students will be given more choices and will also get to experience having multiple teachers in a day sooner in order to adapt to the junior high and high school settings more easily.
As a coach- I love that opportunity to choose the top athletes of both Midland High and Dow High
I think it is a good use of the buildings we currently have. Breaking the middle school to 5-6 and 7-9 would be nice.
all CTE programs (and other class options) under one roof making them accessible to all students in secondary
Nothing
Absolutely nothing.
Nothing, this plan makes no sense to me and I will NOT vote for this. I do not know a single person who approves of this plan.

Nothing.
Nothing
The add ons. Can the add-ons be added to scenario a? Maybe like a new complex that both high schools utilize?
Stronger, more successful athletic teams
There is nothing good about this scenario
I appreciate the addressing of facility needs and enhancement for the community and educators
I really don't like anything about option B, the way we admit there does seem to be a cost savings. However, that cost savings is at the expense of multiple programs in the school, including fine arts.
Not much
Using our current buildings for academic purposes.
NONE
Nothing
It is better,
Consolidation brings savings in the private sector. I would hope that this outcome is possible but highly unlikely given the thought leaders.
Nothing
The academics will be significantly improved. The top students at MHS have no one to push them and combining the schools will change that. In addition to that, students won't have to travel to take welding or car care or things like that. And the sports teams will be significantly better.
Up to date with more current facilities
Nothing
Updated facilities
I like that Scenario B solves the problem of taking Northeast offline.
Good luck passing this one...
It has not happened.
I think that this plan is the most sustainable for the growth and needs of our district. This plan would allow for our secondary buildings to meet the needs of our students at each level. With 5-6 in the same building, there can be a much more intentional emphasis on the development of skills needed in the transition between elementary and secondary. These skills can continue to build in the 7-9 building. By 10-12, students could have a more clearer picture about what is

needed in the high school setting. Furthermore, students need additional support (IEP, 504, free/reduced lunch, etc) would be better supported with less grades across the building.
Nothing
Nothing!
Absolutely nothing, it's a terrible idea all around.
Nothing
I like a unified high school
The idea of new auxiliary facilities.
Only one new building required, working with some of the resources we have. Unified high school, less rivalry.
Creating a plan for a new high school.
Nothing
Opportunities will be more uniform as the children will be in the same schools after elementary.
Nothing
None
Long run it would be great.
Honestly, I only like the idea of putting 5th and 6th graders together.
Nothing.
NOTHING
Nothing.
Having a 5-6 building and a 7-9 building
Good use of tax money
Nothing
Nothing
New, combined high school can better support current academic program needs. More efficient use of staff and facilities.
The changing of the cohort groups to smaller age ranges. I like the idea of 5-6, 7-9, and 10-12 groups as they can lead to less bullying and more peer cohesion.
The new high school can serve as a real magnet for students and help foster pride in the community. I think that Saginaw's new high school can be an example of this.
Nothing
Nothing

The high school will be larger, hopefully allowing for more classes.
Nothing
I like the combined highschoools
Nothing
Nothing
One high school
Nothing
Absolutely nothing a horrible plan.
Our high schools will finally be competitive to the other schools in Michigan
I love the restructuring of the higher grade levels, but dread not having that additional elementary.
A combined high school.
I don't like anything about this plan.
Brings our community together with a unified school.
Nothing
Limiting grades on a campus for the middle and junior high.
Facilities and upgrades and combined schools by grades.
Nothing
This is even worse than scenario A.
nothing
Updated school, arts and athletic facilities
Nothing.
all elementary schools remain the same
I like that the majority of students get to take advantage of the upgrades.
Nothing
Balances use of existing facilities with expansion and improvement.
Nothing
Combined high schools would provide greater academic and CTE offerings without students traveling to another school.
this looks good cost wise, but it is a major expense to opportunities afforded to children in junior high/high school

The opportunity to have access to all classes/trades, etc in one place. And possibly better sports facilities as add ons.
A new high school building
I don't like this scenario. I think we should maintain a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 structure.
Seems less expensive
Nothing. This is a waste of tax payers money.
Nothing
Pool
It might be a nice opportunity to innovate if you are putting all middle school students together, all junior high students together, all high school students together.
Fixing NE and Carpenter.
Probably the buses getting replaced
Nothing I do not like it
Absolutely nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing.
Nothing
One unified high school for Midland Public Schools and moving 5th grade to the middle schools allowing for pre-k to move to elementary schools
I don't like much about this plan.
Nothing.
Shared resources for all Midland students
The different sizes of middle levels
I like the idea of repurposing a school to use for an interesting opportunity, such as a robotics site. Making middle schools into an intermediate + junior high and moving into bigger buildings would help with space concerns.
Programs being offered more equitably at the high schools.
The unified high school
One high school could open a lot of opportunities (curriculum, clubs, etc.) with all the students in one campus. It would better integrate the poorer students instead of having them concentrated in one building.

i know we need a new high school eventually.
1) The biggest change to the district in terms of improving our aging facilities and bring us inline with other districts...
2) The age grouping -- physically a 5th and 6th grader belong in the same space, but not in a building with 4year olds; and an 8th and 9th grader belong (developmentally) in the same space, but definitely not with 17 and 18year olds. This places the age groups together in their own spaces and gives them a chance to grow.
Nothing at all.
That 5th and 6th grade will be together. 6th grade seems to fit better with 5th grade than 7th and 8th grade.
Combining High Schools makes sense. Unfortunately this should have been done as part of the last millage. Build an adjunct building to MHS for English, history,government classes,etc.
The cheaper Annual Cost of Scenario B.
Unified high school
Better resources to the high schools.
Combining the high schools and having pre K in the elementary schools
Nothing
A new high school is a good concept, but not the best solution.
I love the idea of an updated high school, combining resources and creating a unified student population that will be competitive across the state. Allows for strongest students to truly excel.
Absolutely nothing
Nothing
This is a horrible idea. I like nothing. There are too many highschoolers and combining both midland high and dow high students into one will only create more division. You will see a lot of behavioral issues.
Absolutely nothing.
combined high school

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What do you like least about Scenario B?
Responses

No discussion on operating costs - if 1 new facility is built and 3 are demolished, what is the new operating costs and can that go down to help support a reduction in the bond
Lots of changes in systems and student placement.
I'm unsure about keeping 9th graders with the 7th and 8th graders. Also the cost of the additional high school facilities for arts and sports not being in the stated cost.
Larger intermediate and junior high schools. Student participation. Everyone is bused.
All one high school to me seems awful. There are so many students that I think they would lose their sense of school pride if it was so huge.
Though the cost for just the restructure is cheaper, the auxiliary art/sports will need to be addressed too, but does the cost for those balance with the savings associated with concentrated bus routes because of the grade structure and other changes?
Really dislike the thought of only one high school in Midland. It really diminishes the opportunities for kids to participate in sports and extra curricular activities. It also splits the schools into non-standard grades.
Combining middle & high schools will increase the student body population too much & it will be harder for students & teachers to connect. With a larger school it's more possible for students to fall between the cracks. The loss to athletics and clubs -- drama, etc. will be significant as only the very, very best will be able to participate, instead of allowing more students to be involved in popular extra curriculums.
9th grade in with middle school, the cost, everything, new highschool but still have to utilize other buildings
Nothing, I think this one is a good idea and overdue.
Overkill on vast Dow High campus wasted on 5-6th. Use for Intermediate 9th - 10th or 11th - 12th. Jefferson should be kept as 7th - 8th.
The elementary schools remain the same.
It doesn't address the need for another elementary school in the northern part of the city. And moves kids around too much.
Combining high schools
Somewhat confusing distribution of grades among schools.
high taxes
The same issue of PK exists in this plan as in the previous plan. There is also the matter of breaking the secondary buildings into bands that doesn't seem to take into account the current number of elementary students within the district. Elementary buildings are currently running at capacity and when those children age, the same issue will happen within the secondary buildings.

That 7th graders and 9th graders are in the same building.
The combining of the highschoools, and that you would need to purchase land. It is very half baked plan, and the using of existing stadium and pools doesn't make sense if building a new highschool.
Too disruptive for the community. Families with multiple students would be traveling all over midland to get their students to school . Bus rides would be even longer dealing with even more start and stop times. Cost is very high, due to not planning and having parts of this done yearly. Sports would be too competitive, leaving many who currently have a spot on a team without a spot on a team.
Having one high school
I do not like adding additional transitions to the students K-12 experience. I also feel that maintaining separate high schools increases opportunity for students and fear these opportunities will be lost in such a large school.
It doesn't include all facilities needed
It will be sad to lose the competition, and we don't have a school on more than one side of town but hopefully, the new high school would meet around the middle.
It feels very pointless to shuffle kids around this much.
combining high schools
No additional taxes
That Midland and Dow join
There will be no local schools nearly as large requiring students/teams to travel further for equal competition than they currently need to travel.
The school programs being fractioned and kids going through multiple transitions. The elimination of 2 high schools to end up with a combined 10-12 HS
The unknown location of the new high school
MPs is not using funds already provided appropriately. Finding a center location to build a whole new school seems out of reach
Makes no sense and it is more expensive.
Putting a lot of money into remodeling buildings that will soon be outdated themselves, much bigger changes, lack of confidence that individual student needs can be met at such a big school, fewer students will be able to participate in a given activity if only one choir/band/orchestra/sport team in HS level.
Scenario B without the additional auxiliary structures makes the prospect of sports/fine arts/supplemental activities that are a huge part of secondary education seem logistically difficult
Having schools so far away from student's homes is not a good idea. Having a sense of community living near a school, being able to walk to your school is something we love about

Midland and why we chose our house. Walking gives children a sense of autonomy and keeps Midland a safe community.
Restructuring the grades, leaving the stadium and pool at MHS & DHS to continue being used by the HS population which is not onsite at either location. Acquiring new land for the new HS. Combining the High Schools
It's not competitive to demote 9th graders to junior high. They miss out on important opportunities in sports, music and academics or have to be bussed across town. Having one high school instead of two takes away opportunities for all students as they are competing against a larger population for those opportunities. Plus we don't even get new sports or performance spaces.
I think grade levels are currently distributed appropriately. This would be way too much change for the community
A huge change to the system will confuse students. Only one school other than the elementary level will lower students' motivation in competitions such as sports.
One high school and having to get middle schoolers from Dow High side of town to MHS for middle school.
Merging athletic teams, bands, and like programs. Fewer kids get to be at the top level i.e. varsity. Where will we travel to for similar sized school competitions?
Too many school transitions, fewer opportunities for academic advancement offerings (moving up grade levels for certain subjects),
Unnecessary and too many building/environment/sense of community changes as students go thru the grade levels
1. How far we will be from our children's schools. (We will have kids to pick up and drop off all over town.) What will bussing look like-those rides are going to be long and as a mom of 4 kids left in MPS I wouldn't be able to pick up or drop off everyone up on time. 2. Current elementary staff really knows kids and families. I'm not sure this will happen with the 5/6 building.
Total redistribution of grades and students. It would affect all 4 of my children and create difficulty with school pickup and drop-offs as a working parent. The sizes of the high schools are too large for middle school students to comfortably navigate.
Again, who really needs or wants this?
Consolidation of the schools. It takes away the sense of community,
Everything
Combining schools. That would put us in the top division, we'd play huge schools and have to travel farther. Also, only half as many students will be able to participate in almost everything.

Combining two high schools is putting far too many kids in one place asking for even more issues as far as safety and bullying. Things like sports, music, homecoming court, prom all the things the kids deserve to have opportunities for would be cut in half. Nobody wants to have two teams for the same school an A and B league, will there have to be an A and B homecoming court? A and B level orchestra? We have huge high schools already combining them would be chaos.

Opportunities will be taken away from kids that traditionally in our community they would have had. Our junior high athletics program is weak currently, combining to only two schools will not make it any better.

Losing Northeast and Midland High.

Any better use of Jefferson besides robotics? Could it be used as an elementary school in the future (would it be beneficial to have a 7th elementary in this scenario too)?

The odd split for MS/HS seems like it would make some extracurriculars difficult. I still worry that about the loss of a pre-primary program.

Kids change schools too often throughout their time in MPS. Sad that we will lose the two high schools, this is so nice to have two options. Hate that Jefferson middle school will not be utilized for the middle school. Don't like that the location for the new high school is unknown.

Again, high cost to families. The prioritization of prek > existing K-12 students. Splitting 9th grade out of high school. Eliminating Jefferson seems unnecessary.

Concerns on security for a high school this large. Concern for student involvement opportunities with so many students to compete with.

That the combined high school is in 2 separate buildings, dividing the high school still.

In that case, keep them separate. No point in having 1 highschool just to still have 2 high schools.

I do not feel like this plan is in the best interest of the students and families. Combining schools not the same building and changing which grade groups are together does not seem like it would be good for the education of the students and a burden on families with increased distance, etc.

I will be voting NO !

Way to much change for the kids to be in so many schools , the fact that if a family has more then one kid to get to so many different schools would be difficult. Less kids will have a chance to play high schools sports .

Waste of taxpayer money

It's deceptive. It also causes more problems and will cost more money in the end.

<p>Their Is A Lot To Unleash Here About This Scenario Look I've Been Against The Combined High Schools And Will Continue To Be The Only Time I Will Be For It Is If They Both Reach Under 1000 Kids Enrollment Im Totally Against It I Mean Who Knows Where They New Location Of the High School Would Be And Also I Think Doe High Is To Big Of A School For Just 2 Grades And To Only Be 10-12 I Mean You Got To Factor In Sports Meaning If You Wanna Make Varsity You'd Have To Work Extra Harder And Their Would Be Less Opportunities And The combination would take away the midland dow rivalry for football basketball and just the fun of it in general also we would have to purchase more busses for this scenario also some teachers could get laid off electives could change less choices and I mean what about class reunions for me when I graduated Dow High School I mean also all those state championships both Midland and Dow would be gone and now some of those people may not be alive anymore it would just be a sad story to say goodbye to all the memories and state titles and this just would also cause a lot of chaos this scenario I mean also Dow is one of the more better academic schools so it would take that away and finally I just think because their rivals I don't think it would mix well to combine the kids and if that where to happen that means freshman sports wouldn't be a thing anymore so this idea I'm totally against and will continue to be it's just a lot of money a lot more busses and a lot more competition</p>
Cost projections
More disruption and uncertainty. With less high schools there are less opportunities cities for kids to participate in activities.
Seems unattainable. Changing literally everything
Disruptive in changing school often, no school amenities at school causes logistics concerns, having all kids together could cause issues, competition.
One super high school and one super middle school
Absolutely terrible idea to blend both rival schools and to have 9th graders not in a high school and in with middle schoolers, some of the 9th graders are already 15 and they don't belong in school with younger kids.
<p>Not using Jefferson as a school.</p> <p>I don't like the 3 year high school. As years ago, it was decided that 9th needed to be part of the high school. It helps with extra curricular for students to be involved such as music and drama programs.</p> <p>Although one high school in the district makes it a large high school. Two smaller schools provides lots more options for students to participate in sports and music programs.</p>
<p>Disruption to learning during transition</p> <p>large classes making sports, band, etc more exclusive</p>
Single schools increasing competitiveness for extracurriculars
The only downside of this scenario is the public perception around sports. I've seen comments around that online and that shouldn't be the thing that a community should focus on. It's about education not sports.

I'm not fond of having to change schools every 2 years after 4th grade. Kind of annoying and unnecessary.
Everything else. I do not want to have to travel all over Midland to take my child to school. We moved to Midland and purchased our home specifically for its location and proximity to the schools our daughter would attend.
We pay enough taxes already
<p>I dislike many aspects of Scenario B. First, it introduces safety concerns. We live in an age of school shootings. I am not comfortable with my elementary age child attending school in a high school building. Such a building is too big and concentrating that many young children into one spot places a target on their backs for attackers. If Scenario B is chosen, I will move my child out of Midland Public Schools.</p> <p>Second, as stated in my response regarding Scenario A, I prefer fewer school changes between grades for my child.</p> <p>Third, Scenario B requires all students to commute longer distances to their schools beginning in grade 5. This places undue burden on parents, disallows many students walking to school, and increases time spent on buses.</p> <p>Fourth, Scenario B without auxiliary facilities is not a good option. This feels like an effort to convince the taxpayers to fund an under-scoped project that would leave the new high school lacking important facilities.</p> <p>Lastly, I do not believe the cost estimate for Scenario B to be accurate. I get the sense that the project managers that prepared the proposals are underestimating the cost of Scenario B. As a project manager by profession, I sense that there are costs missing from this estimate. Scenario B is a project that would end up underfunded and under-delivered, or require significantly more funds from the taxpayers in the future to complete.</p>
One high school. The grades will be too large and make it even harder for the students to do multiple activities.
Why can't you be happy with what you have? It's working fine
Taking 9th graders out of high school. As the parent of a current 10th grader and 8th grader, I cannot imagine my kids having to wait another year for move out of the middle school challenges. Also 7-9 is an older model of grouping kiddos and have proven less effective for student support than 6-8 middle school teams oriented approach
<p>Tearing down Northeast.</p> <p>Grade changes</p> <p>Spending unnecessary money</p>
Everything
Again... you're demolishing and/or not using middle schools that you just sank a bunch of money in.
Biggest impact which causes significant disruption
The cost.

Spreading the grades out so much, Holt tried this and is changing back now. Having auxiliary facilities spread out so much will require parents to spend more time getting their kid to places.
Scenario B is a lot of transition for the district and families. If you have multiple children you would be driving all over town to drop them off.
There's a lot of little details that need to be worked through
Combining into a single school
I don't like the idea of combining the high schools.
Combining schools hurts most kids opportunity to play sports. Congested parking lot and streets.
Adds one more school transition for kids, possibility for some families to have kids at 4 schools during the same year with 4 different start and end times. More and more bussing and traffic issues.
Only one high school and spreading the kids out in so many different schools. They need to stay on the normal Elementary, middle school and High school path
I do not believe it is in the community's best interest to combine high schools.
I dislike that the new high school will not have a pool or stadium on campus, both of these are essential to the high school experience. Also with a blended high school sports and activities will be so much more competitive.
Feels incomplete, like we are going to end up with a "compromise" that leaves everyone unhappy.
Getting rid of Jefferson middle school. Splitting the grades up also makes switching schools too often.
A "high school" that is 10-12 isn't high school. Stunting the kids by not moving the freshmen into HS
It makes no sense. Too much disruptions to kids going through middle and high schools during the transition. Too expensive.
Consolidation of the high schools will severely limit opportunities for all students in all areas
Again, this does not fix the inadequate transportation issues. Replacing aged out buses is not enough.
Having the 5th graders go to school at DHS across town would be difficult. Combining the High Schools would lose the town rivalry's that was a huge part of my high school experience. It would be extremely expensive and many kids wouldn't be able to participate in activities such as band & football since there would be so many more kids.
Does not address lower grades needs in a sensible way. Dow High is not suited for 5/6. Does not address elementary needs at all. Jefferson as a robotics center makes no sense at all.
4 transitions for students. Large high school. No upgrades to arts and sports. Robotics space not addressed.

Nothing
This would be a disaster for parents! You could have a fifth grader on one side of town and an eighth grader on the other!
Not sure how bussing will work for this plan (also bussing for families who live close to schools but far enough away that kids can't walk needs to be addressed.)
More building transitions for students. How will you actually support kids? Opportunities for extracurriculars? More or less competition?
Why always more money? Manage the money better.
Plan will have little impact on my family.
Cost
Consolidating schools, expensive and unnecessary in my opinion.
Everything!!
Not knowing where the high school will be located.
Adding pre-k to the elementary and building new buildings
Big big change
Tearing down Northeast and combining of the high schools
Both high schools see a large amount of enrollment. Two high schools are needed, to increase competition and provide more opportunities for students. Children should not be lumped together from 7th to 9th grade
No mega high school, please. And it requires too many transitions from building to building. More time on busses. Limited opportunities for athletic and performance programs.
That there is one high school
I'm fine with it
How to not have kids get lost in larger class size, how to manage larger classes, facilities are in existing infrastructure so how to keep using?
Having a new site for a high school. Keep the footprint the same. I don't want to be driving my kids to three different buildings.
all of it (:
More croded
Two beautiful middle schools getting demolished.
I don't like the junior high concept and that 9th grade will be in same building as 7th grade. 9th graders need the challenge and the push to continue and grow. High school is part of that. 6th graders are ready for middle school. I think they thrive when they meet the independence of middle school and mingle with kids older than themselves

Loss of opportunity for kids, too much competition for fewer opportunities. Music and drama will be reduced as that is not sustainable to have our successful programs ran at twice the size they currently are. Students likely to get “lost” to administrators. More likely to lower academic standards.
Could complicate transportation for many people in our district. More kids needing to be bussed overall, less walk ability.
same as previous WE WANT AND NEED TWO HIGH SCHOOLS !!!
I really dislike all of this purposal.
Moving buildings for extracurriculars and off separations of grades
Paying for things are not getting all the bells and whistles
Does not preserve neighborhood schools and grade levels grouped as before
Having all the sporting and other facilities all over the place.
Busing is already an issue I believe this scenario will cause unnecessary stress on the district and students
A tax payer increase
Has anyone done a repair vs rebuild analysis?
This scenarios seems the more difficult of the two because more stems are needed to implement it. It will take a while to agree on a site for the new high school. Then the time it takes to build it, plus update the old high schools for their new purpose.
The separation of fifth and sixth graders, seventh and eighth graders and ten and twelfth graders.
Everything.
Combining high schools, less sports opportunities and several location switches for middle and high school
Removal of so many opportunities for kids. Only 1 varsity team per school, plus music and all extracurriculars. And intramurals are a pathetic imitation of being part of a varsity team. Removing 9th graders from high school. Many compete at high levels at freshman on varsity teams as well as for other HS offerings like music or drama, Deca, etc. Removal of school choice. Again, can we look at the costs of repairing NE vs. demolition. Families with multiple kids with multiple ages, I can’t imagine the logistical nightmare being presented here.
The sheer number of students in a combined high school, the idea of additional bussing for the combined intermediate, junior high and high school. Some children are on the bus for ridiculous amounts of time as it is. Concerns about team size and ensuing that everyone who wants to play can
The 9th graders are not in the high school and will possibly not have the same curriculum options available to them.
Everything - the unification of the two high schools, changing the grade levels - worst idea ever

Has little to do with educating students
Combined high schools. The cost - people cannot spare \$20-\$50/month when already living paycheck to paycheck. This is crazy.
9th graders should not be with 7th graders. The age and maturity levels are too different. Also sports and other opportunities for kids would be less as those kids that are not the biggest and best would have no chance to compete. A larger school would not benefit the kids. The size of Dow is already large to traverse between classes but yet there's not even enough room in the cafeteria for all students.
Everything. The split of the grade levels, the joining of the high schools and middle school classes. The additional transition to a different school. Added stress on families with multiple children and drop offs/pick ups. If implemented right now I would have 4 children at 4 different schools for 2 years. Currently 4 children in 3 schools is difficult enough. During the community meeting the talk about the goal being to eliminate some transitions to help kids and to have there be fewer places to drop off and pick up is not supported by this plan.
Unified schools = more competition/ less space for athletes on teams.
Sports is concerning if it changes our league and we have to travel further to support our child
Adding an additional school to transition through for students.
This approach is half-assed. Either build a new high school with everything or don't
Shrinking extracurricular activities
Change for almost everyone in the district. Combining the high schools. Too many jumps/transitions to different schools throughout their k-12 years. MPS buildings do not communicate well enough to add another jump.
That the district would be going back to a 10-12 model at the HS after pushing to eliminate that model back around 1997-98.
All of it

I do not have enough time to discuss everything here. My number one issue with this is that it WILL eliminate opportunities for students (and staff! and families!). I have heard people argue that it would increase opportunities, but that is NOT TRUE, and we can see it by looking at other districts that have gone through this. Where there were two school newspapers with student leadership roles, there will now be 1 paper with half as many leadership roles. Where there were 2 varsity football teams there would now be 1 (schools that have A/B teams typically only ride that out for a couple of years before participation in programs declines to the point of having only one...). MPS currently has 8 drum majors, and with this new system, there would only be room for 4. MPS has 2 full blown musical productions, and that would be reduced to 1, meaning half of those students would be cut and unable to participate. I could go on and on with this, but the fact of the matter is - enrollment in all school activities will decline after the first year or two, as it has in many districts that have gone through such a transition. I

strongly oppose the expensive upheaval of our school system without a rock solid reason for doing so, particularly considering that once it is done, it is done. Surely the community would not want to spend more money to undo it if it is not successful, and even if they did, the damage to our currently award winning programs and outstanding rigorous academics would already be done. Projections of future enrollment can be wrong, and have been wrong in the past. Just look at the mistakes made in closing too many MPS buildings in the past, only to now be faced with overcrowding. We seem to be forgetting the fact that the aging population in the neighborhoods around MHS will be moving out of those homes in the next couple of decades, making room for new families with young children. The cultures of the two different high schools are very different. Each is wonderful and unique, but do not necessarily mix well. You could expect to have a lot of bullying issues, social difficulty, etc. Now, if someone is not doing well at one school, they have the awesome option of moving to one of the other outstanding MPS schools. This scenario would completely wipe out that option, and we would certainly begin losing students to Meridian & Bullock Creek. I also really hate the idea of Scenario B where we build a new high school but don't equip it with the things necessary to be a top notch facility (pool, stadium, auditorium, etc)... why would we even entertain that idea? A class AA high school without those important things would be bush-league and certainly not align with the legacy that MPS has built over the years. Why are we even discussing and entertaining the option of providing our students with LESS? You can't honestly think that driving all over town for schools and then also having to drive all over town to access things like swim team, football, performing arts, etc is a good idea... that would be a HUGE waste of time and resources. It would also severely limit the at risk population of students from participating in these activities because many do not have that kind of on demand transportation. A double A high school with no facilities is a very bizarre thing to consider. Also with double A classification - that would make us the only high school in the area of that size. Why? What is the point? Is there solid data showing how it would benefit students academically? I have not seen that as one of the selling points, which concerns me. I am also bothered by the idea that students would have to transition through yet another building. Students often have a strong sense of community and school pride at their elementary, because they are there for a long time. They have that at the high school, too. Middle school does not have nearly as much as this, and it is certainly because they're not there as long. Going to a 5-6 building for 2 years, then on to a 7-9 building and finally a 10-12 building is an awful lot of transitions and changes.

Only one High school and the dividing up of 5/6 grade in one building. That will kill music in our district

There is a lot of change for the community to merge students together at 5th grade onward and into one high school. I am already hearing people talk about this feeling like less opportunity for our students (such as 1 starting quarterback, vs. 2). I also think about how much auxiliary facilities, like a football stadium at the school, can serve to bring a community together. It's well known that Dow families would prefer to have their own football stadium, for example. I can only imagine that all high school students needing to go to the middle schools and all over the place for sports will feel suboptimal and disconnected. And, we won't have those spaces we will need to create the new community culture we'll need to be successful.
Combining the high schools would negatively impact sports, band, after school programs, and also create longer bus commutes for certain students. It would be good to see more unique learning opportunities for high schoolers. Maybe a smaller school with an IB focus or a more innovative learning model that works more on creating "thinkers" rather than just checking boxes off the learning ticket. In both models, I really don't see the carpenter should be closed.
There are so many consequences that this plan presents. Transportation is a huge one. All of our schools currently rely on some of the student population to walk home. Many HS students are only able to take a 7th hour because they have the ability to walk home. This plan could pass without having all of the items that would make it a legitimate high school. Everyone would have to vote yes on a new stadium, auditorium, pool, etc. All of your secondary buildings have a rich history of music excellence and this plan completely demolishes it. Dow High has had multiple music ensembles perform at the Michigan Music Conference. Bands from Northeast have performed at The Midwest Clinic in Chicago THREE times. There are only a handful of schools in Michigan that even have performed there once. What happens to all of that legacy? This plan needs to be more fleshed out on how you would handle that across all of your buildings.
No issues.
Building new high school
Hopefully traffic issues will be solved if all students are going to one building for intermediate, junior high school and high school
Sounds like a lot of shuffling around and maybe it would be better for my child to just attend her home school district
Combining and switching where grades go and not having an in-town rivalry
The high school would be too big. Less opportunities for sports. Drop off/pick up would be a nightmare. Busses would have to go all over Midland. The high school still would not have a football stadium on site which is what I do not like about Dow High.
Combining grades/all students to one big school could lead to some students getting lost leading to more frustration and school violence (ie shootings).
<p>1. Not a fan of the elementary level only going to grade 4</p> <p>2. Way too much disruption for the students with having elementary, intermediate, junior high, and then high school.</p> <p>3. I don't like the fact of the high schools combining! Each high school offers some uniqueness to it and gives them a choice of attending the one that fits them the best.</p>

4. In my opinion I think it is good for the students and the high schools to each offer band and sports.
The deception that the public really has a choice of these scenarios. The cost it took for this slick marketing to through a bunch of polished material together which appears to be a waste of money and likely everyone's time.
Consolidated high- and middle-schools
Changes dynamic of cities long-time two high school rivalry, not sure what the sociological impact of this will be, but it will be a big one. Would this lead to more, or fewer sports scholarship opportunities, different sports classes and competitions with neighboring schools? Which one of these scenarios will accommodate the greatest increase in student population if, one scenario that comes to mind, we are able to accommodate a large number of immigrants or refugees?
Not maintaining neighborhood schools. Moved to home because we liked the schools nearby. Having to drive across town to get kids to school is very undesirable.
Unified middle and high schools (assuming this will lead to larger class sizes and student to teacher ratios)
A very high strength of MPS is the natural competitive nature between our 2 high schools. The "let's do better than Dow/Midland" have fueled our high schoolers to strive to be their best for over 50 years. I think this is part of the reason our school system is so highly rated. Also, over the years, new ideas are tried at one high school or middle school and if they are good ideas, then they are implemented in both. In addition, think having 7-9 grades in one building would be very detrimental to the 7th graders and 9th graders. Ninth graders are very grown up and would have absolutely nothing in common with 7th graders.
I think a lot of intermediate, junior, and high school students with extra needs will be left behind/not get enough support, added traffic and need for extra busses with having to drive across town for different schools/grades, students who may typically walk home wouldn't be able to walk with farther away schools and would need extra childcare/transportation options creating more traffic and pollution for residents, adding another building for high school probably wouldn't be in a convenient location for anyone and would unnecessarily destroy natural resources/enviroments and lead to more pollution
Too much change at once. Not only are you changing buildings for every single student beyond 4th grade, but you're changing the structure of the grades in buildings, locations, where they play their sports. When I went to high school it was 10-12 then they added 9th grade while I was still there. If we changed from that then, why would we go back? And how would sports align with other schools who are still 9-12? So many kids would be denied spots to play as there wouldn't be competition in other schools to make a JV/second team to accommodate and for some kids who may not have great support at home, the benefit they get from a coach and teammates is the best part of their day and necessary. Until I watched the video prior to completing this, I had not heard about the other option with the new auxiliary options and the greatly increased cost. I think that is not being transparent enough because that cost option is so much greater if you end up going that route which I could see happening. It doesn't make sense to keep the pool at Jefferson and now high school students are going to practice/compete while 5th and 6th graders are there and I think it's a waste of taxpayer money to build all new when we have a wonderful joint stadium already and if I'm not misunderstanding Central Auditorium is quite new and adequate. My absolute biggest concern

is combining the middle and high schools. The peer pressure and culture these kids live in I do not think throwing them all in together is helpful at all. Not only is safety as a concern but how are teachers and administration going to pay attention to red flags and do the best thing for our kids when they're dealing with that large number? I feel some kid is going to get neglected in what they are needing. I went to Arthur Hill and I know Saginaw schools just combined but their enrollment is less than half of what Midland high schools are. Even if our enrollment declined a bit I could never see it getting to that level where we would need to combine.
I am concerned about fewer opportunities for kids in extracurricular activities, so this would need to be addressed (sports).
More school changes for the kids
There is no reason to go to one high school. You will lose kids to surrounding districts if you do this.
New singular high school construction as well as possible Jefferson demolition
It is going to be messy. There are going to be a LOT of growing pains -- combining schools (particularly rival schools) and figuring out how to handle everything from sports to curricular content to groups like the marching band and school paper will be a tough job. Figuring out which teachers go with which building may hurt feelings. Handling cross graded students... handling 9th graders that play on varsity teams... It is definitely possible and can be done (and may even open some new creative ways to keep all of the high school kids involved) -- it's just going to be a lot of work and potentially see a lot of hurt feelings.
This is obscene. We are not in a position as a community to further burden taxpayers to build an entirely new HS. Not to mention the fact that there is absolutely no way you stay within a +/- 25% of the \$247MM budget you've proposed this would take to accomplish everything for Scenario B. We do not need one huge high school. The class sizes are already constrained, we are a town of ~47k people, we don't need a high school the size of a Detroit metropolitan school here.
We don't have an area large enough to build this IN town. That students will get "lost" in the buildings. There are too many students to really KNOW them.
A unified high school that is 10-12 grade is the DUMBEST thing I have ever heard. Stop trying to be so different. It doesn't work. Look at Holt public schools. Let's talk about the cost of tax payers dollars. Everything else has already raised tremendously. People are broke after grocery shopping but you want us to pay more in taxes to make kids switch to 4 schools and it to not make sense. No thank you. You can't sell cannabis in midland but the board must've been high as a kite when they thought of this idiotic proposal.
I don't feel that combining high schools is a good idea, will erase more of our town's history and camaraderie and rivalry - leave the high schools separated.
Unifying grades 5-12 sounds like a logistical nightmare for bussing and parent transportation of students, and creates problems for competitive programs (consolidating to only 1 top team in the district instead of 2, fewer players could participate at a high level)
I don't like that the high schools would still use facilities at Dow and Midland High. That feels a bit ramshackle.

Everything
Multiple kids would be in different schools all over town would be logistical nightmare for parents, large schools & class sizes as young as 5th grade in middle school, school sports highly competitive and limited to only best athletes, no inner city rivalry and tradition
1 large high school
I think it is a mistake to combine the high schools. There is something to be said about a "healthy rivalry" in a community. I also was born and raised in Midland, so I don't like the idea of dissolving "Chemic Pride". I also do not like having Carpenter torn down for the reasons I shared above. I also do not like the idea of having certain schools for only a few grade levels. This does not make sense at all for families of multiple children to have to make so many drop offs. I do not like the idea of having the pre-k classes moved to the elementary schools in either scenario. I think they need to be able to collaborate with each other in the same building. Why not upgrade Carpenter rather than tear it down?
The single high-school allows fewer students to be involved on our sports teams and other extracurriculars. Non involved students have more opportunity to get into trouble.
Will taking 5th grade out help enough with the overcrowding problem in all elementary schools? PreK kids should have their own area within the elementary schools because they are still little. Midland High & Dow High seem big for 5/6 & 7/8/9 grades. It would be nice to have approximate class sizes with this information. Why have a brand new high school and have the students travel to different locations for activities? I wonder how the culture of the schools would change by combining the high schools and having 5/6 & 7/8/9 together. How would extra curriculars work? I get that things change and it takes time to get used to change but a good number of students will miss out on the chance to participate in the many, wonderful opportunities MPS offers for extra curricular activities (not just sports) and will miss out on much needed college scholarships. Where will the high school be located? How much more travel time will that add to students on the other side of town? School of choice students? How many students will the new high school fit? Is it really going to hold enough or will it be made to fit just enough? It kind of leaves no improvement for elementary schools.
Closing schools that can be renovated. The school district will discard the land in an inappropriate way as they've done in the past. Also. How can you build a new school and it will be less than scenario A? This is malarkey
Children having to switch schools 4 times seems a bit much.
There is no accommodation for the population shift toward the north. The combination of two distinctly different music programs (in some areas) as well as other offerings at the HS level. For more selfish reasons, we have positioned ourselves close to the existing schools of choice for convenience where this new plan would jeopardize that privilege.
Everything - dislike that 5-6 would be separated from everyone. Dislike combining all schools into one giant school for 7-9 and 10-12. Think that 5-6 graders navigating DHS would be overwhelming. Hate that the location wouldn't be as convenient as how it's currently setup based on where you live. Older kids wouldn't be able to walk to school as easily as they are now. Just don't like combining so many kids into few buildings.
The grade configurations do not work in high school buildings. How would a child get to a music class at either school from the furthest classroom? What happens when half the teams are cut due to size? You can't have 200 players on a football team or 50 on a baseball squad.

Band and choirs would suffer, and you would lose professional, caring, incredible staff members and coaches.
I don't like how the high school facilities are spread out. I don't like high school only being 10-12. If north east is taken down it leaves the land vacant.
Higher cost
All the rest. Not good. What a shake up. What the...
I think DHS will have to be gutted and redone almost entirely to accommodate that age of learner which is not entirely taken into consideration. I think keeping MHS a multistory building and not handicap friendly with all 7-9th graders is silly when they could go to two middle schools that could be handicap accessible with Prop A. I think extracurriculars will be limited and we will have a harder time trying to compete in sports/activities with the grade configurations.
Having students in schools farther than where they live, seems like more bussing will be needed. Having to have the HS sport facilities back at prior HS, more transportation needed for practices.
This is a logistical nightmare for parents with multiple children. How would MPS support the bussing infrastructure? I am adamantly against this plan.
Another school to have kids at. Some clear across town from each other. And the cost. You don't actually show the cost break down for upgrading the schools in question instead if tearing them down. And the schools being too big. Young children do better in a smaller environment.
Changing the structure for middle school to highschool. Huge graduated class sizes from middle on up, one unified highschool.
One high school for the entire community seems unrealistic and unfavorable
The biggest pain point here is the massive splitting up of grades. I don't feel my children would adjust well to changing grades every 2-3 years after elementary school. It feels unnecessary to repurpose Jefferson middle school when it could remain as it is, split all mid-grades 5-8 across 3 middle schools, and keep the new high school as 9-12. This makes changing schools only an every 4 year event, giving more time to adjust.
Combining of the high schools, increased busing
Too much fragmentation amongst grades. Will be logistically challenging for families to drop children off at different locations. Severely dislike using the existing athletic facilities for high school students. Will lead to too much driving around.
It will be very difficult for kids, teachers and parents to adjust to the different grade levels and all the strange changes of who is going to what school. It seems very unnecessarily complicated.
I am strongly opposed to combining two high schools to one.
All kids in the city at the same school no health rivalry
This scenario is absolutely ridiculous. The cost is too high and the logistics don't make sense. Moving children between 4-5 schools before they graduate is irresponsible.

The success of the combined high school will partially depend on school placement. That location must be in a central location in the city - not on the periphery (where land acquisition will likely be easiest). That'll be difficult.
This change would have the broadest impact and the thing I like least about it is that my kids would never be at the same schools and the schools would be across town from one another. This adds additional logistical burden.
That it will fundamentally change a sense of history & tradition (its culture) between its secondary schools. There is a lot of value in a community where its school system is its center. Opportunities, staff positions, & extracurriculars will be naturally consolidated or eliminated. A lot more uncertainty with this one. Is there research that justifies changing the grade levels here as proposed? Will students perform better with two intermediate secondary schools before high school?
Still not enough
Too many schools merging and changing.
Bigger groups of students in one place- increases chances of violence. Eliminates the option to move to "the other school" if situations arise where a child leaving the current school would be helpful (bullying, etc.)
That high schools will be combined into one
Will as many students be able to participate in their favorite sport?
you plan on changing our whole school lifestyle completely plus combining the two schools that hate each other more we already have people getting shot up around us we don't need to be shot up plus we all know its going to get more complicated that way
I have 2 big points of contention with plan B, both equally unfavorable. First, I am opposed to having kids transition schools 4 times. It is hard enough for kids to adjust at the 'normal' transition points of elementary, middle, and high school, so adding in a 4th layer would be rough. Not only is it hard on students, but it's hard on parents as well. That could be 4 drop offs at 4 different schools for large families, and having done this with 3 schools myself for a few years, I can speak from experience that it was bad enough at 3! To add, by breaking up the grade levels amongst the schools, this doesn't help the transportation equation, as it may take away the ability for a student to walk/ride a bike to a school that is no longer in their neighborhood. Second, I do not like the idea of combining high school sports and activities, as it will limit the number of students who can participate. With 2 high schools now, we are able to allow more students to participate in extra-curriculars because we have double of everything. If we combine and go to one football team, for example, that takes away the chance to play for many kids. That is not inclusive. That is the exact opposite.
I don't like the idea of combining the high school. I feel the classrooms would be overcrowded. Also competition for both academic and athletic scholarships would be tough. Also, I don't like the way the grades are broken up. As a working parent, that doesn't work for me to run to 4 different buildings
Don't like restructuring of how often they would switch schools, don't like the idea of combining both high schools into one as it would cause the schools to be too large. Concern with finding land big enough to build a high school at the size it would be needed and the fact it would likely

have to move out of town/out of neighborhood and cause more traffic congestion and busing needs
It's ends a lot of tradition
Aside from the incredible overspending, one high school would alter the community, destroy traditions, and, possibly worst of all impose REAL limits to students who want to participate in sports and all other activities. Bad idea.
A lot of movement for teachers in the district
Cost, moving schools for students to opposite sides of town
Mixing so many children into middle and high school with si many transitions would result in numerous children's getting lost in the cracks. Too much inconsistency for out youth during formative years.
Families with multiple students across the levels have more schools to figure out logistics to. Music programming will require change and less ability for students to learn alongside advanced peers which also has a positive influence.
The cost involved in creating a new high school might be significantly higher than the estimates. Hidden costs might include: a) changes to the roadways throughout the city to manage a massive shift in traffic patterns several times per day. 2) increased need for buses(fuel costs) to high schools as a result of fewer parking spaces overall (if students cannot drive themselves to school then they will need busing). 3) the cost of rebranding and purchase of new uniforms, business cards, signage, etc comes at an unexpectedly high cost. Though hiring more teachers may seem a high cost, they serve many more functions beyond teaching. For example, demonstration of relationship building and what caring looks like on a day in day out basis outside of the home culture. They are mobile and can change relatively easily, as compared to a big new high school. As the future changes come more rapidly with each decade, we need greater mobility and flexibility so that we can also change more rapidly when needed. AI and hybrid/ electric vehicles are just two examples of our future about to change at a stunning pace. Minimize building static structures and maximize building dynamic structures, teachers!
2 high schools consolidating to 1
I don't like how the grades are chopped up. Elementary (PK to 4th), Intermediate (5th and 6th), Junior High (7th to 9th), and one big High School (10th to 12th). I feel it is a bad option.
Research at the presentation suggested that changing buildings causes a dip in student performance guide rails would be put in place. Seems that avoiding the problem would be Optimal. Combining the high school drops the number of students that can participate in extracurriculars in half. Building a new stadium seems wasteful ignoring Jefferson middle school as a usable Site seems wasteful
Separate school for 5th and 6th grade. It seems like this is adding one more complexity for families. It is easier to have kids at the same school. I liked the PK in a separate school - Carpenter.

The loss of the rivalry between the two high schools. If we are the largest high school in the area, what class would we be? How far would we have to travel for sporting events? It also seems like there would be a lot of transportation needed by parents to go between all the buildings and for high schoolers to travel from a new school north of town to the pool, community stadium, etc. The plan would be better if the new high school would be in the city limits.
The changing from a 3 school (elementary middle high) set up to 4 school set up.
Changing the grade structure.
There is a dramatic shift in resources - to me, bigger secondary schools lends to a lower sense of community, kids can easily become another face in the crowd
I don't like much about scenario B. Having a unified high school would reduce the sport opportunities for many students. I also think having an intermediate and junior high split would create a lot of difficulty for parents trying to get their children of various ages to school. There was not a clear plan described for what would be done with Jefferson Middle School. I live in the Jefferson community and am concerned as to what "repurposed" means. I also don't like the opportunity to walk to school being taken away from kids in the neighborhood.
It is not obvious how this sizable cost will enhance school proficiency. At Central Park Elementary 3rd grade, 18.3% are partially proficient and 25.4% are not proficient in reading. So nearly half have reading problems in 23/24 year.
It does not put kids first or families first. An expensive new high school does not improve the services with in that building. Invest in programs that help students navigate the world today not a fancy new high school that many students won't even want to attend because they have looked forward to attending Midland High or Dow High.
One intermediate, middle and high school - concern of large class sizes, less opportunity for students in extracurriculars
This scenario doesn't make sense to me at all. High school starts in 9th grade, not 10th. How would sports go? And if you combine the schools, your ultimately cutting the kids chances of being on a team and having time to play, and possibly getting scholarships for college. You have a lot of history between these high schools, and I don't think it's worth giving up.
The plan seeks resources that the district already has (high school campuses and educational buildings). It also completely erases the subcultures that make Midland what it is: we playfully cheer on the two high schools that house the City of Midland from its two geographical ends, and in the end still have recently renovated campuses that send IB scholars and strong candidates to the collegiate level. Two buildings are proportional to the size of the graduating classes rather than the overall student bodies. Also if Northeast will be eliminated anyway, it would be better to eliminate as few buildings as possible. Central went down nearly ten years ago and we MOURN that place, still. The institution was part of our family. I could not imagine putting people through that again, let alone with the high schools, which have an even stronger history and culture than the middle schools do.
No gifted school in the plan, don't prefer how the grades are split, and could potentially have issues with merging the highschoools.

<p>I understand many people have history with MHS and DHS rivalries and many were worried about loss of opportunities however I see it more as opening up JV teams as well as becoming more synchronize where we can hopefully branch out more competitively.</p> <p>It also does not include the younger expansion to allow for more classroom space.</p>
The construction of a unified high school
One huge high school takes away from student belonging, ability to connect. I'm concerned about job loss for teachers with this scenario. Has a bus study been done? Where would the new high school be?
Switching from two middle schools to the intermediate/junior high structure is a big change! I would like to see more about how secondary effects have been considered. For example, how transportation logistics would be managed and overall impact on traffic flow, especially with the limited options for crossing US-10. Also if there are known upsides or downsides for students to transition from a neighborhood school to a community school in 5th grade versus 9th/10th grade.
9th grade with middle school kids. Most 9th grade kids because of starting school later, etc. will have a drivers license around or after their freshman year and shouldn't be combined with 7th graders.
<p>All combined sending certain grades to differing locations means transportation logistics can suffer, especially those families that truly need help with location.</p> <p>Also no competition/choices or options, or rivalry between schools. Having options for families to choose school location is helpful instead of being pigeon holes into one spot with no other alternatives.</p>
The combined high school will be very large and many students will loose opportunities to be leaders. I think the 9th graders should be in the high school so that they can participate in all the activities. Today's 6th graders are mature enough to be included in a 6-8 building.
Losing both high schools. Stay with both high schools even if it costs more for the upgrades we need. Make them great.
Potential for more kids to get outshined and not get chances to be on sports teams. Lots of socioeconomic blending with one middle school and high school. Midland High and Dow High have different cultures - not all kids fit into the same culture style. Limits ability to choose the other school if kids are struggling with that
My biggest concern is a single high school. It limits the experiences and opportunities for students to take part in extracurricular activities. More competing for spots on sports teams and music programs. I think it's a major concern. So much so, that I cannot support this scenario.
We need a new pool
Those middle and high schools would be too large and extracurricularf opportunities would decrease
To many transitions, high costs.
Kids getting shuffled from Dow High and Midland High instead of just having two middle schools - would bus routes be improved to facilitate this?

High school to big, fewer opportunities for sports participation, marginal athletes will not get opportunities to be on teams losing out on many positive experiences, comaradarie etc.....
Concern about elementary schools still needing updates
The separation of grades and the intermediate school. Also, what happens to the faculty that is part of the current middle school system? Most teachers choose what age range of kids they work with, so redrawing what grades go to what buildings just throws that all off and seems, to me, to be unnecessary. This plan doesn't line up with the reasons for the project as well. This seems more of a mess.
I don't believe the cost of scenario B can be less than A. I don't trust that the designs will be adequate to address congestion based on current city planning decisions. I also don't like the idea of a Mega 3 grade single high school for all of Midland. It takes away some of the sense of community that comes from the smaller schools. I think that is a strength that will be lost with this plan.
The combining of the schools. It will take away more students chance to participate in extra curricular activities such as sports or theatre. Plus what will happen when the population increases like it has before and you have to many students for one school. We have seen this happen with over school districts that down size then in a few years are facing over crowding.
The splitting up of children and the additional difficulty of families who would have children located in a number of schools. Logistics. I don't know what your rational of having combined large schools, except that Saginaw schools did this.
One high school and increased taxes
I am not a fan of the organization of the MS, nor the unification of two high schools.
The cost and combination of high schools.
Everything
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - making a combined high school - some families will have kids all over town at 4 different buildings not close to each other - losing the city rivalry between the 2 schools - making high school only 3 years - band, sports teams like track would be giant or less kids will get to participate - drama/musicals less kids would be able to participate
Only 1 middle and 1 high school
Hate it
I think it is disastrous to put so many kids together in one school in these scenarios for the middle and high schools. As a parent who has already had two children go through MPS from elementary through high school and we still have one child in middle school, I think that having one high school for grades 10-12 is a recipe for disaster specifically in this community. I have great concerns about safety and security having this many high schoolers in one school. There have been anti-bullying campaigns for years yet we have continued issues with bullying and

school threats even in this community. Bringing these two high schools together will create a HUGE issue for our students and I think we will see an increase in youth mental health issues, school violence, and safety issues.
Location of unified school. Do not like combination of 7-9 grade levels especially. There is a significant maturity concern, age gap, and social concern combining these age ranges compared to when MPS had 9th grade in the intermediate schools as in the past.
Midland high School and Dow high School kids do not get along. Lol Forcing them to be together, I am hesitant on. It will be good for future generations. But the kids that are used to being separated it's going to be a rough couple of years.
It totally remakes the established structure that has seemingly worked well for decades. It destroys the Dow/MHS rivalry and cuts participation opportunities in half.
To do this scenario right it seems that the additional auditorium and athletic facilities would have to be built. This is the most expensive scenario. Despite the fact that I think this is the best scenario, I believe it will be a hard political sell to some folks in the community who see the Chemics and Chargers as distinctly separate.
The new High School needs to include a 12 lane pool and a nice auditorium. This will help grow Aquatic use in the community with more access for more programs and will allow the arts programs to have better access to facilities for practices and performances. Go big and don't skimp on our communities potential to grow.
Combined High Schools
The cost and creating a less diverse population due to segregation of families leaving the community. You create an exclusive environment.
Changing grades for middle school and high school (this will impact and change sports in the state)
Building new schools. Adding PreK to existing schools. Longer bus rides for all students.
Again, it doesn't take the students and their opportunities into consideration
Busing will be limited.
Everything
My tax dollars being wasted on a failed public education system.
Money
I think with the amount of students we have in the district, they would get lost in the shuffle. More bullying and other safety issues.
Everything.
Combined high school grades 10-12 and Pre-K in all the elementary schools

I don't have an explanation why Midland High (the older building) was chosen to host three classes instead of the newer building (Dow High).
Combining high schools
Seems like overspending on unnecessary buildings and repurposing of infrastructure seems to extreme. To large of class size and student bodies. Hugely dislike combined high school and having 7-9 grade as a junior high
<p>The revised certification structure in Scenario B has the potential to make our district more appealing to educators. Since returning to in-person instruction after COVID, we've noticed an increased divide among fifth graders in terms of social, emotional, and academic development. Moving them out of the elementary building could be a positive step.</p> <p>Currently, we have two strong high schools that provide distinct academic experiences tailored to their student populations. While this approach has its merits, it creates inequities in access to education for all high school students. It's important that we work towards ensuring every student has equal opportunities and resources, regardless of which school they attend.</p> <p>The primary challenge Scenario B encounters is the community's mindset, particularly its deep-rooted attachment to the longstanding crosstown rivalry.</p>
Waste tax payer money, all these shuffle for what benefit?
Moving all 5th and 6th grade to the DHS building is a disaster in the making. Fifth graders already have enough behavior challenges that mixing them with sixth graders is going to exacerbate the existing issues we already have. Also, one of the great things about MPS is having a school community. Fifth graders deserve to experience that for that fifth grade year. Also, the amount of buses and drivers needed to bus students from all over town to DHS would be incredibly expensive. We already have trouble finding enough bus drivers. With the amount needed for this entire scenario I don't see how we could find enough people to staff all of the additional buses that would be needed. You'd have kids in 5/6th grades spending an hour or so on a bus to get to school and then again on the way home from school. Having to then bus the junior high students from all over town to MHS, and also then bus kids to the new highschool seems like a very bad idea.
Overall grade per building design seems clunky and unnecessary.
Midland identity of 2 high schools should be preserved
I like tht we have 2 high schools
So many changes. Slightly overwhelming.
<p>Moving fifth grade out of elementary.</p> <p>Using DHS for younger kids</p> <p>A combined high school</p>
Travel for 5th and 6th grade parents who live on the east side of midland will be longer to school and sports. As well as an increase of traffic down eastman
Combining high schools ... ending fun culture of school rivalry and limiting sports, bands, choirs, etc.

I think the kids would be moving around a lot around schools during their k-12 years. This would also cause long commutes for some of the kids in some of the grades. Also no details on the new HS are provided, so it is tough to say.
Tries to address elementary school crowding by creating a less reasonable grade distribution within the school types, destroys the strong legacy of both Dow and Midland High, and cuts the number of athletic team opportunities for the children by half across the grades.
All of it, but especially making our kids transition into different schools 4 times!!!! Absolutely ridiculous! Also, a super high school will lose so many kids in the shuffle. Plus sports and the arts will be less accessible because of higher competition! I hate everything about this idea!!!
I worry about the size of the experience for grades five through 12. Will my student be lost or slipped through the crack if the number of kids in one building doubles?
Closing down Carpenter Pre Primary
Sports teams, I feel that combining these two schools would not give the kids that are not the top athletes a place on the team. Atleast now there are two schools with room for all the kids to play. One team, limits the number of kids that could play.
Mothballing two middle schools seems illogical and dividing up 5-6 and then 7-9 seems incorrect. Why not 6-9 in one place. This means a lot of bussing for the 5-10th graders which seems costly
Worry that because only half the nuber of kids will be able to compete in sports, clubs, band, student council, etc that it will create a scenario where only the "elite" at activites will be able to participate. Then there may be a new subset of kids looking for a way to belong but are left aimless.
Everything this whole plan is not thought of fully and it's cost is to great
The unified High School... its not working for Saginaw, why do we think it will here. High School athletes would have to use the proposed middle schools for their pool and stadiums
Concerned that other residents will not want to pay for it
A lot of building changes foe students. Schools on the opposite side of town would not be convenient for parents. One HS would limit student participation in extra curricular activities.
Everything
Logistics and traffic will be a nightmare for parents doing drop off. Potentially 4 different schools depending on the family size....
Decreased opportunity for students. Merging more students together at an even younger age.
To lose the hisotry of the building is sad. Other schools keep their history through their buildings.
Multiple buildings that can be taxing on parents with multiple students. Larger high school more students, more problems. Combined athletics/band/etc may take opportunities away for students to participate.

5th graders should remain in elementary school, and I don't like kids changing schools in 5th grade, 7th grade and 9th grade - that is too much change! Totally obnoxious to build a brand new high school campus and put all of our kids together. For athletic purposes, this will result in LIMITING opportunities for all students - with one school, fewer students will have the opportunity to play and grow through athletics because we'll have 2 schools put into one and only the top kids from both schools will get play time.
No new aquatics
It's the single worst idea in MPS's history. Community leaders, business leaders, parents of MPS, etc. do NOT want this and will FIGHT it hard. Stop spinning things to make this seem like a good option. That's making MPS look worse. People will leave this community if you push this through. If it goes to the ballot, it will lose 90-10.
Changing grades and causing massive disruption to students and teachers. It will be extremely disruptive for nearly every 5th grade and later teacher to move classrooms and buildings.
Elementary buildings are not equipped to house Pre K. We do not have smaller restrooms or playground areas for these littles.
Seems much more complicated. Transportation will be harder if there is only one school district wide for all grades 5 and up plus no athletic facilities at the only high school. Waste of a whole building that is still usable (Jefferson)
Tearing schools down that again have been upgraded
At least 50% of students will not be able to play sports for the high school
Having Jefferson empty seems like a waste. Maybe a place for adult education extensions??
Transaction among schools for the students.
Tampering with and completely changing an already working model.
This is a lot of money to ask from tax payers who already pay a lot of money in taxes. What if it doesn't pass.
Nothing
Midland will only have 1 high school. That will increase the stress among students trying to get into sport teams or art programs.
Scattering schools around the City makes logistics of drop-off/pick-up complicated for families with multiple kids.
A weird 10-12 giant high school with half of the extra curricular activities/opportunities gone
Seriously, a huge high school? It might rob kids and teachers of a sense of community and belonging. I question music, theater, sports participation levels. What about college acceptance when a college hold placement of just a few instead all who deserve? Why can we not work with what we have, much like the majority of us do in our daily lives? I believe it robs our kids of an experience rather than being an improvement. Forward progress is necessarily equal to spending bigger and needlessly.
Only 1 middle school and 1 high school.

Grade bands changing significantly.
Combining high schools to make mega school is terrible for students and teachers. Kids did it in CA with mental illness on a rise this will add to it
Combination of schools and lack of additional elementary school if it is deemed necessary due to expansion of the district geography.
Your elementary schools are still aging. Re-purposing Jefferson doesn't seem to make sense.
9th grade not being apart of high school
Too many different schools for the grades
The amount of schools children transfer to from k-12.
Combining to a single high school deprives students of extracurricular varsity activities by 50%. It is an absolutely awful idea to sacrifice these life experiences for children to save a small amount of money.
The district will still have a lot of older buildings, which perpetuates the expenses associated with maintaining older buildings.
This doesn't even give the high school the facilities that it would need and ninth graders need to be in the high school where they have access to the curriculum for all levels of learning.
9th grade not being in the high school
The number of transitions and the possibility that there could be less opportunity to participate in a school sport.
I lived in Mt. Pleasant when my daughters were younger and most parents did not like the four schools and transitions that their kids went through
Large high school
I think a combined high school will lead to large class sizes and result in a reduction in community jobs and generally think it is a bad idea to have 1 high school in a community this size. This will results in midland graduates achieving lower caliber rankings in the state.
I don't like the idea of combining two high schools. Academics and sports are already so competitive it would be even harder for some kids if they are competing against that many more kids in order to make a team or be at the top of their class
With only 1 building per grade for grades 5-12, kids will have to travel greater distances to get to school. That impacts the sleep of the entire household. A lack of sleep means a lack of health, so overall this will reduce the health of the community.
A monolithic High School for our entire city is far too large and loses our "small town feel".
Consolidating the high schools
Again, splitting up the PPC into different schools will lower the amazing work that they all do working together.
almost seems confusing, why splitting up so many grades, why close so many schools?

All of it.
Only having 1 High School
Overall I think the downsides of mega-sized high schools outweigh the benefits. My understanding is that there is less overall participation in extracurriculars and sports because of increased competition and selectiveness. I also fear that issues related to socioeconomic disparities could become "supercharged" in a much larger environment. I fear that the student mental health crisis in our community could actually become worse in this situation.
One high school, one intermediate, and one junior high school for the entire district.
Sports would be extremely limited. We would dominate the SVL and not have good competition. All 9th grade students getting to high school practices would be a nightmare. Many 9th graders take higher level classes, that creates chaos going between buildings. There would be so many fewer opportunities in general for students. We have two nice sized schools compared to schools in our leagues and area. I don't think downsizing is necessary at this time.
I don't like the break down of grades and also do not like how you are projecting this to be cheaper to sway voters.
That students will be asked to go to one middle school and high school. Too many students for one building, regardless of the size.
Everything
Elementary should be either k-5 or k-6. K-4 makes no sense. Dow High for 5-6 is too big and too good of a facility for only 2 grades. Having min of 2 middle and 2 high schools is good for competitiveness. If only of 1, teachers will get even easier and will not encourage competitiveness, which triggers innovation.
Tax increase, the one high school option since it would offer students less opportunities to participate in clubs and sports compared to current opportunities, breaking students up into intermediate and junior high buildings since then there is only one school option compared to now and you would be bussing students in those ages farther across town to get to their respective buildings, parents may also struggle to get their students to all the buildings on time if they have children at each location, still only have the current elementary buildings with no closet option for northern families, would have to find land to house the new high school, would create 3 empty buildings to maintain or take down
Combined high school.
combining the high schools
One HS
I think this entire scenario is awful
All other facets.
Combined high school will reduce opportunities for many students and athletes
no opportunities for kids if you have one high school

How on earth is cutting athletic opportunities in half for kids even a suggestion. You can only have 5 kids on a basketball court at once, 9 players on a baseball field at once. With our two high schools, we have double these numbers and there is ample opportunities for kids to pursue athletics and play. Also the cost is outrageous. You can't even tell me where the high school would go, but want to take 33 dollars a month out of my paycheck or have me consider it? If you don't think athletics is important and our community doesn't embrace having two high schools, please stop by Midland Community Stadium on 10/25.
Combining the Dow High and Midland High communities, the cost of adding new facilities, of which some were just redone. The loss of opportunities for so many students to participate in clubs, sports, etc. with so many students in one building. I also don't like that as a freshman student, you don't have the physical building shift that aligns with the shift of academics that determine your future.
Having to take kids to multiple schools
everything
Unfortunately having worked with students in other areas who followed the intermediate school and junior high school approach, I have seen increased mental health challenges among children who struggle with transition. I have also seen 9th graders fall behind peers in other districts due to not feeling like they are in high school and/or having less opportunities than peers at the high school level.
Do not want the two high schools into one.
Everything about this plan
Putting all the Middla School Children in one place.
Ninth graders and seventh graders in the same building is not a good idea. There is a huge growth gap in between these age groups.
Taxpayer cost.
It doesn't address the bussing issues for low income students.
cost and logistics involved with the split grade levels and having one high school may be unfavorable among many
Packing more kids into one school at sixth grade will likely decrease learning. Most kids in one building tends to lead us to larger class sizes over time. We know that students do better with smaller class sizes.
It's too much change for so many students. With having 4 kids it would place them all at different schools.
The adjustment of grades for the schools and one combined high school.
Unsure about the 5-6 and 7-8 split
combining the high schools but pushing ninth grade to an intermediate building
Location of community high school and restructuring elementary, middle, and high schools. (Not that it would be bad, just a new concept)

There is much movement with Staff and students. Property for new school will need to be purchased and new structure built.
Less opportunities for the kids for sports teams, currently 2 teams for each school per sport now all those same kids will be double and competing for a spot. Also need increasing bussing as a lot of kids are able to walk to their respective school and now this increases distance from each school to home especially considering which side of town you live on. Also all the extra curricular events at a million different locations gets confusing especially for people coming from out of town to watch events when child goes to the “new high school” we’re still coming back to midland high for the field, etc everything. Should be in one location for high school activities
The combining of the two high schools.
Opportunity for growth and inclusion for the high school students. Larger classrooms and limited opportunity with athletics and other school club activities.
The lack of another Elementary school which will increase class sizes.
Hate it. We need the two high schools so students don't get left behind, to ensure all kids that want to okay sport have that chance, and smaller class sizes
It seems like a lot of school building changes for kids to transition as often. New year new building every 2 years just seems hard on kids with disabilities.
Parents have been giving me multiple reasons to not do this.
Keep everything the way it is
EVERYTHING. I don't know how anybody thinks it's a good idea to rearrange grade levels for school which I think will cause for bullying. And I don't like wanting to combine high schools which would ruin sports for these kids and so many kids won't have the chance to play a sports since a team can only have so many on it. And why would we build a new highschool which needs property to build and it takes away the historic schools behind Midland.
poor use of land. parents with kids in multiple grades are now running even more places for drop offs.
Having kids transition schools 4 times and having gigantic class sizes is not a positive. There will be more competition for sports, theater and every single extracurricular activity. Not to mention having a harder time getting into the extracurricular classes of choice. I absolutely do not support this scenario at all. I don't know how students are going to be able to get involved and to form lasting bonds with peers when their class sizes are in the thousands. This is Midland, not a suburb of Detroit.
Creating a larger school with higher numbers of kids to me leads to bullying, safety issues, lack of resources for middle ground kids.
Limits opportunity for students ie sports, theatre, music. Only the very best will be chosen Eliminates the community “ rivalry”
Too much travel for everyone involved.
Cost

The cost increase.
Not having the bus systems to pick up every student, regardless of the distance that they live from the school.
Completing changing the age structures and creating mega schools.
The high schools will need to travel for auxiliary, such as the pool.
The cost
Combining the middle and high schools
Combining high schools to make one school. Continuing using the undersized Dow swimming pool for both schools
This plan does not make any sense to me as a parent. For parents with multiple kids, they could have drop off and pick ups from one of town to the other. Bussing would also be an issue - and we know that we already do not have enough busses. This would also limit the ability for 9th graders to play on JV and varsity sports, as they would have to get across town after school to participate, and they do not yet drive.
You are dangling carrots in forms of new facilities to sweeten Scenario B. I don't support Scenario B but I do want to spend more money to build a swimming facility. You're making this an either/or choice for the community when it shouldn't be. I'd like to see 'a la carte' options that include Scenario A *and* new swimming facilities.
Changing the grade level structure, combining the high schools.
All of it
None of it
This is a terrible plan. Only half as many students could participate in marching band/sports. Having a 7-9 school will cause numerous problems.
I think putting the highschool as 10-12 is a bad idea.
Cost. And time. Will this get done in the next few years or is this gonna be a 2040 thing?
I do not like the idea of the entire town of 5th graders suddenly being thrown into the same school. Transitioning to middle school at 6th grade, and mixing multiple school together makes it tough enough on kids of that age to build confidence, build lasting relationships, and keep existing relationships though that much mixing of classes, I cannot believe it would be any easier one year younger at 5th grade. Also there will be significant loss of sports and club opportunities as two football teams go down to one, two soccer teams down to one, two honors societies down to one, etc. in high school. Bigger schools also leave opportunities for kids with higher need levels to get left behind and overlooked. In a day when getting into good universities calls for so many diverse activities and involvements, this will not be good for our students applying to go to colleges. Not to mention the transportation issues for families with kids in multiple grade levels. Now instead of a potential three school spread, they will be up to a potential 4 school spread, creating many transportation, and activity obstacles planning wise.
Cost

Not having 9-12 in one building and 6-8 in one building
<p>As a former school teacher and administrator with firsthand experience in educational systems, I strongly advocate for maintaining the current school structure in Midland, MI. Drawing from my observations in Brazosport ISD in Lake Jackson, TX, where a similar restructuring was implemented, I have identified several critical issues that could arise from merging schools in Midland. In Brazosport ISD, the restructuring led to the creation of excellent elementary schools but resulted in significant challenges at the secondary level. Specifically, at the 5-6 and 7-8 campuses, students exhibited a noticeable decline in school pride and respect for the institution and teachers. The transition to a large high school environment caused students to feel like just another number, diminishing their sense of belonging and community. Applying these observations to Midland, the following risks are anticipated if a similar restructuring is pursued: combining Midland High and Dow High could dilute the strong sense of school pride that currently exists, which is a cornerstone of community engagement and support. The unique identities of Midland High and Dow High foster a deep connection with the community, and merging these schools could lead to a reduction in parental and community involvement, which is crucial for a thriving educational environment. Additionally, a larger, consolidated high school may face increased challenges in maintaining a safe and secure environment for students, as smaller schools often provide a more controlled and attentive atmosphere. Therefore, maintaining the current structure is essential to preserve the strong sense of school pride, community engagement, and safety that our students and community cherish.</p>
Pre primary is completely taken away and every classroom in Pre K are separated
Classes will still be too crowded at the elementary level. You need a combination of them both to address the issues
<p>*the high school population would be HUGE and would create challenges/limitations for students (getting lost in the crowd/band would be massive/athletic teams/clubs would be huge and/or would have to turn down athletes/members; ninth graders would not be with high school but grades count as high school AND ninth graders would be impacting our 7th/8th graders on a daily basis (we changed this years ago because of issues--part of motivation to move 9th grade to HS and 6th grade to MS)</p> <p>*if enhancement didn't happen, HS students would have extra curriculums at places other than their own high school (teens driving around town to pool, stadium, theater to practice/compete) and "home court" doesn't really exist for some participants/some activities</p>
I will not be voting for anything with an additional tax increase.
The joining of the two high schools into one.
<p>-too many school transitions from K-12</p> <p>-no matter how "committed" district is to providing extracurriculars, combining high schools together would DRASTICALLY reduce students abilities to participate in activities.</p> <p>-many more children would fall through the cracks with increased class sizes</p>
I have concerns about making one large high school. How large will the class sizes be and will there be less opportunities for students to participate in leadership and clubs.
Large school. Less opportunities for students.

Repurposing an aged facility, (Dow High) not adequately address failing infrastructure. The plan does not go far enough to address comprehensive needs and solutions.
I don't like that 9th grade is in Junior High. I think it would make more sense for the Junior High to be 7 & 8 grade and to leave the high school grades as they are.
Wondering about size of the high school - data around "ideal" high school size suggests a size of around 180-200 students per grade, with an overall high school population of 600-900. If I'm doing the math correctly, based on current enrollment at MHS and DHS, the new combined school would have around 1,700 students. My concern is it would lose the ability to be responsive to student needs, students would get lost in the shuffle, and fewer students would have the opportunity to participate in athletics and other extracurriculars.
I don't like combining the high school and the high school only being grades 10 - 12.
seperate high schools
NOT ADDRESSING THE BULLIES
Repurposing any school.
I do not support the combining of high schools. Two high schools supports athletic development of more athletes. The travel from our home in Larkin to Midland High (would be Jr. high) school is too far as compared with Jefferson, where we are currently zoned. I also do not care for the division of grades as given in this plan. I do not care for 7th through 9th graders being in one building due to the developmental nature of these age groups.
I'm not familiar with how a 10-12 only high school would be.
The grade levels being all rearranged. Hauling my child to Dow.
One high school. This takes away some of the opportunities in the arts (school plays, music, sports) that two high schools offer. Also, no land has been picked for the new high school and this could change the cost significantly.
I think having the high school only be three grades is suboptimal.
Way too many schools for kids. One high school will not meet the needs of our learners. Where is the research or case study that this would work? What are we modeling after? Where is the research? This feels flippant.
what will making one high school achieve? better education or facilities? unlikely... A place with over 2000 high school students is likely to provide less access to sports to kids and a more stressful environment in general. Moreover it will likely create problematic scenario for the location of the school that will be hard to make "central" to everyone in town...
Beyond the disruption to students and families, the format of PK-4, 5-6, 7-8, 10-12 will further disenfranchise students with neurodivergent challenges. In addition, staffing would be likely be reduced, classroom sizes increased and good teachers will want to leave the district.
I think one high school doesn't allow for pride in students school. As an alumni of Midland High it would be very sad to see it go.
I am concerned that the number of students who are able to play a high school sports will be cut short. Possibly adding stronger intramural programming will help aid in this matter.

