



Glen Ellyn School District 41 2016 Community Survey Comments Hadley Junior High School

Segmentation Map

Do you live in District 41? = Yes

Comments/suggestions/questions:

-- How are spaces to enhance learning going to be added in the elementary schools? i.e. Large space for presentations, maker spaces, collaboration rooms, engineering/innovation areas, and closets for STEAM storage.

-- I would support science labs but not bundled with the rest of the list that I don't agree are necessary.

-- These are important to do.

-- I hope that all improvements are completed not just to suit current capacity / learning structures but to support future endeavors as well. Any improvements should be completed with a future mindset.

-- I need way more information before I could support a referendum.

-- All three of these initiatives are important and I support them.

-- I hope you (who apparently are not even a local company) are not be paying a lot of taxpayer money to execute and compile this survey. Your wording is very poor. You are only interested if we have children currently attending D41 or not. We put our children through D41 not that many years ago, but you disregard that in this survey. These same things were being discussed when my children attended and guess what, my children went on to become contributing members of society. The amount of money, time and anxiety the District has created over "Facilities Committees" over the years is shameful. No wonder we are where we are financially in Illinois. Not a penny more to this district who stuck it to their "stakeholders" in the infamous phase-in scandal.

-- The portables are fine. All of my kids have used them without issue. Bldg infrastructure should be funded from reserves set aside each year and NOT REFERENDUM. The education support areas are also fine. The listed improvements look like a teacher wish list

and not truly needed. This is a Junior High, why do they need high end sound/lighting. My kids all do band, chorus and theatre programs just fine in the current facilities.

-- The quality of our schools is of primary importance to our community. We did not move to Glen Ellyn for the great trash pick up service. We moved here for the education our children would receive and did receive. Also, it is our moral responsibility to provide the best education we can for our kids.

-- #3 lumps the lunch rooms with the music rooms. This is a bogus combination.

-- TAXES ARE TOO HIGH! No new referendums lower our taxes!!!

-- I would like to see a referendum around improved teaching resources, software for improving MAP scores, ACT / SAT, and bonuses for teachers who can collectively raise student MAP scores far above the national average. Put some stretch goal incentives for teachers to be motivated to produce outstanding students, rather than just putting in their time until they are eligible for a fluffy pension! Step up Glen Ellyn!!! Our taxes are some of the highest in the state! Our kids should speak 3 languages and be eligible for Ivy League colleges once they get through this system!

-- Leverage taxes paid to pensions to fund additional initiatives.

-- What is wrong with portables, the kids love them.

-- The updating of building infrastructure should have been accounted for in budgeting over the years - that referendum I would not support. Every home owner knows to prepare for these types of costs. Population increases, while should have been expected are harder to predict so I would be more inclined to support projects to address those issues as well as projects to partially offset modernization of facilities for the purpose of remaining relevant (although, some of that should have been planned for and included in annual budgets).

-- I recall when my daughter went there the music leadership lacked practical expectations for the middle schoolers. Not sure they are capable of being expected to deliver professional work and it is more important that they are supported and encouraged. As it has been sometime I hope this has already been addressed.

-- We need to removed the portables at Hadley - they are NOT and were NOT meant to be a permanent solution. I also strongly support updates to Hadley to include a new performance space and lunch room.

-- Bundling things in the manner is a little off-putting. I would definitely be willing to pay for updated science labs, I would be less willing to pay for 'better acoustics' in music rooms.

-- We just received a rather substantial (33%) property tax increase last year and it is going to the school. I support our schools but adding to an already high tax bill (higher than we paid in NY, MA or CT for a similar school district, town and home value) is not sustainable. We will move out of Glen Ellyn to a city with a lower property tax rate. I would not support yet another increase at this point and will vote against refinancing when I am now aware that our taxes would be lowered due to the payoff of the current debt package.

-- I believe that removing the trailer park from the grounds of Hadley should be the district's number one building priority.

-- I would want an auditorium space to hold 500+ audience. It would be so nice for the

music program to hold their entire band concert in one place. With over 350 students in band we need a large performance space.

