

Question a: The notice of motion on the table is to close Hanna Primary School and relocate the primary program to a modernized J.C. Charyk School. What are your key concerns, if any, about relocating the primary program?

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Background information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2001, due to decreasing student enrolment projections, the Workun Garrick Partnership prepared a study for the Prairieland School Division No. 25 to show the following school scenarios in Hanna, Alberta:

Maintain "status quo" at Hanna Primary School. Renovate existing facility to accommodate current school capacity and address physical deficiencies identified in the facility audit conducted in 1999.

Demolish the original 1929 school section of the Hanna Primary School. Modernization of 1958 and 1964 school sections to accommodate current and projected student enrolment figures. Construct 250 square metre addition to accommodate expanded Administration spaces and new Student Gather / Main Entry space.

Demolish and replace the existing Hanna Primary school with a new 1650 square metre Grade K-3 school.

Relocate Hanna Primary School students to nearby J.C. Charyk School. Construct 800 square metre addition at J.C. Charyk School to accommodate increased student enrolment. Abandon, demolish, lease or sell existing Hanna Primary School facility.

In the decade between 2001 and 2011, the student enrolment has decreased more than the 2001 projections. In 2011, there is a surplus of student space for both Hanna Primary School (which is currently 50.4% utilized) and J.C. Charyk School (which is currently 44.7% utilized). Furthermore, Hanna Primary School is in very poor physical condition and requires extensive modifications to bring the facility to current 2006 Alberta Building Code standards.

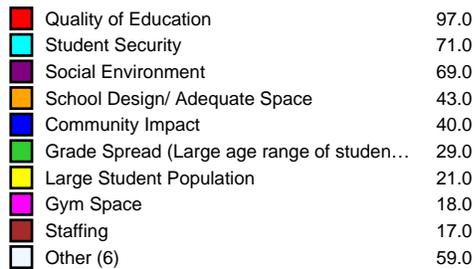
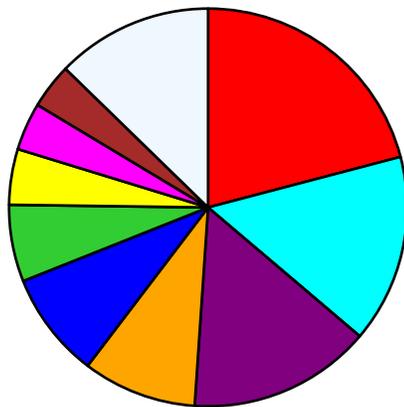
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Participation summary

Participation % (of 138 participants)		
	Thoughts	Choose
Participated	32 % (45)	31 % (44)
Opted out	5 % (8)	5 % (7)
No participation	61 % (85)	63 % (87)

Choose Summary

	overall rating	participant count	average rating
Quality of Education	97	37	2.62
Student Security	71	31	2.29
Social Environment	69	31	2.23
School Design/ Adequate Space	43	21	2.05
Community Impact	40	22	1.82
Grade Spread (Large age range of students)	29	17	1.71
Large Student Population	21	13	1.62
Gym Space	18	13	1.38
Staffing	17	13	1.31
Traffic/Parking	16	13	1.23
Consolidation Procedures	15	10	1.50
Funding	11	8	1.38
Playground	10	9	1.11
Extra-curricular	4	4	1.00
Money	3	1	3.00



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Choose instructions

In an effort to prioritize the following topics, which were identified in the your initial Thoughtstream responses, please assign stars to your choices. With a maximum of 3 stars for the topic which you feel is most important. Click on each line to view details.

Quality of Education

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	97	37	2.62

Thought 7: adding 150 and more students to JCC (Participant 13)

THIS will not only affect the students being moved but what about the students already in that school. Do they lose options to make classrooms available. We hear there are already classes of over 30 in the high school. How can students learn when they can't pay attention. Bring some of the teachers from the outlying schools that are teaching 5 students in high school and add another class in Hanna.

Thought 17: Primary education is foundational (Participant 130)

Primary students, and those in pre-ECS support programs, require specialized instruction to ensure success later on in their educational careers.

