

**How would you prioritize the Updated Options Without Cost? (54 Responses)**

1. B1
2. B2
3. B3
4. C1
5. F3
6. F2
7. D1
8. C2
9. E2
10. D2
11. F1
12. E1

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1. Option B1 (Option + CIP=\$67.4-81.21M +/-)
2. Option B2 (Option + CIP=\$69.6M-83.3M +/-)
3. Option B3 (Option + CIP=\$76.5-91M +/-)
4. Option C1 (Option + CIP=\$76.5-91M +/-)
5. Option F3 (Option + CIP=\$87.5M-107M +/-)
6. Option F2 (Option + CIP=\$75.1M-88.4M +/-)
7. Option D1 (Option + CIP=\$81M-98.2M +/-)
8. Option C2 (Option + CIP=\$72.2M-85.5M +/-)

9. Option E2 (Option + CIP=\$89.5M-105.7M +/-)
10. Option D2 (Option + CIP=\$79.1M-96.9M +/-)
11. Option F1 (Option + CIP=\$72.2M-85.5M +/-)
12. Option E1 (Option + CIP=\$85.2M-100.2M +/-)

**What Considerations Would You Like to Share About the Options? Is there Anything Missing? (22 Responses)**

- Any option that includes a school closing was automatically at the bottom of my list.
- B1
- Closing the elementary schools should not be an option for these small towns. I do believe that Harpswell residents would rather leave the district than see our school close.
- Is there a way to compare the estimated five, ten, fifteen year cost combined with costs of the plan themselves, estimated district savings by combining schools, and what would be the timeline if a school were voted to be closed, for that town to withdraw from the school district. There are many towns, especially on the peninsulas with independent els, and school choice for middle and HS.
- Are we concerned with losing young families in our town if a school is closed? The town will just keep aging if we can't attract new families.
- We moved to Bowdoinham specifically for the school. It took us a while to find a place. we moved here when our oldest was 1.5 to be here for kindergarten. We have a 1 year old now lined up to start in a few years. If we lost our school, not sure what we would do.
- Is there any way to detail how these options would directly effect our individual tax bills?
- The towns have a website. Please use it to get the word out to the communities! A new school is not necessarily better. What is the lifespan of a new school? Why do you need to replace a school that was built in 1990?
- If we fix the schools that we have and don't build anything new how will that look 10-20-30 years down the road? Will it be more expensive in the long run to just keep fixing schools over and over? Is there a way to see the cost on options for new WCS, Harpswell, Bowdoinham and doing CIP for the rest? Or maybe a plan to do minimum fixes to some and make a plan for a new school every 4-5 years until we get them all repaired/replaced?

- I think it's important that we play a role in getting this information out ourselves. We need to be active participants in getting the word out. Help bring more eyes to the issue. If you have the information send it out to your groups.
- Certain building materials and methods from when these schools were built are better than what we have available now. The schools were built to last. We need the structural information for each school before voting on these options.
- Williams Cone School is a special community. Adding it to Woodside is not an option. An elementary school of 700 students is not an option.
- Have the people in charge considered what it's going to look like if towns start pulling out of the SAD?
- Please share the overall timeline and steps involved in this process.
- Why is the brand new high school having issues already that is less than 5 years old? This is concerning especially with proposing building new schools that are newest school is already having issues.
- The previous slideshow showed enrollment increases for some of our local community schools. Why was this key information left out? I know for a fact some of the schools are growing in their enrollment numbers. Please do not close the community schools, they are what make our communities.
- Will each town be able to make the decision for their own town? Instead of options B1 to F3, shouldn't the people of Harpswell and Topsham and Bowdoin get to choose the best option for their town and not let voters or school board members from other towns impact their town.
- It was asked or mentioned but I'd also like to see the impact on children's education considered and factored in.
- What about local tradespeople (insured businesses) having the opportunity to pitch in with services at cost in an effort to maintain community schools and keep taxes lower
- I'm glad people are mad about a potential school closure, it means we \*should\* have great support when we ask for \$ for renovations.
- Maybe a mailer needs to go out to all homes in the district?
- The WHY is not answered. Why did we get to this point!? This is a total mess. We should never got to this point. Why!?
- I would love to see forums happen at every elementary school.
- You really need to increase efforts in communicating about this throughout the district. Please consider age and the many ways people are able to engage in this process.

- How would new schools impact staffing? Would there be a need for more staff, same amount, or cuts to staffing?
- I think our district needs to do all things possible to keep our individual community schools open. It's better for each community, it's better for educational purposes, and it's better for students and families.
- Agree that closing schools should not be an option.
- Closing local schools is a terrible option for these communities. Fix what we have!
- Community schools are used by many organizations outside of school hours.
- I think it's clear that closing schools are not an option for our communities. We should not have that as an option anymore.
- These school closures need to be removed from the list!
- Didn't we build Woodside in the 90s because we needed another school in Topsham? Why would we turn around and consolidate the two Topsham schools at the next major renovation juncture?