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Summary of Findings
related to

Auxiliary Facilities

Pre-K/Early Childhood Programming

Pre-K through 12th Grade Configurations

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Background Information

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 was 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 the scenarios designed 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.

The following sections present a comprehensive summary of findings derived from survey responses, with a focus on key areas such as auxiliary facilities, Pre-K or early childhood programs, and grade configurations. Each area of focus is accompanied by verbatim responses from survey participants, offering valuable insights into the specific concerns and suggestions raised by the respondents.

To ensure clarity and ease of reference, the comments have been color-coded according to the topic: comments related to auxiliary facilities are highlighted in *purple*, those regarding Pre-K or early childhood programs are highlighted in *green*, and comments concerning grade configurations are highlighted in *blue*. These color-coded responses give insights into stakeholder opinions on these important topics.

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.

What Survey Participants Like Most About Scenario A

Auxiliary Facilities

- Survey participants recommend a pool be constructed at Jefferson.
- The current location of auxiliary facilities is familiar to residents.

Pre-K/Early Childhood Programming

- There is support for expanded Pre-K options.
- The inclusion of Pre-K in every elementary building is appreciated.
- Adding Pre-K to elementary schools is considered a strong advantage for neighborhood schools.

Pre-K - 12th Grade Configurations

- There is support for keeping the 6th-8th and 9th-12th grade configurations.
- Scenario A keeps two middle schools and two high schools, offering options for families.

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.
Separate high schools, bigger is not necessarily better.
Two schools offer more opportunities for student participation.
The use of existing facilities.
Grouping 11, 12, 13 year olds together.
Expanding pre-K options
PreK expansion and updates while utilizing the land and facilities the district already has.
Carpenter will finally go away
It's not messing up the structure of the academic program. It still gives choices for middle schools and high school
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
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.
Keeps current footprint of middle school and provides additional capacity for elementary.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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
Cheaper and keeping the current structure of MPS schools that are working fine.
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

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.
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
Keeping things the same.
Best keeps neighborhood school model and current grade levels together.
Keeping two high schools, adding the pre-k to the elementary schools. Eliminating a transition.
Bringing in Pre-K to the elementary.
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
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.
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
Moving pre-k to elementary schools
Same level structure we currently have
Keeping 2 high schools. Keeping neighborhood elementary schools for more years (prek to 5)
Elementary will have pre-k and safety and security issues will be addressed
Pre k program expansion and building the new middle school.
Least impact to early education. Doesn't split grades up as much.
Less change in how the schools and grades are structured. Keeping school sizes where they are now. Keeping schools in the neighborhoods

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.
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.
Grades split up like they normally are.
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.
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
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.
Pre-K is back in elementaries where it should have been all along.
Maintains continuity with the district's current structure (which seems to work fairly well).
Pre k moving into neighborhood schools.
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
Keeping 5th grade at the elementary school. Not building a new high school. Expanding pre-k offerings.
Keeping 2 9-12 high schools
Two 9-12 high schools
Expansion of pre-k
Grade bands not significantly changing.
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
9-12 is at the high school and there are two middle schools and one more elementary.
I like the existing format of grades in each building. Also I like having options.
Keeps the grades in the building, less having to bus kids
Moving pre-k to the elementary schools
keeping high schoolers in a 9-12 building and not blending the two high schools
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
Pre-k moved to local schools
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.
I like that the highschool stays 9-12th grade.
Keeping grades how they are now (6-8 and 9-12)
PreK in the elementary buildings and adding a new elementary school
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
The new elementary, updates to current buildings. Age appropriateness of keeping middle schoolers grades 6-8
Having pre-K as a part of our elementary schools
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.
Peek in the child's "neighborhood" school
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.
I like that it keeps students in traditional k-5, middle school and high school grade buildings.
PreK programs will be moved to neighborhood schools.
Middle Schools will continue to contain grades 6-8, and high school will continue 9-12.

PK into neighborhood schools. Adding another neighborhood school north of town.
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.
expansion of preK programs
Keeping 2 high schools and keeping 9-12
Keeping schools the way they currently are
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.
new elementary school and keeping high school grades 9-12
Keeping 9th grade in the high schools!
Keeping the high schools 9-12
Expanding Pre-K offerings
Leaves current grade structure the same. Northeast needs to be offline
Keeping 2 high schools. Plus traditional 9-12 at high school and 6-8 for middle school.
Updated buildings, keeping 9-12 together
The new elementary school in the northern part of the district and allowing PreK to move to neighborhood schools.
1. Grade level distribution stays the same 2. New middle school can be built on same land as current middle school
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.
It's keeps things as they are and addresses the issue of NE building.
Keeping two high schools and two middle schools; pre-primary at family schools; replacing Northeast
Keeps most of the current schools as is.
Addressing the need for PreK classes
Putting Pre-K within each local elementary school. Keeps same three tier model as existing structure and other regional schools
Keeping two separate high schools (and middle schools) and keeping middle schools 6-8th grade and high schools 9-12th grades..
High schools remain 9-12
9th grade stays in the high school
Maintains current path of students through buildings from K-12 .

PreK in other schools
2 high schools and 9-12 in schools together.
Two separate high schools that begin in 9th grade
A little more cost effective Pre-K moved to the elementary schools
Grade levels kept the same. PreK in neighborhood schools
K-5 6-8 and 9-12 is perfect new building is nice
Two high schools Prek-5 elementary
pre k thru 5 schools spread throughout the district
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.
Separate high schools, bigger is not necessarily better. Two schools offer more opportunities for student participation. The use of existing facilities. Grouping 11, 12, 13 year olds together.
Same structure as currently
Expanding pre-K options
PreK expansion and updates while utilizing the land and facilities the district already has.
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
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.
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.
That they will offer more preschool

I Think Adding A New Elementary School Is A Good Idea That Way It's Spaced Out And Not Overcrowded I Think It Is Time 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

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.

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.

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.

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

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
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
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.
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.
keeping the layout of most schools the same, keeping grade levels in the same spots
Best keeps neighborhood school model and current grade levels together.
Keeping grades the same in schools
Bringing in Pre-K to the elementary.
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
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.
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
Moving pre-k to elementary schools
Same level structure we currently have
Keeping 2 high schools. Keeping neighborhood elementary schools for more years (prek to 5)

Elementary will have pre-k and safety and security issues will be addressed
This scenario addresses the need for PK/Elementary provision to the north - to align with population migration.
Pre k program expansion and building the new middle school.
Balancing pre k through grade 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.
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.
Grades split up like they normally are.
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.
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
Pre-K is back in elementaries where it should have been all along.
Maintains continuity with the district's current structure (which seems to work fairly well).
Pre k moving into neighborhood schools.
Keeping 5th grade at the elementary school. Not building a new high school. Expanding pre-k offerings.
It keeps a similar structure of current scenario
Keeping 2 9-12 high schools
Two 9-12 high schools
Expansion of pre-k
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
9-12 is at the high school and there are two middle schools and one more elementary.