High school class size will be too large.
Going to one high school!!
Will there be fewer sports, etc opportunities as now there will be only one team for the town vs two (such that there is greater difficulty in getting a spot on the team so harder to try new things)
I understand the stadium, pool, and auditorium sharing... but if you're going to spend the money to build a community high school spend the money and do it RIGHT. I'm not sure what the answer to that is, but having athletes travel to multiple locations for practice and games seems ridiculous. Is the district equip to house a high school with over 2k students and ALL of their needs....GT to CI. Parents will be upset having students in multiple buildings, so figure out a way to make that look good. It's a great idea. Essexville does it...don't reinvent the wheel. The running all over the place venue to venue thoughthat's dumb. Find the money and do the job the right way.
I personally believe that 9th grade should be a part of the high school and not kept back in the middle school. There is a huge difference between being an eighth and a ninth grader.
I don't like the fact that all of the 5-6 students across the district will be stuck in one building and that 9 is with 7-8. I think this will cause confusion for athletics and overall academic achievement. I also think this will make bussing a much larger challenge than having two middle and high school buildings that are more local.
There is no need for this other than to waste our money
Everything
Almost every single 5-6 grader would have to be bussed. Dow High's location isn't kid friendly. Crazy busy street not in a neighborhood to make it walkable.
I am worried about the location of the new high school being in the north of town rather than the middle of town.
Combining high school, 5-6 separation. A significant number of facilities for students and families to navigate during a students career.
Students will have to move to 4 different buildings. We very much appreciate our home's geographical closeness to our kids' elementary, middle, and high school building locations and with this plan I would anticipate that we will lose that closeness to our middle school building and potentially our high-school building. We like walking to school every day. We do not want to have to drive our kids to school in the morning or put them on the bus; our ability to walk to school every day through middle school and potentially into high school was very appealing for us when we purchased our home. Additionally, three building transitions in the adolescent and teen years alone seems excessive and unnecessary at a time that can already be challenging without the added strain of an unnecessary change when there is an alternative option that achieves the same over-arching goals of updating the district without that additional building change. This scenario also does not address the reported increase in enrollment and need for additional capacity in the northern part of the district.
Children having to move schools 4 times. I think it is to often and just about the time they are comfortable in a school you will be making them move to a new school. I think 5th grade is to young to out in a school like Dow High.

Combining high schools and changing the grades in the schools
I don't like a high school that big, and using the other school's facilities still will cause a lot of problems. This plan with the high school will cause more problems and not good for the high school students.
Everything...this plan is ridiculous
Combining high schools is a terrible idea for too many reasons to mention but some include traffic and changing the dynamics of the school district
The complete restructure of our upper buildings
9th grade should be with high school for academics. The behavior problem potential in the 5/6 and 7/8/9 scenario is concerning. I fear it would lead to less compassion and fewer resources for an age-range known to be challenging.
It's hard to let go of the traditions and culture of Midland and Dow High. This is especially true for those of us who graduated from those schools. However, this is not about the feelings of the older generation; it's about what's best for current and future students. Also, parents having a longer commute to the schools is a potential concern.
I don't like have one new high school somewhere new in town and only 10-12 but still using the football stadium and pool. High school students would have to get to these areas. Plus there would be less opportunities of students to be in sports with a combined high school
nothing
Unified high school. Less chances for athletics when you combine into a super school.
This scenario creates a new cohort arrangement, k-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12, distributed k-4 and highly centralized groupings. The logistics of parents or the bus system taking all students of one cohort to a centralized location will create a significant additional transportation burden across the City.
Do not like the thought of a intermediate school for just 2 grades
Combining high schools is a terrible idea. There are already kids who don't get to play much on sports teams. Having double the amount of students will make it worse. I think everything will be less inclusive because there will be so many kids. The midland/dow rivalry that everybody has known forever will be gone. I would pull my kids from the district if they were still there and this happened. Thankfully, they will be graduated by then.
The way it seems that the plan is just trying to do a reform is flawed with how many problems are in the states curriculum for a few classes like Health & Wellness and changing the system like this won't fix that. It could spit friends as they go to different schools and make people feel more isolated in unlucky circumstances.
I think leaving 9th graders out of the new high school will be detrimental to their growth as "high schoolers". I worry that because we have one high school, there will be less opportunities for students to be on teams.
Creating only one high school and not making us compatible with any of our surrounding districts.

Same as scenario A, where has the money gone from the other millages? Has any one looked at the overall drop in enrollment and population shift. These scenarios seem to be a short sighted plan for even a 5 year look.
Major shifting and restructuring of existing grade levels. Less opportunity for students to participate in extracurricular activities.
Does not address aging fields/auditorium/etc.
Moving little 5th graders into a huge high school building. If this happens my children will no longer attend MPS
All extracurricular activities will be unavailable to the amount of a current high school. We need to have the 2 sport teams of Dow and Midland High. The band will remove a 1st chair from a hard working student. The student who will get a lead role, will no longer get it since there is only 1 school. The list goes on, and the social well being of so many kids will be extremely damaging. We need 2 middle and 2 high schools to accommodate and give opportunity to those who have interest the programs that will be cut in half.
1 high school that will be more overwhelming in size, breaking down kids into smaller age chunks. I like the idea of students getting to interact with students of different ages.
Reduces opportunities for all kids (only 1 set of sports teams, plays, band, etc.), costs are potentially underestimated due to the need to procure land for a new high school, with no site currently identified. Completely alters the high school experience for freshmen, and the experience for most other grade levels as well. Appears like it would increase stress on the transportation department by having to move kids all over the county. Lack of information on what will happen to Jefferson
Logistically would be a nightmare for the bus department
The moved to a single high school and the change in age groupings
I don't like Scenario B at all! It is not thinking of the students being in a smaller environment, having more time and attention, and the opportunity to participate, which gives them confidence in themselves for the future.
pre-K in with elementary schools
Would like class sizes would be huge, lots of travel to get to and from school
One large high school in Midland would be way too big, especially for our special needs kiddos who don't thrive in crowds and chaos. Rearranging all the grades into 4 different school levels makes no sense and would be disruptive to the students. I would most likely end up having to homeschool my autistic kid because having her switch schools halfway through her education is not going to go well.
We need two middle schools and two high schools. As soon as you go to one high school you're going to give less opportunities for music groups and less opportunities for more people to participate in competitive sports.
Unknown location for high school.
Students would need to change schools more often.

The scenario seems cut up. Students will end up attending 4 different schools throughout their educational careers. With only 1 high school the opportunities for individual kids will be limited.
I would be worried that only having one high school would cut in half the opportunities students have for extracurricular activities whether academic clubs or athletics.
I don't see the point of each school only serving 2 grades.
Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high
Although I like the separation of the grades, this will increase bussing needs which will incur additional costs. Also, I do not like the combination of high schools into one. As both high schools currently have around 1200 students I feel athletics, academics and morale may be negatively impacted.
A little concerned on the splitting of grades and how that will look.
A lot of uncertainty that needs to be backed up with facts: are enrollment numbers down as much as we've been hearing? By how much? What are projected enrollments going to be in 10 yrs? Are extracurricular numbers down? What are actual participation rates and how many kids will be affected by consolidation? Where would this new high school be? Current locations made more feasible for young, new drivers and commuting parents. If the new school is far up in Larkin, that presents safety and convenience concerns. What kind of opportunities will be taken away from 9th graders due to them no longer being in "high school?" How will that affect academics and athletics involvement.
The intermediate school is further from our home and will require transportation for our student.
I do not like the idea of one mega high school. I have had 4 kids go through MPS and I believe that with one high school, less kids will have the opportunities to be involved in sports, band, and theater. I think that it is really important to have those opportunities available to kids.
The added extras as an option for the new high school. Of course the added extras would get included.
I am concerned about extracurricular impact of combining the high schools. I'd like to see case studies of similar sized high schools to better understand how this option would operate
Lose community loyalties to older schools
1 high school
I live north of town. Kids already ride the bus for 1hr30 minutes to get to Siebert. Moving JR high to the opposite side of town just extends the length kids have to spend on the bus. 90 minutes is ALREADY too long. The constant change from school to school will be difficult for some children - the 3 transitions is already tough. Also, bigger schools means less opportunity for the population all around in terms of sports, classroom attention, personal relationships with teachers due to increased class sizes, ect. I dont think this plan has the best interest of the children at its heart, though it is cheaper. Cheaper isnt always better when we are talking about the future adults of America. I feel this plan cuts corners.

Merging the high school. Having to drive all over town for schools that currently are conveniently located. 4 schools if you have more than one child. Bouncing all over from school to school.

It goes away from the traditional model of Middle school being just 6-8 and high school being 9-12.

I believe that scenario B is NOT in the best interest of student development in multiple ways. Music education will be devastated by this move. Participation in athletics will be limited as well. Teachers will have to move MORE because there will be specific buildings by grade levels. We will lose educators for sure in the short term after they figure out what administration will be asking them to do. OUR DISTRICT IS TOO BIG TO BENEFIT FROM A CONSOLIDATION SUCH AS THIS. I have always advocated for passage of bond proposals, BUT I will be actively working in my circles to influence make sure this proposal does not move forward.

Concern about access to high school classes for 9th graders. Concern about extracurricular opportunities with one high school instead of two.

I don't like that we will change schools every 2 years after 4th grade. I don't like that the high school will not have all their facilities on site (sports stuff, auditorium, etc.)

The split of auxiliary facilities across multiple sites

One high school may be limiting for extra curriculums

Combining high schools and creating an intermediate 5-6 and 7-9 structure.

One HS - 1/2 the opportunities and transportation to athletic events will triple to find competition.

I do not like the dismembering of the Pre-Primary Building - there is value in having all the pre-school classrooms and developmental kindergarten classrooms in one space vs. spread out throughout the district. I think it will be challenging with licensing and with training building admin on those licensing requirements.

Huge school for 5-6 th graders, parking and accessibility in one high school

When a system works well and proven to work well should be kept same as much as possible. This proposal B is deviating from what has been proven to work best so far.

Breaking up the grade levels in a non-standard way and creating a massive high school.

All of it .. having one high would be so detrimental to so many athletes and effect the ability for kids to do extra curriculums. Not to mention SAFETY!! THAT IS TOO MANY KIDS IN A SCHOOL, ALL OF THIS SCENARIO IS AWFUL. KEEP 9-12.

increased number of transitions for students

I do not like going to one high school. There are already issues with bussing students. This will require more students to be bused around. Scenario does not explain how large the new schools will be. It sounds like a huge high school.

I dislike the fact that kids go to a different school every 2 years

<p>the break out of the grades. taking away the high school experience from 9th graders.</p> <p>How will busing work with kids "across" town to the "new" school.</p> <p>Kids are unable to walk to school and have moved into an area to allow walking for WORKING parents.</p> <p>Not everyone is a stay at home mom in this town.</p> <p>Transportation is a major concern.</p> <p>Location of new high school?</p> <p>How will that work with the football stadium?</p>
Moving students around and having one high school
I think it is going to cause a lot of extra traffic around town by having every kid from grade 5-12 go to the same school for their respective grade. There is a negligible savings from plan A, but only involves building 1 new school rather than 2.
Combining all the kids into one middle school, junior high and high school. And then still having to use the pool at Dow high and community stadiums.
9th grade students not being part of the high school
Losing the tradition of the two high schools. Competition to participate in sports and other events may leave kids out who otherwise would not be in a 2 high school scenario.
We need four facilities for Pre-K - 12th grade now? Thats four times the cost of maintaining those facilities and is logistically more expensive for bussing and food deliveries.
To many places for students to go as a parent.
That there's not two high schools
No new elementary school. Kids switch schools every 2 years. Adding prek to already over whelmed buildings.
I have concerns about logistics for families and bussing with so many buildings accommodating different grade levels. I also wonder why ninth grade would not be included in high school as MPS moved them from intermediate to high school when I was in middle school for several reasons, not just to alleviate crowding (to my knowledge).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of teachers are saying they would retire before this change is made - People who live in Saginaw, Freeland, Bay City, etc. that attend MPS would still be benefiting without paying taxes - Busing and transportation headaches - The number of players allowed on the basketball court at one time isn't increasing, same with theater, so you are turning away A LOT of students who need to belong to something and have more of a purpose. - People already struggle to buy groceries and support their families, so raising the taxes would make it even worse

Too much money and change
It would require a lot of frequent transitions for students
9th grade needs to be included in HS. And middle school should be 6-8th. This breakdown, I would imagine, is due to size of school buildings, but it's bizarre nonetheless. There is a VAST difference between 7th graders and 9th graders in development.
high school should be grades 9-12
I don't like the high schools losing athletic teams due to combining into one school. Sports and extra-curricular activities are very important to students to help them feel connected and have shown to have a positive impact on academics. Combining the high schools will create more competition for those spots and force athletes to no longer be part of a team.
Having a "mega-high school" might be too much for the community.
Change is hard...
Untraditional grade splits
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Picking up kids at different schools at similar times is going to be a nightmare 2. Cost of new land, and unknown location if high school 3. So many different buildings. Those change over years are usually more stressful and there will be more of them 4. Neither scenario addresses sports complexes 5. My taxes go wayyyyyyy up with either options
No new Elementary school, Pre-K in the elementary, no rezoning of the districts. Central Park is such a large area and the lowest income area.
I dont like the idea of all of the high school kids in 1 building
If it did not have to come out of already broke families, it may be beneficial.
I really dislike the idea of having a huge mega high school (and also middle schools) for many reasons and is not desirable for my family.
Distance of schools - transporting kids across town to get to middle schools on opposite sides of town. One combined high school would limit availability of sports team positions.
Combination of the 2 high schools. Will limit opportunities for kids with athletics and additional extracurricular activities
The price. New locations. With having multiple children in schools around Midland, getting students to and from school would be yet an additional burden. We worked hard to create a middle school concept based on reserach that ninth graders benefit from being in the high school setting. This new plan would undermine that. We need to look to other schools who made a change like this and now just a few short years later are going back to the 6-8 and 9-12 model. We will likely home school if option B passes.
Having 9th graders with middle school aged kids.

Too many students in one building. Will never have enough staff to service that population.
Combining the middle schools and high schools
Class sizes in high school would be too big. Less opportunity for kids in learning and sports.
It would cost a lot of money and displace a lot of teachers
5th grade moving out of elementary
Building a new High School unless it is big enough for all 10-12 students
Uncertainty about new building location
Less opportunity for sports.
we lose so much history with the schools.
Combining middle and high schools.
Is the jump to 5th grade at a brand new school a bad year for such a transition? In general, I'd worry about the number of transitions this introduces for kids, and would want to ensure centralized support and stability mechanisms to somehow counter some of that disruption.
Longer commutes, more school switching, and absolutely do not like the athletics and arts facilities situation in this scenario.
Getting rid of the two high schools. We need to keep Midland high and Dow High.
The 5-6th building. Too many puberty, hormonal kids all in one place. They can't be leaders and role models, as the current 5th graders are at elementary. I also think that high school needs the upperclassman to be the role models for incoming Freshman.
This option would significantly negatively impact students mental health and well being because it's so disruptive. Too much money to spend and not meet the needs of students.
Breaking up 9-12 is a disservice to teens. Those 4 years are so formative to young people partially because you get to see where you are going and where you have been. Remove a year from that process and you remove so much value, including for siblings who want to be at the same school, junior and seniors who want to help the younger groups and to the process as a whole.
Mostly not knowing where new school will be, teachers losing jobs, kids not having as much of a chance at sports and things like band, and the fact that the extra things in option B are a lot extra money
this is restructuring every element of our curricular program, which I do not think will be done appropriately. Retaining quality of program will be very difficult.
That the elementary schools will have some issues with overcrowding by adding preK and only taking away one grade
Combining high schools into one.
Repurposing functional HS space

Teachers who think this is great are shortsighted
How much busing will be needed in this option - how will families who have several kids get all the kids to school at the right time? Preschool (unclear if it is only Developmental Kdg/Young 5s - or will it also be 3 and 4 classrooms that are currently at carpenter??) The schools already lack classroom, para pro help and playground space for kindergaren. And adding them into the schools will not help the current need in elementary schools. Is Jefferson being repurposed an option for Pre-Primary??
combining high schools. I think kids will be left behind with such a large school combination. Not only in the classroom, but also extracurriculars like theater and sports to name a few. There will be too much competition to give ample opportunity to kids.
Hate that there is only ever one school option after elementary school. Dislike that students would switch locations/age out of schools more quickly. Dislike that there might not be a intermediate or middle school where there is currently the Northeastern middle school.
Too much money
Likelihood for the community to be disrupted and to be loud/noisy about it (school pride, changes to commute/bus schedule, moving kids around town for different activities). However, 2 years out from the change, people will barely remember the old design.
It upsets the current status quo and doesn't seem to realize substantial cost savings.
That pre K is put in regulars school
Combining 7-9 and only having 5&6 together
I think bussing needs to be available if the new site is on the north end of town. We are over a mile away from MHS and no bussing was available when the kids were too young to drive.
Combined high schools, more grade clumpings
The high school leadership, sports, and extracurricular opportunities just got cut in half. I would much prefer to have access to more activities for my child than I would a state title in some sport because now all the top athletes are at one school (taking up all the positions on a team). The school board has said that "we would have to be creative about creating opportunities" but I would want to hear some solid plans for how you would achieve this. As well as examples from other districts about how this was implemented effectively.
Consolidating to one high school. This severely limits students' ability to participate in sports and extra curricular activities. It also takes away a huge part of the spirit and identity of the community.
9th not being in high school
Less opportunity for students to participate in extra group activities in high school such as music, sports, DECA and other clubs. In my experience these opportunities are essential for developing important skills such as working as a group to accomplish a task, being part of group, working with people different than their friend group, using their energy constructively during and after school, teaching not only how to win but also how to lose. I also have observed that the larger the student body the more a student is lost in the crowd.

Seems like it would much less convenient for families to not have neighborhood schools. This would also greatly inhibit students ability to walk or ride their bikes to school. I prefer to keep the layout as it is today or with the other scenario previously outlined.
It changes the middle school grade configuration that was implemented in 1997 after a lot of study and discussion.
Logistically how well would it work for parents on one side of town getting their kids to the new middle or intermediate school on the other side of town especially with multiple kids at multiple schools. Also with one high school it would make it harder for some students to play sports. What is the solution for this? I think it's important to let the parents know.
This is a terrible idea. Don't break up the 9-12 grade that affects all dynamics.. this is a terrible idea
9th grade as middle school - horrible idea - no benefit to students. Hate one high school - so many students would lose out on activities and sports. Cost to tax payers - way to high.
Having one unified high school.
Having only one middle school and one high school lost a lot of opportunities for interschool fun activities.
too much disruption
New school location, grades are messed up. Why would 9th grade not be at the high-school? Athletic facilities away from school.
Too many building changes for kids. Seems very choppy. Hard to feel part of a school if you are only there 2 years.
Everything
<p>1. Additional school building transition for student with no plan currently in place to ensure parents the support will be in place.</p> <p>2. No current plan in place to ensure kids don't fall through the cracks". When it's said that a plan will be put in place after this scenario is picked that is concerning from a parents view.</p> <p>3. As much as it's told to us that there will be increased opportunities for extra curricular/co curriculars There is not a realistic way to provide this. Club sports won't give someone the same opportunity- are there other schools that have club sports? Likely not so many talented kids will miss an opportunity to compete. You can increase theater performances but unless you restrict who can audition it's still going to be the same kids getting the parts while other talented kids get looked over. Band- are these going to double in size? That's not realistic. How are these extra opportunities going to be staffed? Teachers are already stretched thin and volunteers aren't a guarantee.</p> <p>4. Drop off/pick up is going to be a nightmare. The current middle school parking lots are already congested. The intermediate and jr high will have more kids who have to be dropped off (likely majority parent drop off). Again, this is something that the district is going to address after the choice is made.</p>

I hate everything about this option. Less sports teams means less opportunities for kids to get on a team, which means more time for them to get into trouble. I also feel like the schools will be less safe because they will house more students
None of it
We will not vote for a tax increase. The district has mismanaged funds for many years.
Special interest contracts at the expense of Midland taxpayers with major disruptions to the existing families who have traditions at MHS, Dow, NE, Jefferson.
Busing children is never a preferred method of getting children to school. It's apparent you already don't have enough bus drivers.
This seems like a logistical mess. At CPE, we have 6 busses that transport hundreds of kids each day and I know some are on the bus (on normal weather days) for close to an hour or more. I worry that Scenario B will be inequitable for students who rely on the school bus for transportation. I also worry for parents who may have students in 4 buildings - that makes it hard for special school events, parent/teacher conferences, etc.
It seems like repurposing Jefferson for robotics is a misuse of an entire building.
What is Midland public doing with the surplus of funds that they have. Why does this have to be put on the taxpayers even when they're a taxpayers at home school and send their kids to private school. Why do schools have to be closed. I still think the estimated cost is off by a lot and is going to end up causing taxpayers way more than what they are saying.
Not having two highschoools on our community
A combined highschool limits opportunities for students. Only one Quarterback, one first chair violin.
Would make the grades too large. Too many kids in the grades. Would consider transferring to smaller school if this happens.
Totally trying to realign all of our schools and where the kids go, not necessary
A large portion of the public will complain until they see that it work better. This will be due to the fact it's a change and not the status quo.
Not knowing how the buildings be "repurposed" and not know where the new high school will be.
Dow is gone.
A community high school with grades 10-12.
Why do you need to disrupt the entire district over pre-k?
Everything

<p>Way too many students at each grade level 5-12. The current two-school format allows more students the opportunity to participate and excel in classes and activities; one big school allows outstanding scholars, musicians and athletes to slip through the cracks - there are only so many places on a basketball team . . . This is where they learn and gain experience.</p> <p>How many 7-9th graders would that be in one building - 800? Not a good idea. Let the 9th graders learn from the examples of older high school students and let the 8th graders consider themselves the leaders in our current 2 middle and 2 high school model.</p> <p>This is a drastic change for all MPS families - plan A solves the problems with much less upheaval and trauma. And with middle and high school students there will be a lot of upheaval and trauma.</p>
<p>A unified HS, its not working out well in Saginaw. The cost. Cutting 9th grade from the HS. 9-12 should stay together.</p>
<p>Less sense of community, hard for parents and students to adjust to 4 different schools over their children's school careers or having children in 4 different buildings is very difficult for some parents. Students constantly have to settle into different buildings and become more independent sooner being in bigger buildings.</p>
<p>Too many different schools for a child to attend. Transitions to a new school can be difficult for both children and parents.</p>
<p>Seems to me the cost of building a new high school to accommodate all students 9-12 grade with a pool and a new baseball stadium would be cost prohibitive.</p>
<p>separated athletic facilities with a new high school and travel needed for students in 5-6 and 7-9th grade increasing significantly each day.</p>
<p>The combining of high schools will have a negative impact on many kid's lives/experiences in many aspects. To me the biggest being highly increased competition to be apart of an athletic team/club/musical/play/any extra curricular that has a participant cap or limit. With unified schools and teams, a student may not make a team due to increased competition and now find themselves on a path of negative hobbies/ interest in school. The development and mental stress on that student may change the course of their high school experience for the worse. What if one student kept out of trouble/drugs/alcohol/or far worse because they had the accountability of being apart of a team, busy with practices and games, good positive influences. With the self doubt of not making it onto whatever team or club, this could change the mindset of them.</p>
<p>One high school does not allow for kids another option if the existing school is not a constructive/safe learning environment. Too many schools for parents to juggle. Jefferson is still a good building with capital improvements and walkable for many students. Robotics is popular now, but may not be in a few years - renting a building for that space makes more sense.</p> <p>The lack of 2 high schools cuts in half opportunities for kids to participate in activities - only 1 editor in chief for the paper, half as many kids able to play in cut sports, fewer leadership opportunities. Also, have additional bussing costs been considered - it seems like with the grade levels split out there would be more time/money spent on bussing kids to non-walkable locations.</p>
<p>don't like one high school for a town this size</p>

Not necessary to do this now
Risk of community and staff backlash.
I do not know if a new high school is needed and I think the town will not support one high school due to sports and extra-curricular activities
The single HS, I think this allows fewer opportunities in group organizations and sports.
Combining schools.
I be am not a fan of the single high school and do not like the idea of having the high schoolers use the pool and other amenities at a separate school. How does that work for gym class do kids take a bus from the high school to the middle school to swim?
unknown location of new high school, having to arrange logistics of two middle school aged children attending both current DHS and MHS buildings.
I am concerned about individual schools getting too large, especially at younger grades. This runs the risk of anonymizing both students and parents. And, yes, I realize that my "like" and "dislike" are somewhat in tension here.
Creating one school per grade starting at grade 5. I cannot see how this would not limit opportunity for students.
Old extra-curricular facilities
Having to make a new single high school instead of having 2 high schools, and having the high school into a middle school,
The entire idea.
Everything
Building a new combined high school, only 5-6 in Dow building, cost for new land and also the upgrade facilities that will obviously be needed, ... so many things. High school students want to be proud of their campus, not return to junior high and middle school buildings for extra curricular. How would non drivers get to practice? What do the numbers show for projected enrollment? Share the numbers that support a 5-6 building.
Safety issues and you are also cutting a bunch of kids in sports. And when cutting these kids in sports that means these kids will have nothing to do after school then cause more trouble in the community.
Too much chaos
This scenario is mean to students and staff. Students will have to adjust to a completely new system of school, when they liked the old one better. Why do you need this? The district was better without it.
Moving 9th grade back to an "intermediate" school concept and eliminating the two HSs.

Moving kids from one side of town to the other - CHAOS! Ask any of your fabulous crossing guards about the driving skills of parents before and after school. Our crossing guard at Woodcrest complained for years about what horrible and dangerous drivers they are. And the stay-at-home mom's WILL be driving their children rather than bussing (they drive them 4 blocks now) creating enormous traffic issues since we lack traffic circles and the ability to navigate them if we did. This scenario will add to climate change with the fleets of gas-guzzling SUV's traversing Saginaw Road to get from one side of town to the other. The Midland Police however will generate much more income with this option...

Merging of high schools

The cost to homeowners

1. Having a giant high school with only 3 grades and facilities all over town at previous high schools. 2. The reduced student opportunities in band, choir, orchestra, robotics, drama, etc; e.g. a 400 student band would be unmanageable. 3. Having students scattered at schools all over town instead of near each other on one side of town or the other.

A mega high school. I think the cost at \$33.00 a month is higher than most can afford.

Dumb idea Keep both high schools.

Too much grade level change in each building, having to bus kids all over the city to aggregate in buildings housing all students in the same grade. No attention in this plan to proximity of schools to home locations

Worry of the unknown. Will it be too big too much for our students higher than elementary school to be in one giant school for 5-6, 7-9 & 10-12? Although my own experience with this same type of logistics for education was great. Dow high is ranked very high while Midland high is much lower and you are only as good as your weakest link. Chaos and wokeness brought in by MHS students, faculty and parents. A significant amount of lacking parents brought in by MHS. I know there are the same parents and it's not a huge group that do everything when it comes to the extras at MHS. I've always said there are many parents that expect a lot from their child's school within several of MPS and equally the teachers and staff seem to have high expectations from parents as well which is why one high school out performs the other in many areas. In conflict of what I said about amazing combined talent for all activities I worry about the students that would be left out when there is a huge school. At the same time it gives an opportunity to allow students to grow at a better pace with Freshman and JV opportunities in sports and maybe a second club or the B team of groups like Robotics. Finally, what about all the projects and money parents/Dow High Sports boosters have already put into the school and school facilities/grounds? That's been a lot of work and money over time and seems like it would be demolished already when there are recently so many new things.

I don't like that the new high school would be built north of town and that most students would need to drive there. I also don't like that this would cause a ton of competition for extracurricular activities. I'm all for keeping an open mind for our kids doing other things, but when they grow up playing sports most of their life and want to continue it, but can't because there are too many kids competing for limited spots I fear what this would do for teen mental health.

We have a busing program already this seems like it's making an even bigger busing problem. For parents that work it's making it so hard to get their kids to practice everyday because the

pool is at this school the football field is at another school nothing is at the school the students goes too.
it's going to disrupt the traditional middle school & high school grade expectations - especially for MHSAA competitions
We're also going to lose some history of the individual schools
This is awful. There is going to be increased bullying, less chances of kids playing sports. Why is it OUR responsibility to pay for upgrades? Times are already hard enough. Please find a new solution that doesn't involve tax payers having to pay for everything.
lose the neighborhood closeness for middle schools, and will have to cart kids across both sides of town. Hidden costs for additional travel cost and hassle/time for parents are not included in the comparisons. don't think consolidating to one high school will be good for athletics- it would mean the peer competitive schools would now be LONG distance away and create more wasted travel time to other mega-schools. lost opportunity for kids; with one mega-school, there is less opportunity for the kids. only 5 starting on the basketball & other sports team, only one drama show team, etc.
The proposal seems vague and the discrepancy in total cost and implementation
Fix the issues with the last bond
Not a fan of combining. Class sizes will be too big, the campus will be too big taking away from the kids overall educational experience, changing the grades served in each level seems unnecessary.
Combining high schools and new splitting of middle school and high school grade levels
Again I think it's awful to demo Carpenter as I currently have a child using it as the pre-primary center. I think the added cost of purchasing land for a new high school isn't financially responsible. Plus to combine all the students who are of driving age doesn't make sense- that parking lot will have to be HUGE! Also in option A, MPS wants to build an elementary schools closer to the population and yet with this option kids will have to be bused from the whole district to these intermediate, middle and some high schools. Again the cost to taxpayers who already pay high taxes is a huge concern.
Losing Both High School for their main purpose, high school students. Too much separation for all involved.
Sport kids will be extremely harmed! Going to only one football team, basketball team, soccer team, etc. is HORRIBLE. I don't understand how this even comes as an option. MPS already tried having 9th graders not in High School and it didn't work. They changed and put 9th graders back in the high schools to match other schools. Why would the district consider going back to something that has already been tried and was already deemed to not work. This is an absolutely terrible option. Why would we put all of the kids in one building. The schools are already way too big. It is so hard for kids to find their voice when there are so many kids to compete with, this would make it worse!!! The cultures between the high school are so very different. Combining the two cultures is a very, very bad idea.
No site in mind
Everything!

This proposal is not good for so many reasons. Moving so many students around in the system several times in their school years. Changing the grade level combinations to something I believe is worse than the current system. Fifth grade should be with the elementary. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grades should be together. High school should be grades 9 through 12. I believe these combinations are the best for the students. Having only one high school is the worst part of this scenario. No matter how you try to spin it, overall there would be fewer opportunities for students - academically, music, drama and literature performance, sports teams. Two schools offer double the number of opportunities for students, especially those students who are not necessarily tops in their chosen endeavor.
High school Is not 9-13
One high school limits students in extracurricular activities (one football team instead of 2, ect.)
Still expensive. Adds one more building for students to pass through from K-12. More bussing costs.
Again, building a new school, this time a high school. I think this combining of buildings is going to take away opportunities for kids as well as I'm not confident you have thought through the implications of this model and other costs like transportation and new uniforms for all the sports and band at the HS level. I was at the HS homecoming supporting my grandchild and wondered if you thought about paying for new band uniforms for 300 kids, cheerleaders, football players and this was just one sport at the Varsity level.
How are we transporting from high school to auxiliary facilities No need for new building. How do we know a true cost if we have to acquire land.
I do not like the idea of consolidating the high schools or changing of the grades structure
The entire scenario is an awful idea and taking opportunities away from the kids.
Long bus and car rides. Lack of opportunities for extra curricular and athletics in high school. So much change... better be worth the change management!
The combination of both high schools would likely decrease extracurricular opportunities.
There are many things I don't like about this. The first is that Dow will be fifth through sixth grade and Midland will be seventh through ninth. There will be too many people at any one school, and the capacity of those schools would have to increase a lot. The second thing is that Dow and Midland will not have their rivalry anymore. This rivalry was good for both schools and the people at those schools. The third thing is that now Jefferson doesn't have a purpose, and if you are going to reuse it for robotics you have to organize that school for robotics. The fourth thing is that if you build a new unified high school, where will it be? And you will have to build new areas for sports and arts, because if you use the ones Dow and Midland have, the commute between would be wasted time. The fifth thing is that a lot more teachers may need to switch schools throughout the day, which would be difficult.
Tax increase. See response to A
I don't think we need to combine the high schools. I think it's going to create more problems not help in any way.

Eliminating the traditions and identities of the 2 high schools and expecting people to attach themselves to a new school identity--see what Saginaw has done. Also the HS ancillary facilities being removed from the HS campuses, requiring more transportation.
This is the worst plan for addressing the social, emotional, and academic well being of students. Not only will it cause more transitions from buildings, which is shown to cause an academic drop for students, but will also lead to a decreased ability to connect with students individually in such a large school. I do not want my child lost in these mega schools of 2000 plus kids. Additionally, it will be very difficult for parents of multiple children to get students to school which such geographically spread schools.
Having all 5th & 6th graders in one building will be a HUGE change for those students and could be overwhelming. Having one HS (and one JH and one intermediate building) will cause more traffic during drop off and pick up. With buildings more spread out around town, it will also make it harder for parents with students in multiple buildings.
The weird schools. Having a school for just 5-6 grades and then 7-9. Seems very non traditional and less sport opportunities and large grades sizes where a student may not know all their classmates because there are too many.
I hate the thought of having my 7-9th grader having to bus all the way over to Midland High. For a family who lives and works next to Dow high it seems ridiculous.
The consolidation of high schools.
Taking 5th grade out of elementary. They are mentally still too young.
The cost
Transitioning between educational stages—from elementary to grades 5-6, then again to grades 7-9, and finally from 10-12—can be stressful for students and may hinder their learning. Additionally, limited opportunities for leadership roles in high school, increased competition for sports participation, and the lack of in-district option to change schools if school environment becomes toxic for a student.
A giant high school and 5th/6th grades at Dow high which is so far away for many people. This whole idea just sounds so far-fetched and not practical for families or what's best for our kids.
Unified high school would reduce or eliminate some students opportunities to participate in sports and different events. Too many students in one school.
9-12 needs to be in the same school. This is good for student growth and the high school experience.
What is the new high school going to be? What's the mascot? Taxes are going up, taxes are already so high in Midland.
I do not like that there would only be one high school. For athletes, it would be incredibly difficult for students to make a team giving fewer students the opportunity to experience high school sports. It's also really nice having a cross town rival. In the long run, this option is more expensive if you add in the auxiliaries. Dow High also seems like a VERY big and intimidating school for 5th and 6th graders.
High school not having pool, outdoor fields, etc

Combining high schools. That hurts ninth grade sports and hurts the high school teams losing a year of training leading to the varsity level
Why would you split 9th grade from high school. If high school isn't going to get new central athletics I don't think this is worth it. New high school should have pool, football field, soccer, etc. tax is way too high!
None. I say terrible idea.
It creates a crazy system of moving kids from building to building every few years. I also don't like that families would no longer have a choice between two middle schools and two high schools.
I don't like that there is 1 high school. I think the class size will be too big. I graduated with 500 and that was enough. I also think the town rivalry is a fun part of the high school experience. I think it also would complicate things for ppl who it's larger families they could easily have kids at 3 different schools all across town.
Combining the High Schools, building new schools and buying more land instead off using what you have from tearing down schools last time
10-12 high school and only one large school
All of it
Everything. I think this is a horrible plan!
consolidation of high schools
Nothing
2 highschoools
I do not like 5/6 graders being in schools by themselves or combining the high schools. I think that elementary school should continue being pre-k-5th. The older kids enjoy the community environment and helping the younger kids. My son had so many opportunities to help tutor and help younger students and that really made an impact on him. I don't want to see that go away. I think combining high schools is just too many students and I would worry about kids getting left behind and the effect of opportunities for sports and other activities. I would not vote for this scenario.
It's far too much transition for students, and it interrupts the fluidity of the current transitions. Kids need consistent and stable environments and routines, adding an additional school to this is disruptive.
A disjointed community high school, all 7-9 grade in one school location, lengthier travel for students from new high school to recreational facilities, and no plan for lot where NE currently sits.
This is a terrible idea. Setting up buildings with only 2 grade levels have NO culture, NO opportunity for leadership for older kids. I taught in one and hated it. One high school is also a TERRIBLE idea on so many levels. It will cut opportunities for so many kids with respect to cut sports and activities and this town is known for opportunities for kids.

The split of classes. Joining the two high schools
Building a new high school.
<p>1. Student number in each high school class will be too large. This decreases a lot of opportunities of students to participate in clubs, sports, music, etc.</p> <p>2. Transition from 9th grade to a new school will create more challenges and pressure for already stressed high school students, which affect negatively on their school and extracurricular performance and on their mental health.</p> <p>3. In this model, families with students at multiple schools will have hard time arranging daily drop off/pick up and attending school/sports events.</p> <p>4. This model doesn't provide all necessary needs for MPS community.</p>
<p>This plan has to many unknowns. Making one high school does not make any sence. It cuts in half the opprotunities that students have at the high school level and it will displace teachers and make them traveling teachers. Every extra curricular will be forcing high school kids to drive around midland for practices and games. This will increase our class sizes, as well as, have a lose of identity for some students by making a super high school. Overall, the biggest issue is lack of opprotunites for students. Only so many kids can be on the Varsity football or Varsity Basketball team and get to play. The Band at a super high school will mean some kids will not get the same opprotunites to perform at the highest level. while this is true for extra curriculars, it is also true in the classroom. Over time, few kids will be forced into one system. Unlike now where the schools are run and provide different opprotunities.</p>
<p>I'm wary of 500+ student graduating classes because I'm entirely unfamiliar with it. I graduated with less than 150 in 1991 in rural Lansing / Flint area. I was able to participate in all of the extracurriculars that appealed to me and excelled in many of them. I'm not sure I would have made the team with the current classes of 250-300, much less in a class of 500. BUT I can't say that there aren't things that would be better about that size school because I haven't experienced that and haven't investigated further</p>
We should maintain two high schools
<p>Seems like a lot of changes. Nothing would look the same. How would this affect the academic performance of our students?</p>
<p>Everything - so many reasons! Besides the many negative effects on the school district by changing locations/splitting grades up/one high school, this would also effect the community and business community as well. Businesses strategically built around the schools and people have purchased homes around the current schools for multiple of benefiting factors. Plus, Midland is going to grow over the next five to ten years.</p>
<p>Combining a ton of kids so early (6th grade), one high school = less competitive athletic opportunities, more kids</p>
<p>I don't like combining the high schools. I feel like it adds an extra transition year which is unnecessary and also will be and issue as far as sports go. I want to separate my son from certain kids that have been a bad influence and can't do that if they're all together. I would probably just have to transfer to a new district.</p>
Nothing

9th grade not being with the high school-I would be more in favor of this option if the 9th grade students were in the high school.

I do not like that we are taking an entire building that is offline that is not needed. I do not like that this option is marketed as B1/B2, that seems disingenuous. If this new high school is constructed, lets not pretend that everyone is going to be okay with the pool now being at the middle school or the football stadium now being at the other middle school. There will be a push from the schools to build new facilities on site at the new high school. After those new facilities are built, what would happen to the old ones that we have already paid for? I believe that the idea of wanting to spend \$14 million dollars on a new robotics building or remodeling an entire school for robotics is ludicrous. This plan also only builds one new building, instead of 2, and closes a building that is not "at the end of its useful life". This essentially kicks a can down the road that will have to be paid in the future. A problem that has been stated at several meetings is transportation between school locations. This stems from both Parents and busses. This plan creates more locations not less, thus increasing that stated problem. Will this plan then need funds for more busses? I also do not like that this plan will significantly reduce the opportunities for students in extracurriculars. The board has stated that there will be similar opportunities, however this is simply untrue. There is simply only so many slots the top "teams" can have and there will be a large portion of students who are left behind. You cant simply just "put on more plays" or have an extra team. I also do not like how the grades are split up. Removing 9th grade from the high school is not an acceptable idea. This plan will not only increase transportation requirements, but will be difficult on students as they transition buildings constantly throughout their time in school. Combining the high schools will also have a major increase in bullying and conflict within the student body that I do not believe the administration has a plan to address. The total costs these plans are astronomical. These are being marketed as a small tax increase but these are on top of the tax increases that we have already. Overall I believe that this plan (B1/B2) is poorly conceived at best and disingenuous at worst.

Grade level groupings ! Condensing all students to only one high school and one intermediate school.... Too large ... takes away many opportunities for students Academics.... Sports... many areas of competition in all aspects of intermediate and high school ...too many students will be left out

Moving HS to 10-12. This has implications for athletes, artists, and scholars who rely on 9th grade to build a foundation for college through experienced coaching, academic and arts programs.

Why go to 4 different schools 3 is enough. The age of the students is something need to look at why have a 7th grades with 9th age group aren't the same

You will get more fights and issues between "Dow" & "MHS". Not a good idea. Kids this age are not all mature enough to go with the flow. What happens to sports and other activities. I don't think it's going to be easy to seem fair and mix kids equally

I think this scenario is going to cause a huge traffic problem. People are going to have to go all over town for pick up drop off. I also think 9 th grade should be high school.

Cost - live within your means with the taxpayers money

Grade configurations

Combining High Schools

The new grade banding and one high school
As I said previously, I am against large schools. They don't give kids a chance to shine with too much competition in sports, music, leadership and after-school activities.
The option of a HS without 9 th grade makes no sense. How will athletes practice with HS? The whole HS experience should be combined for 9-12. I've seen schools with a 9 th grade center but not at a separate school. I've lived in many places with big HS (Texas) and large schools are not as good as our current situation. My son thrived at HS here in Midland but would have been swallowed up in a large school, as my other two sons experienced while we lived there. Access to sports teams will be cut in half and so many students will not be able to compete but would have made teams in smaller schools. Teachers know the students in a smaller school, the size of Dow and Midland are absolutely perfect and should continue.
It will be a challenge for the community to accept the new grade groupings.
So much bussing! Or parents drive to school. Yuck. I feel two high schools and 2 middle schools are needed.
The loss of community high schools, the unnecessary building changes for our most vulnerable age groups, the loss of extracurricular opportunities across the district. And the full cost including updates to stadiums and such is too high
Having to acquire additional land which takes time
combines the 2 high schools and removes the historic rivalry
Regarding price, this doesn't make sense. Not to mention finding a site to build the HS at that makes sense to all involved does not seem feasible. Especially at a reasonable price. Additionally I am unsure how the current MHS building would be able to house this many students. Finally when adding another swimming pool, football stadium and other facilities I feel like the costs are unrealistic.
One high school but only based on the long cross town rivalry
Combining the 2 highschoools.
Middle school age is a tough time. It sure on the melding of grades in schools
Still only focused on Millage as a funding source.
Indifferent
Do not like having one high school, do not like the changes to grades in the schools
nothing
Even steeper tax increases than Scenario A. Tired of being consistently drained as a property owner. Why don't those who would benefit who do not own property have skin in the game?
The maintaining of DEI and Emotional, social learning initiatives.
Students will travel further to school, with drop off and pick up for grades 5-9 becoming more complicated. Less opportunity for athletes to play at the highest level. Misleading costs as the new HS will undoubtedly be best served with its own arts and sports facilities which come at an added cost. Most of all, doubling class size for MS and HS will impact the strong sense of

community engagement that is the best part of MPS today - you just can't have the same depth of relationships for the students, parents, teachers and staff that is possible today.
Increasing the size of the High School! That is just too many students to graduate from one school. Sports - less opportunity for everyone to play. Having to play larger schools means farther to travel which also means more bussing, fuel, \$\$\$, time spent away from home, etc. Rebranding the new High School - means all new uniforms for every sport. It also means new band uniforms which cost about \$500 per uniform. Wherever you find a spot to fit a school that large there will be more time spent on busses for those who live farther away. I spent 2 hours a day on the bus in High School. It was miserable! One hour on the way to school and one hour on the way home! Students will feel like they don't exist. Do you feel like we meet the needs of each student in our system now? In a facility that large it will just increase the number of students whose needs aren't met, who fall through the cracks or feel ignored and like they don't belong. For some students, school is the only place they feel safe or at peace. If we increase the size will we be taking the only time they feel safe? I just don't see many positives at all to this scenario.
One high school
1. the intermediate and junior high concept, 2. would require significant bussing of students, and 3. additional cost of finding new property to build a new high school
Changing the school system and negatively impacting high school students in every aspect - sports, band, theater, etc. It makes no sense for the kids. We already have issues getting students to participate in sports. Now, more kids will be displaced since there are not enough spaces.
The high school being only grades 10-12 and the addition of a grade band (3 transitions instead of 2).
Making one high school will not benefit the students or families. Especially when it comes to academics, extracurricular activities and special needs.
Combining schools reduces so many opportunities for students. Also makes getting to school difficult for families with limited transportation and having to travel further.
Not having 9th grade at the high school facility.
feels like the high school would be too large and create less extracurricular activity opportunities based on the number of students
confused as to why with scenario B most things stay the same so why not just leave it all alone as it is now? I think communication about what the issues are needs to be broadly shared.
This seems very chopped up. As a student it was very stressful to me every time I changed buildings.
Combining high schools, adding an additional school for kids to transition to, concerns about pick up/drop off for multi kid families. Removal of the hometown rivalry. Limiting varsity athletics.
Athletics would be very difficult for parents to transport kids to facilities, and there's a big need for updating athletic facilities at both high schools. As well as a need for updating Central Park auditorium to accommodate more people.

I am not a proponent of merging the schools.
Just stop.
Dow High has many windowless classrooms which seems awful for anyone and definitely for 5th-6th grade.
Nothing. Honestly either option would work well.
I don't think combining schools is the answer. People are deeply rooted in their areas of Midland and schools follow suit.
Demolishing historical buildings instead of repairing and preserving them.
again why are we looking to spend more money on new when our present is good?
Concerns on location of new high school and transitional plan to make this positive for kids in current Dow high and Midland high.
Too many transitions, having a PTO or similar will be very hard at the middle levels. This reduces the ability to participate for many. Many have said that in a big school, it was necessary for them to move to a tryout model for participation, which is very intimidating for some, and limits opportunity. Classes will be much larger and kids won't have as much access to their teachers. Can Jefferson be expanded? Having robotics separate from schools limits participation because of having to drive. If the new high school is north of town, that limits access for some.
Intermediate, junior high, high school concept. Prefer traditional hierarchy.
Unknown location of new High School.
Continue use of the current auxiliary facilities, such as the pool at Dow High, the Midland Community Stadium, Central Auditorium, and some existing outdoor athletic fields.
Very disruptive to operations
Taxes are already too high. We cannot afford higher property taxes.
Everything. Scenario B will be a disaster for MPS.
Making all the highschools into one will make for only one band, one football team, one drama club, one soccer team, etc. That means less opportunities for each student. And more competition for the students interested in activities.
The use of existing sports facilities at existing buildings for the new high school is a burden for students and parents. Also dislike the many different buildings for many different grade groupings.
Having all the upper classman in one building would cause the children to have less opportunities to be in activities due to the increased class size/competition.
Crazy. Keep it how it is because what
one high school

Totally changing makeup of schools. Having one high school. In the near future one high school is not going to serve our needs. One would think that our population is increasing since we have such a housing shortage.
Some concern that using Dow High for fifth and six graders will overwhelm them in terms of facility and numbers; are these students ready to be all located in one school building? That's a big unknown and will take many new resources (academic and counseling) to make it work.
9th grade being away from high school would make high school activities very difficult for them to participate. Many students would not have the opportunity to participate in cut sports and we would have less students involved in the community.
I don't like how much travel that means for parents. students and bussing. I don't like that it cuts in half the opportunities for our children to play sports. I think it is overly complicated and doesn't make sense for our students.
So many transitions between buildings for kids. The traffic patterns it would create for parents to drive across the city multiple times a day for drop and and pick up. Less opportunities for all kids to do what they already do in schools (play varsity sports, march in the band for 4 years, etc)
Everything
If you can repurposed Dow High and Midland High campuses to receive updates that will enhance the learning experience for students, why can't this be done to Northeast in Scenario A? Merging the two high schools will require the school district to treat all equally and not give preferential treatment to those students attending Dow and Jefferson.
One HS limits sports opportunities for students. Traffic around the new HS would be terrible. Making kids change schools more times complicates something that isn't broken.
Single building for 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12.
<p>The thought of combining all fifth and sixth graders into an additional level of schooling is a negative one. Additional moves of students between schools is not something I particularly want, but more importantly, fifth and sixth graders are still quite young. The Dow building would be a huge building for them to navigate on their own, and I don't see it being a good experience, especially for less confident children.</p> <p>My Kids themselves express a strong desire against combining the high school. They are concerned about their opportunities for sports, music, theater, becoming more limited. Simply because of more competition.</p>
Need for establishment of new school loyalties; number of changes in building required in course of school career; cost; loss of tradition and history
Cost and only 1 high school
Likelihood of costing more than predicted
People don't like change. I don't have a problem with change and I think after the adjustment period, families will love this. So, what I like least is that there is going to be an unavoidable uncomfortable period of adjustment. It might be painful, but it will eventually fade. (The juice is worth the squeeze.)

I do not support combining the middle schools and high schools. Having two middle schools and two high schools helps parents feel like we have options for our children's education in an area where there are already limited options. Having one giant school for 800 some kids per grade feels like you will be making my student a number and they will get lost in a school that size.
I really don't want one big high school. I understand it's less expensive than option a but having the entire town in one area for pick up and drop off sounds like a nightmare.
Everything
Combining the 2 high schools into one. Besides the loss of tradition, one huge school will limit student opportunities across academics, arts, and sports. We do not need to follow Saginaw and have a mega school.
I don't think the grade separation should be changed from what it is now: PK-5, 6-8, 9-12
I do not like the large class sizes that a unified high school would create. Graduating class sizes would double for students. I am also not a fan of moving 9th grade to middle school. Freshman year is a high school experience.
Everything
Cost to taxpayers
Again a money grab just upgrade school so we're just upgraded maybe we should go back and talk to some people have lived here for years and the history of these schools instead of new people coming in and saying this is what we have to do like the big towns do
Blending the middle & high schools together would take opportunities away from kids participating in sports & other activities. Class size is way to big to get to know each other. Seems stressful for kids with anxiety or special needs to constantly adjust to a new school ever 2 years.
I don't see how this will help with class sizes which is my main concern, it might even make the problem bigger as you are now combining higher elementary grades.
Same
Falls short of what is needed to keep Midland as an attractive place for people to move to.
Breaking up the grades and causing transportation challenges for parents
Less choices for students/families
Having both high schools merge into one. This would be bigger than delta college, so consider the traffic as well.
Upending nearly every student and a complete, district wide restructuring is very invasive and unnecessary when an alternate option is available. Purchases of additional busses to meet the new needs of a unified high school has not been addressed and will increase costs significantly. Opportunities for students in sports and music will shrink dramatically when reduced to one school-and the arts is something that currently sets Midland apart from other districts. Having the sheer count of students in each building will make security inherently more difficult, bullying will explode when everyone is in the same building with no escape options. As

a former MPS student (Chippewassee, Central, DHS), 1200 students in a high school was more than enough. They need space.
I do not like combining to one high school, essentially retrofitting high schools for middle school/elementary kids. It seems like a step away from neighborhood schools and a lot of bussing kids back and forth across town. Then MPS will have to find land to build one high school. It doesn't appear there is available land that would be available without having to bus most of the students. Again a move away from neighborhood schools. Finally, I am not fond of the one high school concept because it decreases athletic, drama, arts, etc. opportunities for students. I believe you have already heard this idea.
What would the timeline be? And where would the kids be going to school during construction?
Busing kids back and forth across town. More traffic with notoriously bad Midland Mom drivers, no traffic circles. You know the stay at home moms will be driving their kids rather than have them ride the bus so clogging roads with their giant gas guzzling suvs creating unnecessary traffic congestion and dangerous scenarios for the walking students (ask any of the MPS crossing guards).
Adds more staff structure that adds more cost.
Combining into 1 HS, grade distributions
The whole idea
Creating one high school is going to limit opportunities for kids. The problem will only become worse as those that are currently in the large elementary schools grow older.
The district would feel even more fragmented. Students are already forced to travel or be bussed to use either the stadium or the pool as well as the auditorium. Adding a new HS would make it so students have to be moved around town even more to use the facilities that MPS owns.
Only one high school and more students in middle school where they need a smaller school not larger school where bullying can get lost.
The consolidation of the high schools limits leadership opportunities for students. I also believe that cost over runs will blow the budget for a new high school. (in my over 70 yrs of life experience, every major public construction project I am aware of has over run the budget.)
Timeline for the new high school. Also having children have to adjust to each building every two years is anxiety inducing
Lack of auxiliary improvements
Not only is this option more costly, but it will require students to change schools four times instead the current three times during their time at MPS. Middle school is often a big change for students and making them attend two different schools prior to high school is not necessarily in the best interest of the students.
In addition to my reply in scenario A, NO MONEY should be spent on anything sports related! When you have a school district where every child is excelling then maybe, put not until. If the rich parents in Midland want sports, do it on their own time and dime.

Look at the new tennis courts put in using our bond money. I drive by them twice a day and they are pretty much always unused. Skateboarders are getting more use out of them than tennis players or the schools. Again, another example of wasting my tax dollars.
Changing the grades and locations of schools
This would benefit the best in the district but would be detrimental to those not at that level due to severely increased competition.
The change in grade levels at different buildings makes it difficult for accessibility and realisticness. DHS and MHS are too big and specific to academics and sports to hold 2 or 3 grades.
One high school, too many elementary schools, intermediate school
Scenario B. See comments on Scenario A. It feels like this is there only to give us a false sense that we have choice to make it easier to swallow the ridiculous Scenario A.
I dislike the entire idea.
I do not like the high schools merging. This would add a lot more drive time for half of midland to the high school, lose opportunities for children to build strong extra curriculars for college entry.
There are many things to dislike, but here are my top two. First...vertical coordination of curriculum is difficult enough with our current set-up of K-5, 6 - 8, 9 - 12; splitting those groups up into four levels would only serve to fragment the system even further. Secondly, I taught for 14 years in a high school with approx 2300 students. Whatever problems and challenges we have now with 1500, are only compounded with more students in the same building. The two MPS high schools currently have a healthy rivalry which is endearing to the city of Midland. Far too many students will be left behind academically, musically, athletically, and socially in a high school with a huge student body! Scenario B would be a disaster!
Leave things alone and stop trying to change just for something new
Too costly
One high school which eliminates opportunities for a large number of students. If I had a child in the district I would move to another school district.
Splitting the ages of schools. How would sports teams be split when competing with others?
10-12 one HS
One high school means fewer opportunities for our high schoolers when it comes to participation in sports, theater, academics, cheer, etc. midland Public schools has always been about giving students more opportunities to shine, not fewer. It does not address the need for an elementary school in the northern part of town, and will require retrofitting our buildings to accommodate students who are younger than they were designed for.
Fewer students will be able to walk or bike. New construction is a waste of land.
I do not like a combined high school.

I would miss the Dow / Midland football rivalry. We'd need to develop a new rivalry for student pride.
Cost. This also sounds like a transportation headache. Location of the new community high school is not known, and will significantly impact the project cost.
Pre k in elementary, intermediate school
It requires bussing from back and forth the schools and the auxillary locations for certain activities, which is costly and time-consuming.
It fragments the school experience and spreads auxiliary facilities all over the community. I also find it difficult to believe this would be less expensive than scenario A. Improvements and upgrades to all other properties in addition to building a new high school makes it difficult to believe it would cost less.
Cost are mis-leading as land purchase is not in estimated price, 100% not aligned with the age allocation. I see no value in segregating grades 5 and 6. Was thought given to re-allocating how it was in the 70's and 80's with elementary Pre-K - 6; Intermediate at 7-9 and High School 10-12?
Robotics being housed at Jefferson MS. Why are we not considering that Jefferson become a new Pre-Primary Center. Robotics is an after school club.. So many parents need childcare and we could get them in the door from Birth to DK and then ensure that they continue on through MPS if we turn Jefferson into a Early Learning Center. I wonder what the cost of this would be? Why is robotics being considered while the Pre Primary Center has to be demolished? Why are we not placing more of a value on the importance of setting an early childhood foundation which is the springboard for a childs' whole educational experience?
Again, no. You get enough of our tax dollars.
The millage and the combining of high schools.
Send complicated for a small district
All of it
The disruption to current middle school students.
The closing of a high school and combining the schools. That leaves far less opportunities for kids to be involved in programs, when it is a crucial time in their lives to feel like they are important, to build their self esteem, not to be cut from teams, theatre groups, etc.
Our athletics would have to compete in a larger division causing more travel.
I don't like adding another building for my kids to attend, such as elementary, Dow, MHS and then the new HS.
I don't like getting rid of the rich traditions of the two high schools.
It doesn't include a plan to replace or update Northeast pool.
I don't like the age ranges for the schools all changing, it changes a lot for everyone.

Again, there are no details about the improvements that would be included for our physical plants. For any parent who has traveled the state, we woefully lag compared to other similar districts considering population and economics. We have wonderful and talented teachers, instructors and coaches, but they are severely hamstrung by the facilities that are available to them.
Everyone in town is going to freak out about combining sides of town. You have to get in front of the “half the number of kids are going to get to play football” nonsense. We have already spent too much of our community’s resources keeping the football kids happy.
Cost on new facility which is not needed and will take forever to build
It reduces opportunities for kids in arts and athletics- this is my biggest issue- we want kids involved in sports and arts, but you are eliminating half of the spots available- at a time when we want kids off electronics and physically active to combat the obesity epidemic- reducing opportunities is a terrible idea. It also will cause a lot of increased driving across town- especially for teens, and parents with kids in multiple grades- may have to drive to 4 different schools! Also- kids will feel more shuffled around in intermediate school- you’re either on your way in or on your way out. Middle and high schools would feel too big- kids more likely to get lost in the crowd. I did not grow up in Midland so don’t have any sentimental feelings toward schools, but know a lot of people do- and you probably won’t get a bond passed that combines high schools
This is way to many school changes for a kid to go through over the course of their education. The grades should not be spilt like that. Also, consider high school sports. If there is one school, that is a lot less opportunity for more students to engage in sports. The inner community rivalry is a big deal for this town. Also, what about sports at the district level? Look beyond Midland itself and how it would alter the division as a whole. Update the schools that need updating and leave the rest alone.
Not utilizing bldgs near elem schools that could be used for 5-6. For example NE near Plymouth and Siebert and Woodcrest near Jefferson. Then Dow High could be 7-9 and Midland High 10-12.
<p>The size of one big high school. Having to compete with other students for band,choir, orchestra and other clubs.</p> <p>The high school would have a big city feel and I think the average to less average student would feel like an outcast.</p>
<p>New and replacement bussing. Bussing should not be attached to this proposal.</p> <p>Separate millage proposal for bussing to the townships and areas bussing serves. Those in areas who do not utilize nor have access to bussing may not want to accept a millage for it.</p>
5th and 6th split with 7th through 9th puts a lot on parents with multiple children and students that take a class at a different grade level
Hard to pick. So much of it is bad
Wasteful spending

this idea is so dumb, and will only cater to the rich side of midland. if you cared about students and not money, this wouldn't be an option
Combining the high schools
Only 1 high school. Not only does it radically transform our community to eliminate the Dow/Midland rivalry but there's not back up option if a child experiences bullying, no alternate school option.
Way too many things going on. Very confusing for incoming families, and very complicated hopping between schools. Athletics will be harder to organize and coordinate with 9th grade at one school and 10-12 at another. A sense of school community is hard to develop if you're only there for 2-3 years.
I do not like the number of school building transitions, especially between the ages of 5th-9th grade, which can be the toughest years on our teens. I am concerned that the higher graduating class sizes will cause some kids to fall between the cracks. Student/teacher connections will be more difficult to form. Again, I do not like that PK is combined with elementary. This seems like a backwards move for the district. MPS should be investing in an early childhood center to expand PK/DK offerings. The Pre-Primary Center has plenty of property to construct another building while operating in the old Carpenter building. Why does robotics get a building?! Is robotics more important than our smallest learners?
Repurposing of Jefferson seems vague. Are there more potential uses for the campus other than robotics? Would like to ensure an effective use of the building.
Having this many students in one school (intermediate, middle or high school) is not allowing for the best place to build a COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS. These are critical years for students personally and academically. Putting them into a school with 1500+ students will not help students to build relationships with peers, teachers, and other school staff if there are this many students. Mental health is on the rise in our young kids and they all crave CONNECTION. I am afraid that if this option is chosen, students will get lost in the shuffle (not only at school), but it provides less options for extra curricular activities. Which in turn, leaves kids behind and not feeling valued or connected.
This scenario is very unreasonable. 2 grades for one big highschool? My first day of highschool, I was freaking out because I had no clue where to go or what to do. Imagine what would happen if 5th and 6th graders had their first day of highschool at Dow. The day would be very slow because of the confusion. There are also people living all across town, it may be easier to go to school in the short term rather than the long term.
sounds like a lot of work (also big money)
- Could increase competition in sports/drama/music
the school changes
The two high schools are going to be combined together. I think that it's
That the High School students will have less opportunities to participate in varsity sports

Confusing, transportation, price because this options seems completely unreasonable if the extra facilities are not included, big decrease in opportunities with this option (there would be 1 varsity football team for example which would allow 50% less student to be on sports teams/be in programs and make them much more competitive)
I don't like any parts of it
How long it will take to make the changes
Cost too much
Everything
nothing I like it
Switching high school structure up is confusing and takes away traditions, the kids would hate this and have less of the typical high school experience. It is also harder for the sake of filling out college applications.
There's only one high schools and the freshman are not a part of it
Only having one high school, the rivalry sports games are the best part of the community!
The high school system with the intermediate for me it's going yop be to messy and to complicated to change
Eliminating a high school, the cost, and having families potentially having children in four separate corners of the city for school
I'm not too fond of the grade changes and the wide distances between athletic facilities because it will be difficult to compete with other high schools sports-wise and many more students will need to drive farther distances for practices and games. I don't think the school facilities should be spread out.
Students will have to go to another school than they do during the current set up which may make transitions more difficult for them.
I feel like the whole intermediate school and junior high is unneeded and DHS and MHS could just be middle schools.
Scenario B destroys some of the culture that is apparent to Midland through Dow and Midland high - and it will increase the student body, which could have unforeseen effects.
It would be a huge adjustment for MPS as well as valuable traditions (School Spirit) would potentially be terminated.
It is unclear what will happen with Jefferson Middle School
Grouping grades weirdly and using buildings inefficiently
A lot of moving, why only be at a school for 2 years each
One big high school and changing of grade levels.
Reliance on the existing pool, stadium, etc is not optimal for students, especially athletes.

Same as before. Sugenet and Longview are doing great now. Yall could have used them.
Don't know where the new high school will be. Children will now have to attend four different schools. Transportation will be harder for families (especially those that have 4+ kids two or more years apart!). 9th grade will miss out on the high school experience. Cost. This would likely increase competition for spots in athletics and arts and some kids will miss out on opportunities that they would have had otherwise. Pre-K doesn't need to be in elementary-most children historically have had pre-k in other locations prior to elementary.
Do you know where the CIA agent, Bruce Towers is? I can't find him. He spent some time in Midland, MI. He also has two daughters. The oldest one lives in Bloomington, IL, and the youngest one lives in Chicago, IL.
Reduced access to activities for students in HS as noted in my response to question 7. Additional transition after grade 4.
The splitting up the grade levels and separating the 9th graders from the rest of the high schoolers.
You are taking all the sports and band opportunities away. There is nothing to like and I don't want to pay for it
I don't like k-5 going to the high schools
\$247 million is too much money for the work you are proposing, causing excessive tax increases on local residents. In the last ten years 8 or 9 school buildings in Midland have been closed and or demolished, yet the budget has never been reduced nor was any of that funding put aside for replacement. Why should the tax payers foot the bill for miss management? This plan will impact parents, kids and traffic as students are bused back and forth across Midland. Additionally adding day care or pre-K to the schools when you already need new buildings is poor planning. It is not my responsibility to pay for day care of someone else's children. To purpose this at a time when the economy is bad and many families are struggling with inflation shows the disconnect between the MPS leadership and the community.
seems odd to need to use facilities all around town and provide bussing or have parents provide transportation to afterschool events, do we lose involvement for kids or would programs expand to allow participation in more activities?
all of it
I do not think Midland should combine schools. I fear kids will be left behind academically, and extracurricular activities as well, including Art/Theater, Music and Sports. It would leave to many kids to not have those activities to go to after school because the demand just went up. Some kids need the extracurricular activities for mental wellbeing.
Combined high schools. It would just be too big. Also, we moved into our neighborhood specifically because an elementary school AND middle school are within walking distance. Shifting the middle schoolers to the high school location would make it so my kids would have to take the bus or I'd have to drive them in or carpool. Also, since 9th grade counts on a high school transcript, I think it would be harder to bare that in mind if students are not yet physically in high school. The whole system would require more flexibility and mindfulness on everyone's part
consolidating high schools

Eliminates neighborhood junior and high schools, requires more bussing and travel for students to reach single, centralized schools
Everything - way too crowded and too much movement for the students.
Larger grade sizes in one building. Greater transportation needs. Fewer opportunities per sport, valedictorian, etc.
Too much moving around for kids, seems like they are changing buildings more often in this plan
I worry about the location of the "new" high school if the city students drive to that location. It needs to be within the city!
More expensive.
As much as I do not want to see the two high schools merge, I understand the need, and I support Sceario B.
Possible logistics with getting kids of different ages to different schools. Will there be age appropriate play areas built at the high schools for the 5-6 graders? I feel like 5th graders still need a designated area to play. Will there be some sort of grouping of the 5-6 grades to provide a sense of belonging and community so they do not get lost in such a large group.
I'm not too fond of the grade divisions. I'm sure there is a reason, but good luck selling that to Midland residents. I am also not a fan of the spread of buildings across the district for parents with children in multiple grades.
Very large high school class size excluded many from participating in sports programs and in marching band
Everything- like nothing about this plan
Grades 5/6 in one building and going to one HS, that is a lot of students in one building
9th graders in a middle school. Absolutely hate the idea. I don't love the idea of one high school either. It's going to cause such a gap with the "middle of the road" kids in regards to being lost i the system...cut from athletics, having to compete in large classes where they use to be too they will now be middle.
no
We will lose our small town feel and have only one choice for High School. Many people address bullying issues by switching schools won't have another option within the district.
The large middle school (5-6) would make a major stress on 9 year olds. Further segregation into 2 grades will make advanced classes harder to manage. Would 5-6 be single (or mostly single) classrooms or expecting kids to have a locker? That seems a bit young. Also, a new high school for 10-11th graders? Because a lot of 12th graders are now talking college level courses online or at the college.

Kids switching school so often, how high is really far for us and for him to only be in a building for two years just to switch then do it again and again
I just question what it would look like for 9th graders who want to participate in non-freshman activities such as sports/band etc. That's really the only question on I have on how this would logistically work.
there are likely several thousand students in the two high schools, a new high school would have to be huge, and hard to navigate. This would also impact students who walk, bike, or drive to school, since they might not be able to anymore.
Very costly. A single high school. This city has very different cultures based on location. We need choices.
The split middle school plan seems cumbersome. And removing freshmen from the high school seems odd.
Young families are having enough trouble paying rent, mortgage and putting food on the table. They do not need another monthly increase in taxes.
If High Schools are combined, our children will all go to Bullock Creek.
Transportation issues with getting kids to pool or stadium from wherever they are attending classes
the idea of community schools. it's unrealistic. School starts at 7:40...these kids are going to be getting up at 5am to catch a bus at 6am to take them across town? no. Teens need sleep and school should start later when their brains are actually awake to receive information. Tons of studies done on it. Lets change the start time of school day if this happens. because no parent is gonna want to deal with that mess.
Larger class sizes seems less productive to students. How do we know the cost without even having identified the land needed to purchase.
I do not like the idea of such a large high school with fewer extracurricular opportunities for students.
building a unified high school; repurpose Midland High School into unified high school; too costly
There is a drop in extra curricular opportunities for students in athletics and possibly other areas.
Everything
Only one high school
Too many transitions, reduces opportunities for sports/arts in high school
Too expensive
Building new schools, and changing how things are now
This is a terrible idea overall.
Combining schools.

Splitting 5th and 6th grade off on their own.
I do not like the idea of the pre-primary students in the elementary schools. I think it is too large an age range in one school. It also will not solve the issue of auxiliary areas not having their own dedicated teaching spaces. I do not like the idea of having only one school option for students in grades 5-12. I think that is a lot of students in the same grade in a building. More students will be competing for fewer spots on sports teams and other extra curricular activities. This plan also means that after elementary school, there will not be neighborhood schools, increasing the likelihood that my children will have to ride a bus.
Still using old auxiliary facilities
This scenario is asking for trouble. Too many students in schools cause more issues. Too big of classes and cause for more issues all around (mental health, security, etc)
Combining middle and high schools. Not good for the kids
Distance kids have to travel for intermediate and junior high.
If you're going to spend all of this money, why not just do it the right way and include new auxiliary facilities for athletic events?
1100 5th and 6th graders in one building
That students have to change buildings so often. Just make either Dow or Midland a middle school, and then keep the HS as is.
I'm concerned about the bussing of students and having enough bus drivers for the 5th-6th grade and middle school.
Better price than A
This is a bad plan if we don't have unified auxiliary facilities at the new campus.
I do not like the very large high school in option B. Also I don't like that the students need to change schools 3 times
Plans for NE and Jefferson not clear
Lack of existing school owned property, kids will have to attend 4 schools, and higher transportation costs for activities
Everything! Do not do this
Everything
One mega high school. Would send our kids to a surrounding smaller school of choice
Not keeping two high schools
The impact it will have on youth athletics. By cutting out an entire school worth of teams, young athletes will suffer
I don't like that high school will be just one. It will lose students' leadership opportunities and athletic opportunities.