-- Number 2 is not true, you have enough income and reserves to cover the 5.5 million to pay for expected lifecycle replacement of roofs/HVAC, etc. I would agree that the PODS at Hadley are not ideal, but not willing to spend \$12M to replace them. Science lab remodels could be done over time with reserves and the surpluses you aren't abating. I'm not a fan of the proposed drawings for replacement of portables at Hadley. You should bring them closer to the existing building to preserve as much greenspace as possible.

-- Much less interested in updating music classrooms or space for plays. Much more interested in updating science labs and cafeteria.

-- What is a referendum for? Is it appropriate to use a referendum for operating expenses?

-- Let the Feds pay for it! Better yet the teachers union!!

-- The health and safety of Hadley students are impacted by the continued use of portables and the condition of the air quality and water infiltration systems. Those projects must be completed.

-- Building infrastructure should be an ongoing support "yearly maintenance" why is this all being addressed as a 20 year problem?

-- Hadley stinks don't waste your money on it unless you divide the school into separate campuses!

-- Why aren't you funding a building maintenance fund to cover items like the building structures that are at the predictable end of their useful lives? It's not like these things sneak up on you.

-- If space is limited, have population surveys been looked at to make sure it is not a current problem and that future classes are not smaller? Are sizes so big that a larger problem should be addressed?

-- The first question was poorly worded. I did not understand if you would add classroom space through construction or replace the portables with other portables.

-- These seem like reasonable and valuable projects, but our family is simply TAXED OUT. Our property taxes have risen \$10,000 in eight years. We are being forced to consider selling our home & relocating. I'm sorry for the difficult position our school district is in, but I can't support any project that raises our taxes even more.

-- Build another floor on Hadley. This floor will have the extra classrooms, so no need for portables. It should also have another lunchroom, to fix the lunch problem. Perhaps even another gym, so the gyms are less crowded and there are fewer injuries.

-- Find efficiencies like any other well managed operation

-- For some of the support area concerns like plays, concerts/performances instead of updating for Hadley why not make arrangements with the HS to utilize their facilities. This would also introduce the students to the high school and their facilities. It may also increase participation when they get to HS with familiarity.

-- Taxes are way too high. Collapse our 2 school districts into one and stop wasting money with two school districts.

-- MAKE DO WITH WHAT YOU NOW RECEIVE. TAXES GO UP EVERY YEAR. ELDER CITIZENS ARE BEING DRIVEN OUT OF GLEN ELLYN BY EXCESSIVE TAXES AND SCHOOL BOARDS THAT CAN'T SAY NO.

-- On my street with seven houses we pay a average of \$17000 in each year in Real Estate Taxes. Of the residences on my street none have a child going into or attending a district 41 school.

-- limit upgrades to accommodate preferred tax ceiling....set a budget and address it.

-- These repairs and upgrades are necessary. Thank you for considering these needs.

-- I think that the space for musicals can be handled by holding the plays at Glenbard South or West. They have very nice facilities and with forthought, you could schedule the dates of the performances. Many of us were promised that the old bonds would be retired when they were over. I knew this attempt to roll over the bonds would happen. It always happens. Why don't you call it a permanent tax increase. Why is that when one thing, like the portables at Hadley being replace, morphs into a project that is triple the cost. Build out the cafeteria a little so that it will accomodate more students instead of trying to build a superschool that costs a ton. We pay a lot of taxes here in the Glen Ellyn and District 41 and we do not feel that Dr. Gordon and Erica Nelson have been good stewards of these dollars. We do think that Stephanie Clark and Kurt Buchholz have been asking the right questions, and have started to hold this administration accountable. Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Nelson, all trust in your ability to run this school district has been lost. Your replacement of the portables around the schools was a disaster that has land locked us forever. Your shortsighted financing of the additions has taken away from our ability to keep our current buildings maintained. You are not responsible stewards.