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.
Moving pre-k to the elementary schools
keeping high schoolers in a 9-12 building and not blending the two high schools
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.
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.
Pre-k moved to local schools
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.
Not changing grade levels or combining high schools.
I like that the highschool stays 9-12th grade.
Keeping grades how they are now (6-8 and 9-12)
PreK in the elementary buildings and adding a new elementary school
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
Grade levels stay the same.
The new elementary, updates to current buildings. Age appropriateness of keeping middle schoolers grades 6-8
Having pre-K as a part of our elementary schools
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.
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.
The age structure of the schools will match neighboring districts and the variety in ages in buildings will help the overall development of students.
The division of all the schools, separate high schools. Leaving the school structure how it is for

the most part!
<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
<p>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.</p>
Peek in the child's "neighborhood" school
<p>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.</p>
I like that it keeps students in traditional k-5, middle school and high school grade buildings.
<p>Keeping most of the current grade levels secure in their existing format. Allowing for more extracurricular participation.</p>
PreK programs will be moved to neighborhood schools.
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
<p>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.</p>
PK into neighborhood schools. Adding another neighborhood school north of town.
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
expansion of preK programs
Keeping 2 high schools and keeping 9-12
Keeping schools the way they currently are
The schools staying the same are wise
<p>Pre-K options at each elementary school and a new elementary school to hopefully help with the crowding.</p>

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.
Keeping the traditional grades together
Keeping 9th grade in the high schools!
Keeping the high schools 9-12
Expanding Pre-K offerings
Grade levels in buildings
Leaves current grade structure the same. Northeast needs to be offline
The new middle school and the maintenance of existing grade spans.
Keeping 2 high schools. Plus traditional 9-12 at high school and 6-8 for middle school.
Continuity of structure
Keep appropriate grades together. Minor Change where kids go.
Updated buildings, keeping 9-12 together
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.
1. Grade level distribution stays the same 2. New middle school can be built on same land as current middle school
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.
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
Building a new elementary school and expanding tge 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 really like the community style elementary schools.
Keeping two separate high schools (and middle schools) and keeping middle schools 6-8th

grade and high schools 9-12th grades..
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.
High schools remain 9-12
9th grade stays in the high school
Maintains current path of students through buildings from K-12 .
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.
PreK in other schools
Two separate high schools that begin in 9th grade
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.
I like that the grades will all stay how they are currently and not add another transition year.
A little more cost effective
Pre-K moved to the elementary schools
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
Less change for the community. Elementary schools together, middle school and high school same grades.
Two high schools
Prek-5 elementary
preserves traditional high school structure.
pre k thru 5 schools spread throughout the district

What Survey Participants Like Least About Scenario A

Auxiliary Facilities

- Survey participants asked why updates to auxiliary facilities were not included in Scenario A.

Pre-K/Early Childhood Programming

- Concerns about changing Pre-K/Early Childhood Programming from a stand-alone site to the neighborhood school concept.
- Integrating Pre-K into already overcrowded schools is a concern.
- Concerns were raised about bringing Pre-K students into the same spaces as older students.
- Questions were asked about how the Pre-K program would work within existing school infrastructure.

Pre-K - 12th Grade Configurations

- Concerns about combining Pre-K into elementary schools, especially with older students.
- Concerns that adding another elementary building alone won't resolve the overcrowding issue.
- Survey respondents dislike the idea of putting certain age groups together due to maturity levels.
- Some respondents question whether an alternative grade configuration could be considered to better meet student needs.

Midland Public Schools Community Survey
What do you like least about Scenario A?
Responses
There is no plan for robotics.
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.
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.

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.

No mention of pool option, other facilities are aging so this feels like a bandaid

PreK in existing buildings seems impossible when many buildings are stretched to the max. Curious how that will be solved.

Moving pre-k into the existing elementary schools. Demolishing carpenter. As it's a historical building

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.

Instead of building /fixing facilities for extra extracurriculars, such as pools, in individual schools, the school district could create a center for all those.

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.

Where's the robotics center???

Closing the pre-primary center.

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 provided a great start for kids.

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?)

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.

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.

No new pool facilities
The cost is a big increase on taxes. Also, will the 3s program go away?
Putting 5th and 9th graders together. Too much maturity difference
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.
Needs to include stadium and auditorium facility upgrades. Put a pool in new Northeast
integrating pre-k into already over crowded schools
Not an add on enhancement.
Putting preK in elementary buildings and closing Carpenter
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.
I am concerned, putting the pre k back in the schools does not solve the overcrowding, even with an additional new elementary school.
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.
There is no plan to update Dow High Athletic facilities.
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...
The lack of the auxiliary package availability.
No bigger auditorium
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.
Putting PK into the elementary. There's a big difference in age groups. Woodcrest is already so full.

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?
Having Adams El. Go PK-5 due to its small size and slightly higher numbers than the schools "max" already
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.
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
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.
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?
This scenario does not include enhancement/accommodation for extracurricular space (swimming/arts/etc)
No plan for a needed pool or theatre.
No auxiliar facilities in this option
The cost is too high. No need for additional Pre-K programs.
Pre K being in elementary schools
PK in elementary building will max out rooms in the building. No extra space already.
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.
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.
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?

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?
I'd like to see the + options of proposal B added to this. Pools, stadium, arts theater.
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
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
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?
Carpenter and Northeast being closed
having preschool at each elementary - very little kids at same building as 11 year olds
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
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.
Did not hear anything about upgrading pools, track facilities, theater facilities as in scenario B

add-on
Building new schools. Adding preK to existing schools
Putting pre k into the elementary schools
Adding Pre-K to all elementary schools.
Does not address aging performing arts center or pool problems.
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.
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.
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
I don't see any pitfalls other than it doesn't address aging auxiliary facilities like the stadium, auditorium and pool.
No new pools for our aquatic programs.
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.
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.
PreK-5th grade in elementary.
The other options - pool, theater, stadium are not part of it
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.
I feel that having the pre-primary closed will limit collaboration for preprimary teachers and staff.

