

Comments from Surveys with No School-aged Children

- Keep some at present K-2 at Prospect, 3-4th grade at new site or split enrollments of K-4 between Prospect & new.
- I liked the plan you presented before the last referendum.
- Do what makes sense financially.
- Have seen no updating @ middle school other than carpet, computers and paint. Can't the building be updated as needed instead of going on for years & years without updates? Suggested to upkeep current facility and update current facility.
- If the Tajmahal (city hall) wasn't built so big and fancy, we wouldn't be in this situation. It's not that the people in this town don't want the best for our kids, but we just can't afford another tax burden. You said the old city hall was beyond repair – look at it now! No more deception, please!
- Remember, some of us are on fixed and/or declining incomes. We can not afford any new taxes. Live within your budget as we must. Restore the ms gym only if it does not raise taxes other wise do nothing
- Sell the vacant land. This is a very poorly written questionnaire. Validity and reliability are questionable.
- Can it be repurposed in another way? Community use, etc.
- Need more information to answer this one – cost to restore verses new construction.
- Keep the schools where they are. If middle school enrollment is declining, there should be sufficient room available to accommodate an increase coming from elementary level.
- Now is not the time to raise taxes. The Dow is the tank, gas is sky high, groceries are excessive, utilities are excessive and retirees have limited income. Individuals need to work it out – maybe you too!
- I would support this option if you moved the elementary south of town.
- Propose the following: Prospect – K-3, Middle – 4-6, Current HS – 7-8, and High HS – 9-12.
- MS should be the priority. Either fix all of the issues in the current building, rip it down and replace on same site.

- If the economy collapses, the school population will decrease because people will have to move closer to any work. This is still a useable community building. The old heating system dates from the 1950s not the 1930s (when heated by a municipal heating plant.)
- All 3 schools need renovations. The schools that are not closed would need renovations. I would NEVER combine the elementary & middle schools. Build a new gym hopefully in the new middle school if possible. Keep the ms gym building as our community doesn't have enough gyms.
- Consolidate with Johnson Creek or others and build new facilities.
- The solution to all the questions in this survey would be to sell the land south of the city and tear down the Middle School. Add a middle school at the high school. A middle school of grade 5-6 and 7-8 thereby relieving the elementary school. A new gym at the new middle school and tear down the present gym at ms site.
- I would support anything that can pass. This has gone on long enough. Build an early learning center (EC-PreK) on the ag land. Restoring the ms gym will probably be the most costly option. Buy Gerald Miller & Mary Pat Klein new homes in Fort Atkinson!
- I support building a new high school. Then move the middle school to the vacated high school, and modify the existing ms into an elementary school. Sell the prospect building and site.
- 5th Graders do not belong at a middle school.
- Build a new pre-K building on North side of Prospect Street property.
- Why do you let everything go to hell & then try to fix everything at once? Do the repairs as they come. My house is older than your schools and it's in great shape. I have a brain and think ahead. I would not support building on the land because there would be too many children to bus. Sell the vacant land and spend it on our schools!
- I would support building a new building only if it is an elementary school. I'm only in favor of a new 3 & 4th grade center. Replace failed components in the ms gym as they fail. Establish a sin__ fund dedicated to this expenditure and contribute annually to it. I'm in favor of building a new gym on site and continuing to use the old one as a stand-alone recreational facility.
- I will vote no until a long range plan is developed!
- Actually my thought is create a long range facility plan and show it to the public. Redo the middle school and add on rooms just for 6-8/design to add on new

gym later. Replace Prospect K-5 where it is and Keep 4K in private sector and add on rooms and competition size gym – two competition stations. Add gym at MS – again having 2 competition floors, refurbish old ms gym to be student community recreation center and lower level a charter school or community education center. Refurbish HS – add on rooms, fitness center, redo lower level gym – expand to include indoor track, make old auditorium educational space – not storage, etc. Put more money in on going maintenance to keep up what we have. Pass on-going referendum just for annual maintenance get a plan especially for big ticket items.

