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Burbank Early Childhood School

What do you like or dislike about each of the options for Burbank Early Childhood School? Why?

Repairing is not a responsible use of funds. Renovation seems incredibly disruptive and probably won't fully achieve the goals of creating a modern learning environment. How would Burbank operate during renovation? Rebuild is the best option.

Well naturally the repair does nothing to help the district long term. I don't have a strong feeling over renovate vs rebuild here and would ask the district choose the cost friendly option considering this building houses some students on tuition.

Like the rebuild option: it is flexible and safe use of site, with expansion possible should the program need to grow. Renovating leaves many problems with existing in place.

I liked that the kids would not have to be moved off property during the remodel. I liked that we are leveraging the parking lot space behind the school which allows it to be walled off and work to be done during school hours. The presentation was not clear around for each option how it impacts operating efficiency, building maintenance, etc. See my note in last section.

I would opt to repair or renovate Burbank, depending on what the next step would be after that. Would the repairs make the building last another 20 years? If so, I would opt for that option. Given that this is a tuition based program, I would prioritize the public middle schools. I am not excited about using taxpayer money for a tuition based program. I support providing early intervention programs and would prioritize renovating those areas.

I don't care for repair it won't improve the spaces or give it the needed safety or much needed update functionality. I feel the renovate would be too disruptive and it doesn't increase the functionality. I prefer the Rebuild because it would improve and update all issues.

For all sites, most viable and attractive options will come down to weighing pros/cons with the cost of each one. None of the Repair-only options seem to accomplish the objectives of these projects. For Burbank, the renovation option seems less intrusive and the go-to choice if it includes the modernization of the facility to meet current and future needs. I like that all options

are being done within the existing footprint of the current space. If rebuild is similar in cost to renovation, I like the additional green space. I like that both renovation and rebuild options have room for expansion.

Repair X - leaves us w/ same issues we face today

Renovate or Rebuild - like both. I'd choose most cost-effective and one that impedes the least on children's educational experience.

Whatever is the most cost effective option. Many UA tax payers (even with kids) don't use Burbank

Repair is just maintaining status quo. Not really addressing needs like in class restrooms.

Rebuild is the best option for Burbank. Having separate area for academics is good.

I have never been to Burbank. Was supposed to be the future when it was built.

For me, to repair is enough for Burbank. Why wouldn't you have written what the rooms were used for in the Repair drawing? I have never been in Burbank.

I think all the options are good. Whatever displaces children the least.

It needs to be rebuilt. The space inside is inefficient (lobby / main area) and the classrooms are less than ideal.

I prefer rebuild option.

I like the renovate option.

Repair should not be an option. Yes to renovate or rebuild!

This is a private company providing the program. Should public funds be used to renovate? - No. I think only repair is the fiscally responsible option.

Repair - Bandaaid :(Need to renovate or rebuild :) I prefer a rebuild because it's less drastic. The kids can still be in the original place until the new facility is built. I see better structure and future for a rebuild. The original place I don't like just repair because it doesn't make it safer or functional as it needs to be.

I don't think it's a school that needs entirely rebuilt, I like using the space and structure they have to renovate and add onto.

Are there any other thoughts or options we should be considering?

It does seem like a rebuild is easier for movement of students and continuity of going to school.

Least disruptive to students, parents, and staff during the course of the year.

Can Burbank and Hasting trade places?

Why is a waitlist of 125 children acceptable? How many people in the community actually know what happens at Burbank; consider a brief description or video to explain. May help when comes time to vote.

I feel that it would be a mistake to limit the size of any new or rebuilt structure to the current student population. There is a waiting list of over 120 students. Some of the students will be self-funded making it less expensive to increase the size of the school to accommodate the current waiting list. The history of the additions to Jones emphasizes that limiting Burbank to its current student population is shortsighted. (Jones was built in 1923 and expanded in 1926, 1930, 1934, and it would be a shame to repeat that mistake with Burbank.)

I would like to see for the "repair" option what the ongoing cost projection would be for the building if we went this route. The biggest thing I heard was around classroom size and bathrooms, I would love to see an option that is a "remodel lite" that focus on possibly opening up classrooms into "shared space" or adding bathrooms in classroom vs a complete remodel,

Make a bigger covered entry pick up drop off area

Could Burbank and Hastings sites be swapped with one another?