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.
Should still have some upgrades to the options of theatre, pool, and stadium like listed in plan B.
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
The closer of Carpenter Pre-Primary Center. I love the DK program.
It doesn't fix the high school problems or lack of pools. We live in Michigan our kids need to know how to swim.
Pre k in elementary schools.
No specifics on the arts/sports enhancements like scenario B has additional.
Only thing would be possibly keeping prek in one building
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.
The new elementary school doesn't have a wing just for pre primary
<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.
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.
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.
Closing the preprimary center
Moving pre-k into the the already crowded elementary school buildings
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
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.
Adding Pre-K to the existing elementary schools may be difficult to do.
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.
What will come of carpenter school? Can it still be used
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.
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.
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.
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).
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.
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.
Moving Carpenter
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!!!!
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.
This is not a focus on the equity issue related to access to athletic facilities.
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.
Concerned about extracurricular facilities
That pre primary is moved into local school population.
There is no option for the add on of a large swimming pool.
New preK -5 building not needed
I wish pre k could stay in their own building

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.
Adding pre-k to the elementary schools.
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.
All the elementary schools has Prk that is a big age range of kids
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.
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.
Closing our beloved Carpenter School but realizing it is necessary.
Pre K moving to schools
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.
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.
There are no auditorium upgrades.
Closing the pre primary center
Cost and PK inclusion into the elementary schools
PreK in all buildings and based on neighbourhood boundaries Preschool is definitely needed though
The high schools are not adequately addressed Need new pool and stadium facilities

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.
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.
It leaves less room for the creative use of buildings for such things as a CTE center.
Doesn't have an A2 option. I'd like a pool to go into the new northeast middle school
That it does not create a new pool facility for our school swimming program.
Not addressing the needs of athletics and activities.
This plan doesn't take into account the enhanced facilities needed for the high schools. Ex. Robotics and auditorium
I think there should be a scenario A+ with money allocated to stadium enhancements, perhaps building a new auditorium, etc.
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?
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
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?
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 expansion of preschool in all elementary schools.
Carpenter losing the pre-primary program.
Putting pre k in schools they don't have room for mps esa students now
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.
Adding Pre-K into the current elementary school configuration. The discrepancy in developmental age is too great.
No new swimming facilities. We would lose a pool that our swim team uses nearly every day (North East)

Demolishing Carpenter- which could be used again for robotics- and /or other extracurriculars.
Not sure that PreK kids should be in the same building with older kids. Not sure why fixing Northeast isn't an option?
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.
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.
Splitting up and redistricting the existing elementary schools, cost, Pre-K doesn't need to be in elementary
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.
\$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.
It closes the Early Childhood Center, as we know it today. And it leaves no plan in place for the Robotics Center.
Not sure how the PreK scenario works in some 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.
Closing Carpenter school
The number of education levels in the elementary buildings with PK-5
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.

Still having some outdated facilities such as pools, stadiums, etc.
I think we're putting off big costs such as a new auditorium and new swimming pools, they're just not listed or mentioned.....
It did not mention a new pool, adding concessions or bathrooms to sports areas at Dow High. So needed.
We need to update the high schools too. We need a new aquatics center.
Adding PreK to neighborhood schools.
Do not care for adding Pre-K to the elementary schools without moving a grade out.
That there is not an option for add ons
Early childhood in the elementary schools, but that isn't to say I'm not open to it, just what I like least
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.
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.
no auditorium
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.
Does not add performing arts facilities to the high schools
Taking away Carpenter
Moving PreK to elementary schools
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.
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.
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 cost and moving preschool into the elementary schools.

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.
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?
We would still be leasing a Robotics building
Concern about whether there is room to add pre-k classes in the elementary 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?
PK in all of the current elementaries - how could that be supported when already at their capacities (many of the schools)?
No decided robotics facilities, no new stem facilities
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?
Possibly losing a middle school pool.
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 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.
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
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.

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.

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

Closing of Carpenter School

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.

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 for 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.

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.

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.
PK going to the elementary buildings.
I don't see the purpose for pre k being needed in all elementary schools.
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?
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
The cost. Also putting free Pre K in all elementary schools is killing local childcare centers.
PK joining the elementary
PreK moving into the elementary buildings.
Preschoolers in the elementary schools
Need for a pool at MHS
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.
It doesn't include the additional upgrades like the pool and auditorium.
Needs a brand new auditorium.
I wish that a pool could be added at JMS and MHS
I don't like pre primary students being included in elementary buildings. I think their needs are better served in a separate facility.
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
Pre-primary in with bigger kids
PreK in the elementary schools. They should be in their own building that is appropriate for those ages.
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.
would like to add the "plus" with auditorium, pools, stadium

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.

Putting that many preschools in place will have negative effects on neighborhood preschool programs.

What Survey Participants Like Most About Scenario B

Auxiliary Facilities

- Survey participants show support for new buildings, including a stadium, pool, and theater.
- Excitement about the potential for improved athletic and performance facilities.

Pre-K/ Early Childhood Programming

- Expanding Pre-K programs across the district.
- The idea of moving 5th graders into a separate school is seen as beneficial.
- Pre-K being placed in each local elementary school and connected to community facilities is appreciated.
- The arrangement of Pre-K through 4th grade in one building is seen as a thoughtful improvement.

Pre-K - 12th Grade Configurations

- There is an appreciation for PreK-4 and 5-6 being housed in separate, dedicated buildings.
- The combined high school is seen as having potential for academic and extracurricular benefits.
- The division of grades into 5-6, 7-8, and then high school is liked.
- The idea of fewer grades in elementary schools is appreciated.

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What do you like most about Scenario B?
Responses
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. only that elementary schools have less grades.
I appreciate that there is some thought put into a home for the robotics program
I like bringing preschool to the neighborhood schools
Jefferson Middle School could be repurposed as a Midland Robotics Center or STEM Center, which is EXTREMELY necessary.
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?
PreK-4 in same building. 5-6 in the same building.
I like that it builds a new unified high school and adds a 7-9th grade school.
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
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
I like that middle school is just 5th and 6th
Allows expansion of PreK in all the schools. Breaking up the grade levels into buildings specific to the needs of those groups.
Potentially getting a set location for robotics.
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.
Infrastructure Improvements, Safety and Security Upgrades and the possibility of a new competition swimming pool
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?
<p>So many things:</p> <p>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</p> <p>2) I think the age grouping makes a lot more sense both from a developmental standpoint and a growth standpoint. Ie, 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).</p> <p>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 start 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).</p>
Creating expanded Pre-K programs for the district.
We do need a long term robotics site
The community high school, junior high, and intermediate school options are great.
Opportunity for swim facility and performing arts
Potential for new auxiliary facilities
We get a new high school which is needed. Also like the dedicated robotics center.

