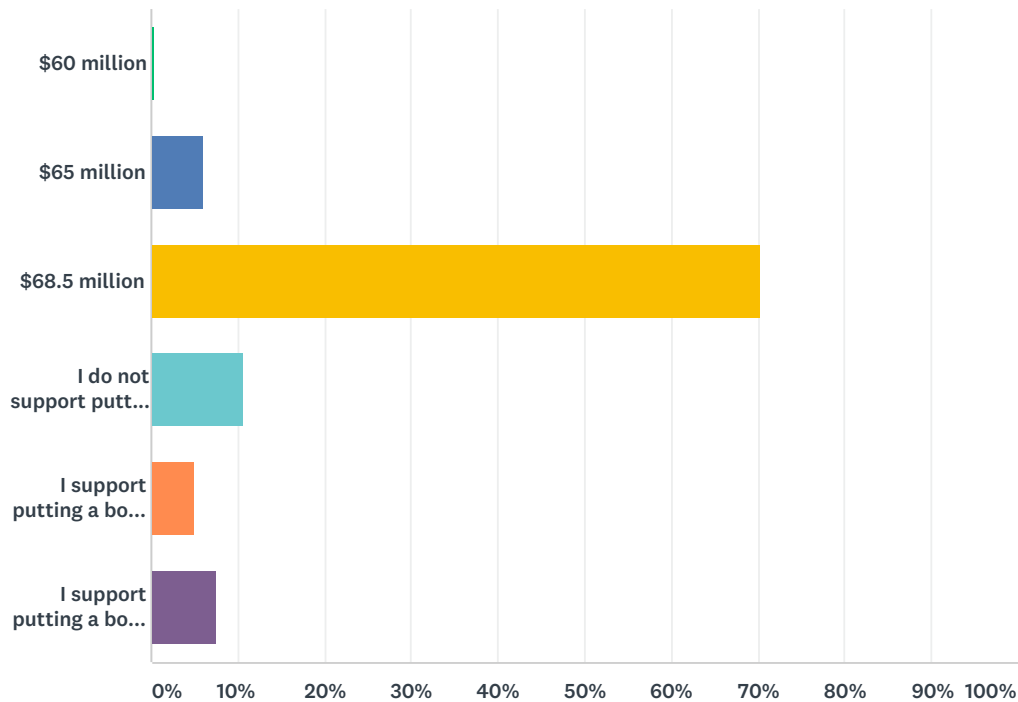


Q1 Which plan would you like see the board support? (Click here to see the differences between plans.)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
\$60 million	0.50% 2
\$65 million	5.99% 24
\$68.5 million	70.32% 282
I do not support putting a bond on the November ballot.	10.72% 43
I support putting a bond on the November ballot, but I am not sure which plan.	4.99% 20
I support putting a bond on the ballot but would like to see a different amount.	7.48% 30
TOTAL	401

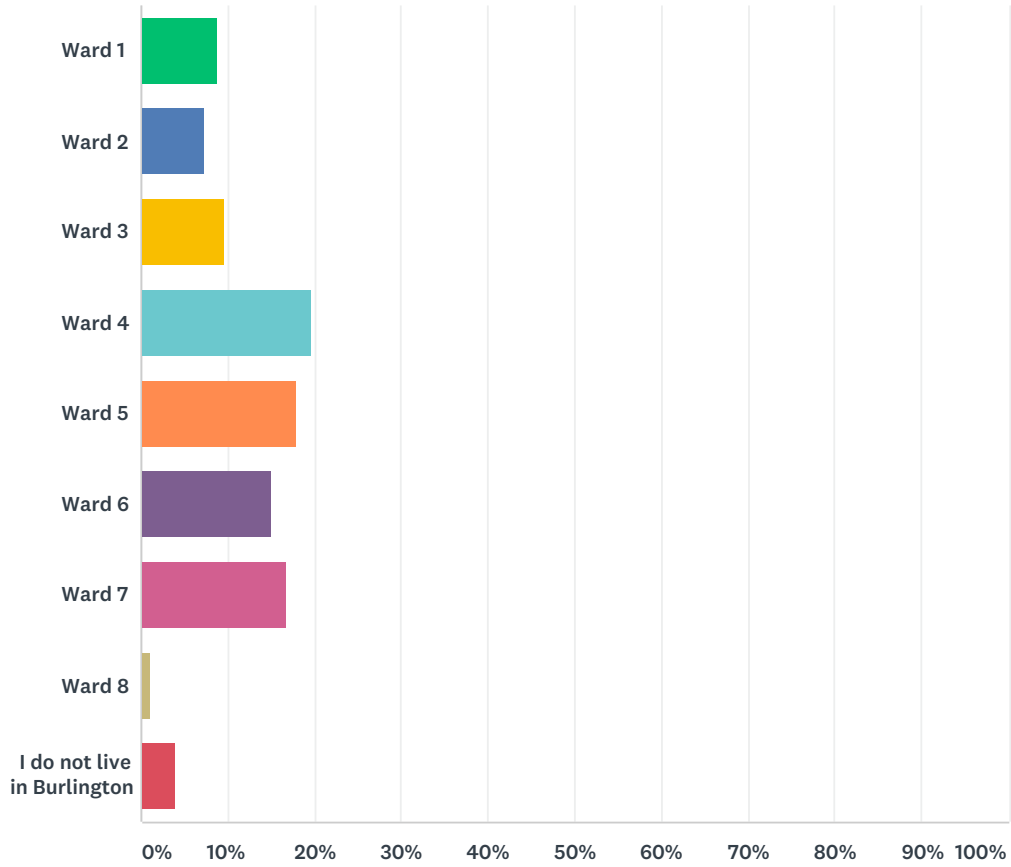
#	I SUPPORT PUTTING A BOND ON THE BALLOT BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE A DIFFERENT AMOUNT.	DATE
1	But this is HUGE no matter what option. How did we get here in the first place.	8/21/2018 9:36 AM
2	A real number tied to a more developed and comprehensive plan. These numbers don't seem realistic and we haven't had the time to more fully vet the costs.	8/21/2018 8:54 AM
3	100 million - full rebuild from the ground up.	8/21/2018 8:26 AM
4	This seems like a false choice. The write up states that \$60MM gets the "least expensive" building materials and that the \$68.5 MM would use the "highest quality". Not sure why "security", "Moving / Storage" go up with higher plans.	8/20/2018 10:55 PM
5	That is consistent with other such projects in the country (cost per sqft)...this is not possible to discern from materials presented.	8/20/2018 10:24 PM

