

Public Input Survey Comments by Distribution Channel

Infinite Campus + District Email

- 1 PLEASE
- 2 Don't half ass this. Do it right and build a new school.
- 3 I think building another high-school is inevitable, may as well be now.
- 4 We need bigger but with the cost of everything else we cannot afford a new plot of land and TWO new
5 schools. Thank you
- 6 Take advantage of this awful situation and be forward thinking. A new school makes sense.
- 7 The kids need to have IN PERSON learning every day. We found out how detrimental online learning was
8 during Covid. Please utilize any empty building space so kids are in school full time. Thank you.
- 9 Invest in kids.
- 10 The facilities need a major update. Rebuilding what was there isn't an option.
- 11 Do it right the first time! Our community needs a good large high school to support the growth of our
12 area. Especially north of town. Chubbuck needs a high school. So let's support our kids and build for the
13 future and get a great high school. My kids go to century but we support a good high school for our
14 community!!
- 15 Rebuild highland with insurance money and build a new high-school in chubbuck
- 16 I love the idea of a new high school
- 17 I believe Highland should be built again but just as a high school no extras why use money the school
18 district and citizens of the county do not have!
- 19 Highland needs to improve our school. Compared to any other school in 5a our school looks like a joke!
20 It either needs to be seriously upgraded or be rebuilt somewhere else. Both my husband and I went to
21 highland and I have two kids there right now with two more coming through.
- 22 We need another elementary in the chubbuck area, but not another highschool. I feel highland is a
23 sufficient high school and the bond money should go to a new elementary in the chubbuck area.
- 24 I want to know WHERE you would build a new highschool. The location decision for Century was a
25 disaster. It better be in Northgate or Chubbuck area or I won't support a bond.
- 26 We appreciate your hard work
- 27 Let Highland boosters pay for their own facilities.
- 28 I know our area is going to need new schools in the near future. I appreciate the District trying to think
29 creatively with the unfortunate situation that it was handed

30 I usually support bonds that have clear purpose and allocation over general bonds for just additional
31 funds without direction

32 My main concern is ensuring in person schooling next year for students.

33 Make Highland a true 5 A-6A School with adequate parking. Buy the property across from highland and
34 make it an awesome school.

35 Buy the property across the street and add onto Highland. Fiscally that makes the most sense

36 I think it's important that Century students get back to their regular schedule next year, no virtual days.
37 They miss out on important learning when they are not in school. I hope other plans can be made for
38 HHS students next year so that 2 schools aren't disrupted.

39 Just use the insurance

40 Our property taxes are so high there is no way people can have additional bonds be added. Inflation is
41 ridiculous and you even suggesting a bond makes me irate. Use the insurance money and be happy the
42 fire wasn't worse!

43 If current high school footprint is maintained, traffic flow issues need to be addressed and parking needs
44 to be drastically improved

45 Do not put highland students at CHS for the fall and find an alternative learning environment for HHS
46 students.

47 I feel the city should do whatever it takes to rebuild Highland. I am a 92' graduate and my son will attend
48 there. I think change is good! If it means paying more in taxes then it does!

49 It is extremely important to me, my family, and the community that you not forget to prioritize the
50 needs of all learners during the rebuilding of the high school. Not just the sports teams, but the fine arts,
51 music programs, dance teams, cheerleading, etc. All of these programs enrich our student body and
52 provide opportunities for them in college and beyond.

53 Pocatello needs to 5a school the likes of thunder ridge or Madison. Something that can house enough
54 students for many years to come. This would be a source of pride for the community.

55 Highland is established and located in a good spot. It would be good to make it nicer, but keep the
56 highland traditions alive.

57 Why not instead build Highland High School and build another high school to help the high schools?

58 Education should be a priority from the level of the state and the fact that we should have to support
59 bonds in addition to taxes on the state level and our excessive property taxes this is puzzling to me. This
60 is the future of our state. Also, aren't there grants out there for us to apply to? What are the taxes going
61 to? If we're not planning to expand or replace schools that aren't up to par? It seems like our city needs
62 to take a step back and figure out what the heck they're doing because the plans And the missions of
63 our city don't seem to make a difference. We have so much potential here in our cities that a little
64 planning with some knowledgeable people who look for the big picture would be very nice. We are
65 already paying so much property tax here in Pocatello that people are leaving. Don't raise it more, find
66 out other ways to fund the schools. Perhaps we need some new leader ship

67 Highland is given priority over all other schools because of current school board politics.

68 I would support any proposal that would benefit pocatello area students regardless of cost.

69 Highland's reputation on the hill is just as important as Poky's. Fix it up and don't turn it into an
70 elementary school. I wish the district would have kept their contract with ISU to use the Holt and stop
71 spending so much money on different athletic fields.

72 Rebuilding the exact same footprint is not a realistic option in this day and age. We must think of the
73 future. Highland is too landlocked to expand the way it is needed.

74 Mainly we would support what gets these students into their High School the quickest with 5-days a
75 week learning face-to-face. If a bond isn't required for that, I don't feel it's necessary.

76 I would consider option 3 to turn into a middle school and rebuild if there was evidence to prove that is
77 a need in our community.

78 My opinion: I think with how fast the community is growing surrounding Highland, it would cost less in
79 the long run to go ahead and build new with a new location and everything new. We are going to need
80 another High school and other elementaries in the future this could save us.

81 This event is being used to force a new bond upon the taxpayers of the county. Our property taxes are
82 high enough. If the issue would have been fixed appropriately a fire would never have occurred.

83 I think that there needs to be a high school in Chubbuck, Chubbuck is growing tremendously and we
84 have no middle school or high school. There's plenty of property that would house a school so I think we
85 either need to use the current funds and enhance Highlands facilities or move that school out to
86 Chubbuck and I would only support, the option three bond if it was moved out here to Chubbuck.

87 Any upgrade to Pocatello's educational system is worth it. Also please upgrade century high soon.

88 We need a new middle school and elementary school in the Highland area because of growth. We need
89 a 3 year 5 year and 10 year plan for facilities and to handle growth. Turn HHS into a middle school, build
90 a new high school and build an elementary school off Jerome and Olympus since the SD owns the land.
91 Poky HHS and Century are at capacity almost. Build a high school that holds 2000 - 2500 in preparation
92 for growth.

93 One

94 The fact that this is even a question is ridiculous. Just use the funds you have and rebuild it just as it was.
95 There are plenty other schools that that type of money could and should go to.

96 Rebuild the high school with insurance funding, then propose a bond that would allow the district to fix
97 and update the older schools, for example the gas lines.

98 My support of largest bond would greatly depend on location of the new high school. I would be much
99 more likely to support it if it were built in Chubbuck where most of our area's growth seems to have
100 been occurring for past several years.

101 I think insurance should be used and school opened for net tri

102 "How can you build a new school at the same location? It will take years to build and hard to celebrate
103 school spirit at another rival school. Bring in FEMA trailers and get these kids back at their school.

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105 Special Ed is segregated to ISU away from typical peers and away from Gen ed classes. This was ok for a
106 month but it is NOT ok for a year or years. "

107 None

108 I would vote for any bond cost AS LONG AS the school remained where it is now. I just purchased a
109 house five months ago so that my kids could walk to Highland. I have 2 students there now and will have
110 4 more in the future. I will have students attending Highland for the next 8 years. I will seriously vote for
111 you whatever you want provided the school stays at its current location.

112 As the Pocatello area expands I believe it is important for our schools and infrastructures to do the
113 same. The students and staff deserve a new(er) place to learn, work and thrive. Three generations of my
114 family have attended school at HHS and have benefited greatly from our experiences there.

115 Need to know where the students would attend school next year. I'm all for a new school but that would
116 be a ways out and my student does not like the idea of having to go to century.. I bet the century kids
117 would like to have their school back to normal. Get highland ready to go for next year, figure out the
118 sports and other activities, and let's talk about a new school. We need one eventually but let's help
119 these highland kids out with normalcy for next year. That should be the focus. Thank you.

120 Rebuild to status quo. Property taxes are already unaffordable.

121 It makes more fiscal sense to make improvements on the existing building using what insurance
122 provides as a base, rather than spend more money on a brand new building.

123 Pocatello is growing and will only continue to do so, I think Highland needs to be bigger to
124 accommodate the growing community. Having a new school, and utilizing the old one to accommodate
125 another middle or gradeschool seems only beneficial.

126 We need to live within our means. Allow the insurance to cover what damage had been done and not
127 increase taxes and put excessive costs and undue burdens on the Pocatello residents.

128 The high schools are full or close to capacity. We need more schools and this would be a perfect
129 situation to make that happen.

130 I would like to see Highland restored so it is functional, I have no problem with it getting some upgrades
131 as well. But I am thoroughly against an entire new high school being built when there have been
132 multiple schools in school district 25 that have either had a gas line issue, electrical issue or a water line
133 issue. I would support a bond that would make all of the schools safer over time, I would support taking
134 care of ALL of the learners in this district and not funding an entire new high school before those things
135 are taken care of. I find it extremely disheartening that its even being entertained while these other
136 schools flounder and may even be unsafe for the learners to be in. This shouldn't even be a discussion.

137 I hope the employees (teachers, administration, support staff) of Highland Highschool are a huge part of
138 the moving forward process. They love their school, their students, and the community.

139 Need more information on the projected student population over the next 5-10-20 years, at all levels,
140 and the projected need for more school facilities. Would rather spend money wisely with a forward
141 view but don't want to be wasteful if not really needed.

142 I think that highland should be rebuilt using insurance money only. I think a bond should be held to
143 address parking and student capacity issues at pocatello high. Such as new school built and convert the
144 existing historic building to a middle/elementary school.

145 Any option should include a new auditorium which could be used for community events as well as
146 school events

147 I think waiting until the need for a 4th high school would be wiser versus building a new HHS on new
148 land.

149 Do something about personal property loss due to the fire

150 Highland was falling apart before the fire and I was appalled on the condition at the beginning of the
151 year. This school needs massive updates and I will be extremely upset that if all you do to your 5A High
152 and school is build the D wing. The plumbing is a mess the school is falling apart. I came from another
153 state and they updated their schools on a regular basis. My high school turned 100 this year and it is in
154 much better shape than Highland because it was updated and cared for. This school needs massive
155 updates, be proud of Highland.

156 None

157 Either just the insurance money or new high school nothing else

158 If Highland High School is overcrowded then redraw the boundaries distributing more HHS students to
159 Poky and Century but the entire community should not need to financially bear the burden of their fire,
160 especially considering their insurance policy will restore what was lost. Our property taxes are already
161 through the roof!

162 If the decision goes to converting HHS to an elementary school and building a new high school, what's
163 the plan for the current/ interim high school students while that happens?

164 We are in difficult times with increased prices across the board just to live and make ends meet. You
165 want to raise our taxes to build a new school or make Highland better. Three months ago nothing was
166 wrong with Highland. You have a beautiful track and football facility and are currently working on a new
167 baseball facility. Please just use the insurance money to rebuild the damaged area and stop asking for
168 more money. School is expensive enough without the increased tax burden. Thank you!

169 I'm willing to invest my tax dollars to provide excellent amenities for our children.

170 Students have to return to school in the fall! I have a senior and sophomore next year and they were
171 both really effected with the schedule disruption. I support whatever measure gets them back to the
172 classroom!!

173 Pocatello is already far overtaxed. The whole thing is ridiculous. During an economic downturn and
174 periods of high inflation is NOT the time to demand more in taxes. Rebuild with existing funds or I will
175 remove my children from the schools.

176 Compared to other facilities in our region, it is a little embarrassing how outdated highland's facilities
177 were (pre-fire). It is time to correct that problem.

178 Thank you!

179 I support doing what is best for our community., based on the prediction of future needs. An educated
180 community is a healthy employable community!

181 The focus should be on learning not better sports training ect. Too much goes into high schools while
182 safety issues at elementaries get ignored

183 "Option to consider thatakes more sense and I would be will to vote for bond to build new high school in
184 Chubbuck area and use insurance money to rebuild Highland high school as it was.

185 Chubbuck is growing fast and needs it's own high school, and maybe should consider being it's own
186 school district."

187 HHS is due for improvements anyway. Use this as an opportunity to improve the facility.

188 I would love to see the facilities for the arts programs (band, choir, orchestra, drama) to play in deciding
189 factors in rebuilding plans. Too often these programs take a back seat to sports. From a SD25 music
190 mom

191 If you end up trying for a new high school, make sure it is not on the fringe of a city but rather, near city
192 residential and commercial areas. Even 1-2 miles outside of a city is too far.

193 Build back better than it was before.

194 Find a way to build a new high school for less. That estimate is really high.

195 I'm glad the district is looking into various options!

196 Chubbuck needs a middle school not another elementary school. It would be smarter to make Highland
197 a middle school with the growth we are seeing and turn an old middle school into a larger elementary
198 school.

199 Prior to the fire at HHS that building was outdated and unsuited to its current needs. There is no way we
200 could expect to have continued growth in SD25 residents and allow for additional students to attend
201 HHS. Not having a high school that accommodates the residents in that boundary and any potential
202 growth anticipated in the future will be detrimental to our future.

203 Build a New and improved High School! Pocatello has improved so much over the 27 years i have lived
204 here. Let's keep improving our City!

205 Better education for parents and residents within sd25 of sd 25's needs

206 Please do not have kids going to multiple different schools next year, this is to hard on the students and
207 the families of not having good or set schedule.

208 Uggg

209 The new High school should be in north Chubbuck.

210 I'm intrigued by the idea of a new high school, but it needs to be in Chubbuck or very close to
211 Chubbuck(northgate area). If it's Pocatello I would vote no. Chubbuck needs a closer high school.

212 The community continues to grow, as a result, the school age population will grow. We need to
213 accommodate the future

214 Would like a clean and safe place for the kids to learn and grow.

215 I need a timeline along with the financial estimates provided.

216 None

217 Does the third option include the cost to fix Highland as an elementary or middle school?

218 I already pay enough in taxes. A bond would be a significant increase in my taxes and I would not
219 receive any benefit from this action.

220 I feel that we need an actual 5A school with the building and staff to supports the amount of learners
221 and their needs

222 Timeline of plans would be helpful to consider, how many years to complete the build of a new high
223 school and where the land would be located.

224 I believe that Highland should be made usable for the coming school year at the very least. The school
225 district should begin the planning for the rebuilding (both options of with the same footprint and with
226 some enhancements). In any case, many of the current Highland students likely will have to move to the
227 two other high schools (in the short term Highland will have to be smaller to accommodate
228 gym/band/choir/food service). I look forward to participating in the planning process for the rebuild of
229 Highland. It was my school many years ago.

230 The elementary schools are so full. If there is anything that could be done to alleviate the numbers
231 there, provide more facilities throughout the district, I am all for it. My other children attend gate city
232 elementary. They have 30+kids in their classes. It is so difficult to have one on one attention with
233 teachers and students with that big of classes. Our city is only growing and we. Red to build schools to
234 accommodate all of the new families. Schools especially in the areas where the most growth is
235 happening, highland area, chubbuck, tyhee. Thank you for your consideration!