Grades divided up in a way that makes more sense developmentally for students.
The possibility of the auxiliary facilities plan
Opportunities are at a single location
If we move 5th to “middle school” this alternative is better than combining with 7th and 8th.
The + part
I don't mind the PK - 4 buildings or having 5-6 together. I like the re=purposing of Jefferson as robotics center.
Gets 5th graders out of the elementary- my son was bored by 5th grade and needed a change.
Pre-Ks are back in elementary school.
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.
Separating the grades like this, I believe will help with bullying
The new grade groupings
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.
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)
I like enhancing sports complex and should be done anyways
New high school to include new performing arts facility.
Adding the pre k into the primary schools
Updates for all schools, PK-4 in elementary schools.
I do not support this scenario. 5th grade should remain in elementary schools.
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.
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
Nothing. I do not like the ideas of combining the grades the way that scenario b is laid out.
New grade groupings and new high school

I like the grade level buildings for multiple reasons. Having existing buildings repurposed makes a lot of sense.
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.
K-4 being bundled and 5-6 being bundled.
The possibilities for the add ons at the new high school- like the auditorium, additional field, pool, etc.
I like the grades 5 - 6 in a building and 7 - 9 in a building.
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.
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?)
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.
grade groupings
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.
Pre-K in elementary buildings
Using current auxiliary facilities. The community has enough facilities. Learning to share with others is a valuable lesson.
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.
Future minded all encompassing plan, includes auxiliary spaces
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)
Opportunity for extracurricular expansion

That 9 th graders are not with 12th graders. The junior school is more appropriate for that age level.
Better cohort alignment
Splitting up the grades
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.
Pre-K in each local elementary school and a consolidated community 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.
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.
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.
Like the thought of Pre-K through 4 being in the elementary
I do like the PreK option being in elementary schools
The potential for a robotics site.
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.
Brining prek to achools
Athletics improvements, having pool and stadium in one place
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.
Older students aren't in class with younger, like 9th & 12th.
I like the idea of scenario b but I think it would be better with the football field, pool, and auditorium
Do not like age groupings
New Robotics Site

All students are combined starting at 5th grade, so friendships made in elementary school are not broken up due to changing enrollment areas.
The potential for a new competitive swimming pool.
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.
art and play improvements
I think it would be great to have one big highschool and only serve the 10th - 12th graders
Including pre-k in the elementary schools
makes sense to have one high school, utilizes existing spaces well, less impact on taxes, dedicated robotics space is nice
I like that robotics would have a new establishment to call their own.
Community focus with keeping kids together from grade 5 onward. New high school. Expanded course offerings at high school stage.
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 sort of like the idea of a school with 5th and 6th graders.
Grade groupings are more developmentally appropriate, and this scenario addresses current inequitable high school offerings.
It's cheaper. Has a plan possible solution for Robotics.
More age appropriate schools-not having older kids in with younger kids due to unfavorable influences.
One new high school and new facilities for stadium, pool, auditorium
Grades are aligned with their own age appropriate peers
<p>A) more age appropriate grade distributions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

setting.
New auditorium and swimming pool
5/6 building
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.
A creative look at reorganizing grades in buildings.
Add ons
Elementary schools turn to Pre-k- 4th grade
Putting PK at the local schools and unified highschool gets rid of wealth disparity between the schools
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
Smaller age focus
Separate student's by age group
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.
Fifth and sixth grades would be together, a nicer fit than current configuration.
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.
The addition of a new Auditorium and pool upgrades
It deals with equity issues in classes and offerings for all students and allows us to incorporate Pre-K in our elementary schools.
Age ranges make more sense per building, PreK more accessible, combined high school. All awesome. This has my vote.
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.
Children in 9th grade not being in high school
I like the implementation of a middle and jr both model.
Increased Pre-K spaces would be beneficial to the community
A dedicated HS campus with the extras (pool, auditorium, etc) would be great.
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
Breakdown of middle / intermediate school experience that is aligned with developmental growth.
I like the grades 5-6 in one building, 7-9, 10-12 divisions.
Combined 5-12 offers additional resources and opportunities to students. Smaller footprint, increased diversity.
moving PK to elementary schools
This keeps middle school 6-8. I like having 9th in high school. Keeps the long standing history of both schools. Keeps schools closer depending where you live. Less bussing needed. More opportunity for students to play sports.
The mention of a possible new 12 lane pool.
Elementary building changing to PreK to 4
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.
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.
The add ons. Can the add-ons be added to scenario a? Maybe like a new complex that both high schools utilize?

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.
The idea of new auxiliary facilities.
Honestly, I only like the idea of putting 5th and 6th graders together.
Having a 5-6 building and a 7-9 building
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.
I love the restructuring of the higher grade levels, but dread not having that additional elementary.
Limiting grades on a campus for the middle and junior high.
Facilities and upgrades and combined schools by grades.
Updated school, arts and athletic facilities
The opportunity to have access to all classes/trades, etc in one place. And possibly better sports facilities as add ons.
I don't like this scenario. I think we should maintain a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 structure.
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.
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
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.
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.
That 5th and 6th grade will be together. 6th grade seems to fit better with 5th grade than 7th and 8th grade.

What Survey Participants Like Least About Scenario B

Auxiliary Facilities

- The cost of restructuring is seen as too high.
- There is a dislike of combining high schools, particularly the logistics of having different age groups in shared spaces.
- Survey respondents dislike that auxiliary facilities are being asked as an add-on to the new high school.
- Concerns due to the lack of discussion regarding a robotics space.

Pre-K or Early Childhood

- Concerns about Pre-K being placed in elementary schools, potentially affecting space and resources.
- Participants disliked closing the pre-primary building and moving Pre-K into neighborhood elementary buildings.
- Participants dislike that a new elementary is not part of Scenario B.
- Disrupting the entire district to accommodate Pre-K is seen as unnecessary by some.

Pre-K - 12th Grade Configurations

- Dislike of 5th and 6th graders being separated into their own school.
- There are concerns about 9th grade not being in the high school.
- Some respondents dislike reconfiguring high school grades to 10-12.
- Concerns about having 7th and 9th graders in the same building.
- The cost associated with restructuring grades is seen as a concern.
- Strong dislike for the idea of having only one high school, reducing options for students.
- The restructuring leaves out key improvements, such as a stadium for 9th-grade sports.

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What do you like least about Scenario B?

Responses
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.
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 curriculars.
9th grade in with middle school, the cost, everything, new highschool but still have to utilize other buildings
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.
Somewhat confusing distribution of grades among schools.
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 highschools, 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.
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 feels very pointless to shuffle kids around this much.

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
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
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.
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
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.
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.
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 .

<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>
<p>Disruptive in changing school often, no school amenities at school causes logistics concerns, having all kids together could cause issues, competition.</p>
<p>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>
<p>Not using Jefferson as a school. 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>
<p>I'm not fond of having to change schools every 2 years after 4th grade. Kind of annoying and unnecessary.</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.