New boundaries must be drawn as Siebert is overcrowded
I don't like any of it!
1 large high school
This plan will lead to too much travel for families and makes it harder for families with kids in multiple grades. This plan is not affordable to many homeowners in the community.
I'm absolutely against splitting up the grade levels like this. Also am highly against having only one high school.
Lacks facilities that a new highschool would have
Lots of unknowns and a lack of time to make the best decisions about the details.
All around there will be so many changes for so many grade levels.
high schools lose swimming pool, added costs to build new projects that list arts center and swimming but I'm afraid money will go to a new stadium first 😞, more competition for teams and top choir, band, art, etc.
split of schools to grades 5-6, 7-9, 10-12; how difficult does the 10-12 split make it for students applying to college?
Combining the high school - do it like Plymouth-Salem and have the sports team compete separately
Having one high school but it is not attached to the stadium or the pool. The school would be too big for the surrounding area. They may have to be in a different league for sports.
It would prevent many students from participating in sports, clubs, arts, etc as those numbers would be limited.
Stop raising taxes and making housing unaffordable. This doesn't address the fundamental problems of the failing school system.
If we build a new high school there NEEDS to be a new pool and new athletic fields/stadium, no compromise.
It hinges on building a school on property you have not identified and would be a traffic nightmare to have all high school students in one location. Not to mention it disregards the tradition that native Midland residents know and frankly cherish in their school identity.
Higher taxes
Questioning the need for a new high school.
Loss of culture of MHS (and DHS) as a high school. Wondering where all of the data, studies that shows the benefits of having 9th grade in the high school is now? The district convinced the community (using data and stats) to move 9th grade to the high schools in 1997...what's changed?
That is a lot of school changes and a lot of kids all in the same grade thrown together. I feel like more kids would be left behind and not receive the help they need, more students I would think means more bullying. No more across town rivalry.

Changing the grade level and combining high schools is going to mean that there are fewer students involved in the extra programs like music and less opportunity for them to go so far with their musical career. I feel like this gives less opportunity for kids that start out as freshmen and work their way through senior year to do something. Once kids change schools, they don't continue along those same paths.
It's going to require a lot more bussing of kids in grades 5-9, and MPS already struggles with having bus drivers.
Everything
There will be a need for more bussing it seems and it would be more places to have to drop off kids. Families with kids 3 years apart would not have fun with that.
Families with kids in various grades may have kids at four different schools. The length of time some kids may have to be on the bus and do we have enough buses to even get all the students to the different schools. This makes absolutely no sense to me if you are not going to build all the facilities at the high school (auditorium, pool, stadium, baseball, softball fields, track and all of the trades buildings all in the same place.
I think putting all of the districts 5th and 6th graders together, isolating them for those two years; Putting the 9th graders "Freshmen" in a building with Middle Schoolers (even if you call it a Junior High); have a huge impact on the social lives of school agers. These are major changes to our children's lives when it doesn't need to be. This is so complicated and ultimately, having the 10-12 graders needing to go to a different building, traveling (which increases safety risk) for the Auxiliary facilities, in addition to the increased cost (because it doesn't make sense to have the high schoolers in a building that doesn't have the Auxiliary facilities) of the project is unfavorable.
High school would be too BIG. Too many changes for students throughout their school years.
One High School is the one I dislike the most.
No primary school for northern part of the town.
We need a new aquatic center.
Combing high schools and middle schools reduces opportunities for clubs and sports for a large majority
One high school. It would cost way too much. And the loss of Midland High with its 150 year legacy in the city. Just inconceivable to think that planners would suggest this.
I do not like the educational structure and condensing schools and activities
Giving young kids the high schoolers equipment such as weight room, track, tennis courts
I hate everything else about this scenario. 5th graders should not be split. 9th grade should not be split. We are losing the history and pride of Midland High no longer being a high school. As well as Northeast. I understand updates need to be made for infrastructure but this is a ridiculous remodel.
Difficult for parents with multiple kids. In scenario a more likely to have kids in same school than running all over town. Less sports opportunities, larger class sizes. Bigger high school and

middle school. Kids can get lost in the shuffle. Schools not as geographically close to where people live.
Big change and lots of school changes
Less improvements to middle school
Cost
Closing both high schools and killing the tradition and community
Too Costly!!! Tries to do too much in one proposal.
I struggle to understand how this option addresses the overcrowding (which has significant impact on student learning) in elementary buildings, as no additional elementary buildings are being added. The power and value of “belonging” as related to social and academic development would be supported by additional neighborhood schools; this option doesn’t account for this, as no further elementary buildings are being added. I also worry about students finding place and belonging in one larger high school.
Grade structure
The hole shifting of grades
If a student is struggling in high school they will have no other option in the city of Midland. Bullying is a huge problem and I know several students that have switched schools because of it. This leaves them with no options. Also each high school has strengths in different offerings. Combining we would lose all the different course options.
<p>#1 You are DECEIVING the community with the cost estimates that do not include the full package. Complete high school campus and facilities? Complete calculated cost of transportation? Inability to hire bus drivers currently?</p> <p>#2 This creates larger groups in fewer buildings for a shooter to target. No, you can’t secure these buildings any easier, don’t go there.</p> <p>We know smaller communities/schools provide more attention to students. Bigger groups blend people together and cover up problems with low achievement etc</p> <p>We put 9th grade in the HS 20 years ago to get them with older kids. Don’t undo that!</p> <p>This adds another building transition for students unnecessarily.</p> <p>One MS and one HS eliminates the ability of students to change schools in the case of sexual harassment, mental health issues, bullying, discipline issues just short of expulsion where students are forced to switch schools.</p> <p>Only 1700 can fit in a new HS? What if the community wants 9-12?</p> <p>Scatter athletic practices all over town? Nope.</p> <p>Only 1 way to get to a new HS on a 2 lane road? Currently both HS have many access routes with 5 lane access.</p> <p>No restaurants, gas stations, Walgreens/CVS for staff and students to access.</p> <p>Farther away from medical offices for daytime appts.</p>

Lots of movement
The grades being switched up in different schools. That makes no sense.
Combing the high schools and middle sounds terrible. Takes away opportunities for kids in sports ect. Plus the different environment in each building is so different that I think combining would be terrible. I would also have kids likely in 4 different buildings, some all the way across town. No thank you.
I do not like that they are changing the grades in the school. For example, I do not like the idea of having 5th and 6th graders having a building and 11th and 12th graders. Also I don't like the middle schools have 7th through 9th grade. Personally, I like how it is already.
The whole thing. Ridiculous. For the past several years we have been providing tax funds for infrastucture and safety/security to the schools. Midland keeps asking for money; we pay very high property taxes already for such a small city. FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE MONEY YOU HAVE. Quit increasing our taxes. You are pricing people out of home ownership. Why buy a house in Midland where the property taxes are ridiculous when you can buy a lot more house elsewhere. MPS education is not the greatest to warrant shiny new schools.
The facts that fifth grade will be moved out of the elementary schools and they will be housed like a middle school (large) environment.
I very much dislike shifting all the grades and combining the high schools. Having that large of a school would be harder with student learning challenges, bullying, and economic and social statuses, including not having opportunities for sports and arts.
Getting the land isn't going to be easy. I don't advocate of the demolition of JMS though. Since the high school would merge, athletic teams are to be doubled and I don't think we are in a position where MPS could satisfy the staff demand for the merge.
One huge high school - not in the best interest of students
No new elementary
A big high school will reduce the number of kids who are able to play school supports but with that many students there will most likely be additional clubs and other activities for the students.
The tax increase is not feasible.
I don't like the idea of taking the freshman class out of the highschool.
Concerns about how well the two "rivals" will integrate. Also, how that will impact High School sports.
The idea. Why?
The new high school won't have its own pool.
Very little
Cost
I think having the 9th graders at a different building but still considering them freshmen for sports is going to be extremely challenging.

I feel like it would be very difficult for all 5-6 and 7-9 graders to get to their respective schools given the geography
A combined high school cuts student opportunities by half. There will be fewer leadership opportunities, fewer spots available in each sport, fewer academic opportunities, etc. All of those will be cut by half by consolidating the high schools. Furthermore, it is absolutely inappropriate to build a new high school and expect that students have the ability to travel to other school buildings to use those athletics facilities (this still happens as we are now and is equally ridiculous)-- DHS should have it's own stadium and MHS should have it's own pool). It is inappropriate to have high school students interrupting the 5/6 school day in an intermediate building to go to swim practice. MPS struggles to have enough bus drivers as is, but this plan would rely so heavily on bussing that we simply do not have the personnel to sustain. Not to mention that if we are expecting students to travel to their after-school activities at other buildings, we should be providing bussing for that as well instead of assuming every child has a means of transportation or is allowed to ride with a fellow student driver. And to top it all off, MPS does not know where they will build this new high school. To propose this "plan" without actually having a plan of where it will be is appallingly irresponsible.
Changing buildings every two or three years. What happens when the current elementary students graduate up to high school? Then would we need to restructure again to accommodate growing high school enrollment? This makes the least sense to me.
All of it, especially joining the high schools. This is a horrible and unnecessary decision. Scenerio A is far better and will not disrupt all of the students like scenario B would.
This is not the economic climate to ask people for more money.
Merging the High schools and the range of grades in middle and high school. Those students that already struggle with an identity would be even more lost. Logistics for things like graduation will become increasingly more difficult for families. We moved from a district like this for those very reasons.
Asking for more money.
no auditorium
Horrible idea
Separating 9th grade from the high school. But I don't think that is a huge deal.
Keep everything as it already is
Revamping all buildings, building a new consolidated high school and the need for high school students travel to other locations for auxiliary facilities.
The driving it would take if you had kids in three different schools , the fact that a lot of kids will be left out of high school sports . Lack of opportunity that kids will have that one school can't offer .
Elimination of two high school configuration
It is not much cheaper than Scenario A. So price tag, but losing two high schools and the opportunities becoming more consolidated is a concern (less spots on varsity sports teams, top

spots in music programs, etc). Would there be a reduction in staff from this as some programs would be consolidated?
The new high combined high school and putting all 5/6 graders in one giant building-gives no sense of community when it's so large. Also lessens opportunities for kids in the arts.
EVERYTHING
Combining high school, not in favor.
Cost
Cost, combined schools, four schools for children to go through
I don't like changing the grade level distribution. I don't like combining the high schools or the complete closure of Northeast.
Sports and extracurriculars. I know that we're here go to school, but how do you change the mind of the hithitwin mentality? I would hate to lose out because of the "olden days." We need to show the community that the inequity is real!
Continues use of unsatisfactory auditorium at Central. Halves number of students that will be able to participate in athletics and extracurriculars.
Still just as ridiculous. But this one is even worse and costs more money
I like least that the high schools would become a unified school.
building the new school and erasing the dow high midland rivalry
The cost to property owners. Property taxes have gone up drastically the last couple of years. How is that money being used and why is that not enough?
Logistics
Building a new high school
Extremely disruptive and very choppy educational experience for any student going through MPS.
Too Much infrastructure investment
Combining the High Schools
Too costly because building a new high school is the most expensive due to the fact that a performance gym, outdoor athletic complex, pool, and auditorium would be built.
1 high school
One high school means fewer students can participate on sports teams and likely some extracurricular activities will have fewer participants.
Moving Pre K to elementary schools

Making only 1 HS all the marginalized kids will be more marginalized because there will be no space for them to participate in activities. And you have 2 perfectly good schools that need upgrading instead of wasting time and money tearing down and putting a school in the middle of nowhere . you already dont have enough bus drivers you'll need twice as many of kids who currently walk won't be able to. Really a bad idea from a superintendent who left before he was fired
No Dow vs. Midland high games? So many athletes are already competing against each other. So many more kids will be “cut” from the teams. Closing of 2 buildings.
Nothing
It's the only right solution
it will take oportunities from ALL students in sports,band, drama and really ALL activities because of only one highschool and take away the rivalry between schools
Tax increase. Northeast closing
one high school severely limits the number of students that can do ban d or sports or things like DECA. this is not good. Also if facilities for sports etc are not at the high school, how are non drivers supposed to get from school to the facilities?
again, tax increase on fixed income home owners. no real need for a new high school pride
See Scenario A response
Combination of two high schools will result in less students being able to play sports and be on teams
Dividing 5-9 th grades into multiple buildings making it difficult for families with multiple children. 9th graders loose out on a year of high school experiences. One high school reduces number of students who can participate at varsity levels, lead organizations, participate in theater, etc.
Combining two high schools will create a monstrosity of a school where the kids that truly need the help will be missed even more. Again there is no indication on how this will improve the true education ability of the school system.
9th grade in an intermediate school. It can be difficult for students at that age to realize importance of grades to college prospects. I don't like that there will be more paperwork and red tape to aquire land, building permits, etc. It increases the possibility that something will go awry and throw the budget off.
Cost with auxiliary facilities is over \$300MM!
Moving high school to 10-12. I do not see how that would work in athletics.

First, I hate the idea of having my kids spread out even more (i.e. someone with 4 kids, could have kids in 4 different school)! Second, a huge one... I think the idea of one community high school sounds terrible. I think of the number of kids competing for spots on the football team, cheerleading squad, in the school play, or any other number of activities.... and now we are going to double the number of kids competing for these opportunities for each grade? Sadly, this is going to take away from the high school experience for a LOT of kids!
It shuffles kids into new schools every other year, which adds stress and less effective learnings. longer time on buses for all kids. siblings will be split apart more frequently.
It's too many students in a combined middle & high school. Too many kids would get lost in the shuffle & it would be a detriment to many. If this happens while my kids are still at MPS, I will move school districts.
Building a new HS but having students, parents, staff have to drive all over town to utilize existing fields, pools is a half flushed half assed idea. While I would still vote for proposal if it was the only one on the table as no better place to spend tax dollars then education do better
Moving to one 10-12 high school, moving to one intermediate school, moving to one junior high school.
I will never get behind an option of putting 9th graders with 7th graders there is a huge developmental gap between those ages. You are taking a group of kids who are starting to drive and experiment with other things and putting them with a group of students that are still very childlike. The district is not addressing the existing issues with our current buildings. You are also now taking away a full year of high school experience from these kids. I could go on and on with the things that I dislike for both of these options but I'm sure I will run out of room.
This would greatly limit the resources that high schoolers have access to. It would reduce the number of opportunities that students have to join sports teams and take leadership positions in clubs. It would remove the fun of cross town rivalry.
All of it

Combining Dow High School and Midland High School into one unified high school will significantly limit athletic opportunities for students, ultimately affecting their overall growth, development, and community engagement. Currently, with two high schools, a greater number of students can participate in sports teams, increasing their chances to not only compete but also benefit from the positive aspects of athletic involvement—such as teamwork, leadership, physical fitness, and school pride.

If the schools were merged, the number of available roster spots for teams would shrink drastically, meaning many students who might have otherwise been able to participate would be left out. A single school with a much larger student body would result in highly competitive teams, favoring only the elite athletes and excluding those who may want to play for experience, personal growth, or simply to be part of a team. This exclusion would harm not only athletic participation but also the students' ability to develop lifelong skills that are often built through involvement in sports.

Moreover, athletics play a crucial role in fostering community spirit and offering pathways to scholarships and collegiate opportunities. The reduction in team availability could prevent talented athletes from showcasing their skills, directly impacting their future prospects. With fewer opportunities available, the community would lose much of the school pride and identity that come from having two distinct, yet equally celebrated, high school teams.

In addition, students who aren't selected for teams could miss out on the important social and mental health benefits that come with sports. Participation in high school athletics has been linked to better mental health, academic success, and overall school engagement. By merging the schools, the potential for many students to benefit from these advantages will be taken away, leading to decreased student morale and involvement.

To truly support the students and community of Midland, it's important to maintain both Dow High and Midland High. Keeping two schools ensures that every student has the opportunity to participate, develop their skills, and gain valuable experiences—whether they're an aspiring college athlete or just looking for a healthy outlet during their high school years.

Still not consolidating at the PK-5 level. There should be some consolidation done so the kids are not negatively impacted when they hit grade 5 with the amount of students in their grade.

One high school, taking preschool out of one singular building and dividing into all elementary buildings

The restructuring of grades.

Large impact to current students in school system, specifically in middle school to high school years.

Combining all classes

If we are going to go this far, I think we should go all the way.

I do not like the 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 groupings. I think it is too much moving for some students. I also do not like the idea of one high school with the sharing of athletic fields all over town. I'm concerned about the music department sizes its consolidated to one school.

The fact that all scenarios count entirely on new and additional taxes is unacceptable. Midland already has high taxes and good schools. These high existing taxes should be able to fund the majority of what is needed for MPS. The fact that roughly \$250-\$325MM is needed to cover needed facility maintenance or replacement buildings speaks to dereliction of duty by those managing funds (either presently or in the past).

It just doesnt make sense with adding programs to the elementary that don't have space already for the current grades. We are getting 5th grade class sizes that are in the 30 students which results in a lack of education for them.

Also the one high school concept. I love the community with two high schools and all those activities that go along with it. It is a great set of traditions.

The Dow vs Midland rivalry fanatics will be upset.

- less opportunities for athletes
- pre k in the elementary schools
- too many mandatory transitions between grades and buildings
- working parents having to figure out before and after school 4 different times
- carpenter school and employees not even being considered
- pre k kids being lost in the mix with not being with kids of the same age
- the cross town rivalry that has fueled the community for decades and made for a fun atmosphere in the community.
- I can't think of a single good thing about this scenario.

The cost, but there's not much to be done about that. It is unavoidable.

The complete restructuring of grades/locations/and combining high schools seems grossly shortsighted and only would address the status quo. What would you do if/when the numbers shift?

This plan seems to be a race to BIG. Larger schools brought about by combining takes away from what makes Midland schools great. Bigger is NEVER better when talking about education.

This plan would take away the intimacy achieved by somewhat smaller schools. The power and value of teamwork would be diminished. Students who might be challenged from the "margins" to participate in thespian activities or sports would be forced out because the "elite" or accomplished students would take ALL the available positions.

I graduated from a relatively small high school. My class has just over 100 and I knew everyone in the class. My wife graduated from a school who had over 1500 in her class. She didn't even know the names of most of her class. She marvels at the cohesive nature of me and my classmates well into adulthood. That intimacy and teamwork cascaded into the world of work. Education go way beyond the test scores and is life effecting.

It will probably take so long my kids might not benefit from the changes, but I'll be stuck paying for it forever. If we could fast track it I would have no complaints.
Odd combination of grades, time it will take to find new land for new school, one HS to serve entire population.
Changing grade structure. Only one high school is a bad idea. Repurpose an entire high for 2 grades seems pointless.
Less kids would get to participate on the sports teams and the arts.
Increased bussing, decreased opportunities to participate in athletics/extracurriculars.
A parent could have children at several schools. Less opportunity for HS students only having 1 highschool
Blending the high schools into one high giant high school. I feel there would be fewer chances for students to take classes of specific interest, fewer chance for students to participate in sports, music, language classes, art. This scenario would most certainly cause certain students to use bus transportation taking longer to get home. It would also cause more students to need vehicles to get to and from school. For students who don't drive, this would cause a hardship for parents who would need to drive students to and from school...not to mention, cost them more in gas money.
I do not like the size of the schools. I do not want my children to go to a high school that large. I feel like it takes away opportunities (sports, theater, band, etc.) for students.
Still breaking up the pre primary building and putting them in with kids much older is the worst love you could make. I don't think you realize how much preschool staff you'll lose if you do this. Those teachers already feel under supported and underpaid. Splitting high schools should have happened years ago when it was first brought up. Now everyone is too sensitive, the community will never go for it.
I think looking for a new parcel when other existing MPS sites could be considered.
One very large high school
The need to cut all athletics/extra curricular activities down from 2 HS groups to just 1. Will kids miss out that really benefit from those activities? How will the district and the community plan to bridge a gap for those students that don't make the "elite" cut for teams/clubs? The work ethic and character built in these settings paves the way for real world success along with MHS' supreme academic reputation. A bridge plan is a must if plan B is a go.
Kids having to be bused out to Dow High for two years of middle school.
The size of the proposed combined schools is unsettling. I think these changes are way too extreme to be accepted within our community currently. I just can't picture my 7th and 9th graders attending such a large school after experiencing so many great things in the setting their currently in. I also don't like that sports and extra curriculars would also be limited due to the number of students trying out/attending.
The entire plan. Was this modeled after other communities and if so, what kind of success have they had overall?
I don't care for the one high school scenario at all

Not maintaining two separate high schools
Combining the high schools into one mega-school is vomitous and does t take into account the desire of the students to be separate. The fact that other districts have done this makes no difference.
By choosing Scenario B, we dissolve the school rivalry between MHS and DHS which has pushed the drive for student excellence for years. There will be no other school in the Mid-Michigan area that will fuel the intensity that the MHS v. DHS rivalry provokes. Students strive to be better because they know the other school is watching. Elementary and middle school students look up the high school and imagine what it is going to be like when they get to high school and get to feel that same energy. Combining schools will minimize the drive for success.
Transportation all over the city will be a nightmare, especially when no ability to attend neighborhood schools. Also, the middle and high schools will be HUGE with so many students. Additionally, it is fun to have a rival in the same city.
Students having to switch schools 3 times is crazy; from 4th to 5th and again 6th to 7th and yet again 9th to 10th! Plus this would remove freshman sports and literally cut in half the number of students that could play a sport. Sports are important and teach discipline, and hard work. We can't have a soccer team of 50 students, or a football team of 60+ students. We also can't have a band with hundreds of kids.
I don't like a combined high school. Kids will be lost in the mass size and less opportunities will exist due to the number of students. I would prefer a situation where there are more opportunities to participate even if that means the team/club is less competitive overall. I also don't like pulling 9th grade out of high school or moving kids every couple of years to a new building. It will add unnecessary anxiety to kids that don't handle change as well.
Merging to large schools into an even larger school.
Vague on what you will do with Jefferson. Have to buy land for the high school. Using the existing athletic facilities NOT at the high school makes for difficult transportation.
Too many kids at high school level competing for extra circular leading to less kids being involved in sports and music
This reorganization is a drastic difference in how the students are divided around the district. How would bussing be affected? What would a combined HS mean for sports and level of competition in the state?
There arent enough details to be comfortably on board with this. Where is the new site? There will be so much redistricting. The amount of kids able to walk to school will decrease when everyone is shuttled to one building - how will bussing be upgraded to accomodate? Preschoolers should not be in buildings that high of an age range.
I dont like the grade set up and or the way the sports would be.
Increased taxes
Large graduating classes; unsure of the 9th grade being excluded from high school as typical freshmen

Only having 1 high school
I dislike how it disrupts the current middle school to highschool path. I think middle school should stay 6-8, and highschool 9-12.
I don't like the add ons for athletic facilities on the new campus. If you are going to do it, do it right from the get go. Include everything with the new high school campus. Create something special for our future students and our community.
HATE the idea of combine Midland and Dow High schools, Hate the idea of combine both Middle Schools, do not want a intermediate school. HATE this whole Senaro B plan
Nothing.
9th graders at the middle school level. Fewer opportunities for high school students with only one varsity team in each sport, one band, and so on.
This impacts my children so much and I cannot support it. My kids are within 2 blocks of Northeast and would not have to be bused to school as early as next year (I have a 5th grade student and 2nd grade student). Having to bus them to Jefferson is really not ideal. Additionally, a unified HS experience completely changes what we thought we were going to have for our kids - we were Chemics growing up and were really looking forward to the community rivalry between Dow/Midland with our own children. I also will not support any bond that closes the pre-primary center - it is not good for kids and is a bad decision, speaking from experience as an educator in a current setting that has DK in the elementary schools.
midland high gets smaller
A unified high school, middle school and junior high school. This is a horrible scenario
<p>-No new elementary schools</p> <p>-An over-crowded high school. This would lead to a disastrous situation where sports, clubs, and music classes would be ridiculously overcrowded. The music staff in general would have an entire revamp of their scheduling which would, mostly likely, end up with many ensemble teachers dissatisfied and some outright leaving the district to work elsewhere.</p> <p>-You will have students that take the "Dow High vs Midland High" way too seriously. This will lead to more bullying and an atmosphere that is hostile and not productive to learning. I am aware this sounds ridiculous, but teenagers are ridiculous.</p>
My kids won't see any of the benefits and higher taxes
I would not support a proposal which placed the new high school north of US-10. The new high school should be walkable and bikeable by students and families within the city.
Difficulty obtaining land to complete this strategy. Option B might as well include the stadium, pool, and other amenities which will be required anyways. This needs to be lumped together and strategized from the beginning to work on appropriate funding needs.
I don't like that it involves so much change: the kids would have to get used to new buildings and staff too many times, the community would lose part of its history, and we would have to build a new stadium, a new auditorium, buy new band and sports uniforms for the high school...
I don't like how they are repurposing the buildings.

Students will need to be bussed all over the city. It also adds an additional transition to another school for grades 5-6. Big transitions like that can be quite difficult for some students.
The number of changes with a 5/6 building, then 7-9, then 10-12. But I'd guess it bothers me more than it bothers the kids.
Concerns re: logistics on facilities for athletics and getting students to and from those.
Everything, kids lose out on opportunities for sports, clubs, etc...
Harder to implement, lots of change.
The community recently approved a millage for 20 Million in May 2024. Asking for \$247 M is going to be hard sell. Frankly, it comes off as tone deaf about the current economic state. Our household voted in favor of every single financial request for our schools over the past decade. Unfortunately, as it stands these proposals are highly unlikely to receive backing from us. This needs to be scaled way down.
Not only will I not vote for a millage, if this is the plan, I will actively campaign against the millage
Creating 1 Middle and 1 High school resulting in schools that are way too big with little opportunities for children doing extracurricular activities, as there is only so much space on/in clubs and teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I HATE that all students would go to one site for 5-6 and one site for 7-9. That's an extreme burden to place on families who cannot bus their kids and must drive them to one side of town for 2 years, then the other side for 3. (I know it's not that far and that's a very 'Midland' complaint, but I'm a single parent doing all this alone with ZERO coparent or family help and that's a reality for me.) I'm also concerned at the transportation burden this is going to put on the bussing system. You can barely hire enough drivers as it is, or so it seems. Won't you need more buses? What's the cost of that plus the cost of hiring additional drivers? • How would having a junior high school with "freshmen" in it affect athletics? Would only 10-12 grades be able to play high school sports? How does that affect the athletic and academic competitiveness of MPS schools against other schools and, in turn, affect students' chances to receive scholarships and additional post-secondary educational opportunities? • I don't think it's necessary to have an entire building dedicated to a robotics site, so that seems to be a waste of space to maintain and pay to keep updated.
One high school
It combines the high schools.
Consolidating schools into huge pools of grade levels will only lead to increased stress and anxiety for students. Our community "rivalry" between Dow High and Midland High enhances our school district, and allows for school choice based on family need. Only having one, large high school would remove that option for families.
MHS and DHS communities mix in the new building, and sports participation would be severely limited by the amount of students at the new building.
The grade level building changes

Single middle/intermediate/high school will limit opportunities/increase competitiveness of extracurricular activities (i.e., one band, one team, etc.). Commute to schools will be longer / no longer neighborhood aligned.
Combining Midland and Dow High Schools will limit student opportunities for clubs and extracurricular activities — doubling competition for places on athletic teams and in musical ensembles
The students would suffer academically and in sports
Please, whatever you do, don't put 9th grade students with 7/8 students. I've lived it as a teacher and have seen the negative influence it can bring.
I do not like this scenario. I do not like the thought of all the kids being in one school, I do not like the thought of the sizes of the school, and I hate that combining the schools takes away opportunities for kids to be involved in things since there will only be one drama club, one swim team, one basketball or football team etc... I do not like that kids that need extra help are now all in the same school and fighting for the attention of instructors.
Everything. Traffic constraints for drop off, limited opportunities with only 1 High School, complication of facilities at multiple locations, lack of growth by being around kids of different ages.
Tearing down Jefferson.
I don't like the idea of one high school, its 50% less opportunity. Also, do you have more buses and bus drivers apart of this plan? As someone who lives on the opposite side of town from Dow High, I would hope busing would become available.
Cost is not really a fair comparison to Scenario A, you'd need to spend another ~\$50MM in the Auxillary "options" to make this really be equivalent. Really, this scenario costs more, it is just not being made clear. It requires such an upheaval in how existing facilities are used that I question whether that will be effective. Kids will have to drive/bus much more, and from further away. This should not be taken lightly - DHS is a long drive across town for me, it would add 40 minutes to my daily commute to drop off and pick up a 5th or 6th grader.
Absurdly expensive and involves spending on resources that remain suitable for use. Too many kids for a single high school.
Closing Carpenter, only one high school, fifth and sixth graders attending Dow High, etc.
Taking 9th away from the high school experience; the new high school being too large for all kids to have the opportunity to participate in sports, music, etc.
I do not like the change of who will attend the high school.
Excessive bussing (not calculated in cost, and you already don't have enough drivers), reduced opportunity for students (half the number will get to participate in activities), reduced leadership opportunities for students. Even considering building without sports/performance facilities a 20 minute drive from where your most economically challenged students live? Unconscionable.
9th graders should be in the high school. If you ask anyone who attended MPS when 9th graders were in the "Intermediate Schools", they would agree that the age group is more suited

for high school. In addition, it would complicate things with 9th graders having opportunities to play high school athletics/clubs/music groups.
Potential for sports facilities to be at separate campus.
The tiering of 5-9
I don't like building a new high school without going all in and building sports infrastructure.
Literally everything, it makes 0 sense.
High school too big, loss of community schools
This is an extremely bad plan. The facilities at the high schools are designed around high school students. The 5th and 6th grade students don't need a pool, a gymnasium of that size, the equivalent lab spaces, auto shop, etc. The junior high aspect is not nearly as bad in this facility space context, but still somewhat problematic. Overall, the proposed renovations are going to end up being very wasteful of the existing infrastructure.
I don't like losing 4 years of my kids being able to continue walking to school in grades 5-8 (we live in the Siebert/Jefferson neighborhood) and the 5th graders jumping to a massive combined class.
That the high schools will have kids that don't need to be in that setting. We don't need a new high school.
combining 5-6 in one school, combining 7-9 in one school, combining high schools
That I could have 4 kids in 4 different schools. So many questions... how would bussing work? Where is this new land coming from? What if this proposal gets accepted and we don't like the location? What happens if the auxiliary facilities don't get approved? Will I have to drive my kids to other schools for extra curriculums?
Population long term may not be able to sustain having 2 high schools.
Combining the schools will be a disservice to students
The school systems are completely changed, both students have to move schools to much and teachers who teach multiple grades have to travel more than twice as much, losing class preparation time.
Only 1 high school. Do not support this option at all.
I really do not like the idea of the high schools combining. Each school has so much rich history and tradition and that would be extremely sad to lose. I think it is a source of pride for the community as well. It would also be tough that a lot of the facilities are not on site so students would have to do a lot of travel to get to their extra curricular activities.
Absolutely everything. Fifth graders are too little for middle school. Ninth graders are high schoolers.
Honestly, it's way too complicated for people, these schools look so unorganized. The rivalry between Chemics Vs Chargers is very big and with each of the students in one school, the outlook does not look bright at all. Also jumping between 2 sites for athletic facilities does not

make sense and is very hard for student athletes to use, especially without having access to transportation its WAY more convenient for MHS to just stay the way it is.
Crowded elementary schools that aren't very neighborly. Would the boundries also be reset to keep the elementary grades more equal to the size of the school?
Also, we would lose the rivalry of the two high schools.
Moving 5 graders out of elementary. That seems too soon.
I think this scenario would require resources that are already a struggle to fill. Staffing at the current school scenario has struggled to keep teachers. There are so many call outs from staff and scenario B would stretch those even further.
I also feel that students with special needs would struggle even more with becoming comfortable with how quickly they would be in and out of a building with staff. Only 2 years in a building from 5-12th grade would have a negative impact on those students in my opinion.
9th grade doesn't exist with the high school. It is not defined that a pool will be definitely would be built.
One high school for 10-12
All of it
9th grade isn't in the high school. Both the 7-9 and 10-12 grade buildings will be so large, which leads to problems with mental health and bullying. Have you considered the cost of re-branding for combining a high school? What about the local economy (this town bleeds their school pride and makes a lot of money off the "rivalry"). Where would this school go and what about all the kids that walk, especially to after school activities. I feel like this would make for a lot of inequity just in transportation alone for our lower income families.
The only question/concern I have maybe is where the new super high school will be built and transportation/road issues that will follow.
As a mom, I dread that my children will have less of a chance to participate in these sports.
This would make the class sizes very large in middle school and high school. Is there a plan to make sure all students can play a sport if they would like. Would like more info on preK moving to the elementary school. I think having them in a separate building at Carpenter is really nice.
Large grade levels, fewer sports options, possibly harder to make connections within the building, significantly different from the current set up of two middle schools and high schools
The athletic programs will suffer.
One high school
Too much transition between different schools. Transportation is already an issue, not enough bus drivers, drop off and pick up lines and insane. Larger class sizes. Athletes who won't get to play. The rivalry of the schools is what motivates this town and everyone looks forward to it young and old.
The changing into a Jr. Sr. high district. I do not agree with this vision and I will not vote for this. I will not advocate or encourage anyone to vote for it.

One high school limits the number of students who can be in athletics, music programs, and extra curriculums. I feel like classes sizes will grow.
You plan to piss away millions and break the traditional school structure. This is a terrible idea.
Combining students is a huge cultural change to the community of Midland. Very large negative to High school athletes, as there would be less positions available to participate in teams (with no alternative out of school options for hockey). We already struggle to get enough bus drivers, it seems that students would have to travel further to get to the combined schools. Requiring more busses and more drivers. 5-6 grade doesn't get any time to acclimate to their learning environment before it changes. It is already a difficult time for these students as they navigate body changes. Combining schools also puts more pressure on school leadership to generate culture and consistency through 4 levels of school (lower elementary, upper elementary, intermediate, high) versus the 3 today (elementary, middle, high).
Removing 5th grade from elementary & combining schools
Too disjointed between new schools and the existing facilities to be used. Higher levels of cross-town traffic during drop off and pick up times.
There are most too many dramatic changes, I think our children currently in school will be affected the most and all children moving forward. Some families are in midland specifically so their children have opportunities in school. By merging them into one, you reduce opportunities by half. And the changes are so dramatic, it would take years to get to a balanced status quo.
It would be a huge mistake to combine high school. We should learn from others mistakes, particularly the Plymouth Canton HS campus. It has created nothing but problems for them. We don't need to replicate that mess.
How does the new grade structure and combine schools address the needs of our students. Will there still be an equal opportunity for all. Will there be enough teachers to have manageable class sizes.
in particular, the fundamental flaw with scenario B is the move to a ten through twelve building . a better option would be to create a combined nine through twelve building with upgraded facilities as detailed . then , have a middle school with grade sixty eight , and an intermediate school with grades four through six. Elementary schools remain K through three, but with a smaller numbers, they could be Reduced from six buildings to five. This would allow a reduction and the amount of administrators required, simplify bus routes, and increase efficiency.
I don't believe this proposal will cost less than Proposal A. The high schools will have to be repurposed and that is not written on the right side of the image. Also rebuilding a high school in this proposal vs an elementary school- seems to be more costly. Using Jefferson as a robotics site- seems a bit exclusive. This seems to be asking for alot more than what would really be the cost or this is a really low bid and what kind of quality can be expected.
Continued use of Athletic Facilities. If you are going to build a new HS. We should centralize all of our academic and athletic facilities.
Only have 1 middle school and 1 high school will reduce opportunities for students to participate school based activities

Everything. Awful idea. Don't know where to begin. Our three kids will definitely switch school districts if this dumb plan is implemented.
Could easily close down two buildings. Make it 9-12 and 5-8 at the two high schools.
Involves current leadership
Combining high schools. Also increases bussing distance.
I don't like that the pool will continue to be at dow, It would be better to make a new athletic campus.
The heartbeat of the town rivalry, the history of the schools, the ability for people to be involved in sports will be destroyed. With one team, half the kids in the community will no longer be able to participate.
Don't see need for new high school. Lots of juggling of schools and students. Midland is increasing in population and somewhere down the road you will find one high school is not enough
Combining high schools
Will put strain on resources. Lack of availability for kids to play sports, join programs that have a max amount that can join a team.
<p>I am concerned that if universal pre-K comes to Michigan, we won't have actually solved our space issues at the elementary level. This plan would help the elementary space issues for now, but it is just a bandage. If universal pre-K came to Michigan, we would be dealing with overcrowding again.</p> <p>Second, I am very concerned that we're being presented with a 5-6 intermediate school with no description of what that would look like. That isn't just a building change. It is a major curricular change that feels glossed over.</p> <p>Third, I know the numbers would be lower than combining the high schools with grades 9-12, but the 7-9 and 10-12 buildings simply seem too large. So many people that I have spoken to who are in favor of a single community high school are citing as examples of success communities half the size and even a quarter the size of Midland.</p> <p>Fourth, I am concerned about the curricular opportunities this eliminates for freshmen. Supposedly this plan makes it easier for students to choose their language or car tech versus building trades. In practice though, this plan also eliminates many of those classes (building trades, welding, car tech) from all freshmen.</p> <p>Finally, I am concerned about teachers losing their jobs. I know this won't be an issue in most subject areas, but in the same way it was a few isolated content areas that had staff cuts in 2013 when Central Middle School closed, I feel like we're not being honest about the fact that administration is likely to take advantage of content areas that don't have caps on their class sizes to make staffing cuts and decimate those programs in the process.</p>
That's a huge transition - I'm worried about what my kids would be missing out on. My kid made varsity tennis and golf as a freshman - this looks great for a scholarship - would this work if 9th grade were in a different building. My kid is also cross graded in multiple areas - would she get the those opportunities as a 9th grader at another building. My other kid is just an ok

golf and tennis player - if there is only one high school - does she not make the team? I think this community likes two smaller high schools - lots of pride and feeling of family.
Students will have 1/2 the opportunities they have with one school. Neither high school is in need of replacement. Academic benefits from one school can be accomplished with better planning and knowledge of alternatives.
I am confused about the objective for Jefferson Middle. How would it make sense to support a building for only one club/activity? What other student extracurricular offerings could exist within that building? I would be interested to see costs/benefits of keeping that building open.
I do not believe that having 9th grade students separate from the high school is a good idea. Many communities that had a separate 9th grade campus have gone away from that model (see Holt). 7th graders and 9th graders should not be in the same building. The maturation process from 9 to 12 would be slowed greatly. Also, the logistics of getting a 9th grader to extracurriculars at the unified high school would be a huge, avoidable issue. A 9th grader cannot drive and it would be almost impossible for them to be a part of any after school opportunities at the high school. Also, the athletic facilities at Midland High school need to be drastically improved. Keeping them as is without building new ones is a complete oversight. Bussing a football team to its own home games does not put us on par with our peers or who we want our peers to be. If we are going to be one of the biggest enrollment high schools in the state, we should have academic and athletic facilities that match those at our level.
Combined high school will cut in half the number of kids that can be involved in athletics, music, etc. how will freshman participate in the music program?
Leave them as they are, there will be far too many kids in the highschool and not enough staff or opportunities, budget cuts will continue to be made and our children of this community will suffer.
I don't want to have to drive all over town to drop off and pick up my children at various schools. DHS seems like a HUGE school for tiny 5th and 6th graders.
It makes no sense. It's adding one more change and transition for kids into a "new school". I'm assuming anytime kids change schools, they have some disruption in their academic and social/mental health. Most families in midland have multiple kids a few years apart. As it is already, most parents struggle with juggling pickup and drop off to 3 facilities with varying start and end times. How on earth is the school or parents going to arrange 4 different start end times, for bussing and parents schedule? You're eliminating a long standing friendly competition/rivalry between MHS and DHS. You're funneling a large number of students at fifth grade into ONE huge intermediate school. This idea terrifies me as a parent, my kids are not ready at that age to be in a facility with that many other students. This scenario is SO bad in so many ways. Please do not consider this.
Combining high schools
Seems complicated
Less opportunities for extracurriculars and athletics that will become cut sports. The cost. The death of traditions and our cross town rivalry.
Much change for the city of midland high schools.

students have to switch school locations frequently
no MS/HS competitions for sports (less varsity opportunities)
Keeping Jefferson as a potential STEM building. Proven before this doesn't work in our system at Central Park.
Nothing
There will be a net loss in total opportunities for the students when you have just one HS in the area.
Doesn't decrease classroom size for elementary. Spreads families out across multiple schools...all across town. Sounds like way too much driving from place to place. Not close to your "home school" anymore. Too much change, which too many factors that could be very negative. Then what do we do when it doesn't work out?
A unified community high school LIMITS opportunities in the arts and sports for student participation and achievement. For HS kids developing identities, a unified school limits access to the types of experiences that develop young leaders. Taking fifth graders out of their neighborhood school a year early limits leadership development as well at a critical time
Splitting grade levels
LOTS of changes and adjustments.
So many concerns. How will you ensure that kids have an equal number of extracurricular activities? Extracurricular activities help kids thrive and do well in school. How will you keep kids from feeling "lost in the crowd" when there are 600+ kids per grade? I don't like having the 9th grade students in the junior high. There seems to be a big developmental shift between 8th and 9th grades and I'm concerned about putting them in the same building. What will you do when the next few buildings are beyond repair. MHS and DHS are only a few years newer than Northeast, after all.
Concentrating HS and MS students into 2 buildings gives shooters easier access to a higher concentration of human targets. 9th graders have no business being with younger students. When we moved them to the high school decades ago we saw immediate improvement in our school climates. Why undo that? A 5/6 building simply introduces one more difficult transition point. It's hard enough for students to transition to MS then HS now you want to add another transition??? Transportation costs will skyrocket because grades 5-12 will be bussed.
You are Jerking around the kids every 2 years.
Multiple kid families will be pulled in to many directions.
Larger schools means less opportunities for students to succeed. More students will "fall through the cracks" and fail.
Moving 5 out but adding PreK does not address overcrowding in elementary schools!
This is absurd. Removing Midland's history, and friendly competitive spirit is not good for Midland.
Opportunities for students is much lower and I don't believe your financial analysis.

This high school will be way too big
Combined highschoools
I hate the idea of losing the rivalry of the high schools this is what Midland Chemics & Dow Chargers is all about
Combining schools and closing northeast
Transportation of students becomes more of an issue. Placing 9th graders back at the junior high rather than keeping them at the high school.
Everything else. I have children in 3 schools right now. Siebert (neighborhood school), CPE (ALPS), and Jefferson (neighborhood school). This is feasible due to the proximity of our house to Siebert and Jefferson (which was intentionally purchased for this). If the schools are radically changed, I will be running around half the day to get my children to their different schools. My kids are 6th, 5th, 4th, and 3rd grade now with a new baby. I'll have some in each of the new middle schools, junior high, and high schools at the same time, making transportation a nightmare. One of my children is autistic so bussing is out of the question. I'm in favor of keeping the schools where they are, even if it costs us more.
There will only be one new building, which may prove to be an inadequate rate of replacement in the long term.
School is already a competitive atmosphere. This scenario would only increase the competition and decrease student engagement in clubs and athletics. While the pooled resources may be seen as a positive it would come at the cost of engaging students in school. If this was in place when we moved here last year we would have most likely chosen Bullock Creek (or Meridian) over Midland Public Schools. We had two children graduate with class sizes of 500+ and we intentionally moved out of that environment.
Sports would be more competitive and there would be less options for students to be involved in things if they are not the top of their class, best at their sport, best at music, ect. Two high schools provides more opportunities for ALL the kids. I don't like needing to transport all the way across town for school for some of my kids and not others depending on their grade. Switching school locations every few years would add stress to my already anxious children.
I feel like its going to be so much harder to cross-grade and take advanced classes with a 5-6, 7-9. 10-12 separate classes. For people cross-grading in math, science, or even more, how is that going to work? Also, some classes are offered 9-12 so will they be offered at both schools. It seems to be confusing to understand.
One incomplete new high school. Making everyone get bused all over town.
I think highschool needs to be 9-12 and middle 5-8
Keep Carpenter!
Not at all in favor of one high school
Confusing—elementary schools end at grade 4, a school for 5/6 grade and high school starting at 10th grade is strange. Also, if we do a new high school it should be a true high school campus with stadium, theatre, etc

This takes opportunity away from children. Having two high schools creates more opportunity for sports and art programs
The combined high school option is horrible. Everyone will lose opportunities, sports, music, clubs. I do not support the combined high school.
Moving the younger kids to the huge Midland High and Dow High doesn't seem appropriate
The hire cost and not having an additional elementary. I am leaning more towards having a seventh elementary to reduce student to teacher ratios. I think creating a great learning environment during these years outweighs middle school and beyond when kids are able to self direct and focus with less supervision.
I don't like the idea of 9th graders not being a part of the high school and the idea of such large class sizes. Kids will get lost in the shuffle and the large graduation classes.
May be too big for a combined middle school.
Having a mega high school seems like it could be a good idea in theory but research shows that bigger schools have less of a community feeling. I'd suggest contacting Lapeer Community Schools as they've made similar changes to Plan B. They have a 6-7 middle school and a 8-9 middle school. Next year, the freshmen will move to the high school.
Lots of transitions for students between buildings at grade changes. These changes also forces staff who do not currently work together to make changes to the way they teach as we don't have current middle/high schools in agreement of how to teach content.
Kids are spread out amongst too many buildings.
Everything
The limited number of teams and music programs that will be available due to combining high schools.
It's a lot of shuffling and the distance from the schools could cause transportation issues for families getting their children to and from school when they mightve lived within walking distance before.
1 intermediate, 1 junior, and 1 high school.
The kids have to go to 4 different schools for K-12. Just repurpose a pre-K facility and stop wasting our tax dollars
-Combining the HS and having a 5-6 building. What is the social impact of this? What are the busing costs to add a 4th school to every student's schooling career? How do you expect to build a super HS and not have the auxiliary pieces (like an auditorium, pool and stadium) to support the HS. Again, I have concerns about adding PreK to the schools and the potential of closing the various private preschools in our community.
Combining the high schools and reducing opportunities for participation
I don't like how the high schools would become intermediate and junior highs. Seems like such a waste of space for an entire high school to serve grades 5-6.

Combining Dow and Midland High into one building will increase academic challenges for future students.
one community high school
It's always been midland and Dow high. People won't be for merging.
I can't even believe this would be a proposal that you would put in front of people. I'm embarrassed at your lack of leadership and thought regarding students' needs.
There will be a period of adjustment for the district with the changing structure at the higher grades.
students needs to adjust to 4 different schools
Cost to tax payers
I believe this may not be the most beneficial approach for students. One major concern is that it could limit opportunities for students to participate in sports and music, making these activities even more competitive than they already are. Research shows that extracurricular activities like sports and music contribute significantly to students' overall well-being and academic performance. According to a study by the National Center for Education Statistics, students involved in extracurriculars tend to have higher GPAs and lower dropout rates. By increasing competition, we may be inadvertently excluding students who would greatly benefit from these experiences, potentially widening the gap between those with access to these opportunities and those without. I also worry about kids (5/6 graders) wandering around DOW. It is so large
Pool and athletic improvements need to match a new high school.
It broke many schools' history, traditions and roots (honors).
The plan B is narrow-minded and selfish. It didn't take students' experiences into consideration.
Too many building changes
Honestly so many things...but mostly combining the high schools making it too large. I feel the high schools are already large and I feel there would be a sense of loss in community/culture and current traditions. I also think it'll be harder to meet people and easier to get lost in the crowd. It would create twice as many athletes with half the spots available, creating less opportunities for students to have a chance to play even for fun & camaraderie...and students who have had access to Rec or travels sports, trainers or private lessons especially at a young age would have an advantage and I feel it wouldn't be fair to those who have not had that access. Although there is natural talent, this economic advantage does play a big role.
1. taking away opportunities for children to participate in certain sports teams, robotics teams, bands etc by having only one high school. This will likely lead to maladaptive behaviors as we know that inclusion in SOMETHING involving school leads to a feeling of inclusion and is protective against rates of depression/anxiety in an already struggling population. I truly hope that you will consider the well being of this children, rather than the cost when making this decision. I think saving financially will cost emotionally. I also feel that switching schools so frequently doesn't allow children to develop a comfort in their location, and doesn't allow them to "find their footing."

I think our community is too large geographically to make travel between campuses feasible (if say, you have school age children in different grades). I think a unified high school limits opportunities for students who are competing in athletics or academics. I also do not think pre primary students should be included in elementary buildings.
Sounds messy jumping schools every 2 years
With families with 4 children ranging in all different ages this would make it so families would have to drop off at 4 different schools instead of 1-2 different schools. Making it more stressful for parents.
One high school
My school was split up like this. High school sports etc were a huge pain. It made it harder to participate, coach and interact.
Combining of the high schools and making an intermediate school.
Acquiring land might be easy but if it is not then Scenario B could become a nightmare. As mentioned in another answer, parking, pickup, and drop off are already terrible at many schools, so there would need to be some very creative and thoughtful discussions, including a way to enforce when people ignore the rules, in order to keep everyone safe.
The amount of children going to be in each school how will the adults even keep track of them all
Combining the high schools and changing middle schools
Combining Middle and high schools. Too big!
One high school will cause more bully and fight
The community high school and reallocation of grades.
The DHS and MHS friendly rivalry will be lost and ruins the tradition and charm of MPS schools. I think this should not happen at all; leave it as it is, please.
One high school 1000s of kids in 5/6 9th grade separate from high school Possibility of doing multiple drop offs in 3 buildings PreK with the elementary Use of Jefferson (robotics does not need that whole building)
There is a lot of moving parts. I would be concerned about the timing of it all.
I do not want a combined high schools 10-12. I do not like a 7-9 junior high.
I strongly disagree with the way that secondary schools would be restructured. Freshmen year is a critical year of development in the high school experience, and I think pulling that away from the normal high school structure would be detrimental. Additionally, I do not feel that 7 and 8 grade students would benefit from being in a building with 9 grade students. I feel like this

would be a huge set back as far as allowing students to establish themselves within the high school environment at the most essential times of adolescent development.
Cost to tax payers
Combining the two high schools
Still expensive. It feels a little like reinventing the wheel. It seems a bit more complicated than it needs to be. There is the sports conflict at the high school level (fewer students can play). Many schools would be displaced while renovations/repurposing takes place. I wonder how this can all possibly happen over the course of a summer to minimize disruptions to learning. Over half of the grades at MPS would be shifted to new buildings, which is quite a massive undertaking. If things are delayed or take longer than anticipated, it could cause a serious disruption, as opposed to change 2 buildings.
Elementary schools provide a smaller sense of community for our most at-risk kids. I worry that moving them to an intermediate setting at 5th grade will cause them to lose some of this sense of community. I also don't believe this plan will relieve the overcrowding of the schools, especially if you still place Pre-K in the elementary buildings. Pre-K should stay center-based.
Absolutely do not want a combined jr/high school.
The lack of updates to performing arts
<p>I do NOT like 9th grade in the junior high. It should be in high school, where students can access all the curricular choices.</p> <p>Four levels would present transportation problems (the district would need more buses) and parents would be driving all over the place. It would make it even more difficult for poor families to participate in school activities as they'd have a long way to travel and very likely would not have transportation.</p> <p>There might be longer bus rides for students (ugh!)</p> <p>I would be in favor of this option if the high school were "in town."</p>
Only plus side is new high school. i don't like that kids change schools more often. don't think replacing grade 5 with pre-k alleviates overcrowding issue. don't like 5-6 grades together, especially at the dow high building (which is too big and intimidating for 8th graders and high schoolers). afraid how grade level and building changes would affect the great programs we offer now
<p>It's a scary change. Combining High Schools into a single space. Students that were used to being in a building of 1400 will now be in a building closer to 2100... That's a major change for students and staff!! What happens to athletics and music and after school programs (there would be more kids competing for what would appear to be fewer spaces)... What happens to academics and staffing? Are we doing things the "Dow High way" or the "Midland High way"? That's a massive unknown for a lot of people.</p> <p>-- Not that it's a BAD thing. Change is good. But it is a scary thing for a lot of people in the district...</p>

This would disrupt current students the most, destroy sports teams and music, and end pride in both high schools. We'll lost secondary staff as there will be ONE football team, ONE set of high school bands, and that will decimate many programs. How can you send 9th grade DOWN to the middle school after 30 years, and split of family cultures when a family's children might be in four or five schools? That divides your parent support.
I am not a fan of having one high school. This would mean less students would get play time on sports teams. Midland used to have 7, 8, 9 together. When 9th grade was with 7th and 8th grade students, some 9th grade students didn't take high school credits serious. Also, there would be an issue with NE and Jefferson combining. Jefferson uses traditional grading and NE uses standards based grading.
Too much emphasis on brick and motor. Absolutely no mention of improving outcomes for all students and most importantly the bottom 1/3. No new millage until plan to improve student performance is made public.
The changing of the housing of grades, and uses for the buildings.
High school not including 9th grade.
Changing the school structure.
9th grade is high school and should not be in the same building as 7/8 because sports and extracurriculars could get tricky
This will cost taxpayers too much money and is not needed!!! All is needed is a new elementary school. Combining both high schools will severely limit the number of kids who will be able to participate in sports and band. We have two amazing high schools that give a lot of opportunities to so many kids. There is no reason we need to combine them!
This model will continue to harm MPS sports, as fewer students will be able to participate. Middle school sports are already struggling due to outsourcing them to the community center, and they continue to deteriorate each year. This is yet another short-term plan. Many of the buildings that are slated to remain in use are aging and will soon require major renovations or replacement. Not centralizing everything and attempting to use other facilities is a flawed approach. The district already faces a shortage of bus drivers, so if students at the new school must travel to another location for after-school activities, how will they get there? If the expectation is for students to arrange their own transportation, participation will decrease, as not all families can afford to transport their children or have the flexibility due to work commitments. This is yet another misguided concept from a consulting firm that offered solutions without understanding how the district operates or gathering input from community members, students, or teachers. These ideas were developed in isolation, simply fulfilling the MPS administration's request.
There is nothing I like least--I think in the long run it is the best scenario for our community
Combining high schools. How would this impact staff? Sports?
I feel it doesn't make very good use of the current property and facilities the school system has. Carpenter and Norheat will be closed then what? Just like closing Cook Elementary down the line there is going to be a need for the facilities and infrastructure. Also, how is Jefferson going to be repurposed in what way? So we close to schools, not use one and go through all the cost to build a new one? It seems like poor use of our resources.

Utilizing existing auxiliary facilities requires students to have to drive to multiple locations
See above answer.
I am not a fan of combining both high schools. This provides more opportunities for kids to get lost in the system, increases bullying, and decreases options for making teams and clubs.
kids have to move through four buildings in their academic career vs. three

Midland Public Schools Community Survey
What do you like most about Scenario B that includes auxiliary facilities?
Responses
Nothing.
The facilities are important and should be included.
Nothing.
The facilities are impressive and would be a huge asset to the area. But they are the only attractive thing about Scenario B.
New facilities are nearly always wanted but I'm not sure what the goal is overall. Is it to serve our kids or bring in outsiders?
Facilities are at neutral sites for all schools.
If Scenario B is our only choice, we absolutely need to have these facilities at the school so students without transportation will be able to easily take part in these extra curricular activities. We also must consider that with only 1 high school, these performances/competitions/events will draw larger crowds and our existing facilities may not be able to handle that
Addresses missing items from plan B
Midland needs a new stadium and auxiliary facilities.
Nothing
Nothing
All new facilities I.e. swim pool and football facility
new pool
The students get access to brand new additional facilities as well as the community.
That it includes new facilities that are needed
New unified high school with much-needed facilities

It would make it so kids don't have to run around as much and everything would be up to code.
Pool
Nothing
These facilities will attract more talent to the Greater Midland community.
New facilities
I like that there is a “new”/“fresh” start for the community when combining the two schools, particularly with the auditorium and stadium. They can also be used for various community events.
I love that it includes things for athletics and arts. I feel that at MPS sports are often prioritized even though we have amazing arts programs and talents too.
State of the art. One central location for all
Stadium and Auditorium ok, since they are for general use. \$30MM pool, not ok. Not all the kids swim. The kids can use the community center pool
I think all of these are fantastic resources to support our youth in body and mind.
It provides the best long-term solution and seems to address not only current issues but anticipated issues with facilities
Nothing
Nothing
Chance to be best high school in the state
Improves sports and performance spaces.
New facilities for the arts!!!!
Not only does the school district need this addition, but so does the city.
Nothing
I can't imagine scenario B without this. Why would we do that? Being able to host lots of events and tournaments.
New facilities are wonderful to experience and utilize
Nothing
I do not really have an opinion.
A performing arts center that can accommodate more people. Bullock Creek has a nice auditorium. Central Park sells out every time my son has a band concert in middle school. That seems ridiculous that the district cannot accommodate an audience of family members.
As a former high school and college swimmer, and as an avid supporter of local youth theater, I'm delighted by the pool and theater suggestions. If there were only one high school, both

make some sense. But facilities aren't enough--you'll need to hire talented people dedicated to develop both the district-wide swimming and theater programs.
The new swimming pool.
Nothing
New facilities are always fun!!!
Nothing
State of art facilities all at one location. Will be odd having HS kids need to travel for practice and or games to the middle schools if scenario B isn't done without these auxiliaries.
I know that there is a strain and need for increased space for concerts and fine arts programming.
Nothing
That it's more realistic
Having additional facilities will increase after school student engagements
Nothing.
I will be voting NO !
Nothing
I Mean we could definitely use a new pool and maybe be able to host events at it
None
I like that events can be hosted in Midland, providing value generating opportunities in the area. I think improving sports participation and an art center, especially if it can offer classes in art would be fantastic.
Nice to spend money on arts
Auxiliary facilities needed if doing Scenario B
Swimming pool is needed
Modern facilities for arts and sports
It's better to have one facility. Instead of maintaining and updating two...
I like the idea of of the students having better facilities for sports.
I do not like option B.
Nothing
It includes auxiliary facilities.
New pool however need a permanent robotics center.
Are they needed now?

Nothing
Updated shared facilities. This would be the carrot that would make scenario b more palatable
Not needed.
We are lucky to have what we have and we are not lacking in any of these areas.
Sure.... Having nice new shiny stuff is always appealing. And having them located in one area would be convenient.
Nothing
New facilities are nice but costly.
Nothing
Nothing
New facilities
I think we need the auxiliary additions but at the current schools we have in place right now.
Nothing
New auxiliary facilities.
Makes more sense to have facilities that match the new high school.
It adds nice amenities on campus
You somehow made scenario B worse.
If there was a new combined high school it would be nice to have facilities there instead of figuring out how to do transportation for extracurricular activities.
It does address a few holes created by the closing of different buildings.
Do not like scenario b at all
New facilities would be nice
Plan B is only appealing with auxiliary facilities.
Auditorium and new pool are badly needed
All of the above would be welcome additions to the community.
Would love better performing arts facilities.
Nothing!
Better prepares young adults with state of the art high school learning
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing

We need this.
Increases taxes a lot with benefit to only some
That there will be excellent facilities for students for sports
These facilities are located close to the school
Nice to upgrade auxiliaries
Nothing i like scenario A better
I'm interested in the stadium complex. I don't know how much we really need the other items
I do not like Scenario B.
Not much
More chance for sports and competition
The amazing opportunity it will provide for Midland students.
New facilities are community facilities that would be accessible and modern for all abilities.
Need auxiliary on site
I like the new stadium idea. You have to go big or go home on this potential project. Classroom, I'd like to be top of the line and great Learning environment for my kids and future midland residents. Turf the baseball field or at least the infield with a hitters eye too.
Very little
It would be great to have updated athletic facilities and to have them all in one location.
Nice updated facility
It would be nice to have newer facilities.
Finally something for the arts
Newer facilities for extra curriculars.
The auxiliary facilities are so important to a sense of community and belonging for the whole city
We need a pool badly. This should be a stand alone item on the ballot and not tied to one of these other options. There is a decent argument for an auditorium but the need is not nearly as great. Put the new pool at MHS.
Nothing - do not like scenario b
Nothing
Same as before nothing
The Auxiliary package.

With a new unified school the extracurriculars should be very strong as we can combine such talent and new facilities support that vision
Upgraded facilities are always nice to have
This needs to happen with either scenario. The extra curricular facilities in this district are an embarrassment.
New facilities for our strength is important
New places for community events and to come together
New facilities for our students.
The performing arts program
I rated "5" because I do not understand why there is no Scenario A that includes auxiliary facilities/upgrades. I am in favor of these add ons because they would be absolutely necessary, but I am not in favor of Scenario B in any shape or form. I would love to see an auxiliary package re-considered to complement Scenario A.
I like that MPS is looking to invest in important programs such as the performing arts and athletics.
We need a bigger auditorium. What is there no auxiliary proposal for A
I like the top down approach to satisfying our needs - if we can fund this option. High school is where our kids/families are likely to need and want more options in the future, not less. I think an investment at this level will also provide motivation for families to continue to look forward to the next level in our district, and shine a light on our district across the state. And, we need the facilities to help our community manage through the change that we'll experience going from a friendly "cross town" rival culture to a combined culture. Without the common spaces at the new High School home base, I think it will be very difficult to build that culture.
Swimming facility
I think if we want to be a city to encourage people to raise families, we want the latest facilities.
Nothing
Updates will make MPS competitive with others and make Midland attractive to new students and parents
The upgraded facility with a football stadium on site.
I don't like scenario B
Sure it would be nice to have brand new facilities BUT at a high cost to taxpayers when the existing facilities that would be used in Plan A are sufficient.
How are we supposed to believe that the brand new downsized community center couldn't have incorporated these auxiliary facilities? So then you can charge fees for the public to access these tax-payer built facilities? Such a scam
New resources for students and community

Nothing
The new competitive swimming pool
These new auxiliary facilities should be added with EITHER Scenerio A or B. They are really needed, especially the Arts center and swimming pool.
New swimming pool
It would make sense to have facilities at a new school
Understand there is a need for more pool space.
Auditorium, pool
More facilities
Our facilities are a joke compared to like districts.
Not much honestly.
Seeing this option, there is NO reason for the other version of Scenario B. If we're not willing to put everything into this new school to make it the best of the best in Michigan (if not the nation), than it's not worth it.
This is the chance to make a center spotlight building complex for the entire community to be proud of and support -- Every home game should feel like the current Dow v Midland night with countless supporters all cheering for the ONE group of kids.
There has to be a large athletics complex and an amazing music facility -- these are core values of our community based on the involvement we currently see. These need to get done.
Plus, making the current JMS into a Robotics Center is an amazing idea. They will finally have enough room to grow and permanently house their fields and teams. Surrounding communities already have STEM centers (Hemlock, Essexville,...), we need to be competitive and have similar offerings.
I do not like anything. We have completely adequate auxiliary facilities as is. These are nice-to-haves, not must-haves.
The auxiliary facilities.
Nothing.
All of it. We need a central performing arts center and competitive (central) swimming pool. Would make more sense to have all 3 of these things in one central location.
If we really are going to unify grades and build a new high school we should do it right and have top-tier updated facilities
I think this creates a situation where more innovation and collaboration is possible and Midland can come together in one location. It's more convenient and consistent for students and families.
More extracurricular opportunities
I think these additions would be welcomed by everyone, as they are needed.

The swimming pool. There is not enough, appropriate pool space for all of our swim programs.0
The auditorium
Nothing wh
The facilities
Nothing since I don't like scenario B to begin with so I definitely don't want to pay more for taxes to build the scenario I don't like plus raise taxes even more for things that we don't need - no thank you.
New pool, larger auditorium
I like the auxiliary facilities with the high school
Simple - having newer facilities
A new performing arts center.
I like the swim facilities as this has been a successful program and after losing the JMS pool we need to consider additional facilities.
If you are going to create one HS, GO ALL in, with ALL the amenities!!!! Make it a true campus.
Pool
Nothing
Don't like scenario b
Nothing
Honestly the new facilities! A new auditorium, pool, and stadium shows the school district's dedication to athletics and education in the same turn.
The auxiliary facilities
Nothing
New high school with all new facilities.
New facilities for athletics
The new auditorium, in particular, would arguably be necessary given increased size of performance groups.
Nothing, there is no need.
I love that it would make the campus a unified area where most/all activities can be carried out on the campus. I would not support scenario B at all without the auxiliary facilities.
The idea of new & updated AUX facilities, but clearly with a higher price tag.
It addresses all the needs
Better facilities for arts and some athletics.

That there would be new facilities for the kids
I like the new auxiliary facilities ide
It will improve athletics and the arts
better for sports and stuff
I like the idea of a new robotics center/facility, as that is very much the wave of the future and something many students are interested in. I also think a new community pool for the schools would be a reasonable addition.
Better than the scenario without
👂 How tone deaf & arrogant! Times are tough, taxes are INSANE! NO! Just NO!!!
Nothing
We have amazing facilities that you put all this money into so we can just rip it down and build it again...and I'm not sorry, midland rebuilds ...are not better
Updates
Nothing
If we are going to do B, might as well do the auxiliary facilities.
Nothing. Not yet. Maintain the current facilities.
Nothing
The 12 lane pool
New performing art center
Nice pool for schools
The new auxiliary facilities would be great and are needed.
Nothing
I like the idea of the auxiliary features
It makes sense to have facilities that students could use without having to travel to other sites.
I like nothing about scenario B with auxiliary facilities. This screams of waste as these facilities are not needed.
Looks like great athletic facilities and team sports teaches how important it is to work as a team. But what about proficiency in reading, math etc?
Improved and shared outdoor stadium facilities is a good idea. The Center for the Arts has a new building project in process . Schools should be able to use that space along with existing spaces. Improve the pool at Dow High and use the new community center pool as well.
Brand new facilities

We already have those things. Although for swimming the community center would bring back the idea of kids getting to know the resources in their city and utilizing them past the student years.
As an Olympic level swimmer and now local coach I am obviously biased in this - however I have seen firsthand that this community has potential to not only excel in the local area of swimming but compete nationally and perhaps internationally. If this pool were built it would become my goal to create high performing swimmers who not only compete for DI schools but reach further for National teams. It would be amazing to see kids from Midland represent the USA internationally.
On top of that there is a HIGH demand for people to swim including a very competitive triathlete community, Masters swimming, high school swimming and club.
They would last a while.
Arts and athletic opportunities are certainly important, but specific facilities? It would only make sense if all district schools could use the facilities, elementary included, especially the arts center and swimming complex.
Best to do this in one bond proposal
I think the auxiliary auditorium is a clear need.
the pool and football stadium are old and outdated.
The auxiliary facilities will take our schools into the 21st century.
Nothing.
The auxiliary facilities would be amazing under either scenario.
I do think we need better auxiliary facilities to accommodate attendees sizes, better swimming facilities.
New Pool
New auditorium
I think allowing the Middle schools exclusive access to the old high school facilities would give them more opportunities than having to share them with the high schoolers and it will make it easier to facilitate
Bogus - Not buying a car with a trim package. These need to stand individually.
Arts and sports are important to kids and community
If there was a mega school, which I don't favor, it would be nice to have all this in one location to reduce transportation needs.
nothing
Nothing
Nothing

The amenities
I think the new swimming pool would be really nice.
Nothing
Adding facilities
I think this is unnecessary.
New athletic and aux facilities.
Anytime a district is not cutting back on the arts and music programs is a win for me.
New facilities, particularly the new pool, would be additive to the district.
It solves many issues, creates a sustainable future at a reasonable cost, it allows for growth as well as efficient management of costs if enrollment still decreases over time.
Stadium
Nithing
I like the idea of the add-on facilities
More options for our students.
Everything
Nothing
A new Auditorium.
Nothing
I don't like scenario B, however if it approved I do feel that new auxiliary options on site is the best idea.
Addresses aging performing arts center and pool problems.
Stadium complex
<p>Central Auditorium is a beautiful and historic part of our community; however, it lacks the versatility we need to effectively support and grow our arts departments. Additionally, its limitations hinder our ability to host events that could attract schools from both the region and the state. We need a space that can accommodate a wider range of activities and foster collaboration within the arts.</p> <p>As an active volunteer, I am enthusiastic about the idea of an updated sports complex, especially if it enhances accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Improving internet connectivity is also crucial, as it affects ticket sales, merchandising, and concessions. Additionally, the concessions stand should meet health department standards, including proper ventilation, a three-compartment sink, and adequate food storage. It would be even more appealing if the concessions stand were centrally located to serve multiple sports throughout the seasons.</p>
None

A new auditorium would be great. Central Auditorium is wonderful, but it gets tight when there are concerts.
Not much
If you have scenario B You almost need this addition.
Opportunity
None
Nothing ... big mistake
Nice facilities, I like the swimming pool.
I like the new facilities idea.
We probably could use them
The auxiliary facilities allows students in their families to enhance their school experience and connection to the community.
New swim facility
I think we need some new auxillary facilities as ours age and with multiple schools using.
I don't.
Nothing
our facilities have comparatively been poor we have noticed through the years with travel sports. We are overdue for an update
The pool
Nothing
We do need updated facilities...but not worth the trade off.
A new pool.
New stadium
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.
Will cost more than you are proposing. Horrible waste of money.
Nothing
New pool.
I love everything here. This scenario would allow our students to have wonderful facilities.
New stuff
Nothing this is a ridiculous idea when there is nothing wrong with the stadium we have now
None

A good auditorium could support a lot of community needs
Upgrade structure buildings
New facilities are a benefit.
Most of the sports fields are due for upgrades
New auxiliary facilities would be cool but seem excessive.
The auditorium is interesting
I like that it's not all about sports. It's time to better support the art, theater, and music programs. Nothing has been said about improving the library or counseling services.
More up to date's facilities for students to use.
Who wouldn't want the best facilities?
Facilities are great addition
Addition of a large auditorium for the district
New pool
Nothing
More leading edge competition to enhance student success in sports, etc.
Nothing.
The high school and its extracurricular facilities are the focal point of the district. Replacing and consolidating these not only has all the benefits of scenario B, but also makes the district more attractive to visitors and potential students.
Why bother building a brand new high school without the facilities it needs. You either build the high school with the facilities and make it 9-12 or you go to option A.
It makes sense to have these types of facilities for our school
I don't like scenario B but I like auxiliary facilities
Nothing
I like the spirit of the idea, but why not use the MCFTA for theater and just build the shared pool and stadium. Sounds like shared facilities will lead to crazy practice hours and traffic
It would be nice to have a pool back, since we lost the jefferson one.
It's clear that we need to upgrade our auxiliary facilities. We need a greater capacity for theater and a modernized stadium with proper bathroom facilities.
Adding the auxiliary facilities
Nothing.
nothing, I don't find this necessary

Nothing.
If we were to actually build this new high school, we might as well go the distance and upgrade everything.
The new auditorium.
We need a community pool for the swim teams. We are greatly lacking there for our sports teams.
Just like the sports complex to be done and able to be used for the whole community.
Nothing
I like having a robotics building.
performing arts facility
Nothing, too costly
Having updated amenities
Nothing
nothing
Absolutely nothing, this is a waste of money
Nothing this is a joke, we have a community stadium with three year old turf and bleachers, and you are asking me about constructing a new one?
I like the idea of those new facilities, but it seems like we just dumped a lot of money recently into our high school stadiums
swimming pool is needed
New facilities
The facilities would likely be beautiful and meet needs for a long time.
nothing
I like the fact that we are looking at building or upgrading the facilities, this would benefit our athletes and the community.
These would be lovely to have in our community.
Building a pool for all teams to use.
Nothing
This community definitely needs a competition swimming pool
It's nice!
I don't feel like we need a new football stadium but we do need a new pool and we do need a new performing arts center.