Could tuition be raised to offset some (not all) costs?

I think I would talk more about how early intervention learning is important - when we use words like optional or self-pay, it is a little confusing why this is so important or the responsibility of taxpayers. Please have speakers introduce themselves or be introduced. It is very confusing if this is first meeting. Also, maybe introduce principals.

Or sell building to the company now using. Encouraging outdoor education spaces.

Safety & space are important. We got the high school now we need the rebuild here.

Hastings Middle School

What do you like or dislike about each of the options for Hastings Middle School? Why?

Repairing is not a responsible use of funds. Renovation seems incredibly disruptive and probably won't fully achieve the goals of creating a modern learning environment. There is nothing at Hastings worth salvaging even with a full renovation. Rebuild is the best choice. Of

the rebuild options, the land swap at the current location seems worthwhile to pursue because of the parking lot location.

Rebuild on Thompson Park seems to make the most sense but I personally don't agree with this happening before Jones. That's removes equity among all students in same grades and creates some serious issues on the equality front within the district.

The rebuild option hands down. I think the Lane Rd Park site is the best location as well. Creates synergies with Lane Rd Library and other UA Park/Rec facilities.

Renovate A - don't like taking city space for the school. Looks like the land you are taking is bigger than the land you are giving. Forcing the baseball field to be rebuilt further north in the park closer to homes who will lose value. The space you are giving is on Reed Rd and it seems better to have city park land further away from a busy street. Plus it will force more traffic, parking etc on Lytham Rd.

Renovate B is a nice option. Seems to accomplish all you want plus stay in the confines of the existing school space.

Rebuild A - concern for the home owners who will lose value with the school in their back yard. Not sure it's a good idea to have a playground next to the tennis courts and again don't love the idea of a city park being on a busy street - Reed rd. Also is traffic considered on Mount view and Lytham with this option?

Rebuild B - this appears to be a really nice idea to stay on current school grounds and flip the space. Keeping the integrity of the city park and home values around it.

Rebuild C - if this happens will we be able to see what plans for Hastings land would be before decisions made? What is Thompson losing that would have to be included on Hastings grounds? Is city currently looking for more sports fields and if so will they put them on Hastings property or reorganize Thompson? Lots of questions on this one.

Rebuild B feels like the right answer to rebuild on the existing site. The Thompson Park option is very intriguing considering traffic concerns. More would need to be explained about the gain of park space at the Hastings site for that to fly.

I like the option of flipping the football field with the academic area and rebuilding. Of course, the unknown cost to do this should weigh into the decision to also consider renovating.

I like the rebuild option B the best. Keeping the current footprint of the school seems easier and cheaper.

I like the rebuild option where the building can be built without disrupting the existing building. I think this opens up options to then leverage the old school during the Jones remodel. I feel like the floor plans didn't really call out any sort of intervention classrooms for kids on IEPs which I would like to see. I also didn't see specific areas designated for flex space which I would like in a rebuild to see more of (whether that is a future classroom need due to an influx of students or

that is a new educational need that hasn't yet been identified - example a special that gets added in). I love the natural light influx, the higher ceilings, etc. I would love to see an option in a new building for a place for kids to eat outside for lunch. This is a space that teachers could also utilize for outside learning to get out of the classroom sometimes (ex writing block or reading block). I feel like in middle school this gives them a bit more freedom to go outside and get a mental break and some vitamin D.

I like the option to build at Thompson Park. The congestion at Hastings is already awful with Wellington dismissing at the same time. I cannot imagine adding Jones into the mix - it would be a nightmare for the 2+ years of building. I also like the idea of building away from kids - I don't like having building materials and polluted air in the vicinity of kids playing outside. I love the idea of Hastings being near Lane Rd library. That is well used by middle school kids.

Again I will state that I don't like Repair because there is no growth it keeps it as is. I prefer Renovate A it improves the functionality and I'm a big fan of rotating the track to its preferred direction and it would improve its overall function. If we are going to improve let's do it right. I don't care for any of the Rebuilds. The Renovate A would be cost effective.

I don't like the land swap and impact to residents in the Renovate A and Rebuild A options. I like Rebuild B, b/c it uses the existing designated space, but again, that will impact residents on MountView who currently have green space vs a building in their back yard. This should be mitigated as much as possible. Depending on costs and taking existing residents into consideration, Rebuild option C seems reasonable and will provide for an easier transition. Rebuild option C will increase traffic on McCoy, but also help reduce congestion on Reed Rd by Wellington.