-- THE ELIMINATION OF PORTABLE CLASSROOMS IS ESSENTIAL -- THEY ARE NOT ONLY EDUCATIONALLY INHIBITIVE BUT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CREATE A NUMBER OF HEALTH HAZARDS. THE STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED ARE NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE CITIZENS OF GLEN ELLYN HAVE COME TO EXPECT FROM THEIR SCHOOLS.

-- A large auditorium should be built in the back open lot to accomodate concerts, plays, enriching our children in arts. And place for a proper graduation

-- First fix the building, then get everyone in the building, then upgrade the building

-- It is time to remove the portables and upgrade the facilities to include flexible space for a lunch/auditorium space. Going outside of D41 for performances should not be an option. Build the space we need.

-- Do away with portable classrooms and build permanent infrastructure.

-- We as a community needs to focus and provide the best education possible to educate our kids to be leaders. We need to invest in it for the sole purpose of providing kids with creative, top of the line facilities and amenities. We should make that our priority. I fully support all initiatives that help teachers and student focus on providing and getting best education.

-- I want to see better fiscal management. Seemingly profligate spending on non-education items like expensive 21st century furniture and curriculum programs purchased in swift succession. When I see better fiscal management, I will gladly support capital expenditures.

-- I would want to see what the projection for student numbers are for the next 10 years before supporting any additional expansion of facilities

-- I strongly believe in fixing all of these issues at Hadley

-- Taxes in the District are too high. Have the overpaid teachers pay for it. I worked in the private sector and received no pension, just a 401K. Teachers should do the same.

-- I am in HUGE favor of an addition and renovation of Hadley!!! Get rid of those Portables!!!!

-- The Glen Ellyn Park District has a citizen finance committee which did a good job forecasting infrastructure costs and maintenance needed to minimize cost over time. I would only support a referendum that provides good justification based on solid numbers. I would not support funding educational support areas that are not tied to demonstrably improving educational outcomes.

-- Why would we not want to give our children the best possible places to go to school? Don't we also want to attract the best teaching talent?

-- Take from current property tax collected, cut where needed -

-- Agree that improvements are needed; don't agree we can support a tax increase to fund.

-- None

-- My suggestion would be to have the community raise a portion of the funds - 5% funded through fundraising and (private) donations - have the community get some "skin" into these initiatives, not just yard signs and a voter box, let's raise the money separate from debt, get the community to really back and get behind these initiatives.

-- What is the forecast for our population at Hadley and does it make sense to add on to the school or create a second junior high school?

-- Question #1 is phrased poorly. Is the cost to replace the portables with permanent building expansion, or simply to replace the temporary/portable structures?

-- No referendum

-- Suggest combining space for plays, musicals, recitals and large group presentations with cafeteria space, i.e. multipurpose.

-- Hadley needs to be rebuilt from the ground up. My daughter will be there in two years, and we are exploring other options to avoid putting her in a school whose infrastructure is inadequate. It is clumsy and misguided to spend over \$28million fix a failing structure when a new, safe, efficient school could be built in its place.

-- Previous upgrades have not focused on green energy and achieving high LEED compliance and I would like to see that, both for environmental reasons as well as long-term

cost savings, before I vote for any new referendum.

-- I think improving Hadley should be the highest priority

-- Our facilities are falling apart, it is time to repair and upgrade. We look foolish compared to other school districts in the area.

-- Investments in improvements will be easier for the community to support if the total bill has a zero net impact on taxes. Proactive project management will also be necessary to prevent or minimize cost over-runs. I've been co-chair of a major renovation for a local church, which included multiple 'old building' surprises as the project proceeded. Nonetheless, we stayed within budget. It required some difficult trade-offs, but we maintained our financial commitments, as well as organization trust.

-- I will support school

-- I agree that using the upcoming debt window is a wise way to fund capital improvements.

-- Don't do it like so many in the past. If you are asking for money (and votes) you have to have details and have to be honest. For example, there was a "tax impact" for the Ackerman pool. Paying the same taxes longer is an impact. LOVED the chart showing impact of no borrowing and tiers of borrowing. Need to let people know, however, that this is not a question to borrow or not for some of these but rather whether to borrow now or borrow later.