Upgraded environments
There is a need for a new school pool
students and adults would love these facilities!
Everything would be together which is what I think a major drawback was
Would update the pool and complete the suggested move that was supposed to happen with Dow High having a stadium as well.
Nothing
The investment in extracurricular activities.
The up to date facilities.
Nothing
I hate scenario B and do not support at all. This is a glutenous amount of money to spend on auxiliary buildings and wholly unnecessary. The amount of students that benefit from these resources and the amount spend do not compute.
new is nice but don't think they are needed
That's a lot of money for a community that is shrinking
Nothing
Really upgrading everything to show what Midland Public Schools should be like.
Offers great learning and athletic opportunities
Nothing
I belive this scenario will eventually bring our community closer together after the inital change discomforts pass.
Nothing. It us unnecessary added costs.
State of the art facilities
You are dangling carrots in forms of new facilities to sweeten Scenario B. I don't support Scenario B but I do want to spend more money to build a swimming facility. You're making this an either/or choice for the community when it shouldn't be. I'd like to see 'a la carte' options that include Scenario A *and* new swimming facilities.
New facilities would be nice
Swimming pools are good.
I like that there will be a new dedicated performing arts venue.
I don't think Scenario B makes a lot of sense with this. Having students commute daily from a new high school to use athletics facilities (pool, stadium) doesn't make sense (or seem safe with winter weather). Also, having the middle and high schools share athletic facilities seems like a challenge in terms of scheduling. Finally, MPS simply needs additional auditorium space.

Central Auditorium is great, but it isn't large enough and it's in such demand that you have to book it a year in advance.
This would be amazing for the children!
I like the idea of the pool since that could really be used in Midland for the schools with so few available now for swim sports.
Modern, high-achieving high schools should have those facilities
New would be nice!
I will not be voting for anything with an additional tax increase.
I like that it improves our facilities that currently are not big or new enough to support the interest we have in them.
Obviously these new facilities would be wonderful with Scenario B.
It would be fantastic to have these facilities for our community.
New facilities
If you're going to do Scenario B, then I think it makes sense to upgrade these facilities. As a parent I appreciate having nice facilities to go to games/performances in which I feel appropriately reflect our community's commitment to our kids and their education.
I like the idea of all the auxiliary facilities being in one location.
Exciting additions and value-added amenities, but the primary goal should be to improve academic environment first.
future and community oriented.
I don't see anything positive about this.
auditorium
The auxiliary facilities
If we are going to do a project, I think we should go all in and do it correctly. This would be that if we pick option B
This is too expensive! We just spent quite a lot of money on Central Auditorium and the Dow High pool.
Our pool is embarrassing. Look at Grand Blanc. We need a facility equal to the quality of our programs.
I think it sounds great if it wasn't connected to scenario B
idiotic... apart from the pool that I am sure would be appreciated but could have been done if the district could at minimal talk to the town/community center... the communal stadium already EXIST. do we really need to spend 25 millions for something already there (and not even mentioning the newer field build at dow high etc....).
We need updated facilities!

None of this. These new facilities are unnecessary.
These new auxiliary facilities could attract potential students and help build our city and keep it strong with families that might otherwise be on the fence about moving here.
I like the swimming complex and auditorium
The only positive would be that the high schoolers would have easier access to the facilities than currently.
MPS is in drastic need of facility upgrades for their students and this will positively impact multiple students.
Everything... it's logical
New pool facility
New stuff
This is not Detroit or another large metropolitan area.
Pool consideration
I think your correct about needing the upgrades.
I like that we are providing equitable resources for all students.
Nothing
The football stadium
Nothing
You can't do Plan B without this. Please don't! High schoolers will suffer.
New facilities. Everything in one place
There is no element about scenario B that I like.
The idea of updated facilities sounds great on paper.
The new auxiliary facilities.
Nothing
Midland needs a competition swimming pool, especially given the number of swimmers. MPS should consider the number of swimmers who continue to swim after graduation and/or obtain college scholarships linked to swimming.
I like the idea of having a pool for everyone to use.
New stadium
Seems to address each of the needs
Nothing
Upgrading facilities

None of it
Is this a trick into attracting people who wants these things, by adding to only scenario B.
I like that it centralizes everything.
Again would like these facilities, but not with scenario B. Hold definitely be willing to pay the extra cost though. Even though I am a strong advocate for keeping 2 high schools, I like the idea of shared facilities like the community stadium to emphasize unity there, sharing spaces, so I could envision this addition being more like that- community facilities shared by 2 high schools.
I don't have enough information to make a decision
nothing--don't think necessary or a priority at this time
The only part of this that I like is the thought of having a new auditorium. I have never like Central Auditorium, I felt that should have been torn down and a new facility built instead of the remodel that was done to Central Auditorium. I think our district would have benefited to having a larger new auditorium like the one that Bullock Creek has.
The increased focus on state of the arts facilities for students
I think it would be fine as long as this was added to scenario A. I don't think B is a good choice for Midland.
Making the high school a fully equipped campus. If scenario b happens, it seems shortsighted to not do it well and without these features. Sure, it's more money, but if it has to be done, do it right so kids aren't traveling all over town to get to band or orchestra or swimming, football, etc.
Keeping the high school one and letting them have all of the "extras" eventually this will need to be done anyways.
The auditorium is getting too small to hold events.
The stadium is being used now by middle school and high school so it's being worn down faster.
I think it would be nice to have the auxiliary facilities in one place.
The facilities should be state of the art and some of the best around.
All students will get to use new facilities
If you're going to go with option b at much rather have a unified school campus than have athletics disjointed throughout the city.
I think update these facilities with Scenario A.
Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high
A new pool has been needed.
Nothing. Refer to my previous answer.
a dual high school pool at an alternate location

auxiliary facilities
Enhanced facilities
IF you go with scenario B, no reason to be cheap and NOT include these additional things
The community desperately needs a POOL. Auditorium has multiple uses. Current stadium is in desperate need of upgrades anyway.
I think all 3 of these extras are somewhat needed. The Central auditorium has seen better days and is beginning to be too small for its use. With the buildings only having 1 working pool a new pool is needed. And our stadium needs to be replaced.
I like that the high school will have all necessary facilities on site.
Seems to add more possibilities for extra curricular activities. It would be great to have a swimming pool that could be used for many many years
PROPOSAL A needs to include an auxiliary facility option as well.
Our facilities are way behind other areas of the state and an upgrade is needed.
Nothing.
I like that this would allow the high school to have their own auxiliary facilities vs. using the existing facilities that would be at the middle school buildings if the district went with Scenario B. I don't like the idea of middle schoolers and high schoolers being in the same space.
Nice facilities for students
A high school that encompasses all facilities, which is something Midland schools has never had.
The performing arts and physical activity center
I'm not supportive of Scenario B at all.
All of it. Need to compete with other large districts in the state.
new stadium
New facilities
Makes much more sense to have all the auxiliary facilities actually AT the new high school.
Given the difference in monthly cost... if you are already decided to spend the money... what is a couple more bucks, right?
Appreciate the arts being included.
It addresses more than just aging buildings by adding new/improved auxiliary facilities
I am not in favor of Scenario B but I feel strongly that if you are going to do this it should be a true high school with all facilities at the school itself.
Stadium upgrades and needs met

I am amenable to the add on facilities but don't care for plan B. Why not offer the add on facilities with plan A?
All are nice facilities, but again, are they needed?
nothing
Nothing. We already have all of those things.
I think if we go with scenario B then the new auxiliary facilities must be part of that. Having those facilities on campus is important to alleviate transportation issues and to help the community adjust to the concept of a single high school.
Great facilities.
Top-of-the-line facilities for all students.
Seems incredible for Midland to have these options.
Nothing
New facilities are always great!
I don't like anything about this scenario
New features
Brand new aux facilities
New facilities
It is nice that you want to add things. However we currently do not have funds to accommodate a request like any that you propose.
I like the new facilities to support and grow the arts and athletics
I really like how we are focusing on the other ancillary spaces as an idea.
nothing
Nothing
Nothing
New facilities would be nice
We need these facilities, and students would benefit greatly
Bigger auditorium
Nothing
New auditorium
The auditorium is needed
Why the extra cost when other facilities are available.

Nothing
Honestly it just seems like a town as nice as Midland and that is literally known so much for its family friendliness should have modern facilities to support family and school activities. This is one of the main draws to living here — we should invest accordingly.
The "auxiliary" facilities are a necessity to a robust high school program.
I know we need these facilities
I know we need these facilities, especially the pool.
Nothing. These are unnecessary facilities since Central Auditorium and Stadium were just updated with your previous bond.
Could be good. How did you come up with these three ideas? Could current facilities be partnered with? I'm thinking Midland center for the arts in particular. Has it been explored to spend this money in other ways to help improve current deficits?
All the extra curricular activities would all be one one location
I like all of these feature.
The high schools will get facilities by the high school, not scattered across the community.
Investing in athletics
Humor: An attempt to make a bad idea look better by making it more expensive
In a time with massive inflation bc of how libtard educators vote now they want us to find more into government indoctrination sites
I would love all the facilities to be on one campus - having our students drive to different locations will be messy and time consuming. And for students without cars the school would need to find ways for those who do not have parents available right after school to drive to different places for after school activities.
Like the expanded extracurricular options
Nothing
The pool. We likely will leave Midland in search of a new town if a competitive, elite pool is not in the plans for the next 5-6 years.
At least the facilities are new.
I would like to see this added to scenarios A
The pool situation is the biggest concern for both our high school athletes and the youth program. The community center pulled a fast one i believe. Talked about a competition pool then said its for a future phase. Dow high pool is too small to even house the cross town rival meets. 12 lanes would certainly make meets go faster too and we could host post season meets
Newer and greater facilities, new stadium

Cost
If you're going with option B, then you might as well go all the way and make the new Midland high school a state-of-the-art facility. I feel like it's a loss to combine two high schools into one, but at least the added facilities (despite the cost) would make it feel like a semi-win.
Nothing
Facilities being in one location
If combining the high schools is what happens that would be nice
Specialized auxiliary facilities sounds like a great benefit. Ideally auxiliary facilities with proposal A would be best.
New swimming pool.
I like the idea of improving and adding more opportunities and better resources
far fetched ideas
Current facilities are adequate.
New auxiliary facilities are nice.
none
Stilll....not much
Nothing
Bigger auditorium. I've always thought midland needed a bigger auditorium, but that is not a big enough draw for me to pick scenario b
Nothing
Nothing
None
Nothing.
Nothing
I've heard there is a need for a 12-lane competition swimming pool in the community.
Nothing
The addition of a new performing of the arts and swimming facility
A larger auditorium is great for our outstanding music/drama program.
Nothing trying to sweeten the deal for a poor plan of making classes to small
I don't want scenario B at all
MPS needs updated facilities to keep pace in a competitive education environment from this century.

Reusing the spaces and knowing how they will be used
Better stuff.
The new facilities would be nice
This is not needed
Nothing
MPS definitely needs a second auditorium and an updated pool is a plus
The swimming pool addition
New facilities would be nice
Nothing
Nothing. Seems to be a 'If we could have everything request'
Keeping facilities connected to the high school campus and investing in the future activities of our students.
Would like the 12 lane pool - but feel that could be built separately.
Nothing
nothing
Nothing, would make it negative if I could... we have the theatre we saved already.
Tailoring to the needs of arts and extra curriculums shows an emphasis and investment in student life, builds community within the schools and in Midland, allows for the hosting of state wide events to gain traction to our community, gives the community more resources to use, allows for the higher level development of our fine arts and sports programs, etc.
It would be nice for some upgrades this are all of these necessary and how often would they be used?
They all sounds desirable
I like PARTS of the facility plan.
I really enjoy there being specific spaces for auxiliary activities that are dedicated to older students to help keep middle and high school students separated.
New stadium and auditorium to support a new unified high school.
If scenario B is chosen, then I do feel it should include the auxiliary facilities. It is usually a financially wise decision to make capital investments so that the facilities will return the greatest value for the longest period of time. This also presumes that the construction will be high quality and the design well considered to maximize the useful life of the buildings. Cutting cost corners (e.g., less durable construction, too little natural light) during construction will only raise the issue of significant upgrades or new buildings sooner in the future.
New auxiliary add one.

Having new facilities, especially if available to the community, is very appealing
I think the only way to compete and continue to be a high performing district is to include spaces like these that allow all the offerings to students needed to round out their time in schools. These spaces are needed and will last for years to come. They also allow for good community gathering spaces.
The new high school with all the aux facilities
Allows more people to practice and join sports/clubs.
Absolutely morning
Nothing. I certainly hope this is not the pet project of someone who doesn't want to keep their job
Make our facilities comparable to others.
Nothing
Swimming facility
Still, I don't like anything about this if we are changing the whole school system.
Keeping the facilities by the school for ease of access
Nothing - you need to travel around and see what other school facilities looks like around the country. Put the money into something which will improve education.
If a brand new high school is truly needed it should be done right and built well with nice facilities all in one location
The new performing arts center. I would support that in scenario A, but not in scenario B.
Pools
None
Nothing
A new competitive pool for our elite team and a new performing arts facility. The stadium seems fine and recently updated except for the concessions/locker rooms/bathrooms-those could use an upgrade. Please see my answer in the regular scenario B much if it applies to this answer. If we are going to combine high schools, we have to have a new performing arts area and pool. I don't think I would support it otherwise.
A new stadium and pool. If we are going to only have one Midland team I imagine we will be able to compete at a higher level and would want facilities to support high performing teams.
Love it because it's all the sports and fine arts so everyone wins.
Our kids haven't had their own facilities & that's such a shame. Getting into Central Aud is difficult for a group because it's booked so often. We should have a theater that houses all students in the building. The MHS little theater is run-down shame for a community that celebrates the arts.

Nothing.
Nothing.
We do need a new consolidated swim/dive facility. This doesn't have to be at the consolidated mega high school though.
We are in favor of the best facilities for midland students but still have many unanswered questions
New pool and stadium is nice, but not really fundamental to education.
Again the only thing that this community needs is a new pool.
Not much.
nothing
New facilites
Nothing
Add needed auxiliary facilities to Scenario A. Yes, new pool is needed. Current stadium and auditorium can be worked with.
Campus includes what is needed for student activities
the possibility of these state of the art facilities
Nice facilities for students to utilize.
It brings a renewed competitiveness to each performing program.
nothing
New auxiliary facilities so we do not need transportation cost from highschool
Nothing we have a wonderful athletic / stadium facility at both high school. They built that new facility at dow high and don't use it to its potential. It's a total waste.
Swimming
I do not like Scenario B, but if that is the choice, I like that these facilities would be added, and you must, otherwise the sports and arts programs will be very limited because of the commute to the other schools' facilities.
The fact that they're trying to preserve students abilities to have arts and athletics, when this are the usually the first things to go when money gets tight.
I like the idea of new auxiliary facilities but not the new school.
The fact that the ancillary facilities will be attached to the schools.
The auxiliary part.
I appreciate the upgraded facilities.
Not a fan of Aux B but yes upgrades and modernization would be good.

Having a performing arts center.
Absolutely nothing
Waste of money
Not interested in Scenario B and do not want to support it - would not support auxiliary facilities and would push for no on millage for this scenario.
If we were to combine as one high school, I believe a stadium would be necessary to have on-site for student involvement.
I like more fields for students. But I think scenario B is the worst idea.
Nothing. We already have facilities that meet our needs...no need to waste money building more.
Located at high school
Nothing
Sounds nice
I think football stadium need an upgrade. New HD scoreboard.
Nothing. I think this is a waste.
The new pool would be the plus.
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing it's not necessary
Facility expansion
New facilities at new high school
nothing
If we have t build a new high school, it makes sense to have the recreational facilities be on-site.
Nothing.
The more resources the kids have the better...
Having everything at one location.
New athletic and performing center are needed
New pool facility. It is needed regardless. Both high schools share the facility, and it is not reflective of the district or the performance of the athletes that use it now.
We have the second largest and one of the best stadiums in the state. No need to rebuild. 1000 seat auditorium is at MCFTA. Put the pool where it needs to go and that is at the new Northeast Middle School when you rebuild it on current footprint.

I know a lap pool is critical for the swim team
Newer facilities for our student-athletes and performers
Nothing.
New facilities for performing arts.
New is always better midland is here to stay
Nothing, this is way too expensive. Replace only what needs replacing. You guys are acting like an 18yr old with credit card with tax payers paying way to much for your wants, not our needs!
I think that plan b only makes sense with the adder of the facilities.
Extreme cost
I only like the auxiliary upgrades
We need another good auditorium in town. The one at Central is small. the MCFTA auditorium we designed to share with the school system but they are so "booked up" with money-making touring groups, their calendars are too full to host local groups, and if they do, they are very costly.
A new pool is a large need for Midland as long as the public have access to it.
Again I like the grade groupings and I really like the new facilities. Even if it costs more, it would be much less expensive than paying for private school. It would be amazing to have these resources at public school, available to all.
I don't.
Nothing
State of art facilities and updated sports facilities
The new state of the art facilities instead of still using the old stuff
I don't really LIKE this, but I think these things are essential to have a competitive high school program.
These are necessary
Separating this from scenario b seems to want to drive people to scenarios b without realizing what would be missing in scenarios b
all the great facilities
Least of my concerns
All midland residents will be benefitting from a new high school designed to prepare students for careers of the future. The fact that everyone paying for this will be benefitting is key. It will also help to set Midland apart from surrounding districts. Constructing the needed facilities will enable the school to be a one stop shop for students and prevent unnecessary travel between schools.

I love sports, music.
Why can't the added facilities be added in a central location with Scenario A? I don't like that this may sway the public who wants a new auditorium, pool and stadium into choosing scenario B. These options should be offered even if there are 2 schools. We already share a stadium between the 2 schools. Why not build the auditorium and pool to share between them as well. Make that centrally located. It will take up much less land than adding it to a whole new school. These options are all facilities that can be offered as Stand Alone buildings. They do not need to be attached to one high school or the other.
It feels like a more realistic solution than Scenario B.
Nothing
Nothing
There is nothing that I like about B.
It brings us more in line with comparable schools.
Not needed
like the new pool
New pool
nothing- STOP trying to get people to pay more for new when we have everything we need now. Look at the issue you are trying to solve- LESS Students? Perhaps you look at the structure of learning and what is being taught and how and why parents would rather pay 3x the price to send their kids to a private school that focuses on academics and not emotional learning with such a focus on inclusion and diversity- start there and get back to the basics of academics
I appreciate this looking at other needed facilities for the district.
I would love for our community to have these facilities available.
The auxiliary facilities sound great, but don't like scenario B
The auxiliary facilities would showcase Midland Public Schools commitment to providing good facilities to their students. When you travel to other schools in state, they have state of the art facilities for athletics and recreation that MPS is missing.
The only thing I like about this scenario is the auxiliary facilities.
Not paying for that
The performing arts center however is central auditorium even problematic?
I know the facilities need updating
I like all the options presented. I think there's a need in the community. We just need to prioritize.
It provides a new auditorium.

I do not like
I really love the ability to have these new amenities and agree we need them.
These items are all necessary and needed and should be added as a possibility to scenario A. You could use the theater for outside groups and could probably make is self-sustaining. The pool would be similar to the soccer fields where outside tournaments and such could be had.
None
New facilities
Nothing
There is nothing about Scenario B that I like, even with auxiliary facilities included.
Nothing
The performing arts center is needed, Central auditorium is not adequate for high school programs.
I like that the children will have nicer facilities.
Crazy again
nothing
Do this; the lack of a serious school auditorium at the high school is an embarassment. Bullock Creek's school auditorium is far more functional and useful than Central or use of the Midland Center for the Arts. Likewise include a significant STEM center for high school and middle school students.
New performing arts center.
The only part I like is that there would be new facilities for performing art, swimming and community stadium.
Sure, these things would be nice additions to the district.
Nothing
Not sure all the projects need to be considered. You currently have a very suitable stadium. Why build a new stadium on site at the new high school. Many school districts do this. Then it would truly be a community stadium. Considering the frequency that Central auditorium is used there is no need to add this to scenario B. The only thing worth adding is an onsite swimming pool for the new high school.
I think its a great idea to have a seperate sports facility
It'd be nice to have new facilities but not at the cost of having only 1 HS
Nothing
Robotics center would be amazing
Welcome to additional community assets.

New facilities
It would provide nice facilities for some groups of students
Arts and athletics are part of a healthy education system. To me, these should go hand-in-hand with a new building for the kids.
Nothing
Nothing. I see no need for Scenario B, hence less than no need for this addition to it.
Bigger Auditorium
Nothing
Nothing
A new pool is needed
We we just rebuilt a stadium and as far as I know this woman complex is going to be used by all the swimming clubs in Midland not just the schools let the swimming clubs build it and we can lease it from them for the schools when we need it
Dow pool isn't in the best shape, the central Auditorium gets sold out sometimes so more seats would be nice.
It is nice to have new facilities
they are needed to keep attracting new people and businesses to midland.
Hard to access
New auxiary facilities will provide enhanced opportunities for students at all age levels
More opportunities for students to participate in activities
It's certainly a bold plan.
I do not care for this option- new and shiny sounds great, but functionality and safety for the students who use it seems less likely given the volume of students who would need to use it.
If you end up going with plan b, a new swimming complex
New facilities for students .
I like the addition of a pool
If a new school is necessary, they will need new auxiliary facilities
This seems like a much more attractive model because the stadium, pool, and auditorium would be "on campus". Hopefully the existing facilities would remain open and useable to the district as well.
New facilities are always nice.
The idea of new facilities is "nice".
World class facilities and a magnet school

Public facilities are always good.
Unified high school with much needed auxiliary improvements
See my replies on scenario A & B.
Not in favor of scenario B but if it was to happen the auxiliary facilities would be a good thing
Nothing new.
new pool
Absolutely nothing.
I do not like anything about it.
These are needed now. We do not have a good auditorium currently. The auditorium should be added to scenario A
Although, to many people, the add-ons may seem like the icing on the cake, the reality of one huge high school is still a dealer breaker.
None
Nothing
nice facilities
Maybe there would be a nice pool that the community could use?? Maybe expand in conjunction with the Midland community center??
Nothing
Nothing
The auxiliary facilities would have a positive impact on athletics and other extracurriculars.
I like giving our students more opportunities in modern facilities.
Yeah it's great to have all this new but I'm still paying for a millage and esa has a millage. How much more do u need you are only half through it
It's very well planned and still not a ton more in taxes than the other scenarios, but makes more sense.
Centralizes the whole high school experience. I would prefer this scenario over the original scenario B.
not favorable to me
The opportunity to expand our athletic programs
Nothing
Nothing
The new auditorium concept.

It meets all of the community's needs.
These facilities would be great updates
We MUST NOT look at facilities as a completely separate proposal. This happened in 2012. It's embarrassing that we even parsing this effort out as separate. As my previous comments indicate, this is where MPS fails conspicuously. Education is first and foremost, and thankfully, we have wonderful teachers. However, those looking to move into the district expect that experience to be balanced with opportunities and facilities that support extracurricular activities. For too long, we've not invested in our physical locations, which would act as a magnet for our district.
The pool!! We travel all over the state of Michigan for competitive swim meets and see that it's possible for a community to support ALL of their athletes- not just their football players. A state of the art pool will bring teams to us and we can be that shining beacon of hope for other communities The performing arts center is great too. I'm also assuming that a new high school will offer more trades opportunities as well.
Nothing
I don't. I would support a bond to improve these facilities that is not attached to Scenario B.
Nothing.
Updated swimming facility is lacking in Midland.
The performing arts center would be nice.
Maybe tuition can be charged to those outside the area.
This idea just keeps getting worse
I dislike all of it
i didn't scenario b
The new pool and auditorium would be nice But why can't this be constructed under plan A.
I don't like that MPS is dangling carrots to ultimately get Plan B.
New pool
The auxiliary facilities would be nice, but having them outside the school is less convenient and I don't think it's all that necessary.
I understand the need for all 3 of these items in our community. If these were paired with scenario A, I may be more in favor. But since they are not, I do not favor them at all.
Updates to
would be pretty lit
new pool
New and more accessible resources for students, I also believe that these extra facilities are absolutely necessary if we do option B. The choices should really be A or B (with facilities)

That we will have updated HS facilities
Nothing
Improved facilities
The 12 lane pool
Nothing
I don't like that idea
The auxiliary facilities is really good
New stadium.
They are new and bigger
I like the new stadium and swimming facility and that more people will be able to watch performances in the auditorium.
Upgraded facilities
We can now have better additions to the old facilities
Not a thing
Updated facilities would be nice
New updates to the facilities which will benefit the teams.
Better fields etc.
The stadium
I believe that it would boost student involvement.
Students would not have to go somewhere else for sports
It will provide an optimal experience for students who use those facilities regularly, commensurate with the experience in larger districts in our peer group.
The auxiliary facilities option needs to be part of both scenarios. In general, I believe the athletic components and how they are being communicated is confusing. Regardless of scenario this is a huge need for our schools. What I like most is the focus on the auditorium and pool however, I don't agree with the stadium and believe that should be replaced with turf for softball and baseball fields, a new concessions stands, outdoor bathrooms, outdoor athletic storage and press boxes.
Nothing
It's nice to have new facilities.
Not an option to me. New auxiliary facilities are pretty, but not at the expense of less students being able to use them.
Nothing

I don't like the idea
Are you insane?
all centrally located and accessible to the high school, support of the arts, more upgraded facilities
I cannot speak to this because I am not aware of the current auditoriums at either HS and what the capacity is nor do I know what the current pool situation is.
nothing
I think the auxiliary facilities are a great idea and much needed. Is there a way to add them to scenario A?
nothing
Builds new auxiliary facilities that presumably would have longer life than existing facilities
Amenities
If you're going to go this route, might as well go all in
If you're going to do a bond plan I'm all for just doing everything at once.
The competition pool seems like a great idea!
It appears to be the entire package.
When compared to other local (and out-of-state) school districts, we need appropriate auxiliary facilities on the same campus. If we are going to do Scenario B, we should just do it all at once.
Students need these areas to flourish. Sure we have the community center; but it's expensive and not geographically or financially accessible to a lot of students.
Having these facilities will allow the larger groups of students to flourish.
I like the auxiliary facilities.
I DO NOT LIKE THIS SCENARIO AT ALL
Convenience
Nothing
I sort of like the idea of 5th and 6th together.
If we are updating the high school we should include the auxiliary facilities.
Everything.
more opportunities for students
I would like to see pool space for every middle and high schooler who wants to participate in swimming, though I wonder if MPS would be a better renter of a community run pool instead of owner.
New stuff

I guess new stuff is nice.
Nothing
If High Schools are combined, our children will all go to Bullock Creek.
Having all auxiliary facilities at appropriate site
Do high schools need that much seating. This town isn't that big.
I dislike everything about scenario B
I do like that all of the facilities would be in a central location.
A new performing arts center
nothing. not needed
I've gone many other places and been impressed with their facilities. I don't feel like people say that when they come to ours
I would love to see these facilities added
New competitive swim facility and stadium
Auxiliary facility
New swimming
nothing
I'm not in favor of scenario B. New facilities would be great but not with B.
Nothing
It will give the students the facilities they need to be competitive and possibly on one site
Performing Arts & Swim facility
Pool and performing arts(although not necessary) we have Central Auditorium or MCFTA
Competition on new school premises.
It's more cost effective to add the auxiliary facilities at the time of construction than it is to go back and try to do it after the fact.
Enhances the learning experiences
New facilities, we need them!
A pool!
Nothing
I love this plan. I would like something for our whole community to take pride in. Instead of having to improve facilities for both schools, we can have one facility for the district that we take pride in. I think it will help unite our community and also improve the community as a whole.

Makes midland more attractive for people considering to move here
Nothing
Nothing
To much money
Would be in favor of this for Scenario A
New auditorium and swimming pool
This needs to happen! We can't build a new school without the amenities
None of it! Now is not the time to raise our taxes! We can barely afford groceries!!!
I love the auxiliary package, wish it could be added to scenario A
I don't like it at all.
Makes us up to date with other cities our size that are flourishing. Will be a great opportunity to create community and level the playing field because right now, whether it's politically correct or not to say, Midland high has a much lower socioeconomic status, lower test, scores, and more behavior issues than dow high.
There is definitely need for all these things!
For a "high end " school district that's supposed to be so full of money, you would know it by our facilities!!
new swimming pool first. arts center 2nd. stadium last.
The kids have everything right there. We need better facilities to match downstate schools.
nice facilities
If you do B, do it right and add the facilities
Updated and upgraded performing arts space and stadium/pool would be nice.
Nothing
This would need to be included.
Nothing
There is nothing I like about this
The auxiliary facilities are a must for a unified high school to make a it UNIFED school.
New would be nice, but not needed and very expensive.
I like that we are looking into building new auxiliary facilities which means that all kids would be on a level playing Field. However, it also means that the pool of kids that we can draw from would be too large, which means that too many kids would be excluded from sports and things that are cut sports.

New facilities would be nice.
Nothing
The new performing arts center.
I like one combined high school. I don't think a town of this size warrants maintaining two high schools. I also believe if we are going to build a new high school then all the facilities should be located at the school so students and parents aren't driving around town to the different facilities.
Same comments as previous. I like that there is consideration for a potential devoted Robotics Site.
Would be nice to have all new facilities...
I do not like Scenario B - adding to this does not make sense.
Once the schools are consolidated, having new facilities that represent the new reality make sense.
The auxiliary facilities near campus and meeting needs of more scheduling for use of these places.
Nothing
Nothing
I like the upgrades definitely Needed.
Swimming pool and new stadium
The swimming pool and stadium
Updating facilities would be nice if needed but this isn't that. So nothing.
New pool and theater are totally needed
Newer facilities
We need them badly
Nothing
The new swimming complex is needed.
I'm concerned about option B for reasons stated earlier in survey.
I do not care for scenario b
We need new pools and auditorium.
The new stadium and pool
Auditorium sounds nice
Nothing

I think our school district needs these auxiliaries, but you should add it to scenario a.
I like that they will have different things that are popular for students to do, but I still don't really want Scenario B to continue.
Nothing.
It's great to recognize athletics and arts in our district.
Nothing.
If you make a new larger high school, these new facilities are imperative
I like it. I'm a swimmer and band person. These facilities would benefit us.
Midland needs upgraded facilities
A new pool might be nice but isn't necessary.
Having new auxiliary facilities at the new High School site.
Combining high schools.
Pool
Best long range plan to support or kids best with sports arts and technology
We need that pool! (And my kids don't swim.)
These are nice resources for kids as long as all have access to them
If we have to go with Scenario B, it would be nice to have new facilities
The addition of the auxiliary facilities makes the high school in Scenario B an appropriate high school learning space.
Nothing.
Nothing
auditorium
Nothing.
Nothing
This highlights and continues to grow some of our community's greatest programs.
Providing high school students auxiliary facilities at their school
Nothing
All these facilities are needed
We desperately need these items
Nothing
Nothing

Improved facilities (pool, etc)
I like the idea of updated competitive swimming facility and performing arts center.
There is a clear lack of swimming facilities in this community. In addition, soccer and lacrosse are growing at exponential rates. These sports need upgraded spaces.
All of the proposed changes.
Nothing
They would be state of the art facilities.
midland high needs a pool
Nothing.
Is this in addition to Scenario B on previous page?
I don't think this is needed if you choose scenario A.
Nothing
It would be nice to have nice facilities, but shiny new things is not what the district needs right now.
Sounds like having superior facilities for sports and extracurricular activities.
Only performing arts. As long as performing teachers music and theater are involved since they weren't for central and that's small
I'm sure these upgrades are wanted, but I don't think they are necessary at this time.
None
nothing
Nothing
facilities will be located where the students that use them are located
Not one thing
I like that students will have the opportunity to use new facilities. The facilities right now are very dated.
I do not support Scenario B but would support the construction of a performing arts center and competitive pool. The stadium was just recently updated and additional monies should not be spent on a new stadium.
If the pool and stadium would also have hours for community use (such as in the summer) that would be huge.
nothing
Improved facilities to support a larger singular student body.

I do not see a need for any of these auxiliary items.
Nothing.
nothing
Nothing
Ha there is the good idea
The Auxiliary Facilities.
Nothing
I think these resources are all necessary for the district. It is extremely important to invest in infrastructure.
None
The pool
I like the idea of upgrading everything at once, so the new HS has a new identity
I like the idea of having these nice facilities, but again, not restructuring the grades.
It would create a flagship central hub that would show what education can look like with the right investment. It eliminates the us v them entirely and creates opportunity. It would reduce some overhead in salaries and such by being more combined schools. Equity would be stronger here I believe.
I like the auxiliary facilities but I really don't like the option of one high school. If it has to be one high school, then I'd rather pay for it to have everything than for it not.
Add this to Plan A as an option. I beleive the only reason we are not adding these to Plan A is because we know people will opt for Plan B if we throw these in with it. (hope that is clear - hard to explain.) Basically add the New Aux option to Plan A.
You can't do the new high school without the added resources. What would be the point then????
Nothing
It deals with equity issues and pre-K and also replaces aging facilities with facilities to support multiple generations into the future. These will be likely to attract more students.
Not much. I agree, an auditorium (beyond what we're stuck with at Central) is something ignored over the past decades and would be a good addition. I can't speak about the competition swimming pool. I have no knowledge of how that adds to the overall educational continuum. I do know they are grossly expensive to maintain.
A pool is nice.
Nothing
They should be state of the art

Not much...
The new facilities
We do need to make repairs on these pools
A multi sport/arts complex is always desirable in this day & age. Creating an atmosphere and physical campus that resembles a college campus is great for the modified age group (10-12th) In preparation for future endeavors, PLEASE be sure that technical training and preparation is also woven into the larger campus plans. Keeping students of different interests together is very important. Separation of tracks at this age simply drives deeper the separation of white and blue collar households. If they aren't exposed to things outside their bubble or comfort zone, how will they know they are on the right path, learn to better appreciate each other and grow to be accepting and supportive citizens for each other? Please, please, please.
I think renovation/upgrades to the current Midland Community Stadium would be a more suitable expenditure and allow for the heritage of what was Dow and Midland HS to be enshrined.
New facilities
Our facilities need updating but this added expense to tax payers is a lot
Nothing.
Nice to have new facilities
Stated on the last page. This is the only option for Scenario B.
Similar to my comments on scenario b, this approach is more forward looking. It helps us to get closer to that desire for excellence. Building these new facilities for the new design also enables a one team mentality, which will help with the shifts particularly in having one high school. Having new, shared facilities, will help drive that new culture.
new auxiliary facilities would be nice, but in the existing buildings and the newly built Northeast Middle School.
The new auxiliary facilities would be a welcome upgrade. Option 2 seems like it has no positive benefits without these additions included.
Would provide better facilities
We need quality auxiliary facilities
This is too expensive!
Improves our community appeal
The new auxillary facilities may be needed in order to compete with other similar sized HSs in the state.
If you go with B, might as well go all the way.
I love the thought of auxiliary facilities. However, not they thought of having 1 high school.
The high school would be state of the art.

I like how it makes things actually practical for the students. You can't actually imagine highschool students would go to the middle school to play on their field. It also is highly limiting on the number of students that could actually participate if they have to travel that much.
This should be included in package B; not an add on. Do it right!
We should be the prominent location in Michigan for events. This will give us the facilities needed to not only thrive but to be able to host other competitions.
Feels like Midland has outgrown the facilities that we currently have when it comes to the stadium, auditorium, and pool.
All of this is fine in theory, but this is not the time to be moving forward with these three facilities. They are great long term, but financially, I don't want to put my tax dollars to these projects at this time.
Nothing
I believe our current facilities are well below contemporary expectations.
If we went with scenario B, it would be necessary to add the auxiliary facilities.
Auxiliary facilities are labeled incorrectly. They are required this day and age with this type of renovation and additions going in.
I like that they are adding a pool.
The current Midland Community Stadium might not have the capacity to accommodate the students and families of a unified High School
I don't really care about this that much. A new auditorium could be nice, I guess.
Addresses gaps in our current community facilities, especially in terms of pools. Provides a world class facility that I'd think would attract and retain families in Midland.
Nothing, still kids are losing out. Facilities are nice but at what costs to kids opportunities and future.
We need those auxiliary facilities. They will also create new jobs.
New auxiliary facilities are nice only if truly required, not a necessity
Nothing
New pool
Nothing - for me and my family, I don't personally care about a new swimming complex or a performing arts center. I also don't care at this point about a new stadium complex, as my child is in elementary school.
All proposed additions would be amazing and definitely utilized. If scenario B wins the votes then I think the auxiliary facilities are a must.
I like the new places that we need.

The only positive I see in this scenario are the new auditorium and new pool.
The band would much appreciate having access to a larger pool of spectators at their events.
New facilities are warranted with a larger student/parent population under a single high-school.
The new auxiliary facilities
New facilities
Nothing
They would be very nice additions, but they should be considered separate from Plan B
We could use another pool
Having new facilities would be nice
Absolutely nothing
Updated pool and performance space
The new pool. With the demo of Northeast Middle aquatic facilities will be cut 40%. This would solve that issue.
It will be nice to have new auxiliary facilities
Creates a single complex for the students at one location!
I will not be supporting Scenario B. I would only consider supporting B if the auxiliary facilities are included
It makes no sense to build a "shell" of a high school without auxiliary facilities.
Less challenges with transportation for those participating in extracurriculars.
A new stadium
This is obviously the best scenario for our community as long as we can pass the mileage.
Nice pool.
Everything!
A new high school without these type of facilities is a non-starter for me. Essentially, without the other facilities, it's a request for a massive tax increase for a half-assed facility in many ways inferior to the existing buildings. There is a huge advantage with having a stadium, swimming pool, etc. on site. Health classes can offer swimming, the marching band could practice, perform, and store equipment on-site (including during normal class hours when in season), health classes can use the track during the normal periods, etc.
Additionally, the community as a whole was short of public swimming pools before the adult pool closure at MCC, so one more would be a welcome addition (and could pay for itself with generous open swim hours at the old pools, class rentals, etc.).
Auditorium

I think it definitely makes sense to add those eventually, even if it's not immediately. Especially with the community center pool not meeting competitive swimming needs currently.
Nothing
nothing
It would be nice for the kids and the community to have updated facilities
I don't like this option but I feel like regardless what the community votes this is what midland decision makers will do. If we have to have a combined high school than it should have all of the facilities on its campus.
More auxiliary facilities.
Same thing as Scenario B except I like that a lot of the facilities are on site now.
I like the auxiliary facilities but feel they should be added for scenario A.
I think adding an auditorium would be nice
Our auxiliary facilities do NOT line up with other Division 1 schools if kept as is. It is hard to recruit and keep some athletic families here. It is embarrassing to have such terrible restrooms, concession stand (inside and outside at both high schools), very little storage and pool issues. I think the auxiliary facilities need to be upgraded with both choices.
Support need for auditorium and swimming.
The idea of new auxiliary facilities are appealing. But not enough to want scenario B for MPS
the 12 lane swimming pool
Nice to have new facilities
nothing
An auditorium that might mean everyone in a family can actually see their student perform. Right now we have to limit our families to 2 or 4 tickets per family.
I absolutely love all of this.
The additional auditorium will free up Central Auditorium for the music and drama programs. It will also be a place where the community theater program can perform without having to take up space in the Midland Centre for Arts. I also love the new pool and stadium idea.
A new pool, football stadium, and auditorium is needed and should be put at the new high school if that is the plan.
This addresses all the identified needs with the best uses of funds.
new pool, stadium and theater
We already have great facilities in place.
I would love to add the auxiliary facilities. I would vote for these upgrades alone or as part of scenario B. But there is no chance I would ever vote for scenario B.

Nothing. Fix the buildings instead, and put a new elementary in the community where people are buying new homes.
New building (if designed well)
Keeps students near their schools for practice and games
I don't like scenario b but I like the idea of new auxiliary facilities. Can a new complex be built adding these to scenario a?
There is nothing to like about this scenario
New facilities for our auxiliary education which provides students with the ability to learn and perfect their skills
I am in favor of adding an adequately sized auditorium complex, and additional pool space, both of which the district is sorely lacking. Although Midland continues to have outstanding swim teams and world-class, fine arts programs, their facilities for these programs are far below other school districts in the area, including those with less enrollment and less funding. Although Central auditorium and Dow, high school pool are beautiful and excellent quality, they are embarrassingly below the capacity that is needed for a school district of the size.
not much
Having everything centralized.
None
Nothing.
Nothing
Offers some new facilities but football stadium is not where the needs is.
Gets rid of the problem I mentioned previously.
The new facilities
I like that it includes an auditorium that the current music and drama programs actually fit in. I know most of the community has no idea this is even an issue, so I believe more education needs to take place. We shouldn't have to tell family members they cannot watch their child perform because the auditorium is too small and it would be against fire code. We should have a stage that wasn't designed to "get around" ADA requirements. There should not be in music ensembles in Midland Public Schools that have to perform in gyms because they are literally too big for the stage.
Improved facilities is attractive, however MPS poorly maintains what they build.
This would allow for our secondary students to have the facilities to compete and grow at the level that they need. The community will also greatly benefit from these resources as there would be more facilities for offerings to take place across the district/community. Midland Public Schools would become a top district in the state with our new facilities to match the academic excellence.
Addressing the needs for improved auxiliary facilities.

Nothing
New facilities would maybe allow more opportunities
Nothing
I like the focus on a new pool and arts.
New auxiliary facilities.
New facilities within close proximity to some of the students who will use them.
add on facilities
The functional swimming complex and the large auditorium are true needs for the future. Very forward thinking ideas.
Nothing
Who wouldn't want nice new facilities. Just don't want my property taxes to increase nearly \$1000/year.
Nothing
A new stadium complex is very needed. Going to other events at schools show how much updating is needed at MHS
We need new auditorium space and pool.
The auxiliary facilities would be nice, but not with Plan B.
Why are these Bundled? Am I buying an option package on my car?
Both high schools need facilities. Add this to scenario A and I'll vote for it.
I think if you are going to build a new high school all the needed facilities should be easily accessible and on the same campus as the school!
Nothing
I don't like this option
New facility
We don't need it
The new high school would benefit from having all of the facilities located together, especially if its location is distant from the current Midland High.
Provides desperately needed facilities.
New facilities
The idea of a nicer pool is appealing, however, I think most of MHS swimmers would not participate in a combined scenario (I would estimate 10-12 would have approximately 55 swimmers combined). I value student engagement over a beautiful natatorium.
It would ne nice to have the facilities in one place if there is a new highscjool built.

It is STUPID to build a high school without a stadium, auditorium, pool etc
Why isn't completing the current high schools an option?
It allows for people who use those facilities to expand and create/practice better with those facilities.
I like the 3 ideas, but there can be more included
Nothing
High school campuses have auxiliary facilities the students need
Nothing
I do not support anything for scenario 2, it's a horrible idea.
That the facilities would be onsite with the high school. Less traveling needed on the students to find transportation.
We need a new, larger pool
Makes midland desirable.
I like the idea of a competition swimming pool so that all middle and highschool students have the opportunity to swim.
Improving these facilities would be a great assist to our school.
Nothing
Love the pool and potential stadium for DHS.
The new facilities and amenities that provide better opportunities to students.
Nothing
We have facilities already for these events. I don't like this at all.
nothing
Just upgrade the stadium with locker rooms and update the gym/pool at DHS. You don't need brand new facilities.
Nothing. Just seems like an additional cost to taxpayers for a facility that does not need to be built in the first place.
new art center
I think if you're going to go for it-go all the way.
Auditorium
Adds much needed capacity for extracurricular activities.
Nothing
I would love a performing arts center and pool. Our community needs that.

Non-sense: who proposed B should pay for it.
Academic and cte offerings in one location
These upgrades fit our community and would serve them well. I have swimmers and I'm surprised we don't have a better facility with the amount of interest including at the community level with Dolphins. I also know Midland values arts and the current central auditorium isn't large enough most times.
it would be nice to have new auxiliary facilities
I don't care about auditoriums or sports stadiums. I maintain that I dislike this plan.
The new auxiliary buildings
Seems like a bigger plan for more people
Nothing
Auxiliary options
Pool and auditorium
Seems like if you're going to create new spaces, you may as well take the opportunity to add on facilities that would benefit the community. It might also open doors for additional tournaments, events, etc. that could benefit the community in many ways.
It's nice but if it comes with combining high schools, no. We already have a great stadium anyway.
The new pool would be nice
New foot ball stadium and auditorium
Central audition is currently too small
The arts facility and pool complex are needed. Our current auditorium is frequently at maximum capacity and there is no backstage space. Our community does not have an adequate pool for our needs.
Swim and new auditorium
Nothing
The new auditorium and swimming pool are needed for high schoolers.
Nothing
The updated auxiliary facilities at the one unified high school for Midland Public Schools and moving 5th grade to the middle schools allowing for pre-k to move to elementary schools.
If we had to do plan B, getting new aux facilities would make it palatable.
A better theater for the amazing arts programs.
Having one location for everything

The pool
Updated facilities are nice for students.
Nothing.
Midland needs better athletic facilities.
You might consider the auxiliary facilities option tacked on to Scenario A . . . (Does MPS) have any property in town that would work?
The update to auxiliary facilities is an absolute must
we need them!!! would like to add these facilities to the Scenario a plan
This is a must. If you're going to have a new high school, you need to outfit it with EVERYTHING that a competitive high school needs. Top of the line everything. Theater, Stadium, Pool, Multiple Gyms (maybe three), the best computer center, the best media center, distance learning labs, art labs, tech ed labs,... everything.
We need a second pool, and should have built a 1000 seat auditorium instead of refurbishing Central. We just put money into upgrading the Community Stadium. We do not need an new stadium..put the seat and lights in at the new Dow stadium instead.
I like the idea of a 12 land pool. This is much needed in Midland.
The Midland Stadium appears to be good condition. Major renovations roughly 10 years ago. A new pool at a HS is a good idea.
New Extracurricular Opportunities and New facilities.
Unified high school
Pool, current aquatic facilities are poor when compared to other similar districts
I like that everything would be in one location
Nothing
A new swimming pool, this is a huge need in our community and schools, increased capacity has been promised for other approved bonds but then gets cut.
Absolutely nothing, we already have a beautiful stadium.
Updated, truly embodies the city of "MODERN" explorers.
Nothing
I like the idea of one location with new facilities for the High school. I like the end of school rivalries.
Scenario B is awful!
auditorium

Midland Public Schools Community Survey
What do you like least about Scenario B that includes auxiliary facilities?
Responses
The current stadium has recently had big investments and does not need to be replaced. The district already has multiple available auditoriums. The pool need should be aligned with the Midland community center and their plans.
It's nice, but we still have homes in Midland County with dirt floors. Food and medical needs should be given more attention and priority.
Unnecessary expense.
The rest of Scenario B I think is a disservice to the kids.
Saw this coming years ago when the press box at Midland Community Stadium burned down. Why invest millions in updating an old stadium when a new community stadium could have been built near Dow Diamond and utilized the parking and given equal opportunity to both schools. All shared facilities should be in a neutral location and accessible to the public.
The cost
Nothing...good idea and overdue. Midland's facilities are antiquated (especially high school).
Everything. Keep preschool out
We've just updated facilities- why redo now?
Incredibly expensive.
Combining the high schools
I don't feel that I know enough about the current state of our extracurricular facilities to make any educated decisions.
taxes
7th Grade is with 9th Grade.
the combining of the highschoools and only land available will probably be in the county and prohibitive for transporting students.
Not needed. Is the current stadium facilities in. We'd to be replaced
As the parent of an elementary school student, I do not have a lot of exposure to our athletics and arts facilities. The little exposure I do have has me thinking that they are adequate.
The cost, but it's worth it
The cost.

new stadium dosen't make sense we already have a nice one.
expensive AND combined high schools
Same negatives as scenario B simple plus the extra cost
The unknown location is definitely a concern. Options would be more limited if the location was inconvenient for the community. I'm not sure why a new pool is needed with the limited-use possibilities. Also, what would be done with the existing facilities?
We already have all of these amenities just maintain what we have
\$30MM pool. Too expensive and not useful for all the kids. They can use the community Center new pool. Remove the pool and the impact to families will be lower.
I wish this wasn't only considered in scenario B
It is the most costly. I have reservations about the number of facilities a child will attend during their K-12 career and the learning "loss" that comes with each transition, as well as the transportation logistics families will face having even more schools, potentially on opposite sides of town, their children could be attending at one time.
Absolutely not. I have never voted no on a mileage, but I would vote no for this. We have a community stadium and performing arts center. We have a nearby university who has football and maybe swimming facilities we could rent. Community center may let us rent pool time, and center for the arts may let us rent space. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. Work with community partners, be a modern Explorer and think different, do just do the same thing and build one more thing that needs to be maintained.that will eventually breakdown. Think outside the box. You got this.
The cost to add this when current facilities are still sufficient for use
Still doesn't allow 9th graders to be in high school and still puts too many kids in one school, diminishing opportunities for all. I prefer a scenario C where we replace the aging facilities in elementary middle and high schools, improve sports and performing arts, but still keep grades 9-12 together.
Too much change. Strongly dislike scenario B
The invest and return ratio: How much these facilities are being used by the students/ community; if they are open to the public access
We already have a stadium, auditorium and a pool.
It's always the cost.
Very costly
Unnecessary spending. Already have a beautiful community field.
The rest of the scenario including the school buildings. I don't see a need for a new football stadium, the current one seems nicer than others in the area. I do not have an opinion on the swimming pool, since I have not been to a meet.
Expensive.

All of scenario B
Everything. Unnecessary spending.
Highest cost, and the current facilities don't really need replacing
Too much money, not necessary.
(I feel like If scenario B is chosen then it has to be with auxiliaries). Not a negative just a point to commit to it all at once.
I worry about the environmental and health impacts of turf.
It's a waste of all the updates that have been done in the high schools over the past years. Cost. Is this necessary?? Truly is wasteful, are these things necessary? We have good facilities that can be updated and utilized.
Dow high just built a football field. This prioritizes extracurriculars (important) > core academics (critical). I feel the school board chose to cut those items from the scope because they know the community won't be happy without pool, football stadium, and auditorium. Have any other options or scope reductions have been considered? Also Dow high being repurposed for only 5-6 seems like that nice building will be very underutilized.
That a timeline isn't included in any of the scenarios
I do not feel like this plan is in the best interest of the students and families. We already have a recently renovated Central Auditorium and recently renovated football stadium.
I will be voting NO!
There is no need to build a new stadium MPs just put a ton of money into the existing one .
Waste of taxpayer money
It's more money.
I Feel Like This Would Be A Huge waste of money we just redid midland community stadium Back In 2021 why in the world would we build a new stadium and we redid central auditorium not that long ago so this would be a huge waste of money I don't think it's necessary for a new auditorium or stadium
Cost projections
We need to make sure that these are properly integrated into the community with supporting infrastructure (parking lots, road expansion)
Feels disingenuous. To spend this much money on these items that won't be accessed by every student, I don't know
Cost
Stadium is unnecessary
Why do we need a pool that big, the community center isn't even that size? Also we already have a district auditorium and a beautiful center for the arts that can be utilized. Our current

stadium is just fine, just needs some upgrades to the bathrooms, concessions and handrails going down to those amenities (they are loose and coming out of cement).
It's upsetting that you spent the money to remodel Central Auditorium and for you to realize now it's too small. Why did we not do it right the first time?
Pool space is a concern among swimmers. And since the Community Center didn't build a pool adequate for swimming competitions, there seems to be a need for a decent competition pool in the community.
A new stadium! You put all the money into the press box, new bleachers, new tuft. Again, using taxpayer money to fund blunders that were made at the last remodel. Very frustrating to watch this excessive use of tax payer money.
Disruption to learning during transition
The cost.
Increased cost
Nothing related to the facilities but everything related to moving school ages around all over the city.
We pay enough in taxes already
<p>I dislike many aspects of Scenario B. First, it introduces safety concerns. We live in an age of school shootings. I am not comfortable with my elementary age child attending school in a high school building. Such a building is too big and concentrating that many young children into one spot places a target on their backs for attackers. If Scenario B is chosen, I will move my child out of Midland Public Schools.</p> <p>Second, as stated in my response regarding Scenario A, I prefer fewer school changes between grades for my child.</p> <p>Third, Scenario B requires all students to commute longer distances to their schools beginning in grade 5. This places undue burden on parents, disallows many students walking to school, and increases time spent on buses.</p> <p>Lastly, I do not believe the cost estimate for Scenario B to be accurate. I get the sense that the project managers that prepared the proposals are underestimating the cost of Scenario B. As a project manager by profession, I sense that there are costs missing from this estimate. Scenario B is a project that would end up underfunded and under-delivered, or require significantly more funds from the taxpayers in the future to complete.</p>
Football stadium. We already have a very nice community stadium and track/ field. No need to build new, but do need to build a new concessions and public restroom building.
Why does this need to be changed? It's a complete waste of money
That 9th graders are not in high school.
Everything
It costs too much and is not truly needed!
It's to much

These do not impact my family
The costs for these facilities didn't necessarily seem justified. It's not clear to me the need for a larger pool, auditorium or stadium is there.
I don't think these facilities are necessary or would improve the district's mission in anyway
We don't need new auxiliary facilities
Still all the same problems as plan b by itself. Honestly I would not vote for a millage for this plan.
I don't want to see the schools combined
Cost
That at least a new stadium isn't in scenario a for Dow high
Combined high school.
What will the old amenities be used for?
9th graders not in high school
Too expensive for just auxiliary facilities.
A new athletic facility is the least of the district's worries. Good lord.
Midland was built on the midland -Dow rivalry, we already closed two pools and too many elementary buildings. Poor visiin
Unnecessary spending
The cost
Nothing.
A new stadium is not needed
Nothing
Where does the high school and a big stadium go? Same questions about student support and transitions, opportunities for participation and learning in music, arts, sports.
What about before and after care for students who need it? The wait-lists are crazy long. That is a service that needs space and staff.
Trying to sell your favored scenario with new pools and stadiums..... very shady choices!
Why a millage? 9-10k per student plus the city could allow dispensaries for funding. The state says yes the city says no.
Cost
Consolidating schools. Expensive unnecessary facilities and upgrades.
Everything. Not all Midland residents are made of money.

The cost. We already have really nice facilities; building new is not necessary. Upgrades to existing could be done cheaper if needed.
See answer to B1. No mega high school.
Expensive infrastructure, investing in stadiums vs curriculum and education opportunities to enhance our programming
Comparatively to other community is Midland has excellent resources. I'm not sure that the community is going to support this....
Has anyone considered the amount of parking needed for these new facilities?
Loss of opportunity for students, more competition for less opportunities. From everything like homecoming court to sports teams and Clubs like Deca and more. Unsustainable to maintain music and theater program at the current level of participation. Midland has such amazing programs. It is unrealistic to believe you can continue to support and engage groups at large if you combine high schools. Stats show that kids involved are better served on many fronts.
Costs
The added cost.
All the xtra new stadium would rather see more certified teachers, and more security at all schools including elementary.
Scenario A is preferred
Same as without, transportation will become more complex as more students would need bussing options
Odd grade distribution
If this happens, Please dont name the school something stupid like "Midland United" or have a dumb nickname like the Chemics. Just name it Midland Dow High School.
Too scattered, disjointed
High school Sports being all in one school will limit the amount of students that would be able to play
A tax payer increase
This too would take a considerable amount of time to acquire the land and build the new facilities.
Unable to include various sports/extracurriculars
I am unaware that the district is in need of these new facilities.
Another stadium? Only if it's on the other side of town and for the lower grades
100% not in favor of scenario B! BUT, would consider voting for pool and auditorium. The proposal for a stadium is obnoxious as well. I don't think we need them, but if you must, put in new concessions and bathrooms on the other side of the field. Or put new locker rooms

on the East side and expand bathrooms and concession area there. Absolutely nuts to propose a new stadium just for bathrooms. AND what we have isn't that bad at all!!!
Do not like scenario b period.
The cost. How do you expect people living paycheck to paycheck to fit this in? I'm guessing those that came up with the proposals feel \$20-\$60/month is not a lot. Incorrect assumption.
A waste of money
Everything
The school configuration with this plan. I would like to see this plan available with Scenario A.
Cost
Again, tax increases are a concern. Housing has already become unaffordable to many families. Any time taxes are increased many families feel that stress on their house payments.
Shrinking extracurricular activities
It's only under scenario B
pricing and timeline
The increase that I would see on my property taxes after receiving wage increases from MPS that already fall short of keeping up with inflation.
The stadiums. We just spent a ton of money upgrading our current stadium
It is only an option for Scenario B. Why not add a pool to MHS, add a stadium to DHS, fix the pool at JMS, build a new middle school to replace Northeast that also contains a pool, and build a second (and bigger) auditorium to accommodate our award winning programs?
Proposal A should have an auxiliary option
Obviously it costs more, and I would suspect there are hidden costs of change as well, but I think the case for doing it is there.
We have a perfectly fine performing arts center and stadium. I think both function fine. All of these projects should involve private funding.
We just redid the auditorium and football stadium.
Adding all the new pool, stadium and concert hall
I hope future STEM needs are also being addressed with the proposed changes
It's too big with too many kids. Way less opportunity to play sports and that's more important than having a great new football stadium onsite. My kids would be out of school before this could all be built.
Wasteful projects
Sure it would be nice to have brand new facilities BUT at a high cost to taxpayers when the existing facilities that would be used in Plan A are sufficient.

Will you maintain these new facilities like you did with the disposable-type treatment you afforded to the Northeast Middle School and handful of elementary schools you tore down in the past decade? Your track record of demolishing buildings shows your lack of responsibility with taxpayer money and should invoke a widespread lack of public trust in your handling of anything to do with a project of this size, all of these scenarios presented are beyond the capabilities of this administration.
cost
I wonder what these facilities bring to the table compared to existing resources? I'd love a comparison of total expense and existing maintenance and life expectancy of existing facilities, and comparison of what these resources bring to the students compared to what they're missing out on without them.
The cost. Just spent money on updating the football stadium & tennis courts at Midland High. Why build something new that is not necessary!
The new stadium complex
That is only available with Scenerio B. Effort should be made to reach out to ALL area foundations and ALL major employers and seek donations to fund the auxiliary facilities, especially the STEM robotics center. I want to hear publicly that this was done, before cost is added to homeowner's taxes.
Highest tax rate (community partnerships with existing auditoriums and sports complexes to reduce cost)
Completely unnecessary when other facilities can still be used, some high school athletic facilities have just very recently been improved
The new stadium complex is for show, but doesn't add to academic enrichment of the student body.
Also stated in previous comment regarding Scenario B. I believe it is a waste of taxpayer money to build these new facilities when we already have a terrific joint stadium and Central Auditorium is new and adequate for our needs. If we need to build a new pool down the road that can be addressed later but I think the main goal should be the educational buildings. We have buildings like Northeast that are at the end of their useful life however our auxiliary facilites are fine as they stand currently.
Sports stadium we have is fine. Instead this money should go towards support staff to enable tutoring and supervision at the school after hours, and any other changes needed to enable later school start times for middle and high school.
Not sure if we need all the extra facilities and the higher cost of the proposal
Upgrade what you already have.
Tennis is not included so the Dow High Tennis Team would need to play at Dow or Jefferson as opposed to the new community school (as well as increased price for taxpayers)
The cost. But that's unavoidable if we want the best of the best.
I just worry a little about MPS's track-record when it comes to funding school improvement. Generally only half of what gets promised gets done, and the work that does get completed

looks like it has been done by the lowest bidder (it's poorly finished and looks like the workers had no care/knowledge in what they were attempting).
Everything about this seems extremely frivolous. Dump this money into increasing our teachers' salaries or funds for their classrooms, bring additional resources like more psychologists, expand your support staff for students with IDD's like OTs and BCBA's (a population rapidly growing in our district with seemingly no plan in place to help support this part of our student population).
Cost and again, the students getting "lost" or not recognized in the new school.
Absolutely not. There is nothing about scenario B that I like. Again. Let's go broke and hike the taxpayers.
We currently have these things, so it could be considered supplemental. People may not like the increased cost for something we currently have, but in my opinion they all need to be upgraded. Again, just don't like the idea of combined high schools.
same general issues at scenario B
More taxes and less focus on school, more focus on sports
All scenarios have high tax burden
I do not like that these are only added to scenario B. I wish there was a scenario that combined some from each of the scenarios.
The cost!!
I believe this should have just been built in to Scenario B. Why build a brand new high school and have students travel to other schools around the town to access other facilities. Is it because it puts the price tag higher? Of course people are going to want these to make Midland more competitive.
Where do you think people are getting all this extra money?????
The amount of money it will cost to get this project completed.
Everything. I feel like it's trying to convince the community to go with option B by adding more. More doesn't mean better and is definitely not necessary. Let's focus on educating staff to better support students mental health and pay staff and paras more instead of getting new. Let's take care of the people we have where they already are. Better the environments within the school for both students and staff before you worry about a new fandangle building.
The fact that these would be at the new school,' and no one is saying where that might be. We do NOT need another stadium..Dow just built one with lots of community support, and we just refurbished the Midland Community Stadium last year.
If we're going to spend all the money on scenario b, just do scenario a. It feels most efficient.
Higher cost
All the rest. This is a ridiculous plan.

I think putting more money in performing arts and the football stadium again is throwing more money away after we already had redone these on the last few bonds.
Nothing.
Performing arts center
The cost to home owners.
Don't like scenario b
It all seems unnecessary
The price tag is significant, but worth it for investing in a balanced and world-class public education. I still have the same gripes with scenario B as I did previously about the balance of the grades and constant moving of children between schools.
Cost
All of it. This seems completely unnecessary and a waste of money. Dow high's existing practice football field can easily be turned into a stadium. If the middle schools already use the Community Center to run their athletics why wasn't a swimming facility considered when the building was rebuilt?
Younger grades are too fragmented.
too expensive
Combining of two high schools to one.
I question the need for another new stadium facility. I'm not quite as sure about the swimming facility, especially at \$30 million, but recognize why such a facility would be considered.
Frivolous expenses unrelated to education. Students don't need a "performing arts" centre. There are already sports facilities to serve students.
The cost
Same reason as Scenario B without. Students would not have as many opportunities. Level of education could change by including everyone together. Also a higher price tag.
Cost - but we are willing to pay for it as it's all very much needed to keep the district strong
All the same things I mentioned previously, but with higher taxes
That we can't add the auxiliary facilities with plan A
Increase to taxes
still scenario B and I hate the idea of combining schools
I don't agree that we need a new theater or football stadium. Ours are beautiful and appear to be in good shape, where money could go into updating them versus building new.
Extra cost
Cost

ALL OF IT!
Cost to taxpayers
Frivolous spending.
Some families in our district are struggling financially already and extras are difficult to budget it.
It's just not the right timing.
The performing arts center
Very expensive. Not sold on need for new technology or furniture. Stadium seems in good shape and seems wasteful to replace it.
Cost - do we really need a new stadium?
I still want it all in the city limits.
But, it also means supporting changing the grade level structure.
The extra cost of adding these facilities when we already have them available at the current schools
The auxiliary facilities are a complete waste of money and unnecessary. I would rather see that money spent to support teaching staff. You can build the best facilities in the world but if pay, benefits, and employee treatment aren't high then good educators won't be interested in working in our district.
Not obvious how MPS will improve proficiency which is what schools are SUPPOSED to do.
The cost and having only one high school.
Cost and concern for existing facilities - what's the plan with those? Would the district support two pools?
We already have these things. I still am a staunch believer in the qualities of Midland High and Dow High as separate entities. Also the stadium has so many generations of fans that have gone and bands that have performed there. For alumni it was our proving ground. Part of that relationship is sharing it with the next generation. Also the away teams still barely fill the away seats. I don't see the point.
Honestly it just doesn't seem like this will happen. I have high goals as a swimming coach and plan to leave the area for a more competitive area (unless this pool is built). Having this potential dream job (and room to grow and build a national-level team) is a bit of a tease as well as questioning whether or not we should stay in this perfect town that has everything we could need except better swimming facilities that can actually accomplish something.
Money should go to schooling for gifted students learning instead.
I do not see a clear need for a new pool or stadium.
nothing
Heck no. Those things are already exist. Why spend more for completely new locations

Combining the 2 high schools will limit the amount of students able to participate in sports and music. Yes, it might make us more competitive in the state, but fewer students will have opportunities.
Losing both high schools. Stay with both high schools even if it costs more for the upgrades we need. Make them great.
Seems like presenting the auxiliary facilities only as an option if Scenario B is chosen is an attempt to sway people to Scenario B. Doesn't seem like the auxiliary options are being presented fairly - "you can only get these awesome facilities if you agree to one high school"
I would prefer Scenario A with auxiliary facilities.
I don't think we need a new football stadium
Still has Those middle and high schools would be too large and extracurricular opportunities would decrease
The idea of paying 25M for a new stadium when we just spent all that money on the stadium at MHS
No justification for tied to B only.
Increased tax cost
The single mega high school that is only 3 grades.
The combining of the schools. It will take away more students chance to participate in extra curricular activities such as sports or theatre. I don't believe we need a new stadium complex. I would think the ones we have now serves the purpose.
It seems like a wish list and is not needed. Especially since we have Central Auditorium and the Community Stadium.
Building new facilities when existing are functional
We have excellent facilities for theatre and athletics that could be upgraded.
The cost
I don't like combining the high schools. Would it be possible to use Midland Center for the Arts - it is an amazing world class auditorium instead of spending \$21 million on a new auditorium
Everything
Cost
The community already invested money in the community stadium a few years ago and it works well. We just hosted all of the local marching bands at the stadium and it worked well. The community center just re-built and invested millions of dollars into the facility. Why aren't we doing something to use their pool instead of having the community pay for another pool? Have options been explored for using Center for the Arts for community theater? I think we should re-invest in our own community facilities instead of asking taxpayers to fund additional builds.

I do not have faith that the proposed sites will take input from staff coaches students to adequately build new facilities that meet the needs and or wants of those that will use the facilities most. I unfortunately believe it will be mismanaged and wasted funds.
We already have Central auditorium for theatrics, we already have Midland stadium for Athletics, and they have been wonderful. Don't necessarily need an upgrade. Unless I am uninformed about the population increase, in which case go for it.
In addition to the issues with the first version of B, it's unclear that a new stadium or auditorium are even needed. These seem like "nice to have" rather than truly necessary.
The stadium complex is too much for this option and can be cut to save money. We have a great stadium and is something that is easy to travel to for competitions. Auditorium and pools need to be near the HS for access during the school days for students.
Cost
Expense
I think this add-on should be included in scenario A, not B
Feels unnecessary.
Only the high school age students would have unlimited use of these auxiliary options and our younger students deserve these same skills.
Everything
Rise in taxes
A new stadium. Our current one just got upgrades to the seating. What a waste of money if you replace the stadium.
Everything
The community stadium is "new", is there really a need for another new one. Central Park auditorium is "new" is there really a need?
Why a new stadium is needed when a new has been started at Dow High. I also am not convinced (due to a lack of information) of the student distribution at the old high schools is the correct decision.
Combining the two high schools
Over the top expenditures
I'm concerned that Scenario B + feels like an ultimatum. If the community chooses not to select Scenario B, students may miss out on the opportunities that come with the auxiliary package. Many successful districts have effectively share arts and sports facilities while maintaining multiple high school campuses.
No scenario B please

Besides the things I dislike about the entire scenario B, the only way a 12-lane pool should be built is in conjunction with other organizations around town. I understand the need for upgrading a stadium, but the one at the current MHS is a great stadium. Yes, some structural work needs to be done due to the hill, the concession building desperately needs upgrading and so do the bathrooms. I'd rather see these improvements over a whole new stadium.
Seems unnecessary. Like the idea of Performing Arts complex but then again why is Central Auditorium not good enough?
A lot of changes and the cost, pretty much all in!
Cost
The community stadium just had upgrades, building a new one seems like a waste of money. As well as Dow Highs turf field for soccer was recently built. It seems the administration really didn't look at the future when these renovations were done
Combining both high schools, limiting number of students involved with sports, band, choir, etc.
Do we really need one more stadium in town? I would not think so. Also the swimming pool seems too big, unless we plan to do something that is also open for the public when the school is not in session.
Tries to address elementary school crowding by creating a less reasonable grade distribution within the school types, destroys the strong legacy of both Dow and Midland High, and cuts the number of athletic team opportunities for the children by half across the grades. High Cost. Midland already has a very nice football stadium, a brand new community center, the theater at Central Park Elementary School, and a huge theater at the Center for the Arts that could also be rented for use.
Will these 3 things go on the super high school site? Where in the world would such a giant place be built without having half of the kids having to travel at least 30 minutes to school!
The only negative or concern that I can come up with, is the additional cost, but I would still love to be a spectator at one of the facilities.
Lets get the schools situated before adding more buildings
The central auditorium is historic and has just been redone, Current stadium has just gone major rebuild this seems illogical
Still concerned that these facilities will only be used by half the kids in town by going down to 1 high school as a band, sports team, and club can only accomodate so many kids.
The fact your thinking of doing another stadium is outlandish.
More costly
Concerned other residents will not want to pay for it
There is already an auditorium and football field available in MPS.
Everything
I don't think Midlands taxpayers are willing to approve that level of spend, despite how low our millage is.