Second, as stated in my response regarding Scenario A, I prefer fewer school changes between grades for my child.

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.

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.

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.

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

Tearing down Northeast.
Grade changes
Spending unnecessary money

Biggest impact which causes significant disruption

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.

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 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.
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.
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.
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?
Adding pre-k to the elementary and building new buildings
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.
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
Moving buildings for extracurriculars and off separations of grades
Does not preserve neighborhood schools and grade levels grouped as before
Having all the sporting and other facilities all over the place.
The separation of fifth and sixth graders, seventh and eighth graders and ten and twelfth graders.

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 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
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.
Adding an additional school to transition through for students.
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.

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.
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.
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
Combining grades/all students to one big school could lead to some students getting lost leading to more frustration and school violence (ie shootings).
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not a fan of the elementary level only going to grade 4 2. Way too much disruption for the students with having elementary, intermediate, junior high, and then high school. 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. 4. In my opinion I think it is good for the students and the high schools to each offer band and sports.
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.

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.

More school changes for the kids

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.

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.

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)

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

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?

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 curriculums 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.

Children having to switch schools 4 times seems a bit much.

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.

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.
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.
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.
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.
Too many schools merging and changing.
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
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 changing from a 3 school (elementary middle high) set up to 4 school set up.
Changing the grade structure.
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.
No gifted school in the plan,don't prefer how the grades are split, and could potentially have issues with merging the highschoools.
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.
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.
We need a new pool
To many transitions, high costs.
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 doesnt line up with the reasons for the project as well. This seems more of a mess.
I am not a fan of the organization of the MS, nor the unification of two high schools.

<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
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Changing grades for middle school and high school (this will impact and change sports in the state)</p>
<p>Building new schools. Adding PreK to existing schools. Longer bus rides for all students.</p>
<p>Combined high school grades 10-12 and Pre-K in all the elementary schools</p>
<p>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>

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.
Moving fifth grade out of elementary.
Using DHS for younger kids
A combined high school
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!!!
Closing down Carpenter Pre Primary
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
Logistics and traffic will be a nightmare for parents doing drop off. Potentially 4 different schools depending on the family size....
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
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.
A weird 10-12 giant high school with half of the extra curricular activities/opportunities gone
Grade bands changing significantly.
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.
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.
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".
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?
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.
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.
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.
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.

cost and logistics involved with the split grade levels and having one high school may be unfavorable among many
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
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.
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.
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.
Completing changing the age structures and creating mega schools.
The high schools will need to travel for auxiliary, such as the pool.
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.
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.

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.

Not having 9-12 in one building and 6-8 in one building

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.

Pre primary is completely taken away and every classroom in Pre K are separated

*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)

*if enhancement didn't happen, 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

<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 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.
I don't like combining the high school and the high school only being grades 10 - 12.
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.
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.
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 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.
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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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
The moved to a single high school and the change in age groupings
pre-K in with elementary schools
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.
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 don't see the point of each school only serving 2 grades.
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.
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.
It goes away from the traditional model of Middle school being just 6-8 and high school being 9-12.
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
Combining high schools and creating an intermediate 5-6 and 7-9 structure.
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
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 curriculars. 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 dislike the fact that kids go to a different school every 2 years
the break out of the grades. taking away the high school experience from 9th graders. How will busing work with kids "across" town to the "new" school. Kids are unable to walk to school and have moved into an area to allow walking for WORKING parents. Not everyone is a stay at home mom in this town. Transportation is a major concern. Location of new high school? How will that work with the football stadium?
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
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).
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
Untraditional grade splits
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.
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.
5th grade moving out of elementary
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.
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.
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.
That the elementary schools will have some issues with overcrowding by adding preK and only taking away one grade
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??
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.
That pre K is put in regulars school
Combing 7-9 and only having 5&6 together
Combined high schools, more grade clumpings

9th not being in high school
It changes the middle school grade configuration that was implemented in 1997 after a lot of study and discussion.
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.
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.
A community high school with grades 10-12.
Why do you need to disrupt the entire district over pre-k?
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. 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. 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.
A unified HS, its not working out well in Saginaw. The cost. Cutting 9th grade from the HS. 9-12 should stay together.
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.
Too many different schools for a child to attend. Transitions to a new school can be difficult for both children and parents.
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.
separated athletic facilities with a new high school and travel needed for students in 5-6 and 7-9th grade increasing significantly each day.
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?

Creating one school per grade starting at grade 5. I cannot see how this would not limit opportunity for students.
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.
Moving 9th grade back to an "intermediate" school concept and eliminating the two HSs.
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.
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.
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
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.

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.

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

Still expensive. Adds one more building for students to pass through from K-12. More bussing costs.

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

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.

<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Taking 5th grade out of elementary. They are mentally still too young.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>9-12 needs to be in the same school. This is good for student growth and the high school experience.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>High school not having pool, outdoor fields, etc</p>
<p>Combining high schools. That hurts ninth grade sports and hurts the high school teams losing a year of training leading to the varsity level</p>
<p>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!</p>
<p>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.</p>

10-12 high school and only one large school
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 4. This model doesn't provide all necessary needs for MPS community.
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.
Combining a ton of kids so early (6th grade), one high school = less competitive athletic opportunities, more kids
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, let's 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 can't 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

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.

Grade configurations
Combining High Schools

The new grade banding and one high school

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.
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
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.
Do not like having one high school, do not like the changes to grades in the schools
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.
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).
Not having 9th grade at the high school facility.
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.

Dow High has many windowless classrooms which seems awful for anyone and definitely for 5th-6th grade.
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.
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.
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.
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)
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.
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.
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.

Need for establishment of new school loyalties; number of changes in building required in course of school career; cost; loss of tradition and history
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.
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.
Breaking up the grades and causing transportation challenges for parents
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.
Combining into 1 HS, grade distributions
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.
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.
Changing the grades and locations of schools
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.

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!
Splitting the ages of schools. How would sports teams be split when competing with others?
10-12 one HS
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.
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?
The disruption to current middle school students.
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.
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.
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

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?

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.

the school changes

There's only one high schools and the freshman are not a part of it

The high school system with the intermediate for me it's going yop be to messy and to complicated to change

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.
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
Too much moving around for kids, seems like they are changing buildings more often in this plan
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.
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.
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.
The split middle school plan seems cumbersome. And removing freshmen from the high school seems odd.
Transportation issues with getting kids to pool or stadium from wherever they are attending classes
Too many transitions, reduces opportunities for sports/arts in high school
Building new schools, and changing how things are now
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.
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.
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
Lack of existing school owned property, kids will have to attend 4 schools, and higher transportation costs for activities
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
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?
If we build a new high school there NEEDS to be a new pool and new athletic fields/stadium, no compromise.
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?
It's going to require a lot more bussing of kids in grades 5-9, and MPS already struggles with having bus drivers.
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.
We need a new aquatic center.
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.
Big change and lots of school changes
Grade structure
The hole shifting or grades

#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?

