



# USD 105 RAWLINS COUNTY School Rebuild Survey Results (420 Responses)



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**BUFFALO STRONG**



## QUESTION 1 - OPTION 1

### Rebuild the School as a Junior/Senior High School & Upgrade Elementary School

Rebuild the 7th through 12th grade building, and keep the Elementary School and update portions for approximately \$1.7 million. The Elementary School would still require more renovation work in the future.

#### Cost Estimate for Option 1:

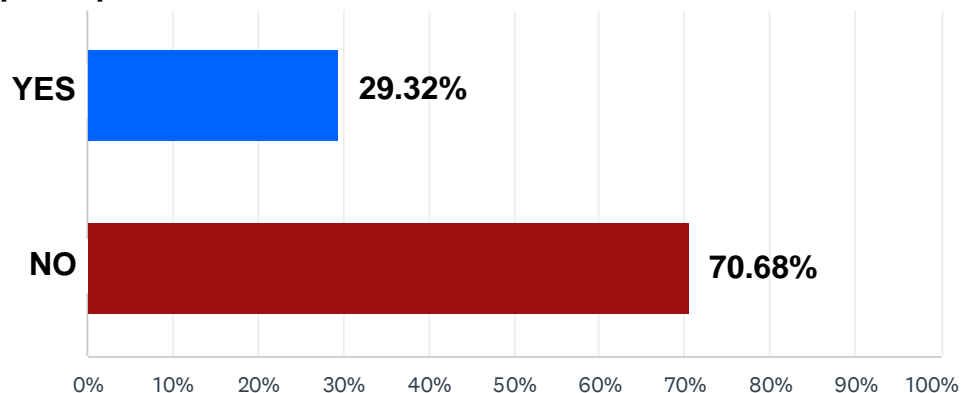
Total Cost	\$31,800,000
Less Insurance Reimbursement	<u>-\$ 8,500,000</u>
<b>Total Bond Amount</b>	<b>\$23,300,000</b>

#### Property Tax Increase for Option 1:

Preliminary cost estimates show this will raise property taxes approximately 25 mills; a property tax increase of:

- \$24 per month for a \$100,000 house
- \$51 per month for a \$100,000 commercial property
- An annual property tax increase of agricultural property for (the numbers shown below are averages - farmland is taxed based on productivity so each piece of land will vary)
  - Dry Crop Land - \$1.38 per acre
  - Irrigated Land - \$3.75 per acre
  - Grass Land - \$0.25 per acre

#### Do You Support Option 1?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.32%	112
No	70.68%	270
TOTAL		382

## QUESTION 2 - OPTION 2

### Rebuild the School as a Kindergarten through 12th Grade Building

Rebuilding the school as a Kindergarten through 12th grade building would allow the school district to be more efficient and save costs in the future by operating and maintaining only one building. The building for the 7th through 12th grades would remain in the same configuration and K-6th grade classrooms would be added.

#### Cost estimate for Option 2:

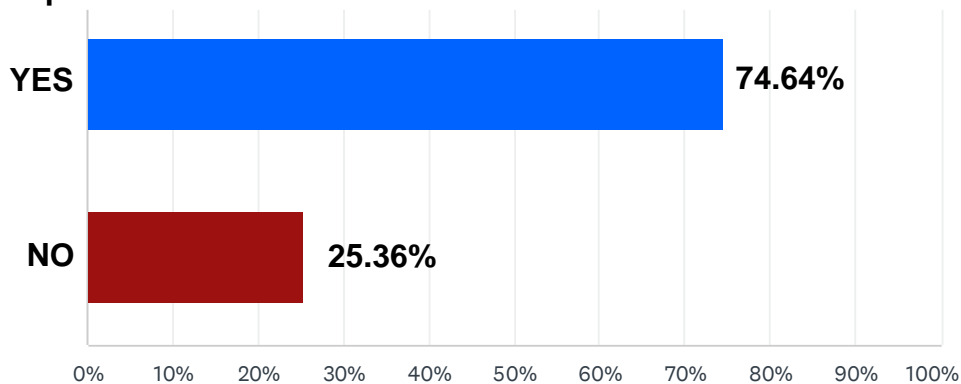
Total Cost	\$36,600,000
Less Insurance Reimbursement	<u>-\$ 8,500,000</u>
<b>Total Bond Amount</b>	<b>\$28,100,000</b>

#### Property Tax Increase for Option 2:

Preliminary cost estimates show this will raise property taxes approximately 31 mills; a property tax increase of:

- \$31 per month for a \$100,000 house (\$7 increase from Option 1)
- \$63 per month for a \$100,000 commercial property (\$12 increase from Option 1)
- An annual property tax increase of agricultural property tax for (the numbers shown below are averages - farmland is taxed based on productivity so each piece of land will vary)
  - Dry Crop Land - \$1.74 per acre (\$0.36 increase from Option 1)
  - Irrigated Land - \$4.65 per acre (\$0.90 increase from Option 1)
  - Grass Land - \$0.31 per acre (\$0.06 increase from Option 1)

#### Do You Support Option 2?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.64%	309
No	25.36%	105
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>414</b>

### Q3 QUESTION 3: If you answered "No" to support Option 1 or Option 2, what is your concern with the project? Please share your thoughts on what you would support to rebuild the school.

Answered: 231 Skipped: 189

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There are too many problems I see with Option 2. Here are a few of them that I see. The hill to the north of the school, I would not want my child to be on that end of the school when there are icy roads. Trucks and other vehicles could miss the curve and go right into that part of the building. K-12 building shoves the 7-12th graders upstairs into a little area compared to the K-6th graders. How is that fair?	1/22/2024 7:46 AM
2	Option 1 would only be a bandaid for the issues at the current elementary school building.	1/22/2024 4:35 AM
3	See many benefits and cost savings option 2 but have many concerns regarding traffic control, parking, and playground for K-6	1/21/2024 10:53 PM
4	To update the old grade school may cost a lot more then estimated. If we're build new high-school might as well build and upgrade all grades for best learn environment. My biggest issue is why did it take the high school burning to talk about upgrade to grade school.	1/19/2024 3:05 PM
5	Please do this correctly the first time. K through 12 will reduce cost of operating 2 facilities. HASTE MAKES WASTE!	1/19/2024 8:09 AM
6	Lack of space/parking/ playground areas	1/18/2024 8:31 PM
7	The concept presented for K-12 appears to be squeezed into the current small site and the cost is to high.	1/18/2024 6:33 PM
8	K-12 makes more sense in the long term	1/18/2024 8:12 AM
9	I would rather have Jr/Sr separated from K-6. I understand it could be more efficient and save cost in the future, one of my concern is the traffic, parking, drop off and pick up. Events/games/ tournaments and the surrounding homeowners.	1/17/2024 11:56 PM
10	Option One Concern: Upkeep and renovations to the elementary buildings will cost more in the long run than finding a solution now.	1/17/2024 10:35 PM
11	A K-12 in one large metal bldg. Do not need the brick facade ( just superficial esthetics)	1/17/2024 10:27 PM
12	The operational efficiency gained with a K-12 facility makes sense. My question regarding this option is, "Is there enough space in the area to allow for sufficient parking, play ground areas, and the school. From my perspective, if this is the option selected, it is important to ensure it is not being crammed into an area too small. If the option to keep the K-6 Elementary in its current location, I would support putting more dollars into the remodeling project now, vs. a limited project as is described with additional work remaining to be addressed at a late date. I would prefer to invest more at this time instead of "kicking the can" down the road.	1/17/2024 10:23 PM
13	.	1/17/2024 10:19 PM
14	WE have to get the school rebuilt so either option is good as long as it's moving forward.	1/17/2024 9:41 PM
15	Rawlins County have the highest taxes in the whole state. Are you thinking of the elderly in our county who live Social Security check to the next. Some individuals have to chose whether to pay utilities and skip their medications. We have several individuals like this in our community. Can't the grade school be worked on yearlyCant the Grade school updates be Don e in the next 20 years. I can see older students bulling young kids after school. I would rather see sales tax base be done. It affects everyone not just home owners or land owners.	1/17/2024 7:29 PM
16	Seems to be crowding a lot of things in too little space in option 2. There is NO room for playgrounds in option 2. I see no future for the current grade school beyond being a school. A dead horse we would be paying for.	1/17/2024 7:11 PM

17	Make classrooms big enough for future growth of enrollment.	1/17/2024 7:09 PM
18	I support K-12 but not all funded by property tax. Use as much sales tax as possible so everyone, including people visiting town get taxed. Not just property owners.	1/17/2024 6:26 PM
19	I completely support a new building, K-12. But option two is being funded solely by property tax. I do not support that at all. Please raise city and county sales tax to take as much funding away from property tax as possible. Sales tax is a tax on everyone—not just those that own property. Sales tax also garners funds from those that visit our community. I think everyone in the state will understand why our sales tax is high for a few years. I doubt if too many of them will complain!!	1/17/2024 6:19 PM
20	I dont understand the need for such a large gym.	1/17/2024 6:10 PM
21	Parking is my only concern with Option 2. I think a K-12 building is the best way to go.	1/17/2024 4:16 PM
22	i am concerned that the current elementary school building will either fall apart or money would have to be spent to somewhat maintain it. Finding a second life for the building could be a challenge. Rob Ross, past principal of Colby Elementary school told me that when the high school was moved away from the elementary school that it was the best thing that ever happened. There should be some concrete ideas for the current building before I would consider voting for a new school. Personally I would like the new High School building LOOK like a new building, not a new version of the OLD building.	1/17/2024 3:56 PM
23	Check on FEMA funds available No need for walk around gym No need for 500 + seating Take time to think these plans through	1/17/2024 3:53 PM
24	Grade school children should not be in the same building as 7-12. No matter how hard you try to keep them apart you will not be able to. Bullying is bad now, it will only get worse if you build a K-12.	1/17/2024 3:18 PM
25	I am in favor of Option 2 (K-12th school) as long as all necessary items are considered and implemented.	1/17/2024 3:15 PM
26	I support rebuilding the school as we need a school. I do not support Option 1 or 2	1/17/2024 3:07 PM
27	It'll be cheaper to get it all done at once!	1/17/2024 2:54 PM
28	I know there has to be a vote to get things going with the bond but seriously, the gym is a Cadillac and the rest of the school is crammed all together. Where will parking be for these BIG tournaments? Where are the playgrounds for the littles? (Is this added into the cost as playgrounds are atrociously expensive?) Why keep the old? Build something new and fresh.	1/17/2024 2:17 PM
29	Like the overall plan, but have some misgivings. We are concerned about the distance for the littlest kids to get to art and music. Don't want to see the littlest kids using a third of their class time going to and from these. it appears the new addition will go all the way to the track, which means we won't be able to drive behind the school. This seems like a safety issue. Where are athletic buses going to load and unload. Will kitchen deliveries be able to get behind the school to unload. The drawings appear there will be limited room. Just some thoughts. Don't want the K thru 6 to not have enough room to enjoy their recess time. It is very important for good mental health.	1/17/2024 12:30 PM
30	I fully support the idea of one building and one campus. I think that makes the most sense - also want to be sure consideration is given to outdoor space for elementary school with the new plan. AND to make sure we have the most and best space in the new building to accommodate continued growth in our community and school.	1/17/2024 12:03 PM
31	Density of use of the limited land is way to high. I would expect that the scheduling of use would be extremely difficult, with limited opportunities to correct. Only deal with 7th through 12th. Delay expected building replacement by a year. Expand the land used accommodate the expected building size and access for student, teacher and patron parking. Consider engagement of another 1 or 2 architects to provide conceptual solutions. CONSIDER RELOCATING FOOTBALL FIELD AND TRACK TO ANOTHER LOCATION.	1/17/2024 12:02 PM
32	My preference is for Option 2. Option 1 is my second choice which would be OK too.	1/17/2024 11:42 AM
33	It is short- sighted	1/17/2024 11:09 AM
34	In the long run, Option 2 is more cost effective and efficient. The grade school building could	1/17/2024 10:52 AM

be sold or remodeled into apartments. The gym space could be utilized by the community yet. Either way it would generate revenue and solve some housing issues for the community.