-- Our family moved to Glen Ellyn from Central Illinois 2 years ago. Our property taxes here are double what we paid previously and our house is 1/2 of what we had before. Our schools were just as nice if not nicer in Central Illinois than what we have in Glen Ellyn. There are 2 sides to any budget - revenue and expenses. Instead of looking for more revenue, where can you cut expenses?

-- I will no support any referendum for district 41

-- My support would depend on projects for student population in the future. If there will be less students, then overcrowding will take care of itself. I also think \$12 M for educational support ideas sounds excessive. There must be lower cost solutions- check ikea.

-- I am concerned with the way these statements are laid out. Many of these statements are opinions and can be solved in much less expensive ways. We should remove the portables.

-- I am all for having all students located in one building, improving the quality of the buildings and having enough room to eat lunch and foster learning, even though my oldest is only in first grade. My children will be at Hadley at some point so I want us to do whatever is possible to make it the best for all students.

-- Item #3; 1. if more math and science are intended for science lab upgrades, then more likely to fund 2. cafeteria should serve population, but promote sack lunch and outdoor seating as weather permits until expansion is complete 3. music class upgrades seem cheap. district should explain separate budgets for each item / support area 4. create a 2nd junior high for District 41 further south (near Roosevelt) and utilize extra space at Hadley for kindergarten needs (full year)

-- I will support voting for bonds up to \$20,000,000 for upgrades to the district,

- I would hope serious consideration is given to all available sources of funding prior to another referendum leading to increased borrowing. As is, our taxes in Glen Ellyn are absolutely absurd compared to neighboring communities.
- Just do it, for god's sake. We've been talking about getting rid of the portables and/or building a new middle school for years. It is an embarrassment. If we can't invest in our children and our schools, then we deserve what we get. Or you all will, because we will move.
- How closely have we studied demographics of our community?
- I am in favor of making all the necessary updates to Hadley (portables through educational), but I don't think it all requires additional tax levies. The District has a reserve which could be tapped into for some of these issues. It is bad financial planning to take out more loans than necessary.
- Taxes paid too high relative to comparable districts, not getting bang for the buck paid
- Pick one capital project at a time.
- More open community space at Hadley for students to gather during lunch times outside would be greatly welcomed!
- You should look at more long term solutions and not small fixes. If we need a new Hadley we should do it all at once and just build a new one
- Would building an additional middle school be more strategic long term?
- Incorporate adding new rooms as you get rid of mobile classrooms. The sound in pods has worked just fine for a long time. It doesn't need to sound like chicgo symphony.
- I would rather spend the portable replacement money on permanent structures.
- Full day Kindergarten is the most important to me!
- I've lived in Glen Ellyn for over 16 years and the school board is always looking for more money in case the student population increases. I would prefer to have money spent on better educating the students of the district. I would like to see traditional subjects to be focused on: math, science, and reading.
- Manage the money you have better. There is a lot of money pouring in from taxes, do a better job with it.
- Didn't Hadley just spend \$1M to redo the library? Glen Ellyn tax-payers are taxed out. My property tax bill is not far from exceeding my monthly mortgage payment, which is an outrageous scenario!
- Use another school
- These are all extremely important and seem to be the basics we should have in our schools. I support these referendums and would be fine with a small tax increase to cover them.
- The tax burden on home owners is already incredibly high.