236 I have concerns about my child attending public high school and feel that a new facility could be a
237 catalyst for a better learning environment in his future. Century high school is a great school and has a
238 good academic and social reputation where highland's reputation is not as good. My child is in the
239 highland zone and I feel like I would be more likely to put him in public high school if a new facility could
240 create a culture shift that is more similar to that at century.

241 I'm tired of Highland getting everything new and better than the other high schools, especially Poky.
242 There is definitely an attitude within the district that Highland deserves the best and that's crap!

243 Please make the Highland building and rebuild into a middle school. Highland neighborhood kids
244 shouldn't have to go all the way to Franklin for middle school. It's my understanding that the school
245 already owns land across from the Wellness Complex on Olympus and that should be made into the new

246 high school. I will almost always vote yes to give the school district more money. It's always an
247 investment in our future. Thank you for gathering feedback.

248 We need another high school in Chubbuck area the busing the kids in Chubbuck all the way across town
249 just to go to Poky is ridiculous.

250 We are already taxed enough. Two of your buttons doesn't work 1st one is in option 2 the (do not
251 support) and the 2nd one is in 125 million bond (against) that button doesn't work either. Not an
252 accurate vote. Reminds me of the 2020 election.

253 I think our community would be better served putting an additional high school and middle school in the
254 chubbuck/ tyhee area to allow for population growth and keep our area schools all in the 4a size range.

255 Highland doesn't need new facilities

256 Schools are so overcrowded I think turning it into another elementary or middle is brilliant! We need
257 more schools. If this gives us an excuse to build one YES YES YES!

258 i understand there needs to be more schools, but I don't know if there needs to be 2 that close, I'd
259 rather fix that one and build another high school somewhere needed

260 Why would the bond amount be so large for a new high school with the insurance payments? Is it
261 possible to build a new high school in the current location? Changing the parking lot and some things to
262 improve. Ideal for using iron horse stadium and baseball field.

263 "I would strongly support option 3. Given the growth near the Northgate development, it seems very
264 reasonable to build a new higher capacity high school and repurpose the existing school as an
265 elementary or middle school. This option seems the most likely to defer the expense of a potential
266 fourth high school on the north side of the district.

267 "

268 i support option 3 but it would not let me select it.

269 There are other schools in more need of facilities. Like stop sharing lunch rooms with gyms. Bigger
270 librarys. Younger students use them more then older kids.

271 Would it really require a 115-125 million dollars for option 3. Sounds like a very inflated price for that?

272 Allow Highland high school to accept donation funding from local churches and private donations to
273 help ease the costs of rebuilding so we have a improved school. Look into utilizing rockwool for
274 insulation to prevent future fire spreads.

275 This is Jesse Ward. I would be a vocal supporter of passing a bond and encourage all to vote for it.

276 Location of a proposed new high school will be a huge factor in whether I would support a bond for a
277 new High School. The location of Century High School in relation to the majority of students/zones is and
278 was one of the worst decisions made. I don't know if I have faith that my tax dollars will be spent wisely
279 and with my family in mind.

280 The school district needs to look at the future of its students and help accommodate the needs of the
281 growing community. A new school will bring in more educators and allow the current schools to be able
282 to provide a better education for learners. This district has a reputation of not looking at the future and
283 this could help change that and give students the kind of facility they deserve to be successful. Even if
284 Highland was rebuilt to it's current footprint we still need more schools for the learners so there is not
285 overcrowding like there is now and utilize the land the district already owns.

286 Make Highland the gem of Pocatello!

287 "PLEASE lets not use bandaid solutions. Let's take this opportunity to do it right! You know a new
288 Elementary, Middle School and High School will all be needed in the short term (elementary now!) in the
289 Highland area. Just bite the bullet and do it now. The community will be 10x's more likely to support
290 this bond now in the wake of the fire, than in 5 years when we have just finished putting a bandaid on
291 HHS and we need another facility desperately. PLEASE Pocatello area needs good sports and
292 arts/theater facilities like other High Schools in our state. We (all 3 High Schools) have ALWAYS
293 operated with old, cheap, borrowed, bottom of the barrel solutions. (Century was outdated the second
294 it was completed). Let's build something great!

295 One more thought- I dont think it needs to be named Highland High School if we build a new one. Let's
296 start new!"

297 Sincere transparency. Often choices either don't reflect what the public wants or the decisions are made
298 without public knowledge.

299 It's important that we make the most of a bad situation and plan ahead. Our schools are growing, we
300 need more space.

301 I don't think Highland should benefit from the fire while the rest of the high schools still need repairs
302 and help.

303 Having the Highland kids at Century was a good bandage for the problem but it shouldn't continue into
304 the next school year if possible. That wasn't great for Century's ERR students and would only hinder the
305 incoming ERR freshman's ability to adapt to the new environment.

306 I feel as though our school district and city need additional schools for our children to be able to attend.
307 I believe that Pocatello area is going to continue to grow and we would be wise to turn Highland HS into
308 a middle school or elementary and build a new larger high school. I was born and raised here in
309 Pocatello and we need to ensure that Pocatello is well suited for growth into our future.

310 Be bold. Think big. Build a pool,too

311 Tax payers already paid money for a new football field. That school would not work for an elementary
312 school football field to dangerous for little kids.

313 Highlands design is not the most functional, would be better to redesign or build new.

314 A large part of my decision would be based on knowing where the new high school would be located.

315 I would like to know where the SD wants to build the new school before making a decision whether I
316 would support a bond. Century never should have been built south of town.

317 It's time to give Pocatello/Chubbuck a 4th high school.

318 Please consider what ever you do and so it right without the mind set of what is "fair" our
319 community has missed out on so many amazing opportunities because it wasn't going to be fair for
320 everyone! Let's make something great that we can be proud of!

321 I really want the kids physically attending school full time in the fall. Online days seem to end up with
322 little work assigned and less learning.

323 I would only support this if the school was built in Chubbuck. We already have two high schools in
324 pocatello it's time to put one in Chubbuck. SD25 already has land in Chubbuck and has land that it could
325 sell across from the wellness complex to help cover costs.

326 You have an opportunity to plan for the future with the insurance money and bond money. We are a
327 town that will continue to grow and we will have to have another high school in the next 15 years. You
328 have the chance to build highland to occupy 2500+ students. If highland is going to have to compete in
329 6A athletics they need better facilities. What they have had to deal with has been bad.

330 Highland has been in a severe state of disrepair for quite some time. As a current HHS educator, there
331 have been many times I have felt unsafe in the building and this was before the fire. Pipes bursting,
332 electrical outlets sparking, mold growth, unsanitary restroom conditions...all of these things come with
333 an old building. We've been relying on patchwork band-aide fixes for far too long, and it seems like a
334 massive waste of funds to continue with this type of "solution." Aside from safety concerns, our student
335 population is growing and I believe the best plan of action would be build something that will
336 accomodate our current and future needs. We're a 5A school and it's time we had a facility that
337 reflected this status with pride.

338 If property taxes were not so expensive right now, I would be all for a new school. Until this tax increase
339 ends, I am putting the brakes on for this one.

340 I feel that the amount of money being considered could help in so many other areas of the school
341 district. Other schools are far below par, kids are freezing in the winter, hot in the summer, conditions
342 are embarrassing. Fix the overall problems, do not dump money into what you are considering. It makes
343 no sense if you care about your current and future learners across your school district.

344 It is time for a new high school that can support growth geographically. My students should attend HHS
345 as it is less than 2 miles away but attend 10 miles away because of the boundaries.

346 I'm open to new facilities, expansion. It's just not clear if Highland needs to be updated/expanded. Also,
347 is SD25 in need of a new elementary or middle school? This information would influence my decision
348 and potentially in favor of a bond.

349 You are doing a good job

350 Build better multipurpose auditorium/gym. Don't just replace current gym.

351 It still seems like there are more options. We would also be wise to have plans for another high school
352 soon, and make sure it is in a reasonable location. I'm still irritated that Century was built so far away.

353 My property taxes just went up substantially, along with everyone else that owns a home in Pocatello. i
354 know my home value went up, but I cant just go sell my home and buy a cheaper one, therefore I am
355 stuck paying more and more taxes as well as the higher costs for everything else in our current
356 economy. I will not support additional taxes beyond the regular ongoing levies in place.

357 Please do not ask citizens of Bannock county to support more taxes on properties. We are already one
358 of the highest taxed counties in Idaho.

359 If a bond passed I would like to see some upgrades in the existing schools as well.

360 Thank you for asking for input.

361 If the proposed property placed my children within a different boundary line for a different high school I
362 would not agree to the bond for a new structure. However, I would vote for upgrading the current
363 building if that were the case. I bought my house with the intention of my children being within
364 Highland boundaries. If this impacts the boundary lines I strongly feel that needs to be included for the
365 voters to know, as many people select their hone purchases based off of boundary lines. I would support
366 a 6th grade only, or combined 5th/6th grade building with middle school being 7th and 8th similar to
367 some other surrounding communities.

368 Only one chance to get a future gym choir and performance up to the next level. Would love to see the
369 new gym have an upper walk around path like Poky and extensive bathroom facilities on the east side
370 that would serve both basketball and football crowds.

371 It's unfortunate that the school burnt down its not the tax payers responsibility to shoulder that burden.
372 We as tax payers are barely hanging on as prices on everything are going up we can not afford another
373 increase to taxes. Pay off 1 school before you want the community to pay for another .

374 Fully support education and oppportunities to improve facilities

375 I feel that we should rebuild highland and then build another Camus. Most importantly we should have
376 no hybrid students at all! It would not be a good idea to relocate the high school considering the
377 extensive funds used to build indoor and out door facilities.

378 Build a beautiful new school for highland in Chubbuck area where there is the most growth /population

379 If you can continue to get the public as much information as possible, then we can make informed
380 decisions to feel better about and support a bond.

381 I would like to see Highland add a great weightroom that will help athletes and those students who just
382 want to take weight training. Nice and big

383 Highland area is over due for a nice high school for the attraction of other activities

384 I would support rebuilding Highland to its current footprint AS WELL AS passing a bond to build a
385 FOURTH high school. It would be nice to have two 5A schools and two 4A schools. There has been so
386 much growth and it appears that there will continue to be more growth and this is a good opportunity
387 to look ahead.

388 This is unrelated to the highland situation. However- I would love to see a 4 day school week be
389 SERIOUSLY considered.

390 Would like to have clarification on the timeframes for each option

391 I think before asking the public to fund a measure, to add to our existing footprint or to even repair what
392 we have if it hasn't already begun, I would like to see that for each given bond, there is a plan, a rough
393 budget, architecture and statement of understanding of our current situation. I do not know what the
394 needs are around additional elementary schools, but I do know we need a high school.

395 Build a new school!

396 Thankyou for doing this for the learners! They need a nice and safe place to learn- they are our future.

397 I would like more information on where an additional property would be or how an improvement would
398 accommodate the entire community before supporting a bond.

399 I can see the value of designing a new HS and using the existing Highland HS building as a junior high or
400 elementary school. Our area is seeing population growth. We should put money towards benefiting the
401 learning environment for our next generations.

402 "If Highland HS was repurposed for an elementary school, my concern is it would be too big for an
403 elementary school. Most elementary schools in Poky are not this big.

404 As a voter, I would like to see the number of students in elementary, middle school, and high school and
405 expected projected increases in students in each of those areas. Do we need a high school more than a
406 middle school & elementary school? Do we need a middle school or elementary school more than a high
407 school? Where is the projected growth?

408 No matter what the plan, the district will need to be extremely transparent! I cannot stress this enough!
409 Numbers, data, reasons, explanations, etc to have the trust and support of the public. And this
410 information must be easily accessible. Not on the district website under minutes from a meeting. That
411 does not feel transparent. I see this as an opportunity to plan for the future, but I need all the
412 information to feel like I can be all in! Good luck! I feel like this survey is a great start! "

413 Due to property taxes, I'm paying more on my mortgage here in Pocatello than I paid for a more
414 expensive house at a higher interest rate in Seattle. In the meantime, my pay is 2/3 what I made in
415 Seattle. For me to be able to afford additional bonds, the city of Pocatello needs to reduce their taxation
416 by the amount of the bonds. Alternatively, let me buy municipal bonds at a reasonable rate of return
417 that allows me to get ahead of inflation.

418 I think we need to at least improve upon Highland's facilities as we rebuild.

419 It would be helpful to know where a new high school would be located. I am also wondering the need
420 for an elementary and/or middle school. If there is a need and option 3 isn't picked, then is that need
421 just ignored for now- all things I think a voter would like to know.

422 There's more important things the school could spend that money on at this point.

423 What ever solution is chosen there needs to be immediate and urgent need placed on returning all
424 learners to a full schedule of classes every day. hybrid learning is not an effective learning experience for
425 all learners. If a hybrid schedule is proposed we will be looking to move our student to a school that can
426 accommodate a full day every day schedule.

427 Let's rebuild highland in the right way! Our learners deserve BETTER schools!!!

428 "I think highland is being outgrown by century and pocatello h.s. and a new school to house more
429 students is greatly needed especially with the rate that pocatello city is growing.

430 Also I would imagine most students would agree especially after spending time in century and seeing
431 how nice it is and bright compared to the dark hallways and class rooms of highland."

432 I believe we need to come up with a plan that suits the present as well as the future. We have the
433 means and ability to make Highland a wonderful place to go to high school. This is one of the most
434 important pieces of our community. I believe that we need to treat our children and consequently our
435 future as though they are invaluable. The better we facilitate their upbringing and education, the better
436 life is for everyone in our community. Let's band together and do the very best we possibly can. On this
437 project and district wide. Thank you!

438 The only reason I would vote to just rebuild in original footprint would be so my Son won't be on hybrid.
439 I realize that the smartest thing would be to rebuild from another set of plans enhancing the building.

440 Would love to know how long it would take to build a new high school and what the plan is for the
441 current highland students while that occurs.

442 Highland HS should be completely rebuilt for the future, and to accommodate the tremendous growth
443 that will continue in the Highland and new LDS Temple area.

444 We have tons of growth and will need a new school anyway

445 I suggest looking at how tornado ravaged communities have handled rebuilding their schools,
446 specifically Joplin High in Joplin, Missouri after the 2011 F5 tornado, and nearby communities, such as
447 the Webb City R7 district, which received federal funding after the Joplin tornado. Both school districts
448 took a future/focused approach to their facilities. Thsts what's needed. I hope the district is not short-
449 sighted in its approach to this tragedy.

450 Would like more info on the specifics of how money would be spent and potential sites for new school
451 before voting in a bond.

452 As a teacher who works for Highland, I believe in the long run, knocking down the old infrastructure and
453 building new infrastructure update to date with current codes and needs of the teachers, student body,
454 and growth of Pocatello, would better serve the community. Patching things up here and there will
455 eventually cost more than a rebuild and will not keep up with the demands of the teachers, students,
456 and technology.

457 Do what is needed

458 My oldest is a learner at Century

459 We likely won't get an opportunity to significantly improve HHS to this extent in the near future. Please
460 capitalize on this opportunity.