35	I would love to see a K-12 building. I believe we should just bite the bullet and get it all done at one time instead of having to do another bond in a few years for the grade school as well. With the growth in our community it would be a huge draw for future employees to have a pretty new facility for all to enjoy.	1/17/2024 10:28 AM
36	I would support paying even more taxes if it means having something modern that meets the needs of all the students! Don't want to pay for refurbishing and rebuilding what we already had.	1/17/2024 10:05 AM
37	simply prefer option 2 because best in the long run. Not worried about having more expansion room as I think we will have adequate excess capacity.	1/17/2024 9:56 AM
38	I don't think big kids and little kids should be together	1/17/2024 9:30 AM
39	The price difference is not worth doing both buildings. For not much more \$ we can have a more efficient use of utilities, staff, and learning environment. It is a no brainer to go with the K-12 option. If it is this obvious to me, I am sure the board will make the correct decision.	1/17/2024 9:06 AM
40	Parking has always been a big issue at school functions. I'm surprised this issue has not been addressed. I also feel we can be a little more conservative with our spending and get a facility that will function well into the future.	1/17/2024 8:41 AM
41	We need to look into other options that will cost the tax payers less money. At this rate, no one will be able to afford to live in Rawlins County. We know that the school is a necessity but there has to be some options that would be less expensive.	1/17/2024 8:38 AM
42	What would be the use of the elementary school. Old school do not sell. Savings are savings.	1/17/2024 8:16 AM
43	I believe separating younger students from the older students is best. Childhood memories are precious, having monumental moments of "graduating" the grade school and going up to the high school was and should always be something experienced.	1/17/2024 7:34 AM
44	No tax increase. The board failed in their duties to make sure the school was insured to cover something like this. Take a loan out and figure it out. Tired of high taxes. People can't afford it anymore.	1/17/2024 5:38 AM
45	I'm concerned because I'd like to hear and see the Proof that everything needs rebuild. Also if we knew the elementary was needing updated why wasn't that something that was slowly worked on? Also I think planning to demolish the school before you have money lined up is a bad way to try to get tax payers to vote yes. People can't afford the cost of living at this moment and you want to raise taxes on them? I think this needs to have more planning go into it.	1/17/2024 5:28 AM
46	If we need to spend the money, let's spend it in a way that benefits the community for the long term and not just in a way that fixes one problem. , but not the other	1/17/2024 4:43 AM
47	Objection to Option 1: I would support rebuilding the High School and Grade School as a combined new building on a different site. Why spend money to keep a structure and not fully update it. It just pushes the cost and problem down the road on a future generation. Objection to Option 2: There are known drainage issues on the current site. Yes, the fire is the main problem, but was not the only problem. It just brought the need for action into the present, instead of pushing it down the road. There was already water related structural issues and sewage backing up issues on the North End of the building. Peoples' health/wellbeing in both the cafeteria and art room were not well protected with the water issues and sewage issues that were fixed but re-occurred multiple times in the last 5 years. The Wi-Fi never worked right either on that end of the building, especially in the basement. This combination of plans seems rushed and incomplete to truly solve the problem for the next 30-50 years. There were also electrical issues that were not sufficient for what the needs of the teachers and facility were. Yes, we can get by, but why? We can and should do better. If it takes more time and discussion; so be it. Drainage may temporarily be fixed but look at the stands and the slope of our football field. Many other facilities do not have such an arc in their fields as we do. Not to speak in if's but there will be another high rain fall event(s). Does that create the same settling issues or water issues for a new structure. We can try to plan for a 50- or 100-year rainfall event, but if we start over in a new location, we can solve more than one long term problem. In short, this is for the kids not nostalgia. Let them make memories somewhere new and let it	1/17/2024 12:47 AM

support the growth and lifeblood this community needs: youth and new families. They will feed SurePoint/John Deere, Rawlins County health providers, Vap Construction, JD Skiles, Calson Choke Tubes, Beaver Valley Supply, and numerous other businesses with both employees and as customers. This is needed to keep attracting new businesses and families to Rawlins County. Why not make an Option 3 and look to a different area to rebuild. Keeping the football field and Wrestling/Agbuilding/Maintenance Building is not entirely untouchable. The Girls Wrestlers need a locker room. The concession stand needs to have the electrical fixed correctly as it should have been when it was built the first time. If you are truly asking the community what we will support, then, please continue to ask teachers what they need, then take their advice, don't fall back on "good enough" and do the right thing. Thank You for asking for input.

48	The elementary building is now 60 years old. Bandaiding the building is not the most cost effective solution in the long run. A brand new, larger building housing K-12 is the best solution. A brand new facility that DOES NOT reuse ANY Of the old high school is also a must. The building is way too old and now has gone through a fire. It needs demolished. A modern, new face is what the community needs, not some thrown together mixing and matching. I understand that the elderly in the community don't want change but quite frankly new is needed and the way of the future.	1/16/2024 11:20 PM
49	I support option 2. I would like to see everything in one building, one building to maintain and keep up with. Any future up keep would be in one building and not trying to allocate which, and what projects need to be addressed first between two buildings. My biggest concern is what would happen to the existing grade school building/property. I'd like to see the building tore down. If the building was torn down it would allow for future expansion for the town (more housing, more businesses, etc). I would hate to see it just sit there then in the future it be sold for Pennies on the dollar and filled full of shit. BUILD IT ALL IN ONE PLACE, BUILD IT RIGHT, TEAR DOWN THE OLD!!!!!!	1/16/2024 11:14 PM
50	I do not believe that the area we have is large enough for option two. Everything would be way too congested. Parking on the street and E. Hill Dr. I would be very dangerous. Parking east or south of the football field would be a long walk to school. The playground seems very small. I believe all the traffic for K-12 on the streets would also be dangerous. I do like the ideal of K-12 if we had enough room. There is not.	1/16/2024 10:53 PM
51	I see remodeling the old grade school as a waste. Still have an old building with nearly 2 million dollars spent on it.	1/16/2024 10:45 PM
52	School shootings and other potential disasters (all kids and teachers in one building). Older kids bullying younger kids. Parking lot trouble (high school kids driving too fast/carelessly with younger children around).	1/16/2024 10:20 PM
53	I think that we should upgrade everything before materials go up and would be cost efficient to have everything in one building. Think renovating grade school could cost more than estimate is said to be.	1/16/2024 10:18 PM
54	School shootings High School always seemed liked something you got to upgrade to.	1/16/2024 10:17 PM
55	Putting all the burden on land owners and house owners just doesn't seem right.	1/16/2024 10:05 PM
56	I think more options need to be explored. Based off the renderings on your website I do not see parking for students and staff, where will busses load especially if we do a k-12 which I am in favor of, where will a playground be for younger students? Have you looked into solar panels as an option to recoup some money which would also open up several grants for going green? Have you checked into corporate donations to help which would lower the burden on tax payers? I know we NEED a school and I favor a k-12 but I feel this is being rushed and in 3-5 years you will be back wanting more money	1/16/2024 9:55 PM
57	Making it into a k-12 school, although seems better, it's adding onto the cost of the damages that already need fixed. Safety is also the main priority and making it to where every kid in the area is in one school, in case something went down in the school, every kid is in harms way, where it'd make a bigger more tragic impact	1/16/2024 9:55 PM
58	I think there are still many unanswered questions and options that haven't been thought of and/or considered. A lot of unknown still lingering with no ideas or options presented.	1/16/2024 9:48 PM
59	The cost savings of everyone being under one roof is worth a ton. We can be more efficient being in one building instead of 2. Sell or get rid of the grade school building to get it off the tax	1/16/2024 9:43 PM

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60	Building a K-12 makes more economical sense.	1/16/2024 9:12 PM
61	N/A	1/16/2024 9:12 PM
62	A less costly option	1/16/2024 8:58 PM
63	The reasoning for not supporting option 1 is because I would really like to see the K-12 option. If option 1 is the only option, of course I'd support, but I believe the best thing for our students and community is a K-12 building.	1/16/2024 8:57 PM
64	I like the id a of one k-12 school, but I am concerned about 4 issues. 1. Building a new school around an existing gymnasium that also has structural issues. This is a limiting factor for the overall design of the school. A different design could allow for more efficient use of the available footprint. 2. There appears to be very little room for an elementary playground. Adequate play space is fundamental to elementary education and should not be compromised. Additionally, any compromises to the core needs of the elementary school would hurt the efficiency of the k-12 plan. 3. Any new school building needs to address the preschool inadequacy in our community. 4. Where would parking be? As a general critique, both highschool options appear more like a giant sporting facility with some classrooms attached. I would prefer a plan that prioritizes the academic needs and extra curricular interests of all students preK-12, while still offering adequate sports and recreational facilities.	1/16/2024 8:56 PM
65	I support both. I do see the elementary school as usable space that we can continue using. It does need improvements yes but there are issues with adding the K-12 as the footprint of adding more classrooms plus needing more outdoor area that simply does not exist at the high school location. I wish we could make flat land appear around the high school but we cannot.	1/16/2024 8:38 PM
66	I'm concerned if we don't just go for the k-12 we won't be able to do future much needed updates on the grade school.	1/16/2024 8:30 PM
67	I would prefer the k-12 option, but would support the 7-12 option if the community consensus preferred.	1/16/2024 8:27 PM
68	Future repairs to the elementary school might be hard to quantify now. Would rather "rip the bandaid" and start fresh.	1/16/2024 8:19 PM
69	I strongly prefer the K-12 option as the best choice for the future of our school district.	1/16/2024 8:19 PM
70	Safety and parking will be worse	1/16/2024 8:06 PM
71	Additional bond for updating elementary school	1/16/2024 8:05 PM
72	K-12 is the only option that provides long term sustainability and efficiency for our community.	1/16/2024 8:00 PM
73	I would support either of the above because the bottom line is that we need to rebuild and the bond must pass the first time. The current arrangements are only manageable temporarily. Any delay in rebuilding will also begin to add more cost as insurance stops paying for the mobile trailers. Mr preference, however, is a K-12 as it will cost less in the long run (elementary school building is aged and structurally in bad shape) and appears to have more benefits according to current students, faculty, and staff.	1/16/2024 7:50 PM
74	concerned about loss of gymnasium and possible conflicts arising. Need to make sure that new school will be compliant with title 9, ADA, etc.	1/16/2024 7:48 PM
75	I would prefer a K-12 building but would support a 7-12 if the other option doesn't pass.	1/16/2024 7:44 PM
76	1. Maintenance costs being cited as lower for a K-12 building. What guarantees can the administration make that this building will also not fall into disrepair. Construction from the last century was meant to withstand time. New construction is not. How can we ensure that through the handoff of staffing and administration that our shiny, new building will last? USD 105 has not done well in this in the past as shown by the decades of things left unattended to in both buildings. 2. What is the plan should something happen to an entire K-12 building, whether a natural disaster or with human intervention? In the event of only having a K-12 building, USD 105 would not have any additional facilities to use and would be wholly reliant upon the community for absorbing the bulk of the education system. While this may seem far-fetched, we also never thought what happened in the summer of 2023 would happen and here we are. 3. Students being in literally the same building for up to 13 years of their lives is a factor that must be considered. While there may be some instances of comradely between	1/16/2024 7:08 PM



grade levels, there are a lot of factors not being considered. Some parents and students will never get a break from each other if all in the same building. 4. Safety - all of our school age children in the county in one location does not seem like an ideal situation in today's world. 5. Could costs be reduced in some areas such as gymnasium(s)? Are we being realistic in our needs? Why wasn't information about the plans of this included?

77	I think in the long run having the K-12 at one building may cause less stress on parents especially when this town has a lot of big families and it would be nice to drop off at one location. The only concern would be where will there be parking for students/ for games will it take up more space?? I believe it's a good idea to have all the students in one building especially if in the long run we will have to keep spending money on renovating the grade school to keep up on what needs to be done there.	1/16/2024 6:09 PM
78	I believe option 2 is the best fit for our community but would support option 1 also.	1/16/2024 6:06 PM
79	I prefer option 2, unless the future cost to renovate the elementary school is projected to be much less than the \$5.8 difference. I am a proponent of the cost savings of maintaining a single building.	1/16/2024 5:46 PM
80	I think too many people want to save the looks of rhe old school in which will cost more from what I understand. I graduated from here and I have no huge attachment to the looks of the school. I think we need to keep in mind that the farmers already pay an exorbitant amount of taxes that we need to think about them. We don't need extra added coat because we can't accept change.	1/16/2024 5:29 PM
81	I would like to support option 2, but feel like there are some big holes in the plan that need addressed and priced before I would commit to supporting this plan. Parking. Way to big of an issue to just figure out later. If need to build lots, this expense needs factored in to the project. Playground!!! Seriously, kids need a space to run, okay football, soccer, whatever. Maybe we could build something on the roof, but something more than a couple classroom space is absolutely needed. As a whole, it sure looks crowded and I want more assurance that it can flow in a functional way before throwing my support behind it.	1/16/2024 4:52 PM
82	Let's just spend the money now to get it built	1/16/2024 4:05 PM
83	If we are going the use some of this money now on the old grade school it would be better spent as k-12	1/16/2024 4:03 PM
84	I would rather see our money go to a new school rather than continuing upgrades to the grade school over time.	1/16/2024 3:47 PM
85	I support the rebuild of the school in either capacity. However, I would prefer a third option—the higher bond issues but with separate buildings. Do the higher bond issues, rebuild the 7-12 and do the extensive upgrades needed at K-6 to meet their needs.	1/16/2024 3:35 PM
86	I support building a K-12 school now in one place.	1/16/2024 3:19 PM
87	I don't see where a sufficient Head Start will be on the plans. I don't see where a playground could be for the young kids....and they NEED to be outside for fresh air. No one will want the Grade School, it will cost too much just to keep it maintained. So it will just fall apart and it suits most every need right now, as-is. If you combine schools you won't need double staff so you should be letting some go. There is no way to keep kids completely separate. There are always predatory and or violent boys and girls in high school... the last thing any grade school parent should want is for their little ones to not only have to deal with it in their own age group but then also with every age group.	1/16/2024 3:16 PM
88	I know that if we only built a 7-12 building, we would need an elementary school renovation at some point soon, so the money is going to have to come up sooner or later	1/16/2024 3:08 PM
89	Overall room at the current hill location. New Grade school butting up against the south street south of the comons area. Parking issues at the high school.	1/16/2024 2:58 PM
90	None	1/16/2024 2:45 PM
91	We definitely need to rebuild the stands at the football field/track. They are falling down and are a huge safety hazard. Another concern I have is space available for parking.	1/16/2024 2:04 PM
92	We feel Fema funds should at least be checked on to see if they are available. If they are available, please use them even if it takes time for Fema conditions to be established.	1/16/2024 2:02 PM

Actually, this should have already been done! What is the rush? You have classrooms and places for sporting events at this time. There are a great many elderly on fixed incomes in this county. \$24 a month raised tax and \$31 a month raised tax is a huge chunk out of their yearly income. Is there a provision that would do an increased reduction of school tax for elderly w/o children in school? There are things in the plans that are not necessary: ie: walking track around gym. We think the thoughts that we need 500+seating, classrooms for more than we have now are unrealistic. Costs could be less with some of the above adjustments. Take some time and find out about Fema and consider less expensive plans please. 4