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6	With global climate change already effecting our weather I would like to see the district consider adding air conditioning to classrooms.	8/20/2018 9:26 PM
7	Every scenerio is a lot of money and I hope that someone is going to review costs everystep of the project.	8/20/2018 9:17 PM
8	for maintenance only	8/20/2018 9:13 PM
9	66.5 million	8/20/2018 8:10 PM
10	repairs to current bldg only	8/20/2018 6:58 PM
11	50 million. We know how extravagant the school system is and how wasteful they are	8/20/2018 6:56 PM
12	Less than all above	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
13	Plan addressing deferred maintenance and accessibility, only	8/20/2018 5:01 PM
14	I'd like to know how the board will contribute outside or internally allocated funds. What percentage of total will taxpayers be asked to absorb?	8/20/2018 2:28 PM
15	I still see nothing that indicates comprehensive safety modifications to BHS including access controls, etc. Until that is included, I will not support a bond.	8/20/2018 9:03 AM
16	more funding for additional renovations to the building/ new high school	8/20/2018 8:27 AM
17	No constraints to budget, other then working within the current foot print, what would be the bond amount to do what is truly needed to be the flagship high school of Vermont	8/20/2018 7:40 AM
18	Completely new school location. Do not renovate. Use existing space for housing.	8/20/2018 7:31 AM
19	How will education proceed during construction? The design problems are due to poor architectural decisions made by the board in the past. I support sturcutal improvements but no bells and whistles.	8/19/2018 5:38 PM
20	Need to know more specifics about academic spaces -- facilities, wiring, equipment. The academic areas of BHS should have a higher priority than a community gym or BTC improvements.	8/19/2018 12:10 PM
21	100,000,000	8/19/2018 10:16 AM
22	If you do this, show the total cost of ownership over a 20 to 30 year period. What good does it do save 8.5 millions (14%) when pay significant moreover the long run. Also I find the question useless since a significant amount of information and context is missing to make an educated decision.	8/19/2018 8:52 AM
23	I would like to see one that includes needed updates to the auditorium and AC in classrooms	8/18/2018 6:47 PM
24	Standard plus all classrooms air conditioned even if gym is not.	8/18/2018 4:21 PM
25	I would like to see a bond that fully covers EVERYTHING needed to ensure a well-appointed, safe, secure, campus that will endure the wear and tear that naturally occurs, meaning we cannot skimp on lesser quality materials just to save costs. Doing anything that is sub-par will ultimately be a waste of taxpayer -- ie MY -- money	8/18/2018 12:34 PM
26	Total waste of money.	8/18/2018 10:50 AM
27	\$80 million plus. Let's do this right now.	8/18/2018 9:42 AM
28	Is there a less expensive plan?	8/17/2018 10:10 PM
29	As much as is required for a 21st century high school to fit our city	8/17/2018 6:03 PM
30	All renovations should receive at least three bids from qualified professionals	8/17/2018 4:34 PM

Q2 Which Ward do you live in?

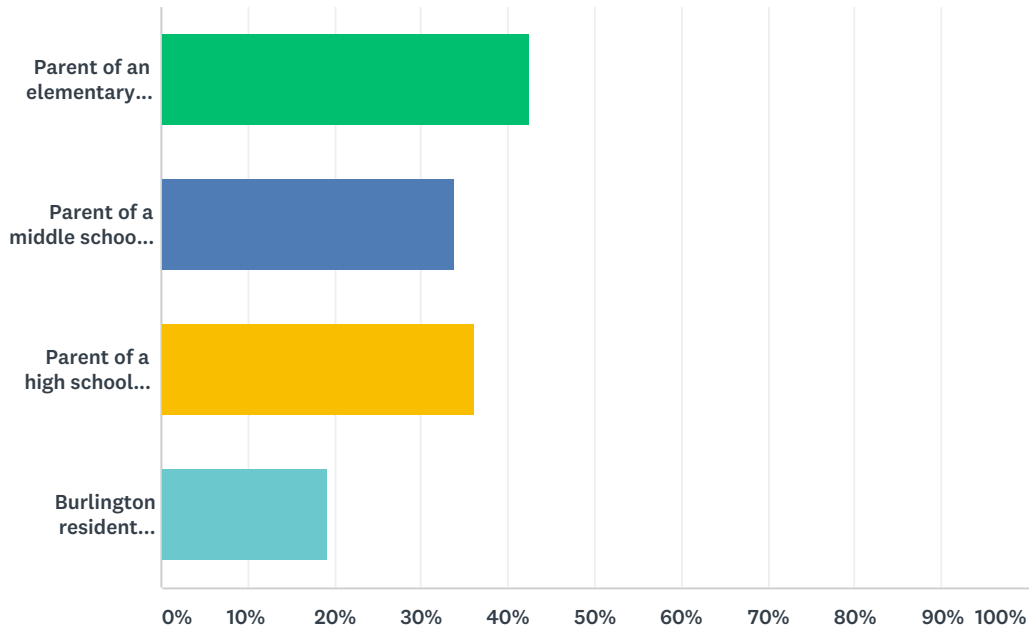
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ward 1	8.73%	35
Ward 2	7.23%	29
Ward 3	9.73%	39
Ward 4	19.70%	79
Ward 5	17.96%	72
Ward 6	14.96%	60
Ward 7	16.71%	67
Ward 8	1.00%	4
I do not live in Burlington	3.99%	16
TOTAL		401

Q3 What best describes your affiliation with the Burlington School District? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 390 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parent of an elementary school student.	42.56%	166
Parent of a middle school student.	33.85%	132
Parent of a high school student.	36.15%	141
Burlington resident without children in the school system.	19.23%	75
Total Respondents: 390		

Q4 Please feel free to provide any additional feedback to the board. Please note that we may share responses via Facebook and/or other social media channels, but will keep identities confidential if we do so.

Answered: 184 Skipped: 217

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Carry on!	8/21/2018 12:48 PM
2	As a former BHS student (Class of 15) I believe the school needs this bond to provide an updated learning environment.	8/21/2018 12:10 PM
3	Updating BHS is a more important community concern than updating Memorial Auditorium. If there is competition for bond funding, BHS should get the priority. In addition, it should have priority over new pre-K spaces and new administrative spaces. This school is heavily used and needs investment. / Finally, as part of the redesign, it seems like one more sports practice field is needed.	8/21/2018 12:06 PM
4	As presented, the least expensive option appears to be the least fiscally responsible option. Providing upgrades that are more durable, and operationally cost effective for an additional 14% appears to be well justified, but it would be informative to have operational cost projections (energy consumption, maintenance) as well as durability projections.	8/21/2018 9:58 AM
5	It's time Burlington was able to provide fo the needs of ALL students and have their children attend a prime learning space.	8/21/2018 9:47 AM
6	its disheartening that this monumental mis- oversight of taking care of our educational infrastructure is going to divide the community based on tax increase or not. sad we need a top notch school. how did this become so out of control?	8/21/2018 9:36 AM
7	I personally attended BHS, graduating in 2005. The building was in much need of repairs and remodel then. I took much to long to get from class to class, and was nearly impossible to get around for students with mobility issues. This should not be the case in any school. I support a remodel, fully.	8/21/2018 8:45 AM
8	Tanks for your work	8/21/2018 8:34 AM
9	I support a new building for the high school. It's been a space that I've been fearing my son would have to go into one day because the building has asbestos issues. We've even talked about moving away from Burlington so that our son wouldn't have to go into the building as it is today. Thanks for getting this in the ballot!	8/21/2018 8:22 AM
10	New lockers needed. New security system. That's it. The elevator was installed years ago and both my kids had handicapped students who navigated the school just fine. Plus, walking for the majority of students was the only exercise they got. I thought student population was decreasing, not increasing. Why the need for spending all this money? Tuition the students to other towns or graduate them in 3 years - much cheaper for taxpayer. Taxes are much too high today in BTV, and every effort should be taken to lower taxes.	8/21/2018 7:54 AM
11	It would seem to me that air conditioning in student areas would be necessary given the warmer temperatures lasting later into the fall and warmer temperatures earlier in the spring. Certainly over the next 60- 100 years our students are going to be enduring more uncomfortable hot temperatures in the classrooms that will be not motivating for their learning.	8/21/2018 7:41 AM
12	I do support the bond approval, it seems a necessary improvement to BHS for future generations. The only thing that I am not agree with is the auditorium building not being included in the plan... I think the distribution of the money has to be reviewed so all the facilities of BHS can benefit greatly from the bond. I look forward in hearing more about it all.	8/21/2018 7:28 AM