461 I have seen far too much money WASTED at the SD25 level and will not vote for or support any bond or
462 levy in the future.

463 Brand new school is the only answer here. Pocatello needs new schools to attract new residents and
464 grow businesses

465 We Desperately need another elementary school in this highland area. Both of the elementary schools
466 close are bursting at the seams with new houses going in all the time. Students are having to be bust out
467 of the area. Regardless of how this photo goes, you need to consider another elementary school in this
468 area or vast enlargements to the ones here.

469 We should have smoke detectors, sprinkler systems, and fire hydrants wherever the fire department
470 says we should. Don't skirt the city codes!

471 "Highland High School has the lowest quality performing arts facilities in the district and in the whole
472 Southeast Idaho region. We do not have an auditorium that can be performed in by the band, choir, or
473 orchestra and it barely works for the drama department. There are many smaller schools in the area
474 that have much better facilities than Highland does. The performing arts at Highland are doing so well
475 and deserve a beautiful acoustical space to perform in, the gym just doesn't cut it. This is the perfect
476 time to build back in a way that meets the needs of all learners of Highland, including the students in the
477 performing arts.

478 There were so many issues at Highland even before the fire. There were so many band-aids fixing
479 electrical, plumbing, and other problems. I feel if we just add on to the existing footprint that it will just
480 compound those issues.

481 We really need a new school with updated performing arts facilities to have an equitable experience for
482 our students as compared to students at other schools in the area, and not just 5A schools, but 4A and
483 3A as well."

484 I feel elementary facilities need to be addressed as well as the obvious repairs for the High School.

485 If a new high school were to be built, I think highland high school should stay a high school as well. Our
486 high schools are reaching their max capacity, and I feel we need another high school to help with our
487 growing numbers.

488 My father and his siblings all graduated from Highland and my grandmother taught English there for
489 years. I live in the same house they did and would like my children to attend Highland but we are not in
490 the boundaries as they are. I support the options of expanding Highland or building a new school while
491 repurposing the current building as a middle or elementary school, especially if my children can attend
492 and carry on the Highland tradition.

493 "Although I believe there is need for a new middle and elementary school (maybe even more) I do not
494 agree with using the Highland site as such. I would like to see Highland built taller with a second level,
495 rather than make a larger footprint. If we go up rather than out, it will provide the space needed for the
496 learners of the future to be successful, while using the space we have and being smart with funds. There
497 wouldn't be a need for a larger lot, and you would still be able to support the influx in students as the
498 community continues to grow. In addition, the facilities at Highland are more high school appropriate. In
499 my opinion it doesn't make sense to have all that space, that huge parking lot, the massive field with
500 ample seating being used for a middle or elementary school.

501 I am an alum of Highland and was pretty ignorant to outside of my little highschool bubble until I had my
502 own children and they started attending SD25 schools. Then, after working in the district and having my
503 kids attend Pocatello high school, I saw some huge differences in support from community members
504 from Highland to Poky to Century. It is quite apparent, and there is still a level of problems with the
505 equity of the High schools. Poky lacks all of the things that Highland and Century has including a parking
506 lot for their students, a baseball field, football field, and track field on the school premises. Luckily with
507 the community support they were able to complete some very needed upgrades to Poky, however they
508 were necessary upgrades to keep the students safe and provide more space for their classes, not to
509 make it the biggest, fanciest, shiniest school. I think a good compromise would be a small levy to build a
510 second level at the existing Highland, and then look at getting a middle school in the Chubbuck area.
511 Maybe even a Middle School/Elementary combo space like Alameda and Lewis and Clark are.

512 I would support the larger levy of 125 million if a Middle School of roughly 118,000 sq feet (roughly 59
513 million) and an Elementary School of 85,000 sq feet (roughly 42.5 million) at \$500 per sq ft. plus the \$25
514 million in upgrades to the existing Highland school. It's a thought and a consideration I think should be
515 looked at."

516 I would support additional funding being spread throughout school district 25, not just highland high
517 school:

518 NA

519 Only use the insurance money - we can't afford to do anything else in this economy!!!!

520 District 25 has a rotten track record for placing schools. With Century's terrible placement, why should
521 we trust our money to go towards a school that is close to students and that is walkable for our kids?
522 You'll pick a spot where the land is cheap instead of picking a spot that works better for the community.
523 Hard vote no on any bonds for a new school or significant expansion of the current footprint of what
524 already is a 5A school.

525 Our property taxes are already ridiculously high. Maybe the city officials should try saving a little money
526 to fund this project!

527 An improvement in our community is an improvement for families both now and in the future. I am
528 willing to give up eating out once a month so I can help build a better future for our community.

529 I do not have a child that will attend Highland in the future as my kids will go to a different school
530 however, to put a bandaid over a building that is already 60+ years old shouldn't be an option and to
531 build a school that will only house 1800 students is not a good idea. If we're going to start anew, do it
532 right and have it be able to house at minimum 2000 students with all the growth potential that appears
533 to be coming. Otherwise we'll be building two schools in the next 15-20 years instead of one.

534 Did not like the in person and distant learning split between highland and century. It greatly affected my
535 learner in a negative way, even for a short period. Just get highland rebuilt and back to normal business
536 please! As it is the high school boundaries are unequal in the first place. I live 2 miles from highland and
537 6 miles from century but forced to go to century and wasn't expecting negative changes for my learner.
538 Didn't like the forced sharing of highland and century learners that pushed my learner from better
539 potential due to emergency forced distant learning which by the way is the worst for any kid, especially

540 without a student, parent, or faculty vote as other options were available that may have been better.
541 Thank you.

542 Please build a new school for the future growth in the Pocatello area and not just put a bandaid on the
543 problem!

544 Consider using all the Covid funding to help supplement funds needed for a new school

545 There is no need to spend taxpayer dollars to expand highland where insurance is coving the cost to
546 rebuild. The end of this school year was shit show by disrupting century as well. Teachers were checked
547 out and didn't provide what they should have to our kids. I am against partial remote learning coupled
548 with partial days at century, poky or any other school. Remote through Covid was better than this years
549 hybrid model. I would rather have them home schooled over that mess.

550 One of the reasons I said I am not for the bond for building a new school is because making it a school
551 for only 1800 students isn't very forward thinking. I think it needs to be made to fit the growth for at
552 least 20 years. I think Century was built in 1999. That is over 20 years ago. And we still had to do all the
553 building and construction on Pocatello High, and then Highland has been jam packed. It takes a long
554 time to build a school and many resources. Let's think 20-30 years into the future and plan for that
555 many kids so we don't have to do this again soon. Even if that is just adding that many more classrooms
556 and nice facilities onto the part of Highland that didn't burn down. And if we build onto Highland, let's
557 update it to feel a little nicer.

558 It's a difficult situation right now. Taxpayers are already struggling with exorbitant inflation and wages
559 are not keeping up with inflation. Property assessments are extremely high already and adding to that is
560 a huge burden. Do what you can to minimize the effects to the taxpayer and utilize the insurance.

561 I like the plans for improvement, but based on current financial situation believe that the additional
562 taxes would create a financial strain on my household that I cannot support.

563 While the numbers may seem reasonable people simply cannot afford an increase in their taxes.
564 Especially as it increases other bills as well. Inflation is a severe problem right now.

565 "I've heard that Taysom Hill has offered to donate to the school / football programs why can't his money
566 be excepted?

567 and that tommy Togiaj has offered to donate money for a new weight room but both where told no
568 why it's no different then other schools getting money from other businesses "

569 With the improvements to Highland High School's fields, it would be a shame if we abandoned them.
570 Have you considered phasing construction to keep the high school at its current location but do an
571 entire school replacement? It would require a longer construction time but I believe it could be done.

572 I believe that Highland has been neglected for quite some time and is the main factor in the fire and our
573 current situation. Perhaps some of the excessive amount of money spent on Pocatello HS should have
574 been redirected to Highland to help avoid the fire and many other issues they have experienced recently
575 (sewer water in the weight room for example). I have had kids at Century and Highland and the
576 difference in upkeep is drastic. (Please make sure you don't let Century fall by the wayside either.)
577 Investing in education is important.

578 Above all, do what is best for the students, with an eye to the future as well as the present. For every
579 challenge, an opportunity.

580 I read Superintendent Howell's article, but I feel like several things were not explained. Mostly I am
581 wondering if there is a need for a new high school? And is there a need for a new middle school? And is
582 there a need for a new elementary school? If there is a need, why? Is this need based on population
583 growth or something else? Something else like condition of buildings? I would support and vote for a
584 bond if I believed there was a need for new facilities. Honestly right now I don't think I have enough
585 information to answer the above questions feeling fully informed.

586 It's time to upgrade to a facility that is competitive with what we see for other 5A class schools
587 throughout the state. let's do for and set ourselves up with a high class facility for decades to come.

588 Do not make students go online.

589 Thank you for your thoughtful and thorough approach to solving the problems caused by this crisis.

590 While a new school would be fantastic, to lose the history and legacy of Highland High School in a new
591 location is hard to adjust to. I would love to see the current location enhanced to be a top notch
592 learning facility.

593 The current school situation screwed so many kids out of quality education. I was lied to when I brought
594 it up. They told me century students would have active learning on their off days.

595 Timing of the alternatives: to me it is imperative that in-person, full-time occurs 23-24!

596 Fix Highland with insurance and use the extra money to have two teachers of every grade in all of the
597 elementary's without worrying about attendance or enrollment. Just let the elementary's have the staff
598 they need without begging for it. No more doubling up grade levels or flipping a teacher back and forth
599 each year in the elementary's. Let teachers only worry about one grade level in elementary. You have
600 the fund to do this. It's called COVID funds that you are hoarding.

601 Let's build a beautiful 5A school we can be proud of that meets the needs of the children, staff and
602 community as a whole!

603 We are taxed enough!

604 The important thing is to get the learners back in their home school as soon as possible.

605 I feel people would be more likely to vote for a higher bond if they knew what the money was going to.
606 For example, if rebuilding in the same place but enhancing Highland, what does that entail? A new
607 auditorium? Etc. Give the public more details about what each option includes over the others. Kind of
608 like when you compare phones or computers and there's a list of things they all include and things
609 specific to each one. I hope that makes sense.

610 The current building has had flooding, a bathroom out of use due to needing repairs, a giant fan running
611 non stop in the hall, was in the process of repairing the roofing all before the fire.

612 Making the gym more like thunder ridge with weighs being moved to a much larger space would be
613 amazing, but replacing the entire school is not necessary

614 This is a difficult decision with so many facets. I support whichever decision the board puts forward.
615 My biggest concern is the time that a bond will require, especially if it doesn't pass. The few years that
616 it will take to build will be difficult ones for everyone at Highland with so many "temporary/ permanent"
617 accommodations. It's terrifying to think of going forward with a bond vote and building plan, only to
618 have it fail at election and be back to the drawing board with a year wasted.

619 Taxes on education are already high. We need to just fix the school and move forward.

620 If you build a new school please do it right. Spend the \$\$\$ the first time.

621 Replacing the facility as it exists today would be a waste of past and future tax dollars.

622 Focus on education. Less sports. Less fancy buildings. Pay the teachers more. You spend the money in
623 the wrong places.

624 I could be willing to support the 3rd option if I knew the location of the new school, could see the plans
625 and had an understanding of the technology that would be used in the school and athletic facilities.
626 Based on some of the past decisions made by the school district regarding the location and uses of
627 funds for the schools and athletic facilities, I'm hesitant to give them a blank check for 125 M.

628 I have a child at Century high school and the gym facilities are dismal. If a new school or seriously
629 upgraded school are on the table, century needs some consideration. Especially a new gym and
630 bathroom facilities by the football stands.

631 What is the time limit on the bond? How long do we expect to pay the extra tax?

632 I'm against it because the bond goes off the value of my home. Why should I pay more on a bond than
633 everyone else that's home value is lower than mine.

634 Our taxes have already gone up substantially, I do not support the proposal for essentially our taxes
635 increases even more than they already have.

636 Property taxes are already very high, and the school district just bought the Allstate building.

637 Why wouldn't option 2 or another option include a new middle school if option 3 also includes
638 transforming highland to a "new" middle school? I believe another middle school is necessary in
639 the near future. Is there an alternative plan down the road for a MS if option 3 is off the table?

640 I'm absolutely not ok with additional bonds for repairing the school that already had insurance to cover
641 the cost of repairs. We have too many current bonds.

642 Please do everything you can to maintain full time, in person learning for all SD25 students throughout
643 the rebuilding process.

644 Rebuild Highland, but rebuild it the right way. There's no reason the second largest city in Idaho/us does
645 not have comparable facilities to every other city in the state we should be able to host state events for
646 all three high schools this district often does things multiple times, or Pieces things together to get by.
647 It's time we had a proper high school facility. I would also support a bond that would include renovating
648 and enhancing the gym at century and renovating and enhancing a weight room/wrestling facility for
649 Pocatello High School. Pocatello High School was given additional classrooms, but their athletic facilities

650 are still significantly lagging behind where they should be. There's no reason for this. Purchased some of
651 the slum housing around that school and invest in proper facilities for our second largest high school.

652 Please don't combine high schools any more. My child was heading towards straight A's until the online
653 was started this last month.

654 It would have been easier to get a bond to pass before property taxes increased so dramatically over the
655 last several years

656 If we could figure something out between the first & second choice, I believe a lot more of our
657 community would be on board. We definitely need to rebuild Highland High School, but we do not need
658 to go overboard just because it is in the Satterfield area.

659 I feel that something needs to be done to fix Highlnds current situation for sure!! I would be willing to
660 pay to make it better than it was even. However, we have three high schools in the district. I have
661 children that attend Century High School and its athletic facilities have ALWAYS been more like a middle
662 school. It would be nice to fix Highland and then do something so Century's gymnasium was as good as
663 Pocatello and Highlnds always have been. Thanks for being willing to take input.

664 New school needs a new name

665 Build it back with insurance money only

666 Highland Highschool does not need any special treatment. The parents and students that attend are
667 entitled and act as though they are elite compared to other Highschools and students.

668 Pocatello has some of the highest taxes in the state. It's very easy for spending to get out of control and
669 plenty of good sounding excuses why to spend. Just because a school was damaged by fire is no reason
670 to justify new large expenditures.

671 Thank you for your leadership!

672 I support the upgrades and hope the drama department has some additional consideration given the
673 dilapidated condition of the auditorium.

674 We are selling our kids short if we do not provide them comparable facilities that we are seeing across
675 the state. I know our demographic is pretty tough, but the schools around the state even in smaller
676 towns are more updated and advanced, especially when it comes to sports facilities.

677 I would be interested in Option 3 ONLY if the location of a new High School were closer to Chubbuck and
678 easily accessible with minimal interruption to traffic patterns.

679 The area needs a new elementary and a better larger high school. This is the best chance to get that
680 done for the community.