Thought 24: What other academic programs are going to be cut to fund this? (Participant 50)

What else are J.C. Charyk students going to lose out on? Are other academic/trades/other programs are going to be discontinued to the students in order to facilitate this move? Living in rural Alberta, our students are already "losing" out on many programs and experiences that are available in larger centres. In the age of technology, both of our schools already are sorely lacking in computer skills and technology. Will this move put our students behind even more? Will this affect the class sizes for the entire school?

Thought 44: Individual treatment (Participant 54)

I'm afraid that the kids will be treated more as a number rather than the kids that they really are. I think there will be higher expectation of the littler kids.

Thought 51: lose of option classes and computer lab times (Participant 43)

Thought 74: the kids will not have there own school at a young age. (Participant 90)

be bullied from the big kids. having to share the gym with them also

Thought 90: Decreased quality of education (Participant 95)

more students in a smaller space and more limitations on access to gym space, music room space, computer access

Thought 97: Resources Workers: Speech, Reading etc. (Participant 24)

Hanna Primary has so many wonderful resources offered to our kids, so they start off their education in the right direction and can benefit them for life! The time spent with students on speech, reading, behavior and many more things that affect the kids is crucial. If we move to JCC, is there space for all the one-on-one programs that our kids need? If we move, does that mean our kids now won't have all these programs? These programs are extremely important for young children. Intervention when they are young can be a deciding factor for a student later in life not to drop out of school, because they learned the tools they needed when they were younger.

Student Security

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	71	31	2.29

Thought 13: Hanna's school has drugs and bullying (Participant 13)

Thought 14: Physical, mental emotional safety of K-6 kids (Participant 101)

I worry for the safety preserved innocence of the elementary children while using shared school facilities that are shared by junior and senior high kids. I especially worry for the younger children during times when they are not going to be adequately supervised such as rural kids who will be riding the school bus. How is one bus driver going to guarantee the safety of all of the children? I grew up riding the school bus at a rural K-12 school and I can assure you I earned a very colorful education by the much older kids on the ride home and was even physically assaulted. The bus drivers cannot see what is happening on that bus and watch the road. Am I going to have to drive my kids to school myself every day to ensure their safety?!

Thought 34: At recess, how will you keep my child safe. There will be more kids to (Participant 44)

watch, less teachers to help, less teachers that know the child, more more exposure to adult content to the younger children. Sex, Drugs, bad language, bullying, and abductions. We live in small communities it keep it small and simple, and now you want to go big!!!!!!!

Thought 42: Bullying (Participant 54)

I think that bullying will become even more of a problem if the schools are intergrated together. There already is a problem of bullying once ther grade fours go over. It's more of the younger junior high kids that do the bullying. I think grade four is too young to be put over to the high school never mind kindergartens.

Thought 54: Are our children going to have problems with bullies in the older grades (Participant 42)

Thought 55: How is recess time and supervision going to be divided between all grades (Participant 42)

Thought 57: Are our children going to feel secure in a school with so many students? (Participant 42)

Thought 59: Safety for the younger children. (Participant 89)

Thought 70: Safety of our children (Participant 53)

This is my utmost biggest concern! We as a family are worried how the joining of the school will affect our childrens safety while being in a k-12 school.

Ex. How busy are roads, crosswalks, hallways, parking lots etc. As well as having high school children with kindergarten age children. There is a HUGE maturity difference between the kids and we really worry about the impact on their lives.

Thought 71: DRUGS (Participant 53)

Obviously out town as well as every other place has issues with this subject, but I worry about the influence of drugs in the school. Our children could easily come into contact with this at an early age and could be introduced to it much too early in life. We worry about the chance of it being given to our children and the possibility of having someone try to use them as a transport person.

Thought 76: I am also concerned about bullying becoming a bigger problem. (Participant 19)

Thought 80: Bullying (Participant 93)

Although many communities have successful K-12 schools we need to be reminded that their total school enrollment is significantly less than Hanna's would be. These communities are smaller and in such the majority of families know one another eliminating much of the bullying situation that I feel would inevitably increase if we were to combine our total school population.

Thought 85: Exposure of inappropriate behaviors. (Participant 79)

I am concerned that greater behavioral problems will arise in the primary students when they are exposed to the behaviors of the older students. I also fear that the younger students will be bullied by the older students.