To costly
why not get naming rights for these facilities
Pool and theater not necessary. Pools can be shared with community center, we have an auditorium.
OBSCENE for you to ask taxpayers to pay for this - shame on you. We JUST put in new turf and remodeled the stadium 3 years ago, and now you want a new one? Plus these facilities will be used by fewer students because you are limiting the opportunities for ALL MPS students by cramming all of our children into one high school. This is totally fiscally irresponsible. I have always voted to support requests from this district, but the fact that is even being asked for makes me want to vote down anything. It's offensive that this "auxiliary" proposal costs MORE than fixing the ACTUAL BUILDINGS where our children learn. Shame on you.
Will cost more than you are proposing. Horrible waste of money.
Waste of money when we already have facilities which could be renovated
The combined high schools.
Having to house the Pre K in the elementries because we do not have facilities for these littles.
Same issues as scenario B without auxiliary facilities plus more expensive
Waste of money
Waste of tax dollars
I don't feel like we need a new pool
Tax increase on each household
Do we need new facilities, how old are the other ones. Are they in good shape. I will have to research this prior to voting.
Cost.
Costs
Additional costs may be too much for some property owners when combined with the cost of the proposed school renovations.
It implies that Midland will only have 1 high school.
Taxes increased, a giant pool that will be used nowhere near enough to justify the cost
Building a single high school.
Cost need to add on to make it a fair comparison between A and B
Cost and lack of support from a majority of constituents.
But not at cost of combining schools
why are auxiliary facilities a priority when we have issues at the existing aging elementary schools? I have only seen three options. Is that all that there is available?

Additional cost of facilities which to not directly contribute to learning. These facilities are already in place including recent improvements made to them. These are appealing to property values, but not to students education.
Cost
Not sure it is entirely necessary.
Everything
That it comes with an awful idea to have 1 high school
The cost.
The high school needs to be 9-12.
nothing
I don't like scenario B
The large theatre- unnecessary
I think it's a waste of funding and not necessary
Central auditorium and the MCFTA are great and we don't need a replacement. And get out of here with your stadium. We just dumped a whole bunch of money into a new stadium at Dow High and we're still waiting to see that pay off.
I feel like district wasted money with the press box at the stadium and unnecessary signage. And then wasted money with a field at Dow. So the plan itself doesn't bother me, but I don't fully trust the district in making wise financial decisions regarding auxiliary facilities. I feel like the district needs to be clear about exactly what the plan is for this before I will feel comfortable with it.
That it's only attached to scenario B.
The fact that there is all of this money coming into the district and it is going to the oldest learners rather than giving the youngest learners a head start and good foundational area to grow and learn as a whole group.
increased taxes, unnecessary
All of it.
I could see this being a big "ask" for the community from a cost standpoint.
A new stadium complex after the Dow High field was recently put in and upgrades to the existing stadium.
We already put a lot of money into the Midland High Stadium and it is great.
The school portion.
We should just be building a robotics building added on to scenario 1, plus a new pre-primary center, and upgrading existing buildings.

Everything
new stadium
Not needed. Focus on STEM and not so much in sport facilities.
Tax increase, and that it's only available with option B
It looks like they want to spend money for the sake of spending money
We do not need another stadium. The community stadium is more than enough for the kids.
I don't like a single thing about these options. This is a ridiculous amount of money on things not necessary.
Cost
The cost feels astronomical on top of the cost to build a new high school.
Everything, it is horribly fiscally responsible and now you want 70\$ out of my pocket every month and get rid athletic opportunities for students. This is insulting and infuriating to consider as a parent and tax payer
you don't need a new stadium
Just rebuilt the Midland high stadium, and built a new stadium at Dow high
The cost begins to rise where lower income individuals would feel it more.
waist of money
Same, not combining the high schools.
This is an unrealistic expectation. Our community needs are too great for too many to spend money in this fashion.
So many are struggling to even obtain home ownership, let alone have an added tax burden.
There is nothing wrong with the stadium we have now. Didn't it just get redone a few years back, and wasn't there money put into the auditorium at Central?
Everything especially the fact that money has already been put into a community stadium not that long ago
Why can't this be a part of Scenario A?
Taxpayer cost.
Is it really needed? Perhaps more luxury than necessary. Would our community really utilize that size of a pool?
Football stadium. But I will support that with a pool and theater attached. I still want smaller class sizes though.
I'm not sure I have an opinion on this as it doesn't currently seem like something my children would be benefited by nor hurt by.

Nothing about an indoor dome/facility for marching band, sports, etc.
I still feel there will less sports/scholarship opportunities for kids when combining the volume of athletes in our area, kids who are good but maybe not “excellent” are going to lose out on opportunity they may have had. Ex say 16 kids on soccer at Dow and 16 at midland now is going to go down to maybe 20 kids on a team so now 12 are losing out when they are likely good enough to play.
The auxiliary facilities may need to be added with scenario A.
More wasteful spending for things we already have. Build Dow high a football stadium and MHS a pool and let them have their own event centers.
The money going towards a new stadium complex is not needed it could be used to build an additional elementary school instead. The sports complex that is already built does not need to be replaced at this time. But an additional elementary is needed.
The high cost for homeowners.
Not necessary
Everything. We already have a highschool pool and we have an amazing stadium that is newer. WHY would we spend ADDITIONAL MONEY to build things we ALREADY HAVE! This seems so absurd. Not to mention it will cost way more then option A but this isn't noticeably mentioned in option B so people just see option B as cheaper and don't realize what we would be losing and that it's actually more money.
The amount of students that would benefit from these resources does not support the substantial cost. I will absolutely not support Option B especially with the addition of the auxiliary facilities. I can accept A even though the cost is exorbitant but B is not at all acceptable. The schools being combined and transportation would be an absolute nightmare.
A already bad scenario that costs even more money
Cost
Midland high complex was just redone. Why create another
The highest increase in cost for taxpayers.
Cost
Wasting taxpayer money
9th grade not being part of the high school.
Costs.
Nothing
I am sure all of these things would be nice, but the additional load on tax payers in this economy is too much.

You are dangling carrots in forms of new facilities to sweeten Scenario B. I don't support Scenario B but I do want to spend more money to build a swimming facility. You're making this an either/or choice for the community when it shouldn't be. I'd like to see 'a la carte' options that include Scenario A *and* new swimming facilities.
It is still a terrible idea to combine the high schools
I think the swimming pool is not needed.
Cost. Unnecessary
Nothing. It obviously costs more, but it's worth it.
This is absolutely and unnecessary tax burden on the people and has all the same opportunity, transportation, scheduling, overwhelm of new students that scenario b had. The stadium is fine, there is no need for a 1000 person auditorium, and the pool works for now. Save the pool funding for after this project is finished so it is not all dumped on at once
Cost
Absolutely not necessary. Focus on the classes. You're here for education. Not sports. But you seem to forget that.
If this doesn't pass, HS students would have extra curriculars at places other than their own high school (teens driving around town to pool, stadium, theater to practice/compete) and "home court" doesn't really exist for some participants/some activities
I will not be voting for anything with an additional tax increase. With the ESA tax increase this option would be over \$500 tax increase in one year.
The cost, but it is still worth it for new facilities.
The cost. Are there ways to continue utilizing the existing community football stadium or utilizing the community center pool.
Scenario B would most likely necessitate these additional facilities.
These are all a distraction to the most important needs, improving the learning environment first.
Just that it's more expensive - but I think necessary and worth the price
It's an unnecessary cost.
Cost
We already have these facilities. The current stadium is already really nice for a high school. We do not need another stadium.
no need for new stadium
There is need for these add ons for our family. The cost is substantial and there is no added benefit to our family. We would not likely use these facilities and do not want to pay extra for these facilities.
Repurposing existing schools

No additional issues with this additional portion
This is for high schools. We do not need, nor can we afford college level facilities.
Still don't like the high school only being three grades. We already have eighth graders having to go to the high schools for advanced courses. Let's make it 9-12 and really move the needle.
I don't like scenario B
all of it. spend more money on education facilities and not 70 millions on extra curricular ones... colleges have made the SAME mistakes and are paying for it. our kids are there primarily for education!
The unnecessary expense and tax increase of new facilities. We don't need shiny new stadiums / facilities. Our community has great facilities for these students already and it's better than we share those facilities with the community than to construct new ones for the handful of 10-12 graders that will get to utilize them.
Why can't we do A with the auxiliary facilities? This feels like you're pushing folks to this option? Doesn't feel right?
The expense is extravagant and we have a brand new community center and a beautiful Center for the Arts. I am weighing the true need vs the cost.
The new stadium complex seems excessive since it was just redone a few years ago. And cost
Unnecessary expense.
There is nothing not to like.
It seems unnecessary and frivolous.
Cost. Unsure that new stadium is needed over other options
What will we do with the current facilities. I live near the community stadium and I appreciate that it is affiliated with the schools.
This is not Detroit or another large metropolitan area.
nothing
New stadium and Auditorium...Auditorium construction should have much larger capacity
The need is unnecessary when it has worked and does work fine the way it is.
Hate everything about scenario B
Scenario B is a terrible idea
If these aren't added, Plan B will not work properly! You can't do this plan without adding this.
Combine schools. We just redid many fields and the stadium and new Dow fields
will new facilities truly offer MORE to the students or will it just be newer?

Central Auditorium is an excellent facility that is well utilized, Midland High Stadium is an excellent facility that is well utilized. New facilities in parallel at high cost to the community have very little benefit.
Having an intermediate school for 2 grades
What is wrong with the current auditorium at Central Park? No need to build a new one?
Midland should NOT invest in a new stadium complex. Football has absurd costs and benefits a relatively small number of athletes (especially compared to swimming). Furthermore, football results in a high rate of athlete injuries, is not sustainable as a lifelong form of exercise, and encourages excess weight gain and poor dietary habits for many athletes. This modern gladiator sport is inconsistent with the school district's educational mission and the ethos of Midland as a City of Modern Explorers.
All of it
nothing
You are removing a high school and making my neighborhood the opposite reason why I moved there so I could be near a elementary and middle school for my children.
With either of the B options.... MPS will need to very actively addresss the needs of students in a very large school. It will be much easier to "slip through the cracks" in a large school.
What is the real intention behind getting an approval. The students are the customer, their interest better be at the forefront.
Its not clear if any of the auxiliary facilities absolutely need to be replaced, or if this is simply a nice to have. Again, no potential site has been identified, which could be a major sticking point in this plan. This plan also does not state what would happen to the existing auxiliary facilities? Would they remain and incur additional maintenance costs?
Increased cost and that this is attached to Plan B (see responses to Plan B)
I'm sure upkeep will be an on-going cost for all of these.
Find a solution that fits with in the means of your current buildings and budgets.
I don't have enough information to make a decision
We have the Center For the Arts--don't need another 1000 seat auditorium
too costly
What about support for other groups, like music, art (other than performing), etc
Having to choose scenario B.
Again, I do not like the idea of a mega high school. An I definitely am not thrilled with my taxes going up. It is hard enough trying to make ends meet right now.
Worried about the grade splits.
The cost of adding each of these items.

That it could potentially be left off of scenario b all together.
The added cost is not ideal.
Higher cost. Like scenario A better
The community stadium was revamped not too long ago and a new one seems like the update was a waste of money.
Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high
Everything. Refer to my previous answer.
unnecessary
Cost
1 community high school
What does 1 high school do for the sports/activity programs for the kids? It will cut kids from these programs since there will only be 1 team, 1 high school. The high schools already have too many kids so let's jam some more kids in regardless of not having 9th grade
Provide extracurriculars
Cool - adding some new spaces for the extra curriculars is important. But only at the high school level? What about the middle school populations that already have to outsource for sports?
More costs to the community.
Going to be a tougher sell as some folks don't realize the importance of extracurricular/cocurricular facilities.
I don't like that it costs more. :)
PROPOSAL A needs to include an auxiliary facility option as well.
One HS
I worry that the price tag will be too high for some families
I think its a great plan and do not have any dislikes currently.
Expensive and all the same stuff I said before.
Loss of the use of the current stadium that was recently remodeled
Cost
Not sure how disable this plan is
Still think you will need more room in the elementary buildings
Additional cost on things that are unnecessary to continue academic excellence.
There is no discussion about having a big donor to these auxiliary facilities. It seems that we have some opportunities to search for someone that would like the pool named after them...

Information on location of these facilities. needs to be centralized unlike current model. if there is money, split between projects that need done. update NE build dow a stadium
Again, only one middle school, one junior high and one high school. Combining all the students in the district into one school.
Additional costs
tax payers cost increase
The added cost to taxes.
Still don't like the high schools going to one
price
Way to expensive.
The expense, but I think it is worth it for our children.
Cost
We just re-did the pool at Dow and many of the other facilities mentioned here. Unless you plan to make swimming a mandatory thing for middle school, what would we do with the current pool?
We already have an updated stadium and Dow is creating their own turf facility.
Off-campus extracurriculars that require transportation.
I don't believe it is necessary to upgrade these features and feel what we have currently works for the district needs.
Cost
Where in Midland is there enough space to build a brand new highschool with a pool, football field and auditorium...As well as parking for all of these things? There is not enough parking currently at the high schools. If the new building is in the North part of town our low income students out M-20, Laporte, Bay City Rd. Will have to be on a bus for such a long time. How will some of the low income parents get their students to and from practices? Right now they can walk to their neighborhood high schools.
My taxes are going to go up \$2-3k (at least) if we add on the aux option
The cost for people that dont have kids in school
Still costing a community that is already struggling. Ask for a Dow grant or something that does not effect the community and weather or not they can purchase groceries.
Don't like that it will be a part of the two high schools combining

I wish this could be considered for scenario A somehow OR on its own (not attached to either scenario)
I could care less about funding the extras when I know that there are facility needs in every building in this district.
Same as answer for question 9.
Getting something nice is not cost effective and unnecessary
Combining schools
It will cost a lot of money and be challenging to find the property on which to built
Cost
Splitting the school
cost
Dow has a nerlw turf. The community stadium is perfectly fine.
It's more money, and I worry it would be less affordable for more families (even though I'm a fan!)
It still involves longer commutes at different ages, but otherwise is the best option.
I'm not sure where the best location for them would be or hooking them onto a school or an independent site
Where would they go?
No positive impact to students future success or well being. Unnecessary money being spent frivolously while it increases our taxes.
Sorry, I just kind of laid it all out in the above paragraph. I personally don't think a swimming or stadium are needed, useful or going to promote learning so definitely not in favor but....again, I'd like to see what the community thinks as a while when presented with the information.
The money and kinda irritated that it is just not included in the proposal
They need to also be available for scenario A
The extra expense on homeowners.
Cutting 50% of your athletes with combined high school so not worth new athletic facilities
Unnecessary expenditures, especially given forgone opportunities
I do not want to pay more taxes! I already subsidize many programs for the schools. Use the money you have better.
Clearly this is an additional expense, but I would rather see the district do this transition right than have High School with nothing at the location. Does this include baseball fields, practice space for band, tennis courts?

The only one I can really comment on is the football stadium. That is already a shared domain and it seems very nice. I just don't see why so much money would need to be put into another stadium. It also seems that more bussing may be required with a new high school depending on its location. I don't see how this will work since we already do not have enough bussing.
No complaints compared to plain option B
Too much money
Obviously the cost. As a former musical theater kid, I can see the appeal of the auditorium, but I'm not sure I'd choose to invest in the arts on 50% footing with athletics given the career prospects it offers to our kids. At least with sports, kids might get scholarships to help with college, or benefit from inherent benefits to sports (work ethic, health, team work, competitive mindset).
It's even more expensive. Does the facilities need to be replaced, or is this just a convenience addition to B?
40\$ a month is a huge increase for too many families and retirees.
Nothing
nothing negative about scenario B + facilities
It's an expensive option and I don't know that the milage would pass.
The fact that we have a great community stadium at Midland High; Dow High has just gone through a large effort to upgrade their stadium; and, significant funds were spent to maintain Central Auditorium when the new elementary school was built. The Board and administration has chosen to overlook these in their greed for more funds and shiny toys to put their names on.
9th not being w HS
Extremely costly
Too expensive; and it duplicates facilities that we already have, like Central Auditorium and Midland Community Stadium. But I do agree we need an additional pool.
Cost
I don't see the need for a new theater or field.
Do not break apart the students 9-12 or put younger kids in with older kids
There is enough bullying. It's foolish to change the dynamics and language of the highschool grades
Too much money
And it will never happen just like the competitive pool at the community center will never happen. Way too much money for half the students who now participate in sports and activities
Added cost

Cost is too high. Plus losing one middle school and losing one high school will remove a lot of interschool fun activities.
too expensive
Expensive. More taxes
Expensive, location. Location, location
Don't need to spend \$\$\$ on new performing arts Ctr just remodeled Central! Consider private partnerships for pool Comm Ctr already managed a lot of MPS athletics and has a NEW facility. Midland Community Stadium was also recently updated. Midland doesn't need a new stadium! Academics 1st. Combining High Schools will limit the # of students that can play sports :(
This is presented as an option but it's likely a guarantee if option b is picked. If a new stadium or pool isn't built with scenario b then what is going to happen? The high schoolers are going to go to the old high school to play football or swim? There is no way that will happen.
Too much money. Cost of living is already high enough
We will not vote for a tax increase. The district has mismanaged funds in the past.
MPS appears to have an unnecessary urge to spend taxpayer money.
Stop the spending. Many families do not need or want the new furnishings and shiny facilities you are pushing. They want their children to become astute learners and fancy facilities don't equate to better outcomes.
We can't afford to pay our paraprofessionals a living wage or provide most with benefits, so it seems unethical and inequitable to construct \$76 million worth of new facilities.
The money. You can't keep taxing taxpayers to death
Nothing
The cost. Our current stadium is fine. They share the facilities well and they rarely sit unused.
It's a way for people to accept the large classes
Same as previous
We don't need any more of that.
It's attached to Scenario B.
This is not needed
Everything
Lots of money has already been spent on updating the existing stadium.
The cost. The performing arts center, theaters are available in a few of our schools, why cant they be updated.

If the district already has these facilities, why make more?
Cost
Cost
Travel requirements to schools on opposite ends of towns and not knowing where the unified high school would be.
There is an existing stadium complex that seems to fit the needs. If the community center truly is building a lap/competition pool, is one needed in the schools? Our community offers many options for auditorium space - instead of investing in a new auditorium perhaps rent auditorium space from The Center for The Arts or Library - may need to be flexible on timing, but we should take advantage of the opportunities in our community.
Scenario B is going to combine high school's, so athletic participants will decline with that merger as 2 teams combine to 1. Why would we waste money on athletic complexes for half of the students who currently use?
not needed - unneeded spending
We already have assets to use that meet these needs. We do not need to consolidate the high schools yet, maybe in 10-20 years. Too much cost.
Lots of updates at once can be overwhelming to the community, but if it could be stretched over time, I see no issues this would have on the community.
Are they necessary due to poor conditions or just to be fancier?
They do not seem necessary do not improve the quality of education.
That it is only available with option B.
The additional costs.
Swimming complex seems extremely costly for minimal benefit. Competitive swimming could partner with other local uses like at regional universities or community center for a shared facility not built directly within MPS
The pool and stadium complex, especially, probably come with significant maintenance costs. Given the significantly higher initial price tag, I hope that the accountants and planners do their due diligence in projecting costs and returned.
Cost
The expense is high, but at the same time seems kind of silly to build a new HS campus and not include these spaces as part of the high school.
Less opportunity for students possibly
Didn't the midland community stadium just get remodeled
The amount of money parents/people would now have to pay in taxes.
Everything

The fact that someone clearly really wants this. It has to be the worst idea I've heard since eating tide pods
That it would come only with a combined high school which would eliminate many from participating in much needed activities.
I do not think we need to spend that much extra money on sports complex and raising our taxes by this much is all ridiculous
Chaos of so much change
We are still changing the whole system, and the auxiliary facilities are still not the best. I don't think I'd be enjoying the district more.
Seems an overkill when we already have a stadium, the community center is supposed to build a competitive pool, and there are several auditoriums in the community already.
IF you have extra money I suggest you pay the teachers more so you get the best and brightest going into teaching...
We are fortunate to have many excellent teachers working at Midland Public Schools; however, I know the c- students in my high school became teachers... the pay wasn't high enough for the top students to consider teaching as a career.
Schools merging making opportunities small for athletics and other club or extracurricular activities
Cost to homeowners
A combined, oversized high school that's missing 9th grade.
Again I think the cost per tax payer outweighs what tax payer can afford.
Dumb idea
Too much money for unnecessary luxuries
All of it and highly support. A new stadium is fine, a pool and performing arts area are worth the little bit extra money if high schools unite.
Again, we have great facilities now that seem to work great for both schools. Not sure why we need to build something completely new.
Too expensive at this time and it is unnecessary.
Why is it OUR responsibility to pay for upgrades? Times are already hard enough. Please find a new solution that doesn't involve tax payers having to pay for everything.
Don't think these consolidated things all need to be at the new mega-school. They could be built with the other plan as well.
don't see a need for a new sports stadium.
Same as scenario b
We already have a great stadium and the other items are not necessary

Cost! Also the community stadium just had upgrades so why do another?
More money is always needed. Less land is available, in desirable locations, making it harder to transport the kids
This small community DOES NOT NEED THIS!
Cost
Everything
Add needed auxiliary facilities to Scenario A. Yes, new pool is needed. Current stadium and auditorium can be worked with.
Should have happened instead of building Dow HS
Why is this only an option for option B?
MPS already has a nice auditorium and stadium that money has been put into recently. This looks like the "Cadillac" option.
The mills in the tax increase are loftier than any other option.
too expensive
We need to utilize buildings we have. Keep two high schools it is better for the community
It an awful idea and all about spending and putting the burden on midland residents.
I don't like that it is part of Scenario B.
See answer to A
Why do we need a new Auditorium? We just did a huge renovation to the existing one! Also the video says this COULD be the auxiliary facilities, when/who is deciding what facilities WOULD be? I feel like we need additional information on what facilities are being planned for sure.
All of the extra construction that is necessary for an scenario that is the less desirable of the two. For example, DHS just built new ancillary sport facilities a couple years ago, and those would become essentially obsolete for intended purpose. I mean, I'm sure they would be 'repurposed', but only because they had to be in order for the district to not look like it built facilities that it discontinued using a few years later.
The plan B part. Hate the large schools. Hate removing the middle and high schools from the community. Don't want to drive or bus my kids across town. How about adding the auxiliaries to plan A? Or just build a stadium at Dow High and call it good.
With the auxiliary facilities upgraded, it does make it the most expensive plan.
See previous answer
Not a fan of Aux B but yes upgrades and modernization would be good.
Combined high school
The stadium was just redone, why do we need to waste money on yet another one

The cost
It being tied to one high school for all Midland students.
Cost and we have those facilities now that may not get used to their full potential if new ones were built. Not a good use of tax payer dollars.
It is tied to scenario b.
All of it. Taxes are high enough. We have a center for the arts, Dow diamond, new football field at Midland High, and a pool at Dow. It's wasting Midland tax dollars
Cost
Nothing makes sense for the cost to landowners.
Ninth grade should be with high school. Cost is too much for homeowners
It bothers me that it's being suggested that taxpayers be forced to pay for brand new facilities when we already have fine facilities for the students.
I still don't like the idea of high school.
Building things that are necessary
Schools should be focused more on education and less on sports
Everything, it's not necessary.
new stadium complex
Nothing
nothing
I do not want a combined high school (reasons previously mentioned).
It wasn't that long ago that the Community Stadium was redone, not to mention the new field at Dow High. We have appropriate facilities now!
Cost
Everything - again, this was promised to the community in the previous bond and the leadership did not follow through on their promises. The superintendent at the time was too concerned about looking and returning money to the community that many items were cut from the list. That was ridiculous and now I have so many trust issues with MPS that it will be very difficult to convince me to vote in the affirmative for anything.
The cost
Building the new facilities is not necessary.
With all the negative impact of Scenario B, this one is even more costly.
Same as Senario B, minus the traveling for the students.

I guess the cost is the biggest con, but we are privileged enough financially that it won't cause hardship. I would hate for the additional costs to cause further stress on ANY of our families....
cost
We have been promised new facilities in the past that have never materialized. Can't really trust that what is proposed will actually happen.
Everything is wrong - you are giving up on Midland with this scenario B! The local larger companies will not be happy with this when it come to employee attraction/retention as well.
The cost.
Similar to the Proposal B: I would be more in favor if the 9th grade students were with the other high school students.
These should be added in an area for the 2 high schools to use individually/together as the community stadium is shared at this time
I do not like that we are taking an entire building that is offline that is not needed. I do not like that this option is marketed as B1/B2, that seems disingenuous. If this new high school is constructed, lets not pretend that everyone is going to be okay with the pool now being at the middle school or the football stadium now being at the other middle school. There will be a push from the schools to build new facilities on site at the new high school. After those new facilities are built, what would happen to the old ones that we have already paid for? I believe that the idea of wanting to spend \$14 million dollars on a new robotics building or remodeling an entire school for robotics is ludacris. This plan also only builds one new building, instead of 2, and closes a building that is not "at the end of its useful life". This essentially kicks a can down the road that will have to be paid in the future. A problem that has been stated at several meetings is transportation between school locations. This stems from both Parents and busses. This plan creates more locations not less, thus increasing that stated problem. Will this plan then need funds for more busses? I also do not like that this plan will significantly reduce the opportunities for students in extracurriculars. The board has stated that there will be similar opportunities, however this is simply untrue. There is simply only so many slots the top "teams" can have and there will be a large portion of students who are left behind. You cant simply just "put on more plays" or have an extra team. I also do not like how the grades are split up. Removing 9th grade from the high school is not an acceptable idea. This plan will not only increase transportation requirements, but will be difficult on students as they transition buildings constantly throughout their time in school. Combining the high schools will also have a major increase in bullying and conflict within the student body that I do not believe the administration has a plan to address. The total costs these plans are astronomical. These are being marketed as a small tax increase but these are on top of the tax increases that we have already. Overall I believe that this plan (B1/B2) is poorly conceived at best and disingenuous at worst.
Stadium seems kind of unnecessary... and the distance — who knows where this can actually fit!
One high school is ridiculous. Kids find it hard to get individual help in normal size high school, let alone a high school size of a college.And if you are worried about safety, I don't think putting the schools together,fights will happen
It is the plan with the most significant cost.

Money was recently put into the community stadium! Your spend and plan to spend is shameful!
Just redid the community stadium
Cost
Horrible time for this with so many struggling just to make ends meet.
I am not knowledgeable about existing athletic and pool facilities, nor do I know if they are in demand.
These facilities should be linked to scenario A
I like it all.
Unnecessary structures!
The cost and unnecessary loss of the separate high schools
None
higher cost
As mentioned there really isn't a Scenario B, it is either Scenario A or Scenario B with auxiliaries. Which makes things a little more expensive.
Nothing
the cost is only on the tax payer
Same as before only it's way more expensive
nothing
Unnecessary reshuffling of students and "enhancements." I think MPS recognizes eves sufficient funding. I'm not convinced the problems are monetary or infrastructural in nature.
I love sports and extra curricular activities. But at this point, why not just disconnect them from the schools. The players that will qualify already participate in Travel sports anyway. Those systems are able to support more players. And those will have less stressors to requiring men to participate in the women's activities.
That they are not offered with Scenario A and are trying to get more people to vote for Scenario B with these added beauties. These can be stand alone structures shared by both high schools in town. They do not need to be attached to either high school. They can be placed in a central location for both schools to use.
Still not preferred for the same reasons outlined in the last question. More expensive than Scenario A.
Why not just build it the way you want it in the first place?
Increased cost to tax payer especially when significant improvements were recently made to the Midland High stadium.

Where is the money that was already spent on the stadium? What will happen there? Stop asking for community money and changing the plan.
The number of transitions between grade bands.
Fix what needs to be fixed
feel like a new stadium and theater are less needed given the current facilities
There's nothing wrong with stadium. A new one would be a waste of money
I do not believe a new stadium should be a priority at this time. We just got an almost million dollar press box.
we have all the things listed, this is just about spending money to make "midland" look ritzy with shiney new things. GO back to basics of acedemics and make the kids smarter and not be scred of everything and stand up for what is right not bow to everything. WE ARE NOT SHEEP!
Nothing
Cost, especially all at once.
Merging high schools
Cost; however I am surprised the cost is so close in comparison to option A and option B
This scenario still has the schools being merged, which I do not support.
Too much focus on sports :(
No one likes higher taxes
I don't see this as a necessity at this point. I think we need to address failing infrastructure issues before we make things above and beyond our needs if we want the bond to pass.
A swimming pool that costs more than an entire football stadium.
again spending more money for what?
Can't the cost be through state grants? And not the tax payer?
That auxiliary are not included in A
Unnecessary spending. cost approximately \$324.2 million and would be funded through a projected 3.75 mill tax increase for property owners. The cost for a homeowner living in a home with a \$250,000 market value and \$125,000 taxable value would be approximately \$469 a year or \$40 per month.
Unnecessary duplication of existing resources. Cost. Stadium is in great shape, and central auditorium is a good size. Center for the Arts could be used for larger productions.
No New Taxes. Decrease them
Everything. Scenario B (with aux. facilities) is the wrong approach for MPS.

To many tax increases
Lack of a home for robotics.
Offering high level Education should be top priority. If the facilities we have are adequate for what the children need then we do not require brand new facilities that will not benefit all the kids.
All of it, it's perfectly fine hello
more money
I don't care to see any improvement in athletic facilities. I think the focus should be entirely on improvements that assist academics for once. But realistically this won't happen -- the only way a combined new high school would be approved by this community is for a new stadium and pool as well as a large auditorium to be included in the proposal. Focus the outcome on a complete high school plant that is similar to Skyline High School in Ann Arbor.
We just made a major investment in the sports complex at Midland High. Now we aren't going to use it?
That it is connected to scenario B
These don't have to be only with Scenario B. They could also go with scenario A. Perhaps think outside the box of other land the district has or could acquire.
Nothing
Building an accompanying auditorium and stadium is a waste of money. Another element that is not clear are the three auxiliary an additional \$324m on top of the original \$247m outlined in Scenario B or is it only an additional \$77m? If it is an additional \$324m then that is another component of Scenario B that I am not in favor of.
We already have a stadium and a autitorium
That it involves only having 1 HS
Cost
It's so expensive. And I would rather see money such as this be put into teacher, salaries, additional staffing, social, emotional learning, and the like. But I would be open to learning more if we think that the current sport facilities and theater are not going to have a long enough life
Unnecessary spending
Expense is a burden to the public, and not essential. Benefits only certain groups of students. Public is already being burdened by need to implement plan A or B
Nothing that I can think of at the moment.
Everything
Are auxiliary facilities not needed with Scenario A? Why only here? I think this was added to be a 'pot sweetener'. If I was avid about having a new stadium, I might have taken the bait.

The new stadium, our stadium is in good shape. Don't need a new one.
I do not like the large class sizes, added cost, or the moving of freshman year to middle school
Everything
We need to be more focused on all kids, not just the ones in the Arts and Sports.
We're subsidizing stadiums and pools for clubs that are outside the schools same as their last answer
Our community stadium is already in good shape
Way too expensive.
Same
People aren't going to want to pay for it.
These facilities would be beneficial to both plans
Should consider partnering with other agencies for shared facilities and look at foundations for financial support
Traffic and making something that would be as big as this even bigger.
These facilities would be unnecessary under scenario A and result in unnecessary taxes that could be better used in supporting the students. I am also unsure how you can build a stadium complex, an aquatic center and the like-large enough to support the new high school, with that amount of money. I'm not convinced these newer facilities won't be smaller and less useful overall.
See previous comments. We already have a community complex that was considered community until the last years when Dow High community decided it needed it's own stadium. Seems like an expense not needed. Or update the Dow Stadium area. New performing arts center....you just renovated Central Auditorium.....
I don't see how you could do the new high school without the auxiliary facilities
The cost is unacceptable
We have adequate facilities. Much better than most. Go out in the real world and see what other schools have facility-wise. Put that money into hiring top teachers who know how to speak properly using proper English grammar, middle school gym teachers who actually like children and their job, and German teachers who are engaging and fluent...
I feel a new stadium and performance center is unnecessary
The one high school will be overpopulated in 8-10 years from now and we will not have any improvements in the current state of the overpopulated elementary schools
I like having the facilities on campus. Having two stadiums, pools and auditoriums in the district could also allow for them to be rented for public use.
Too many students in both the middle and high school buildings that could get lost.

I don't believe the cost estimates for the auxiliary facilities. I also don't think these facilities are needed
The long term maintenance for a pool is really high
Nothing
I would like to see an option that includes Scenario A that includes auxiliary facilities.
See my replies on scenario A & B. TAX dollars from BORROWED money should not be used for SPORTS niceties!!!
Increase in taxes
Adding these new auxiliary facilities is quite unnecessary other than the new pool.
new stadium complex
Everything about it.
I don't like anything about it
No scenario B
The cost to develop duplicate facilities.
seems excessive
It would be nice to have a new huge stadium somewhere, a nice new pool somewhere, and a lovely new theater somewhere in our community, but I'm not sure those things have to be addressed solely by midland Public schools. We are blessed to have the Center For The Arts to accommodate larger theater needs. Let's do a better job of working with what we already have within our community
Fewer students can walk or bike. Too much construction, too much wasted land.
Do not combine high schools.
Nothing.
Cost. Finding a parcel of land in a central location that is large enough for the school plus the auxiliary facilities may be impossible, resulting in the scope being cut or the school being placed far from the city center.
It's more pricy, but thats a given considering the extra facilities.
Cost is extraordinary, and could lead to future issues with enrollment. During the last census Midland county was one of the only counties in this region that did not lose population compared to the previous 10 years. I am concerned this combined school system gives Midland less long term flexibility not more.
again, no land cost in estimate. We just spent considerable investment to upgrade the Midland High football field and Central Auditorium
We still are not addressing the need for an MPS Early Childhood Learning Center

Stop stealing from the community. Make it work with the crazy amount per student you are already given.
will not vote for this plan, you need to learn to make do with the facilities we have. Maybe you should not have torn down so many.
All of it
Sizeable tax increase.
I don't like scenario B at all. With this going hand in hand, it wouldn't be my vote.
I like everything about this plan.
Price
We do not need a new football stadium. It's centrally located and recently updated. However, the baseball, softball, etc. fields are an embarrassment for a district of our demographics and general affluence. Including updates to these types of fields, what's desperately needed are vast improvements to the supporting structures for the community stadium, most notably concessions, restrooms and locker rooms. From personal experience, the current buildings should be torn down, relocated and rebuilt to accommodate current/future usage and accessibility needs.
That my children who are in 7th and 8th grades and competitive swimmers likely won't ever benefit from a new pool facility and will more than likely end up getting short changed when North East falls to the ground and takes their pool with it.
It's totally not needed
That it includes Scenario B.
So now you're taking money from tax payers from scenario B AND this one? I don't even have children in the schools and you want to try driving me out of the Midland community.
Midland stadium was recently renovated as was Central Auditorium.
I think if you want better athletic facilities the teams themselves should have to raise the funds.
We already have these facilities and it seems redundant expenditures. Construction cost vs maintenance costs.
Wasteful spending
same as my last answer. this is stupid
The current stadium is in great shape. Why would it need to be replaced?
Why are these additional needs not being addressed separately? I don't like that it's an All Or Nothing approach.
New stadium
Confusing grade flow, athletics are hard to coordinate for high schools, negative effect on developing school identity, and auxiliary facilities mean sharing and having to drive to the facility, which are inconvenient.

Once again, if these were with scenario A, I would be more likely to vote yes for each of these. However, I would also be more in favor to building an Early Childhood Center to house our youngest learners over a new football stadium.
Repurposing of Jefferson seems vague. Are there more potential uses for the campus other than robotics? Would like to ensure an effective use of the building.
nothing
school changes
Confusing, transportation, price because of the extra facilities, a big decrease in opportunities with this option (there would be 1 varsity football team for example which would allow 50% fewer students to be on sports teams/be in programs and make them much more competitive)
The cost
The costs
Loss of the current stadium
Too costly
Everything
all of if I think we need new schools
New auditorium and pool.
I don't like scenario B even if you add all of this because I feel like it's too messy and everybody will be confused
The cost
I don't like how they aren't prioritizing education and school facilities. The high schools need to be improved over random sporting facilities.
There needs to be two high schools
The cost
I don't think that it is as important as some other things that could be worked on
More expensive and not necessarily necessary.
In my opinion, this is not an adequate usage of funding, as recent and ongoing construction of the Dow High School turf fields would be wasted, and much of the current infrastructure that is in place would be wasted as well. It is not imperative to have the auxiliary facilities on site, especially as many of these highschool students can drive anyways. I feel this would be a waste of resources.
We just redid a lot of things, no major issues have come out of this before.
the auditorium
More money for tax payers.

Lots of money that could be spent elsewhere
Quite simply, cost. I see this as a choice of convenience versus cost.
The stadium complex. I would focus on new concession stand, outdoor bathroom facilities, outdoor athletic storage, turf softball and baseball fields.
We have central. Good enough.
Very expensive. Also unsure of a central location that would accommodate a new school and all of the facilities.
Do you know where the CIA agent, Bruce Towers is? I can't find him. He spent some time in Midland, MI. He also has two daughters. The oldest one lives in Bloomington, IL, and the youngest one lives in Chicago, IL.
Hate it all. We cannot afford it
I don't like the idea
Wanting a blank check from the tax payers at a time when the economy is poor and families are struggling shows how truly disconnected MPS leadership is from the residents of Midland.
I hate replacing the stadium and pools if not necessary. Just seems like such a waste of resources. Reuse not replace
higher mills on taxes, where is this gonna go?
I do not think Midland needs a brand new stadium. the facility we have now at Midland High is beautiful and it seems like a huge waste of money.
all of it
It is a lot of money.
too much money
Cost, new auxiliary facilities are not necessary at this time as existing facilities have not reached the end of their useful life, seems wasteful
Coat
Highest cost
We have a beautiful auditorium at Central and our stadium is one of the best..... needs some upgrades...concession, player facilities, though
Most expensive.
The additional cost - but that is expected.
I have the same issues as I did with the original scenario B—the grades are weird, and the schools are spread out across the district. Add in the facilities, and now we also have a more expensive tax burden, and in exchange, we have increased travel time to drop kids off and pick kids up. Cool pool though.
Unnecessary additions and cost

Everything- like nothing about this plan
9th graders with middle schoolers! I will move by kid out of district if this happens. I also don't love the idea of one school it will cut down on opportunities for students. Too large.
Paying more taxes
Only applicable to a few extracurriculars
Nothing.
The price
Stadiums are only used by a select few students and we already have one.
Excessively expensive
We already have most of this stuff, and it seems frivolous.
Young families are struggling to pay rent, mortgage and put food on the table. They do not need another monthly tax increase.
If High Schools are combined, our children will all go to Bullock Creek.
Additional cost in addition to initial cost of B.
All of scenario B is a mistake.
I least like the large size of the high school and the restricted access to extracurricular activities.
A new competitive swimming facility and
Not needed
I think the perception of a new stadium is tough because it's been modernized recently. Though it needs an update in rest rooms and concessions.
I don't want them if it means we have to go with Scenario B
Combining high schools
Too bad expensive. We are all struggling with this Biden economy. All plans too big. Smaller steps/cost, gradual cost to taxpayers.
Taxes go up and cost more
Terrible use of funds
The cost and scenario B.
This plan has all the negatives of Scenario B, AND it's more expensive.
Costly
Just did the football stadium—why waste our money
We do not need a new sports complex

Seems like the pool is used the least. Possibly not have that as part of the auxiliary facilities. It is very expensive to operate for the amount of money it would cost to build and maintain.
costs more
A pool should be a shared investment with community organizations.
Wasteful
It is expensive. Some students may lose out on opportunities as we don't have two of everything.
too many school building changes, and I don't like the very large intermediate, junior high and high school buildings.
Cost payoff is not clear
We have good facilities for those activities
Everything we cannot afford higher taxes!
Everything
Cost
Build a new stadium. We have a good stadium that we can still utilize.
Timing- unnecessary expenditures (wants not needs) during poor economic period
Cost- but willing to pay
That it can only be added to scenario B
None of it!!
This is an irresponsible use of taxpayer money. How can you justify taking two months of groceries away from my family to pay for sports facilities that don't benefit 99% of the community.
That it's only available with scenario B. This community auxiliary facility can be added & shared between Dow & Middle high without combining high schools. Just like we share the community stadium now.
Nothing. This is what our community needs!
MPS having to maintain these facilities instead of the city or mcfta.
Expensive. Likely would take SO much time to complete and would be very disruptive for at least a year and some kids would miss out on their last year.
the stadium will probably be built first. with the swimming pool last. 😭
High school will be so big that it is hard for kids to participate in everything. Your football team would double in size. Double the kids auditioning for plays. May have to travel further to compete in sports. That is an added expense.
not using existing facilities that are adequate for purpose

That it is even an option
Roth is plan raises taxes and makes living in town unaffordable. These facilities will not be used by most people in the community and do not address basic education needs. The athletic facilities are a vanity project and a waste of money. Focus on getting student performance up.
The uncertainty of location. I'd hate to see it out in Larkin by the mall. I think it should be in the center of town. Maybe demo Plymouth and Northeast to build there.
I think this builds on a faulty plan
More money in taxes
I'm questioning the true need for this entire scenario.
The additional cost!
Combining high schools means that kids no longer have smaller class sizes or individualized attentions and everything in that high school is going to be split among way too many kids. As it is right now. There are too many kids that fall behind that get left behind because there are too many kids to pay attention to. If we combine high schools it's just going to exacerbate the problem.
The cost. It's asking a lot of people to do this in addition to all the other plans.
Everything
More competitive sports.
Scenario B on it's own does not make sense. The 10-12 graders are going to spend the most amount of time using the Auxiliary facilities - why would we put them in a different building that doesn't have those facilities where they would have to travel to use them. They are already risky drivers, and we are increasing their amount of time on the road, for school related activities.
Too expensive
One High school and the High School already provide this.
It's a huge cost all at once. And no neighborhood school for the growing population north of town.
One high school feels like less opportunities for students in arts and sports.
All of it is awful
I do not like that it's only for the second scenario
The frickin 1000 seat auditorium
We already have 2 stadium complexes, dont need a 3rd. Id go for a new pool but can't see needing 12 lanes. Can we rent from center for arts instead of a new auditorium?
The auditorium and combined school

I don't like anything about Scenario B, I don't like this in addition. This also add so much more money.
New stadium doesn't seem necessary
Costs money
The cost seems to steep
Everything! Central Auditorium is beautiful, Midland Community Stadium is wonderful. Dow high pool is good.
This is the priciest option. I've stated my other concerns about B.
I dont like scenario b as far as combining highschoools.
I don't care for scenario b
You are intentionally DECEIVING the community by advertising the cost at \$40 month more for a shiny new complete high school. This is the lowball substandard figure the developer gave you. We ended up with a substandard auditorium and stadium under the last superintendent because of this. There is NO way quality facilities that truly meet the needs and future needs of our students can be built for this low amount of money. Stop trying to shove this on the community every 10 years.
Don't have one
So why isn't this just put into the total cost of scenario B? It's like you are showing scenario b as cheaper when it's not. It's a but wait, there's more kinda thing with all the extra expenses.
Nothing
The first part of scenario b is dumb.
I don't like that this is going to cost a lot of money.
Cost...cost...cost. my taxes will be as much as mortgage. Why would I like this?
Obviously the cost is the problem. In our current economy this is asking too much of tax payers. Maybe this can be a big goal in the future.
You could spend less and have most of the benefits.
Community sources were willing to donate new facilities but the board wouldn't agree
The grants for land would be diffiuct.
Everything.
I agrees there is a need for a new stadium, pool a theater in the future. However, I do not believe they should be grouped into this proposal. That extra .5mils is going to feel like more salt in an already open and salted wound. New facilities can be added as the current facilities age out.
The new stadium.
No reasoning behind it. We just built a stadium.

Not sure if they are needed
New stadium not needed
Very little
The cost
It seems like something that could wait a few years until the restructuring is finished, thus putting less financial burden on the taxpayers at once.
I don't believe these are needed
This is not the economic climate to ask people for more money.
Everything. Scenario A is far better.
A combined high school cuts student opportunities by half. There will be fewer leadership opportunities, fewer spots available in each sport, fewer academic opportunities, etc. All of those will be cut by half by consolidating the high schools. MPS struggles to have enough bus drivers as is, but this plan would rely so heavily on bussing that we simply do not have the personnel to sustain.
We just upgraded many of our facilities.
new football stadium
Asking for more money.
Horrible idea
The timing. If this were a phase project, I might be more supportive.
Cost
That these auxiliary facilities are not part of Option A
That it is attached just to Scenario B. Why can't we pursue that with Scenario A as well? The swimming facility is something the whole community needs, so this should be something pursued regardless of stadium or auditorium. Central auditorium seems to serve us well, so seems unnecessary.
EVERYTHING
Cost
Price
I don't think it is a good use of funds for a new stadium complex.
Nothing. It's necessary.
That these same options are not included in Option A. We should retain both high schools, updating Dow, add a pool at MHS, auditoriums at both high schools and athletic facilities at Dow.
Use the money you have already and make the buildings better

The current auditorium and community stadium would used how?
we dont need a dedicated arts location. . . there are auditoriums
The cost to property owners. Property taxes have gone up drastically the last couple of years. How is that money being used and why is that not enough?
I thought this was already included in cost. I am not sure I understand.
Very costly when improvements can be made in Scenario A.
I do not support Scenario B.
Additional cost
If we move ahead with this plan, I wonder about the costs vs benefits.
Pointless. Kids already travel between schools for those needs. No point for building another except for performing arts. Get the center to pony up money since they're they're the ones who have cut out the community from the facility use
The cost and the desire to have the biggest and best. There's more important things to worry about.
Why not save money to just revamp/overhaul the existing stadium instead of building new? Feels like a waste of money and just improve with what you have (makes your \$ go farther)
Tax increase. These things are not needed
way too much money. We do need a new high school pool, but it needs to be financed without taxes as much as possible. For a larger auditorium, can't you rent out MCFA?
taxes
A new stadium? Seriously? It was only 2-3 years ago that Midland Stadium received new turf, press box and seating. Less well-to-do school districts would kill for the auxillary facilities and school buildings that Midland currently has. You must be thinking that there is no economic crisis going on in America right now. People are pinching pennies and making do in their personal lives. These proposals are preposterous in the best of times.
The price
I do not support Scenario B and do not think a new stadium is warranted since it was recently updated.
If existing facilities still have usable life, I don't see a high need to build new ones
focus on education instead of sports.
Cost to replace existing facilities due to combining schools.
The scenarios are already to expensive. Adding on these options is simply unrealistic.
The cost. This seems excessive when considering what's already being supported by Midlanders.

Unnecessary spending of people's tax dollars. For example, we have a great Community Stadium already!
it's a sales tactic to get people to vote for option B because its slightly cheaper than option A. These additional options could be added to option A as well but weren't for a reason that is not obvious other than to mislead.
like all things worth while - it has a cost
Combined middle & high school.
Everything.
Everything else.
We recently redid the midland community stadium and the central auditorium.
All of it
I'm totally against combining schools.
the cost
The cost of it. Work with the community to create a pool. The stadium is fine and recently received upgrades.
Cost
One high school model is just really off putting. As well as the multiple lower el buildings. Definitely prefer building a new elementary school.
It could limit some students opportunities to compete. However, with some creative thought, we could introduce a robust intramural program or smaller theater productions to allow more students the opportunity to participate.
The fact that all scenarios count entirely on new and additional taxes is unacceptable. Midland already has high taxes and good schools. These high existing taxes should be able to fund the majority of what is needed for MPS. The fact that roughly \$250-\$325MM is needed to cover needed facility maintenance or replacement buildings speaks to dereliction of duty by those managing funds (either presently or in the past). Additionally, the fact that this specific proposal is calling for more money to go into a swimming pool than a football stadium is laughable. Football facilities should be prioritized higher.
The joined high schools and just doesnt make sense space wise with elementary schools.
You aren't going to make a brand-new school and then make all the teams still play at the Midland stadium. That is insane.
Seems like a waste of money considering there are already these amenities available in the district. And they are already available at the current school buildings.
Again, the cost, but those are unavoidable.
You just upgraded the sports complex. What was left out in the planning for it project? Why hasn't this received attention in the past decades? Why now?

Cost. The auxiliary spaces are unnecessary and the price is too high.
Just more building of poor quality buildings that will need to be replaced in 20 years.
We just put a lot of money into our current facilities
The stadium was just remodeled. There are existing options for performing arts.
If I recall correctly, it was not that many years ago that MPS upgraded the two fields behind MHS for football and track. I do not know the condition of the DHS pool at this time, but it was certainly adequate to handle the swim teams as they competed when my 3 girls were in school not all that many years ago. Central Auditorium was also recently renovated not long ago and it worked out well for my 3 grandchildren the last of whom graduated 2 years ago. So...why would we need to make a bigger, fancier facilities for these activities when we did renovations not long ago and they seem perfectly adequate??
I do not think we should consider Scenario B WITHOUT these auxiliary facilities.
Most of it. We are not gross point, we don't need a huge freaking state of the art stadium. Use some of that money to pay your overworked staff more. Put some Porter johns in for the bathrooms if that's what you're worried about. We have far more pressing issues.
Wondering if the auxiliary possibilities are legit for the long term. The swim program is great now. Especially Dow's. But will it be for long enough to justify? What will come of the old facilities like the community stadium. Although space is tight there on game nights already.
I question building 1,000 seat auditorium when there are likely partnerships to be formed with the Midland Center for the Arts for a long-term lease and/or cost sharing for renovation which would serve the wider community more effectively and use less funds.
Taxes
While these additions would be nice, I don't think they're needed at this time. I think we have a very supportive community with facilities that can be used in place of building new. It's not a great use of the districts funds.
The cost. There must be other cost we've give options
Not necessary
I feel like the school district planned this poorly. Dow specifically, why was there a turf added when there was a stadium structure already there. Silly. Waste of money.
Cost prohibitive.
Uncertain if these are really needed and it seems to be asking a lot of our community. Perhaps fundraising, focused on targeted audiences is more appropriate.
As stated on the last page — lack of success and drive if you dissolve the rivalry.
Combining High Schools
Cost is large issue in addition to the concerns from option 2 (combined high school would be too big with less opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities for many and moving to new schools so frequently could provide additional stress to students).

Not necessarily needed
The only option is if we choose to merge high schools, which I oppose.
\$55 million for a new huge pool and football/soccer stadium is way too much money for these facilities, especially since we may still have an assessment from the dam failures
Don't feel it's necessary
What would happen to the existing facilities? How long would it take for these to be built?
We do not need these facilities. This seems absurd that this is even an option. The community stadium, central auditorium, and dow pool have served the area for years. Not to mention the cost to the tax payers on top of what is already being requested is ridiculous.
Increased taxes
Only having 1 high school
Expense, but worth it.
Nothing. It's common sense. We need it.
Nothing.
Nothing.
It should also include an indoor fieldhouse.
Cost is too high for add ons like this that simply are not necessary.
Everything,
The last time MPS updated an auditorium (Central Auditorium), the admin completely ignored the input of the staff that would be using it (drama/music). This leads me to believe that any auditorium you build would be as cheap as possible, and not provide the sound quality and acoustics that our students deserve.
Same as other two
This is mandatory, not auxiliary.
It seems like a big waste to rebuild facilities that are pretty recent (even if the stadium needs to be updated) and already exist. Also it would add to the cost by a lot.
I don't like how it costs so much
The combination of Midland and Dow HS
I don't see a great need for any of these complexes, but if given a good argument, I could be convinced.
My only hang up is the cost. In this economy I'd fear getting this bond approved could be difficult.
Wonder if staging this process could help- a pool seems the most urgent of these, then perhaps stadium and auditorium follow in the future.

Everything.
Harder to implement. Where is the land?
324M? * see previous responses.
"projected values" reads as a lowball estimate.
Cost, 1 Middle and 1 High school decreasing club and team accessibility for children, only so many spots
Too expensive and not necessary
New stadium
It seems that these items could all be integrated into existing community partners (MCFTA, Community Center, partnering with Midland Parks and Recreation on a stadium site with dual purposes) but that you don't seem to want to engage in partnerships.
That it is only offered with scenario B.
It still gets rid of the high schools.
We JUST dumped huge amounts of money into the Community Stadium at Midland High! We don't need something new. Consolidating schools into huge pools of grade levels will only lead to increased stress and anxiety for students. Our community "rivalry" between Dow High and Midland High enhances our school district, and allows for school choice based on family need. Only having one, large high school would remove that option for families.
Unneeded expenses on stadium complex and higher tax increases
One combined high school
Combining the schools
I do not like that this is separate and will be a MUST if a new school is built. This should have been presented with Scenario B so that people could see the cost together since it will be needed if the schools combine.
Already have all 3. This is a vanity project not related to academics.
Cost.
We have a nice stadium and multiple nice auditoriums in the community already
Hard to justify after seeing stadium upgrades at DHS and MHS and overhaul of Central Auditorium only ~6 years ago. It just doesn't seem like the right time for this. Overall Scenario B just seems wasteful of existing resources
These facilities will not add anything to the competitiveness or enjoyment of our local students based on conversations with families who have had kids participating in them.
New stadium
not clear what happens to existing facilities. Will they still be used for lower grades' events?
The dollar amount goes up, but I think its worth it to have these new facilities!

I am not sure how much a new stadium is needed. The current stadium is still in excellent condition.
The cost may be oppressive for some voters.
Higher price point = potential for this ask to be denied by voters.
Swimming facility
It is very expensive.
I don't like scenario B.
This further adds to the cost, and is wasteful of existing infrastructure at the two high schools.
Just the cost.
We don't need a new high school. Or a new feild
everything
The same questions and concerns that were stated in the previous question
Less opportunity for kids to play sports. Schools are all over town and no longer conveniently located. I do not like having 5-6 and 7-9 separated.
Scenario B it self.
Do not support the 1 high school option.
A little more expensive.
The stadium complex we have is pretty sufficient
There will only be one band, one Varsity football, cheer, etc. team. The same with Robotic teams, etc. Fewer students will be involved or we will have one super large band???? After a few years, this will not be as noticeable, but still less students will be able to participate. How did other districts that combined work through this?
Would prefer auxiliary in scenario A
Scenario B as a whole.
why do we need a new football stadium??? It seems to be working right now.
Does not address overcrowding in elementary buildings and current buildings not designed for preK students.
This is wasteful. All of it
We have a perfectly good stadium now. Seems silly to build a new one.
The management of these facilities will need to also be factored in - a full-time person or additional facilities supervisor will be necessary, so I hope those salaries, as well as funding for support staff for those people, are also in this budget.
I think this plan should also be considered if scenario A is chosen.

Same struggles as without the auxiliary services
The cost
Waste of money
I would vote for these facilities, but not if they are part of scenario B. There are no situations where I would vote for scenario B, even with those great additions.
Terrible idea.
We have existing infrastructure that suits these needs.
Significant cost to upgrade the current stadium would be wasted funds
Combining of schools
The scenario B part ;)
The mess that would be created by combining the two high schools. This would be taking the mess that was created by the Plymouth Canton high school campus and seeing what we can do to make it even worse by spreading the athletic facilities across town separate from campus. Also, didn't we just spend millions of dollars building a new auditorium? Talk about it being easy to spend other people's money. Building a new auditorium would be taking waste to a whole new level, even for Midland.
The shared stadium at Midland high is an efficient way to operate. The facilities are high-quality, with good lines of sight, mature trees, and other infrastructure. There is no need to build an additional stadium in the school district and continuing to use a shared stadium is an efficient way to operate. Although I don't think we should build a new stadium, I would be amenable to including upgrades to the concession stand, bathroom area And other refinements
New stadium? Wasn't this one renovated already?
Don't see how this really offers students advanced academic services. Feel like MPS is slipping behind the competition with academics.
Nothing
Too many students share 1 facility
Additional cost. We already have adequate facilities in Midland. Surely there's a better use for my tax dollars!
They should be on the next millage
The cost
Combining high schools would be a huge negative impact on kids. Too few opportunities for leadership in all activities.
Same as before....also cost prohibitive for taxes
High cost
I wish there was an option to go with Scenario A, keep two high schools, and still get at least an auditorium and an updated stadium.

Concerns over facilities management
The stadium does not need an upgrade - don't waste the money
The new high school needs a pool - but that's a lot to ask.
When the Midland Community Stadium exists, why would there need to be a whole new one? Additionally, what are the plans for the new field at Dow High? Would it remain for 5-6, or would it be relocated to possibly save money on turf?
Keeping the 9th graders separate from the rest of the high schoolers
It assumes a combined high school which I am not in favor of.
The way it is now and has been for many years, is enough
Cost. We have many of these things in place already. Why fix things that aren't broken?
Midland already has all these things that are right-sized for the community
I worry that the arts and pool will be an afterthought to stadium. I would not support this unless it is all the items. Or the stadium last after the first two items are completed.
The cost. The death of traditions and the cross town rivalry. Athletics and band etc become cut sports and activities. Less opportunities for some kids which disproportionately affects kids of lower income households.
Extra costs associated with them. Are all three necessary if the other plan was going to continue to use the old facilities? Is that a waste of money if the other facilities are fine? Or are the old facilities going to be disposed of?
students have to switch school locations frequently
no MS/HS competitions for sports (less varsity opportunities)
The "new" Stadium Complex should be looked at more as using our current stadium and updating it. Not creating totally brand new. Should the new high school location be near the MHS site, consider a renovation.
Nothing
Expensive
Not necessarily
Not sure this is really needed. We have a great auditorium field and community center has a new pool.
It's a lot of money not going towards education
MPS is deceiving the community with the cost of these plans and it is wrong. Luring people to the shiny new hs building and hiding the cost of the full package is ridiculous and undermines trust. Potentially having a HS building at one site with stadium, auditorium, pool, athletic fields scattered all over town is ridiculous. The projected cost of these facilities are too low in order to attract voters. Building a school north of town is silly. Saginaw Rd has 5 lanes with many other 'back road' alternative routes to access MHS and DHS. There is no 5 lane access to handle

traffic and no close alternative routes. There are no gas stations, drug stores or restaurants to serve student needs out that way.
I do not like that the district is only offering this option with Plan B.
We Do Not need a Grand Blanc quality Collegete Football Stadium. Maybe the pool
Nothing. Both high schools need facilities. Both high schools need a pool, performing arts center, and stadium. Seeing both high schools sharing these facilities always seemed strange to me.
Cost
Everything
The auxiliary options should have been considered when the new MCC was built
Cost
We already have facilities that can be utilized and the \$ could be put towards new band uniforms for both schools. There are so many facilities available with the community center & Midland center for the arts this is waste of tax dollars
current stadium is beautiful
The cost. Spending \$76 million on an auditorium, pool and football stadium is ridiculous, especially as youth athletics becomes ever more privatized with traveling leagues, etc. I would rather MPS use the facilities it has (with some minor renovations) and if the ask is made for this amount of money use the extra funds to replace or renovate other aged buildings. MPS exists to educate students, not to provide a \$30MM pool.
Pretty hefty price tag; will the community go for it?
I really don't like scenario B at all. I like the facilities but not the new school arrangement.
The stadium already seems to be in decent shape. Maintain what you have. Same with the auditorium.
It costs so much more and I really dont want Secenario B to happen as I think it will be more harmful than beneficial for kids in the long run.
It should not be an add on. Why not complete the high schools we have as an option?
I feel like there are new things we could add instead of renovating things we already have the opportunity to have
I would love to see a nice tennis area in the new school, not just football. Some sports are underrepresented and with the success of Dow high tennis throughout their time, I look forward to seeing a great tennis area in the new school.
Money should be spent elsewhere
Weird with 2 middle schools
The cost, leave things the way they are!

It takes away opportunities
Not sure why the auditorium would need 1000 seats. Would recommend utilize Midland Center for the Arts if you need something that big. Hopefully reduce some of the cost.
People will have issue with the increased cost.
A new stadium as our current one has a new press box and is already quite luxurious.
I don't like scenario B as an option, but I do like the addition of auxiliary facilities.
Everything
Not sure we need another auditorium.
My kids will probably be out of the district and graduated by the time it's completed.
Not necessary
We have facilities already for these events. These facilities are costly to build and maintain, especially if you aren't using them everyday.
Everything mentioned previously plus the cost!!!!!!
Additional cost to taxpayers for a high school that doesn't need to be built.
one community high school
Nothing.
Only only high school. Again, this is a misguided proposition.
Cost to tax payers
I would love this AUX service but not at the expense of our separate smaller HS.
Why waste tax money on auxiliary facilities replacing a new Midland Community Stadium??
Nothing, this gets my greatest support
Not really anything except it increases the cost. I do believe this would be worth adding to scenario A in a seperate location.
It doesn't make sense to have these brand new facilities if you have less kids using them (i.e. less sports teams, less drama clubs, less robotics teams)
I am greatly concerned that none of the scenarios proposed have space for self-contained special education instruction. I had to make a facility decision this year over lack of a storage closet. My child shouldn't be learning in a storage closet.
One large high school
Wonder if we need a new stadium?
Although state of the art facilities would help the community inflation is high causing the cost of living to go up we do not need our taxes to go up as well
One high school

Similar to what I like least about Scenario B overall, that parking, drop off, and pickup is already a challenge and keeping everyone safe would require some thoughtful and enforceable plans. It might also be a lot for students to be thrown together into single schools from grade 5 on, but it would be good to get their insight on this.
What I said in the last part of the survey. No combined high schools.
The new stadium, didn't the stadium just get built?
Why can't it be apart of Scenario an also?
Don't need a new stadium complex
The stadium. We have one that is adequate and was just updated.
Everything
Don't combine the high schools into "Midland Community High School". It is great as it is and doesn't need changing!
The funds should be used to further improve the students education
nothing
Combined high school.
Cost to tax payers
I feel that the performing arts space and stadium are unnecessary because the current facilities meet the needs of the community
It's quite expensive. For the cost of my home, it would be about \$700 per year. That's several weeks worth of groceries for my family, or a short vacation somewhere. Also, if the two high schools were combined, there would actually be fewer opportunities for students to participate in sports/theater because there would be tougher competition, since there are more students the same age in the building. It seems counterintuitive to create these nice new facilities when about half as many students will use them as currently do.
With the current state of our economy, these add-ons are not going to get voters to pass a bond. They aren't currently a necessity and only affect a small portion of our district. Spend the money on hiring more staff and creating more space for all students in our buildings.
Although sports/arts need updates, would not support if only tied to scenario B.
I don't like all the facilities being north of town. Couldn't you utilize Jefferson and Northeast properties for these?
Nothing
want the facilities, not the rest

It's expensive.
After sitting on a fund equity balance for decades that is grossly too high... After tearing down elementary buildings only to have to build more space a few years later... After agreeing to let Dow High put in a turf field (finally), but not having the forethought/foresight to have an actual stadium... After funds were supposedly spent on updating HVAC in the different buildings and there are still buildings that can't seem to be heated/cooled appropriately... After money is spent on buses yearly when it appears that 90% of them are empty when they arrive at the high schools...
OR. More specifically. Whoever was hired to put in the new tennis courts at Dow High and the new flooring to the auxiliary gym, were criminally incompetent (not sure if they're the same company)... The courts and the hallway had to be replaced multiple times (and they're still not great). Whether it was a friend of the district that was given the job or they just weren't vetted well enough prior to winning the contract... they were bad (and we still paid them).
It just doesn't look like the district is the best steward of my tax money. I worry that they will not spend it "correctly" with the new site.
Is a new stadium really necessary?
New Stadium makes no sense.
The annual cost is more than Scenario A.
The current stadium and auditorium are more than adequate and still have a lot of useful life.
This will cost taxpayers too much money that is not necessary right now!! Especially with the way the economy is!
We don't need a new performing auditorium when we already have a newly renovated one at Central Park paid for by the last Bond and access to the large facility at MCFTA, which the schools currently use. The community as a whole doesn't need another venue. Similarly, there's no need for a new community stadium. Taxpayers have already invested in improvements to the current one, including new lights, bleachers, a press box, and a track surface.
We already have a auditorium and stadium. Maybe contact the Northwood pool?
I can't think of anything I don't like.
I graduated from Dow High and got a solid education, our current facilities are excellent. Also, Midland Community Stadium has long traditions for both high schools and to change that would be a disservice to the community.
I don't love the idea of bigger graduating class sizes or more students trying out for sports teams with less of a chance to play.
It's unnecessary.
sports field?

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Would you mind sharing what you're unsure about?

Only asked of participants who stated they were "Not sure/Can't say" about what proposal they prefer to be placed on the May ballot

Responses
Lots of change makes me feel uncertain about my kids being the victims (beneficiaries?) of this experiment. I recognize change needs to happen. But am apprehensive about my kids being the guinea pigs. We all saw how poorly MPS executed Central Park Elementary. And it sadly hasn't recovered. So that doesn't give me a lot of hope that MPS can handle rolling out these new programs effectively
I think how many years people will pay more on their taxes will figure I go if people will vote for it. The case will need to be made for the investment from ALL community members, not just those with kids. Need to think about the politics and messaging as a part of the equation.
Need more information on status of current facilities and how renovations compare
This is a very large project, that includes the spending of a very large sum of money. It's going to take a lot of consideration, considering homeowners are funding this.
I put them in previous comments. I need more details on long term expenses related to all building and facility resources laid out to compare. What do the students gain, what liabilities are taken out of the budget and what new value would these different resources provide our students?
Too many changes at once. Instead focus on a few things that need the most fixing/upgrades.
I have read the material, watched the December board meeting video, attended the September board meeting, attended a focus group, and talked to people in the community.....I still don't know which option to chose. I think most people will chose Scenario B with Auxiliaries because it will be the newest, fanciest sports stuff but it is also the most expensive and will impact our lower income folks. I think the idea of a new high school and separating the grade levels might be a good idea but also getting a new elementary school can help solve some problems too. What about when one of the older elementary schools needs to go offline? What does building maintenance look like 10-15 years out? How much is it going to cost for mold remediation? Technology upgrades? Curriculum updates? (That might not matter in this discussion but I feel it needs to be brought up). I love MPS and don't want my kids to go anywhere else. However, I want to make sure these plans fit for the next 15-20 years so we are not back at the ballot in 6 years looking at another \$300mil project for 2 more new schools. I also believe that updating the public with a more detailed project plan well before the ballot proposal is crucial! I want to know what security upgrades will be done, what technology upgrades will happen, what facelifts will happen, where will that money be going, what projects are included (ALL projects) in the overall proposal.
What is the proposed timeline of the millage? What is the plan for sustainability (new/repurposed/existing) of the infrastructure? What impact will this have on faculty and staff?

What is the more detailed plan of how each of these scenarios addresses the seven key areas of concern?
I would like to understand timing of Scenario B and B enhanced. As in an approximate first year of the new schools. Depending on timing it may or may not affect my student, therefore I don't know which scenario makes sense for the community. Hence, currently it leaves me unsure of which scenario is best; also don't want to potentially impact other families if it ends up not affecting me.
I would like to understand more about how Pre-K staffing, licensing, housing, daily functions etc. will work with existing elementary buildings (and potential new elementary building). Is all of this taken into account in the budgets and/or bond proposals?
Overall I support millage to invest in the schools. I like parts of Scenario B but I don't have sufficient information at this time to be convinced that it is a good option.
I need more information on where the district is getting its figures from. What's the time frame for completion of these projects? What is the plan in the interim related to addressing these projects whilst construction takes place? What guarantees can the district make that projects will be completed on time and under budget? What contingency plan is there for building new facilities and potential of students leaving the district? What does the student enrollment projects look like for the next 5-10 years? I can't imagine that population growth and student enrollment for MPS will out weigh current population , location to justify building new schools north of town. How does MPS plan to address busing, have they worked with the city to address infrastructure needs in that area of the city related to traffic? How is MPS planning to acquire land for a new site, and what are they planning on doing with current sites? There's too many unknown variables not being presented to the community.
Unsure that Pre-k in all elementary buildings is the best.
I am unsure why B with facilities upgrade needs a new stadium when Dow High has started a new stadium already. I would also like to understand the decision to distribute the students at the old high schools.
I'm afraid to choose option B with auxiliary facilities, because I'm unsure what my child's experience would be with the new programming. I want to know that these new buildings with less grade levels are thought out very well.
If there is not new aquatic facilities we will be leaving the area.
Midland residents pay a lot in taxes already, we will need continued information to get something like this on the ballot, but in my opinion I don't think it will pass.
Unsure whether any of the scenarios would pass. It may take some time for the community to digest all the information. We all want what is best for our children social and educational.
Plan B won't work with the auxiliary funds. It will be like the community center where everyone is mad about the pools, and they are now asking for more money to add another pool. Just do it all at one time if you're going to do it or the kids will suffer until it's done properly.
Unsure of which scenario is best. Both have positive and negative aspects. Times are already hard and increasing taxes is going to create challenges for some.