Repair X - same issues we have today. I'm open to renovate or rebuild. I would prioritize cost & timeframe when selecting top choice.

Rebuild c makes the most sense to me

Repair just kicks the can. Renovate option A is better. Flipping football field. Like Rebuild A or B - like grade level areas. Don't really like option C - like Thompson Park the way it is.

Hate to see the auditorium go.

Please don't rebuild Hastings at Thompson Park. My choice is Rebuild Option A with parking in the middle.

I like pushing the parking out to Reed Road on the north side. I prefer a rebuild. I think renovate will just be harder long term. Thompson great for logistics but maybe not long term.

We should not waste any money renovating. There are a lot of promising options.

I would like to see a rebuild.

I like Renovate A or Rebuild A. I don't like the parking lot on Reed Rd in the B options. Thompson Park is an interesting option.

Renovate A. Repair should not be an option. Single use restrooms are a must.

I only support repair. Students have used this school and come out successful. It was built to accommodate baby boomers - so served more students than now.

Renovate A #1 Rebuild C #2 Makes it more functional and keeps it safe.

I think traffic needs to be a big part of the plan. I wonder about the field being on Reed Road - do we have to wall it off then? What happens to the Hastings current footprint if it moves to Thompson?

Are there any other thoughts or options we should be considering?

The Thompson Park option makes good sense from a disruption and construction flexibility standpoint, but I worry that the neighbors around the park will be upset about losing their peaceful walking path. I wouldn't want to give anyone a reason to vote down a levy or bond because of this since there are other viable options to rebuild at the current Hastings site.

Hastings and Jones buildings need to be being done at the same time for a variety of reasons. Equity of student educational experience, costs (they will rise when you go to do Jones), etc.

If a new MS is constructed on Lane Rd it creates the option of using Hastings as swing space for Jones MS students during that building project.

Have you considered building Hastings in the Burbank space? Putting Burbank in the current Hastings location seems like they could build and have green space without changing the park. To my knowledge the homes around Hastings park are the only ones in UA that back up to a park and it's nice to keep it this way. I don't think homes back up to the Burbank land so it could be fully utilized for the middle school.

How complicated is the land switch? Assuming it's easier without and that might be wrong.

This is a general question for all the schools. Will the construction cost include an estimate on the annual dollar increase, if any, to maintain the new and larger facilities?

I am worried about moving the school to Thompson park. Would the traffic be more congested up there because of St Andrew's traffics?

See all my thoughts in the last section as apply here.

For Rebuild options A or B, could the track be situated diagonally between Reed Rd. and Hastings Ln to eliminate need for land swap and/ or move parking closer to the building?

Jones & Hastings need to go on simultaneously.

Are there any possibilities to use the land to the northwest of the tennis courts, we usually refer to those fields as "upper Hastings fields"

I wish they had a space for metal shop.

I am ashamed of whomever printed this unreadable "conceptual diagrams." I spent 90% of my time using a magnifying glass trying to read print. Shame on you!

Please do a traffic study for Reed and on McCoy. McCoy sees so many accidents. Hastings Place is a mess at dropoff. Let people know about the new bus limitations will be if moved to Thompson.

I think Renovate is the better option. I don't think Hastings needs a Rebuild.

I really like the Thompson Park option. What does that mean for current location? Can you expand on what it would look like?

There are limited resources in the world. We cannot continue to think we can use them up by tearing down & rebuilding.

Jones Middle School

What do you like or dislike about each of the options for Jones Middle School? Why?

Repairing is not a responsible use of funds. Renovation seems incredibly disruptive and probably won't fully achieve the goals of creating a modern learning environment. Budgeting for contingencies of a renovation project is going to be tricky for a 100 year old building. There's many opportunities for unexpected costs and delays. Rebuild is the best choice.

Repair and Renovate A are out. They leave us with all or most of the same problems. Renovate B vs. Repair should be weighed on cost. I like rebuild better with some attention to front of building. I have to assume rebuild will be more cost and time effective.