681 Where is the bond to update older elementary schools?

682 Build a brand new school and pass a bond while we still have support.

683 I do feel the insurance claim, bond money from previous bonds that have been passed and not very
684 descriptive in where monies will be allocated, and the funds that have been accumulated as a build up in

685 the School Districts Accounts. The amount of our property taxes levied to School District 25 is already
686 extremely high. If used appropriately, there is plenty there. Knowing the amount of money sitting in
687 School Districts Warehouse in the form of 1 year old, completely functional desk tops, laptops, iPads,
688 and a multitude of other pieces of equipment and learning tools that were traded out for a newer
689 model, makes me pause when voting to give you more. Also the States contributions are plenty
690 including, but bot limited to, lottery, liquor tax, tobacco tax, and LGIP monies distributed by the County.
691 There is a crazy amount of grants that can also be applied for. I don't mind paying my dues to help my
692 child and all the other children in our community recieve a quality education. The fact that School
693 District 25 has some of the lowest testing scores in the state, is disappointing considering their funding is
694 among the highest. I believe a re-assessment needs to be done over inventory and budget before asking
695 the tax payers for 125M more in bond funding.

696 Let's build for the future!

697 The taxes on our home has almost doubled in the last 10-years living in Pocatello. I do not support a
698 huge bond and the associated increased taxes of more than a \$500-a year-increase. Traditionally large
699 bonds do not pass for Pocatello elections. I fully support a small bond to rebuild and improve the
700 structures from before the fire. Furthermore, I would like accountability for the nearly 100% increase in
701 our current taxes on our home. The city and therefore Pocatello School District 25 should already have
702 excess funds on-hand currently to rebuild Highland due to doubling property taxes over the last 10-years
703 (which far exceeds inflation).

704 Any significant new facilities should be built in Chubbuck area as that's where growth will continue to
705 occur; doesn't make sense to have the number of students in the Chubbuck area commuting through
706 town just to attend a historically emotional location. Traffic impacting all could be better
707 accommodated through Chubbuck.

708 I am a huge fan of taking lemons and making lemonade. The opportunity to upgrade secondary school
709 facilities will never be more cost effective than they are now

710 Thank you for taking future learning seriously. I would be willing to fully support and help gain support
711 for a bond to ensure the students in our community have a safe space to learn (with room to grow) for
712 years to come.

713 I think we ought to use this chance to build something similar to Madison high and that be an asset to
714 our community for years to come.

715 "1) The options on this survey need work - I like options 1 and 2 but am willing to consider option 3

716 2) You're gonna need to sell me and the public on option 3 given the costs"

717 This is the opportunity to do something forward thinking - don't rush this decision. Thank you for
718 involving the public - can't make this without public support. Will you hold town hall meetings for
719 further input?

720 I definitely think going forward for school this fall HH and CHS should not be combined in any way.
721 Students are not at all happy with the blend and this takes away from their education. HH students need
722 to be housed elsewhere.

723 If possible, look at building near the new day / I-15 interchange. There is enough land and it has easy
724 accessibility for vehicles.

725 The use of the word "learner" has got to stop! It makes our school district sound illiterate. It's just a ploy
726 to make us think our children are "learning" instead of being students of greatness.

727 With the growth in the city and the numbers the way they are, something needs to be done about the
728 schools at all levels. The two elementary schools in our neighborhood are always at capacity, the middle
729 schools are full, and there is going to need to be more room at the highschool level.

730 I'm unsure if the bonds affect tax payers outside of highland high school boundaries.

731 Where would this new high school be located, we need one in Chubbuck

732 I know we need more schools including another high school or a bigger high school. However, I also
733 know we have population growth which means more money in property taxes. You elected officials
734 need to learn to save some of that extra money from population growth and put it towards more
735 schools. Instead of spending it all.

736 I am in favor of rebuilding, but I just want to know what will happen with the students next year, if they
737 decide to rebuild. Where they will go?

738 N/A

739 Other options? what about selling highland and building a new, larger school elsewhere

740 They need to do whatever is quickest and can get the highland students back at their school. It's not fair
741 to them or the students at century to have to be forced to only go every other day and then do virtual.

742 The school district has millions of dollars saved up. I would hope they would use some of that money
743 instead of making the tax payers supply it all through another bond. Our property taxes are already one
744 of the highest if not the highest in the state yet we seem to have some of the worst facilities. It doesn't
745 add up to me. However I do support better schools for our kids. I would like an option where we do the
746 insurance, a smaller bond and use some donations and saved up school district money.

747 I support a bond for building a new school if it includes plans for industrial technology shops.

748 Thank you for sending this survey. It is appreciated.

749 I would register to vote just to vote for these!

750 I think we're in need of more school buildings but why does a new build highschool need to
751 accommodate twice as many students (1800) as we currently have in our other high schools?

752 "Highland has always had an issue with parking, the space is not big enough to fit our growing
753 population, and a change needs to be made while we have the opportunity.

754 I propose buying new land in North Chubbuck, building a new high school, and creating a high school
755 called Gateway High school. "

756 Does it really cost \$100,000,000 to build a new high school?

757 I am not in Highland boundaries but I support improving the aging Highland infrastructure. though I do
758 fear asking too much financial input from the local taxpayers will result in a bond failure

759 The chance to improve student learning should be explored. Modernization of facilities is lagging
760 We already have too many bonds. The SD needs to learn to work within its current means.

761 What kind of bond is it? Performance bond? Payment bond?

762 The third option is the most forward thinking and best plan for the long term; with the current and
763 projected growth, this option is the most appropriate.

764 Please stop taxing us and live within your budget like we all have to do!!

765 You have teach the future generation to live within a budget. Inflation has increased all costs and raising
766 our taxes due to bonds is not the right solution.

767 We have a chance to create a school for the growth that we are expected to see in the next few years.
768 Highland is at or over capacity and those students deserve a space that meets all their needs. While I see
769 the appeal of running an option where no bond is necessary, we run the risk of only seeing our crowding
770 issue increasing and expenses rising as well.

771 I think that we need more information about how this will impact the current students at Highland. My
772 daughter is currently a Freshman, and I would prefer her not to do online or hybrid her entire high
773 school career. I think these students are all ready behind from COVID and now they will not be in person
774 learning again. As a parent I want to know how you plan to deal with this during this rebuilding time.

775 Quit wasting money & rebuild what was already there. Our inflation rate is too high as it is. We are
776 about to go into a recession & you want to spent up to \$125 million on a new school? It's stupid!

777 There are a few things that concern me when it comes to the \$125 million dollar Bond option. First, will
778 the school district pay a fair price for land? There were rumors that an unfair price was paid for the
779 property Century is on. Second, an 1800 student building isn't that big: It would seem at Highland's
780 current growth rate, they would be bursting at the seams again within a few years; for option 2, the
781 enhancements outlined were unclear as to whether or not additional classrooms would be part of a plan
782 to increase capacity. Finally, how long would a bond be in place to fund the build? Highland families are
783 some the most dynamic advocates who have historically paid higher taxes. I believe they need and
784 deserve the best option for their children.

785 Some of us cannot afford our homes if taxes go up.

786 I would like to see local vendors and service / product providers given a 10% advantage over any out of
787 pocatello contractors for this bid!!! Keep our money in the community!!!

788 Why is our district targeting a large classification school at 1800 students while all other districts are
789 building to 2400?

790 Need to remove the administration, they really don't have the best interest of the students in SD25.

791 Find grants etc. Use the government for funding. We the people don't need to fund the Rockefeller
792 education system!!

793 Tell the truth about what started the fire!! You know what caused it. People know it wasn't what you
794 are saying it was!! The truth will come out so you should just own it and tell the truth.

795 We need more room in our schools. A new high school needs capacity for more than 1800 students.
796 Pocatello needs another grade school and middle school. I think of all the housing we have added to
797 Pocatello in the last 20 years. Not a single new school has been built. Our property taxes have gone up
798 significantly over the past 5 years. Where is that going? At least this way, I see it going somewhere.

799 "Edahow Elementary is going to need more space , the high school would be a great space. The ERR
800 students might need a bigger classroom than the one they have now. Also a few of the upper grade
801 classrooms are a tight fit as well. Thanks for asking this question. My children will attend high school in
802 2028 or 2029. I want them to have the best facility possible at that time and I think the current building
803 is too old. In addition I know an architect that built two high schools in Pearland TX. I might be able to
804 get him to submit plans for the high school here. To view the finished schools you can go to the Pearland
805 ISD website and look at Shadow Creek High school and Robert Turner High School. I know just having the
806 plans drawn up costs a fortune. I'm not sure if the plans would be available but I could check on it or my
807 friend might be willing to consult on the project.

808 You can call me at 832-643-5110.

809 Thank You,
810 Sherilyn Edwards"

811 I think turning Highland into a middle school and building another high school is prudent based on the
812 growth we've experienced in our area.

813 It would be better to rebuild and improve highland high-school at it's current location, so that current
814 learners have a chance to actually attend a "highland" high school while improving academics and
815 sports/other activities for current and future students.

816 We need a middle school and a high school! But the "new" highland needs to be close to the
817 students who are currently in highland boundaries.

818 We need to rebuild

819 I am not in support of CHS to continue with virtual learning for an extended period of time.

820 It's time to step up out game and be on a level playing field (no pun intended) as other competing high
821 schools. They put us to shame when it comes to facilities that these young athletes have access too.

822 Get the school fixed as quickly as possible. I will not support online learning or my son going to another
823 high school, especially Poky High.

824 No more hybrid learning

825 Great job navigating this unfortunate situation.

826 I'm not sure an 1800 student high school will be enough. If you are going to build a new school build it
827 bigger than you need. At the same time since our property value has gone through the roof I don't think
828 I can vote for more to be paid in taxes at this time.

829 In this time when inflation is high and finances are tight for everyone, I don't think it's wise to add more
830 financial burden. It is more prudent to replace what we already have and continue to use it effectively.

831 If the school is good enough to repair and be a elementary or middle school, then I feel it's good enough
832 to be repaired to serve as a high school. This also won't be a tax burden on our community.

833 "I am in favor of a bond IF the Board of Trustees FIRST completes an assessment of ALL the buildings in
834 the district, and critically examines enrollment numbers to justify making HHS into a middle or
835 elementary school. It is quite appalling that we have students at Washington Elementary along with
836 other horribly outdated buildings. Please do not state that the community does not support improving
837 facilities. Building upgrades, new schools and higher taxes will be supported if there is thoughtful long
838 range planning, the improvements are equitable and not just at the secondary level, and there is clear
839 budget transparency. Millions upon millions have gone to the secondary facilities and athletic fields and
840 the public has been supportive! ~

841 It is also time to address fiscal irresponsibility of buildings with enrollments less than 225; a ton of
842 overhead for very few students.

843 Please work to build a strong plan for K-12 building improvements that go beyond cheap carpet and a
844 can of paint - our kids and community are worthy of updated learning environments!"

845 If you try and raise my f***ing property taxes again I will fight it with every ounce of my soul. Im sick and
846 tired of SD25 pissing our hard earned tax dollars down the drain on all your stupid BS. Fix highland, do
847 everything you can to not have Century with remote learning days, my students grades tanked this
848 semester because of that. If you don't start having consideration for the hard work people do to EARN
849 their money, I'm sure hell will have a spot reserved for y'all.

850 Take some of the funding away from football an other sports to help rebuild/update the building.

851 More information is needed-where would the "proposed" new high school be located. Are
852 Pocatello HS & Century HS at full capacity? Will the new STEM high school in the former All State
853 building impact those enrollment numbers? What are enrollment numbers? Same with repurposing HHS
854 into an elementary school. What are the numbers at Gate City, Edahow, Tendoy ES? I'd support a true
855 need but property taxes are a touchy subject and they are considered high already. I would also support
856 the recommendations of a task force (comprised of SD25 & community members) that researched this
857 issue and presented its findings.

858 "There is already a divide between Highland and the other two High Schools in town. Over the years,
859 Highland has seemed to receive preferential treatment. It's pretty obvious based on how the Highland
860 parents and Highland students act towards the other two high schools in town. If a new Highland high
861 school is built I'm sure it will be a fantastic facility in every way possible, leaving Poky and Century with,
862 as usual, mediocre everything. Building a brand new high school on a new property for Highland will
863 create even more of a divide in the community then there already is.

864 From a financial standpoint and investment into an asset, it would make sense to take insurance money
865 and invest it into a brand new facility for the future.

866 However, this would turn the current Highland high school into an elementary school or middle school.
867 The question I would ask, do we actually need another elementary or middle school in Pocatello?"

868 Many of our buildings are outdated! Let's not just focus on HHS and stop there. Please work to help HHS
869 and old, outdated facilities across the district. I highly suggest the Superintendent and Board of Trustees
870 travel and tour all the buildings in Madison and Twin Falls.. incredible!!

871 Please consider the financial impact for homeowners. Add to Highland accordingly to meet the growing
872 needs of your learners and community while saving taxpayers the high cost of replacement.

873 How many families of students do not own a home? percentage? Is that the only way to repay the bond
874 is via tax levy on property owned?

875 Build a school like what is being built in the Treasure Valley and make our school(s) better. Stop being
876 cautious with this and build something great. Quit settling for average!

877 It's there such thing as sour cream and onion Doritos? ðŸ˜Š

878 Any improvement or replacement of the facilities must include a proper fine arts facility, including a
879 concert hall (not cafeteria) for music performances and a separate school entrance for arts events.

880 It would be nice if you factored in some of your surplus funds to help alleviate some of the costs to
881 taxpayers in these times of high inflation. We are all having to cut back and sacrifice. Might be a nice
882 gesture to taxpayers if you did.

883 Pocatello has some of the highest property taxes I've ever seen. Although the school is needed, most
884 people cannot afford the increase

885 We deeply appreciate the PCSD staff and boards consideration in these options and the best solutions
886 for our communities and learners! Thank you!

887 Tough choices. Listen to the community. Keep the name.

888 Quit using the term "learner" instead of students. The relabeling of our children needs to stop.
889 Focus on certifying your teachers on important things like CPR and making our schools safer. A small
890 team is not enough. Every teacher needs this simple lifesaving training.

891 Don't believe the school district uses the funds they have now appropriately

892 Want what is best for everyone

893 Use the money to upgrade Century gym facilities before give more to Highland.

894 Desire what is best for everyone. Our learners are our future leaders. Grateful for all that everyone
895 does.

896 Highland is due for an upgrade.

897 I know this isn't top priority right now but our HS swim team have no were to practice in this
898 community. If the decision is made to move the location of Highland and build new would you please
899 look in to the possibility of buying a big enough lot to also have a community indoor pool built and more
900 community indoor gym space. I would be willing to pay more in taxes knowing that this would benefit
901 the community more than just a new school. Thanks

902 Rebuilding and possibly going a little bigger better is great but not an entire new school

903 Build a current 5A school like Thunder Ridge out in the Chubbuck area, tear down Highland and make it
904 another elementary school or combine elementary schools to the new place.

905 Decrease the administrative cost at the district and you will have more money to spend on the kids.
906 Start by getting rid of Sue Petit. She is a waste.