I'd like to see a case study around how a combined high school would function
I would pick A or B+ to put on the ballot, but I'm not sure which is the better option. Both have pros and cons. A benefits my family with consistency, but I think B+ would offer kids more opportunities. (I would not put B on the ballot - if we are going to build a new high school then we should build it with all the things it needs.)
I don't like overcrowding schools in A, but I think B is a mistake for the four facilities.
<p>1. I understand the old structures need updating and we absolutely need to do that. However, each scenario still leaves some pretty old buildings in use that are in "good shape". How many more of these \$300 million projects are going to be needed?</p> <p>2. I'm concerned that the aux facility will be constructed with narrowed vision and much like the recent community center, be made smaller than we actually need.</p> <p>3. How much \$\$ is being spent on smart boards and other tech? Tech breaks often, and is \$\$\$\$ to fix. How much of the planned updates are proven to grow academics vs just looking fancy so we can brag we have smart boards? When we all know those smart boards or equivalent are going to break week 2, and be useless if the internet goes out.</p> <p>4. At the end of the day I want to support a mileage, I know we need updates. I would like a more clear breakdown of how much \$ is going where. Is the new high school budget mostly for the building or for a bunch of tech updates that will be obsolete in 2 years?</p>
I really don't like the mega school concept.
I wonder if they can come up with an alternate option.
Too much unknown regarding all the details
I would need to know a little bit more about demographics, school of choice, etc.
Timeline
Specifics about location of new high school. What does repurpose Jefferson mean?
Have our taxes increased with the Bond we have been operating under for the past 10 years? Does the expense for the first bond go away and this is replacing it, or is this on top of what we are already paying>
Everything! It seems like a cluster
I say we do not need a new high school.
The information you all provided (as I indicated before) is easy to understand and I like that you gave both visual and listed explanations of the options. But I would have liked to see some pros / cons, research about student outcomes with smaller / larger class sizes, etc. I would support more funding for students and teachers and less for fancy finishings in the new schools / updates. But NOT investing in nice things might make it easier to justify vandalism / not taking care of your environments and lead to more hours spent cleaning and more dollars spent replacing broken stuff and could cost more in the long run; idk! It feels logical to me that larger class sizes means less student engagement/ knowledge retention, but just because there's 500 in a graduating class doesn't mean you can't still have smaller class sizes....you talk about "updates" but don't say what those updates would be.....I don't give a flying fig about what color the football helmets are, but investing in SAFER helmets, I would get behind despite not having

kids who play. the information you all are providing doesn't feel like enough by itself to make an thoughtful decision, and I don't have the time or focus to do a lot of general information gathering on my own.
Scenario A seems the most realistic cost wise. Scenario B without the auxiliaries makes little sense, which means B with auxiliaries making things much more expensive. Additionally I find it unrealistic Scenario B w/auxiliaries costing is accurate especially considering a location for the HS and facilities is not planned out. If I knew where the proposed new HS would be, I would feel a little more confident in making a decision.
I'm in favor of combining the schools
I am ok with any of them honestly. Not a huge difference for me either way.
I don't have kids in the schools anymore. I am fine with any of the scenarios but am concerned with higher taxes for seniors and those on a fixed income.
This is a big ask from homeowners who are already struggling with basic necessities. We need to understand what's critically important and how that can be achieved at a low cost but done well. I do think SOMETHING needs to be done, maybe a combination of scenarios?
I'm still not sure what the best option would be, how the district would deal with the inevitable cost increases, I am leaning towards option a but I can see the value of having a single High School. Less convinced that the auxiliary facility items are necessary. I am concerned option B will eliminate some student athletic and arts participation opportunities at the secondary level with the combined high school.
Currently leaning towards A but feel it needs more facility consideration for the high schools. Robotics, performing arts, and trades
The presentations did not convince me that such large changes are truly needed. Needing new roofs should not be a surprise, it happens all the time. Unsure about the whole planning process for school maintenance.
I am not sure if any of the options are the best options
My child is in 9th grade and I don't want any of this to happen while she is in high school
I don't feel like I am qualified or knowledgeable enough to form an opinion
Do you know where the CIA agent, Bruce Towers is? I can't find him. He spent some time in Midland, MI. He also has two daughters. The oldest one lives in Bloomington, IL, and the youngest one lives in Chicago, IL.
Which is the most cost effective option the meets the needs of the students. I loved having neighborhood elementary schools.
I know that administration will cover all the bases and make sure that whatever changes happen, that it'll be in the best interest of the students and the future of Midland. So it's difficult for me to say which option will be better.
lot of moving pieces, lots to consider

I'd like to better understand the programmatic and social impacts moving from middle school / high school to intermediary / junior high / high school.
both are good options. and my kids are aging out of the schools. I'd be in favor of supporting whichever scenario the teachers would like since they are the ones directly working with these children.
I would support scenario A with the auxiliary additions. I am not sure about having a high school that is so big with no other high schools around with that much population.
I'm questioning the price tag I need for some of what is being suggested
I just think it REALLY needs to be very thought through. So much money was put in to Parkdale Elementary the year prior to tearing it down. I still think of that waste and want to be certain you've really thought through the plan.
I don't feel either scenario meets current needs. Option A does not provide improvements for athletics and arts, Option B creates a high school that is oversized and limits access to extracurricular activities for 50% of the students that can participate with two high schools.
Scenario A with adding a swimming facility would seem like the best option for me, which isn't one that I could pick from. Our community stadium and auditoriums are perfectly fine and well maintained. Dow high could close the pool and utilize that space for something else. A robotics space for the whole district? Also, how long will these bonds last? 20 years at these higher taxes? I may have missed that in the background.
I'm troubled about the number of students who would take advantage of the proposed superior facilities. Will this scenario actually engage those students who seem to be lost?
My uncertainty is noted and addressed in my previous responses in this survey.
Seems to me, you need a new high school and a new middle school. High school should be 9-12. I was unsure of moving my kids to the district this year, because of the size. But once I realized there were two high schools, I felt better. How will my student get the support they need when they are part of a class of 600+?
I'm more open to scenario B than it seems like the average person is, but would still like more detailed info before casting a vote for it. For scenario B, I'm assuming this school would be located on the land already owned by MPS on Stark Road, but would be curious about a more exact location/distance. Many more students would need busing to the two middle schools and one high school, so I would like to know more about any logistics such as school starting times, and busing costs short and long-term. For athletics, does the 5-6 grade and 7-9 grade schools have sports teams? Who do they compete against? Can 9th graders try out for the 10-12 grade sports teams? Assuming the scenario B school is automatically Division 1 for athletics, does that change what schools they compete against in all sports, potentially resulting in longer commutes to competitions? Since Scenario B changes my day to day life the most, commuting further to school for grades 5-12 for my 4 kids, I definitely need a little more convincing there!
I think that we need another elementary school and upgrade to the high schools. So I like a different combination.

See previous comments. DON't think the cost of B is accurate. With the repurposing of many schools and building a new high school seems to be more than the elementary and middle school build of Option A.

Jefferson is not in bad quality to be demolished or turned into a Robotics Site (this is really not something many people are needed or asking for).

Do not like the idea of one high school. This will destroy the sports and music programs that are strong in the district. This will cause more exclusiveness and less opportunities for students to be involved in thier school. Who would the new high school compete against? How far do they have to travel for games/matches?

I am not in favor of increasing my taxes for these programs. More time to study and work up a replacement plan of schools over 10 years seems more applicable and seeking funding in small batches (like replacing NE- on the property right next to it) instead of a big project that has many inconsistencies.

I think they should put A and B with auxiliary facilities on ballot

I cannot support Scenario A fully without knowing why the auxiliary facilities are off the table. I have been to multiple meetings about this, and every time we are told face-to-face that Scenario C which combines Scenario A with auxiliary facilities "could" be an option, but it is never talked about unless an audience member asks about it. Second, I definitely cannot support Scenario B without knowing what the intermediate school would look like curricularly. I would need reassurance that we wouldn't just have to build another elementary anyway if the state passes universal pre-K. I would also need reassurance that Scenario B won't be treated as a convenient opportunity to fire a few staff members. Reassurances that "there are no plans to cut staffing" feel empty considering the district's history.

I would not feel comfortable voting yes on the 3rd option unless there was a set plan of how the funds would be used and order of operations. Midland needs a pool facility before a stadium.

I think the potential to acquire land is a big "if" for me. I feel like a lot of people would like Scenario B, just for the potential for new facilities and innovation. But then maybe a bunch of people filling out this survey are die hard MHS/DHS students who never ever want to be put together... (I am not a Midland native but there is some fierce loyalty that I don't fully understand).

There are a lot of things I like about option B, but I don't thing there would be community support for it.

I could see many people getting behind option A and adding the auxiliary facilities should be considered to see if it's a viable option.

I have concerns where this would pass. Affluent families would be fine with this, but there are many families that can barely buy gas and groceries, plus Midland just increased a lot of people's taxes.

I'm pretty sure I'd vote yes on either option.

I prefer PropB+AuxFac... but see my "What do you like least" for my concerns (MPS's apparent inability to manage money).

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Would you mind sharing why you feel that way?

Only asked of participants who stated, "I cannot support placing any of the scenarios on the ballot" when asked about what proposal they prefer to be placed on the May ballot

Responses

The cost of the options is too high - and not enough information about ongoing operating costs - or specifics around what all the money is going to be used for.

The student population is decreasing.

I feel that this survey is the first time anyone has ever asked the opinion of the public.

Decisions are usually made behind closed doors without any public feedback.

I believe we should better use existing facilities. If we combine high schools then make midland high the one highschool with an addition of classrooms and a swimming pool. Make Dow high a middle school.

Questions not answered: how many years are the MIL's for taxes?

What is current census for elementary, middle school and highschool for all the area? Show those numbers for the past 30 years combined with the projections for the next 30 years.

Combining schools gives less opportunities for sports and extra curriculum.

MPS closed elementary schools like carpenter, Mills, etc. because of low census after spending tax payer money to update the, to pack our elementary school classes full of 30 or more kids in each and now need to spend money to expand another elementary school. Who's to say in ten years we don't have a population growth and the same thing happens with middle school/highschool

Having a 9th grade "freshman" highschool team not apart of the highschool doesn't make much sense.

Many other flaws that would need to be hammered out

Preschool would be cheapest facility to construct. Take Kindergarten & put there, too. High school pool hardly used, already have campus at Dow. Divide grades so no need for big expansion. Use funds for education & upgrades, infrastructure.

For median income homes taxes are high as it is. This is a hardship for single parents.

I don't believe either scenario adequately addresses the student population within the district while also supporting staff in being able to do their best job for those students. I also believe there is a simpler solution to be found to these facilities needs than what has been presented.

Please see previous responses .

I don't like the idea of demoing north east or combining high schools. There will be no more cross town rivals.

My property taxes are already too high.

I feel like the community can not afford these changes this year. I feel senario B could be changed and thought out a little more. I like the idea of all the children of the community coming together in one school
I feel we need a scenario that gives us newer schools and competitive sports and performing arts facilities while still keeping grades 9-12 together. Therefore, we need both a new middle school and a new high school.
Asking for taxpayer funding at this time may not be wise. Are you making the most convincing case for this, especially by this medium? Suggest more face-to-face canvassing and listening to people from all neighborhoods. Also, on another note, I've been disappointed by the district's tepid response to faculty-initiated programs to enhance student awareness and understanding of diversity. It seems school (and community) leadership is bowing to the narrow (and partisan) mindset of a small and close-minded portion of the district.
Midland is home to a number of highly intelligent people and we have a history of STEM-based employment. If we want to grow the next generation, then that needs to be reflected in our choices. Freeland, Hemlock, and Essexville are nearby towns that all have STEM or robotics centers. If we truly want to stay competitive, we need to show it.
Unnecessary and unwanted costs.
These are expensive options, which do not consider declining enrollment. We need to improve academics, not a flashy new high school. Why is an option for only replacing northeastern not outlined?
Tax monies poured into buildings that you bulldozed down then into the landfill , without putting the buildings up for sale at fair market values . The goal should have been first , getting these tax supported properties on the public tax producing rolls . Declining enrollment trends , Back door deals to appease “ some “ groups for redevelopment that will burden the general taxpayers for decades , pilot program aka Politics Involved in Looting Our Taxpayers , (Eastlawn , Cook , Mills , Parkdale) With the ongoing inflation pressures , housing / rental costs , property tax increases , existing school mileages , shinking fund balances to be paid , and shrinking employment trends in the area and Michigan as a whole , not putting this on a November general ballot question for a responsible voter turnout decision , I will be voting NO !
Maybe things should have been planed out a little better 10 years ago . Having preschool at the schools isn't a necessary
This creates a logistics nightmare for transportation of students and a hodge podge of facilies
Not enough details. How can I support a new school when you won't even tell me where it's going to be built. Not only that You're not telling me where you're getting these numbers from. Who did the study?
I suggest going back to the drawing board. The only real need I see is to replace Northeast. Why the need for more pre-primary, the focus should be on K-12? I see the governor just said free preschool for all, is that why we are getting pushed into this? What about all of the preschools in town, it's going to shut them down. My kids are high school age now and I would have never sent them to a pre-K program that is in an elementary school. Also are taxes are already extremely high in Midland.

I think that you got the money in the past. Made some expensive updates and now you want taxpayers to pay again for short sightedness with past decisions. Too many buildings were torn down or remodeled and now you are asking for more money to correct those mistakes.

Seems like if you did all elementary schools PreK-3 or 4 grade, you could have Jefferson as 4/5-6, DHS 7-8 grade and remodel MHS to be four year high school. Plus that campus has much more room to build additional facilities such as 9th grade building and parking structure. These would be cheaper options than building brand new buildings.

I don't want to add more in taxes than we already have to pay

Why are these even being proposed? What is wrong with the current setup? There is no need here to reinvent the wheel, keep doing it like it has been done for years and put the money you have currently to work to make what you have better, not waste it on these stupid ideas from someone who sits in a corner office and dreams this crap up. Maybe your focus should change rather than asking the community to give up more of its hard earned money for you to waste.

Because you're spending money that doesn't need to be spent when you could put that money towards something that is actually needed.

- teachers pay
- field trips
- clubs
- school supplies

I could go on forever

We just approved a bond a few years back... what do we get? Wasted money!! And now you want more! What about the Covid scanners you bought that never worked. Or the security scanners that haven't worked right? Didn't you all ready get new busses? What about actually investing in curriculum that actually works and more teachers?

Data shows that we a population are shrinking and we don't need this expensive idea. Also it will increase the "bullying" when you mix Dow High and Midland High. Let's not do that to our students

The proposals add too much cost for taxpayers. Would like to see cost of just upgrading facilities compared to this.

You're fixing the wrong problems. Whoever came up with these proposals should be ashamed.

Too many students in one high school means fewer kids will be able to play in the band and compete in cut sports which is a vital part of high school.

All of the proposals are half baked. A helps younger kids. B alone doesn't help much of anything. B plus projects is bloated and wasteful.

Fiscal responsibility matters. Why a millage?

I think it is too soon since we just had one that asked for money to improve schools. Spend more money on teachers!

The cost and closing of perfectly good schools. Buildings used to last hundreds of years and now buildings that are 50-65 years old are deemed unusable or unrepairable and the only option is to build brand new high dollar facilities? All the history and memories go as well. New is not always better. There is nothing wrong with any of these schools that can justify tearing

down and rebuilding.
Combining schools eliminate opportunities for many kids. Would like to understand opportunities to update North East vs rebuild. I do support a new pool, second stadium, Dow High tennis courts, updated tech in schools and a full size theater for schools.
the student body would be toooooo big to support healthy learning and appropriately sized events of any kind The first one that comes to mind is simply imagining having all Dow parents and all chemic parents at the community stadium for a football game at one time that would be insane. The parking lot would be ridiculous. It would have to hold 700 cars easy. this would be especially difficult three years there is intentions noted in the proposal to continue using the community stadium. just imagine a Midland Dow game, where all of those parents have to be on the same side of the field all congested let alone the parking. this isn't the big house down in Ann Arbor people
All of the scenarios include a tax payer increase
What are the obstacles with our buildings. We cannot make a decision to spend money without knowing why we are doing it.
I think before you double my taxes, I should see what it would cost to fix NE. I also think you've wasted so much money in other BS ways, that to ask me for more is also obnoxious. The district has closed a ton of elementary schools and bulldozed most of them. You didn't sell them or try to get value out of them. It's like you have no respect for tax payers at all. If this were your money, you would take better care and be more judicious with your decisions. What would it take to fix NE? And since when are we expected to be on the hook like this for Pre K?
Pre K expansion is not clear to me why this is an initiative. We already had resources in the community. Additional cost to tax payers makes it a no. Again, whoever thinks \$20-\$50/month is frivolous is wrong when people are living paycheck to paycheck already. This is not the time to put burden on the community.
Midland has adequate facilities
The additional athletic and arts facilities should happen in both scenarios.
Scenario B is just a mess.
Everything is pay to play as it is and now you want to raise our taxes even more when our facilities are just fine and way better then most in the surrounding districts. If you want to spend money on something stop the pay to play. So many kids families cannot afford it so the children don't even get that chance to experience the team environment and being apart of something bigger.
It's a big ask for a lot of change. It would be better to see only a smaller portion implemented. Maybe just build a new middle school. It would als be good to see more statistics on future student projections especially in light of Midlanda population not changing.
A lot of money and not sure Midland will grow to need all the extra schools and the expense to home owners is really expensive!!
I feel as though I sufficiently shared my thoughts in the space provided but would be happy to elaborate with data
Stated in previous responses. Academic improvement seems low on these proposals. Just a way to make the schools 'look' successful, while failing the students of the future.

I do not trust that the current leadership will make the best choices for the district. NE needs to be replaced. That should be a separate option.
I am 15 years old and not old enough to vote but needed to make sure my voice was heard regardless of weather or not it mattered to the final outcome.
Because while I'm happy to invest my tax dollars into our public schools, neither of these scenarios seem to meet the must-have needs of our district. Most of the items addressed in these scenarios are not essential for our students' success. It is wild to me that I have to even explain why a brand new stadium or pool is unacceptable to be considering right now given the economy, and many other more pressing needs for our community as it relates to public schooling.
These schools are honestly not that bad. Scenario B is honestly the dumbest thing I have ever heard of. Do your research. It doesn't work in Holt. They are looking to make changes. Don't be stupid and change things like this for our kids. Our road grid is already confusing enough.
The taxpayers—who fund you—CANNOT AFFORD THIS!
There is just too much change all at once. I think our children function well in the current elementary/middle/high school layout. Messing with grade levels and dedicating a school to just two grade levels is odd. As a parent of a very advanced middle schooler, I'd rather see a decent ALPS program, instead of just giving up on the one that was given a go last year.
I think parts of the proposals are needed, but they are not the right combination of needs.
Neither plan is good for the children of our community
One high school for the whole district seems like it will create larger class sizes, longer commutes for students, less opportunity for students in sports and extracurricular activities. As midland grows, the prospect of keeping one high school seems unrealistic. It also seems very bold to ask taxpayers for hundreds of millions of dollars to do this in light of so many school buildings recently being demolished instead of repurposed.
Both scenarios seem very wasteful and unnecessary. The burden on residents will outweigh the benefit to students.
Our taxes are high enough.
We shouldn't be taxing our community more at such a hard economic time when everyone is struggling already!!
The cost to the community is astronomical and quite frankly insulting. Many of the asks are illogical or unnecessary and existing facilities can be used.
Construction not needed and proposals designed for construction company work
I've stated that through this survey. It boils down to being a vanity project for the privileged board & administrators. Their arrogance is literally breath taking.
Timing. Now is not a good time to ask for more funding.
I feel like there is always an INSANE amount of money for idiots to misuse and nothing gets better . Then all the sudden we need more...and more..it's getting gross
The cost is very high and is going to disrupt a lot of learning I think, what happened to the money over years so proper maintenance could have been happening
I'm not convinced that the proposed options truly meet thr needs of students. It feels more as though these changes are made for "show" without real consideration for what's best for the students attending.

I have commented about Central Park Elementary being poor. Yet Woodcrest has reading proficiency in 3rd grade is 23.5% partially and 18.8% not proficient or 52.3% not or partially proficient. Before we spend all this money, we need to improve proficiency in reading, math, science so that at least 80% are proficient or advanced. When I went to school, 80% was a C grade. We have a long way to go.
Too expensive.
Gifted students need proper learning for being gifted and not hold them back from advancing.
I realize that renovation can be costly, but 1) has a cost comparison been completed, and 2) is combining the high schools ideal. We moved from an area downstate that did this, granted it was two separate districts, but the adjustment was - challenging.
I don't think any of these costly proposal would support the community
False sales pitch, increase vs. total.
Its too large of a package.
Way too much. Can't afford to pay any more taxes if my nursing wage isn't going up.
I don't like combining the high schools. I am happy to support needed maintenance on the buildings and safety upgrades. I would also support a community competitive swimming pool
I think it's fine how it is. Dow and Midland high schools should stay separate and Carpenter Elementary should stay open.
Already explained. Make a 10 year plan and repair what we have.
Plenty of homes were built in the 20s or 50s. Home owners don't tear them down; they fix them up to make them useable. An option should be to refurbish existing buildings and make them useable. We should to maintain the buildings we have. I'm definitely having sticker shock.
Schools received ESSER funds. I saw schools spend it on bleachers, playground equipment, and smoothie bars. Now we're worried about safety?
Scenario A would be my vote if any of the options were on the ballot for vote. I have yet to be informed as to why this expense has been deemed necessary also.
I have concerns about the 9th-grade placement process. While Scenario B offers academic opportunities, it may limit crucial extracurricular activities. Students with a GPA of 2.8 or 3.25 who excel in these activities can gain visibility, leading to scholarships and access to schools they might not otherwise attend. We need to ensure all students have opportunities to shine both academically and through extracurricular involvement.
Please don't shuffle for the purpose of shuffle, look for efficiency and improvement on the existing facilities
I think things are fine way they are..
I've seen no information on possible renovations if current school buildings!
I think you should provide a bit of information on how much keeping up the "old facilities" is costing us for year. If the school that you plan to demolish cost X/year, i find it difficult to support an idea of spending let say 100*X for new facilities. Are we really thinking that buildings are so obsolete?
I do not want to loose the Carpenter Pre Primary

It all looks expensive for buildings that only last 30 years
Why are we wanting to build new when the old has been upgraded and is fine. Why fix something that's not broke
My children attend mega schools in Ca it will not be in best interest if kids, families or teachers. Also grew up in midland if you take away Dow vs Midland you take away the heart of community only people that didn't grow up on midland would want that
Your elementary schools are aging. You are going to need a broader view and plan for the long term. I think we already pay taxes, so where is all of that money going to?
I think that additional funds could be spent on more important options than having large shiny new facilities.
It should be scenario A with two high schools and the facilities for the best for the local students
It's clear by the addition of facilities only onto scenario B that the district and board support that scenario B.
Consolidating the high schools is not a good idea for Midland. Being the 5th largest high school in the state is not good idea. It is a turn off. If we lived in a metropolitan area, you expect that size schools, but people appreciate Midland Schools and we have an inflated reputation because we don't have college sized campuses.
I believe a combination of these 2 scenarios would be a better plan.
I feel that way because no matter what happens, the fact is the people who are working the hardest to keep children in the district is not the priority here. Rather than helping the youngest learners in the whole district, it seems that the "need" for new is for upper elementary, middle, and high schoolers rather than for the youngest learners which have the highest turnover rate in moving to a different district. Rather than giving our preschool and DK programs a chance to grow and feel valued, they are being written off as an add on to the elementary schools when they work best as a standalone identity.
This is an obvious money grab for whomever is involved in the decision making and passing of any of these scenarios. None of it makes sense.
once again Midland will have found a new way to increase taxes. The current schools we have are fine. The closed building should be turned into childcare or after school facilities. If we're going to use tax payer funding put it towards something the city needs, not wants
Compared to other districts who have made changes like this, it was not successful or safe for students in the short run. Small class sizes should be the goal even in middle school and High School.
The school board closed all of those elementary schools to build Carpenter, which is a nice building in itself. But placing all of those kids in one school was disastrous. There is not enough staff to handle that amount of children. My daughter went there for kindergarten and she came home a few times with scratches and bruises. Her teacher and none of the staff knew what happened to my daughter. I can see a similar scenario happening if the two high schools get combined into one.
The two scenarios are unrealistic. There needs to be another option proposed that puts on the ballot what we need versus what administration wants. You are asking for too much when

finances are tight for families.
I feel the majority of both scenarios are a waste of money. We could be spending this amount of money on things like smaller classrooms and more teachers, more teacher aids, more "extra" classes. We don't need new buildings.
Pay enough in taxes. Misuse of funds currently cannot support additional tax burden.
While I mostly support Scenario A, I strongly feel that the district should consider building a new Pre-K facility to house learners birth-5 or 3-5 so that we can enhance our students pre-k experience instead of cramming those classes into our current elementary buildings and leaving the staff to have extremely limited collaboration opportunities. Additionally, taking out 5th grade classes and replacing them with pre-k adds to our administrators plate as well as our ancillary support staff. Is part of the plan to expand those roles as well?
Your buildings , stadium are in great shape
I believe early childhood is the foundation of building kind and caring children. When you get rid of the pre-primary center you are taking everything away that the preschool teachers have worked so hard to get the children academically and emotionally ready for kindergarten.
I feel like MPS spent so much money on Central Park, and oversold it to the community. I have always supported every millage for MPS and how the building of Central Park evolved has left me with distrust for future financial endeavors.
There is too much burden placed on taxpayers. Aging infrastructure should have been anticipated and planned for years ago--addressed with a phased plan that does not impact taxpayers so sharply.
Keep things the way they are and have been. These poor kids are going through so much. Let MHS be MHS and Dow be Dow. Geez people
You are dangling carrots in forms of new facilities to sweeten Scenario B. I don't support Scenario B but I do want to spend more money to build a swimming facility. You're making this an either/or choice for the community when it shouldn't be. I'd like to see 'a la carte' options that include Scenario A *and* new swimming facilities.
Would like to see some issues addressed before spending more money
Need more information.
The cost is too much in this economy. Our taxes are already a strain for many people. MPS tore down facilities just a few years ago and now say that that the elementary schools are too crowded. MPS hung on to Cook elementary instead of selling the property and using those funds for immediate upgrades on other buildings. No plan for acquiring new property has been presented. A new high school would require a large parcel. Parents should not have to drive all over town for drop off and pick ups. There would be additional pressuring on the bussing situation. 9th graders should be able to participate in JV and varsity sports without having to commute to another building after school. MPS already has a huge budget to use. I did not see how long it would take to pay or any of these plans and if our taxes would be reduced to pre-plan rates again. Where is the accountability on that issue? Many of us have to live within our means. Why doesn't MPS break down the needs and complete them in phases - that would be a show of good faith that you understand the burden on the community. Not everyone that lives here works for Dow. Maybe complete the new elementary school in phase 1, for instance.
Affordability for the home owners, and spending beyond needs.

The schools are fine as they are. Put the money into new uniforms or additional bussing for sporting events. Pay the admins more money and give them health insurance. Midland closed schools and now wants to build more schools.
Pre Primary staff feel it is in their worst interest to separate and exclude them from what they currently as. The staff rely on each other daily for support, collaboration, and shared supplies. They know that they have each others' back if more support is needed with a child in any given moment. It will be a great loss to this community to eliminate a building for all pre k teachers to be in
You have not addressed crowding on all levels. You help it only in one or the other. Quit sinking money into the auxiliary stuff and focus on education. Hiring enough support staff and quit wasting tax dollars on fluff
The millage that I did support for the ESA is way too close to this proposal. All scenarios would be are looking at a \$500 plus yearly increase for the duration of both bonds.
I would like to see an alternate plan that goes further, to address more comprehensive the failing infrastructure of existing buildings and to reckon with removal and replacement of facilities that are well beyond their useful lifecycle.
It would misplace so many students and staff. With how many kids we already have in all schools I don't see a need to rearrange grades in different schools/add preschool to elementary buildings. Preschoolers need their own building as they have different needs.
NOT ADDRESSING THE BULLIES
It's hard to imagine that the district couldn't identify a lower cost option which doesn't involve building two new schools and/or athletic facilities.
You need to provide us with \$ on when the 2015 bond is paid off, so we can get a better feel for the net increase in our property taxes. None of the proposals address how to extend the life of Midland High School. As far as restroom facilities at the combined stadium (and I haven't gone to a game in several years since my kids graduated) we need to either purchase land near Midland High and build facilities, or use porta potties to provide more facilities.
I understand that money is the true motivating factor in these options but I fail to see how any of them will positively impact my children
This does not feel like a necessity and we should be looking at the education rather than the facilities.
This is creating a panic for a need that doesn't exist and spending money that most of this city doesn't have and can't afford just to make a small percentage feel elite.
The only thing that make sense would be to add the ancillary facilities. I do not believe an intermediate school is a good plan at all. A new middles school and or high school seem unnecessary. Having young 5's and/or preschools would be more beneficial.
Also a high school that get kids in programs to have certificates in their desired fields would be better. Alternative schooling, for trades.
Yes, the school system has plenty of money from millages and standard income. This seems to be solutions that just reach into the pockets of others instead of being fiscally responsible.
Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high

unnecessary and no input from the teachers, staff, or employees who are working in these facilities daily
I feel that it is not the right year to discuss on big spending given the financial climate. I would delay one more year to find out how inflation is going to affect the community. I am not confident that Midland is going to be "growing" over the next 20 years. Also, there was no option or scenario given what is wrong with the buildings that are up for demo. Is there no opportunity to do maintenance? What is the cost advantage of doing demo versus uplifting current?
When it comes to teaching, it is not about how "new" a building is... it is about the technology/teachers/classroom ability to provide teaching at the current level we need.
As stated many people in the community have hit hard times and are worried daily on how they will survive and be able to feed the children.
I feel all staff of board need to look at more progressive areas and build for the future and not the past.
Money mismanagement other schools are thriving with far less money needs.
I do not feel that the MPS employees have been asked about any of this and their input put into it.
<p>We need plan C. FIX what is already wrong in so many buildings. There is little trust in the district doing the right thing as the past renovations were not done with quality work or to fix the many problems already there. TALK TO THE TEACHERS and actually LISTEN TO THE TEACHERS. Find out what the real needs and issues are. We could build a new pre-primary and K- 1, or pre-primary K-2 building for Woodcrest and Siebert so things are up to code. Classroom sizes are appropriate for small children. Paraprofessionals are used (and NEEDED IN THOSE CLASSES!!!!!!) Then the current Woodcrest and Siebert would have enough room for the rest of the elementary kids, auxiliary teachers wouldn't be on carts, and could even have a behavior/SEL room at each building, which is greatly needed!</p> <p>Keep Midland High and Dow High. The healthy rivalry is good. It makes for school spirit, a sense of belonging, and a way to strive to be better. It allows more kids to be the "stars" in athletics, drama, music, art, etc. If there's only one mega-high school, then kids are fighting for those spots and there would have to cuts in choir and band. Kids will stop trying and kids won't have the same opportunities. Mental health will be affected, more negative issues and behaviors, and no sense of identity anymore.</p>
We believe this needs to be relooked at with the intention of what is truly necessary and not spending frivolously. Focus needs to be on needs of students and their future success. There also needs to be broader community engagement to gather input.
Because you have not made the case how either scenario actually meets the identified needs in an explicit way. These are obviously scenarios that are agenda for the board members since little to no voices from the community were utilized to construct the scenarios.
Total MPS enrollment is going down and yet we are told we need increased infrastructure. These facts do not add up to responsible fiduciary engagement.
I will not support our vote to increase my taxes and place our kids who are already lost in a torn where the kids with money get all the opportunities with the side of town that sticks their nose

up at us
Having the pre-primary space still exist. With a district of our size and the needs of early childhood growing I think the long term impact of having preschool + elementary school is not smart. I do not know many families that wish to have preschool kids with students 2x their age and in a building that needs to be focused on academics when early childhood classrooms are developmental.
Cost is very high
This is not something our community can afford
I have made it clear in my earlier answers. The Board and administration have demonstrated very poor planning in that a large millage was passed a few years ago that was supposed to address these issues. Now, they are proposing tearing down schools in which significant amounts of the previous millage has been spent. Makes no sense; the district needs to stop wasting money.
Improve what you already have in place without tearing down buildings or restructuring the grades.
Clearly the cost to our student in all they will lose for shiny and new And financial cost for tax payers
Midland has some of the best facilities and educational programs in the region. Facility updates, maintenance and renovations should have been part of planning and budgeting all along.
Seems rushed, need more community input.
Voters approved and are still paying for last updates. Michigan school aged children population is declining.
First the district has mismanaged funds for many years. Over spending. Irresponsible spending. Focusing on the wrong things. And the district has a long history of deceptive behavior - this millage should have been placed on the November ballot, when more people vote. The district spends too much money to vote in special elections expecting poor turnout, ensuring the millage will pass. Currently, we will not support any increase in funding.
As a resident of Midland we all remember the lies we were told with regard to the last bond. We were told we have crumbling bricks and mortar and a bond issue was urgent as to address this critical need. Except the first project out of that bond issue was a new football field and not addressing crumbling bricks and mortar. We were also told we have declining enrollment in our future yet today we stand here and hear enrollment is stable. No where are we hearing about the tragedy of declining academic standards and what we need to do to bring up those scores so that we have higher achievement standards. Why are we not addressing this elephant in the room before spending money? Why do we have special school elections costing \$130,000 or more when we could put that money towards any needed projects? We should be discussing needs verses wants. A 60 year old school isn't old, we took down much younger elementary schools recently yet now we are told we need more schools.
The district has not justified the need to do any of this. Put something forward to invest in what you have instead of always building new. For example, Central Park Elementary has done nothing to improve the test scores of Midland students.

I like Scenario A the best out of the 3 options, but I worry that adding PK to elementary buildings will require additional "costs" (financially, staffing, time, planning) to meet PK's unique licensing and developmental needs.
Money in the budget is off by a lot. I don't know what low-end budget person they went with but it is going to cost more than what they stated. Which means it's going to cause taxpayers more because what estimate is actually ever followed. Now is not the time to put more burden on taxpayers when we are being taxed a lot. How about we do better with learning environments and teach our kids how to be better people and strive to have kids with a good work ethic instead of a pretty School.
Dow is great, and doesn't need to get taken down. (please consider taking down Northeast though.)
I do not feel it's right to distrust the entire district and certain neighborhoods and schools for pre-k. There should be a better way to add in. Just build a new elementary school to help offset capacity and then add pre k.
I would rather see existing buildings updated/renovated. I do not support an increase in taxes when so many are struggling, my family included. I do not like the idea of all the schools/ students combining into mega schools when SO many are already slipping through the cracks!
Scenario A seems to be the lesser of the available options. Scenario B I would never support as it is limiting the students who are able to participate in extra curriculars
Option A is best, but cost is still too high
Not necessary at this time
I think SEVERAL "things" have been left out or unanswered. Both scenarios have lots of issues.
There has to be a better solution, I do completely agree with a proposal to improve facilities and classrooms.
This survey is misleading, it is not truly objective. You are fishing for support of an idea that anyone with a brain can see is horrendous. Whomever ordered this nonsense should make themselves publicly known, so that this community can take our leadership in literally any other direction.
We already spend so much on schools and taxes are extremely high
I think there needs to be some serious talks about budget. New schools are not going to contribute to higher SAT scores. I have children who did very well academically at these schools but were not as prepared for college as they should have been.
Keep both high schools and keep northeast
Price tag is too high. There should be a third scenario involving renovation of existing facilities to upgrade them to fit needs. We closed elementary schools a few years ago, built a new large elementary school and now you want to build another. Where is the enrollment data to support any of this?
Why is it OUR responsibility to pay for upgrades? Times are already hard enough. Please find a new solution that doesn't involve tax payers having to pay for everything.
Confusing

Cost to taxpayers. Also seems inefficient to demo buildings instead of remodeling. I also don't think including preschool into elementary schools is beneficial to students.
These proposals are NOT putting children first. These are putting adult wants ahead of children. Preschool needs to be separate from the schools. It should feel like an extension of the family home not forcing school earlier and being around big kids.
High School is where kids find themselves. The schools now are WAY TOO BIG. This would be even worse with these proposals. This is going in the wrong direction. The schools should be smaller. The school should be trying to develop all students not the top few that are able to break through all of the noise and have their voices heard. How will all kids feel appreciated and valued when they are just one in a large pool of kids competing for attention. Central EI was a DISASTER - Why would we want to repeat the same disaster again. Sounds like the definition of insanity.
In today's economy, we don't need to be raising taxes in wasted projects. Why should we be building new schools when over the past several years MPS was tearing down schools.
I already pay a lot in property taxes and this will just compound it. I'm still paying for the last building ballot initiative. If Northeast is dated and is getting expensive to maintain, what are those maintenance costs? At >\$250M, even if the building is used for 50 years, that's still a \$5M/yr spend. Are we really spending more than \$5M/yr to maintain the old buildings? How about delaying all of these options until the maintenance costs outstrip the amortized construction costs?
The costs of what you are proposing in the scenarios is outrageous. I'm a retired member of the community and our taxes are already high enough in an economy where everything is too expensive, especially for myself that is on a fixed income. I've heard from various educational studies that students don't need all the bells and whistles to get a good education. They just need good teachers, which we have. I think you need to come up with a more realistic ask from the community that we would support, like necessary repairs (like roofs) and safety items. Offer us another scenario that isn't so outlandish.
Because we have the facilities in place already and our athletic facilities are currently being wasted and not used to their full potential.
Significant tax increase for someone on a fixed income.
Carpenter is 25 years older than NE, but NE is also at the end of its lifespan? Doesn't speak well of the Aldon B. Dow design, if that is true. Why can it not be renovated? MPS eliminated Cook during the downsizing several years ago, but now we're told we need a school there again. Kind of makes MPS look short-sighted.
None of them are going to improve the situation. Teachers and support staff will be out of jobs. Young children with older children makes no sense nor is it safe.
Way too expensive and greedy
We need to put the money we've already been paying into the great schools we have. Taxes are already so high in Midland.
Tax payers are taxed out. You just got a ton of money from Covid overpay. You need to start looking to bank what you have. You have no more. You're citizens are over taxed now.
Cost is too high.

I just can't willingly support projects that will raise my taxes when I don't feel the project is necessary. Is Northeast really so bad that it's unusable? Buildings that are regularly used and maintained (with plenty of taxpayer dollars in this situation) don't necessarily have an expiration date of 75 years. There are plenty of buildings in our community that are older than 75 years (and they didn't have the benefit of being maintained by taxpayers). So I guess I just don't understand why Northeast must go.
You torn down if I remember correctly 5 schools in the kast 10 because of declining enrollment and they would cost too much to upkeep .Now you want to build a a combined high school with all the bells and whistles ,repurpose all off the schools on a new bond when you haven't paid off the last bond.
I have so many trust issues with MPS. The previous bond had so many promised that were broken. Furthermore, Central Park Elementary is a failed experiment. It was supposed to be a STEM school, and it is not. It was supposed to have special teaching methods and it does not. It was supposed to have collaboration in the teaching staff and they from day one did not have the promises kept to them about professional development. Worse yet, MPS took two title I schools and did not help transition those kids at all. Until MPS gets their people problems solved, I will not vote in the affirmative for any of this. Also, it should be known that when the renovations were done in schools, the kids quickly destroyed what was installed. Also, what was done was TERRIBLE WORK and should have been addressed. The "renovations" already look terrible and should have lasted WAY longer.
The cost to senior citizens in taxes.
I think now is not the time to be asking for more mills. The voters just renewed a millage this year in the spring. I don't feel the need for a large project. Fix the roofs, make due with the facilities you have currently.
I can not afford this increase in taxes. It's that simple.
You're spending money foolishly - live within the budget that you have available.
Added expense in a struggling economy.
I do not think you will get the
you didn't even try to say that you'll raise funds in any other method...just passing along a bigger tax increase for everyone to pay... seems very lazy to me.
See previous responses. I am not convinced additional finding or "property enhancements" will solved the problems our public schools face. I'm exhausted as a property owned and find it wildly inappropriate for both scenarios to he funded by property owners already on the hook for funding MPS - whether or not they have school aged children attending the schools.
#DefundPublicSchools - until they eliminate DEI and other woke agendas.
Cost to repair current facilities would be less than costs for either Scenario A or B. There are also hidden costs, such as bussing that is not accounted for in the scenarios.
When MPS is asking communities to support initiatives and then ask for more money on new plans, it's not acceptable. What is the plan to avoid getting into these situations in the first place? What are the short term and long term goals? What changed since Woodcrest and Eastlawn were closed? Stop thinking about short term solutions and look toward long term goals and answer the question how money is spent and unable to maintain the schools that exist.

rad all my other comments- compile them here and that is the answer. Instead of having people for bigger fancy towns telling us the way our district should be you ask the parents. I hope this survey serves that purpose and voices are heard.
We might be the city of modern explorers, but it is important to remember where we came from. We should be proud to keep up our historical buildings and the architecture they showcase. Building new facilities is fine, but demolishing historical buildings and building over them is not the way.
The money spent already on the re-do of Midland sports fields, the additons to Midland High, Dow High-
Property values have doubled increasing property taxes due. They are already putting a bind on homeowners. Making us have to sell and move to another area because we can't afford to live here anymore. I'm inflation, market values, and more taxes are killing is.
Using money to buy shiny new toys instead of fixing the internal problems in this school system is crazy, someone needs to get into the board and see what's actually going on because something doesn't seem right
Not sure this committee has done enough long range planning. Seems like they are just trying to fix for the near future. Sounds like this is a way for Dow High to get a new stadium - which is what they really want. I understand that the facilities are old, but we just went through closing and rearranging buildings and not that decision wasn't the right one.
Lacking information as to recent updates for MPS buildings and why the sudden need for huge changes. Would like to see a timeline indicating building improvements and student numbers. I think your proposals are too much to complete at one time and too large of a tax burden on the residents.
I would support building a new pre-k facility and replacing northeast. I do not like the ideas of adding pre-k to the elementary schools or combing middle school and high school into one building per district.
You need to look at alternative scenarios. Our population is going down and now you want to build new schools.
I've expressed in these comments our schools were redone a few years ago all new roofs, added gems, rebuilt a stadium,. Now we're being told these have to be done again we were told before that that was going to be just fine in our population was going down. Now we're saying we need all new things again. Can't trust this administration as they're just in it for the money grab. They should have also been blocking the huge School tax exemption they gave to a major corporation in this town instead they said on their hands and let things be dictated to them.
Plans are based on Current status w/o designing a flexible structure that could accommodate change without huge mileage increases that are never ending. Focus seems to be facility driven not educational
Option A: Why should the entire northeast middle school be replaced instead of fixing the parts that need fixed. Option B: Traffic alone in that area would not only be stressful for both the people commuting there and the people living in the area, but dangerous for the students as we would now have double the number of new drivers going to the same school.

Just too expensive, the cost of education is out of control. Compared to other countries, we have a average system and terrible cost, thanks in part to the teachers union.

The last Superintendent Michael Sharrows already pushed through a bond sale that raised property taxes by 10% this one will raise already high property taxes even more than the first one. MPS has already had their turn and I'm sorry if MPS hasn't used the money wisely. I would not ever agree to issuing more bond debt when you haven't paid back the first one, it's called living within your means, MPS shouldn't be so liberal with other people's money. Major corporations in our area are cutting back, and for good reason, times are still very tough, and it's going to take a few more years for everyone to recover from the past few extremely hard years. It's disappointing that MPS doesn't see this and respect the fact that people cannot afford any more taxes right now. Midlands already high taxes is making the city a less desirable place to live. Penny Miller-Nelson, just like Michael Sharrows, come to MPS and the first thing they want to do is borrow money so they can make their mark. I'm far from convinced that there is any urgency for any of these scenarios especially when you already issued bonds for what looks to be the same things you're asking for now. MPS still has cash from the first bond offering, use that money first and use it wisely.

Midland City council, in my opinion has been very patient with MPS. They have gone along with you (actually I don't think they have any say in the matter) placing the city in deep debt, and significantly increasing property taxes while they have found ways to hold property taxes even though the cites infrastructure needs an influx of cash as well. Instead of MPS taking two slices of the pie, why don't you have some consideration for city and let them have some money to fix our deteriorating roads and other infrastructure!

If MPS history repeats itself, and I know it will since reading Phil Rausch's boiler plate comment that "anytime we talk about a bond, I don't think anybody on the board takes it lightly" and even goes on to acknowledge that "Many community members live paycheck to paycheck or on a fixed income it speaks volumes to the fact MPS cares more about their objectives then they do about the hardships this millage will create to the people in our community that can least afford it. Just those statements alone, tells me this is all theater, and MPS will put this on the ballet regardless, it's always the same.

Do everyone a favor, be kind, wait for a few years when things are better, and people have recovered. There is no urgency in any of the proposed scenarios.

There are likely better ways to resolve issues in the district, and scenario B is very questionable for numerous reasons.

I did in previous comments. Clearly mistakes have been made and funds mismanaged with respect to our facilities, and maybe those need to be corrected, but it doesnt make me trust the school system with a huge increase in millage and a several hundred million dollar budget to reward those bad behaviors.

Previously mentioned

Fixed income. I can't afford another \$900 a year in extra taxes.

The leadership has shown a lack of vision in the past and have no confidence this has changed.

Revamp NE
None prioritize walking and biking to school. Grades don't need more but rather fewer students. New construction is a waste of resources and land. If existing facilities can be repurposed then they don't need to be replaced.
The options were winnowed from a larger list that did not receive community input. There are too many unknowns to resolve in each option, which will ultimately impact the cost in significant ways. All options have the potential to negatively impact my family and my children's experience with MPS. All options present transportation and logistical challenges for implementation that have not been resolved.
As I said, you have a millage I'm paying for currently for cp and the one you want to tear down
While both scenarios have some good aspects, they both still do not address the need for an MPS Early Learning Center. There will not be enough room to push the Preschool and DK programs into the elementary schools and doing so will divide and segregate all of the programs. It will leave teachers alone on an island to teach by themselves. There will be no collaboration, no common pd days, no sharing of materials, and no love of play. You will essentially not along destroy the Pre Primary Center Building but also the program that we all worked so hard to establish. A place where kids can grow, take risks, play, inquirer, dream, and be a part of a community of learners just like them.
As already stated. You take enough money from the community. Millages affect everyone, even renters, so no. I will absolutely vote no and campaign against thus.
I am not in favor of building any facilities. Find a way to make do with what we currently have. I am disgusted that so many buildings have been torn down and we were so sure we would not need them. We are now not far out from that time and you need new ones? No thanks. Families are making do, the economy is hard, it is not a time to go asking for more money.
I think there's other options to be considered and not seeing such options shows an incredible lack of imagination and flexibility and I think that speaks volumes to the capacity of those in charge. I can't support people or proposals when I'm not confident in their abilities
As the current options are structured, it's quite disappointing that facilities are simply tacked on as a "supplement". I've been part of this conversation for a long time at the executive administration level and the fact that this is what you're asking the community to comment on is frustrating to say the least. The district has already pulled so many kids from other towns so we need to think bigger. With this new virtual work paradigm for parents, we need to look at how we attract families from metro areas seeking a smaller, but community feel. Midland is awesome. My family is a transplant, but without more than just a commitment to academics, I can't support any of the current options.
Far too expensive and not needed
I think it is unnecessary and the schools in place should be updated as time and money allow. Pick one school at a time. People have school of choice and if they like one school more than the other with how modern it is or what it offers, they aren't shy. They'll enroll their kids in whichever one meets their needs without the tax payers having to continue fronting all of the money.
I feel because a bldg is older does not make it obsolete. It does not seem responsible to tear down buildings in order to build new ones; new is not necessarily better. It seems wiser to

utilize what is there already.
They all seem wasteful.
Yes - stated already. The inability of this school board to think about the well being of students is just astonishing. Because you are thinking about an annual budget and separating it from capital costs you will drastically reduce opportunities for kids, increase class size, and reduce teacher resources per student. In all likelihood you will increase number of administrators and non teaching positions to focus on DEI and other politically correct initiatives verse teaching the fundamentals kids need to succeed in life
I feel the best use of funds would be to make regular maintenance repairs and keep the current education scenarios in place as far as high schools. Prek should be by itself, not with older students. Money should be spent on educating the students and not on new buildings.
I appreciate that they've been working on this for a while and that they are going through the motions to receive feedback but it feels rushed. This decision could radically transform our community and potentially limit opportunities in sports & the arts. Might there be other options that address facilities needs without such a large cost to the community?
I feel that there should be a stand alone Early Childhood Center included in these plans to actually EXPAND our offerings. We can be adding 2 or 3 year old programs to our community, but instead we will be cutting preschool classrooms and things will not be even throughout the schools. I am VERY concerned with the licensing moving forward in the elementary schools and the mental load that will put on office staff AND preschool teachers.
I also think that the auxiliary choices should be allowed to be included with Scenario A.
I believe that an early childhood center should be included in these plans. I also believe that Scenario B auxiliary should be included in Scenario A.
Even with building a new elementary building and/or shifting kids around, there will not be enough classrooms for PK/DK and aux. teachers.
This is completely financially irresponsible.
Two high schools give twice as many kids a chance to participate. Plus we seem to demolish perfectly good buildings
Too costly

I don't believe the athletic and performing arts facility updates are clear enough. Scenario A needs to specifically say what would be updated for athletics and performing arts instead of the generic description because there are some very specific needs that should be addressed. I like pieces of the scenario B auxiliary such as the auditorium and the pool but not the stadium. Rather than a new stadium, the focus should be on turf baseball and softball fields, new concession stands, outdoor bathrooms, outdoor athletic storage, PA systems for announcing, press boxes for example. I want to see a big focus on athletics and performing arts as part of both scenario A and B not one or the other. I really don't think we are thinking about the volunteer experience. I have been heavily involved in the athletic booster club for MHS for 7 + years and the concession stand situation both indoor and outdoors is beyond disappointing for a school district our size and scale. During the fall season at the stadium the volunteers are often working in the stand when it is 85 Degrees or more. The space is very small to the point that we have to limit the number of volunteers but the reality we need more people to meet the demand. There is not adequate storage especially considering we have to share the space with Dow High. This results in concession coordinators for both MHS and DHS transporting things to and from their own home multiple times a week, hauling drinks from a storage location over by the locker rooms or from inside the schools. I could go on and on. This situation is true for the concession coordinators at Jefferson and Northeast middle school. Volunteers that support game day activities for softball and baseball at MHS such as the scoreboard and announcing have to setup a tent with a folding table with extension cords and all of that has to be setup and taken down before and after every game. At the softball field there isn't even a tent because of the field setup so volunteers use an umbrella. This past season I took pictures of the press boxes at other SVLs schools and while they varied in age, style, etc., the other schools have press boxes - BCW, BCC, Flint Powers, Grand Blanc, Saginaw Heritage, Davison, Mt Pleasant. The two schools that stand out in the SVL that do not have bathrooms (without walking a distance), do not have concessions are MHS and DHS.

I think they need to prioritize the high schools and then work our way down to the middle school then the elementary last. I very much dislike the grade changes from an athletic standpoint. Every other school will have the 9th-12th grade and it will be hard to compete against them. The high school classrooms make it difficult to learn with outdated technology and poor heating and cooling. I think the buildings need to be heavily updated instead of sporting facilities. I think the high schools should be updated like Central Park was.

because they are all terrible ideas

Yall tore down a ND sold schools already. Bods were placed to fix current ones and midland high just got a new stadium and central is great for concerts.

Both scenarios would have a negative impact on our family.

People are struggling now, not everyone makes big Dow money and some cannot even pay rent or even find a place to rent. Increasing our taxes is crazy. If Dow funded this whole thing I would still say only scenario A

The lack of transparency in how funds are spent vs actual cost and use. This is far too big a tax hit to residents and should have been planned in smaller projects that are spread out over time. Nine to ten school buildings have been closed & demolished over the last ten years, some of these issues should have been addressed over that time period and paid for with the funds

from the closed schools instead of thinking of the tax payers as an ATM.
There is nothing wrong with how it's set up. Just update the schools we have instead of disrupting all of the children. There is no reason to even have this much chaos for our children.
stop worrying about fancy schools and teach the kids better. this is a crock trying to spend tax payers money for things that arent needed
to high of tax now
I don't feel enough thought has gone into this change. If I'm honest, I feel like this is a new superintendent making a mark.
Young families are struggling to pay rent, mortgage and put food on the table. They do not need to have an increase in monthly taxes.
Because this obsession with schools ignoring the actual problems like making sure kids are mentally and physically healthy (the standards these kids are put under and then claim its to prepare them for college...college was not as stressful as high school and I graduated high school the requirements were low for graduation. Midland is always so concerned with looks instead of fixing problems. Spend the money on disabled and the kids with learning disabilities. Spend money on making art programs apart of school again that let creative kids dig deep in something they love during the day. School sucks, you know it. If you loved high school, clearly you were a narc. High school sucked, make it suck less for these kids. Especially for the kids that get forgotten. The kids that don't play sports, the kids that don't have school spirit, the kids that are just trying to make it through another day. Send the money on that.
Need to make improvements with a consistent mileage not an increased mileage
Too expensive. Record price inflation over the past 3 years. Would be nice but too costly right now
I strongly believe that pre-primary students should have their own facility for their own benefit as well as for the benefit of elementary students. I also really like having multiple elementary, middle, and high schools as it gives students and parents a choice. Finally, I do not think any of these plans adequately address the need for auxiliary areas to have their own teaching space at the elementary schools.
MPS has shown poor planning and use of resources - eg poor use of CoVID funds and over aggressive closing of elementary schools. I think this is a continuation of that.
People are struggling to pay bills, get groceries, and put gas in their cars, what makes you think uping our taxes will do?? I say, do a few improvements and leave it at that.
Many of my neighbors and I can't afford to pay higher taxes when everything else is going up in price and my income is flat.
This is a significant increase in taxes and doesn't do anything to address declining student performance on standardized testing.
Just tear down the middle school, build it somewhere else. Add another middle school for 5-6th graders. Keep the high schools
The board has not been transparent about why they want to close schools. This is an awful time to build and borrow money as costs are sky high
Too costly. Really should just focus on a few key things at a time. Maybe just some basic updates and safety/security. Maybe a separate proposal in several years to replace Northeast.
Scenario A is reasonable but it does not specify what improvements buildings will receive.

We are taxed enough in Midland. Quit! Reallocate funds or reduce some services.
My taxes are already high enough thanks.
Need more transparency as to why. Also, there is no mention on technology upgrades, hands on learning, skilled trades, home economics etc.
This is not the economic climate to ask people for more money.
We pay enough in taxes as is. It was just a while ago that Midland high went through renovations. We can't continue paying more and more.
Horrible idea! Our kids want two high schools due to the fun and long time traditions that it has brought. I feel just asking for more tax mills to keep it the way it is will keep everyone happy. I know many parents and grandparents feel this way!!
Midland already has enough good school buildings. Keep it as it is.
Prohibitive cost
Both are horrible. Instead of changing how it's always been and how it still works, repair buildings, do what's right for the kids. Not changing everything for no reason
the population is shrinking, good jobs in midland are disappearing. The property taxes in the area have become a barrier for entry to live in midland. so, if you have a shrinking tax revenue it is mighty irresponsible to spend so much.
Property taxes have gone up drastically the last couple of years. How is that money being used and why is that not enough? The auxiliary facilities aren't in bad shape and seems unneeded. The cost seems very high for what the property owners will get...
I am not sure that the facilities are that old and it seems like less school age children are in population trend.
I am an educator in a Saginaw County school district but live in Midland. You are asking for too much. The video did not mention how many years this millage would be? 30 years? 40 years? 50 years? I plan on retiring in the next couple of years and this does not fit my budget. I have planned well for retirement and supporting this is not part of it.
I understand the difference between a need and a want. Much of this is a want, not a need.
Too expensive and not addressing education and staff attraction and pay
Bang per bick
If it's not broke do not fix it. This plans are ludicrous.
Cost in taxes is way too high. You need to split this up into smaller packages and try to repair/upgrade existing buildings instead of building all new ones. The only new bldg I would support at this time would be the elementary school.
People are struggling. Families cannot make ends meet. Families are having to choose between feeding their family and paying their bills. Rent is so high that homelessness is becoming an epidemic. The LAST thing anyone needs is more money taken from them to provide. These changes are not needed and food and housing is. Now is not the time to be putting more financial strain on this community.
increased taxes on fixed income home owners, no need for the newest and greatest, how about a modest budget

See previous responses
Show how education would improve and stand behind the metric to measure at and I would be on board.
I cannot afford a tax increase of around \$600/yr for schools when I know there will be other increases from other organizations. Need to live with what we have.
I don't believe the school district has been responsible with the funds that have already been approved. Until this changes, I cannot support additional bond proposals.
I cannot support any of these options because the district is not fixing the current issues, we have with almost ALL of the buildings. I do not have confidence in the district to fix the issues that are currently going on in the buildings. Not long ago we approved a LARGE budget to fix and improve all of the elementary schools and to build a new one. The ONLY building that benefited from that was CPE. The other elementary buildings got new roofs that have had multiple repairs and still aren't all up to par and their gyms were downsized. I am happy to approve a bond that will take care of the existing issues rather than throwing a Band-Aid on them and focusing on a new facility or two.
Because class sizes are big enough without combing another whole school with them
The fact that all scenarios count entirely on new and additional taxes is unacceptable. Midland already has high taxes and good schools. These high existing taxes should be able to fund the majority of what is needed for MPS. The fact that roughly \$250-\$325MM is needed to cover needed facility maintenance or replacement buildings speaks to dereliction of duty by those managing funds (either presently or in the past).
There hasn't been any mention of the operating issues with each scenario. What would the impact be on bussing with EACH scenario? You can't get enough drivers now, how do you expect to meet the needs of transporting kids - with EACH scenario?
I get the feeling this has been a rush to a solution rather than seeking input before you begin developing scenario. What problems have been identified - AND COMMUNICATED? I'm sure the board may be aware of some problems, but I've never heard anything about them.
What is the projected "future state" of attendance, growth (or lack of growth) parameters are you considering?
Before retirement, I've worked on \$6-billion projects and we always had to address current-state and future-state assumptions in any of the planning. Beyond operational issues, what strategic issues are you addressing. I know you started off identifying 7 goals, but goals "usually" only address current-state situations and NOT strategic ideals.
I don't feel like the district is considering what is best for students, parents, or employees - it seems to be completely money driven and that's frustrating and not where the importance should be placed.
Inflation is high, construction cost is currently high. These issues should be addressed at another time.

With Scenario B, I do not want my children to go to that large of a high school. I do not want to teach in a high school that large - I feel like we would lose the ability to really know students and families in a school that large. I think this would take away opportunities for kids in terms of sports, band, theatre, etc.
With Scenario A, it does nothing to address the aging high school facilities.
You need to re-evaluate your senario A. It's your best plan, however. Add a wing onto the new school and keep those little kids together. What parent wants their little baby in a hallway getting run over by 4th graders.
I would first like to know monies that the district currently has that isn't being used. We are still pay to play and I have learned that the school has plenty of money to support the sports....
I feel like every year there is an increase a new prop that comes out.... Give updates on that please.
What happens in the future with our funding? Another proposal making it even more expensive to be a homeowner, it is going to be out of reach for younger generations to purchase homes, therefor students leaving midland after they graduate.
I need a lot more info about costs and needs. This is no small amount of money and I didn't see how long the bond life is.
This is not the time to do this.
Again, leadership is tone- deaf to the MAJORITY of the community's needs. Folks can't afford groceries let alone a substantial increase in taxes. Will be getting the word out to VOTE NO to either proposal
Both scenarios remove DK from the Pre-Primary Center and that is a deal breaker for me. I will not support a bond that closes down this incredibly important building. It was hugely impactful for my children, and I am already working in a system that has done this and have seen the negative results from it. I would suggest that MPS leaderhsip do their research on keeping DK separated and the impact it has on our youngest learners - it is huge, and the second you put them into a space with other elementary schools it changes the culture of all of the DK classrooms.
You have a agenda not favorable to education. You do not return phone calls you mis managed and lied on Eastlawn
We do not need higher taxes in a time when inflation is at a high and people are struggling to afford the basic necessities.
I can't support any scenario in which class sizes would increase while students' access to teachers, organizations, and resources would be hindered by consolidation
I am already taxed to the brink, adding another \$500+ to my taxes could cost me to have to highly consider moving. Affordability

At this point, I'd need a LOT more information to be comfortable with any of these; however, it seems to be that MPS needs to button down its enrollment numbers and be more realistic about the services it offers existing students in the district. Much of these proposals seem to be motivated by overcrowding and trying to solve problems that wouldn't exist with more due diligence. Reduce the boundaries and force residents outside the city to send their kids to county schools. This is an effective model used in other states.
Just this year, the district received approval of the 10-year millage for operating. This will bring in \$20.2 million. The renovations and improvements brought about as a result of the 2015 2.95Mil bond sinking fund were literally just completed recently. Asking for this new millage after just completing the 2015 bond sinking fund shows how short-sighted this district has been in its infrastructure planning. These two new proposed plans are just as shortsighted and WILL NOT receive support from this community.
This is an absolute waste of money. I am a MPS graduate class of 98. Our teams were top notch and grades were high, despite having what could only generously be described as lackluster facilities. Since then many investments have been made, things that my generation could only have dreamed of. Why are more needed? MPS is still the premiere district in the region and facilities have been well maintained. Our nation is coming out of the highest inflation in my lifetime where costs have skyrocketed and wages have slumped. Shame on you all for trying to foist this steaming pile on your tax base!!!
Too many changes, poor design at each elementary school from last bond issue, limited input from stakeholders with last renovations
I like how it is right now.
Cost. The first scenario has merits, but should be doable with minimal investment over time vs. what taxpayers are already paying on a yearly basis. What is being asked for is a LOT all at once. The middle school replacement should be broken out from the pre-K ambitions.
too much money. Revise scenario A to spend less and submit that.
I like senior A with the auxiliary of B. We need to upgrade the swimming pool in our area.
Not addressing the youngest children and issues in the current elementary buildings
Scenario A is the obviously better one, but there is still some tweaking you need to do.
This is a waste of money.
Too much waste
Other districts have a revolving millage to do this, not an increase.
The options are all in the box thinking beating up the same tired ideas with predictable outcomes.
Strongly opposed to any scenario that includes combining high schools. Would support Scenario A if it also included updates to athletic facilities and the auditorium. Seems like the school board only included those in Scenario B as a draw to that Scenario. Not sure why Scenario A doesn't include auxiliary improvements. My objections are not about the money. I am willing to pay for the schools to be improved. Give me an option that provides for all the needs and then let me decide with my wallet.

Already did...I am barely making it from check to check. My taxes have increased, my insurance has increased, my gas has increased, my food has increased....my income has not. I do not make enough to cover an extra \$400 or so annually to cover these changes. It would force me to move...already working 3 jobs.
The large, single high school option is poorly thought through. It cuts sports, and other extracurricular activities in half. The problem is fixable but perhaps not with this leadership. Have any administrators been to districts where this issue of reduced opportunities was avoided?
The 9th graders should not be separate from the rest of the high school. That isn't a plan that works for extracurriculars, or for the maturation of students.
This district needs to have more vision than it has shown in the past. New science labs went into central middle school and then the building was closed. Elementary schools were closed and torn down in areas where building and growth were occurring in town. Science labs were remodeled at DHS and MHS. They may go unused if DHS becomes an intermediate school or eliminated. It's misuse of taxpayer funds.
Our children are going to pay the cost of the cities poor planning/judgements
Midland is not the Detroit Suburbs. Midland is not Grand Blanc. Midland is Midland. It's a dynamic and unique community. It's also one of the top school district in the state and certainly amount the best in the region. The rivalry between Dow and high is healthy. The schools are a good size at just over 1000 students. Combining them would take that away and many students would miss out on extracurricular opportunities. Bigger is not always better. I would recommend getting creative with the proposals and doing something to bring the cost down. A community pool should not be the responsibility of a school district either.
Because I don't think either plan addresses the more systemic issues at hand here.
Not seeing anything about increasing teacher to student ratio, nor mentioned anything about curriculum improvements
Cost and ? Need for change and upgrades. Asking homeowners to pay 700\$ year for these upgrades for ? How many years is a lot almost a 1/4 of what we pay in taxes now.
I would prefer to see Plan A with auxiliary facilities. I would support this plan on the ballot, and possibly Plan A, but I am unconvinced that Plan B is in the best interest of the students.
You are sucking in to many resources with less results. If the cost of A were less, Probably. Your reporting of increase instead of actual is slimy
It is all unnecessary spending that doesn't enrich Midland's history, but abolish it. Stop taxing us to death for the glory of making a bunch of buddies rich.
There are improvements needed but based on the changes in the community the higher cost of taxes is not going to help with the already expense prices and limited resources we have here.
I would not support combining schools and would move my children to another school district
Option C MHS auditorium, pool DHS auditorium and stadium Replace Northeast
Keep carpenter! Keep two high schools!

The USA public school systems are several broken and adding or changing buildings or building uses does not help improve the situation.
No where in the plans was funding for teachers to purchase supplies. Instead, I get a never ending list all year for supplies from teachers. Kids that can't play sports because of affordability.
These facilities are costly to build and maintain. We need to make better use of our tax dollars. The enrollment for the school is not excessive overall. Make better use of the resources we have and you should consider repurposing a pre k facility or purchasing the old Delta college building. You want new schools but don't have the money to build new schools or upkeep what you already have.
You are asking for ALOT of \$\$\$ at a time when finances are tight. I don't think you are taking into account how much we pay in city taxes already to then add more on top of this. We are not seeing increases in our pay checks despite the higher cost of everything to live day to day. I think there needs to be a scenario in which we look at the necessary infrastructure repairs along with safety without the building of new schools. Also, I'm not in support of adding PreK to the buildings. We have MORE THAN ENOUGH private preschools that could partner with MPS to provide state funded PREK and not leave those preschool buildings in our community empty or vacant or those teachers/administrators unemployed. Not to mention the many families that prefer to keep their preschoolers at home and educate in the home. This is too big of an ask after having passed and completed updates with the 15 year bond that passed in 2015. Shame on the previous board members and administration that didn't do their research to put these needs, like new roofs, as a priority for the previous bond.
Families can't afford basic supplies and food and living in cost right now and you think increasing their taxes by 350 to almost \$500 a year is going to help anybody in that situation. It's not the right time to ask for money for us. I'm struggling paycheck to paycheck right now and I'm sure many other families are
I have great misgivings about placing preK students in elementary school buildings. I think back to when my child was in elementary school and his ESA classroom was moved to another building to put Young 5s in where he'd been located. That's unacceptable. MPS needs to address making permanent flex spaces in their buildings to accommodate their ESA-supported students - children who live in the same community but are prevented from attending traditional public school due to disability. MPS needs to be a better partner to ESA.
You dont say what its your main purpose? To renovate? To grow capacity?
Scenario A is the better of the two get the cost to come down and I could reconsider my vote
Don't agree with either plan. Control enrollment by controlling school of choice and we won't need new elementary and we must have two high schools. Spend money on extracurricular
Cost isn't the issue, it's I didn't see anything about what they would be doing about the safety of students or hiring more staff
I love MPS the way it is and, in my opinion, doesn't need tweaking of any kind. Please don't combine the high schools and no need for more elementary buildings just expand on the current sites.

Neither of these options are what is best for ALL students in this district. It seems that these were chosen by people who have lack the knowledge of what it is like to be in these schools daily.

I don't believe these options are the best use of bond funds. I think the district needs to go back to the drawing board and rethink the future of our Pre-K program. Elementary buildings have to have some relief and another building would be helpful. ALPS should be put in the new building so that resources at CPE can go back to helping our most at-risk kids and open up more space. A new middle school is a necessity and many upgrades to the high schools need to happen, but I think we need to be smarter and more strategic about how we present this to the community. Come up with an option C that doesn't put Pre-K programs back into the already overcrowded elementary buildings.

I like the concept of A, but with a new pool at Midland High. No stadium needed. NO land purchase or disrupting families. As presented, I support none of the plans.

Number 1 priority should be student outcomes. Lack of proficiency for the lower 1/3 of MPS Students is not mentioned in any plan. The goal should be to continue the excellent outcomes of the Top 1/3 of students and bring up the bottom 1/3. This should be the definition of Equity.

It would be better to add on to Midland High and then use Dow High as a middle school. Include adding a new pool to the MHS campus. Then Northeast could be torn down and Jefferson could be repurposed.

I cannot support any bond proposal because these were developed without input from the community, teachers, students, or taxpayers. For example, you're seeking input now, after the proposals have already been drafted, which clearly shows that the board and administration aren't genuinely interested in community feedback. The same thing happened with MPS staff—you held input sessions in September 2024 regarding proposals that had already been written by the board and administration.

It should be required that all active board members and MPS administrators substitute at least once per marking period, so they can gain a true understanding of the purpose and challenges of public schools. The best leaders are those who spend time where the real action is, allowing them to grasp the real needs.

Additionally, there is no long-term strategy for the district. This is just another poorly constructed proposal that won't deliver results. For example, past bond money funded improvements to elementary schools that were later demolished, and facilities saw "improvements" that weren't meaningful, like bathrooms that still look terrible, computer labs that have been pushed back for 3-5 years or sports locker rooms that can't accommodate equipment (helmets). These proposals also fail to consolidate facilities, which would help address limited resources such as bussing, teachers, substitutes, and maintenance. Instead, they will increase the maintenance burden with more schools scattered across the district.