Thought 108: Child's Emotional Environment (Participant 99)

Little children are very sensitive and do not need to be put in a situation where there is more bullying, stealing and begrudging. Young kids can have a hard time with confidence issues and the more people they have "looking" at them do not help in growing confidence.

Thought 112: Hearing inappropriate things at school (Participant 31)

Thought 113: bullying of children (Participant 31)

Social Environment

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	69	31	2.23

Thought 21: K-3 Students Not Emotionally Prepared For Things They May Be Exposed To (Participant 21)

Why can't we let kids be kids without influence from older children. K-3 kids do not need to be exposed to smoking, swearing, sexual innuendos, public displays of affection, 16 year olds who have just started driving

Thought 29: I love the caring atmosphere at the Primary school. (Participant 134)

The Administration and staff at Hanna Primary do an excellent job of providing a caring school community for the students and I fear that this aspect of the school will be lost if they are relocated and this administration is changed. Particularly I have great respect for the Hanna Primary Principal, Audra Limpert, and would feel much more comfortable knowing that she will continue to manage the younger grades in some capacity.

Thought 107: Child's Social Environment (Participant 99)

Children need to be "little". Please let them be little and not have to grow up too fast. If they are exposed to "older situations" then they will act older.

School Design/ Adequate Space

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	43	21	2.05

Thought 4: How will non-dedicated space work for elementary children? (Participant 115)

It was suggested that there would be no dedicated classroom space and that empty classroom time/space would be utilized. How will this work with the glue and crayon and can't remember my boots to go to recess let alone what class is coming next where am I supposed to be at set?

Thought 5: Will there be enough space/access time for key communal infrastructure? (Participant 115)

Will there be sufficient library, gym and computer lab space/time/resources for all students?? What about cafeteria time/space with an extra 150 plus kids? Parking and driving for staff, parent drop off and pickup and the 16 plus set-not to mention the community people who live there--is this in the plan?

Thought 9: I'm concerned about the classroom sizes and grade sharing. (Participant 6)

Will more classrooms be built to accommodate the new numbers or will there be two grades in one room? I want my child to have the ability to have one on one with the teacher. Will that be possible with increased numbers of children in each class?

Thought 26: Lack of library space. (Participant 82)

Reading is the back bone to all learning. The current size cannot support all the activities and books needed for K-12.

Thought 28: WHY is there room for 6 classes to move to J.C. Charyk school in 2012, (Participant 44)

when they did not have any space available in 2011 for any additional classes? Had attended a meeting in 2012, they told us that the school was full, there was no available space.

Thought 38: There is simply not enough space to accommodate that many kids at J.C.C. (Participant 113)

Thought 39: The classrooms/hallways are way too small to accommodate all of the (Participant 113)

resources and needs of primary students.

Thought 53: I have concerns regarding space issues in JCC. (Participant 37)

I do not want to risk losing optional courses in either school.

Thought 60: Smaller environment for their self confidence. (Participant 89)

Thought 63: 1. The first issue I have in relocating is there isn't room to grow. (Participant 120)

You are putting all your eggs in one basket and when we do grow we will be overcrowded and the staff and students will have poor moral. Who wants to be in a atmosphere where you are on top of people and kids are getting left out because you dont notice the kids that need help because there is so many kids around they get left out and fall through the cracks.

Thought 67: Space for K-3 children in JC Charyk (Participant 80)

If it is necessary to do so, my concerns are just that it is done efficiently so that their quality of education does not suffer from having that large of a school population.
-not sure if the hot lunch program would have the facilities to operate, and i feel this is a very good program that i would hate to see disappear.

Thought 73: SPACE (Participant 53)

Is there going to be enough space to accomodate 600+ students with the possibility of some smaller schools in prairie land closing. Some day there could be upwards of 1000+ students in a k-12 school. I believe gym time will be cut, sports teams that use the facilities will be cut as well as options for our children. PLain and simple, there is not enough room per sq footage for each child, in the area designated for the school.