- I would support the educational upgrades only to the extent that was where upgrades were made, not adding on all kinds of other things
- You have overspend on capital improvement in the 29 years we have been taxpayers. Must do better planning. The expenditure per students is ridiculous. My taxes are 27,000/year.
- My kids went through the schools that were over crowded with substandard facilities. I'm not paying for the next generation, while my kids suffered, so can the next group. Maybe lower administration pay first.
- On Item #2 (Hadley infrastructure), before I could support a referendum, I would want to know how much of the general budget (or if there are separate funds) is allocated to anticipating infrastructure needs,
- Cut all spending! Reduce all salaries / Lower property taxes !
- Please focus on cost-effectiveness and efficiency instead of raising tax.
- At this point, I do not feel I have enough information to make an informed decision if I will support a referendum. However, I do believe these are all major areas of concern. I am interested to learn what other options have been discussed or explored.
- Why spend money on 10 new portable units at Hadley. Instead put the money towards a building edition that would be a more permanent solution.
- When they updated the buildings last year, they should have taken this into consideration.
- Classroom/lab issues seem very important. Space for plays, musicals, etc isn't as serious (in my opinion)
- Stagger lunch times
- I agree that science labs need updating cafeteria needs more space. Feel space for plays and large group gathering needs to be more creative use. Need to split cost as science labs.
- Not sure why cafeteria is all of a sudden too small when the population of kids is down. Unless it is becoming Julia rd, The playgroup space has been just fine.
- These questions should be ranked in priority of necessity - 1,2,3. For instance, if Hadley's roof is leaking my priority is 5.5 million to sustain the infrastructure and keep the children in portable classes. Upgrade Educational Support is a little all or nothing at 12million - I would vote on upgrades that impact all the students (i.e. cafeteria) maybe less likely to upgrade the music room acoustics (depending on cost). Also what is the cost/benefit of creating space for children in the classroom and using the portable for space for the music instruments? Questions are too broad in relation to the request for funding.
- We had two girls who went through Churchill, Hadley + GBW, I would support whatever it tool to continue providing. The excellent education they receive. We've owned a home in get since 1984, and I feel good schools adds to our home's value.
- Keep monitoring budgets to be sure swings/emergency funds are maintained as a home budget would for upgrades/maintenance and not overspend over time so the \$ is not there

when needed.

-- Is the above mentioned negatively affecting instruction?

-- Option to mark no not noted.

-- Manage expense within the district better-too much "f2t" in the system currently.

-- This is my second child going through Hadley and neither has had a positive experience. Both have experienced bullying, and neither of their teachers cared, let alone tried to stop it. Very snotty attitudes and I'm not willing to vote for any improvement. I regret moving to this town and raising my children with a bunch of spoiled and unkind human beings. I am not willing to spend any tax dollars for Hadley at all!

-- Fit all these things into regular budget like you did to get rid of portables in the elementary schools.

-- Please get rid of the portables!!!

-- I would support changes to the classrooms and lunchroom but not to the auditorium as they can use GBW for those functions.

-- Hadley is too small a structure. Needs updates. Need to build a new structure after reviewing which works best

-- I would need more information about issue #3 to determine the range of remedies that have been considered. I'd also be most supportive of the science lab among the issues mentioned. If these are bundled or approached individually, I might support some more than others in the near-term given the cost and competing priorities in the district.

-- Our taxes are too high and need to be lowered.

-- Question 1 should be: How likely would you be to support a referendum that includes funding to replace the ten portable classrooms with permanent classrooms?

-- I am a strong advocate and supporter for the arts, but unless the middle school has theatre arts education, there is no need to build and improve the facility.

-- Stop it ! Every year my property taxes go up at least \$200 to \$400, When is it enough? What have you been doing with the money up to this point ? I want to move !

-- We need the resolution in taxes that paying off the loan.

-- This feels like a bail out due to poor planning mis management of funds over the past 15 years.

-- All day Kindergarten is essential for us to keep up globally on an educational level.

-- There is no info here giving student body growth over the years. Items on this list should be able to be prioritized given the stated needs.

-- Hadley needs to make the additions and updates needed to ensure that all students are in the main building and that the building is adequate to support all programming.

-- How did the district not plan for updating building infrastructure over the last 20 years? Everyone knows that buildings' major systems will eventually need to be maintained or updated, so why didn't the district plan and save for them? Also, what in the current curriculum requires larger science labs? What are the experiments that are "new" in the curriculum? Haven't "hands-on learning opportunities" always occurred in science labs? Can the district share how well or poorly our middle school students perform in the classroom, on assessments and on standardized tests? Can kids do grade level (or higher) math, writing and reading? Is the district successful in the basics of education? With that type of information in hand, then considering music classrooms and space for plays, etc. takes on a whole new meaning. If kids are not learning the basics, then why should the community pour millions of dollars into music and drama?