93	I can see some advantages of having all students in one location. But the current location of the High School would limit the space we have to build. I have always felt we were running out of room at that location. I would like to see us have the space to build what we want for our future. That may be an all one level building or a multi level building. I feel like the current space, whatever design we chose, would only be large enough for a jr/sr high school. I feel with a modern design we could utilize that space more efficiently. I feel putting a K-12 would be way too crowded. Renovations to the current elementary building could even include expansion, if needed, in the future. As long as we continue to maintain that building we should be fine there for a number of years.	1/16/2024 1:50 PM
94	The plans for Option 2 do not demonstrate adequate space/acreage to bring the elementary school up to the HS. Other concerns: 1. The elementary school classrooms are attached to the 60+ year old gymnasium. 2. The playground (6-7 parking spaces) is NOT near large enough for our kids to play, run, burn off energy, and soak up the sun. 3. Incomplete parking details in plans. We need on campus parking that easily accesses facilities. Off street parking is not good on 8th Street or East Hill Drive. Only 1 full sized vehicle can use the driving lane when parking is permitted on 8th Street in front of the gym. It current only works because of courtesy. East Hill Drive does not have adequate shoulders for safe, on street parking. And the curve up East Hill Drive with sight, visibility, and snow/ice issues. The HS/JH and Elementary schools currently have parking issues with separate campuses. Adding the traffic of both schools further complicates it, with limited room to expand. I would need to see detailed plans and ideas on how parking would be resolved. I also have parking concerns for Option 1, let alone Option 2. 4. There is no room for growth if needed in the future. Every inch of space seems to be taken for Option 2. It is overly crowded, and seems like a hurried add on that hasn't been thoroughly thought through. 5. I'm not sure how I feel about the new gym going clear up to the stadium for Options 1 &2. Is lack of 360 degree access a safety concern? What will that do to the traffic flow. This is a concern for both Options. I DO see the benefits of costs savings of Option 2, I love the idea of the shared spaces, and the modern and updated multi use of the commons area. The renderings of the Eastside new gym is fabulous and one of a kind in our area. I want the entire school to have this positive vibe and contemporary feel and look. I'm willing to pay what we have been paying for separate buildings if appropriate solutions can not be remedied of a K-12 campus. It has has been our Status Quo for decades and worked so far. I would consider voting YES for Option 2 if the above concerns can be appropriately addressed.	1/16/2024 1:48 PM
95	I think that it would be better to just build a new K-12 building instead of trying to renovate the existing elementary school building.	1/16/2024 1:36 PM
96	I am not completely opposed to option 2, but I do feel that there are issues with it. Combining schools under one roof can reduce some costs, but it can also come with other challenges in terms of managing a wide range of ages and maturity levels, maintaining appropriate learning environments and ensuring the safety and well being of students at different developmental stages. Some specific issues would be bullying, language, young drivers around elementary aged kids. I also feel that moving from one school to the next is an important developmental landmark. I also wonder what is to become of the elementary school if option 2 is adopted.	1/16/2024 1:24 PM
97	One of my concerns is that more improvements will need to be made in the future at the elementary school, at probably a higher cost than currents values. If growth & improvements being made in the community, this may be the time to addresses all issues at both schools.	1/16/2024 1:15 PM
98	K-12 is needed	1/16/2024 1:13 PM
99	Option two will allow Rawlins County to provide more opportunities for students and plan for future growth and expansion while saving cost for the future. Option one does not provide that we can sell the elementary building to be renovated into much needed appointments.	1/16/2024 1:00 PM
100	I would be interested in seeing a third option of building K-12 at a whole new location. Thoroughly understanding this will most likely take longer than the allotted time frame, I am	1/16/2024 12:59 PM

more interested in building something structurally sound that will hopefully last over another 100+ years. Future generations will need the space and upgrades in order to keep our community served properly.

101	With bullying being such an issue, even though this year as a trial was good, I don't feel comfortable sending my young kids with bigger kids. The young kids also look forward to "moving up on the hill." With all grades in one school it will be so hard to monitor every one and this spikes the chances of bullying from an upperclassman. I also don't feel young kids need to be around older and need to be in their own environment and not see some of the influences of older.	1/16/2024 12:58 PM
102	The elementary school is an older building and will need a lot of money to upgrade. It only makes sense to spend a little bit more for a K through 12 and have a beautiful new building with everything we will need for years to come.	1/16/2024 12:54 PM
103	I am not in favor of building a jr/sr high school and only making repairs to the elementary school. Let's just do this once and have the issues taken care of completely with a K-12 building.	1/16/2024 12:43 PM
104	Just worried about the parking and streets around the school. Should see if the land owners would sale a few acres to help out the play ground and parking situation.	1/16/2024 12:40 PM
105	I would still support option 1 but prefer option 2. Might as well do a good job on one school instead of having to continually fixing grade school.	1/16/2024 12:37 PM
106	IS this just going to be voted on by the people in USD 105? I think we should have some sort of sales tax, but not clear what. It depends on who all has to pay. Should help landowners if we can.	1/16/2024 12:19 PM
107	Future plans for the elementary...updates will need to be addressed in the near future...one and done is the best solution...	1/16/2024 12:08 PM
108	I don't feel comfortable putting my children in with all age groups and would like them to go to a school that has them separated from older kids. We have had issues at the school with older kids being mean to younger kids. If it goes all together we would have to choose another school.	1/16/2024 12:02 PM
109	Too expensive for the taxpayer to afford!	1/16/2024 10:58 AM
110	There is no parking solution, the current prices seem to be not accurate, and I feel like things are being pushed on the community without actual answers.	1/16/2024 10:10 AM
111	I think if we are going to spend money it is more cost efficient to do a K-12 building then to put money into structure of grade school and not education.	1/15/2024 10:12 PM
112	I support Option 2, as it fulfills our current and future needs while building unity and shared responsibilities.	1/15/2024 9:23 PM
113	updating both buildings now makes more sense then waiting for cost of materials to go higher if	1/15/2024 9:16 PM
114	1. I like the new gym with indoor walking path and ability to host league tournaments so we aren't always driving and to help local economy, please keep. 2. I would rather see money spent on green, energy efficiency, modern classrooms for all learning types than saving the entryway. 3. I would support a higher bond to make sure the project is done correctly for the school and the community. I would support looking at an alternative location, using current gym and new gym as a sports complex (please fix football field and track) and locating the school somewhere it isn't landlocked for future growth. 4. I would support a school board room, that has high tech, state of the art audio/visual equipment for live meetings and allowing as many college courses as possible. 5. K-12 for efficiency. 6. My child is currently in high school (sophomore) and probably won't graduate from the new school, but for future growth of SurePoint and recruitment for the hospital, school, and other employers this project needs to be big, beautiful, modern, efficient, and cost transparent.	1/15/2024 7:46 PM
115	I am concerned what would be done with the existing grade school. I also feel the new school is designed around the gym and I don't feel we need that big of gym since we don't have hotels or restaurants in this community. Also concerned about parking at new school and school drop off for city kids and buss drop off, how things would flow together.	1/15/2024 7:13 PM

116	I think a k-12 school would be more beneficial because in time we will just need to rebuild or greatly remodel our elementary school.	1/15/2024 6:36 PM
117	My concern is what would we do with the elementary school if k-12 is built. Would it just be an empty lot with a building or will it be utilized for a daycare. Or will two homes step in and buy it and say they need to build houses on the land.	1/15/2024 6:33 PM
118	I am not against a K-12 school but I do not feel the current location of the high school is a a large enough space and we would be putting ourselves in a position that would not allow for expansion if needed or to allow for possible new programs. I feel we would be maxing out that space with a K-12. The grade school being next to State street would be a concern for me for safety reasons. I feel the current grade school with proper renovations and continued maintenance could last us another 50 years.	1/15/2024 5:22 PM
119	We need to get the high school up and running and not focus on the elementary school. The elementary school has had alot of updates in the past 10 years. Updates include all new lighting and ceiling tiles, AC units, roof replacements, paint, main bathrooms, and kitchen update. The worst part is the plumbing in the classrooms.	1/15/2024 2:01 PM
120	Cost of up keep over next 25 years would be profound.	1/15/2024 1:52 PM
121	You'd be repairing 2 schools in option 1.	1/15/2024 1:51 PM
122	We will save in the long run with K-12	1/15/2024 11:45 AM
123	My concern is that we are rushing through this and we are trying to decide on something that we will all not like. I am ok with waiting to insure that are kids will get something that will fulfill there needs and be able to support the future and building the right thing the first time. I would like us to look into having the school (k-12) in another location where we have enough space for parking and maybe a slightly bigger building so in the future we don't need to add on. The current location would not allow us to expand because once we do build a larger school there will be no room left for expansion if needed. With Surepoint expanding rapidly i am afraid that it won't be big enough. My other concern is limited parking areas we all know how packed the street on the west side gets with the parking we already have and where they are planning on moving all the parking will limit everybody during football games and leave no space for the visitors. I would be ok with leaving the gym as long as it doesn't get compromised during demolition and the track and football field where it is and use it as a sports complex and having the educational part in a different area. Also one last concern is nobody has taken into concern if the gym gets compromised during demolition and we are unable to salvage it then what because it will cost more then the bond we will have and this is one of the main reason you are planning on keeping this location and if it gets destroyed we should have just moved to a different location anyways.	1/15/2024 8:59 AM
124	I am not against Option 1, but I support Option 2 over 1. I am in full support that we need to rebuild the school, financially I think Option 2 is the best "bang for our dollar" as we will have to spend more than the estimated \$1.7 m before our 7-12 building is paid off. If we can get a new building for all and be set for another 75-100 years it will save tax payers alot in the long run.	1/15/2024 8:22 AM
125	I want the school to be quality. I support both options, but I want the high school needs to be met. I'm worried that forcing both will make for less room and more problems.	1/15/2024 8:20 AM
126	Overall Safety of the kids, location of drop off and pickup options, lack of options for playground areas. The inability to grow beyond what is built this time around as well as the limitations of the ground we have there. Can the area keep up with a K-12 school? You talk about conserving the space that is shared, but have you considered how much more difficult it is going to be with that much more usage in one campus. Build what we lost and fix what we have. This is not an opportunity to get more than we need - Be happy to have a supportive county that wants to rebuild a bigger jr high/high school and bigger gym.	1/14/2024 11:10 PM
127	There are so many savings and educational opportunities by having k-12 together. It's not worth trying to save a bit, have less to work with, and spend ten times more when it becomes necessary in ten years.	1/14/2024 9:10 PM
128	Having the two schools together would be fine. The presenter at the meeting stated there was a \$300,000/year operational savings associated with combining the buildings. I like the savings and if true a bond shouldn't be required. The savings alone should cover the extra cost.	1/14/2024 9:08 PM

129	Option 2 = more cost savings in the long term.	1/14/2024 8:58 PM
130	I have no concern with option 1 but prefer option 2. Option 1 would likely cost more over the life of the bond due to operational costs. Option 2 could potentially save the district a net amount of 4 million dollars according to the estimate from the engineers. I will support either option in a vote!	1/14/2024 8:46 PM
131	I answered No to Option 1 because I support Option 2 wholeheartedly.	1/14/2024 7:23 PM
132	Use the grade school as large sports facility.	1/14/2024 7:04 PM
133	I'm not completely opposed to having a K-12 building, but I think there are things that have not been thought through. One thing is what is going to happen with the grade school and what will that cost be. Where is extra parking going to go and is that figured in to the cost? Where are playgrounds going to go and cost for that? I think the shared areas could be an inconvenience at times. I worry about high school drivers around young kids, and older kids having a negative impact on the grade school aged kids.	1/14/2024 6:22 PM
134	Higher taxes and bad influence on younger kids	1/14/2024 6:11 PM
135	I have no concerns. I think it would be more cost effective to build K -12.	1/14/2024 5:48 PM
136	None	1/14/2024 4:42 PM
137	Keep the high & grade schools separate. Option 1 area to condensed	1/14/2024 4:28 PM
138	I feel if we have a K-12 grade there won't be a playground, garden and other things. There will also be more traffic in one area and one building just sitting and collecting dust. Also it is nice to have 2 different buildings for the children and to be able to have a promotion of the 6th graders to go up to the big school and not already be in one big school. I'm for Option 1.	1/14/2024 2:10 PM
139	Keep the 7th thru 12 an fix the grade school , hate to see if we join everyone we mite have issues plus now have a empty building sitting around	1/14/2024 2:08 PM
140	I support both options but would prefer the K-12 building.	1/14/2024 12:13 PM
141	Would like to see a bid for just what is necessary to repair jr/Sr high school If it's a must choose . I choose the less expensive	1/14/2024 12:03 PM
142	The elementary school is not so bad that it cannot be repaired and would be a waste to abandon. There would be huge parling issues at the High School location. We can repair the elementary school and rebuild the 7-12.	1/14/2024 11:01 AM
143	I have heard concerns from people about the parking space and playground space of the K12 option. I feel these issues need addressed very quickly for this option to gain momentum.	1/14/2024 10:23 AM
144	I support option 2	1/14/2024 10:16 AM
145	While I'm not completely opposed to this option, here are my concerns. Paying these taxes is a hardship for some w/many ag acres and housing for employees. What's plan for the grade school building, and what costs will come with that. While having high school kids and grade school kids together can be positive in some areas, it can also be negative. The older kids may not always act the best around the littles and that isn't the example we want set for the younger kids.(gun violence, substance abuse, language, ect.) I see potential risks of having high school aged drivers around the grade school kids, traffic congestion with so many coming and going at the same time, creating extra parking and what costs will come with adding additional parking. Plan for playgrounds and cost? If the building were damaged all students will then be w/out a school instead of part of the student body. If the building were threatened(gun violence or bomb, fire, etc.) all students would be affected since they are all in the same place. Does sharing some areas of the school pose a hardship? Examples: Do students get adequate lunch time with so many having to go through? If library area is shared, will elementary students have their library time and activities and possibly disrupt an older student who needs to be in there making up a test?	1/14/2024 2:05 AM
146	Kids grow up fast enough. I feel like high school kids would be intimidating to the younger kids.	1/13/2024 5:03 PM
147	Would rather combine both high and grade school in the long run it will be more cost effect.	1/13/2024 5:01 PM
148	I completely support the idea of bringing K-12 together in one building and have no problem with the increase in taxes required to do that. With that said, I have great concerns about doing	1/13/2024 3:57 PM

that at the proposed location. The location is tough due to terrain and there are so many unknowns like safe pickup/drop-off, playground, parking for another 10+ staff members. It just feels so tight for a part of the world that has only 3 people per square mile. I would readily vote for option one today. If folks prefer to bring K-12 together I would readily see the project postponed for a year to better evaluate the location for a new k-12 school. Yes, i realize the delay will increase the construction costs and finding a new site will increase the overall bond requirements. I'm fine with that. This is the investment of a lifetime for our community so best to take the time to do it right.

