

## Focus Group Feedback

### Comments

- I like the idea of giving Marie Thurston to the city for the community center.
- I am all in favor for the building a new school and upgrading the high school
- We need to bring back technology class and trades. There is a much needed education for children not on a 2/4 yr. college track.
- We like Option 4
- Great info breakdown, taxes showing its not going to break the bank to make the town improve.
- Drive home the change in new energy efficient school. Younger generation is all about new and shiny. Add the fact that the repairs and money for the first 2 options is just a Band-Aid and will need to raise taxes again.
- Gave a lot to think about. We need to get with our state representative and get these taxes changed.
- Very informative. A lot to consider.
- I am currently not living within the district, but brought my 2 girls here for the education and the community.
- Give specific examples for expanding trades opportunities.
- I think an option that doesn't address at least some of the issues at the JR/SR high is not helpful. Just glancing up at the library ceiling you see multiple stains on the ceiling.
- Disappointed buildings are in such disrepair.
- A comparison of property taxes paid in other Madison County communities to Alexandria as of now.
- It's been great to learn about all this and be given all of the information to be able to make an informed decision. Based on the information provided, I think that the best choice is option 3. It will help the most children in our system and has a better chance of getting passed than more costly option.
- This was very informative. I believe option 3 would be the most beneficial for our schools. I have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, so I want what is going to help the high school.
- Option 3 is the best plan thus far.
- Option 3

### Questions

- Have you considered Solar or Wind
- How do we keep from losing the general fund dollars to do the necessary fixes to get through the process?
- Can kids at the Intermediate School access the basement?
- What plan includes AG extension?
- We need trade courses / programming. What are the costs associated with teacher salaries, equipment, classrooms?

- What is classified as capital projects vs expense and maintenance?
- Why have we waited to address some of this and put Band-Aids in place to be a so called fix?
- What about updating gymnasium or an auxiliary gym?
- What is the recommendation for personnel expenses? What percent of the budget?
- Have you checked into solar and wind?
- What happens when / if buildings get fixed? What about maintenance down the road?
- Auxiliary gym?
- Focus on job skills no matter what options?
- How do we reach more people?
- Get as much as you can get and do it right?

#### Concerns

- How do we keep our teachers loving teaching in the midst of all this?
- What would trigger the state to take over or shut down our schools (safety issue in AMIS)
- Going the way of Muncie Community Schools