Rebuild option is best as additions have created as many issues to overcome as would be solved by trying to renovate or even selectively demolishing and adding new SF. New build needs to pay homage to the existing Jones as well as maintain presence on UA's public "square".

KEEP (AT LEAST) THE ORIGINAL FRONT FACADE. Why not do this right and go with the Rebuild mimicking historical design elements but keeping the original front three story wall. That seems fair compared to the Hastings option.

I like the additional parking that could be provided with the purchase of the home that was adjacent to the school.

As a business owner in the Mallway District, I can tell you the idea of replacing the existing parking lot with tennis courts would be disastrous for the Mallway businesses. The parking situation in the Mallway is already a big problem when school is in session or on summer days when the pool is full. Many of the staff at Jones don't use the parking lot and instead park in spaces on the street not leaving room for Mallway business staff and customers. Oftentimes we have to park in the parking lot because Jones staff has the street full. If that lot is removed the problem will grow even more severe as Jones staff and others that park in that lot would then be forced to find street parking. The potential replacement parking lot that is proposed on Coventry Rd. because of its location and distance from the Mallway would not be convenient for shoppers and staff at Mallway businesses and because the new lot is so small it will be filled early each day. Further, if the old lot is removed I suspect that many Jones staff that are used to parking in the South Mallway lot will also try to park on the streets west of the school rather than the new lot.

I did not like the keeping the face of the existing building. It is extremely expensive and if this is not a building that is a historic building but is just simply just in a historic area. In most scenarios like this, the community just asks the remodel or build has a similar look and feel as the olds building. I think that the most cost effective would be in the rebuild / remodel they keep the "look" but to spend all that money on the face of the building to say its "old" seems like a huge waste of money given the volume of improvements needed across all the buildings. I think preserving the bricks and building it into some sort of lobby display would be much more cost effective and practical.

I do not want to spend millions of dollars to save the facade of Jones for sentimental purposes. I would rather just tear it all down and rebuild in the same style. You can save the bricks and reuse some of them. But spending additional money to prop up a facade for sentimental value does not seem like a good use of money.

Finally repairs don't make the place functional it doesn't improve the space. It needs to grow so I vote for Renovate B. Gets a fuller more functional 3rd level and a courtyard/green space more lighting and would possibly be more cost effective than a rebuild. I would support the Rebuild if its less expensive than the reno but I strongly want the original front and poolside shell.

Like renovation and rebuild options which retain the original building. Any route should either retain original building or facade.

Repair & Renovate A - X - same issues we have today. 2nd choice - Renovate B. 1st choice - Rebuild. Fix a lot of today's issues and plans for the future.

Really like the addition of 55 parking spaces and moving the baseball diamond. Also would vote for the rebuild option

Repair doesn't cut it. Only good thing about rebuild is preserving facade - very similar to Renovate B. Like A the best. Solves problem with gym & auditorium being on top of each other while preserving more of original building.

I have never been in it. Please keep at least facade. Why get rid of history all the time.

Don't rebuild. Renovate B - my best guess as I can't read the print.

Like the idea of keeping the look (even if not the original) facade.

Renovate or rebuild keeping historical entry in place.

I don't think Jones needs a rebuild.

Repair should not be an option.

Repair -> only do this. Will cost too much to do any but repair. If taxes for schools go up, more people will be forced to move out. We'll lose diversity.

Renovate B #1. Definitely need more parking. The building needs to be more functional so Reno B does that.

It's clear that repairing Jones hasn't worked over the years. I don't like the idea of spending additional funds on "keeping the facade" just for the sake of keeping it. I like the idea of moving the courts to the parking and moving the parking.

Are there any other thoughts or options we should be considering?

It's possible the Renovate B plan would accomplish a satisfactory modernization of the facility, while retaining the main historical element. However, some inequities may remain when compared to a fully rebuilt Hastings. I hope that retaining the facade of the building would be sufficient to satisfy the nostalgic members of the community.

I'm pretty adamant on Hastings and Jones projects occurring at the same time.

Perhaps keep architectural features that could be incorporated into a new building. UA education is a reason many parents elect to live here so the high standard of the district needs to be memorialized.

If parts of the brick / stone are demolished, can they be reused? (Definitely put some away in the Archives). Documenting the current structure. Paying homage to the original structure with images etc in the new building.