149	Land taxes. Absolutely not	1/13/2024 3:32 PM
150	Worried the current grade school will become an eye sore. Will it be abandoned?	1/13/2024 1:49 PM
151	On the design is there a way to memorialize the entry way and modernize the rest of the front of the building?	1/13/2024 1:17 PM
152	The reason I answered 'No' to option one is that I prefer option 2. If, however, the decision is made to go with option 1 I would support it.	1/13/2024 12:46 PM
153	I want to know what is going to be done with the grade school if option 2 is passed.	1/13/2024 10:07 AM
154	Option 2 is far and away the best long term solution to our situation—taking the best approach for our students and at the same time being fair and honest with taxpayers—we did not put ourselves in this position—compares favorably to other communities in NW Kansas	1/12/2024 9:59 PM
155	A K-12 building seems like the most efficient use of dollars in the long run. The elementary school building could then be put to use in some other capacity which could be beneficial to the community in terms of usable space for any number of things. A couple of practical suggestions I have heard over the course of this project is that it could be used as a rec center or sold and renovated as an apartment complex, though I'm sure there are other ideas floating around out there that could also be advantageous to the community overall.	1/12/2024 9:18 PM
156	Does this property tax include McDonald? Our mill levy is too high now. If you are going to raise property tax then it should only be in Atwood school district and city of Atwood. The city of McDonald is barely getting by without having to help build Atwood schools.	1/12/2024 7:55 PM
157	I like option 1	1/12/2024 6:56 PM
158	Consolidation of all classes would increase use and efficiency across the district, saving money.	1/12/2024 6:30 PM
159	I strongly support the K-12 plan only.	1/12/2024 5:22 PM
160	In the long run we will have to rebuild the k-6 school and will end up costing more.	1/12/2024 4:11 PM
161	No to option 1 because that is a lot to remodel and a lot more work to do and just better to have it all brand new.	1/12/2024 2:18 PM
162	I think either option will be a great addition to not only our community but to the Northwest Region as a whole. The only concerns I really have is my child being actively around much older kids. I only say this because of the world we live in today gun violence is a real issue. It's at a much higher percentage in High Schools then it is elementary Schools and even though I hope our district NEVER has to go through something like that it is the one thing making me go with the First option rather than the second. Either way I would love to see security measures in place for both options to ensure the safety for everyone in the building/buildings.	1/12/2024 12:30 PM
163	I answered NO to option 1 which would separate the elementary school from the high school. I don't think this would be beneficial for a couple different reasons. Firstly, As stated by the initial description of the option, we would eventually have to return to the elementary school to due updates and it makes more sense to get it all done at once as it will probably end up being cheaper in the long run. Secondly, I have seen both types of environments where students are in a k-12 school and in separated schools for elementary and high school. When the young kids are in the same building, it makes for a less stressful and a more exciting transition into the higher grades. It provides the opportunity for the elementary students to learn from the older kids and the older kids get to be placed into a leadership/mentor role.	1/12/2024 11:13 AM
164	I feel option 1 does not take advantage of of the opportunity to improve the education of our community's children. It also costs more over the life of the bond. Option 2 opens up revenue	1/12/2024 10:58 AM

	opportunities for the use of the current elementary school.	
165	Cost. The Elementary school needs a ton of work so you'd be rebuilding 2 schools	1/12/2024 10:42 AM
166	The elementary school will need continued repairs for years. This will help us avoid more costs in the future.	1/12/2024 10:36 AM
167	If I weren't already leaving to give my children better educational opportunities, I feel strongly enough about my small child being exposed to older children on a regular basis, that it would be enough for me to choose to leave the district over a K-12 building.	1/12/2024 10:22 AM
168	I feel option 1 does not take advantage of of the opportunity to improve the education of our community's children. It also costs more over the life of the bond. Option 2 opens up revenue opportunities for the use of the current elementary school.	1/12/2024 10:06 AM
169	K-12	1/12/2024 9:48 AM
170	Option 2 makes more sense to myself. Get everyone in a new and efficient building. Shed the cost of trying to fix up an old grade school. Would have to save money in the long run! Demo the grade school so the wrong hands don't get ahold of it.	1/12/2024 8:30 AM
171	I'd rather see our deteriorating grade school relocated to a new facility for no more of a cost difference than it is. Yes it's an extra expense but who knows what the cost of a school will be when our grade school is in need of a rebuild. Move it all to one location and demolish the grade school so no one can buy it and rat hole it and let the weeds grow all around it. We don't want that eye sore in our business district. Divide and sell the lots!	1/12/2024 8:26 AM
172	I believe that it makes more sense to just build the K-12 all at once versus building the 7-12. If we have to continually update and renovate the grade school, let's just get a brand new one and be done with it.	1/12/2024 7:44 AM
173	I don't think the community as a whole understands the benefit of just using the 1% tax and not the property tax mill levy. K-12 is the best option based on overall cost reduction and staff sharing between all grades. However, the negative of our staff and lack of education system in Atwood needs improvement. This has nothing to do with buildings, Covid, or fires. Students are not being educated especially at the grade school. They spend hours in front of movies and games because teachers are absent, tired, or disorganized. Some accountability is needed.	1/12/2024 7:43 AM
174	The elementary building needs a lot of work as well, so one project to cover both building seems like a good plan instead of just trying to throw more money at the elementary problems but not really fixing them.	1/12/2024 7:04 AM
175	Option 1: Do Not Support I feel that with the amount of issues the current elementary school has, and the amount of money it will take to make all the repairs, its just makes better sense financially to build a K-12 school. I believe a K-12 school would help solve the staffing issues at both schools as well as only having 1 building to maintain.	1/12/2024 12:24 AM
176	Just seems wise that while we have the opportunity that we consolidate everything into one. I would support both options but I favor option 2	1/11/2024 10:57 PM
177	I like the concept of K-12 students being housed in one facility because of cost efficiency.	1/11/2024 9:26 PM
178	Can't afford that high of a property tax increase! I don't have school age children.	1/11/2024 9:14 PM
179	Where r u going to found land to to build a new school at cuz u don't have enough room where the jr and senior school sit now to Everyone in one building their	1/11/2024 9:02 PM
180	Separate facilities doesn't create sustainability for the long term	1/11/2024 8:52 PM
181	I would support a higher tax increase to not rush through this. Only two options that have been presented is not "best" option. I would support a k-12 campus away from current high school. Use current area as a "sports complex" complete with football field, track and indoor basketball/volleyball facilities. Find a separate location for the learning campus/dining and playground area for the k-5. This should/would allow less staff to take care of those areas. Not to reduce staff but allow current staff numbers with slight increase to manage. Please don't hastily conclude that we are in favor of hurrying up just to get students into a building. We all realize that the inconvenience will be around for some time. Let's do it right, the first time and not regret rushing to the wrong solution.	1/11/2024 8:09 PM

182	I prefer paying for the project by raising property taxes	1/11/2024 7:40 PM
183	Kindergarten aged children do not need to be attending the same school and have potential 'run-ins' with Senior aged students.	1/11/2024 7:27 PM
184	I have spoke to several communities that have switched to a K-12 and they have expressed the benefits and socially over all better for the students. Financially I believe in the long run this way will be better than having to fix the elementary school.	1/11/2024 7:11 PM
185	None	1/11/2024 6:56 PM
186	Kansas is notorious for raising taxes without accountability. Be accountable; stay in budget. Be transparent on costs and cut costs where possible. What happened to all of the insurance money? Will you sell the modulars and use that money for building the new school? What about all the money from grants and fund raising? Be transparent!!! Yes— a new school is needed but I have no children or grandchildren that will attend this school. On a fixed income, this is a huge concern. I may choose to leave this community if property taxes continue to rise beyond my financial capability.	1/11/2024 5:55 PM
187	Love the K12 opportunity presented to build the school for space efficiency and meet the needs for the next 50+ years without the need for additional bonds to take care of deferred maintenance. They ROI presented to maximize energy and staff efficiency is a no brainer to support K12.	1/11/2024 5:21 PM
188	If you're going to spend 1.7 million to do some repairs to the elementary school I think it would be more economical to build a K-12 school. The money you would save by not having to do this again down the road on engineers and other people involved.	1/11/2024 5:19 PM
189	Prefer option #2	1/11/2024 5:12 PM
190	Option #2 is the most cost efficient.	1/11/2024 4:35 PM
191	School needs rebuilt	1/11/2024 3:42 PM
192	Option 2 is wiser for the long run. The cost for most residents is what I consider a reasonable contribution to our community's success. The elementary building will need expensive upgrades in the future, regardless of stopgap improvements/modifications in the present. We have a chance at a new build that will serve our students AND community even better than ever—and well into the future. There are, IMO, too many advantages (financial, educational, logistical and community-wise) to building a K-12 to ignore. I truly see a bright future for our area and believe that a new and improved school building is a great step into that future! Well worth our investment!	1/11/2024 3:30 PM
193	Tear down the whole building and start over.	1/11/2024 3:11 PM
194	I would love to see everyone in one building. Really like what was presented!	1/11/2024 2:54 PM
195	Need to have a plan to deal with the elementary building. Need a plan or at least a discussion to address the elementary school.	1/11/2024 2:36 PM
196	Please allow public access to the gym/weight room if possible.	1/11/2024 2:26 PM
197	It would make more sense to build a new K-12 now, as opposed to spending >\$1,000,000 on upgrades to the grade school now and then have to rebuild in 10 years, costs would be considerably more than they are now.	1/11/2024 2:23 PM
198	One year ago, I would have been concerned about the age differences with combining the schools. However, with the success we've seen since August, I fully support having one building housing everyone. I looked at the plans and I really like them! I also feel that it will be easier on busing, maintenance staff (and budget), coaches, music & band instructors, and so on, to have one building instead of going back and forth between the two. And importantly, to build a new K-12 school is much more cost effective than building one building and maintaining an old one.	1/11/2024 2:01 PM
199	I do not feel that the people of this county should be penalized by higher taxation. We already have an incredibly high tax levy for population in our county. I understand that a school is necessary, however, without out higher wages and lower cost of living any tax increases will be detrimental to Rawlins county.	1/11/2024 1:52 PM
200	The loss of another gym will not solve our gym space problem. We have proved that the	1/11/2024 1:37 PM



elementary school gym can be used, and by building a K-12 school we will lose another gym. I understand the plan for a large gym to hold two practices at once, but it will be very easy to lose focus in your athletes while another practice is going on in the same area. I also have concerns with what will happen to the elementary school if we build a K-12 building. My last concern is growth. If our district continues to grow, how will we make sure we have enough space in a K-12? There is limited space on the grounds of the current high school. In 50 years we may be much larger and need more space.

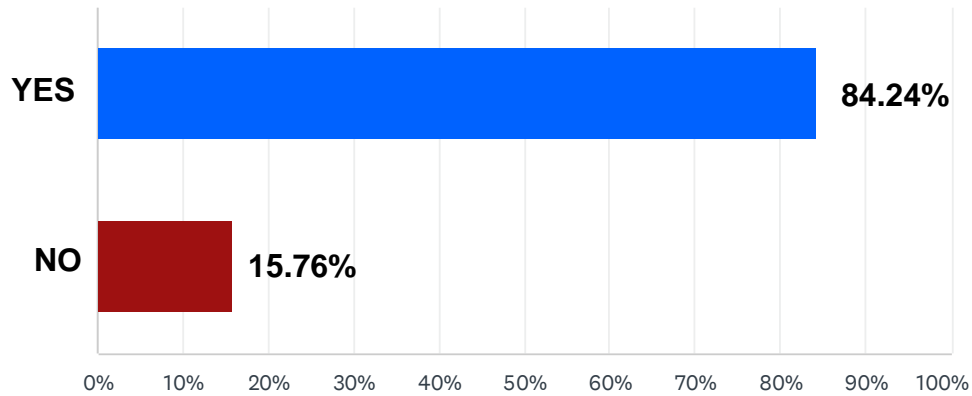
201	As the community gets bigger and more families were to move in. What happens if there isn't enough room for more students.	1/11/2024 1:32 PM
202	There are more wants than needs, not enough space, cost.	1/11/2024 1:27 PM
203	Increased cost on taxes for a elderly community on fixed incomes	1/11/2024 1:20 PM
204	With the minimal cost difference between option 1 and 2, it only makes sense to me as a parent and taxpayer to fix all the issues in one big project to avoid going through this again a few years down the road.	1/11/2024 12:53 PM
205	I'm support of a K-12 building. But the location is my concern with parking , playground, and the ability to move. Also, building around the original gym of its ability to hinder the the lifetime of the complex. I feel that more options need to be look at a different location or purchasing neighborhood land to the east or north. Would there be the ability to build a school to the east of football field.	1/11/2024 12:50 PM
206	There is no need to not use the grade school, it is less than 50 years old. I think putting money into the school now instead of neglecting it (unlike what was done at the high school) will be a good investment now. It is a nice building and little kids should not be around seniors in high school. Different maturity levels and educational material requires a need for separation. I would not have wanted children around me when I was in high school. The Jr. high kids being at the high school is enough. Also, 3 gyms are not needed. A 1A school does not need 3 brand new gyms, especially given that our current gym has already had hundreds of thousands dumped into it the last 10 years.	1/11/2024 11:56 AM
207	I'd rather have option 2. Do it once. Do it well. Do it right. No way we could ever have a brand new grade school for just an extra 5 mil other than in this situation.	1/11/2024 11:48 AM
208	A K-12 single building is the best long term option	1/11/2024 11:24 AM
209	I would support either option but prefer the K-12 option	1/11/2024 10:43 AM
210	I do not feel like every option has been explored.	1/11/2024 10:35 AM
211	If the money is going to be spent there's no reason not to build a K-12, making the facility completely updated for all classes rather than a brand new school and lots of money toward the elementary.	1/11/2024 10:32 AM
212	If we're going to spend money, might as well do it all at once instead of coming back 10 years from now asking for another bond.	1/11/2024 10:09 AM
213	I support options--I would be interested options that blend property/sales tax. Will both options follow a similar timetable for completion timeline? I would prefer my child, who is an 8th grader, not have all of her high school experience in take place in a temporary building.	1/11/2024 9:54 AM
214	It makes more sense to just combine the two so everything is done at the same time with the same people and the same technology so we don't have to worry about updating the grade school and having one place more advanced than the other. Plus all the grade school kids love seeing the older kids makes them look up to them more and want to be better	1/11/2024 9:21 AM
215	We need to look at the long term viability and sustainability of our school districts. Having all students and staff in one building to support and continue to grow our educational services in a positive manner is imperative. If the county is considering spending this type of money I prefer as a tax payer to spend it once and do it the right way.	1/11/2024 9:16 AM
216	I support option 2. I think in the long run it would benefit our community and school district the most. Having the high school/junior high staff and students together has been way better than anticipated. I've personally enjoyed getting to know the other buildings staff members and see the kids interact briefly. It was great to have pep rally's all together without having to leave the buildings. I believe having everyone in the same building will create more of a family like	1/11/2024 8:59 AM

atmosphere, which I think is so important for the students and staff to have that support. Costs of what both buildings need will be costly, but while doing it now why not get it all done and done right.