Thought 75: I am concerned about there not being enough learning space in J.C. Charyk (Participant 19)

Thought 81: CLASSROOM SIZE FOR STUDENTS (Participant 94)

CONCERNED THAT THE ROOMS WILL BE CROWDED

Thought 82: CAFETERIA TIME AND SPACE (Participant 94)

HOW WILL YOU BE ABLE TO ACCOMODATE THE EXTRA CHILDREN AT LUNCH TIME TO BE ABLE TO FEED ALL STUDENTS NECESSARY DURING THE LUNCH TIME

Thought 95: Space (Participant 24)

Kids need room, organization and a comfortable place to be. My concerns are that there won't be enough room. Ex: Lockers, bathrooms (only for them), gym time(already extremely hectic at JCC), classroom space, not getting lost in the hallways etc. I have a concern that the teachers will not have enough space for their things, which affects our kids way of learning. If the students are in a cluttered classroom it is more difficult for them to learn. I have a concern that things will be stolen from the young children lockers. I have a concern that the older students won't listen about using their own bathroom and if it's convenient for them they will use the younger student's bathroom. I have a concern about limited gym time or shared gym time. They already have shared gym time and teachers can't talk to their students because the other class in the gym is being loud. I have a concern about young students getting lost in the hallways ex: on the way to the office, bathrooms etc.

Thought 98: There is not enough space at J.C.Cheryk (Participant 81)

We feel that there is not enough space at J.C. Cheryk to fit 4 more grades. Without an expansion of the existing space, I think every grade would be negatively effected by "cramming in" the primary school students. This would affect students per classroom ratios, students per teacher ratio, comfort levels. Classrooms would potentially become more disruptive to students if we were to pack them in any tighter.

Thought 110: Child's Physical Environment (Participant 99)

With the consolidation of the 2 schools how will there possibly be enough gym time for all of the students in that school. A child needs to have physical activity, in as large of a space possible, as much as possible. With increasing technology children are not doing as much outside and in recreation as they used to and turning to technology.

Community Impact

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	40	22	1.82

Thought 16: Driving economic decline (Participant 101)

Will the closure of Hanna Primary ultimately drive further economic decline in Hanna? Jobs will be lost. Many families are saying they are unhappy with lack of options in Hanna for careers, and career advancement, shopping, entertainment, sports and with this new motion, they are growing increasingly restless and analyzing their options in options in other areas.

Thought 35: What about keeping our rural community attractive, and sustainable. To (Participant 44)

some looking to move to our community one large school is not attractive. It would be nice to work towards keeping Hanna alive instead of going out of our way to kill the town. If we do not look after our children and our town, The children will not stay, and we will loose even more population.

Thought 48: After school activies (Participant 23)

As part of gymnastics club, this club will likely be closing if we have our rent increase as the fees will be too high for kids to attend. Right now we keep it fairly cost efficient and it is working well but may not be feasible in the future.

Thought 65: We have a good school! (Participant 120)

If we take a little money to fix up both schools we will have 2 great schools for a long time. If people could see into the future at all they would see that it will save us more money in the long run as we wont have to build another school or add on to J.C. as it wont fit all the students. It draws more people here to see 2 schools instead of one.

Thought 86: No room for our town to grow (Participant 79)

Is Hanna really "Worth the Drive" if we are closing a school? There is no room for growth of our community with only one school. Young families will be reluctant to move to a "dying" town. What happens to the property value of homes on that end of town? Is the board considering how this will effect the community as a whole, or only the dollars they will be saving?

Thought 96: Bad for Town (Participant 24)

Our family is new to Hanna. We moved here and were happy about there being 2 separate schools for our kids. If the decision is to combine the schools and in the next few years we find it not benefiting our kids, we have already talked that we would move. I have a concern that this is the case for many people in the town and then Hanna will slowly lose numbers in population. Bad for town, housing, businesses, everything. I want my kids to start off their education in a elementary school, where life is good and they are excited to be in school. It is the most important time of their lives and their education! And I don't want something negative to change the outcome of their lives and who they will be when they get older. Put the money into bettering both schools! Keep our town happy!