907 Our youth population is only growing. We should build a new facility to keep up.

908 I am a Highland alumni. They were making upgrades my senior year, 1999, I always thought it was very
909 beneficial even though it was a great school already! This could be a great needed update and or
910 remodel for the school.

911 I have always voted in favor of school levies. But beyond having a need for a high school there, I see so
912 many greater needs that this levy wouldn't fulfill. And once this levy is in place, voters would be less
913 likely to add any more levies for other important needs. It seems short -sighted.

914 The district spent money visually enhancing PHS (entrance)without asking for approval - purchased land
915 for a parking lot for PHS. purchased the all state building without asking...HHS NEEDS to be brought to a
916 competitive 5A building and facilities status - It is LONG overdue for that school to receive some
917 financial attention from this district.

918 I am happy to invest more into my taxes if I can see a direct routing of those funds to the schools and
919 especially to their infrastructure

920 You would have my support for a new highschool and repurposes Highland to a Middle school,
921 depending on where the new Highland would be located and only if it had onsite sports facilities as it
922 does now.

923 I believe Highland should be rebuild in place. Option 1, does not place a heavier tax burden on pocatello
924 citizens. With our economy having the highest cost ever for everything, the tax burden will be to much.

925 I feel that if we are to make improvements now is the time due to the fire.

926 location, location, location. A new school to accommodate growth on the north side of the city would be
927 great and then fix the wacky boundaries.

928 Using Highland as a future middle or elementary school and building a new, larger high school, would
929 facilitate the growing population among the Chubbuck and North Pocatello areas. If the property was
930 purchased in the Northgate area, that would prompt future businesses to build near it and homes as
931 well. It would also create the need for more teachers and could create a potential stronger relationship
932 with ISU in helping to promote the need for more teachers during the construction of the new high
933 school.

934 I feel that building a new, improved and larger high school is very needed for the Chubbuck area. It is
935 already severely over crowded and some classrooms don't even have enough desks for their students to
936 sit in. The Chubbuck area is growing at rapid rate and keeping Highland for an additional option for high
937 school or middle school would be a valuable option.

938 It would be helpful for voters to have data on the projected changes to the number of learners who will
939 attend high school in the district over the next 10-20 years. Is there anticipated need for more high

940 school space currently or in the future? This data would help with choosing between option 2 or option
941 3.

942 I love pros and cons lists. Cost is not the only concern, so what are the pros and cons of each scenario
943 described above?

944 I feel we do need to consider the future need of our highschoools during this transition. With estimated
945 growth we need additional space.

946 "Cities across Idaho have built new high schools in the last few decades.

947 Our district has put millions into Pocatello High School during that same approximate time period.

948 We have Century High School that definitely needs some upgrades, i.e. a gym that's worthy of an A4
949 high school. Currently it is more compatible with a middle school gym.

950 In the last few years, the city and school district have thrown out the idea of a new high school being
951 needed in the future. Without a doubt, the future is now! If Highland is repaired and continued to be
952 used as a high school I do not see this community, five years from now voting for ann additional high
953 school."

954 "It seems like a good idea to put a high school a little north of Pocatello. I wonder if that would better
955 accomodate the students on the north side of town and Chubbuck, and could be situated to also allow
956 for improved traffic flow in the neighborhood surrounding the school.

957 I happened to be in Highland High School the week before it burned down, and I was slightly shocked by
958 the run down condition of the school in general. Although I was treated with respect and kindness, I was
959 taken back by the fact that only half of the bathroom stalls were functioning in my building, the paint
960 job was sloppy, and the overall maintenance and cleanliness were sorely lacking.

961 I have been in Century High School many times, and was expecting that the students and teachers at
962 Highland would have the same learning environment, but that simply was not true. I have not been
963 inside of Pocatello High School, but have admired the beauty of their new addition. Clearly, there was
964 tremendous thought and consideration in its creation.

965 I believe that the students at Highland also deserve a beautiful, properly maintained building.

966 As a board you have a tremendous task ahead of you! Thank you for all of your work on behalf of our
967 children, and the employees of this district."

968 Highland, given its size of student body and the continuation of the growth in the population, we need
969 an honest 5A school that can support the growth. This tragic circumstance also provides a window into
970 creating something even better from the ashes. Let us take the opportunity to make things better for
971 our students, staff, and community. I support whatever the board decides.

972 I like where Highland is located but it definitely needs to be upgraded and larger. Everyone around us
973 has much nicer facilities. I also think there needs to be another elementary school nearby since gate city
974 is always full. I would like to see what your plans are before I vote for the larger bonds. Thank you

975 If I knew the proposed location of building a new high school and repurposing HHS, I could be even more
976 supportive of option 3.

977 With all of the land being sold and the growth of the Pocatello/Chubbuck area and the middle schools
978 are starting to get crowded so it would be better to build a whole new bigger Highschool while there is
979 still a bunch of land being sold

980 Highland high was good enough before it burnt the cafeteria choir & band room down. Rebuild with the
981 insurance as any other business or any other home owner would have to. If there is a need for more
982 schools then plan and budget for the expansion in the future as normal business procedures demand.

983 It seems that once a bond is passed, we never stop paying on it. If there was a set amount of years we
984 pay and then it stops, I would be more apt to vote for it.

985 If we choose to build a new school it needs to be built in Chubbuck. Pocatello has enough high schools
986 and chubbuck needs one in its community. Also look at any land that sd25 is not using and has no plans
987 to use that can be sold to help cover costs, especially bare land.

988 The tax estimations ranges are far too wide of margins after the fact for me to fully support a bond. The
989 estimations need to be more precise.

990 Sd25 already owns land in Chubbuck where Century should have been built. But instead they put a
991 board member onto make a decision that was only thinking of themselves and convinced the board to
992 buy his land that nobody wanted. Which he should never have been part of that conversation. Now we
993 have a high school in Timbaktu that no students want to go to. We can see this with current enrollment.
994 Let's not make the same mistake and learn from our mistakes. You already have land use it or sell it.
995 Before buying more. Also this school needs to be built in Chubbuck. It's the second largest city in
996 bannock county and the fastest growing city in bannock county and needs a high school within its city
997 limits. If you chose to build another school in pocatello or Timbaktu the community will vote this down.
998 And don't put any land owners that you are considering their land on the decision board. They are only
999 there to make a buck and not thinking about what's best for the community.

1000 I want to see renderings and know the exact location it will be built before I vote and once I vote it
1001 better not change location!

1002 Rebuild with improvement of capacity to 2000 students is ideal!

1003 Questions that were not answered by the super intendant, how fast is the area growing? Is the current
1004 facility at or over max? What is the projected growth for the area that may or may not need more space
1005 or a new location?

1006 1800 students is too small unless you plan on building two high schools in the near future. Pocatello will
1007 continue to grow and costs to build arm to go up by 10 million each year. Best think 20 years into the
1008 future so you aren't caught of guard by growth and overcrowding again

1009 We have been sucked dry from property tax already in the past few years. The school is insured, use the
1010 insurance money to replace what was there and stop pulling on people's heartstrings and pocket books
1011 to get more. Do better with the money already being provided through our ridiculous property tax, stop
1012 being fiscally irresponsible. Why don't we take some lessons from Idaho Falls, their property taxes AND
1013 utility costs are lower, with more jobs, shopping and services provided. We have a closed down silicon
1014 plant and a dilapidated old facility (titan complex) in the middle of town.

1015 "When all the new Northgate and six new subdivisions land development was approved, Bannock
1016 County, both cities, and SD25 should have required that the companies provide land to school districts
1017 for new schools/public spaces and the land provided should have been be fully served by streets and
1018 utilities. They should also pay a certain percentage of their profits into a fund for schools. Why was this
1019 not done? Those companies have and are making huge profits at the expensive of those of us who have
1020 to pay property taxes to maintain the roads/sewer/water that service all the sprawl that they have
1021 created. My taxes have gone from 900 to 2100 in the last 16 years but I rarely see much improvement to
1022 the roads, parks, schools in my neighborhood. I do not want to have to continue to pay for expansion
1023 and sprawl of these new builds with may taxes. Rebuild the high school where it is and properly
1024 maintain it.

1025

1026 What is the plan? To let the old neighborhoods die and become ghettos, increase traffic and commute
1027 time as the sprawl moves further out, make our air and water quality even poorer? Have any of you
1028 studied the sociology of urban environments, can you not learn from the mistakes of other regions such
1029 as Boise, SLC, and all of California. We can build it but it has to be MAINTAINED and you need to have
1030 more public employees and materials to help maintain whatever you build. Who's paying for that? The
1031 taxes of those of us in the old neighborhoods that have to pay to keep the new neighborhoods
1032 aesthetically pleasing and sell-able? Will you close Tendoy, Greenacres and have
1033 dilapidated/condemned buildings in those neighborhoods for years to come (ex. Bonneville, Emerson)
1034 and make the children get on a bus at 7 am to get to school on time? Who will bus those children since
1035 we can barely get bus drivers. Or will you get rid of the bus system as well? All that matters is the new,
1036 wealthy neighborhoods, who cares in children of working class parents can get to school.

1037 The leadership in this region is complacent and sociologically incompetent. They could easily remedy
1038 this by educating themselves on the sociology of urban environments (using material that isn't produced
1039 by land-development companies). Make decisions that are beneficial to all residents of the regions not
1040 just the wealthy ones. This is blatant povertyism ([https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-
1041 releases/2022/10/ban-povertyism-same-way-racism-and-sexism-un-expert](https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2022/10/ban-povertyism-same-way-racism-and-sexism-un-expert))."

1042 I wish I knew more information about how much space is already needed. Are the schools already at
1043 capacity? How long with this additional tax be required? Etc.

1044 It needs to be built in Chubbuck. Maybe sd25 and the city of chubbuck could work together and build a
1045 high school and a fire department next to each other.

1046 I would support option 3 (\$125M) if the current Highland facility was used for increasing the districts
1047 ability to enlarge their alternate school program. Too many students who could benefit from that
1048 program are not allowed due to capacity.

1049 I am very concerned about the parking situation at Highland currently. Having only one exit and route
1050 out the school parking is unsafe. If an emergency had happened with students at the school there would
1051 have been serious problems with evacuation. There is also not enough space for the number of students
1052 parki g at school.

1053 Let's plan for the future! I love Highland, and I will support all the options. I think we should plan ahead
1054 and build a new high school, especially a tech high school.

1055 We need another additional high school, middle school and several elementary schools as well as
1056 Highland being operational.

1057 With the low number of students at century and depending on location for a new highland high which
1058 should be built in Chubbuck. I am going to assume that the school district is already working on
1059 boundary changes. I hope you have learned your lesson and will involve and listen to the community
1060 more than last time. Also do not put a school board member on the the boundary board so that
1061 members especially employees can express their thoughts and disagreement without having to be
1062 concerned for their employment like last time. You will get a better suggestion and direction for the
1063 community and. It just what the school board or superintendent wants to hear.

1064 Why do we keep spending money on highschoools and neglect elementary schools? Isn't Highland the
1065 school that keeps getting trashed by its own students? Why would they get a new school when there are
1066 older schools in the district that need to be replaced? Seriously, this is another stupid decision to spend
1067 money the wrong way. No, I don't support this decision. I don't care if you know who I am. Spend money
1068 smarter.

1069 Want to know what the updated school boundaries will be during construction and after construction
1070 and the new school opens.

1071 Building something more modern is the right step. The current building and facilities is far outdated.

1072 The time to rebuild better and stronger than before is now! Use this fire as a catalyst to make vast
1073 improvements! PLEASE DO NOT just re-build to how it was before. This is the PERFECT time for a new
1074 school and new elementary which is so needed in our area!! We love this area and want to see it being
1075 loved and improved!

1076 Not to happy with the district right now!!

1077 I was unable to mark I support the estimated cost of option 2 .

1078 If it makes sense to combine insurance money and the need to rebuild highland with an expansion in the
1079 capacity of the school district...then I would support either bond. I just haven't seen a need, or heard of
1080 a need to build a new school...especially with the new tech center and what not which is proposed to
1081 help ease crowding. The editorial addresses the possibilities, but not really any needs that it would
1082 address.

1083 Pods on the football field until the school is ready? These kids need to be in the classroom ASAP.

1084 As I will be retiring in the near future, I am concerned about adding costs to my budget. I do have
1085 grandchildren that attend schools in SD#25 and want them to have access to excellent educational
1086 facilities, whether they attend HHS or not. If a new high school is built, I think the New Day/Chubbuck
1087 area is the best option due to new growth.

1088 Highland has been an issue for years. Address the problem. Don't waste the money now only to change
1089 your direction in 2-3 years.

1090 I am a military spouse; while my children have and will attend Highland, I do not feel that this is a vote I
1091 will participate in as I have no long term stake in the results.

1092 I definitely think we will need a new high school within the next 5-10 years, but I am still undecided if
1093 this is the correct time and decision for that. I'd love to hear more about how long the bonds will be in
1094 effect, if bonds are always needed to fund new buildings, etc.

1095 Do we need a bigger or better elementary school? Don't fix it if it doesn't need it?
1096 need to enhance HHS to hold more students and another elementary school
1097 Please don't put chs online again next year lets share that burden with phs
1098 As Pocatello grows to the north, what is the plan to provide additional schools?

1099 I think Pocatello will continue to grow and renovations at Highland will not be enough to address the
1100 overcrowding that Highland High School struggles with. The best option is a larger newer high school for
1101 our community.

1102 Length of bond? What would happen to current outdoor sports facilities? If repurposed for a middle or
1103 elementary, would classrooms undamaged by the fire be repaired so all spaces are well-maintained (ie
1104 no leaks, mold, etc.)?

1105 Pocatello/Chubbuck is going to need a fourth (fifth if you count New Horizon) high school at some point
1106 in the next 10 to 15 years. I think it would be smart and proactive to build a fourth high school now,
1107 which will function as Highland High School while HHS is being torn down and rebuilt. Then, once HHS is
1108 completely rebuilt, Highland would be moved back to their original location, and the new, fourth high
1109 school would then open.

1110 We really need another high school. Can we rebuild Highland with the grant money and build a new
1111 high school?

1112 While I am not opposed to, and am likely supportive of, planning to build new facilities to support
1113 students in SD25. I am not really supportive of using this tragedy to rush an agenda. I think if the the
1114 district wants to plan for growth, those plans should be thought out and focused, not frenzied because
1115 we want to use insurance. I am also concerned about bond passage given what happened in Idaho Falls.

1116 I would like some questions answered before I could agree 100% : how long does it take to build a new
1117 school ? And what will the current learners do in the interim for school ? Can you have an option 4 and
1118 use insurance funds to replace the current foot print of Highland and also pass a bond to build a new
1119 school so that current learners have a school to attend while building something new and helping with
1120 the overcrowding in the future ? We can think outside the box here .

1121 I feel like purchasing a new location and a new school would be unfair to Poky school. They are in need
1122 of so many updates and they always get put aside and make do. I think just replacing what they had
1123 would be sufficient to maintain a comparable school.

1124 Highland does not need more money. Elementary schools and middle schools need updating more than
1125 Highland does.

