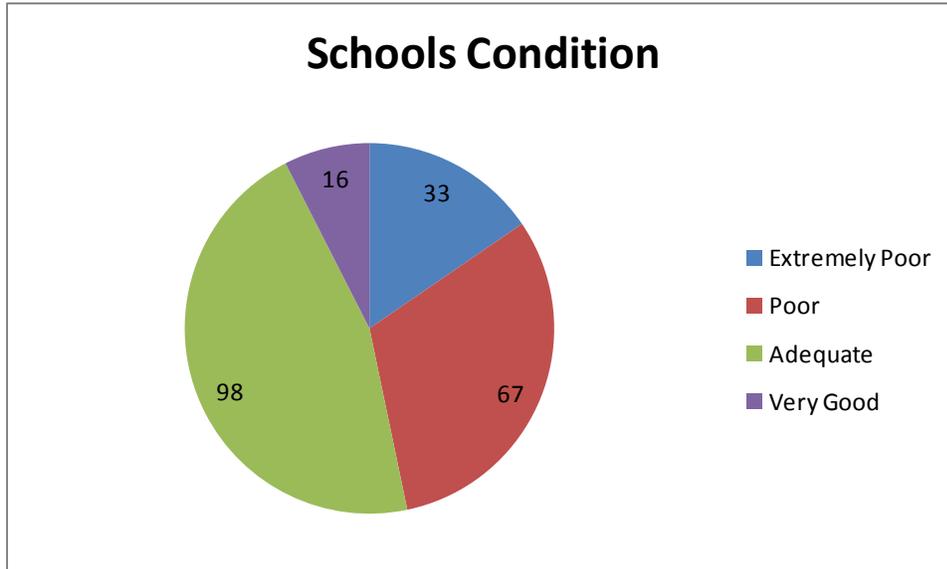


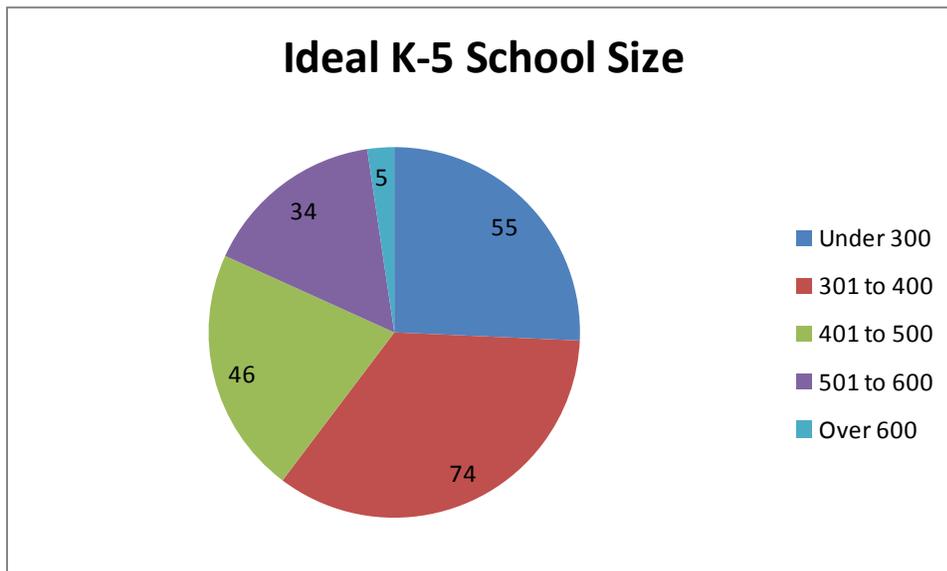
AUSD Facilities Survey

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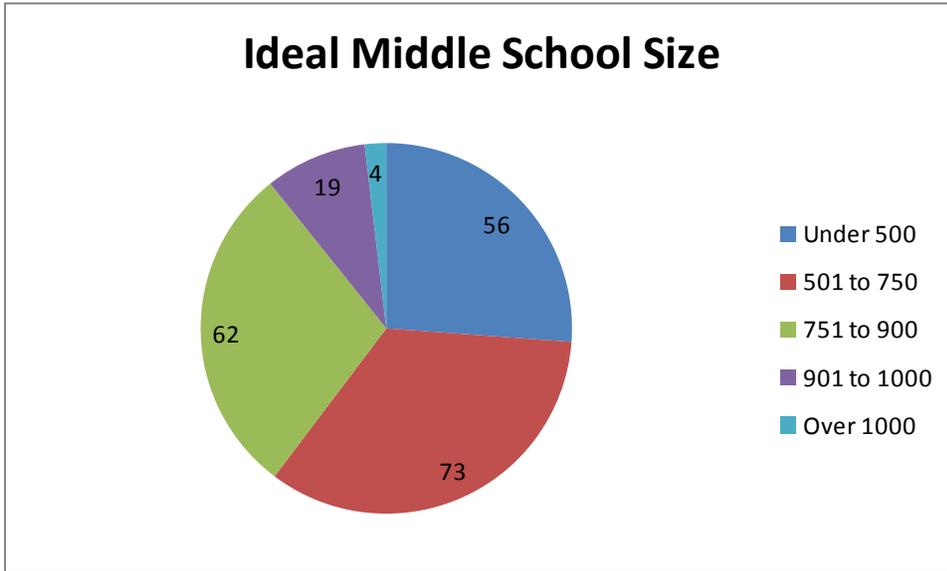
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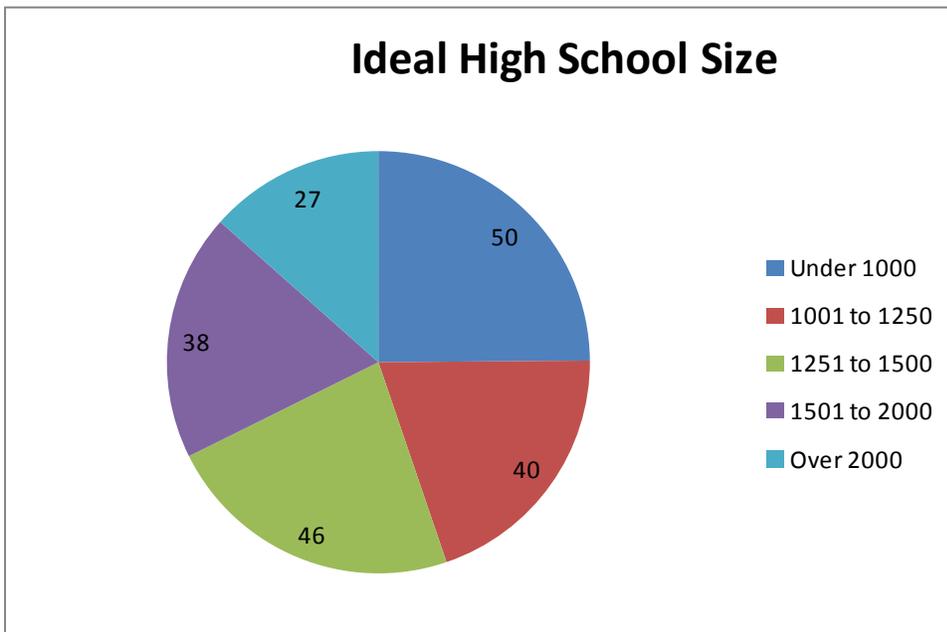
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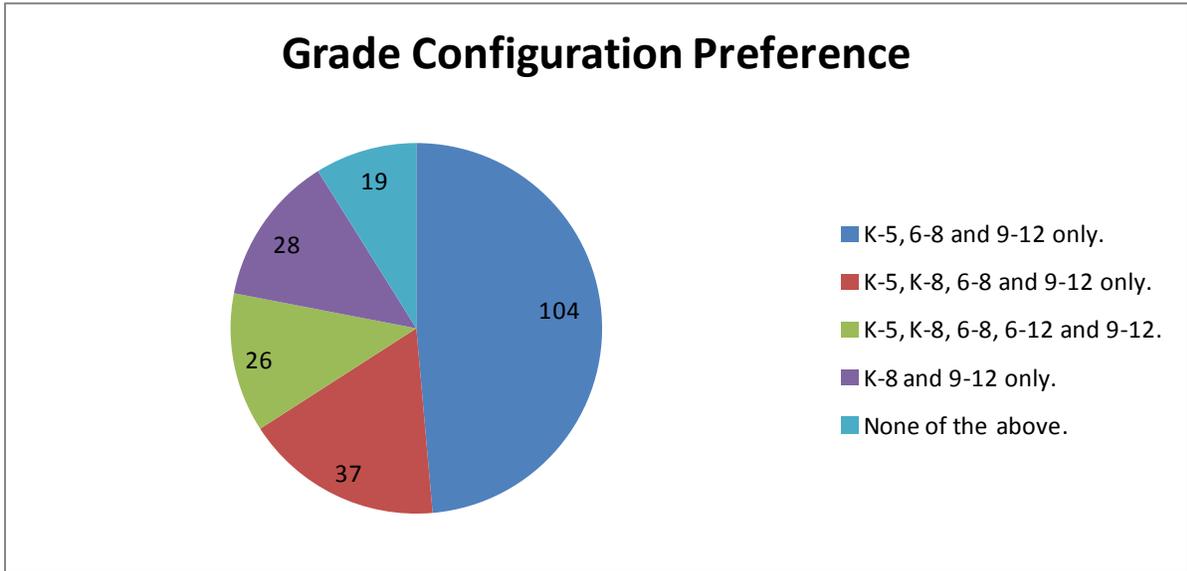