Thought 104: I am not in favor of the above motion. (Participant 78)

I am not in favor of the above motion. The board is trying to close a school in the largest community where the growth of the community continues to change yearly. There are surrounding communities that have schools just as old and in need of repair that serve a much smaller number of students which their number are also declining

Grade Spread (Large age range of students)

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	29	17	1.71

Thought 1: I am not complete comfortable with the grade spread (Participant 20)

The possibility of increased school tax

Thought 2: Will the younger children have sufficient separation from older children? (Participant 115)

We have an excellent elementary community. The focus for children and staff alike is positive, helpful and encouraging. I worry that exposure to older groups of children and their sometimes questionable language and actions may put this at risk. Will there be an increased opportunity for bullying in shared spaces ie washrooms/hallways/change rooms??? They are in such a safe and controlled environment now I would really hate to see that change.

Thought 18: Primary schoolchildren are learning socialization/social skills (Participant 130)

Premature and frequent exposure to age-inappropriate situations can interrupt the development of young students social skills and impact "Big Futures"

Thought 20: Keeping Student Bodies Separated (Participant 21)

Although in theory PLRD thinks that they will keep them in each of their areas I do not see how they can guarantee this

Thought 64: Second, is teenagers will be teenagers. (Participant 120)

Teenagers do different things then elementary students. Elementary students dont need to see teenagers making out in the hallways,parking lot, and outside. They will grow up soon enough without seeing or hearing stuff that the teenagers are doing. It doesn't mean the teenagers are doing anything wrong they are being teenagers which we should allow them to be but instead we are restricting them to be like elementary kids, which isn't fair to them.

Thought 68: Children are being stuffed into the same school as kids 12 years older (Participant 88)

The younger children need to be in an environment where they are not exposed to drugs, sex, cigarettes, alcohol, girls 'menstrual' issues. They need to be in an environment where they can kick a soccer ball and not have the older kids either take it or throw it at them. They need to feel safe and putting them in a school with all the older kids will not allow this.

I love the fact that our school principal know each of the kids by first name, and knows perhaps if they have issues with certain things. Putting them into JCC with all the staff and other kids there there will not be the same level of this.

I don't want my child to have to move from room to room because there is not enough space to put everyone.

Thought 79: Large age range of students. (Participant 93)

IS it truly in our younger students best interest to be in the same facility as the older students. You can not insure that there would be separation of the students as they would be sharing common areas. As a society as a whole we seem to be pushing our children to mature sooner then they need by subjecting them to media and situations that they are not physically or mentally equipped to handle. I believe having extra years in a separate facility allows the children time to define themselves within the parameters of their own peers with out the influence of the older student population.

Thought 88: I would rather keep younger kids together (Participant 138)

Thought 89: Contact with older children (Participant 95)

increased exposure to profanity, bullying, inappropriate clothing, drugs, alcohol, and inexperienced drivers at a much younger age

Thought 92: Separation of elementary, junior high and senior high children (Participant 36)

Having attended the Youngstown School from my kindergarten to high school education, I know the advantages of having all the children in one facility. What I liked about Youngstown School is that the elementary classes and playground was on one side of the school and the high school classes was on the other side. This way the elementary school children only came into contact with the older children at morning dropoff and home time. It is very intimidating for young children to be around older children at school, so it is very important to have them separated. My concern with moving the elementary children to the Hanna high school is that there will not be a proper separation of the children during both class time and recess, so the elementary children will not have a safe environment with children their own age. It is the beginning of their education, so it is important to give the younger children a sense of security, so they are have the best potential for learning.

Thought 94: Little kids and older kids mixing (Participant 24)

Having a separate elementary school is very important to me because I don't want my child's life/behavior/personality to change because to the atmosphere she will be in with older students around. I understand that there are plans being made to keep the younger kids and older kids separate, but already at JCC the junior high kids wander wherever they want and keep sneaky around even after a teacher has told them to stay in their own end. Also major concern is playground time, will kindergartens have their own area separate from grade 6?

Thought 99: Proximity of young students to older students. (Participant 81)

Thought must be put into how the space would be layed out to seperate the younger, more impressionable students, from the older high schools students.

Thought 102: I think mixing the proposed age groups is not a good idea. (Participant 137)

High School Students go through intense changes and peer pressures that our younger students do not need witness or be exposed to any earlier then necessary. I think having the Grades 4,5,6, mix with the 7,8,9,10,11,and 12 is bad enough. When we moved here 3 years ago it shocked me that the school board would even consider the set up that exists at the High School. It invites young Girls and Boys to be exposed to and pressured into situation so much earlier then they would have to endure if they were not placed in a facility that should only house grades 9,10, 11,and 12. Why invite trouble and put our impressionable young people at risk.