217	Upgrading grade school puts a temporary fix on a huge amount of problems. With adding this bond it will be tough to add another to get grade school to a good stage in future. While we are fixing this let's fix it right and do the whole project.	1/11/2024 8:46 AM
218	I believe the school board and staff need to have another option for the gymnasium. If there was plenty of insurance money or county money to build a 10-million-dollar gymnasium, then that would be a different story. I have a hard time supporting this when the school (which is a necessity) and a gymnasium (which is a necessity to some aspect) are going to only \$3 million and change difference. I love sports and I have been a coach and currently a coach for many different age groups and sports. I believe many tax pays are for building a new school. You have to have it. At some point you have to be frugal with that money and you may not get the best of the best. The next step of think with such a big facility is the upkeep and the overheard cost of the gym. Will the school have the budget to keep up that big of a facility. Will they be able to find employees to maintain the gym? What will be the cost to redo the floor? Gym floors need to be redone ever 5-10 years. It's not just the initial cost of the gym, it's the years after of maintenance and upkeep that need to be kept in mind as well. I think for your big ticket wants there should be more options for taxpays to review make educated decisions what will be the best for the students, staff, taxpayers, and the community..	1/10/2024 10:49 PM
219	I support a K-12 building.	1/10/2024 10:29 PM
220	Proposed increases are not insignificant with the K 12 being 25% greater. It is difficult to favor spending more than needed. We don't need to show off. Or spend because it would be nice. We need a high school.	1/10/2024 10:10 PM
221	Why only two options? Why cram everything together? Do you really need a state of the art gym that will cost almost as much as the EDUCATIONAL part. I am all for sports but right now your main concern should be education, not hosting tournaments. (You tried that with building your fancy track and how did that work?) Where are you going to get the money and manpower for the upkeep of the buildings? I have land in Rawlins County and live in Rawlins County so I am concerned about the taxes.	1/10/2024 9:30 PM
222	The future cost for the repairs on the grade school that are not in this plan.	1/10/2024 9:19 PM
223	I don't think there is enough room to accommodate all aspects as a K-12, I would support a 7-12. I also don't like having upper grades with the lower grades, if combined into K-12 what happens to the elementary building and at what cost (whether renovate or demo).	1/10/2024 9:10 PM
224	I believe that having K through 12 has brought the staff and students together in many ways. It has been amazing to see the benefits of being so close this year. There will be so many opportunities for all ages involved.	1/10/2024 9:10 PM
225	I think we should have a K-12. It brings great opportunities for the mentorship of all students. Seeing and hearing how Much the Elementary kids look up to the older kids is very heartwarming.	1/10/2024 9:01 PM
226	I would support a K-12 school. I do not support only rebuilding as a high school/junior high.	1/10/2024 8:54 PM
227	We need to build for the future not right now for the future we need to do what's best yes it raises the taxes but it would be better for everyone.	1/10/2024 8:44 PM
228	Option 1 seems like we will end up sinking more money into repairs in the long run at the elementary	1/10/2024 8:36 PM
229	A K-12 building is a good idea because of all the repairs the grade school would need. All of the repairs from the grade school would add up to building another school.	1/10/2024 8:34 PM
230	Prefer option 2 but believe either one would work	1/10/2024 8:31 PM
231	I believe we need to build for the future of Rawlins County & a K-12 building is the best option!	1/10/2024 8:28 PM

**Q4 QUESTION 4: Would you support a 1% City Sales Tax within the city of Atwood to help pay for the project? The sales tax would reduce property taxes by an estimated 3 mills (10%).**

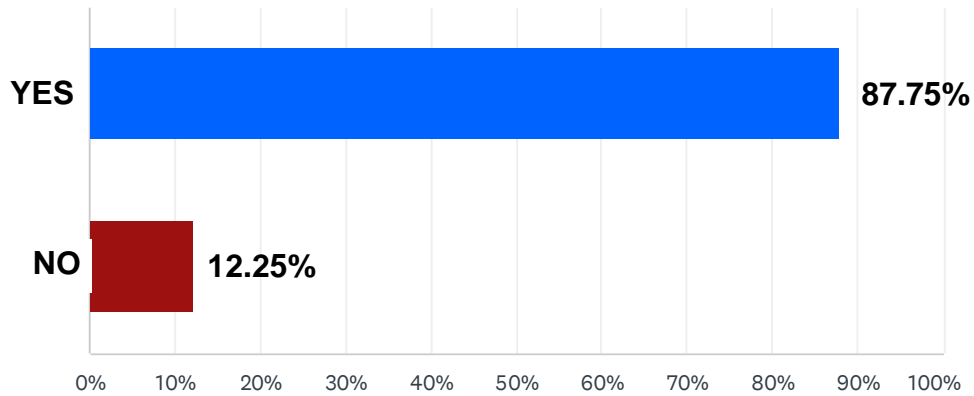
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.24%	342
No	15.76%	64
TOTAL		406

**Q5 QUESTION 5: Would you support a 1% County Sales Tax within Rawlins County to help pay for the project? The sales tax would reduce property taxes by an estimated 8.5 mills (25%).**

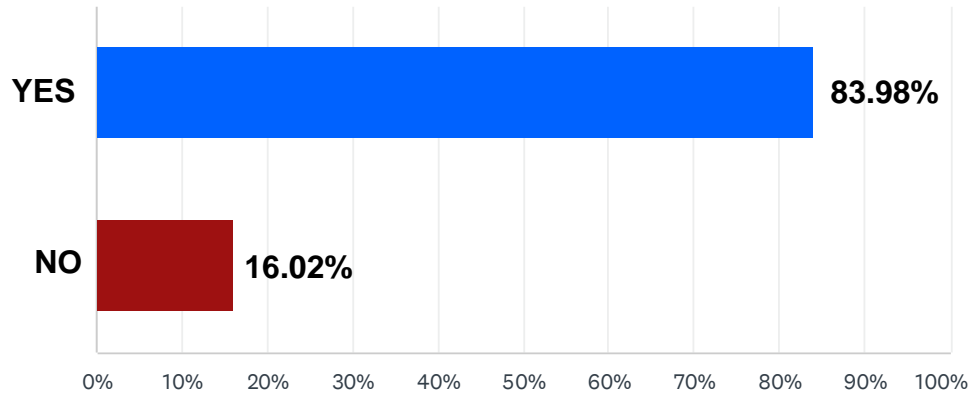
Answered: 408 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	87.75% 358
No	12.25% 50
TOTAL	408

### Q6 QUESTION 6: Would you support both sales taxes and continue to use our local businesses?

Answered: 412 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.98%	346
No	16.02%	66
TOTAL		412

## Q7 QUESTION 7: Do you have any additional comments you would like to share?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 228

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	USD 105 is the Best!!!	1/22/2024 3:21 PM
2	Let's focus on building for the future of all of our kids.	1/22/2024 4:35 AM
3	I want them to have a school but not at expense of Rawlins county resident's already supporting other school districts I feel that Atwood needs to look at what they can best do for their students and schools without taxing all county residents for their benefit People are already struggling and don't need an added burden I believe you can rebuild and put it on 20-30 year issue without burdening the whole county with more taxes	1/19/2024 9:45 AM
4	You don't have to do something, just to be doing something. Please take the necessary time to consider everything and get it right the first time.	1/19/2024 8:09 AM
5	No	1/18/2024 8:31 PM
6	Selling a plan and mil levy with conceptual ideas is not good. The final plans need to be reviewed by the public before any real decision can be made.	1/18/2024 6:33 PM
7	As a out of school district, but in county resident, I support tax increase County wide to help relieve the burden of just the school district tax payers	1/18/2024 8:12 AM
8	I would like to see different floor plan options. It would be great to see 3 options with the cost. 1. Being top of the line 2. in between and 3. Basic Also, I don't think it's necessary having 3 gyms with one being an indoor track, yes it would be great but if this can bring the cost down, eliminate. Not sure if this has been discussed or if this will be voted on at a later time, but it was said this could be a fitness center for the community? I would not agree with this.	1/17/2024 11:56 PM
9	All this grandiose grandstanding to spend other people's hard earned \$ is an exercise in futility as long as security/ safety issues are not addressed (surveillance, security guards, disciplinary protocols and addressing at-risk / troubled kids and their families)	1/17/2024 10:27 PM
10	I support the combined funding approach of sales and property tax.	1/17/2024 10:23 PM
11	Both options, don't make any sense. I don't see why we're trying to build a D1 college for a small community. There is absolutely no reason for an indoor track, 3 gyms, and for the lockers room to come in under stadium. The school has gotten along just fine with out it for over 100 years. Unless all this will be open to the public for use but thats what got us in the situation in the first place. There should be more options for the floor plans other than just focusing on athletics. Not many play professionally anyways. Let's get other plan maybe focusing on things that matter like a bigger facility for education such as woods, AG, FFA, skills you can use after school.	1/17/2024 10:19 PM
12	I think the k-12 option is doable. However, I do think that it might make more sense to not build the elementary classrooms on the south end of the existing music room, but instead use that for some playground area and make more of the elementary a second story, like the high school. Traffic, parking, and dropoff for elementary are certainly concerns. I think that if the k-12 is chosen, that the street in the block west of the big buffalo should not be allowed to have the angled parking that has been there, and potentially be made into a one way street to allow for better safety. I do like the new gym design and use of space. The cafetorium is certainly an interesting idea. I would be curious to see a design where the stage/auditorium area was maybe separate but had a curtain or something to open up into the cafeteria for big programs, to use. That way if there was a small program, you wouldn't necessarily have to disrupt the cafeteria for it.	1/17/2024 9:41 PM
13	No	1/17/2024 7:09 PM

14	The county just raised our property taxes.	1/17/2024 6:26 PM
15	Not sure where the playground would be located? Parking still would be problem. I like to see it built in a new location. If there was option to 3	1/17/2024 6:24 PM
16	I just question where the playground would be for the elementary school and the lack of parking.	1/17/2024 6:23 PM
17	Avoid property tax as much as possible. Colby's sales tax is 9.5%, I believe. I cringe every time I have to pay it, but I do. Pool project paid their smaller bond off four years early. It was all sales tax.	1/17/2024 6:19 PM
18	I think there is money to be made from the bricks that will be demolished. Save a good portion of the bricks. Bring the two students back who started the fire and have them clean the bricks. Sell them for \$10 or \$20 each to individuals who are wanting a memento from the high school. You may think this is not fair to the two students. Is it fair that what these two have done has displaced the students and teachers of our schools? Is it fair what it has done to the revenue generated in our community when we hold sporting events at our schools? That revenue is going to Colby or wherever the events are held. Just a thought...	1/17/2024 5:51 PM
19	I	1/17/2024 3:56 PM
20	Keep the grade school and some sort of normalcy. Don't completely uproot everyone and change their lives because of two children who made bad decisions.	1/17/2024 3:18 PM
21	In order for a bond to be issued for a new school building the following items need to be considered and reviewed accordingly. Look and Material of Building The look of and the facade of the building is less important than the curriculum and teaching inside the classrooms. Are the bricks on the front of the school structurally sound in order for us to use them as part of the new building? -Location If the plan is to re-build the current high school to accommodate the K-12th grades, where will parking be allocated? Where will bus pick-up and drop off take place? Where will additional parking be allocated for sporting and extracurricular events? Where will the elementary playgrounds be located? Efficiency If we are looking to rebuild we need to consider making the new building as efficient as possible with today's abilities and materials, while considering the cost. Safety When rebuilding we need to ensure that the school has the most up-to-date safety measures for our students, faculty, staff, and community. The School Board needs to ensure that we are reviewing, researching and applying for all outside assistance in addition to the bond request. This includes, grants, state money available, corporate sponsorships, etc. Additionally, it has been said in the prior meetings, that we are looking at building a state-of-the-art gymnasium in 'hopes' of hosting regional meets. At this point and time our community does not have the ability to meet the needs for these types of activities (lodging, restaurants, etc.), without this type of gymnasium. Although it is necessary that we build a new school for our community, I think this is an opportunity for us to be a leader for our local area, as well as the state. We need to provide a learning facility where the children can learn and grow, but also be and feel safe. We need to focus more on academics than we do a sporting facility. Rawlins county is currently in the bottom 20% of the state in testing. As a community we need to make sure that we are providing a facility where the students have a nice place to attend and learn. However, I assure you that an expensive, state-of-the art school or expensive gymnasium for sports will not teach or prepare them for everyday living in the outside world. Lastly, I would like to add that I appreciate the time and effort that the School Board Members, Team Members, and Community Members have put in to this project. I know it is no easy feat to take on and work through, but as a community that works together and stays together we will all get through this. #buffalostrong	1/17/2024 3:15 PM
22	Disappointed in the presentation to the public. We have been very patient waiting for the school to announce what was happening. Doesn't seem like there was transparency. Doesn't seem like the taxpayer was treated like we are able to handle the truth. Doesn't seem like we were given options of the planning. We are the taxpayers. We are paying the bill. We have the right to have all the facts. What information is needed: Financial: What is all the Insurance money received. Amount for building, content, demolish, replacement, rental of the PODS/Trailers? Plans: What has been looked at? What are the reasons for not going forward with a different location. Who are you to tell us it is too expensive to relocate? Give the taxpayer an option. Have you looked into purchasing more ground East of the current location? Report to the tax payer. Why are you stuck on the "same " building front. Let's move forward! Is there a building committee? Is there someone responsible who is looking for "outside the box" funding/resources. Someone who has time to focus and dedicate time. Give us true options that are different. Looks like you focused on a gym and not classrooms. No space to	1/17/2024 3:07 PM