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13	In the ReEnvisioning background info "Needs Identified by Staff and Community" section, I would recommend highlighting academics before athletics. When I read the first 3 items, "Provide athletic support spaces & PE/community athletic facilities • Provide additional stage support space • Provide informal student gathering spaces", it did not make me think of a school in desperate need of updating and renovation. The proposals mention some air conditioning plans - this seems essential for a school to be conducive for learning now and in the future (climate and unknown calendars). I also thought a further explanation of the \$4-5 million in professional fees would be helpful - what besides architects and engineers does this include - seems like a very high number.	8/21/2018 6:58 AM
14	There is no better investment a community can make than high quality , inclusive education and this plan supports that investment	8/21/2018 6:14 AM
15	What would be the cost of building from scratch with old BHS turned into affordable housing?	8/21/2018 12:53 AM
16	I believe that significant work needs to be done to the aging building. It is in serious need of repairs and renovations. However, I am concerned about the significant increase proposed to my taxes over the next 35 years. It is already a stretch to live in this community and this could put it over the edge for many families.	8/20/2018 11:24 PM
17	Again, the positioning of the 3 plans is misleading and should be restated or rethought. If we are going to spend this much money, no one would opt for the lower plan - no one will opt for poor building materials. Will the materials be that much worse? Wouldn't it cost significantly less for poor materials - it seems like the gap should be wider if we reduce quality. Can we have three options that all use top-notch materials but may differ in scope. I'm not sure why things like "security" and "storage" would be more in the higher plan. Can the city not cut us a break on zoning and permitting costs?	8/20/2018 10:55 PM
18	What's not clear from the proposals is how much we would save on maintenance each year by using the more durable materials and doing the full upgrades. It might help convince more folks if there's an argument that the long term costs of the plan that appears cheapest are higher than the other plans.	8/20/2018 10:32 PM
19	The incremental yearly costs for a better building are not that much. Go bigger now, to avoid deferred costs later.	8/20/2018 10:31 PM
20	Strange to see so little of the details of these plans in local media. We have watched over the last six year as spending at the district has increased in an inexplicable manner. This project will require more vetting as a result.	8/20/2018 10:24 PM
21	make sure it is DONE right, no half-ass.	8/20/2018 10:21 PM
22	Community rec facilities, including a swimming pool, would be a great addition.	8/20/2018 10:05 PM
23	Would like to see solar roof estimate at least presented. Several gym improvements described, but did not understand where this shows up in cost sheet.	8/20/2018 10:00 PM
24	We will need to find alternate sources of funding. Taxpayers are already strapped with Burlington having some of the highest property taxes in the state.	8/20/2018 9:52 PM
25	This renovation is way overdue and although it will requires a tax increase; I believe this money is well spent and in the best interest of our community both for families currently enrolled in school or not. The building in its current state is archaic and a great deal of it is not handicap accessible ; our community deserves a HS that is constructed of top quality materials and energy efficient to save money in the long run; also to attract families to move to our great city; space and environment very much impacts how children learn and quality of teaching with the most ease and meeting different needs of iur diverse community; I very much hope our representatives and school board members from ward will support well money spent in this endeavor and years of preparation.	8/20/2018 9:38 PM
26	I think it would be absolutely reprehensible to do a renovation of the BHS campus that nicely outfits the BHS side and leaves the BTC spaces essentially unchanged: that would be a physical manifestation of the community not valuing some students as much as others.	8/20/2018 9:36 PM
27	Thank you for all your hard work on this	8/20/2018 9:31 PM
28	What yields a better return on investment for a community than investing in its children.	8/20/2018 9:29 PM
29	I have toured other high schools in Chittenden County and by comparison, the state of BHS is embarrassing to me as a citizen of Burlington.	8/20/2018 9:26 PM