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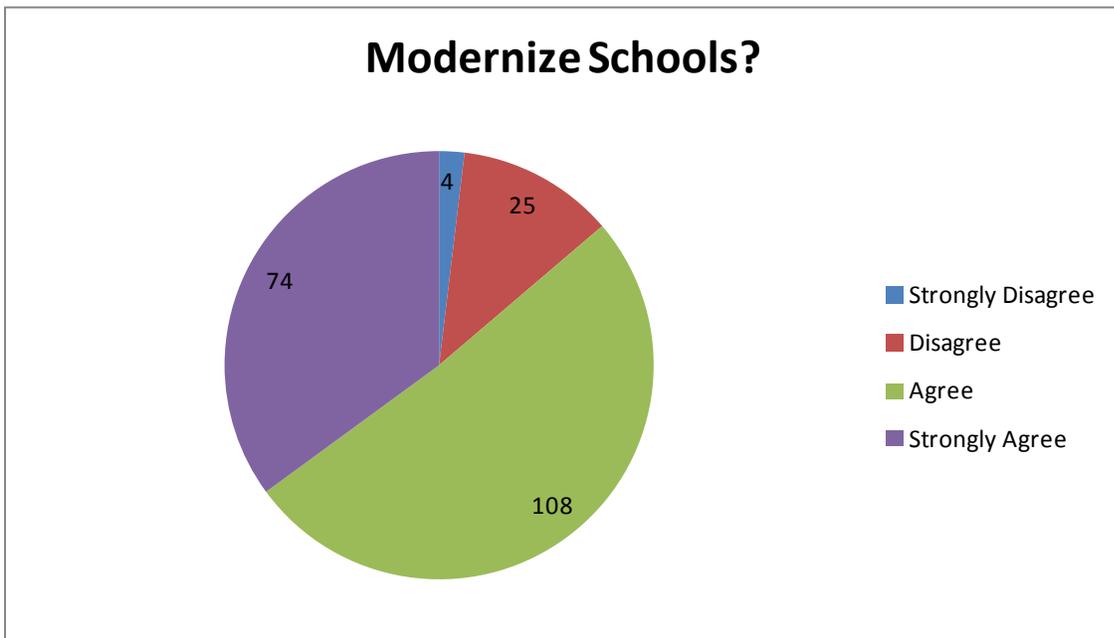
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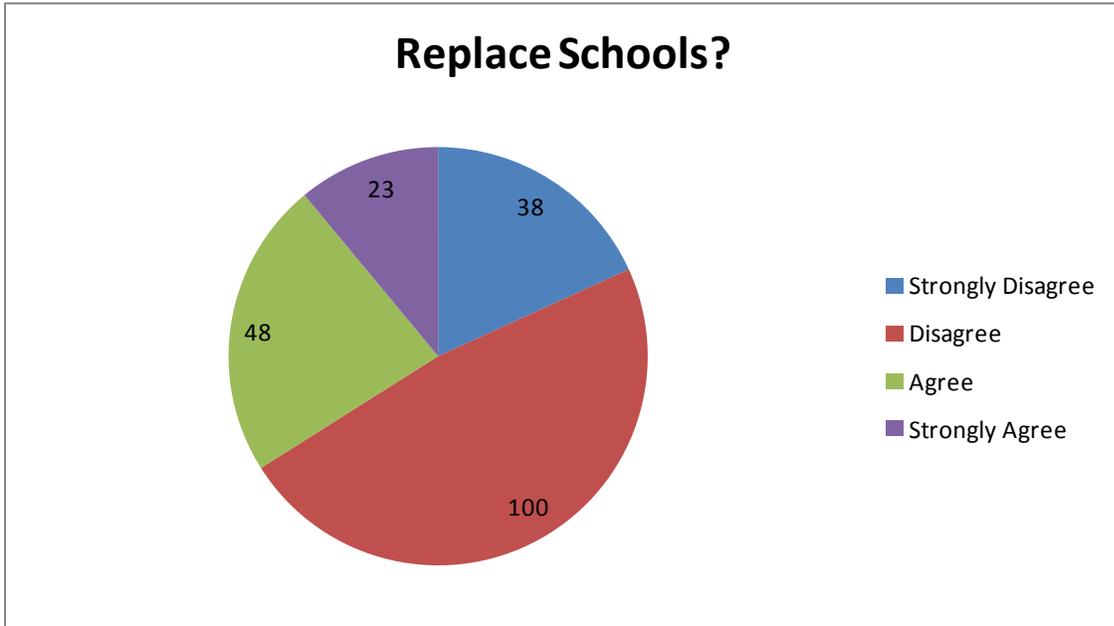
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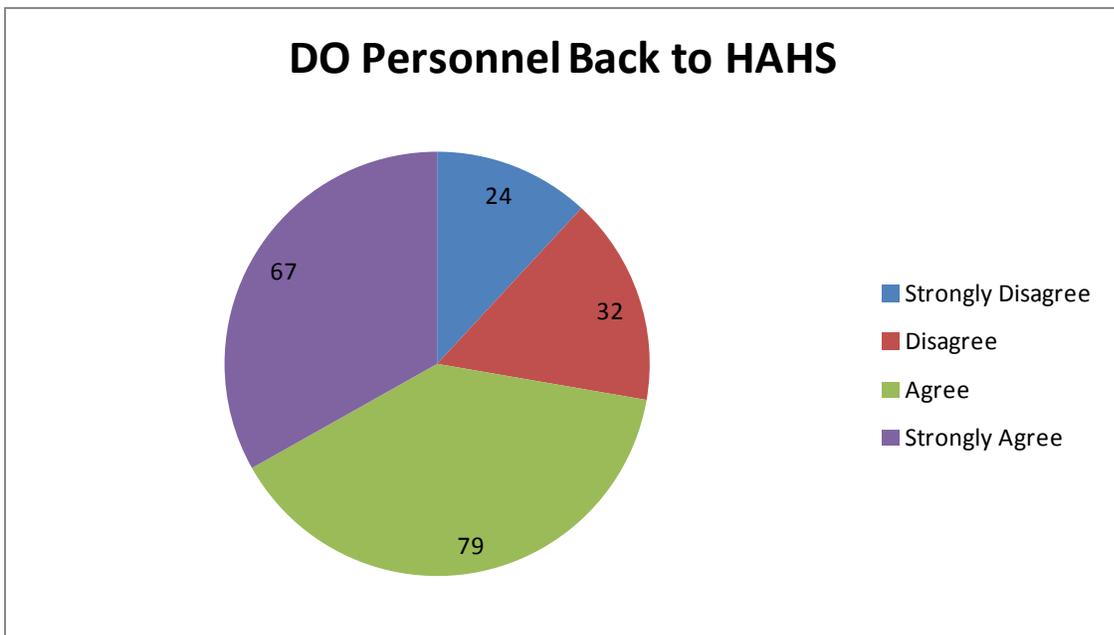