This would cost taxpayers way too much money, especially in an economy where a lot of people are striving just to make ends meet. The only necessity right now is a new elementary school because Seibert is overcrowded. There is no need to build a brand new high school, along with a whole new facilities center. Plus for those of us with multiple children in various schools, it is easy to access the schools where they are now because they are in the area of where we live. It will be very difficult for parents to manage transportation to multiple schools in different areas of the city, and still try to get to work in time. Traffic at the schools alone is very difficult and stressful to manage as it is! Also, combining the high schools will take away a lot of opportunity for more students to participate in sports and band.

Midland Public Schools Community Survey

If you could send one message or idea to Superintendent Penny Miller-Nelson or the Board of Education about the proposed bond or any other topic, what message or idea would you send?

Responses

Let's get a more basic plan option that meets the highest priority of the needs but can be done at a much lower capital investment

Is a new millage absolutely necessary?

A delay of one year could allow for lower interest rates and better determine how a new federal administration will have on the economy.

I don't think you will get a huge response from the Village. People I have talked to were intimidated by the depth of knowledge required to provide an answer to the lengthy survey.

I know there's pushback on combining the high schools, but I think it's the best way to use our resources rather than having to maintain 2 high school buildings and facilities.

Require a semester of civics and economics to graduate.

Teach reality, not choose one's own gender/sex.

This is and is going to be a complicated, touchy subject for the city. Thank you Penny for taking it on instead of avoiding it. Something does need to be done about our schools and Midland does like to be innovated leaders and move forward, so there is hope for the best decisions of change can be made.

Please continue to improve the relationship between administration and the staff who work daily in our schools and other buildings. A strong district with loyal staff is best for our students.

Push scenario B with new auxiliary facilities. Go big or go home....midland is overdue for this.

With more parents pulling children out to homeschool, why are we building new campuses where the property values are high and when costs are highest?

This issue requires a "big picture" kind of perspective that I'm not sure is present in either of the scenarios so far. Please listen to your community and especially your staff who are teaching in these buildings and working within this environment to make the most appropriate decision for everyone moving forward.
Everything about scenario B is half baked and not well thought out, some of the land sold off might have been used for a highschool but again not much forward thinking from this administration. New superintendent but same non forward thinking attitude of the past 20 years.
I would like to see a 10 year scope with a plan, I don't think all building have to be done at the same time . It's too disruptive and shows poor planning . This survey and all information is missing the why. Is enrollment numbers down? How many years do the 2 buildings that need demolished have left in them? How many students/families will be disrupted in each scenario? Did you consider reviewing the last MPS school closure plan to look over criteria that was important to a committee that represented each building in 2010-11? Can we have the boiler fixed in Dow high so those students are not exposed to gas for a fourth time ? Have any less expensive options been explored ? If so, what are they ?
Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. You can't make everyone happy. Good luck!
The biggest obstacle will be people who don't want to change the two high school dynamic. They need to be convinced that other districts comparable to ours have newer high school facilities and that there is a great need to move on in this respect.
Please contact me i would like to know about the new proposed middle school.
As long as we keep our skilled trades training, I can't complain much
Get the curriculum updated if possible, but if not make sure the facilities (bathroom sinks, clocks, etc.) don't deteriorate.
I applaud you for bringing this proposal forward. Please do not be discouraged by the negative feedback, as you only have the community & students' best interest in mind.
We would prefer to see location proposals before voting on a bond.
Please don't build another elementary school just to add Pre-K kids. Pre-ks should be kept separate because they have different needs, the age gap is too big. This will add too many restrictions to elementary kids. Perhaps moving them to Longview. KEEP 2 high schools. This enables a healthy local competition, intellectually and physically. Will keep older kids active, engaged, and away from their phones.
Is there an option to further blend the ideas in these scenarios - I think we can find a better solution, and I agree we need to propose something to improve facilities and student resources. I support increasing public funding. I just think the two options provided weren't ideal and I hope further adjustments can be made before selecting an option.
I have never voted no on a mileage, but I would vote no on new community pool, sport complex, arts center. We have community resources like Northwood, Community Center, and Center for the Arts. Let's partner with our community to use existing facilities in a new model that we can be proud of and model to othe districts going through the same issues. After all we are Modern Explorers.

Thank you
Please start treating our children like mature, trustworthy learners instead of policing them like they are juvenile delinquents. Get rid of the prison like atmosphere and create a positive creative collaborative environment.
Smaller class sizes. More support for early childhood and developmental growth. Better facilities for the arts.
Thank you for your dedication and supervision of our district. Thank you for your time and attention to making our school district a great one!
I am more concerned with the in class leaning environments. Old desks and chairs in the high school (MPS) no smart boards to replace white boards. Moveable desks for community learning comfortable sets. Very sterile environment in the classrooms.
Please consider the long-term impact on families with multiple children that these changes will make. Our schools have a fantastic reputation of putting students first, not money. Please continue to offer neighborhood school options to maintain the small community feeling. Keeping two high schools gives opportunities for students to thrive in extra-curricular activities that may have size limits such as marching band and sports. Thank you.
Go beyond communicating in this medium. It may seem convenient, but it is also stilted. You need to meet more with people face-to-face.
I would like to see the new competition pool added to option A. I would make it a stand alone sports complex. In collaboration with the City of Midland and the community center. I know that there is a desperate need for a year round competition pool, space for swim lessons, and recreational swim spaces. These groups are already collaborating to try and fit the needs of the community with pools in decline.
Midland is home to a number of highly intelligent people and we have a history of STEM-based employment. If we want to grow the next generation, then that needs to be reflected in our choices. Freeland, Hemlock, and Essexville are nearby towns that all have STEM or robotics centers. If we truly want to stay competitive, we need to show it. There is no reason we should have to battle for space like we do! We also need more collaboration across the teams and levels. We could have Midland Robotics, but instead we have two independent high school teams, five middle school teams that regularly have a wait-list and very little support from our high school teams, and a number of elementary teams run as their own groups by school. There is NO reason why we shouldn't have a single Director of Midland Robotics that is in charge of ALL of the MPS teams, someone to streamline the programs and have the best interests of the district program as a whole. Someone to bring us all together. We are many teams, but we are one community and we are better when we work together.
Please get back to a more useful, quality education for our children, not DEI.
You do a fantastic job! There will always be naysayers. Make sure to educate the public on the taxes - how little they would increase overall. And also educate the public on how the class sizes will all be smaller and there will be actually more opportunities for all kids not less (so explain what the opportunities will be)
Please consider a way to keep the momentum from Carpenter going. Turning the preschool and DK programs into just another kindergarten prep program would be a loss for students. I

haven't seen a program that has actually focused on developmentally appropriate programming like this in a while.
Keep Jefferson middle school!!!
Please prioritize our existing district's academics (3rd grade MSTEP reading is only ~50% proficiency) over fancy new facilities. As far as technology, do not spend more money there for elementary: there is already too much in elementary with kindergarteners having 1:1 chromebooks, although these are know to hinder key kindergarten development skills like social skills, handwriting, and reading. Additionally in some elementary school classrooms a majority of reading is done on Chromebook apps versus hard copy books which is distracting and unnecessary.
I am an ESA employee. Consider how all of these adjustments affect the ESA student population. There are varying cognitive, physical and social/emotional disabilities that are across several grade levels. The first option segregates the student quite a bit amongst their grades;how would that affect students who are on track for a certificate of completetion and don't fit into specific grades?
Currently, inclusivity is rising at Midland High. I worry combining high schools may reduce that and pur kids will get lost in the mix.
Stop being a used car sales person on this pie in the sky project that the general residential taxpayer / small - mid size business owner cannot afford at this time . This will raise persons everyday prices on general needed services , health care , home services , transportation services , food needs . Not everybody makes six figures in salary in Sparkle City !
Plan B is not a plan on the best interest of the education of our children. In recent years, schools have been demolished, a new elementary has been build, the stadium and auditorium have been renovated... these were the plans for the future. Please spend the time, money, energy on improving the over education levels and programs instead of new buildings, changing age groups, fancy new facilities and other new ideas that are unproven. Thanks.
Thank you for allowing feedback. I hope you take parent feedback seriously. I've heard you don't really listen to parents at board meetings.
You need to keep in mind that this will be a prevailing wage job If you decide to go forward with it. It will be watched closely and It. I would hope that all projects are bid by local union contractors. This to will be monitored very carefully.
Please consider the community impact as final plans are drafted. Maintaining parks, roads and bike trails / sidewalks is important.
Please don't ruin my kids' public education possibilities. But you are the expert so I trust you. I trust you with my children's future.
Local large companies like Dow, DuPont, Corteva, etc are not doing well currently and have been downsizing in area. Keep this in mind.
Let's think about creating a district that emphasizes educating our students with career-ready skills for a competitive work environment. Money is needed for teachers desperately and not big expensive buildings and auxiliary facilities.
Please pay your staff more.

Regardless of which scenario is pursued, if MPS wishes to maintain its strong reputation, the district needs to increase teaching staff and invest more in facility maintenance.
Stipe eating time with this extra crap and make what you better by using your current resources more wisely, rather than dreaming this crap up.
Please keep high school grades 9-12. It's very useful for students social & emotional development to have a high school community with a wider range of ages. The younger students benefit greatly from what their older peers have to teach them. Furthermore, high school goes too fast already for it to be one less year
Stop wasting MY money!
Please don't do this
I think this needs to be rethought. It will creat a problem with "Bullying" when you mix Dow High and Midland High. Let's think of the happiness of our students!
Education in Midland is somewhat unique in that the haves and the have not still mix readily especially in the elementary ages. I think maintaining that and doing everything we can to foster a kind inclusive community around our schools should very much underpin the choices made going forward.
I think keeping the education system similar to what is average would be best and help with the influx of new students.
Combining into a single high school would cost half of the current athletes to lose the opportunity to participate and learn the life skills gained through sports.
Thank you for wanting change and for wanting to bring Midland into the future
Do NOT combine the high schools, update the existing schools as needed add auxiliary places as needed.
We still need additional auxiliary facilities. There should be a proposal with Scenario A and new facilities.
I wholeheartedly believe it would be a mistake to only have one MPS high school.
So happy my kids won't have to be put through whatever is decided. We built where we built in Midland 19 years ago specifically for the schools. However knowing what we know now (terrible school culture at Dow High, closure of all the elementary schools 13 years ago etc) we would have built in Freeland.
If we're going to do it, do it right. Everyone will be upset about the tax increase, and 50-100 per year difference between options isn't going to change that. Rip the bandaid off and let's get it done!
Scenario A is the best option. To continue to provide the most opportunities for all students. Please consider adding the option of a new performing art center that can hold all the students for the performing arts

Unless the parking lots at the schools are reassessed, and unless the number of buses in service increases, there will continue to be problems with how the school system functions.
Save money where you can and invest in what children really need...counselors and paraprofessionals to provide counseling & one-on-one teaching so that the struggling children don't get left behind. Also, give the teachers a raise!
Your bond will fail without a better plan
Big investments now will payoff for many decades of students in the future. Midland public school infrastructure should be a leading example of excellence in the state of Michigan.
Thank you for the focus on equity- the best scenario is the one that provides the opportunity for all students and staff to thrive in the district. With all of these, before and after care for working parents is a need. I currently have to pay for childcare and transportation to a public school because my work day is 8-5 and my child's school day is 9-4pm and there is no space in before/aftercare programs... None of this is set up for parents who must work... Which is pretty much all of us. Thank you for your diligence in this work!
Don't sell us a unified high school by throwing pools and football stadiums at us!!!!
At 9-10K per student why does there need to be millages. Plus the state allows dispensaries for added school funding. Much of Saginaw's new school funding came from taxing these.
Share cost of inaction, renovation of facilities, and new options
More teachers per classroom to help and replace teachers just pushing kids through without helping them do better.
Bigger and newer is not always better. Our staff and curriculum deliver a quality program for our students. Don't throw away what gives us success for the illusion that shiny elite brick and mortar are necessary to serve students
Good luck with this! It's obvious that Midland and Dow should be combined, but I don't see how you get the community to agree to that, even if it is in their best interests.
What would the bus patterns look like with a unified school? The current parking lots for the schools were designed for neighborhoods (attendees walk to school) and not schools of choice (drive kids to favored school). Is the City involved with these plans? Would the unified school have open or closed campus for lunch? Local businesses on S. Saginaw rely on MHS walking, and N. Saginaw/Eastman rely on DHS driving.
Reducing opportunities for kids by combining schools does not facilitate enough opportunities for all kids.
I think adding more Auxiliary locations (spell check), is still a great idea along with Scenario A
Do you have any certified teaching opportunities available? :)
Allow kids bussing even with school of choice.
Thank you for your service. Change is good and change is progress.

our family does not support this idea in anyway it would simply make to much congestion at all events and everything thing else related as well
Think very carefully about how any changes are going to impact the people that actually use the schools both good and bad
Don't name the school Midland United. Let's have a better mascot. Go big or go home. Turf the baseball field to prevent rainouts and less maintenance cost in the long haul. I would 4 kids in the district and looking forward to the future of MPS
Please preserve neighborhood school model and grade level groupings.
Do not increase tax payers load. We are already being stretched too thin.
I cannot help without knowing more details.
Please continue to keep everyone updated on the progression of this work. As best as possible please keep politics out of the decision with the focus on the kids. Also thank you for all the work put into this.
Indoor multi sport facility for all ages to share
One bond for vote for the pool. One bond vote for the auditorium. One bond vote to fix NE. One bond vote for the Elementary school. Give the voters the opportunity to vote for the things that matter. Gain trust by not filling this wish list with everything and so that it has a huge price tag. You will likely get nothing instead!
Start with providing your teachers enough funds for classroom activities first before you venture into building new schools...
Address the lack of transparency by the schools Improve education for the bottom 30% of students
Do not combine the highschoools
We have to look to the future and not be afraid of change.
The district needs to ensure that it's employees' compensation levels are keeping up with inflation before asking them to support an increase in property taxes.
Stop wasting money on things/ buildings we do not need. We have perfectly good buildings that you rip down then you want us to pay more taxes so you can build new ones that kids aren't gonna use because every week more and more parents are pulling their kids out of school cause they can learn from their laptops at home and not have to worry about school threats. The teachers don't teach, they rely on the laptop programs to teach for them anyway.

You have a hard job, and we are grateful for the heart you put into it. Research indicates that smaller, more local neighborhood schools offer greater chances for connection, sense of belonging & community, etc. There is a lot of deep rooted school pride in our community and it would be a shame for that to disappear. Friendly competition is very motivating, and a big part of our local culture. MHS has been around since the 1800's! I hope it will still be around in the 2100's. The individuals who want to combine the schools are temporary fixtures in the existence of MPS - ideally, a few loud opinions should not eclipse 150 years of history.

Please consider Proposal A with an auxiliary option

If there is an interest from the community for option B or B+, I see a significant amount of change that will need to be managed as we discussed briefly after the Community Meeting. I would enjoy the opportunity to share more thoughts with you as I have quite a significant professional amount of experience leading complex transitions and transformations.

Go back to the drawing board. Try not to overburden tax payers.

Please look at the elementary schools and the field trips. Ensure that all are able to go on the same number and type. Being able to go to Lansing is a huge deal, and it's terrible that one school is not able to go.

Michigan is losing population and I don't see more jobs or families coming to Midland.

We don't want less opportunities for the kids to play sports, be in plays, band, etc. We would like the two schools to have the same colors/mascots PK-12. Chargers are Chargers and Chemics are Chemics.

Safety & security should be emphasized due to the number of parents turning toward home schooling.

The city I grew up in (population ~80,000) had one big high school (housing grades 10-12) and I found that to be too big. When I left ~20 years ago, they finally decided to split the high school to make it more manageable and I think that was for the best. It is still split today.

Please choose proposal A

If you do not afford the public a true informed choice in this matter, you will continue to erode public trust in this district. The meeting presented as a "Townhall" nor this well-scripted survey are sufficient to gather public opinion. A true townhall (defined as "an event at which a public official or political candidate addresses an audience by answering questions posed by individual members") would allow for a true conversation instead of the MPS administration to hide behind this marketing agency.

I appreciate your hard work for our community and children. I'm excited to be raising our two children in Midland. Our son started kindergarten this year at CPE, and our baby girl will be there in 4 years. I would love to be 100% on board with all these changes, and would love to get more information so I can be.

Proposal A phases out old facilities, creates new facilities, keeps grade groupings as-is (especially important for middle school ages), spreads enrollment around two middle- and high-schools which I imagine helps class sizes.

Deeply study and understand addiction to social media/cell phones, then find ways to encourage/insist our children live their lives with each other rather than on their phones. (I'm older, think I understand how detrimental this is, but still struggle with my own addiction)
Effort should be made to reach out to ALL area foundations and ALL major employers and seek donations to fund the auxiliary facilities in this survey . Also, the STEM robotics center. I want to hear publicly that this was done, before cost is added to homeowner's taxes. I don't want to hear that this is normally not done. Midland is a unique district with unique Foundations and major employers, they should donate to get the auxillary facilities paid for!!!
Balance preserving the best of the past with the needs for the future.
My hope is that the community looks at the best option for our future and not just cost. Scenarios A and B are not much different and B with the auxiliary shouldn't be a consideration in my opinion. I think we need to focus on what is the best for the students' education, mental health, and safety and how they compete in all aspects against their peers and not what top of the line brand new things we have.
Facilities are important, and I'm glad to see the proposals. However, we need to address the start times of schools as this will have a bigger impact on student outcomes. Facility improvement decisions should be made with this in mind. Middle and high school should start later, and elementary can be moved earlier. Please align with the research on this. There are so many examples around the country of districts successfully implementing this - let's get with it!
Don't do it. There is no support for these proposals right now. Just replace NE and upgrade facilities.
Replace the track at Jefferson if it is kept and plant new trees on the grounds of all schools
Refocus your efforts on what we need, not what some might want. Address the prolific bullying issues across our district that are not being managed, address the lack of support for mental health issues of our students, tackle putting a plan in place to develop and grow your resources and supportive staff for our neurodivergent kids. Put together a plan that addresses critical infrastructure issues (including potential for an additional elementary school, but not removing another in its place) to reduce our class sizes from on avg. mid-high 20s which absolutely cripples our educators' ability to give our children the time, energy, and education they deserve. We have so many kids in a class, there is little to no time for exploration, creative and true critical thinking, and more. Instead they have enough time to cram in required state testing curriculum, which teaches them to be a good worker, a good follower, a cog in the machine. Critical thinking is taught as a means to an end specific to standardized testing.
Make an option A with the Auxiliaries.
Consider option A, but building new performing arts center, swimming pool and central stadium. This would be a better sell, people are not willing to combine high schools.

Creating opportunities for students to get certifications in high school would be great for students and for the economy. Collaborating with local education, training, trade schools or certification centers would make students who don't want to seek higher education employable at a living wage after graduating.

Teaching personal finances as alternative to higher math courses would be beneficial. We need more life skills taught as part of our education system so that when people graduate they're not just educated but they're capable of functioning as adults.

And I get that school can't be the answer to everything but I do think we need to change somewhat so students who aren't most book-smart see the value and opportunities that education creates.

I know it is an impossible task to come up with a scenario that will make everyone happy. I just wish teachers, from all levels (pre-k, elementary, middle, and high school) were included in the planning of these scenarios to help share concerns or wishes. I feel that people that are affected the most by the decisions should be included in creating the choices and decisions. I also worry that the community will not support Carpenter being torn down, as it is an historical building that so many people from our community invested a lot of money into to have it restored to its original state not too long ago. Thank you for allowing me to share my personal and professional opinions!

You are doing an amazing job handling all of this! If I can ask you one thing, please be open and honest with the community about where the money is going. (What projects will take place and about how much they will cost. I truly believe that will help you get buy in on your ballot proposal if people know what is going on). Right now I feel like I have a 10-15% handle on what will be done with the money. I want to know what will be done to upgrade security, how will the district use the money to upgrade technology/fix the old buildings, etc.

Make some necessary changes and/or cuts to your budget. Your enrollment is declining. The birthdate is declining. Get your spending in check

Could you please touch base on the topic of "where will the children attend school, while buildings are being replaced?"

Do not combine middle and high schools and stick with scenario A as the best option to place on the ballot.

I have talked to a lot of people and no one likes solution B. Leave two high schools. Please.

I think the extra taxes may be a hard sell but emphasize the importance of education in student success

Please keep in mind those who are struggling to pay bills during this high inflationary time.

Please know that I think education is so so important and that we will always be willing to pay for high quality schools and educators. I would rather see some of these funds go to our educators, and less to the fancy extra sports stadiums and 4th pools etc.

Scenario B is only valid if you go ALL in with the amenities. Can we get some estimates of timing for all scenarios? I think a vote in May which is low in voters isn't ideal. Should be during Nov elections.

Please consider the research regarding MPS curriculum, it is a disservice to our kids.

Start thinking about of the children related to this topic and all other topics. We don't need all if these family name programs. Get back to the 3 Rs, please.
I moved to this town due to the school district, and would be very disappointed if scenario B became a reality. Enough to perhaps enroll elsewhere.
I would like to reiterate my previous point regarding 3 middle schools with 4 grade levels and one high school with 4 grade levels in Scenario B. Additionally though, I think it's important to better communicate to not just current parents but parents of children who will SOON be part of MPS. My daughters are 4 and 2, and as of now, will start attending MPS for 13 years very soon. But I was not reached out to through our daycare or any other channels; I had to hear from parents with slightly older children. MPS needs to do a better job of reaching the children who this will impact the most: those who are about to enter the school system.
Why cant existing buildings be updated or expanded? Are there really that many competitive school aged swimmers in Midland to justify a 12million dollar investment?
If we do Plan A, what is the long term plan to replace the high schools?
STOP MAKING THE GENERAL PUBLIC PAY FOR YOU TO INDOCTRINATE THE YOUTH
Reconsider using a curriculum that is out dated, specifically a writing curriculum that doesn't align with reading.
If it is the best strategic option, don't be afraid to consider consolidation of the two high schools - even though there may be plenty of resistance to the concept.
Focus on educating the students not on spending taxpayer dollars frivolously.
Think about logistics and impact. From a parent's perspective, scenario B seems like a nightmare because successive schools are across town from one another. This puts additional burden on parents if they're doing drop off/pick up with multiple children. The realignment of grades to different schools also would impact the largest number of people and I really hate the idea of another building transition in their education career.
Thank you for all of the effort, planning, & energy put into this process.
Please communicate everything, everywhere, all at once so that as many community members as possible see the messages and clearly understand the needs and also what's in it for them. Thank you for leading this effort!
Get more staff and counselors at all schools to address the bullying problems.
Thank you so much for all of the time and attention you have put towards this project, and for the transparency in providing the information. The information has been easy to access and understand. Thank you!
Combining high schools is a horrible idea for many reasons including the safety of our children, having that many high schoolers in one building would greatly increase risks for safety issues, also there would be less students being able to play sports. Right now we have teams for both schools, that would reduce us to one leaving less students being able to play. Plan B is a horrible idea.

It's important to educate the community so they make a proper decision when voting instead of solely looking at increase taxes. I think both these plans are great and will greatly benefit the youth in our community!
I would urge you to choose Scenario A for the ballot. This will keep our schools structure in-tact with the normal elem-mid-high school transitions, it would keep schools in the neighborhoods in which the students live, it would make commuting and drop-offs easier for parents, it would preserve the good-natured high school rivalry that our community loves, and it would ensure that our students do not lose opportunities to participate in sports and other activities. We have a great infrastructure, and I think keeping it in place with the enhancements of Scenario A is the best and most logical approach to continued success.
Do not combine schools or else it will end badly if your smart enough to know the drama around the schools imagine that getting worse by 95%
No pint, she won't listen to anything she doesn't want to hear. By the way, I happen to be an educator, & have been an administrator, & have been on two other school boards. This initiative is ridiculous, would have NO chance of success in a rational, unwoke community. But, I'm confident the virtue signaling and posturing will continue.
The closing of elementary schools to create Central Park was not in the best interest of the community.
The current boundary lines and school of choice policies as well as out of district special education requests need to be reviewed.
What can we do to mitigate the need to add to the tax payer's burden.
I'm sure you don't like people questioning your job
I feel like our school system is a freaking mess and maybe if you clean your house first you will find you have more room and it's nicer than you give it credit for being.
Stop trying to pretend you can handle any more than you are right now and focus on what is happening IN the schools
Minimize building static structures and maximize building dynamic structures(ie, teachers). AI and hybrid/electric vehicles are just two examples that point to our future moving at a faster pace. We need flexibility for significant change that is less than a decade away. Focus on what will help us keep pace. The smaller the ship(s), the faster our community can respond and remain competitive. Not to mention, the larger any group becomes, the more likely conflict develops and the more likely it is to split. I think that's why we're seeing trends toward more private schools and home schooling.
Focus on class sizes and finding ways to obtain resources children need to be successful, extra training
for new teachers, schol safety, etc.
Scenario A is a great plan for MPS! I believe people will get behind it and support it!
I am convinced of the need to replace Northeast since I have been there and seen for myself. I do not feel that the board has explained the need for new furniture and new technology and what these would be and why they would be so expensive.

I appreciate all you are doing to improve the school district. You have a very hard task in front of you. As a parent of a recent DHS grad and a NE 8th grader, I know how far behind we are falling with our facilities compared to the schools we competed against. Personally, I would love to see a stable robotics center so that the teams can devote their time and energy on the robots....not moving all of the equipment every few years. Not to mention, there was never enough space at Carpenter for the robotics teams.
We need space for staff that work in the buildings. I currently do not have a consistent space for 1st hour, as my office is also a classroom. I'm making it work, but is inconvenient at times.
Please listen to your community and their concerns. Community concerns were ignored when elementary schools were closed many years ago. Many people have a hard time being open to these scenarios as they don't believe MPS is willing to listen and make good choices. Please acknowledge past poor decisions and explain to the community what you have learned from those mistakes. Explain how those learning will support a better decision this time. Poor community relationships can be repaired with honest acknowledgment of bad choices and failures. It seems as though MPS keeps building and improving with the promise of making student education better. Yet education is not improving, and many students are still behind, especially in our elementary classrooms.
I am shocked at the cost and the plans with no mention of improved school proficiency quality.
Put the KIDS FIRST using the best practices of education.
Whichever proposal is put forth to the ballot, please investigate solutions to address the space constraints and large class sizes at the elementary schools.
I get the financial aspect of the bonds. But a scorched earth approach can destabilize the student community and make for a deeper distraction to the missions of Midland and Dow High School, which is to create the next generation of independent and critically thinking humans, scholars, and professionals.
We need to decide how competitive we want Midland to become. Do we want to raise the bar of this town with sports, art, music etc and put Midland on the map to attract/build high achievers or are we okay maintaining the status quo?
A gifted school to be available for those who would benefit as some students will not advance normal teaching because of being gifted. They will not have interest or potentially behavioral issues from not getting the teaching they need with being more advanced than other kids.
First, I would say that appreciate this opportunity for input. We the taxpayers need to be involved. Second, that being said, not everyone has the same SES even in this district. Use your resources as though you were spending your own money.
please consider what is best for high school students who are basically adults and need more room.
Please make sure to consult with the teachers about new facilities. When the new music rooms were added at the high schools, they were not consulted. Sound proofing needed to be added post construction, etc.
No matter what the outcome of the survey, please consider investing in our auxiliary facilities.

We don't want one mega school with no Midland rivalry, less sports team opportunities, and cutting out 9th graders from being in high school.
Make sure any security is ACTUAL security and not just security theater (meant to look more secure when it isn't)
I think we need to have some focus be put onto transportation options for these options. Scenario B would personally make my family have 3 kids in 3 buildings more often than not, and if there were no busses that means I'm looking at spending the next decade of my life driving in circles delivering and picking up kids from schools all over town instead of within a mile of our current home. We live in Adams territory and it's already not the best for kids to walk to either NE or Jefferson in inclement weather - We would need more busses or better scheduling on start/end times to help parents not have to quit their jobs to make their full time jobs driving in circles.
Build a new pool
None. MPS looked at the needs, processed data and came up with 2 ideas. I have my opinion on which I prefer
A single mega high school is not desirable and will lead to a lack in overall opportunities for students. We will lose the a smaller community feel that people moving into Midland want to see for their families.
Work on improving the reading program for slow readers and dyslexic students.
<p>Penny Miller-Nelson and BoE,</p> <p>I don't need you to contact me, but I did want to say good luck!</p> <p>Thank you for doing such a great job so far in your service as Superintendent. I know this is going to be a long and arduous process to get community support to build up this new bond in a tumultuous time. I believe that we live in a world that will support students in what they need. We just need to find a way to balance that with the extremities of our socio-economic structure in Midland, and the preconceived notions of our populous about how our schools function.</p> <p>Keep up the good work, and best of luck!</p>
<p>Could Midland Center for the Arts auditorium be used instead of building a new auditorium?</p> <p>The students love the city rivalry between the 2 high schools and would hate to see that disappear.</p>
Don't combine the high schools, it's a really bad idea. And don't close Carpenter.
<p>What are the biggest concerns for current infrastructure requiring a new proposal on the ballot?</p> <p>How much longer can the current setup last?</p>
Go back to the drawing board on this one. There is no question we need improved facilities, all around, in just not sure these are the right options at this time.
<p>Good morning,</p> <p>Obviously you have more information about population increase and demographics than the general public. I trust your judgment. Thank you for putting the pre-ks back in the elementaries.</p>

I appreciate the candor and openness of this process. I would just ask that she and the Board continue to proceed cautiously before making dramatic changes like Scenario B
Go big. Dream big. Deliver big.
I am against scenario b for many reasons. One of the reasons being the traffic. So many cars from all over town driving toward 1 school. Also putting that many young drivers into 1 high school is dangerous.
Our elementary students deserve to have more performance options. Small school musical, holiday play, or other age appropriate opportunities for parents to engage in their children's learning other than just fundraising!
Fundraising
Why raise our taxes? Between the state and federal government, they've used our tax dollars to give tax breaks to corporations, house illegals, defend Ukraine. Now we need money for Americans? What a joke. School of choice is a must
Please explain why B with facilities indicates a new stadium. Is this truly a new stadium or is it completion of the stadium started at Dow High? Also, why were the old high schools designated the way they were? Wouldn't it make sense to put the most students in the newer building. Is this a size issue?
Thank you for all you work on this impossible task!
Continue doing a great job. We are new to MPS this fall and we love everything about it. We would like to keep the high schools seperate.
Both plans offer valuable opportunities for the community, though some may be overlooked for the wrong reasons. As you move forward, I hope you keep in mind the diverse needs and circumstances of all our students.
Focus resources on the quality of district resources INSIDE the buildings, not more buildings. Upgrading quality of human capital and ancillary support services would be better use of funds.
How would plan B impact staffing needs? How long would Plan A Last for? Would plan B need to happen in the future?
What does your teaching staff think is the best idea?
It seems like a lot of spending in all these scenarios? What funding from local businesses have been proposed such as Dow to support the community? With that future development should be thought out better by the administration. And more details such as buses end of life, why are they end of life?
Understanding the importance and value of the fun, rivalry culture of MHS and DHS and student choice!
I would like to better understand why buildings built in the 50s are consider too old and at the end of life. What are we spending for annual upkeeping? Thank you.

<p>I have 1 graduate from MHS, and 3 currently enrolled in MPS. MPS has done an amazing job educating my kids and preparing them for their future. I understand that facilities and classrooms need to be updated, but more importantly, the teachers compensation is priority. The educators my children have/had are amazing.</p> <p>I like option B, but I would like to see two schools for 10-12. For team sports, it makes sense to have 2 schools, it doubles the amount of kids that can make the team, and get playing time.</p>
<p>I want to give my children the best opportunity with the best education and all the experiences that go along with that. The education we are currently receiving at Midland Public Schools is not broken and has been very enjoyable. I may regret not taking a chance on something new, that could be equally as good or maybe even amazing. I will support the change that is best for our students.</p>
<p>PLEASE do not get rid of our hometown rivalry! It is one of my favorite things about this city of ours!</p>
<p>Do not break up the preschool building we would lost in the shuffle of an elementary school</p>
<p>Thank you for putting this out there but feels like their are some addition tweaks to these options</p>
<p>If a building is well maintained it will last forever. Keep up on the buildings so we don't have to rebuild because it's been let go. I'd rather my tax dollars go to fixing then rebuilding. Not happy about this. I may still choose to vote against the millage if it gets in the ballot.</p>
<p>Create the most (quantity) opportunities and equal (quality) opportunities to all kids in the district.</p>
<p>We support a full and thorough update of Midland Public school facilities so that our children can have the best advantages.</p>
<p>No matter what option is on the ballot, I will vote no until the district stops wasting money</p>
<p>What would a scaled down version look like? You're asking a lot of people already dealing with tough financial times.</p>
<p>I would love and appreciate the opportunity to connect with her and learn more of her perspective. I was very impressed with the presentation at the community meeting, but disappointed in the lack of engaged parents there. Seemed to be mostly retirees concerned about their taxes being raised, which will be an uphill battle in every scenario. I truly believe Scenario A has the best chance of succeeding - yes its a higher cost than B1, but I firmly believe our community will not support combining high schools for the concerns I provided.</p>
<p>Thank you for speaking the other day, and opening the floor to the community.</p>
<p>Allow the teachers to provide input on the design. The last bond options were useless to many and wasted tax payer money. Also, use better contractors, many problems with HVAC and roofing.</p>

We should not be putting all of our kids into one community wide school building at the secondary levels. We see other schools do this - HUGE campuses where kids get lost in the shuffle and have limited opportunities unless they are the best of the best athletes. We are better than that - we have a long tradition in this community of strong schools, and it's something I was proud to grow in through my own K-12 education, and now I am raising 2 children through the system. I am so proud of our MPS district right now, but the changes proposed in Scenario B and the additional one are the complete wrong direction for this district and this community.

Stop trying to raise taxes to have the "new" and "best" and take care of what is already there. We pay an incredibly high tax already to live in this city and seems like it's not being taken care of properly. Would also like a lot more transparency in when and what and how is getting threatened per the last email from you. If there was more accountability towards people it wouldn't happen as much

I understand your job is very difficult and I support you. A new poll would be nice too.

Combining high schools is not in the best interest of the kids, which I know you care about. We had a team of people reach out to parents at these "larger" high schools. There is nothing favorable about them besides maybe saving money long term. It's about kids not money.

I would strongly suggest not proceeding with Scenario B. Even with young children approaching school age, I would vote against this scenario.

I would support Plan B with updated pool etc if I knew that the elementary schools would be outfitted to support Pre K. This means restrooms where they will be able to reach the soap and sinks and that each school would have a dedicated playground for these littles.

Most residents don't see the condition of the buildings, the classrooms, the facilities, the pool, the field. If it's in such bad condition show the people we need new facilities and I'm sure this will pass, other than that I don't think people will want their taxes to increase anymore.

Assess drop-off/pick-up traffic and parking capacity at the elementary schools. If pre-K/K kids need to be dropped off in person than adequate parking should be provided for those parents. It's also tough for families on the out-skirts of the no-bus zone with young kids not able to walk to school by themselves yet.

Be careful altering the model simply because of assets. Assets can be changed much easier than models can. What we have works, it just needs improvements.

As a parent who had a son play sports and graduate from MHS and now have a daughter currently there. The sports facilities for the girls need updating.

As I favor A with a new elementary building, I would also suggest dividing elementary school to 4-5 buildings for PreK-2, and 2-3 buildings for 3rd-5th, aiming for more curated school functions.

Scale it back, do a little at a time.

Electric buses

Also putting pre-k in elementary schools will put them on an island. As a former preschool director. The program they have at carpenter is so good for the staff & families it is done well to support and set the foundation for the kids.

Please do not combine the high schools! This would create more bullying also keeping the sports for 2 highschoools and not combining which would really cut so many people from playing sports, also this would decrease the needs for all the teachers we currently have which is not fair to let teachers go. We have had 2 highschoools for over 50 years and has been great and Worked very well and given so many kids in midland the opportunity for sports so why disrupt that opportunity for children and that impact on midland.
Do what is in the best interest of our students well being, their educational growth, and the safety of the buildings they will be in. Thank you.
Don't combine high schools. Reducing extracurricular opportunities by 50% in the era of screens and social media is the last thing children need.
Protect the elementary schools including preschool and ensure that 9th graders are in the high school.
Education is super important but as I talk to kids, the best part of their days revolve around sports, music, art and theatre. If scenario B is chosen, I think that would not allow as many kids to be apart of those activities.
My child is not challenged- you need to strategically think about the jobs of the future and how you are building schools that endeavor to grow such capabilities in our young population both- college bound or trades bound.
I would like more time, energy and resources put toward creating a classroom environment that involves a good balance of technology and human interaction.
I wish schools worked like businesses, where teacher performance was monitored by their manager (school superintendent). That doesn't seem to be the case. If you disagree and believe it IS the case, then I'm telling you that the managers are doing a lousy job at it.
None. If it doesn't align with her or the boards agenda it will be ignored anyway.
I know traditions are important, but whatever we decide, the decision cannot be made based on alumni nostalgia. We have to make decisions based on current and future students and what they will need.
Bigger is not always better. Current facilities are fine. Look outside the Midland bubble and appreciate all the existing luxuries MPS students and staff already have. Please start thinking about the students foremost and fix the real issues MPS students are currently facing with safety including bullying, pushing kids through the system and the brainwashing of DEI into the curriculum.
Please consider that the youngest learners need more from the district rather. We work as a team. We work together to build these kids up to love school and want to stay in this district and our program only works because we are able to support each other. If we are spread out, our network and support system is gone. There will not be a consistency that we are used to and the quality of education will diminish.
aftercare programs

I would like to ask the district to consider more athletic options for the middle/intermediate/junior high school level.

I'm also wondering when it's stated as Pre-K in both proposals, is the district going to have the same offerings that are currently provided at Carpenter PPC (3's, 4's, DK)? If it's only DK, what options will families have with younger children?

As much as I would prefer Option A, we elect school boards (and by extension, the superintendents they hire) for a reason, which is to make the best decisions. Not just for now, but for the long term. If Option B were to massively help with problems that are on the horizon, it seems like the ethical decision would be Option B. Don't let people who are complaining loudly about one decision or another sway you too much. This is how communities stagnate!

Please listen to the parents.

I feel that you could do a better job of "reading the room" and understanding the needs of the entire community, not just the affluent sector or those who can absorb the hundreds of dollars in added tax bills. The people who respond to this survey or attend meetings are not representative of the entire community. Rather than asking for information and input to come to you, it would be best to solicit information by going to a diverse sampling of the community. Ask the non-profits (not just the foundations) for input on their needs. Talk to clergy leaders about their observations. Reach out to citizens by attending local events, visiting organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.). Community physicians and mental health care providers would have valuable insights.

We only have a finite amount of resources. There is no question that our schools have needs, however, is this the best timing? For example, why can't new boundary lines be drawn without creating new schools? Is the current school of choice system fulfilling our needs? Is our curriculum currently up to date with the latest research based instructional practices (Lucy Calkins argument recently published). Is the IB program and the ALPS program a good investment of our dollars for the amount of students they serve? Is our Special Education system in line with other districts?

Special interest groups (swim parents, band parents, etc.) are often vocal present a skewed view at time of our needs.

We have always prided ourselves on our educational system in Midland and I think we learned with the building of Central Park that it's not just the buildings that make us great.

Do not consolidate our schools. It is not wanted

Please listen to community concerns and questions rather than just doing what the board members want. Think in the best interest of the users of that space-students and teachers-and let their voices be the loudest.

Focus more on STEM. There is already plenty of programs and facilities focusing on the arts and sports.

Consider not demolishing any schools and putting "more" into the schools and programs we already have

How do these scenarios enhance the student experience within MPS? How do these scenarios draw and retain highly qualified staff who want to grow and stay at MPS? How do these scenarios equally balance out the capacity issues that all current elementary buildings are facing?
Scenario B seems very hectic for children and families.
Consider reverting the Midland High and Dow High district line back to using Jefferson as the east/west divider, and not currently "north of wheeler." The neighborhood spanning East from Jefferson, south from wackerly, north from wheeler, and east of Washington used to be a Midland High district. Now it is a Dow high district. This would help balance the socio economic balance of the two schools. The only expanding residential areas in town are on the NW side, meanwhile all of the low income housing is being built on the SE side. This is only going to broaden the existing gap between the two schools
don't waste the money
I'm thankful to see that the facility needs in the district are being considered. I would encourage the board to look at importance of social emotional well being and relationships within the schools/district between students/staff.
I believe it's important to keep the pre-primary center going. We are the foundation of every school. Getting paid salary like everyone else would make us feel more included and part of the community. Tearing the building down would do no good in getting any child ready for kindergarten
I think a lot of people in the community are concerned about the raise in taxes. The taxes in Midland are so high already, that many people are going to say no to this all together... and may ask for the upgrades to the existing schools or another alternative that will not raise the taxes so much.
When planning a new building facility, listen to your staff about their needs, not just in the moment but in the future.
<p>Please consider space for all staff. Ancillary staff are always squeezed in tight spaces or sharing spaces or are in spaces that don't always allow for therapeutic interventions or services especially in a group format. Simply it can restrict what we do and compromise confidentiality.</p> <p>Additionally as far as playgrounds those should seriously be reconsidered all over. They should be much safer. Students can easily run outside the grounds into traffic or busy areas. Unsafe/unauthorized people can also enter these areas posing threat to students and possibly staff. This has lead to serious and specific situations that could have resulted in legal issues for the district.</p>
Getting low income children to school (aka providing transportation) whether that school is an old building or a new building, needs to be a priority.
Develop option C.
Improvements to the district buildings are a MUST- these kids are the future. For those people who only think about their taxes increasing should also consider how much Midland provides for senior citizens, special needs, and overall sharing of wealth and prosperity and realize how good they have it.

We don't need new sports complex but we do need that 7th elementary from option A.
As a son of a former teacher I understand the need for these improvements from time to time and if I need to pay \$450 more per year to aid our young minds it is worth it in my opinion.
Be better with communication.
You're dangling carrots in forms of new facilities to sweeten Scenario B. I don't support Scenario B but I do want to spend more money to build better swimming facilities. You're making this an either/or choice for the community when it shouldn't be. I'd like to see 'a la carte' options that include Scenario A *and* new swimming facilities.
Do not combine high schools, please.
Bring the cost down, and throw out the idea of Scenario B in its totality - it is outrageous and will decrease the quality of schooling and community feeling. This is NOT something that our community wants. The cost is very tone deaf in a time when people are struggling to make it due to inflation and the huge increases in taxes already.
Focus more on the basic way to teach kids and not teach 3 different variations of the same thing. Confused kids and takes up time
As long as we are doing what is best for the kids and for the future of Midland Public Schools, I am on board.
This is too big of an ask in this economy. Needs should be broken down into smaller bite size pieces and truly prioritized. MPS already has a really big budget. Yes, teachers do not get paid enough, but there is also a lot of wasteful spending.
You are new. Listen before leaping. Most can not afford either scenario. Especially the older members of our community with a restricted income. With all other costs up, neither can 60 percent of the younger community either.
Have time during district PD to hold sessions with staff to get more of a wholistic perspective.
Keep the pedophiles out of the damn schools
Do not even consider Proposal B. Teachers and parents do not think that this is a good idea.
You have the right idea to upgrade our facilities to attract families to want to move to Midland. Keep an eye on the cost as at some point people will not vote for the project when you are talking about hundreds of millions of dollars.
Keep Costs Down
Please do not send these young kids to a city wide school for their grade level. It is not age appropriate and limits opportunities and long term relationships.
Please seriously rethink the implementation of the Units of Study curriculum at the elementary level
Fix the problem. Quit bandaging it.
Thank you for the work you are doing to improve the quality of education in our district!

Thank you for the work you are doing. These decisions are not easy ones, but the fact that Midland Public is having the forethought to put this survey together and to consider all avenues when spending tax payers money, is appreciated.
This is a big deal and a once in a generation opportunity. It warrants another trip to the drawing board for additional ideas and more comprehensive solutions. Please continue to gather more unfiltered input from parents, students and teachers.
I will support whatever plan experts and the board feel is right for the community. And whatever plan you decide to bring forward, you will need to continue to do a lot of work around change management to help people feel confident in voting yes.
I understand the need to maintain the facilities, however I would love to see a focus on a solution for the lack of special education staff.
Update all buildings, technology, and the auxiliary facilities without rearranging buildings and grades
The district needs better support for neurodivergent students. These students should have the same opportunities as other students and should be provided the support they need without resorting to IEP battles. While there is some support at the elementary level, the one program that exists has moved to 3 different schools in 6 years. At the middle school level, the support for these students is further reduced. And at the high school level, the support appears to be non-existent. Need to fix that.
I appreciate the vision, foresight, and leadership shown by the School Board these last 5 years. They have been adults in the room and always had the kid's best interest in mind.
ADDRESS THE BULLIES NOT THE KIDS GETTING BULLIED
The proposed pool, sport and auditorium facilities are too expensive. Please consider how to upgrade MHS so that you are not approaching us in 5-10 years requesting yet more money. I have always voted for the proposals to help the schools, but this is asking way too much this time.
Don't merge Dow and Midland High. Thanks.
Go for it. The whole thing. Don't settle for something which doesn't make Midland schools SPECTACULAR.
Ancillary staff continues to struggle GREATLY with space. Almost every social worker, psychologist, and teacher consultant in the district is sharing their office spaces with at least one, oftentimes two other people. This makes scheduling incredibly difficult, especially as we are all in multiple buildings. We NEED better, more private spaces to meet with students. Especially social workers and other ancillary staff that service students 1:1 and in groups. Many of our offices are far to small to accommodate group sessions.
Plan B is not making education better. the plan does not even discuss any aspect of the education at all, just "buildings" which means nothing in how the "7 area" of improvement needed are going to be addressed....
Midland is hard. We have large socioeconomic gaps. We have lots of tradition. We have a lot of educated folks who want the data to support the idea. It's lacking here.

Please continue the Dow versus Midland rivalry. It gave me pride when I went to the Midland High and everything surrounding the Midland/Dow game.
<p>I have an issue with the feeling that athletics and physical education is not an important part of the education/curriculum of MPS. MPS is way behind the times in these areas compared to other school districts across the state. Physical Education opportunities are limited in the elementary schools and it has been proven to improve self-esteem and health.</p> <p>Athletics is rarely a part of any communication from the school district. Everything is about the arts, robotics, etc. It seems intentional in ways.</p> <p>I also feel that something that needs to be addressed is how the Community Center controls the middle school athletics.</p>
I appreciate that you've stepped into this planning towards the end of it and you're working with what you were given. I strongly encourage you to move forward with scenario A from an academic, child development, and athletic stand point.
<p>Be confident in your decision. Everyone won't be happy, but if they believe in their leader they will be okay. Acknowledge that this transition is going to be difficult for everyone involved. Be ready to support through this transition. Give parents and students a vote in personalization of their new school. Helps them feel apart of the process rather being told or forced :)</p> <p>Good Luck!</p>
We need to give the most kids, the most opportunities! They will never be able to have these experiences again and it's a shame to limit the kids going to one high school!
Do not approve these children to miss out on their freshman to senior years on high school. Those are the most crucial years to their future. Just make new buildings to replace the others and keep the grades aligned as they are
Concerns about fewer spots on teams with consolidated school. But also I think that the new groupings of students would be very positive (option b)
Proposal A with the new school being a preschool building 3-K. Then attach the other additions to this one.
I would like the superintendent to know that elementary teachers seem very overworked. They have too big of class sizes and this is compromising the education of our youngest learners. Our teachers are our greatest asset and they are not being considered in many decisions being made. Also, special education is not functioning properly due to specials being at all different times of the day.
Thank you for including the community in this conversation
Most residence support MPS as evidenced by the past mileage renewals. That said if the voters don't fundamentally agree with what is proposed there will not be adequate support. From people I have talked to no one is in support of building 1 high school for the reasons I have put in my survey answers.
Don't put those plans on the ballot. Think of the young children you are making these changes for.

Preserve these buildings and history...do not demolish more buildings update them and repurpose when and where we can.
Please consider the logistical burden placed on parents by centralized cohort re-organization. Replacing the current model of distributed k-5, 6-8 and 9-12 cohorts with a centralized smaller cohort grouping will have families and bus transportation zig-zagging across the City of Midland for the sake of an experiment. Please focus on improving the working model in place, not on creating an expensive disaster for our community.
Let's think outside the box of it, and let's be innovative and lead by examples. Use those funds wisely to continue to help us grow and be better overall.
If you go with plan b, don't do it without the auxiliary plan. It will cause so much anger and frustration for the high school kids. I'm very concerned with both plans because it seems the high schools are not going to have what they need at their school, and it's not fair to them.
Hudl cameras at Dow High
Updates to school facilities should provide the most benefit for the greatest number of students at the lowest possible cost, making Scenario B with auxiliary facilities (minus the stadium complex), which avoids any parents feeling like their students were "cheated" out of the district's best facilities, the most sensible option.
Please don't combine the High Schools.
No bonds, become fiscally responsible and then propose options based on that.
If we do this, please don't do it half-assed. We've been putting bandaids on these facilities for too long. Let's do it right, and be set for many years to come
The kids are the customer. Their interest should be the only concern. Are they being surveyed or being given the opportunity to have input?
Thank you for investing in the future of the community and in the Midland Public Schools. I appreciate that you have taken the time and done the research to put forth options for the students.
I firmly believe in not having one high school.
I appreciate the openness and willingness to consider outside the box ideas, but I think there are too many unknowns in Plan B to support it.
Can we still purchase land for the auxiliary facilities with Scenario A? That would be my top vote.
Please keep the two high school buildings separate. I honestly think it would be overwhelming for 5th graders to have to navigate a huge school building that is now Dow High
While money and costs should certainly be a priority, the number one priority should be the development of our kids. They are our greatest asset. I think we should pick a scenario that gives every kid the opportunity to reach their potential.

Think of the students first and the attention and opportunities that more schools offer. I am definitely against one high school. Give the students a chance to be part of activities and gain confidence for the future. Too many will be left out with just one high school. More can be successful with two high schools.
Discuss how changes in infrastructure will affect learning outcomes
Data show that small class sizes are most effective. Keep classes small, keep supporting IB, and get faculty the assistance they need
Do not want to combine schools. I want to graduate from midland high
Idea...a scenario "3"...build a new elementary/middle school "campus" like Siebert/JMS or Plymouth/NE on property north of town. Do NOT rebuild NE on the current site. Consider the pool there.
Also...consider offering a buy out to staff under either scenario. You can reduce the age of your staff and open up flexibility when moving staff around. Particularly important under the unified high school plan. A LOT of staff will be relocating under that plan.
This town needs to continue to have 2 high schools. It's a tradition to have cross town rivals.
I'd be interested in seeing studies on the effects of changing from 3 - 4 different schools have on the development, specifically as relates to middle schoolers, if you go with option B. This needs to be weighed in the decision. Keeping an older building and maintaining mental health matters more than struggling kinds in a new and sparkly building.
Not an idea, but we need to be mindful that Midland is comprised of many families of lower socioeconomic status. Cost of living is continuously rising, while many salaries are not. We should be very cautious and purposeful about how much we ask taxpayers to pay for. Schools are about education - not about fancy facilities and extracurriculars. The safety and accessibility of our buildings should be the focus.
Please consider having a Pre-Primary building in some form, or consider having some elementary schools be prek-2nd, while others are 3-4. Preschool/Developmental kindergarten is a completely different world than traditional elementary schools. Their needs are very different and they require different things than traditional elementary school students.
I think that's scenario "A" is the most reasonable and scenario "B" will flip this town upside down.
I think other scenarios should be looked at besides just the two.
Provide a better understanding of why new buildings is necessary to teach our children in the community. Right now, it appears that folks just want a fancy, new building. Provide reasoning on why the current building are not meeting the needs of teaching.
Proposal A needs to include a plan with auxiliary facilities.
Please do what you can so elementary classrooms do not have 30 kids in one room.

I have not spoken to anyone who is supportive of combining the high schools and I have heard many who are also very disappointed that the pre-primary building is closing. Everyone is going to struggle with any of these changes, but Scenario B is a very radical change. I honestly do not feel it will be popular and it will result in backlash.
Highly support expanding PreK offerings. This will reduce the need for student supports, behavior plans, and special education over the course of a child's public education.
Consideration of arts programming is always appreciated.
Any chance of building the new facility prior to demolishing NE Middle school? Perhaps the land by MHS, then demolishing NE Middle school for a theater, pool, or stadium (if the proposal passes of course).
Kids need sports and extra curriculums having combined HS would take this away from so many talented kids with dreams if taking their passion to the next level.
Keep the structures that has proven to work best and upgrade from here
I would like if there were 2 separate proposals, one for Plan A and another for the add on facilities. I would vote yes for both but worry that a single proposal for Plan A with add on facilities would be too costly for some voters to consider.
Get opinions from both sides of town. from people on the low income spectrum AND high People who ride the bus, transport their child or their child walks
Keep the budget and the message about the failing buildings that need to be replaced. You are much more likely to be successful with your campaign to the public.
Spend time at Carpenter Preprimary and see how valuable it is to have a space for all the small people. Pushing 3 and 4 year olds into elementary school is scary.
No matter what emerges, I will support a bond to improve our schools and will help advocate for it in any way possible.
Get rid of proficiency grading structures. It's harming students. If children need help, get them help. Every student is different, but allowing students to have endless retakes and get full credit for work that was turned in ages later is insane. That's not how the world works and it's not preparing them for real-life jobs and responsibilities.
Consider the feedback and evaluate everything from a logical perspective. Most feedback will be emotionally driven, which is fine, but please don't make this decisions primarily based on emotion.
I would highly suggest requesting a grant from Dow to see if they can assist in remodeling or something that will not cost the families. Many are currently struggling with housing and foods.
Thanks for all of the positive things you have done for the district. Anytime you are seen around there is always a smile on your face and it is such a welcoming change. You are appreciated.
Keep it simple, improve what you have until the upkeep exceeds the cost of replacement

It seems like most of the new development in Midland County is taking place on the Dow High side of town. As a result, there will continue to be inequities between both high schools unless the boundary lines are redrawn
Try looking to 2050 not 2025.
Prioritize diversity, equity and inclusion— not only for people of color and different abilities, but also socioeconomically. And focus on what the data says for what will support students best. Take an evidence-based approach. Thank you for all you do!
Recently phones were banned in classes, but we'd prefer they were banned during the school day entirely (with encouragement for parents to not provide their children with smart phones until they're 16). Under the current scenario, any break will result in students checking their phones more ravenously than before. Students should be allowed access to public-use phones without question, though, so they can reach their parents if something's wrong.
Listen to the teachers
Listen to the teachers. Listen to the paras. Listen to the staff actually working with the kids. They have not felt listened to or valued for many years. If we could actually put a cap of 20 students in kindergarten and each classroom had a full-time para, we could remedy so many of the issues we are seeing. Kids can start school the right way, get the support they need, and set them up for success for all the future years. The reality is 24+ students, no para, and teachers working themselves thin and they are exhausted. Their mental health is taking the toll. We also need more support in the office. The AA cannot do all the things expected while constantly dealing with student behaviors, health concerns, etc. There should be more staff, where it's an assistant principal, additional SEL or SSS, or trained para to help with behaviors and SEL. I have watched the decline of our district over the past 25 years and it makes me sad.
This whole process needs to be grounded in students future success.
I don't know the entirety of the effort that went into these proposals but the value, reasoning and decision making process not being included makes it hard for me to buy in at all. I would suggest you hire one person to spear head projects like this. Allow them to collect data and then share that data with the deciding committees before presenting to the public. Allow them to be the face of MPS in a marketing sense.
Please inform us about possibly locations of the school before truly deciding and what will be done with all the teachers
Try again.
That having our schools be as least crowded as possible is very important
Combining high schools will have less student-athletes with the regular guidance of coaches to keep on track and out of trouble, and more free time to fill on their own which is not what the community needs for our children.
Keep our 2 schools and do not take opportunities away from kids. You will cut their opportunities in 1/2 by merging
Please consider an option that allows early childhood education space to remain separate from elementary education space.

Please keep in mind the financing and money people have to spend
I really think we should lean into do less things, and doing them better. You have the opportunity to evolve Midland's Public School system to make it one of the most attractive systems in the country (one that could be a gravitational pull to new parents choosing where to live). Midland should be a city that produces elite young adults, and option B with the auxiliary facilities supports that vision.
You don't have an easy task here. Many Midlanders will argue about anything. The opportunities for MPS students continue to be excellent. This will only further enhance the chance for kids to become involved in clubs, activities and all around learning.
From the friends that I've spoken with, almost everyone is concerned about the lack of leadership/sports/theater opportunities that will be available to the students if you combine the two high schools. Instead of saying "We will need to be creative about that," we actually need some solid examples of how other schools have overcome this issue. Otherwise, I would prefer the bounty of enriching opportunities over a more modern building. It's what's inside that counts!
Bad idea that has no community support. Terrible coordination with previous millage. By proposing these, the Board and administration is admitting that it wasted significant portions of the previous millage and in doing so shows that it doesn't care about the community.
Great plan! Our schools and teachers and staff do a wonderful job but our facilities are terribly outdated. Time for this upgrade to compete with other districts and best serve our students.
Scenario A is clearly the best scenario to me.
Start with the needs of the present student ie reading levels etc.
For Dow High School, AP class sign up needs to be based on academic level, not grade level. For example, this year freshman and sophomore students were not allowed to sign up for AP chemistry due to the limited space available, which were saved for Junior and Senior students. This hindered the growth of several advanced students. I think school shall be taking actions to provide education opportunities to accommodate all students' growth needs.
Slow down and take some more time exploring options. This seems very rushed to try and get on the proposal
Education is important, so is running a school district within reasonable budgetary ranges not constantly asking taxpayers for more \$\$\$\$!
Scenario B has too many things that aren't going to be considered until after it's picked (support, extra curricular, traffic). At the community presentation the auxiliary facilities seemed to be presented as a way to entice people for scenario b. Scenario B implements too many changes all at once.
Sharing suggestions is pointless. Suggestions will be given a superficial response.
Allow students take advanced courses when they are ready (e.g., high school freshman and junior students register for AP Chemistry course). The eligibility should be based on merit instead of year they are in. For example, At the beginning of this year, some freshman students were told that AP chemistry was only for juniors and seniors. But these freshman plan to take

AP chemistry during sophomore year because they cross-graded science seance middle school.
Until we bring up test scores and achievement tests, lwe shouldn't be spending another dime on education. Prove to the public that public schools actually care about bringing up the academic achievement levels of students. 50% proficiency is embarrassing to MPS. When we put all 9-12 in one school we will see many more students fall between the cracks. Smaller school size enrollment is more accountable to each student and vice versa. The studies on this issue are there. Smaller school enrollments provide are more accessible for students.
Reign in the country club bureaucrats on the school board who have done nothing to improve the academic value of Midland Public Schools.
<p>Please know how much many of us appreciate Penny's efforts to change the culture within the district. Please keep doing this important work - it's making a difference!</p> <p>My messages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MPS is overdue in prioritizing special services. Special education is supposed to be the most intensive intervention but often our caseloads are as high (or higher!) than general ed classrooms, we don't have the same resources as GE teachers, and we lack differentiated training and materials. 2. Please pay our paraprofessionals a living wage & offer all of them benefits. It's one of the most inequitable parts of MPS. 3. Please reduce the number of initiatives and changes - especially at elementary. We can't keep up and it shows in staff morale. 4. I worry how much can be put on my amazing building administrators before they burn out. My CPE principal and assistant principal seem to have much more on their plates than a "typical" elementary building (6 busses with 100s of kids, 2 district behavior special education programs, Title 1, ALPs, ESA, "STEM" focus, etc.). I'm disappointed that our assistant principal is split between 2 buildings after nearly 70 CPE staff signed a letter saying we were concerned about the change. 5. That was more than 1 message!!!
Please don't do this.
Keeping strong traditional teaching values are great for the children and our community
Thank you for your hard work! None of these decisions are easy. I am very impressed with your leadership. I was very happy that you were selected as Superintendent!
<p>Keep the current class size. The students have been provided with such great learning opportunities as well as extra curriculum. This will be lost if we combine schools. Only the elite</p> <p>Will be afforded the opportunities. Students will get lost in the big number class sizes</p>
Combining the high school should absolutely not be an option. That is way too many kids per grade and that's not what any of us want from Midland.

Please provide us with more information and details, especially regarding plans for land/buildings that are going to be repurposed/torn down. I also couldn't vote until the new school location is decided
Tear down Northeast
Both scenarios are too expensive.
Proposal A makes sense and stands the best chance of community support for a bond proposal.
Why didn't we receive a "scenario" that would include existing building renovations?
Does everything have to be done at once? Or can we do this in steps to lower the cost for tax payers? Such as rebuild Northeast, the build a new elementary school, etc. Not everyone has discretionary income especially after the pandemic.
Is there no scenario where keeping middle schools 'in place' even if Jefferson students went to DHS, and Northeast went to MHS instead of intermediate and junior high?
Please do not combine high schools. High school students losing opportunities with increased competition for limited participant seats on teams/clubs etc is saddening. Think of a troubled teen/ bad family who stays on a straightened path due to the influence of coaches and teammates and schedules of practice and games limiting opportunities for negative behavior. That student not making for example the basketball team with 2 schools now combining as 1. That unfortunate circumstance allowing that child to then choose a different path in life choices that could effect the community.
Try something less aggressive
I would love to set up a meeting/video call to share more on my thoughts as a past student and employee!
I appreciate all of the up front information that helps inform voters. I hope that the elderly population continue to support our school systems.
Ask the people in the community first. We jumped ahead with getting a consulting firm and deciding on these two options. It is moving too quickly and though there are some good ideas it leaves much to be desired and way too many problems and issues unresolved. Out of everyone I have spoken with, all agree these options fall short, A seems more preferable, but everyone would vote no.
It is imperative that class sizes shrink back down to 25 kids in grades 3rd-5th. It is impossible fir educators to teach and students to learn in classes with 30 students. Additionally, 3rd-5th grade student classrooms could stand to be larger. They are quite small compared to K-3 rooms. While the kids are bigger.
Data shows that parental involvement and a tight focus on core education has greater (much greater) impact on student learning outcomes than capital investment once facilities are minimally functional (e.g., not unhealthy due to mold).
A survey critique (so not for the superintendent or board): Q13 should have been split into two questions (1. Should one of the options be placed on the ballot, 2. If one of the options are placed on the ballot, which one should it be). Including those in one question will bias the

results towards placing one of the options on the ballot. Note, I am in favor of the options, this is simply proper survey practice.
Having grown-up and living in a similar community and district, Grand Blanc Public Schools, I am always confused on why Midland needs two distinct high schools. Midland is a smaller geographic and population-wise community that could be unified together. I think the community would greatly benefit from having one identity and school district that feeds together for the final years. People's feelings around mascots will fade after implementation if we are able to move past that for the greater community.
<p>I really like the idea of having one unified high school; however, I worry how much backlash the community will give if there is a bond proposal that removes the two current high schools.</p> <p>I have mentioned this previously, but I feel strongly about the district making sure they are utilizing the best design team available for this work. These new spaces need to attract students and staff and a "cells and bells" approach will just be more of the same. Having worked with French Associates in the past, I just worry the scale of these projects is better suited for other teams in the state. The district does not have to keep French for all projects; they could use French for some projects (smaller) and another firm for other projects.</p>
Find a location for plan B and B + and tell the community that the students will be able to play sports no matter how many students play.
I think adding Pre-K to public schools is ridiculous and if we really want to improve children outcomes we need to consider the people (teachers) who are providing or not providing the education. I feel this district is not something I'm inherently proud to have my child in, the teachers I've dealt with (excluding one) have yet to impress me that they can teach. Improve salaries of teachers and have stricter requirements and expectations on those teachers, not just the students.
This idea is beyond terrible. If two high schools isn't enough, how in the \$:@# do you think only one would work? Then you want to shake up every single reasonable grade level, do you want to demolish sports programs? Who do 9th graders play against in your stupid idea? 5th graders? To prepare for college? Did your mother drop you on your heads repeatedly? Wait, did you stop school in 9th grade, and now you're looking for a way to retcon that into a graduation...
Think about how many students will be eliminated from extra curricular activities if high schools combine and how that will impact our community. ie. volleyball, tennis, swim, soccer, orchestra, choral groups, robotics,...none could sustain combining all the students that currently are involved and what happens to those students that essentially get cut out due to allowed size?
I don't think any changes are necessary. It would be best to keep the district running the way it is.
What new information does the Board have that leads them to believe the community would support a new bond that is more than double the 2015 ask?
The idea of having high school classes of ~700+ students /grade seems daunting. The traffic, parking, reduced opportunities due to capacity limits makes me sad. Our schools have offered wonderful opportunities for our students and I would hate to see them taken away or unable to access

Please keep Midland and Dow High as separate entities! They are right sized for great opportunities for students and educators, and the cross town rivalry adds a very fun element to middle school and high school students.
Please focus on academic outcomes rather than sports and extra curricular. At the end of the day a very small percentage of children will play sports in college.
These ideas are not the best.
You need to keep what we have fix what's broken before moving on.
Why? What is driving this massive investment? Has the previous 15 year bond been paid off yet? Are these bond proposals on top of the previous bond Sharrow put in?
If the schools didn't get the proper safety and security upgrades then go for it but otherwise I would leave that alone we already paid for that once. But boosting our facilities and technology to be more competitive in state/county even world would be awesome.
This not only impacts our kids who are our future, but it impacts the overall desirability of this community. I'd like to see that message conveyed to Midlanders and that this is important. I've heard talk about people being only in favor of the \$50M necessary for facility maintenance. I think it would be a big miss if Midland didn't consider either of these bond proposals. We need to move forward and we shouldn't stay stagnant if we want to keep this a desirable place to live and work. This is a crucial point in time for our community and we need everyone bought in.
This is the time to make a change - thanks for your work on this!
Please be a good steward of funds while addressing the need to expand educational opportunities.
keep the two high school concept and maintain the breadth of existing opportunities for the kids. Its worth the slightly higher extra capital. Build a separate swim/dive facility.
Be honest and transparent to the Midland community
Kids are at school to receive a quality education in a safe environment while fostering social relationships. They mature mentally, physically, and socially at school with the help of teachers. Let's keep the current school breakdown and improve what we have, maybe add a pool to Scenario if you want to. Athletics are way kids get involved in school, combining willntske that opportunity away for a lot of kids
Don't pursue scenario B
This is a big ask to community- consider making smaller, less costly steps and really consider more cost efficient ways (repurpose instead of demolish) to improve facilities.
Proposal A, all the way
DON'T DO ANY OF THESE PROPOSALS THESE ARE TERRIBLE IDEAS!!! PUT KID'S MENTAL DEVELOPMENT FIRST!!!
You're new here. Don't change what works

Our family would definitely support Scenario A, and definitely not support Scenario B. You have not given us good valid choice options. We support Scenario A plus new pool and possible upgrades to stadium or auditorium. Only attaching auxiliary facilities to Scenario B feels like someone is trying to bully us into supporting Scenario B, which we want no part of!
Children are the future leaders of the world, and we need to put them in the best position to succeed.
Please please please unleash the resources in this community to make sure kids learn how to read. Classroom teachers need staff development and must be held accountable
please keep security of our schools at the forefront.
I would like to see another proposal with additional alternatives or, at a minimum, clearly show the comparison of current maintenance costs compared to this capital request.
You need to present to the community another scenario that is more in line with what folks can afford with our current economy.
All of my children went to Midland public schools and now attend color have careers. No need for two high schools
Utilize what the school has. Everything does not need to be new to do great things
How about looking at what we have in place that is not being used to the full potential.
When asking for feedback, don't just ask the people who will pay for the project, ask the people who the project will affect. Make sure the students, parents, and people who will pay are happy with the decision.
Be careful spending other people's money
We need more transparency on what is being proposed. There are many rumors floating around. I asked some questions when filling out the survey. They need to be answered in a way that is easy to review and respond to.
I would also like to see classroom instructional material being addressed. Our buildings may be getting old and/or need repairs, but some of our textbooks are aging out very rapidly yet this was not discussed at all.
I don't want to send my kids to larger middle/high schools than they already are. I would likely look at other schooling for my kids if middle schools and high schools were combined.
I appreciate that the arts & athletics are considered in the bond. Please continue to support both equally. You are blessed with an incredible arts program and wonderful teachers. These students & teachers deserve support and to be recognized for all the work they are doing and the beautiful music they are making.
A combined high school will create less opportunities for kids to be involved in extra curricular activities. Today kids have lots of opportunities for involvement. Combining the high schools will reduce that.