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30	To spend \$60 million (vs. \$68.5 million) for a huge facility overhaul, by using cheaper building materials and not upgrading the heating and cooling systems, in order to save \$8.5 million today, makes no fiscal sense. It's akin to floating a school bond with guaranteed deferred maintenance costs, along with significantly higher annual heating and cooling costs that will eat steadily into any projected savings.	8/20/2018 9:24 PM
31	I think part of this conversation has to also be about how do we pay for our quality education in VT without putting the WHOLE burden on the property owners.	8/20/2018 9:22 PM
32	I have already mentioned on another survey.	8/20/2018 9:19 PM
33	It is a lot of money and I can only hope that the school can make sure that budgets are adhered to. With so much money involved the school needs to look out for the best most honest contractors and another honest person to oversee them and the costs. Best of luck to you.	8/20/2018 9:17 PM
34	Please continue to be truly transparent about the changes and how taxpayer money is being spent. Please consider the need for technology-free, arts-oriented spaces to foster real relationships in the 21st century. This ability to connect with others respectfully is far more important than STEM or other initiatives that create a panic to seem "relevant." Please consider the planned obsolescence of most software and the hardware that goes with it, and help to design a beautiful building that is environmentally responsible and long-lasting—not more boxes inside boxes to warehouse humans staring at screens. Please allow for green spaces and composting/gardening opportunities. Please listen to the community and not the trends.	8/20/2018 9:13 PM
35	Every year for the past several years my family's standard of living has gone down. I can't afford to update my own home, have a new car—we are making do. During difficult times we all have to make do, even the school district. My two children at BHS feel that the current buildings are fine as is. I feel that deferring maintenance to the point where 30 million dollars are needed to address it is gross mismanagement.	8/20/2018 9:13 PM
36	BHS has has been sorely in need of updates and renovations for a very long time. It's shocking that it hasn't happened yet and I support a bond that would create better safety, real accessibility and optimal learning/ working spaces for the BHS community.	8/20/2018 9:03 PM
37	It does need to be redone.. I am not sure about being rebuilt though	8/20/2018 8:47 PM
38	I won't vote for anything that isn't directly about hiring more teachers and providing education - and I don't mean standard testing or tech education. The new superintendent has ruined BHS firing teachers and causing support staff to quit.	8/20/2018 8:23 PM
39	Let's get it right for the long haul.	8/20/2018 8:21 PM
40	Stop treating taxpayers like a bottomless pit of money	8/20/2018 8:19 PM
41	I know that BHS desperately needs an update. I went on a tour and was absolutely appalled at the condition of the school, especially in terms of accessibility. I was also appalled at how the Burlington Tech Center seemed like such an after-thought, like tech students aren't valued. Under better circumstances I would say that we definitely should put a bond on the ballot. However, I am very fearful about an increase in my property taxes, which are already more than 15% of my household income. (And this is not an extravagant house by any means. It's 2200 square feet with a ton of deferred maintenance.) We have a limited income (just one parent working) and our taxes keep going up constantly with no end in sight. We are barely hanging on as it is. My husband and I are having frequent and serious conversations about how long we can even stay in our house (my husband's childhood home) and we're wondering if we can even stay in Burlington in general. I hate to say I won't support a bond because I know the school needs serious updates, and it's clear that this is an issue that just keeps getting put off, which is a key reason that BHS is in such bad shape now. Is there any other way to finance a portion of this? I know how important it is for an update, but I honestly can't afford this. PS. I think this survey should be anonymous. I feel like you are trying to suppress people's opinions by not allowing for anonymity.	8/20/2018 8:18 PM
42	Spending a relatively small amount more now for higher quality repairs makes sense to me, and may make more sense in the future with a reduced need for repairs. This aside, Is now the time to consider building a brand new high school? Would this make more financial sense in the long run?	8/20/2018 7:30 PM
43	I agree with my husband. You should consider building at the Moran Plant, consolidating the middle schools at the current BHS, and selling EMS and Hunt to fund most of it. And you should not put it on the ballot in November because of the high number of non-resident (most not even from Vermont, much less Burlington) college students likely to vote.	8/20/2018 7:27 PM

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44	Build a new middle/high school. Move elementary schools into current middle schools. Close all elementary schools and. Build more housing that pay taxes.	8/20/2018 7:25 PM
45	amounts are way too high for low income homeowners	8/20/2018 6:58 PM
46	It's unfortunate that upkeep and repairs were not done periodically as appraised to waiting until structures age and fail when cost are more today as opposed to yesterday.	8/20/2018 6:56 PM
47	Has the option of fund raising been explored? A capital campaign could raise a substantial amount of funds. Another options is the look for sponsorship of builds. Colleges and University do this all the time.	8/20/2018 6:50 PM
48	Long overdue. Need state of the art building and infrastructure for the next generations of our young people and a resource for the community.	8/20/2018 6:40 PM
49	The important thing to me is that BSD does this well and carefully. Not a Reno that skimps and is cheap and doesn't last into the future. A Reno that best meets current and future needs of all students. Also- it's important that the district keeps its commitments to all of the other schools that need updates.	8/20/2018 6:30 PM
50	At this time we are taxed out, I would like to renovate items within our own house ..	8/20/2018 6:28 PM
51	If we are going to upgrade our schools do it right with the best materials. Not only will this reduce our maintenance costs down the road but also our energy costs could be less as well. This is for our future; for our future students and the future of our great City.	8/20/2018 6:18 PM
52	Coupling school budgets with property taxes sets up an impossible choice for residents of this District. It is no question that the vast majority of Burlington residents support improvements to our schools, however we cannot continue to support raises in property taxes to achieve them. While the cost of living continues to rise, wages have stagnated, creating an unsustainable economic environment. There needs to be a broader discussion accompanying this proposal that addresses this issue to distribute the economic burden of this bond equitably among residents, not just property owners.	8/20/2018 6:12 PM
53	I would like to see a long term, forward thinking plan that offers the best to all children in Burlington. Thus, I think that spending a bit more for a better outcome is worth it.	8/20/2018 6:08 PM
54	While I understand the need for significant improvements to the HS, I am furious that the voters were lead to believe the last school bond was to be used for the HS improvements.	8/20/2018 6:02 PM
55	Until my children reached high school, I had absolutely no idea how neglected the BHS facilities were. I hope that all Community memebers take the time to research the conditions for themselves before voting on the bond. It is important to provide a learning environment that is safe and comfortable to our older students. So much time and money is spent on the younger demographic. It is also critical that we think ahead to the future and invest now with repairs and renovations that will last much longer. The cost comes now or later. Thank you for this initiative.	8/20/2018 6:02 PM
56	Any way you cut it, taxes are going up...again...in a school system that has fewer students than previous years with lower budgets.	8/20/2018 5:53 PM
57	I'm not sure what the right thing is do with the school. Taxes are getting so high that we'll probably have to move out of Burlington.	8/20/2018 5:23 PM
58	better to use the money well and not skimp on improvements or we will be spending more soon	8/20/2018 5:22 PM
59	I wish it could be done for less, but I don't see how.	8/20/2018 5:19 PM
60	Since we paid the teachers we cannot afford reneventions!	8/20/2018 5:15 PM
61	Only the best for our Burlington's kids.	8/20/2018 5:06 PM
62	Thanks for asking for input - please continue to keep the public informed and engaged in moving this issue forward! We have an amazing school district with talented teachers and incredible students - let's invest in this learning environment - it's an investment in our future!	8/20/2018 5:06 PM
63	In my opinion investing in BHS is a more important priority than rehabbing memorial auditorium. This a project long over due.	8/20/2018 5:05 PM
64	Although I realize the need for major renovations at the high school, I am very concerned about the debt load the school district is carrying from all of the bonds passed in recent years. Are any other funding sources available?	8/20/2018 5:04 PM