1126 We need more elementary schools so if a new High school was built we need 1-2 new elementary
1127 schools and another elementary school. The growth of the area is high and shuffling kids around town

1128 on buses vs them just attending the school they live next to would be better mentally for them so they
1129 could know their neighbors.

1130 More information needs to be communicated to the stakeholders/community members.

1131 Highland already has a brand new football field! I am against option 2 and 3! Highland gets everything
1132 they want! ABSOLUTELY NO!

1133 Please rebuild Highland as it was, then look for ways to build another high school if needed. Please get
1134 the kids back to their school, as elections, bidding, designing and then building will take an extra long
1135 time to complete. Let's please not complicate things.

1136 I see the only valid reason for a new Highschool is if we are under the pressing need for another middle
1137 school. It does not make sense to build a new school, just because people want something "new". This
1138 seems to have happened before with Poky and it still seems like the wrong decision at this time. Although I
1139 will admit it bailed the district out with this catastrophe. Additionally, how much has already been
1140 invested in the stadium and grounds at Highland? And does an elementary or middle school really need
1141 those kind of facilities? Improving the school makes sense, but a new school does not.

1142 I feel there is room and space at Century, and it is not being used to its full capacity. Boundary changes
1143 should be exhausted and all high schools should be at capacity before a bond is proposed and brought
1144 to a vote for a new or improved high school.

1145 Redo the boundaries before proposing a bond. Have strict boundaries with very few transfers.

1146 An option of rebuilding Highland as a high school and getting a bond for a 4th high school could be
1147 considered.

1148 My oldest will be a senior at CHS during 23-24, we've been glad to help out the HHS students but I really
1149 hope for both schools sake that they will have a feeling of stability and belonging wherever they end up.

1150 The school district as a whole is a joke and embarrassment. Every single person on the school board,
1151 board of trustees and any other individuals who may have any form of decision making should be
1152 removed or resign.

1153 Many are already frustrated with poor management of public funds in our community. Please don't use
1154 this unfortunate occurrence to ask for more funds to pay for facilities that should have already been
1155 covered by existing taxes and a rapidly growing Highland community. Property taxes going to education
1156 from the growing Highland community over the last two decades should have already more than
1157 covered necessary expenses for needed facilities and upgrades.

1158 There are many middle schools that would benefit from a move to the current Highland High School.

1159 I feel this school district has not shown it can be wise with money allotted already. And feel as if this is a
1160 grab for extra money using an accident to get more money from residents by playing on heart strings.
1161 The community, local business, ect. have stepped up and donated so much money and items already.
1162 Should be able to replace easily what was there already and what will be done with donated money
1163 outside of insurance? That has not been addressed, just asked for more money. What will be done with
1164 donated money, and extra money not replacing items ect., that have been donated already.

1165 Please do the right thing for the future of the kids in this area, build them a school that will take them
1166 into the future.

1167 More information is needed about number of students in all 3 high schools to understand the need to
1168 increase capacity at Highland to 1800 for option 3. More info is needed about what modifications would
1169 be made to Highland to consider option 2. Additionally, if option 3 was approved, how would that affect
1170 district staff and expenses if Highland was used as a middle school or elementary school? Could some
1171 other schools be sold to recoup some costs, could other schools be consolidated to save on personnel
1172 (administration, food services) costs, are there other ways the district can tighten the belt in spending
1173 especially at the district level? What does the districts long term planning look like? Is the number of
1174 kids increasing, staying stagnant, or decreasing? I want to support learners but need more info to
1175 understand how all of these plans affect the learners and what the district would do to be more frugal at
1176 the district level. I don't want to cut programs or teachers, but I want the district to justify the number
1177 of administrative personnel. I think it is excessive. From a facility and administrative perspective there
1178 needs to be a little more business planning and looking for ways to cut the fat.

1179 How many years are each bond? Did not see that with the information given so hard to make a final
1180 decision without knowing that!

1181 Three thoughts to consider: (1) Continue to look to the future, (2) costs never be less than they are now,
1182 (3) the ability to educate our youth is our most powerful resource

1183 I'm all for building a new high school if it will ease up some of the pressure that elementary schools
1184 have. 25 to 30 elementary kids in a classroom are too many! However, I do NOT agree that we need to
1185 go all out on the school. Just build what's educationally necessary and forget all the extra frills. We don't
1186 really allow the use of our gyms or other facilities for that many outside activities anyway.

1187 If it is used as a elementary or middle school, what will be done with other properties that the district
1188 owns that currently serve as elementary/middle school?

1189 If Highland isn't good enough for high school students, it's not good enough for elementary/middle
1190 school students. We seem to invest far more in high school infrastructure than elementary and middle
1191 school infrastructure. I would vote for a new high school. I would vote for a new middle or elementary
1192 school. I don't think I would vote for a new high school if it meant younger kids had to attend school in
1193 the old Highland building. I would vote for more money to improve Highland if the money not only
1194 repaired the burned parts, but also renovated the entire school.

1195 "I support at the very least expanding HHS and I'm not a opposed to building a new larger school. I can't
1196 commit to the larger dollar amounts without more information. I would like to see general plans and
1197 amenities before I commit my vote.

1198 It may be possible to build a new school without adding a football field/track and baseball field since we
1199 have newly built and renovated facilities. I would recommend that it be built somewhat close to HHS in
1200 the New Day Development so students can easily access the current facilities.

1201 "

1202 At the very least, the damaged areas need to be replaced to meet current needs. This includes adding a
1203 real auditorium to Highland and finding a new use for that sorry excuse of an auditorium.

1204 This should not be an issue, use the insurance funds to rebuild as it was designed for.

1205 I am not opposed to updating Highland High School at its current location. They have the space up there
1206 and a updated football field. The Highland Kids need to get back into their school for learning as quickly
1207 as possible so that the other schools are not affected by this. A new middle school in the future can be
1208 built where it was initially planned and you have the land for!

1209 Is there a possible alternate location available for a new Highland? What would the exisiting Highland
1210 be used for?

1211 Please provide relevant information regarding current school capacity, current/anticipated student
1212 population, professional structural reviews for existing buildings, etc. Too little information was
1213 provided to evaluate the benefit of proposed options. With the information I have from my current
1214 learners, I cannot reasonably support anything other than a rebuild in the current footprint.

1215 Please be transparent with all results of the survey

1216 Build another school in the parking lot, then tear down current school for a parking lot after. They can
1217 park at fair grounds in the mean time.

1218 If you build a new building, please still call it Highland

1219 Lets be honest... the school district has the money needed to cover the difference of doing the needed
1220 upgrades after the insurance payout. This has been well documented and its why you have a rainy day
1221 fund. No more burden on the taxpayers. we've had enough and see very little improvement when there
1222 is additional bonds.

1223 Currently under contract with sd25 to do masonry

1224 I would want assurances all money would be for HHS and not redirected to PHS because it seems all you
1225 care about is PHS. If a new school was built, I would want it to remain on the hill. Before a bond, I want
1226 transparency and not bait and switch.

1227 It would be helpful to have more detail about "enhancements" that would be made to Highland for
1228 option 2. I can't support something that is not clearly described. Does highland have justifiable needs or
1229 is this just cosmetic enhancements that don't serve a purpose?

1230 With the current rise in our states population, it would be beneficial to think into more plans of
1231 repurposing schools. All three high schools maintain a student base of over 1400 and the number rises
1232 every year. The board has tried to put different border rules in order to negate a portion of this issue.
1233 Although, they should look into changing some of the middle schools into slightly smaller high schools in
1234 order to decluster the students.

1235 What are we currently getting for the taxes that are paid, proper spending versus soliciting the public's
1236 support for additional tax implications is not acceptable. Absolutely do not support this in any way?

1237 "I would only be in favor of option 3 if:

1238 - Do not rebuild the gym and common areas at highland.

1239 - Sell some of the property at Highland High School to help fund the development of a new high school

1240 - The new high school should have less common area (no formal lunch room, smaller gym). We are a
1241 school district not a sport district."

1242 "if these kids have outgrown the facility i would pay twice the taxes projected to furnish new. The music
1243 program for me meant so much more to me than most people understand, and i think it's vital to our
1244 future that these kids have that same opportunity in an adequate facility, being mindful it doesn't have
1245 to be a crown landmark structure, or some extravagant swan song project by some soon to retire
1246 architect, the kids don't really care what it looks like as long as its safe , and functional , and it remains
1247 the home of the Rams. I also advocate for Jay Ronk whom I feel has earned the stripes necessary to be
1248 appointed to lead the design for the new music dept. as that program suffered so much underfunding
1249 over the years in comparison to athletics , some of which often yeilded lesser results in terms of
1250 overall wins, with relation to spending while the bands had to look to alternative funding to just have
1251 the chance to compete , which steadily produced wins again and again even in higher level competition
1252 with utah/oregon schools having twice the number of students and which were heavily funded, despite
1253 having less than full-potential allocations granted towards the program right here in our own district and
1254 hometown. lets give these kids the tools to reach that full potential and bring home more trophies for
1255 the display case, instead of making them have to sell candy bars just to be able to go to a national
1256 charter invitational, because that's inexcusably poor decision making when basketball and football
1257 teams are only expected to win 2 out of 10 and the entire budget goes to them anyways when the ram
1258 band could have went to the rose parade, that year and represented SD25 in front of all America,
1259 what a total waste !!!!! they don't just hand out those invitations to anybody.....

1260 and certainly not to any band with any less than razor sharp execution and high caliber audio and visual.
1261 Its a shame the football team gets new uniforms every year regardless but the band uses the same ones
1262 for about 10-15 years.....run that by the football coach and see how the football team would like to
1263 wear the same uniform for the next ten years, or maybe just ponder that and let than sink in for a
1264 minute, and remember Mr. Ronk still produced trophies, i know we brought home more than my
1265 memory can can count from back in my day, and mostly with no funding or funds we raised ourselves ,
1266 tell the quarterback he has got to sell 400 candy bars in order to play this year and see how that goes
1267lets be smarter this time around is all im sayin, im more than willing to contribute for that
1268 program also"

1269 My vote would be to keep Highland the size it is now and look at building a new high school in Chubbuck
1270 in the future.

1271 The length of the obligation of the bond would have a huge deciding factor on my vote. Is this a two
1272 year bond? I'm all for it. If it's more than 10 years, I'd have to reconsider the amount I would vote for.
1273 Thank you for asking for input!

1274 Please do not waste more money.

1275 This is an opportunity to make the necessary improvements.

1276 Why are we not looking to cut spending to fund this? I think this goes to show how irresponsible our
1277 "leaders" are for not trying to figure that out on their own. We already have one of, if not the highest
1278 property tax in the state of ID. We had a major upset in the community with re-evaluation of everyone's

1279 assessed values so we can offset our % property taxes, and then the taxes are raised shortly after. If I
1280 were to pick to vote on anything tomorrow it would be a vote of no confidence. Very irresponsible.

1281 "Learners should be able to attend on location of Highland high school, in usable portions of the school.
1282 Learners should be able to attend simultaneously with any/all construction work.

1283 I feel like with the growth we have had, we would need a bond soon for a new school soon anyway

1284 The Elementary schools are already at capacity. It would be very short sighted to leave things as they
1285 are. We need a new high school. A new high school makes room for the elementary schools in the
1286 district, and would be a MUCH needed improvement to Pocatello. It's time to shed the
1287 rebuild/repurpose mentality that plagues our city, and make necessary changes to invite the kind of
1288 growth Pocatello needs. A \$100+ million bond is a stretch, considering our property taxes are already
1289 high with very little to show for it. The school board needs to accept donations and make an exception
1290 to the "share all donations equally nonsense", and do what's right for the town, and for our tax
1291 paying citizens. Pocatello is being left in the past more and more everyday. Our city is crumbling.
1292 Perhaps a new high school is the best first step in the right direction towards a better more inviting
1293 future for Pocatello.

1294 As a parent of a current and future Highland highschool students I think it is important to build a new
1295 highschool that fits the needs of our students and staff and has room for growth. I will strongly support
1296 and advocate for a bond measure to see our students succeed.

1297 I would love to see a new high school. However, we have our young adults who can't afford a house.
1298 Inflation and taxes are already too high. We can't keep raising taxes. Mid to low income households can't
1299 afford being taxed anymore. Please consider fund raisers and donations of time and talents from the
1300 community. Once taxes are raised they never go down. Use it as a learning tool. Teach a landscaping
1301 class and let the students put in the sprinkler system and do the landscaping or use ISU students
1302 learning construction or building type skills or architecture. We need to use our resources better.

1303 If you build a new high school then Iron Horse stadium will be at a middle or elementary school. So then
1304 high school students have to be bussed there to use it. I see that as the biggest drawback. Also, if we are
1305 building a new high school can we get an appropriate auditorium that can be used by the school and
1306 community with sufficient parking?

1307 IDue to many past decisions the schoolboard cannot be trusted.

1308 I feel most of the money from a large bond needs to go to building a new elementary or middle school
1309 (ex. Lewis and Clark and Alameda on the same property) in the area most needing it. I support a small
1310 bond to update Highland at its current location.

1311 I don't feel that the current fund expenditures have been used/explained well enough. An itemized list,
1312 that would be EASILY accessible to the public, would help us to know where the funds are going.
1313 Without an explanation of how the current funds are being managed I don't feel the need to increase
1314 my already incredibly high property tax another \$400.

1315 How much to build a new elementary or middle school if option 1 or 2 is selected?

1316 We need to think about the future and not just about right now. So we need a new, bigger high school
1317 and a new middle/elementary school.

1318 Provide public with the cost savings from rebuilding using insurance funds now vs rebuilding later
1319 without insurance funds and outline the need for a new school. If people don't know there is a need,
1320 they aren't going to vote in favor. Find a way to exclude taxing elderly people on fixed income. They are
1321 often against these bonds.

1322 Thanks for all you do!

1323 Either spend no money and rebuild what we have or go above and beyond to build a new next
1324 generation high school

1325 I like how you guys outlined what our current options are. I know everyone wants to give their two
1326 cents, but it would also be nice to know <in a survey form like this> what your current obstacles are
1327 with the school district. There are a lot of people/families that want to support but aren't sure how
1328 because we don't always know the whole picture. I understand some things are harder to share, but I
1329 liked this survey being an option. Keep up the great work, you sometimes might have what seems like an
1330 impossible job, but we support you! 🙌👏 A school district 25 mom, wife and small business owner
1331 🙌👏

1332 Funds need to be allocated to HIGHLAND ONLY

1333 Keep the transgender push out of our schools! Let kids be kids!

1334 Clark

1335 Tracy Anderson

1336 Do not raise my taxes again! You are not ruining tradition and moving HHS STOMPING GROUNDS!!!
1337 Keep it where its been since 1963!! Make HHS BIGGER and BETTER

1338 It would be nice to have a new high-school in our district.

1339 I think that Highland High School needs to be functional by the fall when classes start again. The hybrid
1340 schedule for Century and Highland was necessary to finish out the school year, but every effort should
1341 be made to see that it does not need to continue for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Hybrid
1342 learning is very difficult physically and emotionally for staff, students, and parents. Not to mention
1343 scheduling practice and events such as athletics, band, and drama to name a few. The option that gets
1344 kids back in their own classes the quickest is the option that I would vote for.