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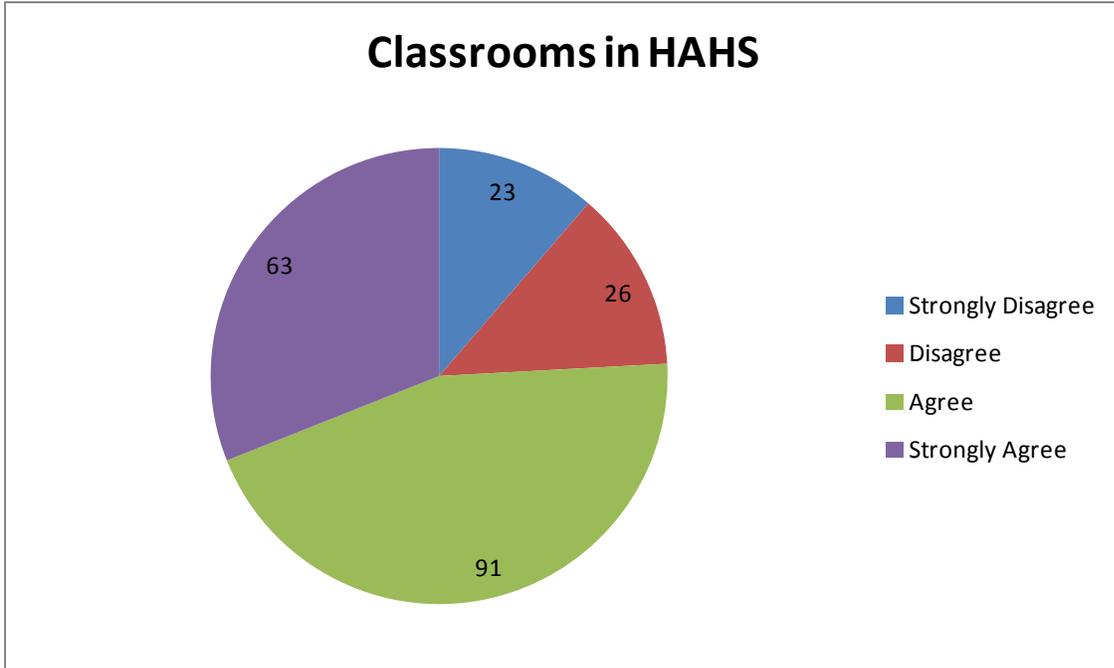
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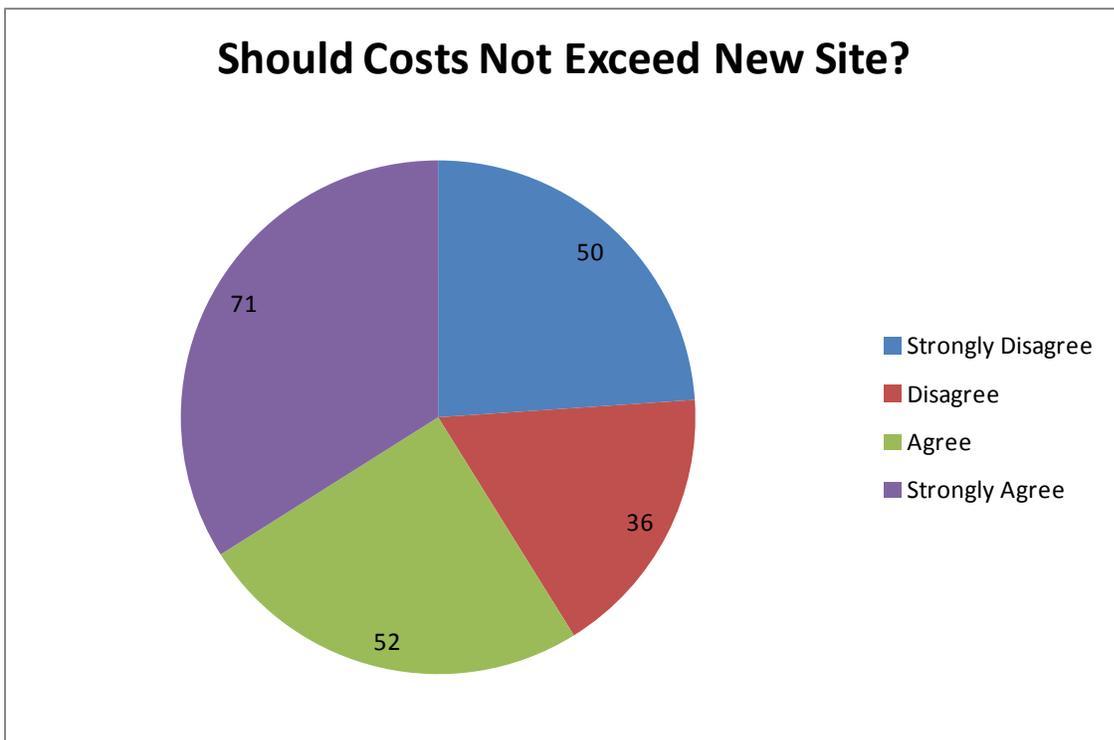
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9.) Historic Alameda High School should be retrofitted to standards that allow the District to reuse the space as classrooms.