	expand. No space to park. No space for playgrounds. Have the options really been considered?	
23	We have so few businesses in the community and people shop out of town already. Why put our small businesses at risk of losing them.	1/17/2024 2:17 PM
24	I would be interested in seeing plan's with a modern look to the front of school or options to choose from.	1/17/2024 2:12 PM
25	I support either project but think all cost saving options need to be explored. What is the added cost to preserve facade stones during demo and then to add them back in? Nostalgia is nice but this in a new building and we should do what is most cost efficient as each small "extra" can add up. What is the cost to ready the old gym for use and is this a necessary expense when a new building will go up? Although, it would be nice to have a gym to use next fall, big picture/long term consequences of that cost is impactful. I do not now the details but have heard that expense is pretty high. Are there no concerns about sandwiching new parts of the building around the old portion? Has due diligence been done regarding drainage issues at both the south and north ends? We all want this building to last the next many many years so let's not force a building into a space just to get it done quickly. Overall, my feelings, as well as many I talk to, are that there has been very little transparency since the fire. Generic updates we get don't offer details like what the insurance payout was and what the expense to put in the modulars or prep the south portion for use are. This presentation was the first numbers put out for public knowledge (as far as I know anyway). I think to garner support for the school, which we all know we need, is to be completely transparent and inform everyone to eliminate the chatter and get all on board.	1/17/2024 12:50 PM
26	We will only vote for a future project if it includes a county sales tax. Which would keep the mill levy at a reasonable amount. The city tax won't bring in enough dollars and would most likely hurt businesses in the community.	1/17/2024 12:30 PM
27	Continue the use of the Grade School for K-6 education . I DO SUPPORT APPROVAL OF BONDS WHEN THE PLANNED G BUILDING AND ACCESS IS MORE SUFFICIENT.	1/17/2024 12:02 PM
28	would like to see other plans with a playground.	1/17/2024 11:41 AM
29	Everyone will have to make some sacrifice to keep a school in the county and the town of Atwood thriving! I commend the administration, school board and architect for this presentation to the community. My family has a long history, 4 generations, in this community. We don't live there now but are land owners and concerned for the education of the hard working families of Rawlins County! Buffalo Strong!!	1/17/2024 11:32 AM
30	Would like to see K-12 building at a different location. Feel we are limiting our selves by trying to put it back in the same location. If this option has been explored where is the communication? What land owners have been asked? I am all for paying for what we need but it need to be what is needed and not rushed into. I don't want to see cost increase because of wanting to keep "look" of current building. If saving \$ by potentially (not guaranteed) being able to save current gym then save it. Use it! Build proposed gym at same location! Create a sports complex area! Just don't limit yourselves by trying to build a school back exactly where it was! Not sure building around a old building (gradeschool class rooms around South addition) is a good idea!	1/17/2024 10:05 AM
31	I would be fine with 2% county and 0% city or 1.5% county and 0.5% city. At the very least there needs to be a 1% county sales tax. I also would like to see what options could be done if moved the school to a brand new site with plenty more room. Please don't make the front of the school look "exactly" like it was before. Lets make it way cooler!	1/17/2024 9:06 AM
32	I worry with the cost of either option we may tax people out of the community. We have a lot of low income in our community and they might not be able to afford to big of an increase in expenses. As for our community growing, we mostly only have one business growing. We have lost several businesses. Without affordable housing in our community and increased cost of living could be a deterrent for continued growth	1/17/2024 8:41 AM
33	Three taxes are too much. This community had a lot of retirees on fixed income. Sales taxes would definitely affect the grocery store and the drug store both which we cannot afford to loose. The youn	1/17/2024 8:16 AM
34	No	1/17/2024 7:34 AM



35	Taxed to death. Recall all the board members and let the state appoint people and let them figure it out. Done with throwing money at the county and then wasting it.	1/17/2024 5:38 AM
36	This is a future investment to keep people (families) in our community as well as attract new ones. Youth will want to come back and raise their families here. This will help encourage businesses to keep investing in our community. Growth and Sustainability! If this gets hastily done just to get it passed, we will be harming the future of this community. We are and would still be dealing with "Good Enough" from the ghosts and skeletons of that line of past thinking. (Plumbing, Drainage, Facility short falls with the changing times, etc.) We will be able to enhance the education opportunities available to Rawlins County Students through new offerings with updating facilities. By itself this could attract new students and families who are new or may have gone elsewhere for different opportunities. If this option is considered and I hope it is having access to sufficient internet access is necessary. We may not like how online our world now is, but we must be able to keep up to grow and be sustainable. Music and Art should not be overlooked either or given remote corners of obscurity to get by. How many students have brought back awards and honors to Atwood from hours of hard work and dedication with start placing, gold keys, and national recognition? Have an auditorium option looked at. We unfortunately aren't making professional athletes here in Rawlins County, but Music and Art are two things that can be done all the way through life and are equally scholarship worthy. The Ag Program should be another essential part of the design. Our community is Ag Based. Look at the industries that are growing and bringing families to Atwood. They don't come for the Gym or Football Field. Sports are important but should not trump academics and be any more supported that Art, Music, or Ag. A combination of a Gym/Auditorium or stage would be the least compromise. Not a cafetorium. Acoustics alone let alone counting aesthetics. No one should be looking at a kitchen or closed metal garage doors, etc., when watching their communities' students perform. "Good Enough" needs to Go Away! The safety of students cannot be left out of the equation either. They need safe, close, functioning, and accessible, locker rooms for both genders and equal time and ability to practice in Rawlins County Facilities. If there is a way to use, save or incorporate our existing gyms/facilities that would only be a benefit, but those savings or costs should not outweigh their utility. If it were possible to save the HS Gym and the South End of the building also addressing the electrical short falls of the concession's areas (get rid of running extension cords all over because it was "Good Enough" and not wired correctly (heavy enough) in the first place.) I am not trying to beat a dead horse but pointing out one example (there are more) where "Good Enough" fell short. Taxes will go up, but our community will stay more viable with more opportunities as a result. Taxes need to be addressed in the city and county to reflect where the benefit will be felt. Kids live in town and out in the country and a more viable school helps to energize other essential services such as health care, restaurants, and retail businesses as well. Being able to host regional and district tournaments will help bring people to Atwood and to the facilities for their use and hopefully some of them can stimulate the local economy while they are here. All users of our community will find benefits in what the new school will bring in enrichment to Atwood and Rawlins County. I thank you all for taking on this mostly thankless endeavor. I also truly appreciate the fact your group asked for community feedback.	1/17/2024 12:47 AM
37	Please do not use any of the old building, it needs demolished. If you do not do it now while the opportunity is present then it will most likely never occur. Do not listen to the emotionally driven comments or arguments. It needs to be what is best for the students and the financials in the long run, not a short term. Thank you for the survey!	1/16/2024 11:20 PM
38	I look forward to see what the future holds for our beautiful little town! I hope the people of this small town make the right choice and rebuild it all with K-12 all in one new facility. It would be better than constantly "putting a bandaid on an old building". Thanks	1/16/2024 11:14 PM
39	I strongly believe in supporting a 1% city, sales tax and a 1% county sales tax. If we had enough space, I could consider option two as well. A lot of money could be saved by not bricking the school. Do a cost comparison between bricking and steel and let the taxpayer decide. Many advantages to steel buildings.	1/16/2024 10:53 PM
40	I would like to see the expense spread among everyone property tax and general shoppers. Not just the property owners footing the whole bill.	1/16/2024 10:45 PM
41	Thank you for taking our thoughts into consideration!	1/16/2024 10:20 PM
42	I think we need to have both city and county tax so that everyone is helping to pay for the school. Also does the taxes only apply to this school district? If so I do not think anyone that doesn't have a student enrolled currently or will have at our school or live in the district should	1/16/2024 10:18 PM

have a vote. A concern for going forward is how much does it cost to save the stones around entrance? If it is time consuming and costly I personally don't think it is worth saving. Do like the concept of main building being brick for a more sturdy structure. Thank you to all that are putting in countless hours to keep this moving along, we appreciate you!

43	I support a k through 12 building if we can figure out a way to maybe keep gradscool gym and some of the south side classrooms to utilize as storage and maybe distric offices. I understand the plumbing on the north side is an issue. Having a 3rd gym would be extremely nice for the district. Parking at the new school is also a concern for me with the addition of the younger kids with less drop off points. I really appreciate the effort of all involved in getting the ball rolling on this!	1/16/2024 10:05 PM
44	The biggest problems I see are the grade to the south of the school and parking problem with out lots of dirt work to the south and east.	1/16/2024 10:02 PM
45	I think a k-12 building is best but it needs to not be rushed. I feel like if you get all this funding from the tax payers then why even try for grants as specifics have to be listed when applying for grants and you should not need any more money if this huge bind goes through.	1/16/2024 9:55 PM
46	The tax increases could potentially impact people's ability to remain in this community.	1/16/2024 9:48 PM
47	Take the time to do everything right. Make sure the board members know they are representing the people and they are not to do only what they personally want. Also look at redesigning the front entrance. It doesn't need to look anything like it did before which was basically a prison.	1/16/2024 9:43 PM
48	It doesn't matter to me if we save the old brick. Let's start over with something new and more modern looking.	1/16/2024 9:13 PM
49	N/A	1/16/2024 9:12 PM
50	I think a K-12 is the most sustainable option and the way to go for our community. There are minor details (playground and parking, etc) that still need a little work, however these things will work themselves out and I believe we will find solutions for these minor things. It's nothing that should hold us up with moving forward with the K-12 option. #buffstrong	1/16/2024 8:57 PM
51	My ideal school would be a combine school. But I feel like option 2 has too many compromises and flaws for me to approve of it.	1/16/2024 8:56 PM
52	None	1/16/2024 8:54 PM
53	I would love to have a K-12 up the hill but I really don't see how we can make enough land appear for it to happen. I like the idea of multiple use areas that we can utilize in many ways. And maybe having more classrooms on the second floor would be an option. I'm ok with having the fitness part available for public use. I saw an older lady's comment on Facebook that I can appreciate: "Someone at sometime had to sacrifice to provide for my education, now it's my turn to help provide for others."	1/16/2024 8:38 PM
54	Rebuild as 7-12 - otherwise it'll be another building gone to waste.	1/16/2024 8:06 PM
55	We prefer sales tax changes to property taxes.	1/16/2024 8:06 PM
56	None	1/16/2024 8:05 PM
57	Thank you to all the school board members, teachers and everyone else for all the hard work that has gone into making school happen this year and into making the most out of this terrible situation for our community. Blessed to be able to call Atwood home.	1/16/2024 8:00 PM
58	As a property owner I would definitely prefer to spread the cost burden across property tax and BOTH city and county sales tax. I also predict that any opportunity to reduce property tax increases will be better supported by a majority of people.	1/16/2024 7:50 PM
59	i think a single school would be the way to go-if there is enough room in the footprint to do so	1/16/2024 7:48 PM
60	I am not in favor of keeping the old looking facade in front. I think we need to go with a modern look that is cost effective and also long lasting. I also wish there was more emphasis on looking for energy efficient and green solutions. Solar power, technologically advanced utilities. Also put more money towards school and classroom safety. Not so focused on the sports side of the school. Also please look into grants and corporate sponsorship. NIKE built the whole school for Greensburg have this been looked into at all? Isn't there state funding for this too? We are at a geographical disadvantage that costs us more to build a school on this side of the	1/16/2024 7:42 PM

state. That shouldn't fall to the tax payers it should fall to the state. We pay the same taxes as eastern kansas communities but are punished due to our location.