#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.

We know smaller communities/schools provide more attention to students. Bigger groups blend people together and cover up problems with low achievement etc

We put 9th grade in the HS 20 years ago to get them with older kids. Don't undo that!

This adds another building transition for students unnecessarily.

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.

Only 1700 can fit in a new HS? What if the community wants 9-12?

Scatter athletic practices all over town? Nope.

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.

No restaurants, gas stations, Walgreens/CVS for staff and students to access.

Farther away from medical offices for daytime appts.

The grades being switched up in different schools. That makes no sense.

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 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.

I don't like the idea of taking the freshman class out of the highschool.

The new high school won't have its own pool.

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.
no auditorium
Separating 9th grade from the high school. But I don't think that is a huge deal.
Revamping all buildings, building a new consolidated high school and the need for high school students travel to other locations for auxiliary facilities.
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.
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.
Continues use of unsatisfactory auditorium at Central. Halves number of students that will be able to participate in athletics and extracurriculars.
Extremely disruptive and very choppy educational experience for any student going through MPS.
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.
Moving Pre K to elementary schools
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.

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 acquire 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.
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.
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.
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.
Combing all classes
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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 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.

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.

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.

Kids having to be bused out to Dow High for two years of middle school.

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.

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.

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.
Large graduating classes; unsure of the 9th grade being excluded from high school as typical freshmen
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
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.
A unified high school, middle school and junior high school. This is a horrible scenario
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...
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.

<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.
The grade level building changes
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.
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.
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.
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.
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?
The school systems are completely changed, both students have to move schools to much and teachers who teach multiple grades have to travel more then twice as much, losing class preparation time.
Absolutely everything. Fifth graders are too little for middle school. Ninth graders are high schoolers.
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
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.
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.
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.
You plan to throw 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
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.
Continued use of Athletic Facilities. If you are going to build a new HS. We should centralize all of our academic and athletic facilities.
Could easily close down two buildings. Make it 9-12 and 5-8 at the two high schools.
I don't like that the pool will continue to be at dow, It would be better to make a new athletic campus.
<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</p>

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.

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.

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.

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.

students have to switch school locations frequently
no MS/HS competitions for sports (less varsity opportunities)

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

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.

Moving 5 out but adding PreK does not address overcrowding in elementary schools!

Transportation of students becomes more of an issue. Placing 9th graders back at the junior high rather than keeping them at the high school.

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.

I think highschool needs to be 9-12 and middle 5-8

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

Moving the younger kids to the huge Midland High and Dow High doesn’t seem appropriate

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.

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.

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.
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.
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
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.
Too many building changes
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
The community high school and reallocation of grades.
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)
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.
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.
I do NOT like 9th grade in the junior high. It should be in high school, where students can access all the curricular choices.
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.
There might be longer bus rides for students (ugh!)
I would be in favor of this option if the high school were "in town."
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
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.
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

Utilizing existing auxiliary facilities requires students to have to drive to multiple locations

kids have to move through four buildings in their academic career vs. three

What Survey Participants Like Most About Scenario B with Auxiliary Facilities

Auxiliary Facilities

- The importance of improving facilities is highlighted, and people appreciate that they are included in the plan.
- The facilities are seen as impressive and would be a positive asset for the community.
- Neutral site facilities for all schools are appreciated for promoting equity and accessibility.
- There is strong support for building a new pool and performing arts facility.

Pre-K/Early Childhood Programming

- Respondents show support for moving Pre-K to the elementary schools.

Pre-K - 12th Grade Configurations

- Respondents show support for moving 5th grade to a middle school.

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What do you like most about Scenario B that includes auxiliary facilities?
Responses
The facilities are important and should be included.
The facilities are impressive and would be a huge asset to the area. But they are the only attractive thing about Scenario B.
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.
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
Pool
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.
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
New facilities for the arts!!!!
Not only does the school district need this addition, but so does the city.
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
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.
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 Mean we could definitely use a new pool and maybe be able to host events at it
Auxiliary facilities needed if doing Scenario B
Swimming pool is needed
Modern facilities for arts and sports
It includes auxiliary facilities.
New pool however need a permanent robotics center.
New facilities are nice but costly.
I think we need the auxiliary additions but at the current schools we have in place right now.
New auxiliary facilities.
Makes more sense to have facilities that match the new high school.

New facilities would be nice
Plan B is only appealing with auxiliary facilities.
Auditorium and new pool are badly needed
Would love better performing arts facilities.
That there will be excellent facilities for students for sports
These facilities are located close to the school
Nice to upgrade auxiliaries
I'm interested in the stadium complex. I don't know how much we really need the other items
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.
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 curriculums.
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.
The Auxiliary package.
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 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
Swimming facility
The upgraded facility with a football stadium on site.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.o

The auditorium
The facilities
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
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
New facilities for athletics
The new auditorium, in particular, would arguably be necessary given increased size of performance groups.
The idea of new & updated AUX facilities, but clearly with a higher price tag.
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.
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
If we are going to do B, might as well do the auxiliary facilities.
Nothing. Not yet. Maintain the current facilities.
The 12 lane pool
New performing art center
Nice pool for schools
The new auxiliary facilities would be great and are needed.

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.
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.
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.
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.
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
I think the new swimming pool would be really nice.
Adding facilities
New athletic and aux facilities.
New facilities, particularly the new pool, would be additive to the district.
Stadium
I like the idea of the add-on facilities
A new Auditorium.
Addresses aging performing arts center and pool problems.
Stadium complex

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.

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.

A new auditorium would be great. Central Auditorium is wonderful, but it gets tight when there are concerts.

If you have scenario B You almost need this addition.

Nice facilities, I like the swimming pool.

I like the new facilities idea.

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.

The pool

A new pool.

New stadium

New pool.

A good auditorium could support a lot of community needs

New facilities are a benefit.