10.) Historic Alameda High School should not be retrofitted if costs exceed the amount to build a new school site.



Comments Received

- A community oversight committee that actually inspects school sites to verify work progress and completion before paying the bill for construction work.
 - Alameda High should be closed; all students should attend Encinal. The students then would be able to receive a wider and diverse range of both curricular and extra-curricular offerings due to the cost efficiencies. School districts that have conjoined their high schools into a single campus are more efficiently run, provide more to more students at a lower cost, and the students are the benefactors.
 - Alameda should consolidate both it's High schools into one facility with state of the art classrooms, cafeteria, athletic, drama and music facilities. Currently both high schools facilities are disgraceful.
 - Athletic facilities are woeful.
 - AUSD cannot afford the new office space. The admin. should fill in at existing site spaces to prove their willingness to belt-tighten, as parents, students and staff have done for so many years. I did not vote for Measure A to see money so profligately wasted! As a voter and citizen, I was angered by your vote on this issue. If the building cannot be immediately re-sold, it should be leased to a party with better access to cash on hand.
 - FDO NOT buy the Temporary Headquarters for AUSD. Your analysis of this as an "Asset" is incredibly naive and short sighted/
 - Get started now!
 - HAHS should be preserved. if it is too expensive to retrofit to current standards for AUSD then it should be used for something else. it should not be torn down or abandoned. it is a precious historic site.
 - How about a dedicated page in the Sun for letters/opinions so there is an open dialog without school/school board selecting what we hear.To start publish all the feedback/ suggestions you get in the survey along with the number of times it was suggestd.Also there should be dollar estimates included with the various choices.
- Thanks for doing this.

- I am a homeowner and parent of two preschool children, therefore I am highly invested in the future of the Alameda school system. I was horrified to learn that the superintendent, Kirsten Vital, approved the lease of extremely expensive property to house the AUSD administrative staff. I am outraged that the administrators are allowed to waste our tax dollars in such a frivolous and selfish manner. The millions of dollars spent on the lease could have and should have been used to retrofit one or more of the existing school properties to make it/ them safer and more beautiful for our students and teachers. If the superintendent feels that one of the properties is unsafe or "unlivable" then it was her duty to ensure that the public funds be spent to improve them. She should absolutely not have wasted that money on leasing additional property, when much less expensive options exist. Kirsten Vital should be fired for misappropriation of funds. The purpose of the school administration and school board is to serve the students, not to provide cushy jobs for themselves.
- I believe it is important to have parity across the island. What is available on the east end should also be available on the west end. For example there should be a traditional middle school for the west end that is like Lincoln (I realize that Wood currently does this, but many people feel like the 6-12 program at Encinal will result in closing Wood and that the BOE is going ahead with Junior Jets just shows how they mislead the voters on the west end), and there should be a K-6/8 program like they are doing at BayFarm available on the west end. Whatever the BOE chooses to do with facilities and programs it should reflect a UNIFIED vision of education in Alameda.
- I believe that Alameda could really benefit from one state of the art high school for most students.
- I feel so strongly that the high school should be renovated and still used as a high school. If we don't, it will not be used by anyone else and will decay and eventually we will lose the precious building. We did this with the library and it makes me sick! We tore down a lot of the other beautiful schools and look at the poor quality of what replaced them, I give Lincoln middle school as an example. My kids attend these schools and they feel like the adults don't care about them because the buildings are in such poor shape. Other communities have restored their schools, such as Berkeley. Why can't we? When we moved here we were really attracted by the beautiful AHS building. We didn't realize until later, it wasn't actually used as a school (except a small section). If we lose that building, we lose our charm.