-- Maintenance and updates to infrastructure should be a predictable cost managed in the yearly budget. If it is not, this is poor management.

-- Portable replacement is highly depending on realistic long-term enrollment projects showing sustained need (if so, I'd tend to support).

-- How does the cost of replacing Hadley's portable classrooms compare with building an addition to the main building?

-- Yes improvements are needed, but consider spreading out the expenses over a few years to reduce the impact of real estate tax increases. We can't afford to pay any higher taxes.

-- This voter needs more info, in order to support referendum. Is our school population increasing ? What is the projection for future enrollments ?

-- Infrastructure should be built into yearly costs. Just like owning a home, you budget to replace roofs etc, you do not ask your neighbors to pay.

-- Would support the Arts !

-- It is entirely unacceptable management practice that the replacement of key infrastructure items such as heating, cooling, roofing, electrical, etc. are not budgeted for and accrued as part of general upkeep and maintenance. These should never be surprises unless there is a disaster or emergency.

-- School district is poor steward square feet of building compare ratio of each year for past 40 years. Taxpayers must tell district to learn how to educate kids on less money. This includes employment losts-compare average salaries (Increases)to general Illinois population/workers ! salaries.

-- I am paying way too much in taxes to have my kids in portable classrooms!

-- The spring ave school used to be a really nice middle school but has been in park district hand since 1999. Rather than building or re-building why not talk to the glenEllyn park district about buying it back.

-- Focus on science labs and cafeteria and less theater. Not all students do plays or recitals. Split the cost for later.

-- We have been paying taxes since 1953. Are on a fixed income. retired 26 1/2 years ago. Income has remained flat or even shrinking due to inflation. Real estate taxes have risen through the ceiling. I 'm sorry but we are being forced out of our home and can't afford any

more increases.

-- I do not support a referendum

-- Taxes in Glen Ellyn are already TOO high. Not in favor of anything which will not reduce them to the fullest extent. There is a lot of waste. New furniture was not needed. New furniture did not support student learning. What a waste of taxpayer funds!

-- I'm generally for a referendum for all of these things given that taxes won't increase. Are there other issues outside of the ones listed like extra school space in our elementary schools to support all day kindergarten? I'd like to see some of this bond renewal money that won't increase taxes go to that.

-- We need to invest in our school infrastructure to modernize our facilities.

-- I am concerned about infrastructure being up to date than adding rooms. We can always utilize Glenbard Schools for auditoriums. The instrument storage at Hadley also is ample. Doesn't the district already have a budget for infrastructure.

-- The elimination of the Hadley portables should be the highest priority.

-- What would be done to remove the portable classrooms? Addition? How was that funded at the other schools?

-- I would recommend that the district start saving immediately for the \$5.5 million building infrastructure improvements at Hadley. Upgrading educational support areas is difficult to support based upon limited information provided herein. Without much detail provided, space for plays, musicals is nice to have but likely other space instead could be leased. So drama (plays, musicals, recitals, large presentations) and music are beneficial to kids, but not like science. Over time, we have read so much about the "benefits" of STEM but have never seen any evidence that it is being implemented well in our schools or given adequate time to teach. What has changed in the science and the current curriculum that is driving larger classrooms? Is that happening in our neighboring communities too and if yes, how are those administrations addressing the issues in older facilities? Are there other areas of Hadley where kids can eat lunch? Has any of these ideas been vetted yet? Is there a long term facilities plan in place today that anticipates short and long term maintenance or capital improvements and also addresses new construction needs or wants? Or is the district just asking on a whim what the community will support and then take the next step toward a referendum? As a taxpayer & parent, this lack of supporting information is very frustrating.

-- more likely vs less likely? How about YES vs NO...I will support a referendum that ensures D41 employs only effective teachers, staff AND administrators and all others will be kindly asked to leave

-- It is time for us to make the necessary investment to improve Hadley.