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65	I hope this is the best way to spend 68.5M. I wonder if the remaining structures will have to be renovated in 5 years again because of deferred maintenance.	8/20/2018 5:03 PM
66	I am very concerned that there has not been the proper investment in new pedagogy to support the proposed physical structure. It is great to have new building, but if new teaching methods do not accompany it, it is a whole lot of money spent without substantially impacting the educational experience of the students. The fact that there is not a budget item that addresses professional learning for the new building leads me to assume that proper thought has not been put into the proposed expenditure.	8/20/2018 5:01 PM
67	I will support this project in any form.	8/20/2018 5:00 PM
68	We cannot educate our children properly in facilities that don't have access to the proper means to mold all children into thinkers, creators, entrepreneurs and, be the best humans they can be. Update/upgrade our schools	8/20/2018 4:58 PM
69	While I support the \$68.5 million dollar bond I would like reassurances that all options have been explored. I would like to know if the option of building a brand new high school has also been researched and what the cost of that would be.	8/20/2018 4:58 PM
70	My childrens' father Lives in Burlington but I live in Shelburne. The current condition of BHS was part of why I encouraged them to go to CVU, but they preferred to stay with their friends.	8/20/2018 4:58 PM
71	I believe that any renovation or new project should be completed with higher standards and better materials. There should be thorough evaluation of total cost of projects before moving forward and the estimates shouldn't come from engineers but rather the contractors actually bidding the the work. Too often, preliminary budgets come in too low and the result is not good for public trust or finished product.	8/20/2018 4:58 PM
72	Why doesn't the money that was going to be used for the new preschool development go to the high school and the preschools stay at the neighborhood elementary schools.	8/20/2018 4:56 PM
73	Let's make it happen!!	8/20/2018 4:56 PM
74	Level the existing high school and start from scratch!	8/20/2018 4:54 PM
75	-	8/20/2018 4:53 PM
76	Why would we invest the minimal amount knowing it's not as good of quality. Would we ever accept this from students? How much more is it to build a new school that meets the current educational needs of our students rather than fixing something that costs this much and keeps learning structures the same? Proposals are out in front porch forum for this idea. If we are investing this much money in a school, we should be exploring the educational needs of today and future students rather than just fixing a building because it's the historical high school.	8/20/2018 4:52 PM
77	Let's build a high school our community can be proud of for generations.	8/20/2018 4:52 PM
78	I'm supportive of a well conceived plan to improve the high school facilities but I would want to see full integration with other district needs such as new offices needs for other kinds of spaces etc. and reassurances that the budget will actually be used for the type of activities outlined in the bond language. Am definitely more wary after the attempts to redirect deferred maintenance funds this spring. And will be more supportive of subsequent bonds after I see evidence of good faith handling of the deferred maintenance funds.	8/20/2018 4:52 PM
79	If you're going to do it, best to do it right.	8/20/2018 4:51 PM
80	Absolutely need to invest in our children's education. For all the obvious reasons about current generation of kids. But also to make VT livable and attractive to young families. This is critical to our economy and long term competitive advantage.	8/20/2018 4:51 PM
81	None	8/20/2018 4:50 PM
82	I think that it's imperati that the community is given time to see we can trust the school board with requests. There just was monies asked for and given however not distributed accordingly. That does the students and taxpayers a huge disservice. You can't expect to lie to people who foot the bill and continue to have a hand out.	8/20/2018 4:49 PM
83	This building needs repairs desperately. It was not designed well and needs to be done properly and then maintained.	8/20/2018 4:49 PM
84	So happy for these much needed renovations!	8/20/2018 4:49 PM

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85	Although I do not have children in the system I support getting the renovations done correctly now. We CANNOT have a school that does not meet certification standards. We also cannot have a school that is a health risk to all who spend time in this space on a regular basis. If we wait to have these renovations done the costs will only go up. I see this as a much better alternative to starting over from square one which has been thrown out as an option ;/ If as residents of Burlington we can "afford" to upgrade the bike path to the current standard we would be amiss to ignore our schools falling apart and risk the health and safety of our children, teachers and staff.	8/20/2018 4:48 PM
86	N/a	8/20/2018 4:47 PM
87	I'm very happy action is being taken. The conditions of the building, and the inaccessibility for many of our is terrible. The longer we put off taking action, the worse it's going to get.	8/20/2018 4:30 PM
88	Invest for the long term. We still need to attract new professionals to the Burlington area and a strong school system is vital to that effort (as well as to the general quality of life here).	8/20/2018 4:25 PM
89	It seems odd to ask for input on 3 options that are within 8.5 million of each other and all over 60 million. I'm on board for the highest, but why even move forward if the building will be using sub par materials and not have improved insulation? My feeling is that the community will not feel like it's a vote when all 3 are so close in cost.	8/20/2018 4:23 PM
90	The difference in cost between the mid range \$65 million option and the high range \$68 million is not that much in the grand scheme of things. I think it makes sense to get the biggest bang for the buck by investing in higher quality more long lasting materials and systems.	8/20/2018 4:19 PM
91	No additional feedback	8/20/2018 4:10 PM
92	I feel strongly that a town's schools reflects the town's principles and desirability. These improvements will help make Burlington a more attractive place to live, and will boost property values, which will offset the investment required by the taxpayers.	8/20/2018 3:51 PM
93	I had the opportunity to tour BHS and frankly, was appalled at the overall deferred maintenance and lack of accessibility for our students. We can and must do better for our students.	8/20/2018 2:55 PM
94	It would be good to share with the voters a detailed scope of what Burlington is expected to look like over the next 30 years. How many HS students are expected to attend? Will your planned layout and rooms meet the future students needs? What is the school district doing to reduce expenses in other places to offset some of this \$60 million cost? Alternative learning environments with higher student to teacher ratios? I am sure there is a lot more to your vision than replacing an aging building complex.	8/20/2018 2:29 PM