- I graduated from Alameda schools and my children currently attend Edison School. We moved from the west side of Alameda to have access to Edison because the schools on the "other" side of town simply are not adequate. They attended the Nea Community Learning Center until we moved this year. I attended Encinal High, Wood Middle School, Franklin (until it was closed), and Lum. I strongly support a bond measure to build one high school and to re-build the outdated facilities here in Alameda. I think that the site of the current historic Alameda High School and modern complex is the best location for one high school. There is no way to make Edison, Longfellow, and other dated schools safe and comfortable without rebuilding them. Additionally, the schools on the west side of town have never and do not currently receive the same amount of attention and effort that east end schools do. Having one high school would eliminate this bias for our high schoolers and would allow Alameda to have a modern fully functioning high school.
- I have noticed that with all this talk about the facility plan, there has been no mention made of the bond that was passed by the voters that was dedicated to facility maintenance. Because it's not been mentioned, it feels like that money was misused since you are now asking for more. If the money wasn't misused then mention of what was accomplished needs to be part of this discussion. Explain why you are now asking for more money. Explain why we invested before and that it wasn't enough. Why were original estimates for that bond incorrect, as now you are asking for more. I will not support giving more money if that isn't addressed.
- I hope that this planning process includes looking at the increase of charter and alternative options with most centralized in one neighborhood right now...this doesn't seem right and isn't sustainable. Current school alternative and charter approvals appear haphazard and there doesn't appear to be a master plan around schools. I'm in favor of creating a plan that draws lines east to west with zones of schools to pick from and a computerized system for deciding breakdown of school choice (like Berkeley). One high school is a good idea for Alameda.
- I like the school configuration of K-6. Not sure what the rest would be: 7-9 and 10 - 12, or 7-12 or 1-8 and 9-12. But I think kids need one more year in elementary school!! If Franklin's Max is 275 as noted above, it is currently being exceeded! Kids are eating lunch in the hallway!
- I prefer a grade configuration of K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 or K-6, 7-9, 10-12 with the 9th graders allowed to participate in extracurricular activities of the closest high school. It seems 6th graders are developmentally more different from 8th graders than 7th graders are from 9th graders. A 6th grader at a middle school of 900 students, 1/3 of which are 8th graders seems like a tough environment for the 6th grader. Keep the 6th grader in elementary school and have the 7th and 8th graders be together.

- I prefer schools within schools to achieve the smaller school "feeling" small schools mean limited resources and limited choice for students. the school within a school model helps to provide the best of both worlds and is more fiscally viable.
- I think it's time for the old schools to be completely re-thought. Getting ready for the 21st century is too late now. We need to be prepared for the 22nd century. We should take a land grab up at the base and make a large school with that will be completely sustainable. We need to teach our kids how to mentor each other. RDS did that at the upper levels with the small kids...buddies. It is amazing to see how that works. The current grade configuration does not encourage that (middle schools 6-8). See the link <http://www.good.is/posts/solar-panels-and-schoolyard-chickens-net-positive-campuses-are-the-future>
- I would like to see a single public high school for all Alameda students.
- I'd like to know the future of school sites/ education delivery systems. Will all education for k-8 in the future be only delivered in a brick and mortar classroom? Should AUSD promote home schooling or other nontraditional delivery to save land and construction costs? Could parents enroll in home schooling using AUSD teaching and course materials, and have a teacher available via Skype, webcam or other means for questions, testing, grading, etc? A lot of school districts are either providing or requiring parents supply a laptop or tablet, it seems a short hop to delivering education to those same laptops away from the traditional school site. And with the growing concern for kids' safety while in school due to the increase in school shootings, perhaps this will help allay parents' fears. Certainly not every family can afford to have a parent available to home school, but 'learning centers' could be established just like in home day care centers, where several kids in a neighborhood or on a block would show up each morning with their laptops to study, and connect online to their assigned teacher. Anybody looking outside the traditional educational boxes?
- Keep the historic high school in action. Put the adult school back in there.
- Keeping two high schools running seems to be a waste of money. Both high schools should be consolidated onto the Encinal HS site. Sell Thompson Field, rent out or sell AHS. Take the money saved on facilities and salaries and renovate EHS to be a state of the art campus. There's more room to spread out at EHS, plus the land already includes a football stadium and track.
- Modernization that accommodates use of technology
- My daughter attends Earhart and I'm not too familiar with other schools. However, I was at Wood Middle a school today and found it to be badly in need of updating. There are probably other schools in the same shape. Maybe a short video showing the condition of the schools should be posted on the website so that people can see for themselves what conditions are like. This would make a good project for some media students. I do think that our schools need to be updated if we are going to prepare our children for success in the 21st Century. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

- Our high school athletic field facilities are a disgrace. Not only are they a hazard to Alameda athletes, but they also serve as the primary window to Alameda for the thousands of visiting high school athletes and fans who come here annually and leave with the impression that Alameda is an inept, incompetently run city that doesn't place much emphasis on the welfare of its students or quality of its facilities. While many can disagree on important the impression of 'outsiders' may be, I believe in general Alameda suffers in financial and other measures as a result of this rundown reputation.
- Plan for the long-term and make sound financial decisions - not based on emotion
- Prioritize safe, clean facilities for students over district office.
- Q.1 I struggled between poor & adequate.
Q.6 Need a "neutral" button between "disagree" and "agree"
- Spend money on facilities for STUDENTS not for administrators.
- The choices in the first 2 sections of your survey are too simplistic, too black and white: campus population is one of many critical facility size and quality criteria. I think the key question--especially re: elementary school sizes--is the CLASSROOM SIZE, not the overall population at the school. But you did not ask this key question that affects students' education and development. (Why not?) The question of restoring versus replacing buildings at AHS is tough: we need detailed information and costs to be able to make smart decisions re: limited funds. Any of my answers in sections 1-2 are "shots in the dark" without lots more info than we now have available...
- The HAHS is an architectural jewel and should be fixed and used as intended, NEVER torn down! Other old cities are proud of their architectural heritage and preserve it. Why is there ANY consideration of not doing likewise? Why did you replace all the windows at significant cost, then condemn the building? Keep fixing it up and get the district office back in it and out of their expensive suites. Education is for the children, not career advancement.
- The overall plan needs to be driven by the best way to educate all Alameda students, not influenced by special interests (e.g., east v. west, charter vs. non-charter)
- The plan should include career opportunities for AUSD graduates on the construction projects that are created by this plan.