-- I am supportive of incremental tax funding for upgrades and major quality improvements. However, improvements in infrastructure should be considered part of traditional operations and should be planned for in long-range planning accordingly. In my opinion, referendum funding (and in turn tax increases) should not be used to fund infrastructure projects that could have been planned under prudent long-term capital and operating plans.

-- Future population will decrease.

- What are the future enrollment projection ? Will student population increase, decrease or stay the same? I am more likely to support the referendum if enrollment is increasing.
- wE PAY \$29,000 per year in property taxes. We will be 65 in 2 years.
- Our schools really need updating. I am concerned about my housing values decreasing due to the overcrowded conditions and portables at our schools.
- Get rid of the portables!
- I would not support any referendum beyond the expiring bonds.
- science labs not needed but all others listed above are necessary glenbard west provides more than adequate science labs
- Should divide out the cafeteria and the science lab into seperate categories
- Have you considered consolidating the district and/or rezoning so that Wheaton is part of Wheaton, Glen Ellyn has it's own district and the other towns of equal size do the same? If there is over capacity, why do we keep building?
- Removing the portables at Hadley should be the TOP priority in the District. It should come before ANY consideration of full-day kindergarten. Updating the Hadley building infrastructure and upgrading the educational support areas at Hadley should be the next highest priorities, followed by security and infrastructure improvements at the existing elementary schools. Full day kindergarten should only be considered after these priorities have been addressed.
- I don't believe that the current enrollment will be sustained long term and will show a reduction, thereby alleviating pressure. I have seen this in studies. The school district should also account for repair and upkeep in the operations budget
- Any proposed addition should ideally be 2 stories to minimize the new footprint and prepare for any future expansions while taking up minimal additional space. Minimizing the new footprint also reduces requirements pertaining to stormwater management (i.e. detention storage) and post construction best management practices that will be required with the project. The proposed addition could include the new upgraded science rooms & convert old science rooms to regular rooms. Similar means could possibly be implemented for the music room. Maybe have a double room with retractable dividing room so the spaces can be multi-purpose. Can the gyms or cafeteria be used as areas for plays, musicals, recitals and large group presentations. Areas should be repurposed as necessary and alternatives should be evaluated before just focusing only on expansion. Expansion leads to lots of upfront cost and will thereafter lead to higher overhead costs with increased regular maintenance. Middle schools don't have a lot of functions requiring a designated auditorium unlike high school. If space is a limiting factor that cannot be achieved at Hadley without an expansion then how about considering a cooperative arrangement with Glenbard West or many of the local churches for actual performances of plays, recitals, musicals, etc. Possibly consider adding another lunch period to alleviate the long lines & overcrowding. This has been done in other school districts with success. If the portable classrooms are replaced with a building addition stormwater management and/or post construction best management practices would be required which could be implemented where they would be beneficial to the existing drainage situation along the east side of the building.
- Removal of the Hadley portables should be the first priority of the district, regardless of a

referendum. The next priority should be the modernization of Hadley, including infrastructure improvements and upgraded educational support areas.

-- Cut your expenses. Live within your means. We have to.

-- D41 should look into redistricting

-- I think it is disrespectful to us as taxpayers that you preface this section with a hard sell of the 'opportunity to invest' with all your points to gain support. We were promised that when the debt expires, our taxes would go down. Now you use the timing as an excuse to pile on more debt and taxes. Yuck. You say portables are more expensive, but they cost WAAAAAY less than the millions you would spend on construction. You say Hadley needs updates, but why aren't the funds for maintenance and replacement already in the budget and in capital reserves? Why would we need to take on debt to cover such normal expenses? Don't you people do any long-range planning? If I ran my business this way, I'd have gone bankrupt a long time ago. When you ask "More likely" vs. "Less Likely", there needs to be context. These questions (and the answers) become meaningless... more likely *than what*? More likely than wanting a root canal? You say upgrades are "needed" but what is a 'need'? We have to take your word, and sadly, your actions in recent years have left me with no faith in your word. Why do we have music classrooms with "poor acoustics"? that seems crazy. Who planned this? Who says they are 'poor'? compared to the Chicago Symphony? Compared to my living room? They seem fine to me. Are the kids suffering? I saw a play there last year and it was wonderful. There's nothing wrong with the facility. The enrollment at Hadley is the same as it was 40 years ago, but we have twice the footprint. How in the world can you claim the facilities are insufficient? That's lunacy.