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95	<p>It astonishes me the taxpayers are asked for ~70 million and it's a remodel rather than a complete reconstruction. This in addition to the multimillion bond the city will ask of us to improve the stomwater/sewage system (in addition to multimillion dollar bond for Memorial Auditorium). This in addition to the fact that we just gave the city 21mil for a private developer. In addition to recent large increase in property taxes following 10+ years of steadily increasing taxes, plus they're reassessing to raise taxes even higher. This in addition to the fact our children's high school experiences will very likely be disrupted by the ongoing high-school construction, and we'll likely have another teacher strike in two years, too. The school district has been aware of the need to address high school for at least 10 years and likely much longer. How have budgeting and allocation of resources prepared us for this moment? Will the taxpayer foot the full cost of remodeling, or will additional resources be sought (other properties sold, independent auditors engaged, etc.) to reduce costs and/or generate outside revenue? Much of the promotion of upgrades presses the need to improve accessibility. How will the remodeling also improve 21st century/STEM learning and music/art/foreign language enrichment, support high flyers, upgrade available tech, improve fitness or nutrition, or add broader resources and opportunities to learning community? What's the physical life expectancy and projected future relevance of upgrades in rapidly changing social context? Public promotion also asserts the construction "shouldn't" disrupt students. Are there penalties to any involved if work actually does become disruptive? Penalties for delays or exceeding budget? Can we review the portfolio of project leaders (admin, board, developer, et al) detailing previous successes on similar projects? Also, what's the failure rate of previous investments? We invested millions in recent remodeling of Sustainability Academy yet the building is under-utilized and I'm told in danger of closing or re-purposing. Black River looks great but is there any info available on the principal negotiators and admins on our side, their previous successes overseeing and controlling costs on such a large significant project? We've invested millions in closing the achievement gap yet Burlington maintains a failing status on greatschools.org and a mediocre to poor reputation anecdotally amongst a broad spectrum of students and parents. What are the metrics of success and where have we seen significant improvements? It's said graduation rate increased ~6% 2015-2016. What are the corresponding statistics on post-secondary placement? Have all demographics seen improvement? How can we demonstrate it's tax dollars improving situation rather than other factors such as improving language familiarity, outside supports, shifting standards, smaller class sizes, etc.? What's the end target (100%?) and what will it cost to get there/maintain? Burlington schools are spending an excessive amount per pupil, by our board's own admission, yet it's said to be due to high poverty within our community. High poverty increasingly driven, no doubt, by excessive taxes and exceedingly high costs of living thereby creating a vicious cycle.</p>	8/20/2018 2:28 PM
96	<p>I strongly advocate for not taking a short sighted view with this work. A small increase in budget that allows for more durable building materials and lower operating costs will cost less in the end. If this money is going to be spent, do it well the first time.</p>	8/20/2018 1:40 PM
97	<p>Let's make a smart investment in our children's education for the future!</p>	8/20/2018 1:29 PM
98	<p>I think it's crucial that the school district build a building that can be LEED certified.</p>	8/20/2018 1:00 PM
99	<p>Please be sensitive of paint and sealant types used for walls and flooring. It smelled awful in Edmunds during last week's election.</p>	8/20/2018 12:48 PM
100	<p>Difference is really minimal when you are talking millions...the real question is whether this has to happen at all</p>	8/20/2018 12:35 PM
101	<p>We need to make the best school we can over the long term. The taxes won't increase very much compared with the benefits of these renovations.</p>	8/20/2018 12:33 PM
102	<p>Nothing at this time</p>	8/20/2018 11:48 AM
103	<p>I view this as a one shot opportunity to greatly enhance safety and usable ospace for Burlington's high school students.</p>	8/20/2018 11:45 AM
104	<p>Just as the private sector invests in its assets, the public sector must too. My elementary-age student deserves adequate facilities now so he can achieve his highest tax-paying potential in the future.</p>	8/20/2018 11:43 AM
105	<p>It's got to be done, do it right.</p>	8/20/2018 11:24 AM
106	<p>BHS needs to be maintained and probably renovated, but let's not create a vanity project chasing unnecessary certifications. Please do put this on the ballot in November next to the bonds for Memorial Aud and wastewater infrastructure.</p>	8/20/2018 11:11 AM

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107	I really appreciated the tour of BHS that was provided on August 18th. It allowed me to see the high school with a more critical eye than I might use when attending games, informational nights, or community events. Our students deserve the best available buildings, infrastructure, technology, and environments in which to learn. I am willing to help provide that through my taxes. I would also like to see the district, School Board, and City consider the addition of climate control, specifically AC, either now or in the future. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to support these important changes and upgrades.	8/20/2018 11:11 AM
108	na	8/20/2018 11:03 AM
109	N/A	8/20/2018 10:51 AM
110	I am incredibly torn regarding this school spend. I am a huge believer and supporter in education. I believe that education is humanity's answer to solution to most of our problems. The more we educate people, the better a society we become. The issue in Burlington is that we've kicked the can down the road with maintaining these schools for so many years that now the buildings are falling apart. I see other 50, 75, 100 year old schools in America that are in pristine condition.. beloved.. cared for... not neglected. These districts did not through \$30 or \$65 million at these schools at once.. they did incremental maintenance year after year.. Going to the voters asking for \$65m is a big ask. Who knows, the voters might say yes and away we go. But they also might say no, and then what? As we know money fixes all these issues. The buildings need money to be great and to house the kids who we're trying to make great through education. It's all connected. Yet, why have we neglected these buildings for so many years? Because of progressive politics, and a completely dysfunctional school board.	8/20/2018 10:44 AM
111	Investing in schools is nurturing the roots of a community.	8/20/2018 10:26 AM
112	I support the \$68.5m bond because if you are going to do something do it right. Using shortcuts or less quality materials will lead to greater cost in the long term. This is not only an investment in our children, but one for our community. Quality schools lead to higher property values, higher property values lead to an increased tax base - property tax in the short term, but other taxes in the long term - through more people and businesses setting up in Burlington. Other tax revenue will allow property tax relief. Quality tax revenue ensures roads, police, and many other services are properly funded to ensure our city continues to be a desirable place to live. If our schools go so do our taxes and so does our ability to fund our town. Success breeds success and it starts with schools. If we don't support this bond it all crumbles. Also, we need to legislatively change school funding because it is not a sustainable mode from a state perspective. Voting no on this would exacerbate the problem, and be a the expense of not only our children but all the services funded by tax revenue - which affects everyone in this town.	8/20/2018 9:36 AM
113	I agree BHS needs an update but am not convinced this is well thought out	8/20/2018 9:22 AM
114	I will always support the schools, school budgets, etc. if a need is there than it's our duty to vote for it and make sure they get what they need. Education is a number one priority for our family.	8/20/2018 9:12 AM
115	The High School is in serious need of maintenance. I hope that this plan also deals with the locker/kids carrying their backpacks and coats around all day.	8/20/2018 9:08 AM
116	I fully support public education but considering the debacle with the pre-K bond, I'm surprised the board would try to get this bond approved now. I don't predict a good outcome. The timing is poor and with a poor track-record managing a 30M bond, why would we hand over an additional \$70M to this administration?	8/20/2018 9:03 AM
117	I find it hard to support this, when I remember being just out of his school, and the city outing AstroTurf on the football field. That money could have gone to school repairs. I find the decision making skills of the city and the school board horrible.	8/20/2018 8:53 AM
118	Those who were instrumental in allowing 30 million dollars deferred maintenance should be sued, and held accountable.	8/20/2018 8:51 AM
119	There is a typo in question 1. BHS must be fixed. I've taken the tour, and the current facility is poorly conceived, falling apart, and completely unacceptable for our community.	8/20/2018 8:50 AM
120	Please consider how the project can secure local employment opportunities	8/20/2018 8:49 AM
121	I am very supportive of making a significant investment in replacing/upgrading the high school facility, but jamming it onto the ballot with 2 months of a PR campaign is counter-productive.	8/20/2018 8:47 AM
122	Our community needs and deserves a first rate facility for its high school students. Do the job once, do the job right so the community can have a resource it can be proud of for years to come.	8/20/2018 8:37 AM