61	No	1/16/2024 7:18 PM
62	Small increments of sales tax is preferable to mils.	1/16/2024 7:08 PM
63	For project 2 I think a pick up/drop off one way street some how needs to be implemented. Also the playground area for option 2 seems small for the amount of kids that will be using it.	1/16/2024 6:45 PM
64	Not at this time	1/16/2024 6:09 PM
65	I feel that a county sales tax is the best option for our community.	1/16/2024 6:06 PM
66	I will continue to support local businesses, but I think that it is too large a burden to add both county and city tax increases to what they must charge to make a profit. I think that the combination of county and property tax without an increase in city sales tax seems like the best combination.	1/16/2024 5:46 PM
67	Great job school board!	1/16/2024 4:05 PM
68	Where would the playground be?	1/16/2024 4:03 PM
69	I would like to see an Option 3— the higher bond issues but with separate buildings. Do the higher bond issues, rebuild the 7-12 and do the extensive upgrades needed at K-6 to meet their needs. We already have parking issues, drainage issues and traffic flow issues at the high school location. Adding all of the students & staff will only add to those issues. The proposed playground is not adequate enough for the entire grade school student body. A shared commons area also adds further congestion and rushing through an already short lunch period for young students. I am also concerned about the future of the GS building, which is a prominent feature to our downtown area. Without students in the building it's destined to be another dilapidated building that is still on the tax rolls. The current location is also more ideal for students who walk to/from school. It is central to all areas of town and is more accessible for younger students who walk.	1/16/2024 3:35 PM
70	A city/county sales tax would come from the whole county. With the reduction of food sales tax, it wouldn't even be noticed. It would be shared by everyone and not just property owners.	1/16/2024 3:19 PM
71	None at this time	1/16/2024 3:08 PM
72	Prefer the K-12 building option: + Cost, personnel and utilization savings + Love the front facade call to original - also like the idea of more modern / cost savings in back + Space seems efficient - I like the idea that we re-think the space we need (more sq.ft = \$\$\$\$) - Less available parking - likely congestion for events, elementary pickup and drop off, etc. ** Can we have a town bus or two to solve potential elementary traffic problem? My preference is for the 1 cent county wide tax. It feels like an unreasonable burden to the City of Atwood to be only sales tax funding source for entire district.. There are multiple businesses (and a town or two) outside Atwood can help equalize the costs for all. On another note - I would like to see a public accounting of how all donated funds are spent. It will help give ownership and pride to the donors and also create additional public trust. Thanks for listening!	1/16/2024 2:56 PM
73	Please consider the issue of space at the HS. Parking, playgrounds, ect. I also have a huge concern of a K-12 building with HS drivers and littles walking. NOT SAFE.	1/16/2024 2:04 PM
74	see above	1/16/2024 2:02 PM
75	I would only support a 1% county tax. I will continue to support our local businesses	1/16/2024 1:50 PM
76	My YES vote for FUNDING for either Option is dependent public involvement in design choices and transparency of costs estimates for those choices. The architect "thinks" they know what the public wants and is listening. There was and still is a lot of emotion, pain, and feeling of loss from this tragedy. The rally for "keep the façade" was started from an alumni who lives in Ireland, not a local tax payer. Many citizens are withholding opinion of wants because of fear of ridicule and speaking up. Surveys are an excellent tool for people to speak anonymously. I do NOT feel the front of the building's conceptual rendering (100 years old, same architecture) represents what the majority of our citizens want. Many have NOT been heard yet. In talking with local people, many thought this survey would have included design choices and be more in-depth of what we want. I am a huge fan of the look of the east side/back of the gym's rendering. It's beautiful. I want a similar look in the front, utilizing	1/16/2024 1:48 PM

modern design and materials. An example of design choices for the public to consider might include: 1) Keep the front of the building the same architecture from 1925. Reclaim materials from old building. Back of the school will use modern design and materials. (Current rendering). 2) New look, modern architecture and building materials. Like the back/eastside of the new gym. Include a small (<\$5,000) memorial, wall in commons area, art work, or building entrance. Could use some reclaimed material if within budget. 3) Totally New Look and modern architecture and building materials. No reclamation of old school materials. No memorial at this time. I feel a majority of people want something representative of Rawlins County today, and would like a much smaller scale memorial or such of the old 100 years old building. It will be a wasted opportunity to showcase, update, modernize, and represent the growth and economic surge of Rawlins County, if the buildings front is the same 100 year old look. It will be a mistake to use the old architecture the front and new in the back. Please don't throw away this opportunity to update our facilities and demonstrate the progressive, and up beat community we are. A new look and modern building is representative of Rawlins County's population increase, new businesses and development, progress, excellent for professional recruitment, and supersedes the old. I am in favor of a memorial, wall, entrance, or art work of ~\$5,000 or less. Anything over that should be spent on needed facilities that deal with our students, facility, community, and/or education. I want to THANK the USD 105 Board, facility, staff, and students for your commitment to educational excellence, dedication, and hard work. I very much appreciate this opportunity to express my thoughts, wants, and opinions, of which none are intended to hurt anyone's feelings or evaluate anyone's work or job performance. Your listening ear brings together a community that has and will succeed. Best Regards

77	It is important to get this bond passed. Can we utilize bond supporters to contact applicable landowners and educate them about the importance of passing a bond? What other ways can supporters help ensure those without a student in the school understand the importance? Some citizens have expressed a desire to keep the existing facade/look of the building, but this may not be the majority. I would like the community to be aware of the cost of keeping the general look vs a more modern (and possibly less expensive) look.	1/16/2024 1:42 PM
78	I'm really happy to live in a growing county that cares about its school. I'm also very thankful for the school board and all of the hard work that they have done. It's not like that everywhere and I am very proud to live here.	1/16/2024 1:36 PM
79	Support option 2 Need better elementary school All kids in one area. Less busing. Plenty of parking space for events. Events are staggered for elementary Jr. high and Sr. high. The difference in bond issue is not that much overall. Other option would cause overlapping bonds. County and city sales taxes would about equal Colby city taxes. (9%) A combination Education Center would attract students from east and west who are in other counties. A good Education Center would make use of several items that are duplicated in 2 locations. Teaching staff, custodial staff, Cafeteria and staff etc. etc. would be of more practical use. Possibly give incentive to more businesses coming to area. Ag businesses do not generate much sales tax. They do make population incentives. Use for elementary school. There are many resources for housing out there. There is a shortage of affordable apartments in town. Single people do not usually buy homes. I am sure, with the location, a company or group would be enticed into converting the building into apartments. Easily made into handicapped entries. Plenty of land for parking etc. If Thomas County/Colby could get money to convert the old St. Thomas Hospital into apartments we can too. They have no trouble renting them. The school is a much better building to convert. Maybe single teachers could find a place to live.	1/16/2024 1:26 PM
80	I realize this a very difficult decision & many people will be impacted. In my opinion the more information is shared throughout the process, the better the decision will be received.	1/16/2024 1:15 PM
81	Not at this time. Thank you.	1/16/2024 12:59 PM
82	Thank you for trying to save the integrity of the old building and keeping it at the current location.	1/16/2024 12:54 PM
83	What the cost to save the stones on the front of the school? Could we go with a different design(less jail looking) and save more money. Go with a whole new look.	1/16/2024 12:40 PM
84	N/A	1/16/2024 12:23 PM
85	I am in support of what we need to do to continue to educate our kids. I would like understand what will be done with the existing grade school before voting as well as what would be done with the estimated savings of the operating expenses. And if this option would cost any jobs. If I didn't understand that portion I may vote to only build the 7-12 as I would feel this option	1/16/2024 12:21 PM

hasn't been thought all the way through. Additionally any funds spent to keep the facade the same are wasted dollars in my opinion and I would not support that. Spending money so the history isn't lost is like stepping g over dollars to pick up dimes.

86	We know there will (must) be a school in Atwood if we want the town to remain active. I know the price tag looks large, but it's important to look long term and consider future generations. If we want our community to be a place that is attractive for graduates to return to and new families to move to, this new school facility is vital.	1/16/2024 12:18 PM
87	How long will sales tax be in place as stated above... if put in place.?	1/16/2024 12:08 PM
88	There needs to be input from all school district employees on the details for a 7-12 school! Please!!!	1/16/2024 10:58 AM
89	How can we afford to do any of these changes when we don't have housing for teachers to come in to work. Also the pricing is ridiculous because we are heading if not starting a recession. Who is truly able to afford any of this? Less than 90% of the community can afford this. The community is poor and we are going to start paying for even more causing more debt to the people.	1/16/2024 10:10 AM
90	We need a school or our town will not last. With that I would support the city and county tax only, this way it is not just property, business, and land owners paying for the school. By passing both taxes this allows everyone to help pay and also gives a chance to get additional money from people traveling through. Thank you to everyone who is working hard on this!	1/15/2024 10:12 PM
91	A county facility should be supported by the whole county. There should be a professional grant writer hired to search and apply for large grants to help dispel costs. There should be more open and honest communication with the public. They are and will be footing the bill for years to come and should not have to pay through the shadows. Ethics should shine! Some explanation of the criminal acts and consequences should be forthcoming. Understanding that minors are involved, there should still be some way to inform the public! Seeing the lack of academic proficiency in our schools, particularly in math and reading, academics should be absolutely stressed in the future. Each young student should be given the best possible educational base if they are to succeed in their future.	1/15/2024 10:02 PM
92	Not sure if this is to be addressed here or not but believe that the new materials should be used for the front of the building and not go with the brick. If people want some of the old material could probably auction some of the bricks and use this money to go towards the new build. Was also at a school that has 3 deep narrow steps to get down into the bleachers. Hope this will not be the case with the new gym.	1/15/2024 9:36 PM
93	The plans are very impressive and carefully prepared! Would like to see this succeed for future generations!	1/15/2024 9:23 PM
94	Please ensure college class accessibility, alternative learning environments for all. I know there is a petition to save the front, but I wonder how many of those signatures are local. I support spending the money elsewhere unless someone is willing to volunteer their services to save the front arch.	1/15/2024 7:46 PM
95	I feel there is a little cheaper option. I'm not a fan of the windows on the front. Are there any improvements needed for the ag/ woods building. Is a flat roof the only option since they cost so much to maintain over the years	1/15/2024 7:13 PM
96	No	1/15/2024 6:33 PM
97	Better communication for the public. I feel right now people are confused. I understand we need to move forward to get our students back in better classroom situation. I want to make the best decision possible for Rawlins County students. As far as sales tax I would vote for 1% county wide, this school will affect all of Rawlins County. We do not need a 1% city and 1% county tax only 1 county wide sales tax	1/15/2024 5:22 PM
98	Staff and board you're doing an amazing job navigating these uncharted waters. Always remember you were hired/elected for your skills and who you are and our community greatly appreciated all your hard work. Don't doubt what you're all doing is what these students/future of our community needs. Keep pushing on. #buffstrong	1/15/2024 4:24 PM
99	I think city and county tax would be best that way all the burden is not on land and business only and every body that spends any money in the county will help out. I will not support a bond issue that does not have these city and county taxes included.	1/15/2024 2:37 PM

100	We need to put more on sales tax so everyone pays for this rebuild instead of just property owners. That way when those that think we need to save the facade can pay for some of it when they visit. There are quite a few renters that send their kids to our school and they can pay too. We need to at a minimum have the same sales tax rate as Colby. If the sales tax rate was 10% in Atwood those that shop local would continue to and those that don't won't. Your always going to have people going to Walmart. I know every board member and administrator dont shop local 100% of the time its impossiable when you live in a small town.	1/15/2024 2:01 PM
101	Take your time and don't rush do it right the first time. This is a huge part in the towns future.	1/15/2024 8:59 AM
102	I dont want to waste money on redoing the old rock and brick. I would want the money to be spent on a new front side.	1/14/2024 10:04 PM
103	It isn't fair to land owners to not have the sales taxes to spread the burden out to everyone.	1/14/2024 9:10 PM
104	I think combining the buildings is okay if it creates the operational savings stated at the meeting. However, I think the high school campus is too small for the project. If eighth street could be blocked off in front of the school it might work. That area could have a playground, parking lot, and school bus lane.	1/14/2024 9:08 PM
105	Greatly appreciate the time and effort spent by so many who are sacrificing and making hard choices to keep this community moving forward. Thank you for all you do.	1/14/2024 8:58 PM
106	I would prefer the K-12 option, however I would support either one. My only concern would be the empty grade school building with option 2. I don't believe it is reasonable to think that another business or individual would purchase and renovate the building for another use. It would likely not be cost effective to do. The building would then be a liability and a possible target of vandalism. It would be an eyesore on 4th street! My Recommendation: 1. Build option 2 2. Budget money in the bond to demolish the old grade school. 3. Leave playground equipment and maybe a portion of the grade school for community/daycare/park use. If the K-12 building is outgrown someday, the property where the old grade school was could be used to build a new grade school. This would allow for expansion if needed. 4. I would like to see the new K-12 building be as efficient as possible. I would like to see it topped with solar panels and use ground source heat pumps for heating and cooling.(I love my heat pump in my home. It is very inexpensive to operate)	1/14/2024 8:46 PM
107	I would be in favor for the county sales tax, I think this might hurt McDougl.	1/14/2024 7:04 PM
108	I will still support the city of Atwood even though I voted no on the county tax.	1/14/2024 7:04 PM
109	No	1/14/2024 6:11 PM
110	I feel that it is a wise decision to build a new K-12 school. Our current elementary is outdated and I would rather see that 1.7 million go toward a new school than to put a band-aid on the school's problems. I also strongly feel that our students will benefit from being around one another. We've seen the positive ramifications of this situation this fall/winter. It has truly built a sense of school community and pride. However, I do not feel that the current plan in which the elementary school is built around the existing commons area and band room will work. There is not enough space there given the close proximity to the road and hill. The elementary playground needs to be directly next to the school and there simply isn't room for it to the south. I propose that we build the elementary school to the north into the old freshman parking lot rather than to the south. I understand this may cost more. To give the front of the schools unified, yet unique, looks, perhaps we could keep the traditional look of the high school and make the elementary more modern. If we did something like this, we could move the band/music rooms to a more central location within the campus so they could be shared. Then the art department could move to the existing band room. I also feel that we should build one library - our libraries just aren't used like they used to be.	1/14/2024 5:33 PM
111	Wondered if one extra classroom could be built on elementary end to handle an extra large class in the future? I'm liking what I'm seeing.	1/14/2024 5:26 PM
112	None	1/14/2024 4:42 PM
113	The decisions we are making have been forced on us by an act of vandalism. Hopefully our community will come together to solve this problem so that we have a complex we can be proud of to provide high quality education to our students. I like the combination of sales tax and property tax to fund the project. I would like to see in some of the publications the	1/14/2024 3:30 PM

importance of having viable local businesses in our community AND how important it is to support them.