-- Estos Temas No Estoy muy Familiarizada. Yo lo siento, Disculpe.

-- I am in favor of building additions to schools. Not building new schools or portable classrooms.

-- I don't think we need to spend the money on these things. Let's just pay our teachers well so we attract and retain good, experienced teachers, and give them the freedom to teach without the restrictions of the district curriculum rules.

-- Hadley JR High needs to be improved. The portables must go - just like you did at the K-5's. The 2 Broad members who complain (way too much about everything especially Ms. Clark) about the new K-5 classrooms often forget that the cost to annually maintain (sometimes lease) and eventually replace these portable units is a bad and expensive investment. Time to get new classrooms at Hadley.

-- Infrastructure updates should have been planned for. The board/admin didn't consider the life expectancies in planning budgets? I had students at Hadley who were involved in music and plays and did fine in the existing spaces. I would consider a referendum updating science labs. Hadley's cafeteria seemed adequate for the population 40 years ago (my first encounter), with about the same population. Are students that much bigger?

-- I'm not impressed by how the district has managed the buildings and land over the past 20 years. The schools that we had should have been leased to allow the district to use them in the future. The best thing now would be to combine with the district to the south or at very least lease space available there.

-- I am very happy to pay more taxes to improve our wonderful schools

-- I was under the impression that the last referendum was to support the cost of replacing the portables at Hadley. I'm unclear as to why we only replaced the portables at the Elementary Schools.

-- What is the cost for repair or replacement of portable classrooms?

-- Hadley improvements are of great benefit to the students attending Hadley (in preparing them for the rigors of GBW and other high schools, allowing the exemplary art and music programs to flourish, and making the atmosphere more conducive to learning in general). But the benefits to the entire community should also be considered. The grade schools don't have the space for music and theater performance, large meetings or assemblies or larger sports events. The junior high should provide that space in a district like 41.

-- Since Glenbard West added a new science addition, it seems Hadley students can wait to utilize the labs at West and D41 can economize.

-- We do not "need" presentation areas for elementary or middle school students. What's wrong with the classrooms or libraries?

-- Leaving the portables at Hadley will be a direct reflection of how the community values education.

-- I don't care for the assumptive language which infers that one would support any referendum at all. One more choice should be given above which states (I do not support a referendum).

-- Why do we need to replace science rooms? What can't be done in our current rooms? This seems like an unnecessary expense. Consider adding music rooms with the Addison (to replace portables) and turn the auditorium into that space 100% of the time (not classrooms). The walls are a problem with that space. Classroom material shrinks the auditorium too. This would solve both issues and be more cost effective than a new auditorium. Explore expanding current cafeteria using current space, expanding into the fields. I'd like to know the costs of this. I would think it could be done for less than \$12 million.

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-- Hadley needs better fine and performing arts infrastructure

-- I would agree that the music room could use upgrade. Is there a different solution? Seems like we are doing all we can, not what is necessary.

-- Hadley has long needed more musical space, and it absolutely need better performance space that can be used by the entire district and outside groups

-- These all seem like must dos

-- It is very important that we remove portables for the reasons stated above. I also strongly support upgrading and improving our building and support areas. These improvements would be an investment in the children in this community. It also seems that there would be a cost savings if these things were addressed at the same time.

-- We need lower taxes. Having updated facilities does not necessarily mean better schools.

Better schools come from good teachers and good administration. Fix what needs to be repaired -- but frugality is necessary. Please keep in mind that people are angry over property taxes being so high. We do not support raising themso I will not support a referendum.