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123	1. Please take more time to consider a plan. Rather than band-aid the current high school, consider building a new high school at the Moran Plant. You could then consolidate the middle schools at the current BHS and sell EMS and Hunt so that these properties can be added to the Grand List. Through these sales and new tax revenue, a large portion of the project, if not the full project, could be funded. You could also combine the EMS property with Memorial Auditorium, if the City is willing, to offer an even more attractive property. I suggested building a new high school at Moran when you were considering re-districting over ten years ago. Since then, property taxes have more than doubled, with very little done to BHS infrastructure. I know this would be hard and a lot of work to manage such a project to completion, but the over-burdened property tax payers in Burlington deserve an explanation at least as to why you will not consider it. 2. Please do NOT put anything on the November ballot. Mid-term elections will draw many UVM student voters. Out of state teenagers living in a dorm do not deserve a say in whether or not our property taxes rise. This is VERY unfair.	8/20/2018 8:33 AM
124	why do you continually waiting till a building is falling about to then want to spend millions that the tax pays do not have. start working on them yearly and we wouldn't have this issue once again.	8/20/2018 8:32 AM
125	this badly needs to be done. and done well.	8/20/2018 8:30 AM
126	In the long run, quality materials and updated systems are of more value. We want the renovations and upgrades to last for years to come.	8/20/2018 8:29 AM
127	I think renovation of the high school but the Board needs to develop a unified financial plan for operational and infrastructure expenses. Bonds and budgets should not be decoupled like this. We will own the debt service.	8/20/2018 8:19 AM
128	BHS facilities are a disaster. Please make sure these imperative improvements are done right. What is the sense of saving 8 million only to have to do it again in a decade because it was done on the cheap?	8/20/2018 8:15 AM
129	I would be happy to vote to support an even higher budget for renovations as BHS students and teachers need and deserve this upgrade. Doing this is worth doing right and all the way. The city and the generations of students now and in the future in Burlington need this.	8/20/2018 8:10 AM
130	Investing in our public schools is investing in the future of our community. Everyone benefits.	8/20/2018 8:09 AM
131	The tax increase implications are so small compared to the benefit, and the difference between the three proposals (as far as per household tax increase goes) is even less significant—not to go “all the way” at this point seems shortsighted and just plain silly.	8/20/2018 8:08 AM
132	Our kids deserve to attend a great school with awesome buildings	8/20/2018 8:07 AM
133	The BHS physical environment is not universally accessible, lacks the ability to provide safe entry and exits during an emergency, (and yes, tragedies and mass school violence can happen here in Vermont!) and is in such poor condition I can't imagine what it will look like when my 3 children are there within the next 5 years. Students should not be learning with ceilings, walls, and floors torn up and in gross disrepair. And who knows? Once the physical space is improved, perhaps the overall culture and climate will allow for administrators, teachers, students, and families to begin to truly build a partnership that is 100%culturally responsive,(as opposed to culturally "reactive") family sensitive, and supportive of our professionals on the front lines engaging and motivation our next generation of thinkers and doers.	8/20/2018 8:06 AM
134	going to school in a construction zone for 2 years could be detrimental to the kids health	8/20/2018 8:03 AM
135	I am fully supportive of upgrading the high school, although I thought we already voted for significant renovation in the "deferred maintenance" bond . . . I think it is important that there is significant public input as any upgrades/redesign/construction goes forward so stakeholders and citizens understand where the money is going and have an opportunity to identify their priorities and preferences.	8/20/2018 8:00 AM
136	A local architect has floated the idea of using the Moran space/north 40 for a new HS. Rather than try to renovate a building that no longer meets our needs, let's consider alternatives that would capitalize on the existing property (e.g housing) and construct a new state-of-the art BHS.	8/20/2018 7:31 AM
137	An investment for OUR future! Whether you have kids in the district, had kids already complete their schooling, do not have kids, or future parents of kids, these plans are to provide basic infrastructure to educate OUR children. Build it to last!	8/20/2018 7:23 AM
138	It won't matter what you build if we can't afford to live here and have to move out of the city. Pay teachers, not architects.	8/20/2018 7:23 AM

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139	Very strong support for the most extensive plan. Clearly it's hard to get together on maintenance so we should swing for the fences when we do.	8/20/2018 7:14 AM
140	Please invest in Burlington's future. Current facility doesn't meet current let alone future needs. Invest in a durable building which will last for generations to come. A \$68M budget may still be too low.	8/20/2018 7:13 AM
141	I am in favor of investing well in the school. But who will ensure that there are no conflicts of interest between board and local contractors?	8/20/2018 7:11 AM
142	NA	8/20/2018 7:06 AM
143	It is time to do this!!!	8/19/2018 9:27 PM
144	I hope our citizens will invest in our children, and help pass the bond for the BHS renovations. This process has be thorough and included many different voices.	8/19/2018 7:28 PM
145	As mentioned, the design problems are the result of decisions made by the board in the past and as presented by the past architect, Is there no acknowledgement of these mistakes? How is it that the board allowed fifty million in unmet maintenance to accumulate? This is malfeasance.	8/19/2018 5:38 PM
146	It seems strange that this survey was sent out to teachers but does not have teacher listed as an affiliation group.	8/19/2018 2:52 PM
147	Not comfortable with idea that we need to trust that specific space, facilities, equipment will be included in even the highest priced plan. Concerned that air conditioning in administrative offices seems more important than air conditioning in classrooms that would benefit students; concerned that plan would increase the number of students in science labs, which is a hazard in the making. Why can't this bond be put on the March ballot so more details can be developed? Not comfortable setting a price without cost-breakout.	8/19/2018 12:10 PM
148	I have no idea where the money will really go. Will there be a new administrative penthouse on top of the school? This is not joking. Hearing who did the plan takes all credibility away. Publish a list of all the job titles in the district. Should be public. Group will do FOIA AND PAY FOR IT. Board should do this first. Just watching adds on School Spring I expect NAMER OF NEW POSITIONS TO BE NEXT. Thanks, you are a good board who chose to fix this mess. Good luck And thanks.	8/19/2018 12:05 PM
149	It is time Burlington takes the long view of our educational facilities.	8/19/2018 11:39 AM
150	I believe you need to explain the benefits and negatives of the different option as they related to educating the students and managing the school district. Many hours have been spent developing the different proposals, what is the thinking behind each proposed solution. Why do 60 millions can achieve the same as 68.5 millions? I just see the price tag and some superficial information to make the decision. I want to understand what I get for the different price tags beyond the simplified budget positions in the spreadsheet. Tell me the value the upgrades provide to the students and school district.	8/19/2018 8:52 AM
151	If the city of Burlington can spend \$20M in what otherwise would have been education funding to open up a long-closed street in town that absolutely nobody wanted or needed, then we can spend \$60 Million on a new school that will attract people and businesses to our city. That's just common sense.	8/19/2018 4:12 AM
152	BHS is long overdue for upgrades and is simply embarrassing in terms of the condition it's in. I have sent two kids thru with two more coming and am seriously considering Rice due to school condition and overall poor school leadership.	8/18/2018 10:18 PM
153	Let's take time to make sure what we do is the BEST option for our students!	8/18/2018 6:47 PM
154	I think this is an excellent and overdue investment in the well being of our city.	8/18/2018 5:44 PM
155	I am a current school commissioner and the god- father of two BSD students. I also know many parents of and children in the Burlington schools	8/18/2018 4:39 PM
156	Safety of children and staff # 1. Optimal conditions for learning #2. Low maintainance high quality a priority.	8/18/2018 4:21 PM
157	I don't want our kids to get the bare minimum. They deserve a nice school where everyone is able to get around efficiently.	8/18/2018 4:10 PM
158	The board is in a tough spot, holding the can that has been kicked down the road for years. It's not a matter of IF we do this, it's a matter of HOW. Time for some of the largest property owners in town - UVM, the hospital, Champlain - step up and support the local educational system.	8/18/2018 4:05 PM