- The survey is flawed when it asks whether schools should be replaced--that depends a great deal on which school you are talking about. Some need to be replaced; others are fine; others just need repairs. General statements like that are not helpful. We should sell the historic part of Alameda HS if possible. Maybe we should sell all of Alameda HS and build somewhere else. AUSD needs to be in the business of education, not historic preservation. I am in favor of one HS if we can make it a great one! Also, I did not vote for the parcel tax so Wood MS could stay open as the PTA president wrote in her editorial. I voted for the parcel tax so we can have a fantastic school district and that is what I expect it to be used for--not preserving a failing school.
- These are complicated issues, but if one comes back to the core principles of student and community needs, some of them resolve. First, preserve small and local elementary schools so that younger kids can have a safe, caring environment and need not travel too far to go to school. Second, maintain two middle schools that allow 6-8 grades to ease into the larger world of public transportation and bigger schools. Third, provide one high school that can offer a maximum variety of programs and achieve efficiencies. Fourth, preserve the historic fabric of Alameda by utilizing centrally located buildings that can boost civic pride--such as AHS--even if it costs more than building something new or relocating. Lastly, focus resources on the normal schools, not squander them on some exotic charter schools or alternative learning ventures of questionable value.
- Unless some fairy godmother drops billions on the district that can only be used to retrofit the old Alameda High School building, I think it needs to be torn down and replaced. AHS needs the space, and the fences have made moving around the campus extremely difficult. . And any facilities plan simply must include money to expand the women's restrooms in the Koffman building. The current situation is ridiculous. The HVAC at Edison and AHS is terrible. If kids are uncomfortable they can't learn. Our schools are an embarrassment. Dilapidated buildings and portables. Other communities have replaced their ugly and impractical 50-s era schools, and it's time Alameda did so too. This would be an investment not just in our students, but also in our community. My high school was from the 50s, but it has been completely replaced since I went there in the 70s. When we drive past it going to visit my mother, my kids talk about how nice it is and wonder why they have to go school in such awful buildings.
- We need to redesign/develop the infrastructure to allow for 21st century skills and hire/train teachers to deliver curriculum using 21st century methodology.
- What is to prevent multiple entries from the same person?
- You need community involvement. Plan should not be decided by board members. A majority of them do not care about the kids, only the numbers and how much money they can save to pad their resumes.

- You should NOT leave only one regular middle school at one end of the island. You should retrofit the old high school for the district offices and you should be ashamed of the unpublicized move to the overly expensive Marina Village site. The leaders should be near the workers and clients. This was a move done without publicity or citizen input and you have lost credibility and trust. Why does the superintendent get a pay raise without a performance review? This isn't Wall Street...or is it?
- You need to ask the teachers what their issues are regarding their classrooms.... my roof is leaking to where the tile in the ceiling is sagging
- It is inequitable that schools on the east side get more attention to facility upgrades than west side schools.
- Our neighborhood schools reflect the character of the local community in their physical presentation as well as the educational values of area's served.
- Alameda High School has had portions retrofitted and we should be able to have relatively close information on costs to retrofit the other portions.
- The MBA in me wants us to get creative about how we can generate more value from our facilities investments. Facilities are an enormous \$ investment. Can we design them for multiple uses and rent them out in the summers and evenings to generate income?
- Please send this questionnaire to all the PTA presidents of the schools so that they can distribute it to ensure parent participation. Please add the ability for you to obtain emails so you have the ability to collect emails of interested parties. Thank you!
- 1) Access, traffic, parking, and safety concerns should be taken into consideration for each potential new site or relocation
2) Population growth or decline for school age children and plans for new housing development should be projected and taken into consideration for areas that feed into AUSD schools 3) AUSD schools should have first priority for space/facilities and charters second. There appears to be other space for ACLC in Alameda besides the Wood portables. If ACLC does not like these other options, then perhaps they should pay for private space as other charters often do.
- A facilities plan should dovetail with an education master plan, which should include a pre-planned mix of charter and non-charter schools, growth projections, and future needs.
- Alternatively, could Lum and Wood be joined into a single K-8? I don't like the idea of not having a traditional middle school to serve West Alameda, but K-8 is better than 6-12, and the two schools are ideally located for such a merger.

- As a parent of 3 children attending AUSD schools, I strongly believe that the key to their education lies with good teachers and a good curriculum. As long as our facilities are clean and well-maintained, they seem adequate for the purpose as is. I'd rather see priority put on replacing some of the "portables" with something more permanent, and on performing critical repairs as opposed to "modernizing" facilities. With respect to the old Alameda HS building, I think we as a community need to do all we can to preserve it and adapt it as necessary to facilitate its continued use. It is a beautiful facility with historic importance, and should be viewed as an asset. I hope there will be opportunity to really engage the community as a whole regarding its fate.
- Asking the last 3 questions about Historic Alameda High as separate questions is overly simplistic as my answers would likely be different depending on a whole host of variable that interconnect.
- AUSD should not purchase property for District offices. District should move back into the portables at Wood (if there really is going to be room there): they've been located there in the past.

Then, ACLC could move into the leased property on Challenger Dr. and ease some of that cost by paying their portion of the lease. Students come first!

- Class sizes need to be lower.
- Do not move ACLC to Wood MS. Expand the ASTI campus.
- First thing is first, do we have a projection for the number of students we need to serve over the next 10, 20, 30 years? Do those projections include anticipated new homes on the Point? If not, they should. Once we know what capacity we need, do we have a firm understanding of how teaching methods in this century have evolved and impacted facilities needs (impact of wireless tech, need for group work/ collaboration/ teaming, etc.)
- From what I've seen of pretty much all Alameda public schools, they need to be seriously updated. Our children would benefit greatly from an environment that reflected the technologically advanced world we live in. As it stands, most schools look like even more tired and rundown versions of the facilities I saw when I was growing in Alameda over 30 years ago. Although it's a private

school, St. Joseph Notre Dame is a great example of updating existing facilities. My son had a reading class there recently and I was extremely impressed with how they have updated it from when I went to high school there in the 80s. We pay a lot to live in Alameda and our schools have a great reputation for education quality. I would hate to see us fall behind.

- Have the District Offices occupy a school currently being used by a charter school.
- Historic Alameda High School is a great building, but could possibly be too dated for the 21st century. Taking the land and developing it for other city uses might be a better alternative. Has the city considered making the Encinal HS site a single school for all Alameda. Long term expense reductions and concentrated resources could make such a plan work in the best interests of students and AUSD budget planners.
- I believe we should keep the facilities we have clean! Have the custodial staff clean daily!!!!
- I have not answered the facilities survey because I am not in a position to give intelligent answers off the top of the head. Since it is now 24 years since the Loma Prieta earthquake, the school board and City have allowed this problem to exist far too long and are now apparently scrambling to catch up. The perplexing thing is that the school administration has already seen to its own comfort and benefits and is only belatedly getting to the real issue - the students and the learning facilities.need repair or rebuild is not just a matter to be resolved by a public survey (that only reached me over this weekend). The school board should long ago have had an open discussion, with engineering reports plus initial cost estimates, and with their authors present to answer questions. This should have come long before any decision to move administrative staff to apparently costly new quarters. At this point the survey looks like a belated attempt to appear responsive to the citizens, i.e. to taxpayers. As a retired architect it is clear to me that: a) the existing structure could not be emulated by a new building, b) the costs of a new building and demolition of the old one probably exceed the resources available to the City, c) there is evidently still no conclusion on overall allocation of school facilities to best serve the student population. Although it is late in the day, planning decisions need to be made in the right sequence and in a logical fashion rather than what is seen by an outsider as a piecemeal attempt to resolve the problems. Above all, it needs a board that thoroughly understands the issues.