1345 Build a new school, we will need one sooner than later.

1346 Pocatello/Chubbuck is experiencing big growth in the area of Highland's boundaries, I think one larger
1347 high school (or two smaller ones?) should be considered to factor in this area's future growth. The
1348 majority of future growth will occur in that area and should be taken into consideration.

1349 I'm happy to see this is being considered as an opportunity for future growth. I would really need more
1350 information before considering voting for a bond but if the information presents a compelling case I
1351 would vote for such projects.

1352 "I would love to see Highland High school facilities being brought up to date with its competing 5A
1353 schools. If my circumstances were different I would fully support a brand new high school, however I live
1354 in an area that we have had to fund our own fire district and paying close to \$2000 annually for that for
1355 the next 2 years. To add another \$1000 would be very hard at this time. My kids all attended Highland
1356 but my boundaries are now Pocatello high school.

1357 Would a new auditorium be considered for improvement at the original site with the lower 2 bonds? "

1358 Why would the school levy have to be so much money? How much money are you getting from
1359 insurance for the Highland high school? And can you supplement it that way. Also, what about all of this
1360 Covid relief fund money you're talking about that has to be used up. Instead of focusing so much on
1361 football stuff. Maybe you should focus a little bit more on High school for them to go to first. All
1362 students should matter. Not just football. If you want to be a 5A school, build a 5A school like Maddison.

1363 "How about the superintendent take a lower paycheck!!

1364 We need more secondary schools -middle and high in west Pocatello area!!"

1365 We need a new school!!!

1366 I think Highland should purchase the adjacent lot and expand!

1367 My only additional input would be that if the school is relocated I would want it relocated in a
1368 neighborhood and not in an industrial/vacant park, please. That kind of location would affect my vote.

1369 If the school is relocated, the location of the proposed construction would need to be in a neighborhood
1370 and not an industrial or vacant park to earn my voting support.

1371 We really need another middle school so it would be advantageous to build a new high school, possibly
1372 in the Northgate area, and remodel the existing school as a middle school.

1373 If funds were used respectfully and correctly over the next few years, I may consider voting yes for a
1374 bond. Currently, I think funds are spent in the wrong areas without taxpayer say.

1375 build a better newer high school

1376 The hardest thing I think you have to deal with is providing the Class of 2024 a memorable senior year,
1377 and I would say that senior year is ruined by any significant building changes. Which will impact them
1378 and potentially 2025 as well.

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- 1 Button on 75M question broken. Voting against
- 2 Highland needs to stay where it is. All the new facilities were just put in for the sports. It adds value to
3 the area with all the new building going on by the wellness center.
- 4 As a Pocatello resident, I feel like our property taxes have jumped considerably over the past few years,
5 and an extra amount would be a financial hardship for many
- 6 So we need another middle school? Community would need numbers to support this. Please provide
7 the numbers.

8 A bond will increase Rent cost and pocatello property tax has doubled in the last 10 years. You are
9 collecting higher tax revenues than you did 5 years ago...might want to rethink your numbers and
10 question if there is a better direction to go. (I own 5 properties within SD 25 taxing district. This will
11 raise rent on all of them \$25-\$50 a month)

12 Another high school is needed

13 Keep Highland High School and rebuild the areas that were burned and build a 4th High school in the
14 Chubbuck area

15 Stop trying to raise our taxes!

16 Well if history repeats itself then the most costly, unthought out option will be the one we're forced to
17 deal with.

18 I'm willing to pay more taxes as long as it actually gets used for what you say it will.

19 I'll support building a new highschool as long as it's built in Pocatello, not Chubbuck

20 When you rebuild the gym make sure it is big enough for fans to walk behind the teams benches and the
21 bleachers are large enough so that a lot of people can attend. Please do not cut corners like with PHS
22 and CHS. I'm not sure who designed those but please choose another designer/contractor. Go visit the
23 schools in the Boise area or Thunderidge and see what a real facilities look like.

24 Please share info on school capacity in all 3 high schools. If current HHS is too small or if we need to
25 build new one in 5 years....then let's address that now

26 They are students!!! What is a learner? So dumb

27 We're very frustrated that the district approved, at Iron Stadium, the removal of grass for turf!!

28 Pocatello residents are already feeling the pinch in their budgets as property taxes went way up this
29 year (ours \$100 a month). I feel it's important to take that into consideration and replace what was
30 there.

31 We do not need a new high school. Rebuild what was destroyed and leave it at that.

32 Something has to be done about the over crowding at highland. All the future growth is in the highland
33 and chubbuck area. The boundary changes did not help Highlands overcrowding. It just made them
34 unable to compete with the very large 5A schools athletically.

35 I flatiron and property taxes are already making g it hard to get by. Just use the insurance money

36 My granddaughter is going to be a junior at Highland High School in September.

37 You have enough money! Don't ask for another bond!!!

38 We homeschool my grandson I will vote against any bond that comes up for school district 25 this school
39 district is a joke.

40 Highland's auditorium has been a miserable place to stage plays for decades. Please take this
41 opportunity to fix this mistake in design so Highland can have a great drama program like the other high
42 schools.

43 Taxing the public is not necessary when there is insurance money to rebuild the school. If another
44 middle school is needed, then pass a bond for a new middle school only.

45 Why would you put millions of dollars into the baseball field and football field to walk away and give it
46 to a middle school or elementary school? Where is your vision? Also, what are the students at
47 Highland going to do when they aren't going back into a building in the fall. You need to let the public
48 know they answers before you go off on an undeveloped plan.

49 I support any school proposal; but I want the facts about the needs of the district and the need for more
50 elementary, middle school and increased high school capacity.

51 I'm on a fixed income it would be different, if property taxes were different. I vote no

52 "In the long run Highland needs lots of repairs and would still not be a flagship school so a new school
53 makes sense. Use the present Highland for other purposes such as middle school. New Horizons and
54 more. Allow boys and girls club use. Lots of creative things could be there. Be cautious about the trap of
55 public opinion causing the board to shoot to low. Instead lead strongly, educate the public.

56 One info piece missing is that folks need to know the cost of replacing highland 20 yrs from now
57 regardless. Sell the best goal rather than settling for the least common denominator. Use Rotary and
58 other service groups to carry your cause. While school staff must be careful not to promote a position
59 you can certainly recruit others to cheer for the best solution. Bonds don't fail because people dislike
60 education. They fail because a can do spirit is not instilled within the community.

61 Just a crazy idea. .. make a part of Highland a senior citizens activity center. Their present building is
62 terrible. That is an idea folks who vote no might really support. Be creative and bold. Get the owners of
63 property in the Gateway area to donate land for a new school as an investment adding value to
64 remaining lots. "

65 Let's plan and build for the future.

66 I think which ever way we decide to go, a better effort to spend our tax dollars putting local people to
67 work, should be made !! we need those tax dollars spent here as much as possible. would not support
68 anything not spent in idaho!!

69 develop a humane policy for transexual students

70 We need to take this opportunity to plan for the future for our children. The cost of a bond is what
71 people spend on coffee a month!

72 Would voters have input on the use of funds for Highland? Will this school allocate money to all venues
73 such as meeting high need students in the area or only cater to high income and upscaled sports
74 activities? How would this affect the support for other school students, facilities and teachers? How
75 would this affect the number of students to teacher ratios in high need areas? Would other schools
76 suffer and Highland is the top income school again? How will the other older schools still be supported?
77 I would like to see a new high school built with adding another elementary/middle school but am

78 concerned Highland would be a taj mahal compared to other schools that will continue to be
79 overcrowded with limited staff.

80 Please get the students back into school, 5 days a week. Learning is survival.

81 I suggest moving teh location of Highland and condtructing a facility that can hold 2500-3000, so larger
82 than the proposed option in this survey. I would support bonds dependent on what the District does.

83 I believe that rebuilding and enhancing Highland High School at it's current location is the best solution
84 for the community and would support that.

85 Split the kids up and send them together century and poky demolish highland and if kids and parents
86 don't like it they can go to charter school or move

87 None

88 Please give Highland High School and the students the attention that they deserve. You have put so
89 much money into Pocatello High School and it has been absolutely ridiculous! Pocatello High School
90 should have been shut down years ago and you should stop putting money into it!

91 This needs to be done quickly so option 1 is best. The kids at century suffered while they had to share
92 their classroom time. They can not continue this into next year. It isn't fair to highland OR century kids

93 Please stop expecting us to pay for your lousy budgeting! Life is too expensive as it is!

94 Prepare for our future!

95 I'm concerned about the maintenance of the schools and would like to see more preventative measures
96 put in place.

97 The history of highland is worth more than brand new school, I am all for revamping it but preserve the
98 history as much as we can. I will always be proud to be a HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL graduate!

99 No Comment

100 "This is a hard one to weigh out and decide on, no question. I support SD25 in making the decision that
101 will not only serve the immediate needs well, but our future needs the very best. Given the
102 development that has been happening in the Highland boundary area, I can see the benefit in both
103 having a new elementary or middle school, and in having a up-to-date, capable high school. I recognize
104 that this option may create an added strain on things currently, but if it is what is going to serve our
105 community the best in the long run, then I am all for it.

106 We are fortunate to live in a community that stands by our youth. I think as long as the youth really are
107 the largest consideration in this decision, then, even if met with some initial hesitation, the community
108 will get behind it.

109 "

110 You could never give the schools enough money!

111 Highland needs to be expanded to accommodate the growing population of Pocatello and Chubbuck. I
112 think most patrons understand that the school district has an opportunity to enhance or build a new

113 Highland HS. The school district should strongly consider partnering with the city and/or others, and
114 make a large event center (which has been pinned about for years) in conjunction with potentially
115 building a new school with enhanced facilities so that additional events can be enjoyed in the
116 community year round.

117 Why not rebuild Highland at it's pre fire level and then build a whole new High School. That way it
118 doesn't look like one High School is being favorited over the others.

119 I believe Century's gym is the gym that needs the improvement in size. It is more the size of a middle
120 school gym.

121 I am a retired PCSD 25 teacher.

122 Turn highland into a junior high, and close Irving jr high. Build the new high school off of the new
123 interchange . Keep the name and mascot the same and align the boundaries. STOP busing students
124 across town from the north bus Irving's students to Hawthorne then to poky Franklin to century,
125 highland jr high to new highland and divide alameda among the 3 high schools. Thanks for your time

126 I am sorry, but Highland has enough! Their own stadium, a new baseball field coming, two gyms, all the
127 money and all the athletes. All those parents were outraged about the proposed school boundaries a
128 few years ago. The parents manipulated the powers that be to get the boundaries exactly as they
129 wished (right, Dr. Stoddard?). Well, they used their money and influence to get the boundaries they
130 wanted! Now they can foot the bill if they want new upgraded facilities. Have the parents in THAT
131 boundary pay for a bond. I don't understand why people think because of a tragedy, they should get a
132 whole new school! Only PART of ONE building was destroyed! If my kitchen has a stove fire, I don't get
133 an entirely new house in a nicer neighborhood at the expense of my neighbors! This is people taking
134 advantage of a sad thing situation, but it's not a tragedy. Not one person was hurt. No one lost their
135 life. I feel horrible for the kids that lost their musical instruments and that the kids had to take a few
136 weeks of classes at Century. Now, I would be HAPPY to support a bond that replaced and even
137 upgraded the musical instruments. But not one penny beyond that! We have had ENOUGH of
138 pandering to the parents of Highland. And my wife and I are ALUMNI!

139 "The smoke had barely cleared and you were talking about taking advantage of the situation to stick us
140 with increased property taxes. Have you not been paying attention to what's been going on the last few
141 years? People are being taxed to death in Pocatello/Bannock county. Enough already.
142 Pocatello/Bannock county is a low income area. The population as a whole can't afford the pie in the sky
143 dreams of an apparently out of touch with reality board.

144 The state finally stepped up this year to do something about the outrageous property tax situation and
145 you are selfishly jumping right in to nullify the move by trying to pass a bond. Wake up people! If you do
146 this, I will never again vote for any levy or bond you propose. Never! You need to do what the rest of us
147 have to and live within your means with what you have. "

148 I think an additional elementary/middle school would be beneficial for the students within the SD25
149 boundaries as well as the community as a whole. However I hesitate to completely support the initiative
150 because as someone who doesn't live within the Highland High School boundaries and did not attend
151 Highland High School but rather Pocatello High School. My concern is that it would appear that all the
152 money that might be acquired from a bond would go to benefit just the HHS students/faculty and area

153 where the new high school would be build, my guess in the Northgate Development and causing an
154 even bigger desertion between the affluent "Highland" area and the neighborhoods surrounding
155 Pocatello High School and the families that are serviced by that historically significant school.

156 This is the best opportunity to deliver the community something it desperately need in terms of a facility
157 that can hold the capacity of a true 5A school in the state. Do this correctly to give the community
158 something to be proud of instead of two grossly outdated schools and one that is in the opposite
159 direction of the area of growth.

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1 It's time to be fiscally responsible with SD25 \$\$ and build facilities that represent history and legacy of
2 the school Highland is. Don't be wasteful like what's happened with with the ridiculousness that has
3 become Pocatello High school. It's become the laughingstock and joke of all the surrounding
4 communities when they hear about the wasteful spending SD25 has done there.

5 Seems like chubbuck needs a highscool and a highscool in town - century is pretty far.

6 Create a middle school for 6 graders only with the old highland building and build a new highland high
7 school.

8 I feel like we need another elementary school but not in that area. We need one over in the Chubbuck
9 area to reduce numbers in those schools over that way where all the growth is happening. I would
10 support a bond to build an elementary school in that area.

11 My concern is for my neighbors here in the Highland area. Most of them purchased homes decades ago
12 at much, much, much less than they are valued now. Most of them are living on retirement funds.
13 Adding additional taxes to their budget every month adds up. If they are being charged at what their
14 home is valued at now, they'll end up taxed out of their homes. Yes i know it doesn't sound like much.
15 But considering these homes are valued several hundred thousand dollars, it definitely adds up. I know
16 they have grandchildren and great grandchildren in the district. Yes i know we all have to do our part.
17 But I can't say yes knowing someone that has worked their whole life will have to make sacrifices on an
18 already tight budget.

19 It is well known that Highland has been the "golden child" of high schools for many years particularly
20 relative to Poky High, therefore, I don't think it is right for Highland to be "enhanced" while Poky's
21 enhancements have been getting a big hallway and ADA access. I could support a new higher capacity
22 high school, but would need more information including justifying the very high cost mentioned in the
23 survey.

24 My learner attends century and it has been difficult having virtual learning two days a week. Hard for my
25 learner and hard for me as a single mother juggling the new schedule.

26 I would like to know if a new high school would include all new sports facilities on location. Where
27 would the new location be?