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159	most of my friends built in 1964 are requiring some expensive renovation, just as our school buildings are!! I suppose it would have been well advised to PREFUND this upgrade from the date of opening, but we didn't. ERGO, we need to bite the bullet and keep our systems up to flagship level. NO headhunter or corporate planner would consider NOT looking at the school facilities when rating an area for expansion of a business-which means JOBS, which means growth which means RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT. Let's move on this issue.	8/18/2018 3:54 PM
160	1. Previous bond for repairs not completed 2. Seems like you are rushing this project.	8/18/2018 1:43 PM
161	The community -- meaning everyone residing in Burlington -- deserves a state-of-the art, high quality, well-appointed education facility that will serve students for many generations to come AND can become a community resource beyond the daily school-year model so that ALL taxpayers and residents benefit from this necessary expenditure. Additionally, Burlington is suffering by losing potential families who openly compare our facilities to those in other Chittenden County school districts. Our facilities -- beyond just BHS -- are generally in poorer condition comparatively. Realtors readily make that point apparent with clients. We have a city that is far superior to any other in VT to live in for many points that are scored by many lists, magazines, etc. BUT, our district is lagging far behind building-wise, and we need strong leadership to turn this tide. I applaud the new board for taking a more proactive, thoughtful and full-circle approach to improving our school district.	8/18/2018 12:34 PM
162	First, am not on facebook and believe it should not be used by School System--better a blog type location available to ALL. Second your survey introduction is insulting as BTC to me is Burlington Town Center, and have no idea what CBHS stands for. Did anyone who wrote this take high school English? Third, the idea of using less than quality re-construction shows incompetence at the District and Board level. All our kids deserve is a building held together with band aids? First, rule of public development needs to be a quality produce. Finally, I am well aware the District has no short term and longer term projections of total students (both in the system and in private schools). No plan to bring performance up to the standard of the leading U.S. system (Massachusetts), and not even one line item budget for any school in the District. Get your act together, get a strategic plan together, a BHS (that is Burlington High School) study committee which puts a facility plan together that leads the nation (like STEM did for UVM), put a financing package together which gets private institutional funders excited and involved. Do something we here in Burlington can be proud of!!!	8/18/2018 11:46 AM
163	I think that the numbers on pp4-5 of the 'plans and options' .pdf are per-year numbers, but that is not explicitly stated. I would like to suggest you update and be more specific.	8/18/2018 10:47 AM
164	I would like to see administrative salaries CUT. And I would like teachers to feel supported by the board. I am not sure why the consulting costs are so high, but I do support the rebuilding of our crumbling facility.	8/18/2018 9:08 AM
165	It is critical that we invest in the high school. It needs to be accessible.	8/18/2018 8:15 AM
166	The full renovation with quality materials is clearly the best long-term option. If it is perceived that there is not enough community support for this option at this time, I would urge the board to slow down its process, take the item off the November ballot, and continue with community outreach to place it on the ballot in March. This is too important to rush through - better to do it right than to do it quickly.	8/18/2018 7:46 AM
167	board and Super attempted to misuse 17 million approved in march 2017 and got caught with hands in cookie jar no trust so we cut hands off before cookie jar is available. Do not allow on ballot and if it is vote no.	8/18/2018 12:49 AM
168	Thank you for creating this survey Russ!	8/18/2018 12:08 AM
169	Given the school district's poor handling of the proposal to construct new pre-school and central office buildings, I feel these proposals lack credibility	8/17/2018 10:10 PM
170	I support a more complete rebuild of BHS.	8/17/2018 10:04 PM
171	This is a no-brainer. The high school building is an embarrassment. It's outdated, energy inefficient, not ADA accessible, and screams of not valuing the students and teachers who are there every day. It leaks on rainy days and in late May and September can become unbearably hot with recorded internal temperatures of well over 100 degrees. We, the City of Burlington, needs a 21st century building that can be an economic driver to the city.	8/17/2018 9:14 PM
172	It makes sense to invest in a more energy efficient and durable building.	8/17/2018 8:42 PM

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173	Thank you to all of the people who have invested time and effort and done a thorough job in reviewing the needs and options for needed change.	8/17/2018 8:18 PM
174	I support all 3 options	8/17/2018 8:18 PM
175	This bond is so needed, Burlington children's safety and education is at stake!	8/17/2018 7:52 PM
176	This is long overdue! Thank you for not caving to pressure from the mayor and council to delay it again - we've been waiting for nearly two decades to update and transform our learning spaces at BHS to reflect the modern world!	8/17/2018 7:00 PM
177	Up front costs for high efficiency energy systems will return over time and be a good investment for our community. Consider alternative heating sources to natural gas.Consider rooftop solar energy into the building design and incorporate learning about the solar array into the student learning curriculum.	8/17/2018 6:59 PM
178	I just reviewed the tax impact slides and OMG! This proposal is BULLSHIT! I don't know where to begin this critique. 1) The comparison slides for a \$250K home and \$50K income is misleading and disingenuous. This example is an apples and oranges comparison. 2) The fact that receipt of this Facebook post with the survey assumes/requires one to be a friend of BHS or the school district is a subversive attempt to bias the survey results by "preaching to the choir". 3) The community engagement and input process should actually start now and search for additional/alternative ideas rather than force voters to accept the limited options determined by a small group of special interest advocates. That's all I'm going to say for now. Therefore, NO Bond vote in November.	8/17/2018 6:08 PM
179	Accessible buildings are very important to my family. Bathrooms for students outside the binary (not boy or girl) or all gender bathrooms are also VERY important for our family. These should be as accessible as bathrooms for cis gender students.	8/17/2018 6:05 PM
180	Please be visionary - use architects and designers - build state of the art and energy efficient and allow our administration to lead the process	8/17/2018 6:03 PM
181	Our taxes only keep going up, with no seeming realization or recognition of that fact from the administration OR the teachers.	8/17/2018 5:40 PM
182	It seems like not only is the bond and renovation essential, but if you are going to do this you might as well do the best quality with the most upgrades that you can--why not put in air-conditioning, get a good environmental rating etc. this is thinking about the future and at the end of the day the difference in cost between 68 and 60 is minimal compared to the additional features gained through the project at the 68 million level	8/17/2018 5:09 PM
183	We need it. We can afford it. We can't afford not to do it.	8/17/2018 5:08 PM
184	Updating our old schools is not optional - we need an accessible HS that ALL students can access.	8/17/2018 4:36 PM