With the scale of the problems and the limited resources, anyone on the board who is not fully prepared to make clear decisions should step down.

- I strongly feel that Alameda High School should be retrofitted so that the District Office employees can move back into the building.
It is atrocious that you are considering buying a new building for the District Office. Facilities money should be spent on the schools not for the superintendent and her offices.
- I think that the students should have safe and secure schools with clean bathrooms before new office-park buildings are purchased for District offices. We were told that the portables at the old Island High site were too old and would cost too much to refurbish for the offices, but it was suggested that the charter school could possibly relocate there. Good enough for students, not good enough for adults?
- I would like to see more quality middle school options west of Park St. If Wood is going to continue to exist, funding and effort should be a priority to bring it up to standards equitable with Lincoln. If not, then give non east enders a variety of quality middle school options to choose from, including Lincoln. AUSD is losing students west of Park St after 5th grade to private schools. That is a fact. Although the options have improved in recent years, parents want established, proven options that they do not want to have to rely on a lottery system to get their children in. It does not seem that AUSD cares about students and families west of Park. Personally, I would love to see Lum School become K-8, so we could skip middle school altogether. Studies have shown middle school is a difficult transition for children. I believe K-8 is a much better option.
- I'm all for making sure that students and staff are safe, but I think it's more important that what takes place INSIDE the classroom ensures the highest possible quality education, with teachers supported with as much 21st-century technology - and as robust a platform of district-level administrative resources - as possible. My children's school is not the newest, but I would be disappointed if they invested a ton of money in refurbishments while ignoring other programmatic infrastructure that could have a far greater payoff when it comes to education. I also think the senior administration should be sensitive to the fact that many people in Alameda see them as self-serving (begging for parcel tax funds, then rewarding themselves with pay raises), and the district needs to do a job of making a strong argument for all their choices before they go splurging on new facilities to house administrative offices.

- It is difficult to fill out a survey when there is no budget information. For example, while I would like to see Alameda High School's old building in use, I could see going over budget a little bit compared to new construction. However, the other hand, there is also a need to update the pools at the high schools, so I am not sure that this is a good question in this survey.
- K-6, 7-9 and 10-12 grade configuration should be considered.

Older schools can be retrofitted rather than replaced.

The costs of retrofitting Historic Alameda High School should be based on careful studies that consider a variety of use options, including possible non-ASUD uses if this makes financial sense and is consistent with District needs. "Second opinions" should be solicited on any preliminary retrofit plans from additional engineering firms to ensure that the adopted approach is the most structurally efficient and cost effective.

- Keep Wood middle school open. Rethink junior jets. Do not allow anymore charters. Fix what we have and convince parents to attend ASUD schools. Upgrade historic buildings to 21st century. Capitalize on locations. Add neighborhood school bus service to eliminate traffic .
- Lum, Wood Middle School and Encinal High, in particular, are in dire need of facility upgrades, not just Alameda High because of its "Historic" status. However, if it is decided to have only one high school in Alameda (Alameda High), then all efforts should be focused on making this the best high school our city can offer to the community, without thwarting efforts in upgrading elementary and middle school facilities.
- my previous survey was submitted before i finished, so to conclude:

1/ ensure we know what capacity we need to serve (including future Point housing construction)

2/ understand how teaching methods in this century impact new classroom/ school design (e.g., wireless/ teaming/ collaboration/ special needs, etc.)

3/ develop model to demonstrate the incremental cost of moving from local, community, small schools to larger/ regional schools; include cost/ impact on transportation systems; use model to gain community alignment on what we can afford

4/ once we know how much space we need, what space needs to look like

and how much we can afford, THEN develop plan & cost model on how to leverage existing infrastructure can be used to meet those needs AND identify where alternative strategies (that still deliver #1, 2 ,3 above) can be introduced to drive down costs

5/ all these decisions can be quantified in a not too complex optimization model that can be used for scenario planning both by the School Board and the community....these models are incredibly effective on getting people to understand what the trade-offs are, what the drivers of cost and what the alternatives are to achieve a compromise.....of course the challenge is in getting the data inputs to the model correct so that people believe in the outputs generated by the model, but we have smart people on this island,...we can do it!

- Please bring teacher pay up to average or above compared to alameda county as a whole.
- possible K-8 at Lum and Wood?
- School facilities are run-down and worn out. It's sad.
- School size is not as important to me as classroom size & quality teachers. I am most concerned about the Alameda middle school situation and would be all for extending all elementary schools to be k-8. Doing so would increase school populations which would help cut down expenses. Hopefully, we would also be able to reduce class sizes - I thought we voted and passed a measure to protect smaller class sizes and yet they have increased.
- smaller class sizes!
- Tear down the old high school. Saving it is totally irrelevant. Sell off the land, do anything, but get rid of that stupid fence.
I did hear that once there was an attempt to tear it down, but you didn't try hard enough! Remember, there is always TNT!

- Thank you! The schools are run down, poorly maintained and do not allow collaboration and enhanced learning. The facilities do not reflect community pride or the district's dedication to learning.
- The Alameda High School is a historic landmark and gem of the city and should be preserved even at higher cost than rebuilding a new school.
The track and field for both high schools is substandard to neighboring communities and far lower quality than what I've seen in other states in the US. Please consider this in the plan.
I am guessing few people care where the district office is, although the preference is that it remain in Alameda for that occasional visit. Move this out of the high school, and open up 20th century tech or science labs. As an Alameda parent I am frustrated by the many options available for middle school. It appears we now have a proliferation of schools populated with surprising number of kids from out of town. It is impossible to know which is the "correct" choice. If the educators feel K-8, 9-12 has been proven the best model, implement that, consistently across Alameda. Plan for the capacity we have. Parents won't know which model is better, educators will.
- The basic problem is that the facilities are too small. All campus need to larger and fewer. Schools like Franklin and Edison are need to consolidate into larger campus to reduce overall costs. We would also have one high school. The should tear either tear down Alameda High school and build one high school that can accommodate all students, or move to a location that will. I will never vote for a bond or parcel tax that does not include one high school location.
- The Historic Alameda High School is the best looking building in Alameda and should not be torn down. The old AHS has been saved several times because the Alameda citizens have consistently voted to have it saved. The Auditorium has been the pride and joy of our city. In 1956 the new "west wing" building was carefully built to match the original building. The "new " AHS is architectural eyesore, has no character nor does it add to community pride. The Historic Alameda High Should NEVER be torn down... And the new Superintendent should not be wasting AUSD money by renting or buying a new, building.
- The majority of the schools in Alameda are old. Most need updating, upgrading. Many need to have safety and security revamped. Electrical needs to be worked on, portables need to be replaced. Security can be as simple as changing the locks on doors, putting one way film on the windows so that no one can see into the classrooms, to completely overhauling the whole city. Much needs to be done with the old, sadly dated facilities. Especially