Thank you for considering our concerns. I realize that the UA Schools are making decisions for the best interest of the kids in our schools, but I hope you are going to balance those decisions with the impacts your decisions have on your neighbors in the surrounding community.

1). I was disappointed that there was not more information shared around how sustainability (energy consumption, indoor air quality, carbon emissions, operational efficiency, etc) were layered into the plan and helping to inform design decisions. My fear is that the repair and renovate truly limit our ability to put a sustainable building in and will increase the long term expenses the district has to pay (whether that is to meet some new legislation that goes into effect in the future around energy consumption or to pay for replacement or changes to building to meet new sustainability needs in the future). Additionally, not being able to raise ceilings and open up spaces will require more units which increase preventative maintenance needs as more units to service, increases energy consumption, noise level from numerous units, etc. In the next presentation, I would love to see a bit discussion around how this fits into the designs and selections and with each option, how are the key components of sustainability impacted.

2) I struggle with how the options are presented in isolation but not as a dependency on each other. For example, Jones is land locked so whether they do rebuild or remodel, the kids will be unlikely to stay at the school during that school year. They will need somewhere to go. As a result, that makes Burbank and Hastings (with adjacent park and option to expand) more likely candidates for a rebuild as would be able to build new school, move kids into new school, and then Jones kids could leverage old Hastings building while the Jones work is being done. It is very difficult to me to look at these in isolation without thinking through the feasibility or roadmap of how each option would play out from a timing / implementation plan.

3) The presentation was a good introduction but was disappointed to not see more of the pros and cons from a longer term perspective. For example, a remodel on Hastings would have negative impacts to operating efficiency due to the numerous HVAC systems that would need installed due to lower ceiling requirement. This would result in more ongoing maintenance costs. Similar conversation on the air quality requirements that must be met per the state standards. It feels like everything is presented as a snap shot in time but not presenting the transparency of how each option would impact ongoing maintenance costs on a yearly basis and under each option, what would the 5 - 10 year implementations be (from the point it is complete so Year 1 post remodel, year 2 post remodel, etc).

I don't feel that the parking lot needs to become a tennis court the parking needs to stay parking where it is because there is the swimming pool to consider. Maybe the tennis court and additional parking would fit on the new land acquired. Finally the school should be considered as a historic bldg.

I strongly feel doing Hastings first and then Jones creates serious inequalities w/ students at the same grade level and is abundantly unfair!

Could the new school be built on the football field site and the new football stadium could run North/South on the current school location? You could keep the current historic facade as the entrance to the new football stadium?

I came to this meeting with high hopes. filling this out is a pure waste of time. How could you seriously as educated residents to read this/these diagrams and make an intelligent decision?

Would still love to look at connecting the Mallway drives across the front of Jones and use the north & south roads as land — for parking / building / tennis court options. Would love to know costs of rebuilding similar facade & keeping facade. Tie in historical architecture feel from City of UA or Columbus if choose to rebuild.

Thank you for purchasing the land around the school - forward-thinking!

I do think students should have natural light. It's too bad that the courtyard was ever filled in. I do think going up - 3rd floor is good. Building has nice big windows and great.

Our students are succeeding in these buildings as they are now.

Is the tennis courts used by the community and they would miss it? I feel the tennis courts aren't needed for this age level. The parking is for the pool as well, and I wouldn't want to see the tennis courts there. They could always utilize the HS tennis courts.

Yes. None of these options come with a long term plan for them. If we choose "repair", what does that mean or each building in 10 years? In 20 years? Same for rebuilding - what does that mean in 10 or 20 years? What are we budgeting for maintaining the upgrades or new schools? It's clear that they have not been taken care of, and I think the community would like to know what the plan is to maintain these schools, how long do you expect them to remain functional, before coming back for more funding. Aside from the long term vision for each option, I think the building teams need to show that the new buildings will be more functional than the last set. Some Greensview kids are doing art in the music room, and have been since it reopened...there isn't adequate intervention space...very poor planning for a new school. It's not just GV, it's the HS cafeteria and study hall situation. It's Barrington. It's all of them. Lastly, I would like to know a better idea on what the students going to school during these renovations or rebuilds will be doing....where will they go? Thank you.

As I stated to the CFO tonight, these projects are going to drive me from my home because of the obscene property tax that I will have to pay and they will in turn decrease the equity and diversity in our community.