- Please put this questionnaire on-line so you don't have to buy a paper.
- Why is there a contractor working at the high school for years? Do the buildings get such heavy use there is a need for repairs? The middle school gym is the best built building in our entire system. Take care of it. Seems to me it is used every day!
- I would support building new, with a combined elementary and middle school on the land south of town. I do not agree with doing anything else within the district. This includes the middle school gym. Do nothing to this because we think you need to build new buildings on the property south of town.
- We have voted yes for every referendum the school board has had and will continue to do so as long as we can vote. We no longer have children or grandchildren in school but we wish the best education for all students. Did not choose to answer any questions on the survey.
- Do not build apartment buildings in school district until schools are fixed. Did not answer any other questions on survey because all the schools are in BAD shame and something needs to be done.
- Wouldn't take much to add a ramp to the middle school gym to make it handicap accessible.
- Comment made to build new middle school on vacant land.
- First choice would be to build a new combination elementary and middle school or any combination of what the district needs. 2nd choice add on to the middle school and move 5th grade up. Don't add on to Prospect. As a staff member, we can't support our curricular needs adequately for the future in this building as it is. The gym and cafeteria are too small. Adding more classrooms would further tax the common areas, maintenance budget, etc. Good luck! As a staff member I will do all I can to support what needs to be done for our students.
- Vacate the Middle school gym and use high school facilities.

- I do not have cost comparisons to properly evaluate and decide the best option for the middle school gym.
- Vacate the ms gym but only if money is available to create a sufficiently nice facility. Don't tear it down and put a budget-first mediocre facility.
- Would there be grants available for a building like the ms gym with historic value? Has a merge with Johnson Creek school district ever been considered? Build a full-blown complex for both districts someplace along Hwy B and solve both districts problems.
- We can't afford sentiment – Keep buildings in town to eliminate excess driving for busses and parents. Encourage bikes and walking.
- Build a new middle school which includes 5th grade.
- The middle school gym could be used and restored by another group.
- Build a new middle school on vacant land.
- We would support leveling all the schools, sell land for single family homes. Build all new schools on the vacant land south of town. An investment that would bring a promising future to Lake Mills. Skip the apartments and trailer homes.
- There will always be peaks and valleys in enrollment. Late 60's and 70's all classes were 100 or more students with a lot less space. Do nothing with the middle school gym now, but restore it after the addition to middle school is complete.
- Replace the middle school and keep it at the existing site, including a brand new gym.
- Close Prospect and close the old ms gym and build new combination school on new land.
- Prospect land space is maxed out! We have voted for each school referendum and will continue to do so.
- Build adequate facilities. Do not put more money into Prospect school.
- I would not support moving the schools out of town. Not because I don't feel we need new schools because we do. But I feel kids should have the option to walk to school. To be honest we support any upgrade to our facilities, we always vote yes! We believe in public education!
- Move middle school to present high school and add 5th grade to middle school.
- Can we combine all 3 schools? My hometown did this. Prefer a new school.

- Do nothing – make teachers do their job. As fuel prices go up, many people will move closer to their jobs and school enrollment will go down. Remember that many of us are on fixed incomes.
- I support leaving the schools where they are and sell the land to the south of the city. It is time to cut bait and take our losses now. Admit that a mistake was made.
- Question 3 - Add on to Prospect..... comment was "minimal." Question 4 – Construct space at both Middle and Prospect....comment was "minimal." Additional comment sheet for the July 2008 survey attached dated 7/13/2008 was also attached.
- Question 3 – None of the above. Comment was "need costs for each option to respond to this question." Question 4 – None of the above. Comment was "need costs for each option to respond to this question." Also asked – what is the percentage of decline vs. growth? Question 5 comment was "decline to answer without cost estimates."
- I do not have the knowledge and background to determine the best options for the district but will support whatever a building committee determines is the best course of action.
- Question 5 (first and second boxes are X'd) and after second options comments was "whatever is most cost effective."
- Question 5 – a line pointing to second box (restore this building and upgrade....) comment was "after middle school addition – more info needs to be sent to rural areas."
- Question 5 – (2nd and 4th boxes are X'd) – comment was whichever is less costly.
- Question 5 – comment was "too confusing to select well."
- Question 2 Option A – comment was "I would support whatever the community supports." At bottom of sheet comment was "*** and please, please gut and replace sinks, stalls, tiles of bathrooms off gym and lobby at LMHS. It's a disgrace."