Most of the sports fields are due for upgrades

The auditorium is interesting

Facilities are great addition

Addition of a large auditorium for the district

New pool

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
The new auditorium.
We need a community pool for the swim teams. We are greatly lacking there for our sports teams.
I like having a robotics building.
performing arts facility
swimming pool is needed
New facilities
The facilities would likely be beautiful and meet needs for a long time.
Building a pool for all teams to use.
This community definitely needs a competition swimming pool
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.
There is a need for a new school pool
Would update the pool and complete the suggested move that was supposed to happen with Dow High having a stadium as well.
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.
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.
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.
auditorium
The auxiliary facilities
Our pool is embarrassing. Look at Grand Blanc. We need a facility equal to the quality of our programs.
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....).
I like the swimming complex and auditorium
New pool facility
Pool consideration
The football stadium
The new auxiliary facilities.
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
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.
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 update these facilities with Scenario A.
A new pool has been needed.
a dual high school pool at an alternate location
auxiliary facilities
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 a somewhat needed. The Central auditorium as seen better days and is beginning to be too small for its use. With the buildings only having 1 working pool an new pool is needed. And our stadium needs to be replaced.
PROPOSAL A needs to include an auxiliary facility option as well.
The performing arts and physical activity center
new stadium
Appreciate the arts being included.
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?

Brand new aux facilities
New facilities
I like the new facilities to support and grow the arts and athletics
Bigger auditorium
New auditorium
The auditorium is needed
The "auxiliary" facilities are a necessity to a robust high school program.
I know we need these facilities, especially the pool.
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.
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
Specialized auxiliary facilities sounds like a great benefit. Ideally auxiliary facilities with proposal A would be best.
New swimming pool.
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
I've heard there is a need for a 12-lane competition swimming pool in the community.
The addition of a new performing of the arts and swimming facility
A larger auditorium is great for our outstanding music/drama program.
MPS definitely needs a second auditorium and an updated pool is a plus
The swimming pool addition
Would like the 12 lane pool - but feel that could be built separately.
New stadium and auditorium to support a new unified high school.
Swimming facility
The new performing arts center. I would support that in scenario A, but not in scenario B.
Pools
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.
We do need a new consolidated swim/dive facility. This doesn't have to be at the consolidated mega high school though.
New pool and stadium is nice, but not really fundamental to education.
Again the only thing that this community needs is a new pool.
Add needed auxiliary facilities to Scenario A. Yes, new pool is needed. Current stadium and auditorium can be worked with.
Swimming
Having a performing arts center.
I think football stadium need an upgrade. New HD scoreboard.
The new pool would be the plus.
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
New facilities for performing arts.
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.
State of art facilities and updated sports facilities
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.
like the new pool
New pool

I would love for our community to have these facilities available.
The performing arts center however is central auditorium even problematic?
It provides a new auditorium.
The performing arts center is needed, Central auditorium is not adequate for high school programs.
Do this; the lack of a serious school auditorium at the high school is an embarrassment. 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.
It'd be nice to have new facilities but not at the cost of having only 1 HS
Robotics center would be amazing
New facilities
Bigger Auditorium
A new pool is needed
Dow pool isn't in the best shape, the central Auditorium gets sold out sometimes so more seats would be nice.
If you end up going with plan b, a new swimming complex
I like the addition of a pool
new pool
These are needed now. We do not have a good auditorium currently. The auditorium should be added to scenario A
Maybe there would be a nice pool that the community could use?? Maybe expand in conjunction with the Midland community center??
The new auditorium concept.
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.
Updated swimming facility is lacking in Midland.
The performing arts center would be nice.
The new pool and auditorium would be nice But why can't this be constructed under plan A.
New pool

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.
new pool
The 12 lane pool
New stadium.
I like the new stadium and swimming facility and that more people will be able to watch performances in the auditorium.
The stadium
I think the auxiliary facilities are a great idea and much needed. Is there a way to add them to scenario A?
The competition pool seems like a great idea!
I like the auxiliary facilities.
I sort of like the idea of 5th and 6th together.
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.
A new performing arts center
New competitive swim facility and stadium
Auxiliary facility
New swimming
Performing Arts & Swim facility
Pool and performing arts(although not necessary) we have Central Auditorium or MCFTA
A pool!
New auditorium and swimming pool
new swimming pool first. arts center 2nd. stadium last.
Updated and upgraded performing arts space and stadium/pool would be nice.
The new performing arts center.
Same comments as previous. I like that there is consideration for a potential devoted Robotics Site.
Swimming pool and new stadium
The swimming pool and stadium
New pool and theater are totally needed
The new swimming complex is needed.
We need new pools and auditorium.

The new stadium and pool
Auditorium sounds nice
I think our school district needs these auxiliaries, but you should add it to scenario a.
I like it. I'm a swimmer and band person. These facilities would benefit us.
A new pool might be nice but isn't necessary.
Pool
We need that pool! (And my kids don't swim.)
auditorium
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.
midland high needs a pool
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.
The pool
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.
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.
New pool
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.
We could use another pool
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.
A new stadium

Nice pool.
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.
I think adding an auditorium would be nice
Support need for auditorium and swimming.
the 12 lane swimming pool
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.
new pool, stadium and theater
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?
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.
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.
I like the focus on a new pool and arts.
New auxiliary facilities.
add on facilities
The functional swimming complex and the large auditorium are true needs for the future. Very forward thinking ideas.
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.
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 is STUPID to build a high school without a stadium, auditorium, pool etc Why isn't completing the current high schools an option?
We need a new, larger pool
I like the idea of a competition swimming pool so that all middle and highschool students have the opportunity to swim.
Love the pool and potential stadium for DHS.
Just upgrade the stadium with locker rooms and update the gym/pool at DHS. You don't need brand new facilities.
new art center
Auditorium
I would love a performing arts center and pool. Our community needs that.
it would be nice to have new auxiliary facilities
The new auxiliary buildings
Auxiliary options
Pool and auditorium
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
The new auditorium and swimming pool are needed for high schoolers.
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.
A better theater for the amazing arts programs.
The pool
The update to auxiliary facilities is an absolute must
we need them!!! would like to add these facilities to the Scenario a plan
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 a 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.
Pool, current aquatic facilities are poor when compared to other similar districts
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.
auditorium

What Survey Participants Like Least About Scenario B with Auxiliary Facilities

Auxiliary Facilities

- Some respondents are strongly opposed to the plan and mention they would vote against it due to dissatisfaction with the changes.
- Some feel that the proposed changes to facilities, such as building a new stadium, are unnecessary, especially since Dow High School's football field was recently updated.
- The idea of spending significant funds on facilities, like a new stadium or other amenities, is seen as a poor priority, given existing amenities.
- Disappointment is expressed over recent renovations being overlooked or made redundant by this new proposal.

Pre-K /Early Childhood Programming

- Concerns remain about the need for a Midland Public Schools Early Childhood Center, which is not being adequately addressed in this scenario.

Pre-K - 12th Grade Configurations

- There is a dislike for the placement of 7th graders with 9th graders in the same building.
- Some question the necessity of a large pool, feeling that it may be an excessive investment.
- There is dissatisfaction with 9th graders not being fully integrated into high school.
- The grade distribution in this scenario is seen as odd or confusing by some respondents.