<p>If your going to build a new elementary then have one wing designed for pre primary instead of slamming them in with older kids. The current center works as a well organized team. I understand the building might be in disrepair but the programs run in the center need the support of each other. It is its own MP's family just like a middle school or HS. In my opinion you would be doing a big disservice to the midland community if you break up and scatter this school family. These little ones are the foundation and future of midland why not give them the best advantage you can. This is where it starts so why tear the family apart. Seems like midland would want to do whatever they could to build a strong foundation for the future.</p>
Find a cheaper alternative
I would actively petition my community/neighbors to vote no on millage if Scenario B was on the ballot in May.
Combining high schools limits opportunities for students to participate in sports and other activities. Graduating classes are very large today - to combine 2 high schools worth of students together is simply too large and I would expect student mental health will suffer. Students would get lost in the shuffle. I can't believe anyone with any intelligence would ever think scenario b is a good idea.
Everyone is broke.
How much of classroom capacity is being filled currently. Why can't renovations be used vs new buildings.
Why would you want to change both Midland and Dow High into 1 new high school? Once a Chargers always a Chargers.
We are all millionaires .Stop spending like you are.
You'd change Midland as a community by going to one school. Sports would be better served by maintaining the rivalry over adding expensive facilities for one school
Please please do not combine high schools! It is not needed and not a good idea. I'm a tax payer and so opposed to scenario B
Keep up the good work
Thank you for the messaging!
I do not know one parent who is for 2 high schools
<p>Continue to create the community feeling in the schools. I think the elementary schools do a good job. But I don't think the middle and high schools have as much of that feeling. Maybe use positive reinforcement tickets for the older kids too. Give teachers a way to promote positive behavior and kindness.</p> <p>I would love to see even more security measures in the schools. Maybe door braces in every room. School violence is literally my largest fear for my children.</p> <p>And make sure to look at the side streets and the rural roads when considering snow days. As a parent I would rather kids be safe and make up days at the end of the year than drive on</p>

unsafe roads. We live in the city. But growing up I lived in the country and I worry about the younger drivers.
I understand facilities needing to be updated. But instead of completely restructuring our school system, please, please, please engage with city planners to bridge the economic divide that is being created by new construction. Income-based housing should not solely be built on one side of town. Conversely, higher end family homes should not solely be built on one side of town. The Midland High side of town has more empty commercial building eye-sores than it should have. And it is also the area where low income housing units continue to pop up. How is that attracting any new businesses and families to this area? Our property values are going to decrease. We need to bridge the DHS/MHS gap. We can do that with improved city planning, disbursing housing types and construction efforts.
If something like this goes through, it is on you to keep the promises you make to the community. I heard Penny speak and felt that it was the same I heard with Sharrow and in the end was so dissapointed. Penny and board - PLEASE fix the people problems first. PLEASE address student behavior. PLEASE address mental health of the students and also, especially, the teachers. Brick and mortar can look amazing, but if you don't care for the people, that fancy brick and mortar means nothing. I've seen dilapidated buildings be run by amazing people and be very successful. Let's help the people be amazing in MPS.
Why another separate election? What will that cost? The last one was over 100,000.00 and poorly attended.
I wouldn't support any investments that don't include ALL of our students in the resulting improvements. I would rather have fewer wants for everyone than have anyone go without what they need. And if folks who LIVE with physical challenges aren't part of the physical design process, I'll be VERY angry. (for example, Plymouth's ramp feels miles away from the office, which is the primary entrance of the school. I think it's changed now, but last year, I think the classrooms with students who most needed that ramp was on the other side of the damn school. *every* student in the building can use a ramp; that should be the default way to access the building. period.)
Midland likes and needs two high schools.
You will never make everyone happy
Times are tough for many people economically, even in Midland. We support our students, always have. But coming for another mileage right now, doesn't feel right.
Don't give up on Midland! Go with Scenario A!
I am concerned about putting all grades together so early. The quantity of students would be very large. I also don't support a combined high school
With economy so uncertain, I can't see the school board stressing tax payers out with increased taxes. Our taxes have already increased, just like everything else except my wages. I am the working poor and these plans are NOT necessary. Fix what has to be replaced and continue with what we have.

<p>No need to contact me. Just wanted to show that I support this proposal.</p> <p>Keep up the meetings to inform the public. They do not understand.</p> <p>Possible meetings:</p> <p>School-educators (we have people asking questions about the proposals and I would like to be accurate)</p> <p>Take out ads in the paper</p> <p>Visit church groups</p> <p>Creative 360</p> <p>Social Media blitz</p> <p>Lions Club</p> <p>Rotary</p> <p>Eagles</p> <p>DHS and MHS Athletic Boosters</p> <p>DHS and MHS Band/Orchestra Boosters</p>
<p>Please do not condense the intermediate & high schools . Many opportunities will be lost for many , many students because of the huge student population academically & in extra curricular activities!!!</p>
<p>Do not put forward option B or B2, we will vote it down. If the schools need this funding as desperately as you say, option A or the maintenance funding only is your best hope.</p>
<p>Please don't combine high schools — this is not going to be what is best educationally or developmentally to prepare kids for the next level</p>
<p>More children care for younger</p> <p>3-5 year old full time</p>
<p>Tighten your belts on spending! Quit asking for more money!</p>
<p>There needs to be a systematic change to auxiliary and special education programming at the elementary level. The prep time given to elementary teachers is not equitable compared to teachers at the secondary level and they need more prep time in order to carry out new initiatives/curriculum. Co-teaching at the elementary level would be so beneficial in helping with special education caseloads and helping to students access the least restrictive environments.</p>
<p>Please don't make our schools so large. Kids thrive better in smaller schools with more opportunities to "shine".</p>
<p>The value of our small town schools is something that I have seen first hand after moving here from Texas (home of 4500 student schools), please do not go down this path, it might be more efficient but it is in no way better for the students.</p>
<p>Any of the 3 options would be less expensive than a private school and my child would still be receiving a superior education.</p>

Keep working hard for our kids. Thank you.
We moved to midland last year from grosse pointe because we saw the things that midland was doing much better than GP, for the incredible community feel and the layout of the grades. Do not make changes to what makes this district special. I know if B is implemented we will likely pull our kids and send them to meridian or bullock creek to keep that small community feel!
the need to work hard to get public buy-in for any of the proposals before the vote.
If there is one high school, how many of the students will not be able to participate in sports, band, choir, etc.?
Can we get more information on the mental health of combining the lower grades and the impact seen in other districts?
read my survey.
Consider whether there are community resources available to offset come costs related to the auxillary facilities at a new High School such as grants.
I find increasing property taxes at this time to be abhorrent. Having a tax hike on the ballot in a MAY election is unnecessary and it makes it appear as though MPS thinks they can rely on low turnout at the expense of tax payers. Additionally, I think MPS owns enough property as is. If future capital projects are approved, I suggest building them to last. This business of demolishing existing buildings built a few generations ago is silly.
Please offer the auditorium, pool, and new stadium centrally located along with Scenario A. Each of the auxiliary facilities can be stand alone buildings that could be used by both schools and we can keep both of Midland's high schools. The smaller high schools along with the Midland/Dow cross town rivalry are part of what makes our school district and our town great! We have two wonderful high schools under the Midland Public Schools umbrella!
Thank you for detailing these alternatives and seeking feedback from the community. Please consider not only the financials and estimated academic metric outcomes of each, but also the cultural impact to the entire city. So much of what is good about Midland cannot be easily measured, and potentially impacted unintentionally.
Teachers are the most critical aspect of the educational system not facilities.
Two separate high schools.
Please answer how why I should support any initiative if the board is unable to maintain buildings appropriately. Stating that the buildings are old is not acceptable.
Thank you for eliciting input from so many groups. Also, don't be afraid to be brave and bold. Sometimes a community needs to be convinced that a certain direction is the way we should go.
School of choice families should have a voice in this vote.
would love to see us address overcrowding in young elementary.
Please don't combine the schools. So many areas that have done it have regretted it

You're doing a great job. Keep it up.
please read my comments
Thank you for your leadership to address our facility needs!
I think option A has the better chance to pass although I think in the long run option B with the additional items would be best for our community. Change is hard for people and so are added costs.
Keep the hometown rivalry
Midland is in a bad situation concerning pools. Jefferson Middle School was lost and never replaced. This has put a large strain on the very large community that utilizes pools in Midland. The Dow High School swim team is probably the best program north of Metro Detroit in that whole region of the state. Midland Dolphins has over 900 registrations each year. There's Master's Swimming programs for adults, large youth swim lesson programs in town, and a synchronized swimming group in the community. Overall, I think the impact of additional pool space would greatly benefit a large number of people after aging facilities across the City of Midland (GMCC, Plymouth, and MPS) have caused quite a strain on this group.
Thank you for the informative presentation Monday night. It helped clarify questions I had and solidified my support for scenario A. While I do not have any additional questions, I am available in case you have questions for me. Thank you.
Act in a principled manner that supports what's best for students & teachers rather than what seems most popular.
I love what you're doing, Penny! You have really taken this on and come up with some wonderful ideas to present from your team. We definitely need more space as we are growing and that's a great problem to have.
Please consider preserving our historical buildings and repairing them instead of just tearing everything down because it's old.
Watch your spending! The people of this community are not all rich -retirees have enough on their plate now to pay for!
Scenario A plus auxiliary please!!
Less Government involvement (ie. curriculum, standardized testing, funding.) Put God back into our schools. More History.
Midland has been blessed with support from the community for past bond issues, enhancement millage and other tax payer funded improvements. This ask may be beyond the capacity of the community where only around 30% have students. If you pursue a plan, build for the future without destroying the past.
Homeowners can't afford more taxation. It's too high already. Please don't increase them
Please keep the teachers and the individual students forefront in these decisions.
Please consider option A with upgrades for the high schools. We have a good educational reputation but the district are hampered by facilities or lack there of.

Red flags all around, seems off.
Focus as much as possible on improving academics over improving sports.
I am tired of always spending money but not really getting what we need.?
That I think scenario B is ridiculous and I am very very against it. I would vote no if it were on the ballot and I would speak out publicly about the downfalls of this scenario.
Scenario A+—get creative with finding and space for the stadium, auditorium, etc
No Electric buses
One of the areas of concern raised in December 2023 presentation was that many of the existing facilities were in need of repair, e.g., roofs past due. Why were these types of repairs and modifications not done on a regular or predefined interval? Why postpone so that all facilities are in a dire need of repair?
Please do not combine high schools. This will hurt the students and sports.
Provide the public with a lot more details explaining why these changes are needed.
Thank you! Your work is hard and often thankless. We appreciate you.
We welcome the vision for growth.
Property Taxes on the City of Midland are already very high.
I would support A or B but not the auxiliary facilities.
<p>If this goes through, please think about two things...</p> <p>1.) Cheapest is not always best. I have seen way too many MPS "improvements" handled by shoddy companies and they end up not really being improvements.</p> <p>2.) Naming new High School called Midland-Dow marries the two schools together and nods at our heritage, but pick a whole new color and mascot. Don't blend. We'd just end up looking like Saginaw Heritage (blue and green) and it encourages students to wear MHS/DHS stuff instead of embracing the new. The more we celebrate the change, the easier it will be.</p>
If you combine the high schools, it eliminates the Dow/Midland rivalry, which many kids look forward to participating in through different activities.
These plans are all unacceptable. You need a completely different focus group to come up with an alternative plan. This is not California this is Midland Michigan!
Please do not make one unified high school. The class sizes would become too large and students (who already psychologically struggle in their formative years) will become lost in the shuffle of hundreds of students in their class
Again as I have stated all this work you're doing was just redone except for rebuilding a new school. When is the cycle going to stop. It is for stadiums and pools let the outside organizations build them in instead of the other way around. When the golf course is in this town needed money from the city the city said they had become self-sufficient and they had to raise their prices. Maybe these swimming clubs and soccer clubs everybody else that wants to

use the stadium should do the same thing become self-sufficient and then the schools can rent if they need the space
My idea to build a school and use it to house the pre-k while they rebuild Carpenter, then use it to house NE kids while that is rebuilt, then use it as an elementary once everything else is done.
Thanks for all you do for our students. I love living (working) in a community that values education.
Ms. Miller, I understand that as superintendent it is important for you to establish a legacy, and I agree that it is important we upgrade and maintain these facilities, but both options have these plans that make no sense, I need more explanation about why you believe northeast needs to be torn down instead of fixed; If it is no longer safe for students please explain. As for having one high school traffic alone would be a nightmare. Sincerely, a concerned citizen.
Engage all staff in the design phase of the project and keep all students in mind to ensure equity.
I feel that change is important, as is learning to adapt to change. However, upending nearly every student and completely restructuring the district seems a tad extreme when scenario a would leave us with similar results. You'd have the building spaces available should district numbers increase or decrease, versus filling one or two schools with the current middle school/high school grades, leading to future overcrowding and inability to move at that time. Keeping the most long term flexibility is of utmost importance giving shifting in enrollment and unsteady funding, and reducing building counts would drastically decrease flexibility for the future. I also believe that the combined high school will result in increased costs and those will be recovered from staff cuts as well as from arts/music programs that set MPS apart from other districts.
What is the cost of maintaining existing structures.
Allot more money to teacher salaries so brighter students consider teaching as a profession. The c students became mediocre teachers in my high school.
How about scenario A with a new pool?
Midland has an upper and upper middle class of people that always vote in favor of every tax increase that's proposed because they want an aristocratic city. The people who are not financially as well off need a break. If the proposal is put on the ballet it will pass in the usual way and you going to hurt a lot of people that right now cannot afford to be hurt. Look outside your bubble, do you really agree that this is the time to be increasing costs when everyone else including business is looking for ways to hold or decrease costs? These scenarios can wait, give people time to recover.
Is there no option for the new auxiliary facilities to be built with Scenario A?
What will be built where Carpenter School is currently located?
The proposals as I have seen them have not discussed anything about timing of the various aspects of this large project. Addressing that would enhance the presentation.

I wonder if there is a scenario B/B+ option to utilize Dow as the jr high, midland as the senior high, and then rebuild NE as a fit for purpose 5/6 building. This would eliminate the need to purchase property and allow for only upgrades to the community stadium
I understand the population issue. But we need to keep in mind the mental health of our students above all.
Show and explain to the public how these scenarios came to exist. Providing the data being used to drive these decisions and more details would help educate the public.
Consider improving buildings rather than building a whole new one until it's essential.
Find a better way, and stop playing games with pretend choices to make us think we had any choice at all.
Since tearing down 4 elementary schools and selling another to ESA, I suggest you re-build your elementary in one of those areas. Tearing down Mills makes it so you are no longer servicing the children in the Northern areas and has increased their bus riding time. Look at your demographics and consider bus riding time for kids attending. Personally, I believe you will need 2 new elementary schools just to reduce crowding. I do wonder what you did with the money from selling Mills and the other school land.. shouldn't that be applied to off set costs to build new schools?
Would like both high schools to stay open but brought up to date. Think large auditorium is needed no matter plan.
Be more concerned about getting students quality attention, rather than brand new things
I hope you will base decisions on what is most beneficial to the majority of students and not eliminate those based solely on finances.
reassess options
This is a huge ask of our community. You're going to have to make a great case for whichever proposal you decide on with lots of detail and open communication with the community.
Don't put it on the ballot. Encourage walking and biking to school to reduce bussing costs.
There are many unknowns with all of the scenarios presented. The lack of answers for these unknowns indicates that the District is not ready to ask the community for money for these projects.
Keep up the good work.
Consider this- when you demolish the Pre-Primary Center, you will not only destroy a building but also a program. A program that was built on the foundation of play, collaboration with staff and students, the importance of being part of a team, of working hard to achieve a goal, of never giving up or giving in when times got hard, and always showing up each day with a smile even if it took all you had. We are a family. We have each other's backs. Even though we need a new foundation, (a new home) we can rebuild. It is my deepest hope that MPS considers the idea of establishing an Early childhood learning center where we will all be able to be reunited as one big happy family, doing what we love,helping out MPS's youngest learners.

I think combining high schools is not the right direction for the community. I am concerned it could create a bigger problem of overbuilding similar to what Midland addressed over the past 15-20 years with elementary school closures.
Private schools in the area find a way to beat your test scores without taking money from the tax payers. You get enough. Be fiscally responsible with what you have.
Just NO
Decreased class sizes, increasing teaching staff, increasing special education and student support services, and increasing para-professional supports are absolutely critical components to ensuring student success in all scenarios.
Think about the students and their mental health, which is much more important than a building.
Until the district addresses the need to replace and update the pools, I cannot support any bond proposals.
Is there any way we can implement proposal B without changing the grade level infrastructure?
Listen to the feedback provided. I know that many focus groups have already been convened and the feedback provided has been similar to mine.
Please have a plan in place for a pool when North East comes down. We beg of you. Our son wants to swim for the University of Michigan and he needs the support of this community to be able to do so. The Greater Midland Community center let us down in a huge way when it built a pool that is too shallow to dive into. If you take away North East's pool without an immediate replacement, you kill the dreams of these kids.
I lived though the merging of high schools 30+ years ago- and it was ugly and it is still a sensitive subject to many- people are still upset about 'losing their school' 30 years later! There were a lot of bad feelings between the students related to not making teams, student council, etc due to increased competition, perceived favoritism, different traditions, etc. I would never recommend merging high schools when other options exist. I would vote to pass Scenario A. I would not pass Scenario B.
Please find a better alternative solution to upgrading the schools that need upgrades. Combining the highschoools is not the answer.
Use NE, Carpenter and Jefferson to alleviate crowding at elem schools by making them 5-6. They are already in neighborhoods near partner elem schools.
Making schools bigger could potentially cause more issues with special needs students.
The fact that Penny Miller Nelson even has the job of Superintendent is exactly what is wrong with our board. Supposedly we did a "nation wide" search for a new Superintendent and the best candidate was the internal part time person who the board had earlier said was not qualified for the job. Send that to her
New and replacement bussing. Bussing should not be attached to this proposal. Separate millage proposal for bussing to the townships and areas bussing serves. Those in areas who do not utilize nor have access to bussing may not want to accept a millage for it.

Many citizens are uniformed and opinionated. Reaching out through social media in an interesting and attractive way may help. Maybe enlist the younger generation to create videos for tiktok, Snapchat, Instagram, etc
Please consider making necessary repairs only. Buildings will not increase effectiveness in education and the tax burden is already very great.
the introduction of scenario b shows to me what truly motivates the board. i understand the want to fund more activities, but this will come at the cost of your lower income students education. don't be stupid please :)
Having 2 high schools in town gives twice as many students opportunities in so many areas. Give twice as many students to be leaders in sports, academic competitions, in all extracurricular activities. Midland produces so many high achieving students who become some of the greatest leaders in the future. Why would you want to cut that in half? Cross town rivalries also pushes both schools fight harder to be the best in all arenas. Add a pool and a theater in plan A. I see no reason for another stadium since the one we have is in great shape!
I appreciate your attention to facility needs but I hope you'll consider other options that won't require such a large investment from our community and I hope you'll truly respect the kids & community when it comes to the tradition of our Dow/Midland rivalry.
<p>It is disappointing that the district does not see the value of an early childhood center and that there is not a scenario that includes one. This is not expanding the program. It's disbanding/dispersing it. The quality of early childhood education will suffer.</p> <p>Shifting 5th grade out does not seem like it would create enough space for PK/DK offerings, auxiliary teachers and special services/ESA to have a classroom or work space. Is there a projected budget for additional licensing needs for each elementary building?</p> <p>In general, class sizes are way too large. Any scenario that would increase overall class size (classroom or graduating class) will not have my vote.</p>
Simple is best. Think from the perspective of incoming families to MPS - what will be clearest for them to follow? What will be most convenient for them and their kids for activities in and out of the classroom? What will serve our students/staff best?
Smaller class sizes are a MUST. DK should NEVER have more than 18 per class and kindergarten should be 20 and under. Elementary school class sizes should NEVER have over 25. If we are trying to build relationships, give these kids the connections they need/crave, we NEED to do better by helping the teachers and support staff with smaller numbers and less on their case load.
<p>Going with Scenario B and combining our current secondary schools would lead to a more diverse student body (I wrote more about this is in why I liked Scenario B).</p> <p>Thank you for getting student input in addition to parents and staff!</p>
This proposal is a terrible waste of Taxpayer money.
I believe that these extra facilities are absolutely necessary if we do option B. The choices should really be A or B (with facilities)

The current scenarios as presented need some work. I would not go forward with either as they are written today. The performing arts and athletic component for scenario A needs to be more clearly defined and/or modify the auxiliary option that is currently part of B and bundle it with scenario A.
If it's not broken don't fix it
I think it would be great to have a new high school with dow and Midland students through 10-12th graders
It is very difficult to focus in class in high school. There are always problems with small classes with a large amount of students, specifically in the high-level courses. There is also an issue with the heating and cooling each room has a different temperature and is uncomfortable. There are almost no windows in the classroom creating a less comfortable environment. I love the IB program but Midland is lacking in their available IB classes and students; they aren't at the same level as Dow is.
Do not feel the need to change something that works.
Removing the two high schools would be an incredibly bad idea for the community. The one thing the community loves is going to the Midland Vs Dow Games.
It is likely the local area Foundations will provide support, as well pursuing grants from other entities is important.
I am concerned we are focusing on delivering education in a format similar to how it has been delivered for decades. It is possible that e-learning will gain accelerated traction & these buildings will become ghost towns.
Scenario B with aux. will build MPS into a district very similar to our competitors (i.e. Grand Blanc) and can strengthen the support of student interests.
While I personally would support the auxiliary facilities, the price tag may too high for a favorable ballot outcome. The wisest move politically, though maybe not the most efficient may to get the new high school built and deal with the auxiliary facilities later if there is much dissatisfaction with the compromise of using the old ones.
dont do it
Focus on what we have, fix the staffing issues and fix the lack of special needs training. The esa is amazing and fixed my child yall deemed a bad kid.
These proposals are just stop-gap solutions. Why can some of the buildings suddenly be "modernized" while others must be torn down? An old building is an old building. How long do you predict these changes will sustain the district? Will you be back in another 10 years asking for another bond to build another new school?
Do you know where the CIA agent, Bruce Towers is? I can't find him. He spent some time in Midland, MI. He also has two daughters. The oldest one lives in Bloomington, IL, and the youngest one lives in Chicago, IL.

Thank you for serving our community.

I ask that you keep in mind the value of students being involved in their high school community and the positive data around the success of students who are a part of their school in some way - academics, athletics, clubs, visual and performing arts, etc.

Conversely, please keep in mind that combining the high schools does not mean we can just double the number of kids in the play, sports teams, clubs, etc. Some students will get cut or make teams but have little chance to participate.

So, if I need to pay a bit more for more kids in our community to find success as a member of a group, team, club, play, band, etc that helps build their positive character, I'm all for it.

Your video mentions that 55 to 60% of the buildings will need new roofs, yet nowhere in this proposal is there any indication that the ridiculously huge amount of money requested will actually replace those roofs. Having been in facility management all my career, I have never seen a proposal for so much money with literally no break down or information detailing what that money is being spent on. This is standard best business practice to justify and detail what is being proposed.

Not everyone works for Dow, people are having a hard time paying rent and buying groceries and I pray it doesn't get worse. We need Trump not the losers that are in office now. I am a widow on a fixed income and cannot afford higher taxes Please think of this instead of having fun spending our money

This topic will be a hot-button topic within the community for a while. I understand people's frustration with the cost, but we need to continue reminding everyone that it is our responsibility to educate the children of our community. We all know what can happen when education standards are not met, and with Midland families expecting a high-quality education, we need to provide high-quality facilities. As much as we would hate to see the rivalry end between the two high schools, we fully support Scenario B+.

After attending the meeting on Sept. 30, it was mentioned that we could be 3-4 years out of this. Based on current enrollment, is there a way to see what the numbers would look like (classroom size, grade size, graduation class size, etc.) in 3-4 years – let's say starting with the class of 2029? If you put the current 8th graders (class of 2029) from Jefferson and Northeast into one building, what is that graduating class size – and work our way down? Which current grade has the most students? What is their graduating class size? I hope that makes sense 😊

A few additional questions:

Are there any talks about MPS taking back middle school sports from the community center if scenario B happens? As much as it was appreciated that the community center stepped in years ago to save our middle school sports, it is not ideal for what sports have merged into for younger athletes.

I can go into more detail about this if necessary, but I just wanted to include this idea to explore.

What is the life expectancy of the remaining schools? When are the current Midland High and Dow High buildings expected to reach their end of life? How long until a decision about those buildings or any other buildings has to be made?

A big point of discussion is whether, if we combine them into one high school, there will be enough programming for all students. Is there a list of potential new ideas of what could be offered between sports and educational programming? Can we bring on additional MHSAA athletics like boys' volleyball, girls' flag football (I believe those are starting in the next few years), Field Hockey, gymnastics, etc? I have looked at other school districts like ours (some similar in size/tax base and others higher), and the programming these schools offer is the future. With the cost of college, I think parents would appreciate different opportunities that could help cut the cost of college. For example (other schools currently have these programs):

- on-site nursing programs where students can graduate high school with a nursing certification (or close to it)
- journalism (i.e. video news, radio, podcasting, etc.)
- fashion programs
- e-sports
- jewelry making
- vet medicine (i.e. grooming)
- culinary programs where students can obtain their food handlers license
- welding programs where students can obtain welding certifications

• The size of music/band classes keeps increasing, too. I know a football field can house a large band because it's done every year during the Midland/Dow Football game. But could you also break these numbers out? Like take the current middle schools band/orchestra sizes and chart it out.

Maybe MPS offers some of these programs now that we are not aware of yet. Our oldest is at Northeast. If not, sharing a list of what you would like to offer might help.

If you can, look for online tours of Carmel High School (IN), Owatana High School (MN), and Midway High School (not sure of location). They all have beautiful facilities and what MPS should aim to be/offer.

Thank you for being so thoughtful about the future of Midland. I know it's got to be difficult, especially when parents (as well as non-parent community members) can be so opinionated!

Disrupting all of the schools is not conducive to their education. This all is a logistic nightmare.

It seems to me, that someone new came in and they have to change something in order to show they now have power. Leave the schools alone and just focus on the upkeep.

I assume there were other options in the beginning of this process, but if there were not, how come? Why are there only 2 options?

Keep neighborhood schools, including two neighborhood junior and high schools

While I think option B is the right choice, I don't feel the community will support it and that there's a better chance of passing A

Having some form of timeline for both plans would be nice.

I know there is going to be great backlash about the cost, Midland taxes are already high. But, saying that, I still support whatever the board decides.

I appreciate the work that has gone into these proposals.

Thank you for being willing to think outside of the box and take chances with new ideas.

You have a tough job ahead of you. Good luck.

PUT THE MONEY IN TO IMPROVING CURRENT SCHOOLS

Very very against 9th graders in a middle school. My 9th grader is thriving in high school and is loving the inclusion he is reviewing by the upper class man at Midland High. It has been amazing to watch his growth this year socially and that would not happen if he was in a middle school in 9th grade.

tax is to high now

Consider adding more school psychologists and mental health support in our schools. This area is so needed. Statistics show 53% of Gen Z identifies as neurodivergent and I have seen so many of these students get lost, be unable to attend school, and struggle with mental health due to lack of supports in our schools.

Try to use as few buildings as possible, as that is less cost to taxpayers over the long term. Would try to avoid repurposing decommissioned buildings when there may be space in a currently used building. (Ex. At Dow if only 5th and 6th graders are there, there is probably room for other things like robotics too.) If the decommissioned buildings are done, go ahead and finish the work and sell the land (like Eastlawn).
Thank you for leading the charge :)
I think that there is something to be said for frugality, and deeply intentional change.
Do what is necessary to make our children smarter and more equitable in their perspectives.
Do not do at this time.
Go back to teaching reading, writing & arithmetic. Stop trying to be everything to everyone and "improve" the above. It hasn't been working. The new math isn't better and getting rid of cursive hasn't done one thing to improve our children's knowledge.
If High Schools are combined, our children will all go to Bullock Creek.
Having really only two scenario's isn't the entire picture. The reasons behind any of these decisions is not shown.
Take it in small chunks
I would love to see more support for our children that need any help with Special education resources (I know a number of children Struggling with reading) and something with bullying in our school. It's a Major issue that people won't Discuss out of fear of Making it worse.
Consideration for scenerio A with auxiliary facility for schools to share?
Smaller steps with cost over time. Too ambitious with building and taxpayer bond cost.
Talk to your teachers and staff and actually listen to and consider their opinions. They are the ones who interact with MPS students every day and exist in these buildings. They are the ones who know what is needed and what will work best.
Progress = change
Spend money to maintain current facilities! Why did it come to this. MPS has always been one of the best and Scenario B is a joke and insult to community along with someone not thinking of students or community. Not sure how board even would consider this being good.
Midland needs to maintain its reputation of excellence. Old failing buildings would not entice someone to choose Midland. I'm sure cost is a huge issue to the older population. But they need to remember when their children went to MPS, it was the best of the best. A few hundred dollars a year to pay for this improvement will make their property values stable and probably increase more than without it. MPS needs to target all young families and encourage them to vote for this proposal. B2 would help many, many children. I'm sure location of the new high school is a big concern for voters.

Schools should remain separate so that students become numbers or get lost among the crowds. More students will have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities and sports teams
Please do not let the misguided opinions of others distract the board from its overall goal of providing our children with the greatest possible opportunities for education.
Are there any norms that were left unquestioned?
I would like to see the transparent communication continue. I would also like to make sure staff input is valued regarding developmental appropriate practices at all grade levels.
Great work in developing these proposals, being transparent about them and sharing them with the public through this method
Please do not combine high schools or change the middle schools. We cannot afford higher taxes!
I would like to see a bigger scoreboard at Midland Community Stadium. Something like the pros have. Let's be smart about taxpayer money. No one wants to pay more out in this economy.
Please do not create a mega sized high school. We already have two class A schools
Why don't you focus on teaching our kids a quality education, instead of worrying about raising our taxes? Worry less about pleasing the LGBTQ community and focus on treating ALL students the same, no student is better than the other, but Not everyone learns the same way, focus on teaching ALL students in the way they NEED to be taught. Teach RESPECT for our Country and each other.
Please push for auxiliary package if we build new high school. We also need to know location proposal asap!
Siebert is overcrowded and new boundaries must be established because of how fast Larkin is growing. And healthier food choices!
Is there an option to add the auxiliary package to scenario A?
Think about the negative impact these plans will have on families that are struggling financially.
<p>Please push the option you prefer and think is best to the public harder. You've done a great job at the beginning of gathering opinions. But now it is time to push hard to the public. As community members and stakeholders, we have been listening to a lot of people who still feel uninformed. It's important to give the cold, hard facts about why this change is necessary. Tell them for an average household it will only be a dollar a day more in taxes. Don't tell them or focus on the big \$340 million bond. Tell them how it will directly affect them. Which, according to Phil said it would be a dollar a day per household for a \$250,000 house essentially. That is much more manageable for families to hear.</p> <p>Some stakeholders are saying there's going to be less opportunity for sports and academics. Give the cold hard facts that Midland has not had a freshman baseball team for four years because they don't have enough players going out. That is a perfect example of how one high school would create more opportunity. Outside of the Midland and Dow rivalry we have not been very competitive athletically in the sports that Midland has historically been great at.</p>

People don't realize that graduating classes of seniors this year are almost half as big as they were 15 years ago. People are still thinking that Midland public schools and it's facilities are thriving just as it was 15 years ago. Which is not the case.
No matter what the district needs a new pool.
Take your time and do it right
Communication and transparency will be key for any of these options.
I believe you should always do what's best for the students. I like the size of the two middle schools and high schools because it offers more students the chance to be in sports, arts, clubs, etc without being just a face in the crowd. I kind of wish you could build new performing arts center, stadium, and pool, but keep the two middle/high school option.
MPS needs to go back to the drawing board and focus on cutting costs. Try cutting fat out of the budget to show you are being a good steward of resources before asking for more money. Eliminate waste.
I would consider offering a scenario A plus auxiliary facilities. Pool at midland and stadium at Dow plus updates to both buildings.
Seriously need to reconsider is Northeast needs to be razed. Can it be updated to meet the reasonable needs of education? It's been more than adequate for a long time. What has changed? I haven't seen the data used to drive these choices. How do I know the options I've been given are "smart"?
If I was forced to choose I would choose scenario A but I hope neither one make it to the ballot.
There are going to be a lot of questions, what ifs, and push back...I know you'll do your do diligence and what's best for MPS. :)
I love that you are taking a look at the facilities as a whole and trying to do what is best for the district. But remember that when we are changing things about physical buildings, we are also taking into account that students in those buildings are going to have to change their entire lives as well. Combining all these kids into one high school is a terrible idea.
Please do not unify the high schools. Make improvements to what we have without costing me more money. I can't understand why a district would need to spend all this money. Is this going to make test scores higher? At our current rate of proficient I believe we need to focus on teaching the children better rather than spending money I do not have.
The social impact of this project is incredibly important. Our children are already dealing with the stressors of education and the pressure of being successful, building and maintaining friendships, bullying, sports and stressful schedules, home lives, hormones, etc. Uprooting their lives for such a major change as is laid out in Scenarios B and B+ would have poor social-emotional outcomes, in my opinion.
Are there ways to reduce cost of capital (I.e. leasing, donating building to avoid demo cost), etc
Please have two High Schools
I will support whichever path the district chooses. All three are solid plans. If it were possible to do option B and then the extra stuff 5-ish years later, to phase in the extra costs it would be nice.

Make the name of the high school Midland Dow with blue and gold.
Keep the high schools, build a new middle school for 5th-6th and switch the elementary schools to pre-K-4th grade
We appreciate our school district very much and we are blessed in so many ways, we hope you listen to the community so we can continue to live in one of the best communities.
Cross town rivalry is a tradition I would hate to see removed. Half of the youth would get opportunities to participate in sports if went down to one school.
Keep the highschoools. And if you are going to do any remodeling or updating, security for all the buildings would be highly needed. We need to be prepared for higher security, especially with how many entrances the schools have, with the current school climates across the US.
Do not eliminate the high schools
Both scenarios are way too costly and should not be put forth. Break this up into 5-7 manageable pieces over 10+ years.
You need to stop fragmenting and separating proposal B and present the TRUE cost of constructing a new high school including all transportation costs with busing advanced students to and from various buildings, the true cost of rebranding all secondary athletic and music uniforms (\$1 million), the cost of enhanced security in larger buildings, and the cost of top of the line facilities so there is an apples to apples comparison between proposals. The current one is shady at best and reeks of someone wanting to pad their resume in order to say, "Look what I did, hire me to do this for you."
In today's world, I worry about social-emotional and mental health of our youth. I believe schools are community hubs and safe spaces for so many in a turbulent world landscape. I love the notion of an additional elementary added to the mix—an additional hub where neighboring and community can live! I also love that 2 high schools and 2 middle schools remain in tact—4 more hubs for community to form and thrive. The thought of one mega high school comprised of a larger student body than already exists at our 2 high schools leaves me worried for our adolescents in finding their high school one that offers a sense of and opportunities for accessible belonging. I worry more high schoolers may feel more of a number than already do.
Up date all schools and just build one high school with grades 9th to 12th still
How about not make it so hard to get information to elementary students about very important and beneficial clubs like scouts. The decision to eliminate being able to send our paper fliers or to go into the classrooms and talk to kids like we have in years past is killing the programs. People don't read digital fliers. Also would love to see the security detectors in elementary schools like they are in middle and high school.
Add the auxiliaries to scenario a.

I think adding a new building on current property, like where Cook Elementary was, and keeping preprimary with the addition of kindergarten into one building is a better idea. The playground can be made with the state requirements for preschool ages. The addition of support staff and Kindergarten camp in one building with the existing comradeship that exists at Carpenter.
How about adding the additions to Scenario A. Or maybe propose an auditorium that can stage a full symphony orchestra with space for a chorus who may have performances that have a chorus with them so we may be able to perform works of music that we couldn't be able to perform before.
I moved to Midland in 2014. I am from Bay County and attended Bay City Central High school. Has the history of the current buildings ever been considered? My great grandfather, grandfather and father all attended Bay City Central High. That particular school was built in 1923. The building is rich in history and the county has fixed it up, made improvements and it keeps being used. I don't understand why Midland knocks things down and builds new when it might not even be warranted. All on the backs of tax payers. If I had to pick, I would say scenario A but I will not vote yes on a bond proposal raising my yearly taxes by the amount suggested. It feels extremely unnecessary. Come up with a new idea.
The key is educating the community about the benefits of these proposals. Most people have an initial reaction without fully understanding all the potential benefits with these proposals. It's time for Midland to make a bold move to take our public schools to the next level.
Get rid of Barton Malow and the current architect firm, they were horrible on the last Bond program. Be transparent with the needs, wants, and whys for each.
How do you justify building new schools when schools were torn down years ago and will be again? There's nothing here about curriculum.
Please maintain two high schools. ALL students deserve opportunities. Consolidation will foster a severely competitive environment and will not support overall student mental health. Please consider your teachers and that no plan has been communicated about how their positions may be maintained or altered by possible consolidation. Consider your families who rely on being able to walk to their neighborhood elementary school. Consider your lower income families who do not always have access to activities and involvement simply due to lack of transportation as the district currently stands and that the consolidation is likely to make that matter worse if we are unable to provide transportation through the school.
Spend the time and money to get the message in front of the voters.
This is not the economic climate to ask people for more money.
Let's not make this more complicated than it has to be.
Please do not join the middle and high schools together. The town has long had a friendly rivalry that decades have enjoyed. With only one high school so many students will miss out of playing sports as they will be cut from the team. Scenario B is a horrible and more costly idea.
Keep up the forward motion!

Horrible idea ! Just ask for a tax increase for the cost that will help keep things the way they are. There are many years of traditions of MHS and DHS that will be lost forever. I feel parents will move from the area to find them. Spending money will not save money. Close 2 elementary schools and move them to central/and the one you keep.
I think that scenario B will take away from the sense of community that we currently have at MPS.
Make do with what you have. I know it is uncomfortable, but we pay enough in taxes as is. I REALLY don't want to pay more.
Graduating classes of 800 is terrible. I was in one.
Don't settle for half-way measures. Make both high schools fully independent high schools with complete facilities for all activities. Sharing facilities is a poor situation that favors one school over another.
I think these are great solutions. Great presentation... it was clear and easy to follow.
Do not go through with either proposal
I think Option A with adding on a pool complex is something that would gain more support than the full scope of the add-ons with Option B. The Dow High pool could be filled in and repurposed for something else (robotics space for the district?). Option A maintains community elementary schools which was an original vision of the district and worth preserving. Perhaps kids will walk to school again someday! :)
Leave the 2 high schools! Crosstown rivals are important and must stay.
I would just say that we need to change the minds of the good ole' boys. The people that don't have kids or are so rooted in their Alma matter that they can't see the forest through the trees. We need a staunch marketing campaign on Equity and why this is as important for the kid that lives in the trailer or the kid that hangs at the country club...
Midland does not need a mega-high school. Two high schools, as in Traverse City and Portage are a better fit for this community, but Northeast and Carpenter need to go and both schools need auditoriums suitable for Class A high schools.
QUIT WASTING MONEY, Fix what's there, quit trying to copy stuff that isn't going to work.
don't demo schools and then ask to build new ones
Property taxes have gone up drastically the last couple of years as home values increase. How is that money being used and why is that not enough?
You are in for a tough haul. Emphasize how students will benefit. None of these plans really state that. PreK with older kids. is this best? Emphasize barrier free facilities. Dow high is not. That may be a better building to consider eliminating. Good luck. You are in for sleepless nights and animosity. I sincerely wish you a tough skin, the ability to keep what is best for MPS as the focus. Be prepared for multiple millage votes. Don't let the radical religious right run the school system and ban books or whatever.

Scenario B rocks the boat too much. I also have no idea where the new high school would be located and how the city would respond to that because it could end of being north of US 10 and people would not like that.
Don't be discouraged, keep the focus on student learning and work to lower class size, particularly in elementary grades.
Penny. We're happy you got the job but you got handed an giant bag of \$%%\$ to manage. The best solution would be A with a performance arts building Much less expensive to upgrade existing buildings and build a performing arts building since the center no longer feels the community has value to allow the schools to use the facility. Everything else is a waste of money a loss of teachers and will be the fastest way to lose marginalized students. Sad and wasteful
What will happen to the building that are closed? (Carpenter and Jefferson). Will they be sold or auctioned? Will that money go toward the new proposal? If not, where will the money go?
Focus on education. The school buildings are fine. You want tax payers to pay more but you keep demolishing buildings. Get a grip. Stop worrying about DEI and pandering to fringe groups. I am ashamed to be a MPS alumnus.
I have voted in and supported every millage my entire life and do not ever recall any failing but if you build a new highschool and deny opportunity to so many because of only one highschool I hope it is voted down
The public needs to hear that long-term with enrollment dropping, Scenario B makes the most sense for the district financially and we can't upkeep two high schools or keep two high schools as top tier in the state. We stand a chance to do so with one combined high school. Folks need to hear that we need a Bond Proposal no matter what and share why doing nothing isn't an option.
show that you are spending our tax dollars wisely. For the bond money just received and spent can you show how much was received and everything is was spent on along with the \$ spent for each line item.
This is not needed. Families need their income to provide during this very very trying times.
come up with a more modest plan, if repairs and improvements were made yearly instead of waiting , perhaps a more modest plan could be proposed
Make do with the beautiful facilities you already have at your disposal. Concentrate more on improving scholastic outcomes.
Could Scenario A with auxiliary options to build performing arts center and competitive pool be an option? Thank you for leading our community through the exciting but challenging time of growth.
Learn to operate within your means.
Work more to find a solution at lower cost. I cannot afford/support the level of tax increase proposed here for either scenario. It looks pretty "gold plated" to me.

Before asking for more from the community, please demonstrate that the money you're currently receiving from the community is managed responsibly.
I personally cannot understand why anyone would choose Scenario B (or B+C). Part of me wonders if MPS is proposing two options to get everyone riled up, in hopes that everyone jumps at the chance of voting for Scenario A when they see it on the ballot... vs. voting 'no' altogether.
Consider the children's perspective, moving to a new environment is always taxing on young minds, and option B is filled with it. also housing all the kids of the same grade level in one building reduces opportunity for school athletics, would increase class size across the board.
Be transparent in where exactly all the funds will be going, show the community mockups of the buildings and the locations. Address all of the issues we have with the buildings. Mold in ANY building is not acceptable, broilers causing gas leaks are not acceptable, sewage backups in the buildings are not acceptable, we are sending our children here if we had these conditions in our personal homes our children would be removed from the home. I would also prefer to see our teachers and staff getting raises so that we can retain the amazing staff we have at MPS. You truly have a great team at MPS but I can tell you they aren't compensated that way, nor do they feel as valued by administration as they do by parents.
Keep up the good work, you won't ever please us all but an 80% solution that moves a head is infinitely better than a 99% solution that stalls. Education should always win, otherwise you end up with the Donald having a fighting chance at running the country again. As a parent I am ultimately responsible to educate my daughter and prepare them for the world the school system and educators help me achieve that and I cannot thank you all enough.
You reverted away from middle school going to 9th grade years ago. Why go backwards?
Please go with option a
I am a robotics mentor for MHS. I noticed that this was removed from the scope of the auxiliary buildings. What is the plan for the robotics space, will it be an added wing to the new building? If the option A is selected, will a new robotics facility be built?
I do believe looking into a new home for the pre primary center would be ideal
Kids are the important factor, but we need to run our schools like a business.
The fact that all options presented represent significant tax hikes to a community already reeling from cost of living pressures is disheartening. If the majority of the needed work was covered by and planned for with existing taxes, and this discussion was about a portion of the overage proposed as a potential tax hike, that would be a different story. The current scenarios, as proposed, I find insulting as a longtime Midland tax payer. I expect (and demand) better from elected officials.
If we kick the can down the road, it just delays the inevitable. Might some of our larger community partners be willing to put some money towards this which could lower the cost to the public?

Good luck, this is a hard decision to make. Keep student safety and well-being at the forefront over money.

I am excited for our future with you as our Superintendent. I know you have Midland and our schools at the heart of your decisions.

Make the BEST decision for the kids attending Midland Public Schools. I trust you and your expertise to make the best decision, without bias.

NO ONE NEEDS TO CONTACT ME ABOUT MY INPUT.

I'm sure there has been a lot of work put into this issue. I just don't feel the urgency, the problems, the strategy has been communicated effectively; and now you want our input. What ideas have been considered but discarded, and why?

The time to invite the public to informational meetings is NOT after the plans have been developed. This should have happened before the planning process started. Now the public has automatically been placed into a defensive posture by your design.

Keep the grades the way they are (K-5th, 6-8th, 9th-12th) with two high schools, keep or rebuild the pre primary center. Carpenter is an incredible school and it is important to keep all the little and their educators together

If it costs everyone money, please try to benefit the most people possible. Proposal 2 does that.

Inflation is high, interest rates are high and construction cost are astronomical. Why are we looking to add property tax cost now?

Most concerned with keeping classroom sizes small. Solution must be student focused and not an attempt at cutting jobs.

If we go with the larger, combined high school, I am worried that we will lose students/families to neighboring, smaller schools like Bullock Creek and Meridian.

Please consider my previously noted concerns/questions in this survey. AND have you assessed potential district population changes if/when Dow Chemical were to move corporate headquarters elsewhere. Does scenario A or B revert well to a smaller district population? We can't take anything for granted. Imagine how something like that would drastically impact the district and greater area.

Pay your paras more.

Quit treating your preschool staff like second rate citizens. When everyone got one time bonuses. You gave them the same bonus as those who cut the grass in the district. (What message do you think that sent to them? They are the foundation of MPS. Give them the respect and support they deserve.

Make choices which are flexible, i.e. facilities, for the evolving needs of the district while being conscious of long-term debt via bonds.

It's very exciting to see the district thinking through possible solutions to continue serving the community and growing student population in Midland. I would challenge all involved in this project to really think outside the box and come up with a possible plan C that involves a more cost-effective refurbishment of certain facilities, instead of just building new ones. How can we transform what we already have available to us?

I worry that such significant changes, like the ones proposed, will inadvertently drive families away from Midland and the district because they simply cannot afford it.

Our teachers are struggling without paraprofessionals and counseling assistance for ADHD and other neurodivergent children. Bullock Creek offered far better accommodations in this area.

Please consider what is going to keep people in midland. Quality schools is certainly a drawn but so is affordable housing, kids who graduated are going to have to find somewhere else to live and homeownership in Midland might not be a reality.

Please remember to listen to all voices. Too often decisions are made by people who do not have to daily deal with the decisions that are made. Also, when considering places to remove cost it is easy to forget who you are trying to serve with the improvements. Again, listen to the parents, teachers and students who will be impacted directly.

I am now a teacher. With that being said, Midland Public Schools is absolutely the best district I have had the pleasure of being in (substitute teaching). Please continue to think about how this affects the students from a change perspective and from a drive for academic excellence perspective. Our students thrive off the energy of wanting to achieve to their fullest potential. Please do not implement a large change that will result in a loss of school pride and individuality.

Please do not combine High Schools. There are too many behavioral issues, anxiety etc. Changing schools that much is hard on a lot of students. And it would take away the chance for half of the athletes in the 2 schools to play the sports they love.

Option A with an auxiliary/community pool facility would be a huge win for this community. This area has an excellent swim program that could benefit from better facilities similar to Holland, MI.

Put the most popular option based on feedback (not personal opinion) on the ballot.

Make sure we are not just building excellent schools, which I support, but also paying the classroom instructors a good wage!

I want to know what the plans are to increase the literacy rate in our schools

Good work. There is a lot of information to consider with all of the options that are ahead - definitely pros and cons to all.

You don't need to contact me specifically, but I will be looking for answers to my concerns.

I don't care if we go with Scenario A or B at the end of the day but we NEED the auxiliary facilities package.

Promote the new high school with all the facilities.

Great job! I know its a hard road and decision. Midland does not like change and I understand the history and nostalgia of this city.

I am happy to talk to school leadership about my concerns, specifically with the Pre-Primary Center. Normally, I always support our school bonds, but this one is really not sitting well with me.
No matter what is done, we are a community that values having both Midland High and Dow High. Whatever we do should preserve that.
Improve existing school infrastructure in a way that isn't disruptive to students and teaching staff/doesn't result in greater competition among students for access to teachers, clubs, organizations, extracurriculars etc. e.g. recent additions to Plymouth, Chestnut Hill, Adams
Please pay attention to the teachers that take this survey. We are the ones who will be working at all of these buildings. Doing this wrong will result in a staff that is mistreated and miserable.
No Not the time. Where is the corps in all of this?
Find another way to fund this project.
Thanks for taking a thorough look at the current state of the district as well as thinking forward for the needs. I appreciate you seeking input and providing information to the community in the clearest way you can! Thanks for your work!
Combining schools doesn't help the future of students attending both Midland and Dow High Schools.
Thank you for being proactive. The scenario that would raise my home value is the one I would choose.
New buildings are great but the people inside is what matters most.
If you want this to go through you need to truly think what is best for the kids and families of this community. We are all not made of money and all deserve a chance to live financially sound, play and be a part of school activities
This is going to need a lot more solid information about site planning for new facilities and details. If this doesn't match the bare minimum what you would bring to a bank as a business proposal, then it's not going to go over well with the community.
<p>I greatly support MPS' vision and your work to provide high-quality, safe education for the students of Midland (including my kiddo!). Excellent, welcoming schools are critical to making Midland a community of choice. However, these are pretty radical changes that I doubt will be met with much community support and may lead to a further decrease in enrollment and community trust. I would recommend providing many more details OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS about these scenarios, including case studies from other communities who have moved to this model and seen success. It's also very critical, especially in Midland, to share the "why" - why do these changes make sense? What happens if we don't change? Why is *this* the model(s) you've selected?</p> <p>I love the quality of education my child receives at MPS and I don't want that to be compromised through any changes that are made.</p>
Kids can learn anywhere, in any building. Let's shift our focus to an educational approach that encourages whole-person growth and learning that encompasses "big picture" thinking that delves into cross-subject connections and broad applications.

I appreciate your thoughts and hard work into keeping our district safe for our kids! Change can be hard for the community but I know a lot of thought has gone into what could be best for everyone.
Do not combine the highschoools.
The communities of DHS and MHS are very different. The combination of these communities would kill the hype around the Midland-Dow game in all sports, and overall decrease possible sport participation across all programs.
Please choose scenario A. We moved to this area for the schools and would highly consider switching if the schools are combined. We do not live in a big area where graduating class numbers should be so high.
<p>This little box is not enough space to communicate. That being said, the district went through this process 8 years ago with the same intention, improving athletic and academic facilities for the future. Clearly the administration and school board were unqualified in determining what to do with those funds, as they are requesting more money to do the same thing now. 2 high schools and 2 middle schools work for creating the ideal environment for personal and academic growth.</p> <p>New buildings and fancy swimming pools is not going to improve the school districts effectiveness at educating students. The district educates at 60% proficient. Focus on improving that.</p> <p>Please feel free to reach out for honest parent feedback, and not curated focus groups and consultants who only benefit from bond measures and building things.</p>
We certainly want quality facilities for our community, but the most important consideration should be teachers who are qualified, of course, but they MUST be caring and compassionate for every student.
Don't combine the highschoools. Not only will there be 50% less opportunities for kids, you are also taking away a time honored rivalry that the whole community enjoys!
Please clarify and "sell me" more on the need for more elementary school capacity. It seems like a foregone conclusion that we don't have enough elementary school space. But based on my experience (I have two kids at chestnut hill and one at northeast) I do not see this as an issue AT ALL. If anything I would say class sizes and space usage is about right, and class sizes are projected to be stable...I just don't get it. Help me understand.
Ms. Miller Nelson, I read your opinions in the MDN and supported your candidacy as the most experienced candidate for superintendent. I have friends and colleagues who work for your organization and have students who attend. None of them have complained about your facilities. The issues I hear mentioned are teacher and staff burnout, insufficient labor force and limited curriculum options. The buildings are fine, I have seen them. The busses are fine, I have seen them as well. When I was attending MPS, there was rampant bullying, no doors on the restroom stalls, no air conditioning, and the sidewalks to walk to the pool were not shoveled and solid ice in the winter. We rose to the challenge. We and our parents did not complain to Dr. Frock, and his organization did not try to push massive bond proposals on the community. These proposals are madness. Figure out a way to operate within your generous budget. You owe it to your community.

All 3 scenarios support the children in our communities and continue to ensure they receive a high quality education. These scenarios have been well thought out, are inclusive to academics and arts (i.e., not just sports), and I appreciate how clearly they are being communicated. Ultimately, I will support whichever scenario makes it on the ballot. Any investment in our schools is a good one. Thank you!
Please keep high school 9 - 12
The primary backlash against combining high schools seems to come from those valuing tradition, i.e. not wanting to lose their alma mater identity. If option B, it may be valuable to find ways to honor each high school to appease this audience. Several have also mentioned potential for reduced number of spots on sports and extracurricular programs by combining schools. Could be helpful to share actual numbers and promote opportunities available by combining.
Don't change it.
Our schools are already over-funded, but the money is not going where it needs to be. There should be ample money for simply replacing/rebuilding these two buildings in the budget already. My understanding is that most of the funding increases in the last decades have went to administration overhead. That needs to be reined in and the budgets fixed.
You've got your work cut out for you with this project. Sometimes the supporters get drowned out by the nay-sayers. Keep listening, educating, and making smart choices and don't be discouraged!
cut transportation costs.
Scenario A with auxiliary facilities! Do not support scenario B.
I really do not think its a good idea to combine Dow and MHS students
Please listen to the community and not go in with an idea the school board already wants. Don't waste everyone's time by asking for opinions and then do what you were going to do anyway. Obviously, not everyone will be happy with the choice that comes out. Be open to maybe modifying both choices after listening to comments.
Keep class size managed. Prioritize course instruction over athletics.
Thank you for giving the community the opportunity to share their opinion on this matter!
Education is the priority for the needs of the community. So much focus is always placed on football or basketball but there are many other sports or STEM organization who don't get the support of our community. I believe that all 9th graders should deserve the experience of having the opportunity to be in high school not left with the 7th and 8th graders.
Consider the youngest learners preK and their needs in the current elementary buildings without displacing the current kindergarten students. Most buildings have kindergarten classes without bathrooms located in classrooms and moving younger kids into similar environments.

<p>Could you please find equity in your course offerings? For example, at Adams, students are exposed to Mandarin, Spanish, French, etc. but at Chesnut Hill they only have Spanish. German and Mandarin are at Jefferson, but only French and Spanish at NE. This exists not only in languages but other classes as well. Siebert has more opportunities with art than other schools. Some elementary buildings have band and orchestra during the day but others have it before or after school, which limits who can participate. Why do students get different opportunities based on the side of town they live in? Having come from a different district where there were multiple elementaries, I can assure you that not every community has this issue.</p>
<p>I noticed that "Scenario A + auxiliary facilities" is not an option. Why is that?</p>
<p>Think about all the athletes who won't make "the teams" by combining the schools. And research how important participation of sports is to students. My son loved basketball and was cut from the 7th grade northeast team. There's no other basketball programs in midland once the students hit 7th grade. He was devastated. I can imagine that happening every where in midland, in every sport. Know what happens when these children don't have something to do after school? They get in trouble. They make poor choices. We end up with more criminals than individuals who know how to play as a team, know how to respect leadership, and know how to be responsible for themselves.</p> <p>I'd also like to know how you will address before and after school care for elementary students once you add in pre-k programs. I'm a program director of a large center in midland and we get calls daily from families needing care for their elementary school students. Our school age program is maxed out every year. Midland does not have enough care for elementary school students. Adding more children to the mix will only add to this issue. Something to think about so you can plan ahead.</p>
<p>Come up with a plan on how each elementary school could accommodate a pre-k program. Is this including 3's,4's, and young 5? Are new playgrounds being build for the prek students?, I feel the playgrounds used by these students should be fully fenced in for the safety of the students.</p>
<p>Do NOT combine the high schools.</p>
<p>Scenario A make sense to me. No one I know will vote for B, this includes every teacher I've talked to. I am very aware of the need for upgrades, but I have no doubt that it will fail if we attempt B.</p>
<p>Please keep student experience at the center of the decision-making. Ensuring high quality academic and extra curricular experiences is what will best prepare our students for the future.</p>
<p>Don't blow our money on frivolous stuff. Be judicious in decisions about how public funds are spent.</p>
<p>I think proposal B has a lot of impact beyond education that has not been fully thought through.</p>
<p>Scenario A with add-ons. Gradual changes are better accepted by the community.</p>
<p>Fiscal responsibility</p>
<p>To get a proposed Bond to pass- you need the support of the staff.</p>

I propose a scenario see, which is as follows:

Transitioning all elementaries to K through three buildings and reducing them from six buildings to five

Converting the two existing middle schools to a four through 6 Building and a building with just seventh and eighth grade. Then keeping two high schools each with grades nine through 12.

Another option, which would help to protect the fine arts, would be to locate the seven through nine building connected and on the same campus as the 10 through 12 building. This would continue to allow for ninth graders to participate in fine arts programs, and therefore potentially preserve the fine arts in Midland.

Ms. Miller-Nelson certainly realizes that the vote for the bond issue is likely to be close. The fine arts involve more students than any other programs in the district. Even a portion of their votes can be assured by creating plans that accommodate these programs and satisfy parents of students in these programs, the Bond will have no trouble passing. Alternatively, if the needs of the fine arts programs are not considered, and parents in these programs are disenfranchised, it is highly unlikely the bond will pass.

I prefer A, however I do have concerns about elementary school having students from PreK 4 year old to 5th 10/11 year old. It will be hard to organize school events gear towards the large age spread. I have seen school districts run lower elementary PreK-2 and upper elementary 3rd-5th separately. Will this scenario be considered with 7 elementary school buildings?

Scenario A has its merits, but the other plans are harebrained. How about using our tax dollars to increase teachers' salaries and improve school menus?

You are not qualified to head up these options.

Keep the high schools separate. Combining schools will end up being detrimental to the students. We have nearly 400 students in band between the two schools, this total participation will drop if you combine them. This effect will be across most activities. You will reduce the number of NHS officers, Drum Majors, DECA leaders, Sports team captains, musical leads, concert solos. It is already extremely competitive to get these positions in these schools and it will only get worse. This will also make it more difficult to have organizational leadership roles to put on college and scholarship applications. I don't see any positives to combining the high schools and I have been trying hard to find one to understand why the board would even push forward that proposal. You may end up with a couple sports that are competitive at the state level but is it worth impacting 2400 students for a couple state titles, not in my opinion. 10 years ago, the enrollment was supposed to drop by now to force the combining, and that hasn't happened. Don't let an assumption from the past drive a poor decision in the present.

Please choose Scenario B!

Keep the tradition and honor those who came before...keep the schools separate and let more kids have opportunity

I don't think a unified high school will be advantageous for our students. The high school rivalry is something they look forward to and enjoy. Combining those students and trying to create a new culture is a larger endeavor than just building a new building for them to co-exist. It will also drastically decrease the number of students who would be able to participate in sports for their high school resulting in students having to travel elsewhere or give up their sport.

I am concerned that the lack of specificity about the intermediate building could blow up in the district's face. Everyone is focusing on the high school, but if Scenario B moves forward and the community is not happy with how the intermediate building is structured, it will be perceived as a bait and switch.

I appreciate getting the opportunity to answer this survey, and I am sure these decisions weigh on you. I am just concerned about the unintended consequences of the vague descriptions.

Bottom line is I think this community likes two high schools. There is a big sense of pride of family. Scenario A sounds good, but the cost is really high. You might consider starting out high and then looking at what is just the must haves and then propose another scenario. You might have more success then. Please make sure to include space for all the therapies that are needed, our new Elementary family specialist/counselors, ESA, classrooms, and resource room classrooms. I think every elementary building needs a "reset room" for kids that have challenging behaviors and need a place. Please remember space for these special needs when you are constructing or renovating schools. Thank you for all that you do for the kids of this community.

I would ask that the Board of Education and Superintendent Miller-Nelson to consider the possible growth of our community for 10-15 years in the future. Scenario A seems to be a "patch" on our current issues in the secondary buildings. As more students from outside of the district lines join our secondary buildings, not addressing these continues to put a burden on serving the secondary students that are already over-capacity. Additionally, our community is aging rapidly. In 10-15 years when our older population moves on, what will happen to our community? When more young people move into Midland where the older population used to be, we will need the infrastructure to attract people into our community. I would encourage the district to examine that piece and provide the community with some data/projection numbers on that.

If we are going to combine schools, let's do it right. Build a 9-12 building with athletic, academic, and performing arts facilities to rival every other high school in the state. Make it the shining example of the region that makes families want to move to Midland and keep their kids here.

Read comments already mentioned.

Have we considered how many more busses we would need for scenario b? The increased traffic driving all over town during pick up and drop off? Many city intersections are accident prone with the current traffic flow. How many less students would be able to walk or bike to school?

Please do not consider scenario B, it's completely awful.

Back to the drawing board!

These are great visions for creating a sustainable future to MPS. These options here could really generate new student enrollment from the Great Lakes Bay Region. Scenario B would make MPS a very desirable school district especially for the western Bay County families. I live in Bay Co and drive my son to MPS. As I share custody with his father who lives in Midland.

Keep the schools achievement based, and not equity based. Equal opportunity does not mean equal outcomes. Some students will achieve great things, and they shouldn't be held back or slowed down in order to maintain equal outcomes for all.

Thank you for realizing the need for some of these changes. Thank you for including community input!
Please keep to high school campuses in Midland
Thank you for all the work you've invested so far. I'm concerned that staff are just now included in the process when there are zillions of work based facility needs that are unmet. Where is the proposal to add classroom space to Jefferson the way it was added to DHS? Too many teachers share rooms and don't have access to curricular materials in order to plan because they can't be in their room for planning. Where are the extra rooms that are needed for special ed students and teachers? They have no privacy when needed and end up shoved into public spaces in the hall or library to read tests or provide remediation. Have you checked on the needs of those staff? What about additional classroom spaces at elementaries in addition to a new elementary? Auxiliary classes need dedicated rooms! It seems like the focus is on someone's grand idea to build 1 high school, an idea we've examined and rejected several times before, but not on making meaningful improvements to buildings that are in good shape. As a community we need to replace aging schools! We do not need to concentrate large numbers of students into fewer buildings when we already know small communities, small class sizes provide people with more attention. Instead of spending an extra 100 million on a HS we don't need, how about investing in more staff? More counselors? More reading recovery? Band and orchestra instruments for beginners? Rehabilitating the tracks at JMS and NE? Converting tennis courts to pickleball at the middle school? You get the idea. Our previous superintendent neglected MPS and it's time to fix that.
I think a unified high school is an uphill battle.
Scenario B is a terrible idea. Studies have shown again and again that smaller schools and smaller class sizes means student success. Scenario B is just an awful way for the district to save money. It's awful because the students are not put first.
Renovate existing facilities to keep opportunities at a maximum for students and try to re-use as much as possible to keep the carbon footprint low.
Thank you for doing this! Our schools all look rough, this is overdue. Is there any way we can get some of our lovely corporations in the area to chip in for this?
Do not take away the historical value and traditions that so many Alumni have enjoyed.
To restate: When we moved back to the area after a four year work assignment we intentionally chose MPS, specifically MHS. If scenario B had already been in effect we would not be here today, we would be in Bullock Creek, Western, or Meridian. Academics are critical but so is being involved in both clubs and academics. Combining both schools would decrease those types of opportunities. I wonder if your projections account for any families who might also consider leaving if scenario B was in place.
My message would be to not worry too much about preserving tradition. If it is time for Dow High and Midland High to go, then let's do it. But we need to spend our money wisely. This is not a trivial amount of money to ask for even from upper middle class families and things like spending \$30MM on a pool and over \$20MM each on an auditorium and stadium are silly and might result in a defeated proposal.
A lot of us purchased homes based on the local schools. Moving them is a tough pill for many to swallow. Could we look at Scenario B auxiliary facilities stand alone?

Please consider the effect this will have on our students and the opportunities they will feel they have in this already very competitive school district. Please do not put combining the highschools on the ballot in May.
You're on the wrong track.
Keep Carpenter staff together! Put more money and time into the foundation of the school which is pre primary!
Do not combine the high schools
Keep moving forward. Change is hard, but our students need to be best equipped for the future. Thanks for all your hard work
I do not support scenario two, horrible planning by MPS elected board.
Midland residents are sick of seeing their taxes increase. Every year property tax goes up and up. Although a millage towards the schools is a good reason, it puts my family in a pinch because we want betterment of the schools, but single income family that is a hard ask to increase our taxes.
Don't create a mega high school, students lose out on opportunities to be a part of something at their school. Is there really going to be a 500 student marching band (when you consider the size we already have with 2 separate schools) the opportunity to be in a play or clubs or part of a team, etc.
Please keep the heart of education in mind. Please don't be flashy so that other districts envy us. Instead, use the money to help our students receive a state of the art, research based education.
Thank you for keep our district up to date and seeking community feedback on these proposals!
I would scrap all the plans and put more money in educating kids, offering skilled trade education, agricultural education and provide educators with the tools needed in the class room.
You should include the auxiliary facilities as an option with A. To include them only with B is a clear push for that choice.
Come up with a better scenario. Both of these are costly bad ideas.
Please work up a scenario that shows what is needed versus what you want. We are all having to make tough choices with our finances these days. Instead of dreaming big, give us a realistic ask to match the state of our economy.
That a stand alone early childhood center should be built. It is necessary for these programs to have their own building. Pushing these programs back into the elementary schools is doing a disservice to both the students and staff that teach these programs.
Two high schools give more students opportunities in academics, clubs, and sports.
If you continue towards the path of one high school, you risk board members being recalled. It is not something that has students' needs first.

Our family feels this is a critical decision for our community and encourage the district to think big and bold. Frankly, the outcome of this effort to ensure our district remains committed to excellence will determine whether we will remain in the community and district for the entirety of our children's academic careers.
Any scenario at this time cost taxpayers too much money in the economy is not in the correct place to ask people for money right now.
Please do plan A which is much more reasonably, if the MPS has to be changed.
Have focus groups with staff and gain their support for as these are the people that make MPS what it is.
I think it's worth considering building an early childhood center instead of new elementary (like mentioned in scenario A) which would be head start-Kindergarten. This would create more space in current elementary schools and room for growth. This way you could customize playgrounds, bathrooms, etc to the early development needs. They would be with similar aged peers vs. the huge age gap and even hormonal differences between a 4 year old and 10/11 year old. My son went to one of these schools near Ann Arbor and it was great. Made both kids and their parents feel more comfortable too. This would also make it so current students wouldn't have to change schools if a new elementary was built. Thank you for asking us for our input and considering our suggestions.
I truly am extremely concerned about options B and B with auxiliary. As a medical professional whose job is to treat children with emotional/behavioral issues, I find that those who are involved struggle LESS. Taking opportunities for involvement away by going to one high school is asking for increases in maladaptive behaviors, increased detachment from school and loss of interest in educational opportunities. We would see increase in rates of depression and anxiety if opportunities to participate in their areas of enjoyment such as 2 drama clubs cut to 1, 2 baseball teams cut to 1. That is cutting in half the number of opportunities afforded to each child. I also am concerned that if we don't have opportunities for athletic engagement, we will see rates of obesity increase in addition to increasing rates of anxiety and depression. If you ever feel, as a school district, you are spinning your wheels - please know that this survey, and consideration of what could be to come, helps us realize the importance schools have in our children's lives. Thank you for all you do to assist in raising the next generation.
Let us know how far on the future are these plans going for? Next 10, 25, 30 years? How big our community will be then? Will you offer transportation for all students?
Go back to the drawing board and find more options
Thank you for the video and survey.
Whenever you are planning the updates to the schools, make a strong effort to seek out perspectives that are not the typical "loud" people who answer everything. I think there are many people who think differently in Midland, but we get drowned out and are often too shy or nervous to stand up and say something. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.
Don't combine the high schools.
Less technology and more pencil and paper

Thank you for your time in considering solutions to very real problems. You have unfortunately inherited the mismanagement of our funds and facilities. I am very against Proposal B, as I do not believe it would be what is best for our kids. Opportunities (music, theatre, clubs, variety sports, scholarships), and I also believe, belonging, would've negatively impacted. I went to a 10-12 HS and hated how I could not participate in HS opportunities until 10th grade. I would not support B under any circumstance. But do believe that something should be done. I could support A, but would also love to look for an option C which addresses the most critical needs first (Northeast). Then looks 5 years down the road to address pressing needs that are not as critical.
For socio economic reasons we need to keep the high schools separate there bigger the schools the socio economic disadvantaged children will get left behind
Focus on academics excellence
I love MPS schools as they are and I don't think we need to have these changes! We should use the money for other (more important) improvements to the already existing schools. Thanks for listening to my ideas!
Please think carefully when considering what the second plan could do in the development of adolescent learners during one of the most critical times of their development.
Make sure the CTE programs are still in the high school. The students need easy access to take those classes during a school day
We definitely need some renovations/restructuring to the schools to accommodate for the increased enrollment. When classes are being taught in the auditorium or library due to lack of space, as they are at JMS, and classes are as big as 35 students per class or greater at the secondary level, there needs to be some shifting. I don't think either of these plans will work without hiring additional instructional staff as well. For me, the priority lies in more space, more classrooms, and more staff. I feel like the goal should be to bring down the overall student:teacher ratio and use spaces for their intended purpose.
To do what makes the most sense for our student population and their families
Keep Pre-K center-based and stop moving elementary building administrators around as if their ongoing and consistent leadership isn't a necessity.
Midland does a great job of educating good students. But, there are a lot of students that are not doing well academically, even though they are not poor or special ed. A lot of Midland teachers do not address strugglers. And if the students are "well-behaved" teachers let them fall through the cracks. This is a tragedy IMO.
Funding for more sports and arts programs. Being middle school sports back to school and out of the community center. Middle school baseball/softball teams are needed. Bussing to and from away games.
Please use the voice of the teachers to help these proposals pass. Parents are very likely to listen to us.
thank you for sharing and asking opinions. appreciated.
Be careful. Midland supports education, but ONE high school is going to tear this community apart.

Before moving ahead on facilities provide the public a written plan to raise test scores for the bottom 1/3 and improvements to trade classes.
Asking for feedback on bond proposals without first seeking input from teachers, community members, students, and others will not improve the community's perception of the MPS board or administration. This alone is why you are getting pushback from the community, and if you don't believe this to be true, it only validates that the board and leadership are out of touch with the community's distrust of MPS leadership. Additionally, failing to provide a long-term vision for the district and explain how this bond proposal will help achieve that vision reflects poor leadership.
This idea of building a new high school/facilities center is ridiculous! Tax payers pay enough, and this is not a necessity. It is a want!!
-Include 9th grade in the high school -Or have elementary be Pk-4, intermediate school be 5-6, middle school 7-8, then high school 9-12
I appreciate the focus on improving/updating our schools--our students deserve the best our community as to offer!
I wish you all the best in dealing with this issue. I know change comes hard and people don't like it. If someone would like to contact me to discuss the issue that is fine, but I am not asking someone to. All the best and have a great day.
We support you no matter which scenario we go for and thank you for your work on this project. I know you'll receive lots of negative comments, so please know we appreciate what you are doing for the future of our town's education. Thank you!
I think these ideas need more time. More thoughts and community input. We need to be listening to our teachers and our community. Make the renovations you need to now to the building you currently have and then really plan listen to the people around you.