28 One of my students has had multiple daily health issues including: nosebleeds, vertigo, headaches, light
29 sensitivity, and severe congestion flare-ups during classes in the basement level of the current building
30 over the last 3 years. My student has had none of these issues since attending Century's facilities. I feel

31 that IF the Highland building is continued to be used that mold, mildew and other probable allergens
32 and hazards be thoroughly inspected, cleaned and/or removed for the sake of the students health,
33 before it is reopened. The lack of student parking at the current location will need addressed
34 imminently, as well.

35 "My husband and I are Highland alumni, along with all our siblings. We love Highland. I want to send our
36 kids to Highland when they're older.

37 Century has a new school (at least I consider it new), Poky just got a brand new addition as well as more
38 parking space.

39 Highland, on the other hand, burned down and the field across the street, which would've been perfect
40 for a much needed parking lot, or a great business opportunity for restaurants, is being turned into
41 apartments which will further congest traffic in an already dangerously congested place.

42 Highland deserves a new school, a place where there's enough space for all the students to study and
43 park. I will happily help pay for this to happen and I think many others would as well.

44 I've been to many schools across the state, many of them smaller schools like Rigby and marsh valley,
45 which have large band rooms, offices, practice rooms, and a separate room for orchestra. I believe
46 century has this too if I remember correctly. Highland is also the only high school that cannot fit in their
47 own auditorium for performances and/or assemblies. I remember many times performing at poky,
48 century, ISU, or most often just in the cafeteria or gym (which have terrible acoustics). Highland has
49 needed a bigger auditorium for a long, long time.

50 Building the school back exactly as it was would be a regrettable missed opportunity to turn this tragedy
51 into a chance for growth.

52 Please, I implore you, don't miss this opportunity that we've been given. Let's make lemonade, I truly
53 believe our community will support you. "

54 TIA BLOOM

55 I feel bad that the school had a fire. I am not supportive of a bond. Our taxes are already the highest in
56 the state. While there are other schools in district 25. None of them receive the coddling that highland
57 does. Highland got a new stadium that was supposed to be for all schools, but that didn't happen. Then
58 they couldn't use it because of an engineering mistake. Who paid to fix it. Pocatello is not growing at
59 the rate that the city is showing. I would hope that you would consider our economy and where we are
60 for jobs before asking the public for more money.

61 If the School District submits a bond to build a new high school, I think it should be bigger, since we will
62 probably see an increase in students in the future.

63 The pocatello school district is sitting on a pile of excess money that should be used prior to any bond
64 measurements. It's ridiculous to propose taking more money from tax payers when the insurance
65 money and current funds held by the district should be used to help cover the costs. Only after those
66 funds are used would I consider supporting a bond.

67 "We need one mega school that serves ALL high school learners and affords them equal access to all
68 sports, extracurricular, and special programs. If a student does not have transportation, they should not

69 be excluded from welding or CNA or police officer programs, etc at the other campuses. This would also
70 centralize resources and allow for less transportation issues if everyone was going to the same place.

71 If we want to boost our standards and encourage people to live and stay in Pocatello, we need better
72 offerings, including top notch school facilities. While I do not want to pay additional tax and my children
73 have all graduated, I support the future learners of Pocatello and the teachers and staff who should
74 have the best facilities and resources available to them.

75 The buildings at Century and Pocatello HSs could easily become junior highs to replace those aging
76 facilities, and Highland could also replace Franklin (far for the Highland area users) or Gate City which
77 seems to always be over capacity. "

78 With the allowance of private donations to a specific school, I imagine the support behind Highland
79 could raise a significant amount of money (ICCU?) instead of putting it on taxes

80 I think we need to rebuild Highland but also prepare for an additional high school

81 We need a new school. Our schools are over crowded. I support the decision to build a new high school.

82 As a student, we need a new school that looks like a 5a schools. We should accept all donations and not
83 have to share them between the other schools in our school system.

84 It would help to know the planned enhancements described in option 2 and what the current needs are
85 for an additional elementary or middle school.

86 I'd love to see the school district utilize the 23+ acres on the corner of Olympus and Chubbuck Road to
87 put athletic facilities. A new basketball gym, wrestling room, soccer fields, softball field, tennis courts,
88 and a swimming pool. The ground was originally intended for a middle school but never happened. No
89 acquisition costs would be required; just construction costs. Then in the area that needs rebuilt at
90 Highland along with the tennis court area could be built into a cafeteria, choir room, band room, and
91 additional parking. Boise High School has their facilities spread out to a couple of different locations
92 because of land logistics as well. New athletic facilities in that location would be a great continuation of
93 use from the Portneuf Wellness Complex.

94 I am a student from Century. Whatever you believe will get Highland back to normal the fastest is my
95 preference. I would like to have a senior year without a hybrid schedule of any sorts.

96 I've lived in this area for close to 9 years. My husband and I have 5 kids and recently bought a home so
97 we can continue to stay here. He is currently finishing a bachelors degree, and plans to enroll in a
98 masters program by fall. I work full time and often pull overtime every month. Although we would
99 definitely love a school with more amenities to support it's students, a bond would kill us financially. I
100 would vote no against any bonds right now. Inflated economies are not the time to push for extra.
101 Thank you!

102 I would like to know time line projections for each of these proposed options.

103 I feel Century is under utilized. We should not build a new high school until all high school are full.
104 Century has room for hundreds of more kids! I am 100% for boundaries, but they need to be done with
105 Century in mind and not catered to what Highland wants. If boundaries were readjusted and made
106 without bias and emotions then the three high schools could support Pocatello learners. Century is a

107 beautiful school and people need to get over the longer drive it takes to get there. We can't change its
108 location, we need to embrace it. For the safety of students, the school district should work with the city
109 to put a traffic light at the 5th street freeway exit. This is a death trap waiting to happen! Putting a light
110 there would help parents feel better about letting their kids drive to Century. Before we discuss
111 spending millions of dollars on a new high school or creating a bigger high school, it would be good to let
112 the public know what the capacity each high school can hold and what their current enrollment is.

113 Let's repair the school first before drastic means of building a new school are taken. The purchase of
114 Downard Funeral Home this year then asking for a bond would not bode well with the taxpayers.

115 I would like to see one of the bonds pass with money allocated to a new gym at Century High School
116 that is able to host a high school tournament size crowd.

117 If we choose to try to bond for a larger school (3rd option), I think we need to look at a school with a
118 student capacity of 2000+ as the community is continuing to grow.

119 I agree with building new school, Stagger attendance times for 2023-2024 because alternating days does
120 not work well for all students .

121 I would be 100% against going back to the way highland was before. It needs to be bigger and better.
122 My only problem is if the tax payers pay for the school then the tax payers own the school not the
123 district. Same as the football fields. We as a community should be able to use them. If the school
124 district wants to say it is theirs then they need to lease the fields and the school back from the tax payer.
125 Why would we give anyone something for free and not be able to use it freely or get somewhat
126 compensated. This is how the world works. I am for a bigger better school so we can always grow
127 together as a community.

128 "I have a personal and professional opinion about Highland because I am a graduate of Highland and I
129 am an employee there too. The driving situation is not safe for the students. With only one direction to
130 get approximately 800+ student vehicles as well as staff vehicles in and out of the area isn't the safest
131 situation. IF the vacant property across from the front doors could be acquired, it would make for a
132 great gym (castle shaped even to represent Highland and it's Scottish tradition), all physical fitness
133 courses, as well as possibly the band and choir, essentially everything we lost in D building except for the
134 cafeteria. A skywalk would need to be built over Bench road to the school so students could cross safely.
135 IF that portion of D building could be moved and more parking added to the student lot, that would help
136 a bit more with the number of cars that don't have room to park in the student lot. I do feel Bench Road
137 needs to have the closed off access opened up again. I know it will cause more traffic for the
138 neighborhoods below, but again, something needs to be done about there only being one access out of
139 the student parking lot and out of that area, especially with the football field and baseball field both
140 being up there as well as the future new gym, IF Highland stays put.

141 I have a so many memories at Highland, but building a whole new Highland High School seems like the
142 best idea to put versus putting all the money into the rentivations and to rebuild what it needs to be
143 replaced. It seems it would be a smarter option to put it all into a new 5A high school that would meet
144 the needs of every department and activity and not just ""make due"" with what we have. I definitely
145 don't see the benefit of rebuilding everything just how it was since we are already needing more space.

146 I appreciate you reading my thoughts and opinions for the future of Highland. Best wishes in this
147 decision. I will show up to work wherever my office ends up."

148 Highland gets spoiled enough. The other schools especially century have done a lot for highland and
149 have gotten almost no recognition. Replace what was damaged but everything else is fine and
150 functioning and should be left as is.

151 If you want this bill to pass you better figure out how to lower taxes. We pay too much in taxes to have
152 the schools that we currently have.

153 I feel very strongly that our school district needs to look to the current and future growth of the
154 highland area and build schools to accommodate the increased number of students attending schools in
155 this area. Our kids and teachers deserve better than what we have now, at all levels, from elementary
156 through high school.

157 I will be attending Highland Highschool starting in 2024. I would love to have a new and better facility.

158 I loved going to highland and the teachers where amazing but the facilities there made it a little difficult
159 things

160 Please look forward to what we need as a district. We are growing we need more schools!

161 Never let a good tragedy go to waste...right?

162 Highland gets spoiled enough. The other schools especially century have done a lot for highland and
163 have gotten almost no recognition. Replace what was damaged but everything else is fine and
164 functioning and should be left as is.

165 Not sure you can use the insurance money for anything but to rebuild. Consult the insurance company -
166 not your in-house attorney.

167 "Please build a new High School. Make it big enough for the growth of the town. Look to the future of
168 Pocatello. I have a daughter that is 24 since she went to Elementary her elementary has been not big
169 enough. Alameda Jr. High need to be closed as well. Make Pocatello HS a Jr High and build a large
170 enough for all of the students and the growth.

171 I don't support bonds, use the insurance money and rebuild.

172 Were there plans or an identified need to expand HHS prior to the fire? The proposals for additional
173 bonds need background, context, and justification.

174 Maybe a minimal bond will pass. Don't get stupid like Idaho Falls and try to pass a bond in the 100
175 million plus range. Won't happen in this current economy. Our property taxes are already too high.
176 Would be a waste of time to try. Just get Highland going again before school starts!

177 Let's make our schools better!

178 Cut half of the waste from the individual departments and you would not need a bond.

179 Time factor for these proposals would also be a factor in my consideration. I have a daughter who will
180 be a freshman at highland this upcoming school year and want her to be back in a school as soon as
181 possible.

182 please preserve the heritage of HHS

183 1. Does the insurance cover full replacement of what it would cost to rebuild Highland at today's costs?
184 If not, why not? 2. Why was the school in such disrepair even before the fire, and why was it not
185 maintained properly? Taxpayers need an explanation. 3. The state of Idaho has a surplus of funds. Can
186 some of that be used? 4. Why isn't the term STUDENT used, instead of Learner? A student is someone
187 who actively Studies, while a Learner would indicate some kind of passive, weak individual who has little
188 motivation. It's a stupid term, with all due respect.

189 No more bonds, use the insurance money only!!!

190 The current economy being in distress, how do you propose Idaho/Pocatello residences be able to
191 support a bond that will require more funds being taken from their monthly income? In 2001 studies
192 show the median household income of Pocatello was around \$51,293 and the poverty rate was at 9.1 %,
193 in 2023 the current poverty rate is 17.98% with a median household income of 62,916. As a two
194 medium income resident, this bond is unethical. I support reconstructing the damage area's of Highland
195 High School using insurance funds to do so.

196 Please build a new school in a much more accessible area.

Social Media

1 I'd love to know where the lottery money goes. It doesn't seem to help or district or cassia county at all

2 Option 3 would allow for numerous job opportunities in the community as well as creating a new
3 updated space for an overpacked high school in addition to help with any overcrowding that may be
4 occurring at the middle school grade levels.

5 I would support a larger bond for all schools to be made ADA accessible/compliant too!

6 I think no matter what happens, people do want this to be done quickly. 2 years. So whatever the
7 outcome is, quickness is key.

8 My (bussed) MS student at Franklin never made it to school in time to eat breakfast. It was worse once
9 they had to travel clear to Century.

10 I need more information. I support option 1, I *might* support option 2 if I knew more about what it
11 means to "enhance". I actually think it would be a really good idea to rebuild the gym area and
12 make it better BUT ALSO build a performing arts center. I am a HHS Choir alum and we always had to
13 have concerts at Poky because HHS fine arts facilities are not big enough. My kids have participated in
14 choir and their concerts are in the gym. The school district can do better.

15 Highland is too old. Make it a Middle School and build a High School on the land north of Siphon
16 between Philbin and Hawthorn in Chubbuck.

17 "From what I understand the replacement value funding was under insured for the property/contents of
18 Highland High School. It's not fair to anyone (staff or students or community) to only rebuild/replace
19 with the valuation of money provided from

20 Insurance leaving Highland with less than they had before. Highland has sat as the "estate home"
21 on hill, neglected and left as is year after year because priorities were placed elsewhere and above the
22 needs of what highland truly need because of a fairness mentality and equal opportunities touted to be
23 the reason for projects completed at our other two high schools. When the district accepted one million
24 dollars from lookout credit to directly benefit Poky; you no longer get to tout that fair and equal choice
25 based reasoning. Accept and reach out to all alumni asking for contributions and take them when
26 offered/given. This community needs a bigger , better High School comparable to our counter parts and
27 district competitors. Money and rebuild should be prioritized there first and then focus on finding
28 additional space for an elementary school. Both are needed. Your running out of space for everyone at
29 every grade level. You dismissed what could have been several hundred thousand or millions of dollars
30 right after the fire started when you told people not to fundraise because you were confident insurance
31 was adequate. "

32 Grandparent of HHS learners and alumni (both of us) of HHS

33 Highland is not functional and has not been for years. You can't just compare Highland to the 4A schools
34 in town. Please compare it to the other schools in their district; Thunder Ridge, Madison, and Rigby. It is
35 time to build them a new school!!

36 I will help people out

37 You turned down money from Taysom Hill for \$1,000,000. I do not trust this district with any funds.
38 You spent money on Poky that didn't require a bond. In Highlands case, This was a fire. You need to try
39 to get the money other places. Or get people in there who know how to spend the tax payers money.
40 Right now your administration earns it all. Don't trust

41 You already have the funds and the bonds built in right now. I also know you have enough reserves to do
42 #2 right now without additional property taxes.

43 Graduate of Pocatello High School

44 Highland was already in desperate need of better facilities. I know there was probably a lot that I didn't
45 know about, but I was personally very familiar with our theatre facilities. Our stage was barely large
46 enough to effective, we had very limited storage space, no fly system, a very small tech booth with
47 outdated equipment, and limited lighting. As much as we managed to do great things with what we had
48 (winning districts and State, putting on state award-winning productions), what we accomplished is very
49 telling of what we have the potential to do with better facilities. There are definitely other areas of the
50 school (especially C Hall) that were falling apart and moulding with a burst pipe, and several areas where
51 the hallways in passing time had such heavy foot traffic that was overall very congested. I don't know if
52 this is the type of information you were looking for, but I hope you already aware of a lot of the needs of
53 the students.