114	I would like to see a modern building instead of the historical look	1/14/2024 12:18 PM
115	I support both options because we need to do something so I am OK with whichever choice and would vote for any bond issue. I also am willing to pay for it however is necessary and have no objections to any of the funding options. A few comments on building a new building. 1. I think making the building as energy efficient as possible is very important. I think installing solar panels and a geothermal heat pump would greatly reduce energy costs over the long term and should be explored. 2. In building the K-12 building, the old grade school needs to be demolished. Since we know the severity of the repairs needed that would likely deter investors from purchasing the building to convert it into something else. Keeping any part of it will be very costly for the district to maintain. The last thing we want is for the building to sit there and deteriorate so demolishing it seems like a better choice .	1/14/2024 12:13 PM
116	All I see is wants and not needs	1/14/2024 12:03 PM
117	I am going to vote for one of the options, but I have a question needing answered first. How long will the mill levy be in effect?	1/13/2024 10:26 PM
118	Over the years and I am 81 years old I have heard that grade school kids learn better when the school is a K thru 12.	1/13/2024 5:14 PM
119	I feel the K-6 students need to be separated from the 7-12 students on a daily basis. The reading program can be positive but i feel there should be separation. Putting the K - 6 in the same building would also eliminate one gym. I love the idea of the big sunken gym with the walking path. The community can use this for exercise. I love that the architect is using historical aspects!! Thank you to administrators and school board for including a voice from the community!!	1/13/2024 5:03 PM
120	Thank you to Supt. Eric, principals Lacy and Jeff, and to the whole school board. You have been tasked with the single most important and costly decision this community has ever made in its 150 years. Thank you for your service and I applaud the great job you all have done under duress. I'll stand by whatever democratically derived solution we as a community opt for. Thank you!	1/13/2024 3:57 PM
121	Only a comment and concern: Another empty school building in another little town! Elementary school building is in the heart of Atwood. I am concerned the exterior of the campus would not continue to be maintained. I also realize there is financial responsibility of maintaining the building as is. It is a concern. Kudos to those in authority making this very important and necessary decisions concerning our school district! Thanks to you!	1/13/2024 2:31 PM
122	My preference is to proceed with the K-12 option at this time and I definitely favor having both a city and a county 1% sales tax to help in decreasing the amount of mill levy that will be imposed.	1/13/2024 12:46 PM
123	These businesses have already made commitments to support and stand behind our schools and they will be here 20 years from now continuing that support even after the students of today have gone on	1/12/2024 9:59 PM
124	Nope	1/12/2024 6:56 PM
125	No.	1/12/2024 6:30 PM
126	Thank you	1/12/2024 5:22 PM
127	I feel sales tax is the fairest tax. money in not only raise by our community members but also everyone that spends dollars from travels through our county.	1/12/2024 4:11 PM
128	No	1/12/2024 2:18 PM
129	Everyone that is helping with this process is doing an absolutely amazing job!	1/12/2024 12:30 PM
130	no	1/12/2024 11:13 AM
131	This project supports the whole county. A sales tax is the only avenue to ensure everyone contributes to the project. Otherwise, only property owners will burden the cost.	1/12/2024 10:58 AM
132	I don't shop here as it is, but I do pay insanely high property taxes as it is. I am leaving the	1/12/2024 10:22 AM

district and town for many, many reasons, but this all certainly doesn't help. For the sake of the younger kids, I don't think the junior high and above have any business interacting with young grades for any reason, ever. I already think the amount of interaction between upper and lower grades is inappropriate.

133	This project supports the whole county. A sales tax is the only avenue to ensure everyone contributes to the project. Otherwise, only property owners will burden the cost.	1/12/2024 10:06 AM
134	Go big or go home	1/12/2024 9:48 AM
135	I'm very pleased with the progress that has been done in regards with the plans of a new school! You've all done a great job.	1/12/2024 8:26 AM
136	None at this time.	1/12/2024 7:44 AM
137	Sales tax increase makes the most sense. Non-residents who shop here will help pay for our buildings.	1/12/2024 7:43 AM
138	Don't forget the music departments and their needs of a place to perform! An Auditoriums would be nice!	1/12/2024 7:04 AM
139	The only things I can think about at this point is our children's safety and saving our community money in the long run. Going with option 2 will do just that. It will help relieve the staffing issues. Help reduce the amount we pay in utility bills as well as communication/I.T. costs. Option 2 is by far the absolute best choice for our children, grandchildren, teachers, office and Superintendent Staff as well as the janitorial staff. I will be very disheartened by our community if the most approved option ends up to be 1. Option 2 is far superior!!!	1/12/2024 12:24 AM
140	Let's go!!	1/11/2024 10:57 PM
141	Beside insurance is there other grants we can get to help pay for the school hence like threw the Dane gene Hansen	1/11/2024 9:33 PM
142	I know we need a new school but I can't afford this increase. There needs to be a way to do this without expecting the residents to pay for it.	1/11/2024 9:14 PM
143	I would leave the elementary school right where it's at and redo the junior and Senior school. I don't know why everyone's making a big deal about this get it done and get it over with.	1/11/2024 9:02 PM
144	I fully support the K-12 option and believe it is the only true option. Only concern with the K-12 option is keeping it at the current location. Does that allow the k-12 to be built in a way that allows for full efficiency and effectiveness? Would all underground plumbing be completely redone to avoid tearing out new construction to replace in the future? Would there be a good drop off area that provides safety and efficiency for drop-off and pick-up for all kids being at the current location. As well as sufficient parking for all staff, students and community members during sporting and other events? Also would love the elementary school to become a combination of a daycare and afterschool program.	1/11/2024 8:52 PM
145	Please do not cram more building into the current landlocked area that is the high school. Take the time and resources to demolish what is there and turn it into a "sports complex" that we can be proud of. Add lanes to the track and flatten (remove the hump) the football field, improve on the stadium. If you must salvage the gym for basketball, turn it into a nice gym with enough room for 2 courts to play, weight room included. This should be worthy of buffalo pride! Look around, ask for help from the community. Surely someone has land that they would donate for a K-12 learning campus and cafeteria. Let's do this right, the first time. I would support a higher tax to make this happen. Side note: my family falls into the category that I have one current high school student that most likely will not have even 1 class in a new facility. We have one child that graduated from RCHS. We may or may not eventually have grand kids that would benefit from the new campus, years down the road. It would be much easier for me to just say "no, I don't want my taxes increased!" But that is not the case. I would love to see major improvements instead of hurrying to get one of these two options completed to get back into a permanent building.	1/11/2024 8:09 PM
146	Pay for it with property tax	1/11/2024 7:40 PM
147	I am supportive of any bond issue and combination of property taxes and sales taxes the voters will approve to pay for it. However, I think using all property tax is best. Property tax taxes the many absentee land and property owners who pay property taxes here but do not live here or spend money here, thus they pay little or no sales tax. Second, I'd like more	1/11/2024 6:56 PM



information on how the sales tax revenue amounts were calculated. I do not understand how the county sales tax generates \$7m in revenue when a city of atwood tax only generates under \$3m. What are the taxable sales in the county that generate that tax revenue difference.

148	Our property taxes went up 50% this year without a new school. When we asked why the increase, the explanation was "Everyone's taxes went up." No accountability by local government. Now, a new school will cause another steep hike in taxes. I'm on a fixed income, and cannot budget in another increase— especially if local government raises taxes with no explanation. Between the new school and other continuing increases in property taxes, we might be forced to sell because we could not pay our property taxes. What benefit does this new school provide for the elderly except for a huge dent in our pockets?	1/11/2024 5:55 PM
149	I don't think the city of Atwood should be the only people taxed. It is a county school so the county people should pay too.	1/11/2024 5:19 PM
150	Excited to get started! Will be a wonderful school for generations to come!	1/11/2024 5:12 PM
151	Not at this time	1/11/2024 3:42 PM
152	I am well aware of the "shop at home" mindset. I personally make the effort to patronize local businesses and I think we could use a resurgence of educational messaging regarding the importance of BUSINESS as a pillar of community, along with Educational, Medical, Spiritual (etc) pillars necessary for health and even survival. "Shop at home" is not a "guilt trip" or a slogan that we should use as a shaming weapon; it's a very practical message about supporting our businesses with our dollars because by strengthening them, we are strengthening ourselves and our neighbors. A thriving and supportive community is worth the little bit of effort and maybe a few extra dollars!	1/11/2024 3:30 PM
153	A whole new building would benefit the whole community more so than if we gave it a makeover	1/11/2024 3:11 PM
154	I really appreciate all the work of everyone involved! I was one battling the school fire the day it happened and just hope for the best!	1/11/2024 2:54 PM
155	Our children are the future. Let's do this	1/11/2024 2:36 PM
156	Thank you for all of your hard work, transparency, and communication on this project.	1/11/2024 2:23 PM
157	I just want all administration, board members and staff to know you have so many quiet supporters. We see your struggles, we celebrate your successes, and we're with you through this.	1/11/2024 2:01 PM
158	The board and commissioners should look into grants and other ways to cover expenses for a school rebuild before jumping right to higher taxes. There are many other options out there to raise funds without tax increases.	1/11/2024 1:52 PM
159	I don't feel members of other school districts should have to pay for our district and theirs since Rawlins county has 5 district as part of the County.	1/11/2024 1:27 PM
160	This appears to be alot more want than need	1/11/2024 1:20 PM
161	Thank you to all who have put countless, thankless hours into this effort. Not everyone will be happy in a small town and we appreciate your efforts to better our schools!	1/11/2024 12:53 PM
162	The gym needs to be available for the community to use. While giving safety to the students. I do like the gym size and the auditorium/cafe is a good use of space.	1/11/2024 12:50 PM
163	I think the long term neglect of the high school reflects a good example to run off of to prevent grade school issues. New is not always better. Our high school lasted 100 years and would've lasted 50 more, a metal building won't, and we cannot afford another tax burden in 50 years to rebuild a cheaply built building. A new high school is necessary, but we need to make sure the educational parts of the school are prioritized. Long term neglect has burdened USD 105 for a long time, as sports have taken priority. Testing scores and national standards help show this. Sports do not matter if there is no education to back it up. Classrooms need adequate space with good technology and supplies. Also, sales tax should take priority. We are already burdened by so many new tax increases, a new school won't matter if people cannot afford to live in Atwood.	1/11/2024 11:56 AM
164	Go Buffs ❤️	1/11/2024 11:48 AM

165	No	1/11/2024 11:24 AM
166	By utilizing both city and county sales tax, in addition to mill levy, everyone is chipping in to help, even those that do not own property. Even those that don't live here, but that shop here occasionally, would be helping out a little.	1/11/2024 11:08 AM
167	I will support local businesses either way, but I think that both sales taxes is too much. I prefer the county sales tax only option but would support both sales taxes if that was what gets the bond approved.	1/11/2024 10:43 AM
168	Thank you! I am largely in favor of the K-12 because of the impact it has had on my kids. I have a junior and then 3 in the grade school and each of them has loved the shared spaces. I also like the cheaper in the long run option. I am in support of whatever is decided and will support you all.	1/11/2024 10:16 AM
169	Please look back at school enrollment numbers for several years and the population of Atwood. You build accordingly and not assume we are growing on leaps and bounds, Thank you for all the time, blood ,sweat and tears this administration has given.What a difficult position to be in.	1/11/2024 10:10 AM
170	Sales tax is the most fair and equitable tax.	1/11/2024 10:09 AM
171	My concern is what happens to existing school I don't want the county to maintain it but if sold to be used for what . I would like to see the demolition as part of plan so location can broken up and sold. I see two visions one a old school with broken windows and weeds like seen in so many other communities the other level building sites	1/11/2024 9:55 AM
172	I appreciate your transparency in putting this information together. Thank you!	1/11/2024 9:54 AM
173	It would be nice to have an actual auditorium. This could be used for many different things. School meetings, pep rally's, ect....	1/11/2024 9:34 AM
174	Our administration, board, and staff have done an amazing job navigating this circumstance. They've made situations that aren't supposed to work, work and be successful. It's brought so many people together and together we can do amazing things. This is an opportunity of growth for us all. Keeping our community alive means keeping our schools full and together. I firmly believe that the right decisions will be made, but with the future (next 100 years) in mind. Rebuild together, and become stronger than ever.	1/11/2024 8:59 AM
175	Looking to the future is important. Building for the future is of the utmost importance! A K-12 campus makes the most sense at least in my opinion.	1/11/2024 8:59 AM
176	While making the best out of a horrible situation we need to fix everything by bringing the schools together, and building a new K-12 school. The large gym area is a must in a project like this. We need to ok be able to host the larger, postseason events to try and bring as many people to the town to possibly spend money and help offset the cost through sales tax. The sales tax option allows everyone to help pay not just the property owners and local citizens but visitors as well.	1/11/2024 8:46 AM
177	Adding the tax to both the city and county would make a 2 cent raise for city dwellers, maybe 1/4 cent for city and 1 cent County would be an option to still generate \$\$\$ but not kill local city business by upping tax 2 cents.	1/11/2024 5:51 AM
178	These are not easy decisions to make. At the end of the day Atwood needs to rebuild a school. I hope in the near future that there is a Maintenance/upkeep plans on all school district buildings so that these building will last longer.	1/10/2024 10:49 PM
179	No	1/10/2024 10:29 PM
180	This is not done for any reason other than need. I would oppose any plan that begins with the phrase, Wouldn't it be nice if ....	1/10/2024 10:10 PM
181	We all understand a terrible tragedy happened to the community when the school was burned and a new one is needed, but think about your community and supporters before you build a top notch gym. What is more important? Getting your kids in a school environment or getting a state of the art gym?	1/10/2024 9:30 PM
182	I think building a k-12 school will be better in the long run. However I only support it if sales tax are also increased. I don't think the burden of building a new school should fall solely on property owners.	1/10/2024 9:28 PM

183	I would still shop in Atwood, but I don't support the county tax. The previous question was too difficult to answer.	1/10/2024 9:19 PM
184	I work for the school district and the feeling I have this year has been unlike any other year. I feel closer to the staff I would never had the opportunity to get to know. The students have benefited from one another. I see amazing interactions everyday. It would be a great blessing for our community to have a K through 12 building.	1/10/2024 9:10 PM
185	Just thank you for everything you do.	1/10/2024 9:01 PM
186	Without a school our community will die. It's imperative we look towards the future and make this commitment to our youth and their futures. Proud of the school board. Appreciate the architect's knowledge of financing and look forward to a beautiful new school !!! 😊	1/10/2024 8:58 PM
187	Building a K-12 school will be way better for future generations and help us avoid future issues with the current elementary school.	1/10/2024 8:54 PM
188	How does the whole Western Half of Rawlins county paying taxes to the Cheylin school district affect our tax base? Are they also responsible for paying taxes to our district? It seems a lot of people would Be against being taxed for two different school districts, do they have an option as to which school district their taxes go to?	1/10/2024 8:51 PM
189	No	1/10/2024 8:44 PM
190	No	1/10/2024 8:34 PM
191	Important to this right and get the teachers and students involved so it meets their needs	1/10/2024 8:31 PM
192	No	1/10/2024 8:28 PM