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What do you like least about Scenario B that includes auxiliary facilities?

Responses
7th Grade is with 9th Grade.
new stadium dosen't make sense we already have a nice one.
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.
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.

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.
We already have a stadium, auditorium and a pool.
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.
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.
There is no need to build a new stadium MPs just put a ton of money into the existing one .
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
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.
Nothing related to the facilities but everything related to moving school ages around all over the city.

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.

Second, as stated in my response regarding Scenario A, I prefer fewer school changes between grades for my child.

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.

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.

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.

That 9th graders are not in high school.

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.

We don't need new auxiliary facilities

That at least a new stadium isn't in scenario a for Dow high

9th graders not in high school

A new athletic facility is the least of the district's worries. Good lord.

A new stadium is not needed

All the xtra new stadium would rather see more certified teachers, and more security at all schools including elementary.

Odd grade distribution

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!!!

The school configuration with this plan. I would like to see this plan available with Scenario A.

The stadiums. We just spendt 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?
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
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
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.
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.
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.
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.
Performing arts center
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.
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.
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.
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?
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.
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.
I do not see a clear need for a new pool or stadium.
Heck no. Those things are already exist. Why spend more for completely new locations
I don't think we need a new football stadium
The idea of paying 25M for a new stadium when we just spent all that money on the stadium at MHS
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.
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
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.
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.
A new stadium. Our current one just got upgrades to the seating. What a waste of money if you

replace the stadium.
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.
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?
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
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.
The central auditorium is historic and has just been redone, Current stadium has just gone major rebuild this seems illogical
The fact your thinking of doing another stadium is outlandish.
There is already an auditorium and football field available in MPS.
Pool and theater not necessary. Pools can be shared with community center, we have an auditorium.
Having to house the Pre K in the elementries because we do not have facilities for these littles.
I don't feel like we need a new pool
Taxes increased, a giant pool that will be used nowhere near enough to justify the cost
The high school needs to be 9-12.
The large theatre- unnecessary
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.
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.
We should just be building a robotics building added on to scenario 1, plus a new pre-primary

center, and upgrading existing buildings.
new stadium
We do not need another stadium. The community stadium is more than enough for the kids.
you don't need a new stadium
Just rebuilt the Midland high stadium, and built a new stadium at Dow high
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
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.
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.
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 than 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.
Midland high complex was just redone. Why create another
9th grade not being part of the high school.
I think the swimming pool is not needed.
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
The cost. Are there ways to continue utilizing the existing community football stadium or utilizing the community center pool.
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.
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.
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
New stadium and Auditorium...Auditorium construction should have much larger capacity
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.
What is wrong with the current auditorium at Central Park? No need to build a new one?
We have the Center For the Arts--don't need another 1000 seat auditorium
Worried about the grade splits.
The community stadium was revamped not too long ago and a new one seems like the update was a waste of money.
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
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.
Dow has a nerlw turf. The community stadium is perfectly fine.
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.
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).
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
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.
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
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 :(
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?
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.
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.
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.
Didn't the midland community stadium just get remodeled
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.
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.
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?

Add needed auxiliary facilities to Scenario A. Yes, new pool is needed. Current stadium and auditorium can be worked with.
MPS already has a nice auditorium and stadium that money has been put into recently. This looks like the "Cadillac" option.
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.
The stadium was just redone, why do we need to waste money on yet another one
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
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.
new stadium complex
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!
Building the new facilities is not necessary.
Stadium seems kind of unnecessary... and the distance — who knows where this can actually fit!
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.
Unnecessary structures!
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.
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.
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.

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.
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?
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
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
Our community stadium is already in good shape
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 feel a new stadium and performance center is unnecessary
I don't believe the cost estimates for the auxiliary facilities. I also don't think these facilities are needed
Adding these new auxiliary facilities is quite unnecessary other than the new pool.
new stadium complex
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
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

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.
Midland stadium was recently renovated as was Central Auditorium.
We already have these facilities and it seems redundant expenditures. Construction cost vs maintenance costs.
The current stadium is in great shape. Why would it need to be replaced?
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.
school changes
New auditorium and pool.
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.
the auditorium
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.
I hate replacing the stadium and pools if not necessary. Just seems like such a waste of resources. Reuse not replace
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.
We have a beautiful auditorium at Central and our stadium is one of the best..... needs some upgrades...concession, player facilities, though
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.
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.
Stadiums are only used by a select few students and we already have one.
A new competitive swimming facility and
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.
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.
A pool should be a shared investment with community organizations.
too many school building changes, and I don't like the very large intermediate, junior high and high school buildings.
Build a new stadium. We have a good stadium that we can still utilize.
the stadium will probably be built first. with the swimming pool last. 😞
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
New stadium doesn't seem necessary
Everything! Central Auditorium is beautiful, Midland Community Stadium is wonderful. Dow high pool is good.
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.
New stadium not needed
We just upgraded many of our facilities.
new football stadium
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.

I don't think it is a good use of funds for a new stadium complex.
we dont need a dedicated arts location. . . there are auditoriums
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
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)
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?
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.
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
Unnecessary spending of people's tax dollars. For example, we have a great Community Stadium already!
We recently redid the midland community stadium and the central auditorium.
The cost of it. Work with the community to create a pool. The stadium is fine and recently received upgrades.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
It should also include an indoor fieldhouse.
Cost is too high for add ons like this that simply are not necessary.
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.
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 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.
New stadium
Unneeded expenses on stadium complex and higher tax increases
Already have all 3. This is a vanity project not related to academics.

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
New stadium
I am not sure how much a new stadium is needed. The current stadium is still in excellent condition.
Swimming facility
We don't need a new high school. Or a new feild
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.
The stadium complex we have is pretty sufficient
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.
We have a perfectly good stadium now. Seems silly to build a new one.
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.
We have existing infrastructure that suits these needs.
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.
Additional cost. We already have adequate facilities in Midland. Surely there's a better use for my tax dollars!
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.

The stadium does not need an upgrade - don't waist 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
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 "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.
Not sure this is really needed. We have a great auditorium field and community center has a new pool.
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.
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
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.
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.
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.
Not sure we need another auditorium.
We have facilities already for these events. These facilities are costly to build and maintain, especially if you aren't using them everyday.
Why waste tax money on auxiliary facilities replacing a new Midland Community Stadium??
Wonder if we need a new stadium?
The new stadium, didn't the stadium just get built?

Don't need a new stadium complex
The stadium. We have one that is adequate and was just updated.
I feel that the performing arts space and stadium are unnecessary because the current facilities meet the needs of the community
Is a new stadium really necessary?
New Stadium makes no sense.
The current stadium and auditorium are more than adequate and still have a lot of useful life.
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?
sports field?