considering that the administration has upgraded their work area, but the schools are very old and in need of major overhauling.

- The schools need a fresh look, especially in the multi purpose / lunch rooms. Pittsburgh Unified, Tracy, Stockton and several other districts are really making huge improvements in this area. The students have such pride. You can piggy back programs off of other school districts contracts, such as Gelendale unified has a contract with Palmer Hamilton.
- There should be pride and stewardship of the historic Alameda High School. If not sell the building to someone who can appreciate it.
Do remember that the school board is still required to follow all state laws including CEQA requirements- which would require you to proceed with an EIR if the board wanted to demolish the building. That cost could be around \$500,000 just for the report - let alone lawsuits. People outside Alameda are interested in preserving that historic resource also.
- This is a great idea. I like K-8, 9-12. Schools like Lum/Wood could be merged for K-8, Earhart probably already has enough room. BayFarm could be the 9-12. Just so many ways to save costs and provide upgrades.
- What kind of message do we send when we create new offices for Administrative purposes and students are not given FIRST priority to excellent facilities for learning purposes?
- We need to increase technology in the schools. Every child should have an IPAD and be wired. The schools in so many other states are outperforming us.
I would recommend a focus on the STEAM system to ensure our kids are ready for the jobs of the future. Unfortunately they should probably be a lot safer too given the gun violence so if a new school is being built ideally include working school garden to the school can grow it's own produce for lunches and be safer in case of gun attacks.
- As a parent of a Nea student, I'm pretty disappointed in our facilities. My first grader has no idea what it's like to have regular access to a play structure at recess. It's sad that we have such high demand for charters in Alameda, and yet finding appropriate facilities are such a challenge (and so polarizing).
- Believe some of the questions were leading. saying "Historic Alameda high school" verses just saying "Alameda high school" is very leading and will illicit a totally different response, which may or may not be intended but either way it appears intended.

- I would hope that AUSD recognizes the role that Charter schools play in educating Alameda resident students. By having more choices offered through out the island we are increasing the amount of families that move to Alameda in search of good schools, not taking away money from AUSD. Please help Charter schools, specifically Nea and ACLC, find decent facilities to house their proven programs. Nea's charter includes the K-12 program be housed in the same location so grades can help each other. This is very difficult in the current configuration.
- Historic Alameda High is a *beautiful* campus and a HISTORIC one that should be preserved. It's a part of our town's history. Large dollar amounts should not be spent on district facilities at the expense of retrofit and modernizing CLASSROOM space for STUDENTS (our top priority!).
- I strongly disagree with any plan for the AUSD to use parcel tax money to build new facilities when existing building can be made available. The money is needed more for improving the schools themselves--which is what we voted for.
- If the cost of making the high school usable for school children cannot be accomplished the facilities should be retrofitted for use by businesses or other services. The buildings should not be torn down. They are a central part of the city center, a beautiful architectural display that adds to our community. Not so much now that there is an unsightly fence giving the impression that it is an unwelcoming place. Other communities have managed to restore and use their aging high schools. Why can't Alameda accomplish this?
- It makes no sense to move the AUSD administrative facility to Marina Village from the Historic AHS based upon a claim that the historic high school is not seismically safe; Marina Village given its proximity to the shore is vulnerable to intermittent flooding due to sea level change due to global warming; thus, all AUSD did in moving is facilities is trade one disaster for another.
- Listen to what is said and written. Don't do this to appease us. Open your mind to the results. Don't look out for yourself. Imagine if the kids involved are your kids and the teacher's and non-district-office staff were your siblings and/or best friends. What would you think of the chasm between working conditions and salary?

- My daughter attends NEA and is in the 3rd grade. She was at Lum before. The site that we have for the lower village NEA kids is upsettingly bad. I would be thrilled if we could either receive funds to improve our campus (ie, get a cafeteria space, update the bathrooms and certainly add a playground) or be relocated (even better) to a site that isn't next to low income housing where there is often police activity and that has a playground and modern facilities. Thank you!
- No opinion on the size questions. Would have liked an option "No Opinion".
Survey misses the point. Currently: Too little maintenance, teacher don't take care of facilities properly, staff not doing a good job maintaining sites, gear is left outside at night. My company takes better care of property. I treat my property better.
- Nowhere in the survey do you mention k-12 as a choice for a school. This seems negligent considering there is a functioning charter that desires to have its k-12 program back together.
- Thanks for the opportunity to be more involved in the planning
- The district needs to come up with a plan for all the charter, magnet, and public schools on the west end and create a facilities plan that suits all. The Nea 6-12 program is at an elementary school site that doesn't have lockers or toilets that the kids can easily sit on. The Nea K-5 program is housed at a middle school site that doesn't have a play structure, water fountain, or sinks in the classrooms. Thank you.
- We MUST retrofit Alameda High School. The main buildings are historic and beautiful. Just because the district kicked the can down the road for several decades instead of planning ahead, does not mean they can just slap a fence around the buildings and say 'it's not our problem'. AUSD can pass a bond, work with the City, put money from the sale of property into a designated AHS retrofit fund, or a number of other things to show that they are serious about renovating and preserving this historic property. Right now it's an eyesore to the entire community. I'm against AUSD buying new property just for Admin, no matter what the 'savings' are. Their offices should be in Central Alameda, not in some office complex far from any school.
- We need to keep our middle schools. It is inappropriate to put 11-12 yr olds (esp. girls) in with 17 and 18 yr olds. We should also try to keep class sizes smaller in K-5 so teachers can focus on teaching not crowd control.
- Why is K - 12 not an option for preferred configuration for a school site?? It is a clear disregard for Nea.