Thought 103: High School is just that -High School...This is a community that is big (Participant 137)

enough that we the tax paying contributing community member's should be able to send our children to age appropriate facilities.

Thought 105: having too large an age range of kids in the same school (Participant 5)

Thought 106: We do not want the little kids occupying the same area as older children. (Participant 125)

Children grow up fast enough, we do not want them exposed to older children especially regarding the use of profane language and undesirable actions.

Thought 109: Student's Behavior (Participant 99)

Many things arise here from the mix of such an age range of students. Not all of the students have bad or negative behavior but there is some things that young kids do not need to see, such as older students smoking, kissing in the halls, pushing and joking around (where the younger ones may not realize it is a joke), language or conversations that may be overheard in a washroom, library or other common area. Tweens and teens are different from the younger children and should not have to compromise their different stages in life because they are all in one school. I know that there are other k-12 schools but not in a town as large as Hanna. The student population would be too great to combine them and try to keep them separated.

Thought 111: child being around older children and observing their actions (ones that (Participant 31)

are inappropriate for child to see)

Thought 117: Young children mixed with teenagers (Participant 136)

Having a kindergartner next year I'm concerned having my young children mixed in with the older students, mostly the high school. I see bullying in the primary school and it would be 10 fold with older students and younger students occupying the same space. Young children should not be exposed to older student as teachers and volunteers cannot properly supervise students that are mixed in a large space. Children should be able to retain there innocence as long as possible and not be exposed to issues that are above there maturity level.

Large Student Population

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	21	13	1.62

Thought 45: Over crowded (Participant 54)

I'm afraid that the school will be over crowded and the ones that will suffer are the little kids because they aren't set up for all of the little kids. I want for my kids to get what they deserve and that is the quality time they get with their teachers now and the space they need.

Thought 47: The kids in K-3 (Participant 23)

I can't even image how this is going to affect the young kids just starting school. Its a big jump already to just be going to school yet along to be mixed in with 600 other kids when its not necessary. I believe that the kids coming into kindergarten and grade 1 but to be mixed in amongst 4 times as many kids, these little people will feel intimidated, insecure, and even dislike school due to enviroment. Then there is the increase size of classes where kids may get less of an education as the teachers will not have as much time or the resources as the classrooms are small and they will not be able to keep all their teaching props either.

Thought 87: 1-The school would be to large, with too many students (Participant 138)

Thought 91: Large student population (Participant 95)

Advantage of small town living is gone, school size would be larger than the school our children would have attended in Calgary. Students become a number rather than receive the individual attention they require.

Thought 116: too crowded (Participant 31)

Gym Space

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	18	13	1.38

Thought 11: gym space - (Participant 13)

If Prairie land really understands that physical education is so important why are the students expected to share a gym.

Thought 19: Physical Education (Participant 21)

Sharing a gymnasium space between 3 or 4 classes does not allow enough room for children to fully get the benefits of physical activity

Thought 23: How are existing issues in J.C.Charyk going to be resolved? (Participant 50)

There are already issues and problems with overcrowding for gym classes, ie/ 2-3 classes at a time in the gym for Phys Ed at the same time. Cutting back Phys.Ed in this day and age of pandemic obesity is unhealthy. How many millions of educational dollars have been spent recently in the school system to promote healthy eating, nutrition, and exercise, yet the possibility exists that Phys Ed may be one of the first programs cut back at all grade levels due to adequate lack of gym space. Was J.C Charyk not one of the first schools in the province to ban pop machines, incorporate a healthy food choice menu, and promote health and wellness in the school?

Thought 27: Lack of gym space. (Participant 82)

When trying to teach healthy choices. Limiting the amount of physical activity is not good. Children are to get 30-60mins of daily activity.

Thought 33: Kids at JC Charyk already have to share gym time, because there is not (Participant 44)

enough time in the day to allow every one time in the gym, How will you make that work with 6 additional classes?

Thought 36: Gym space at JC Charyk is not adequate. (Participant 134)

There has been a huge push recently to increase physical activity in children but JC Charyk does not currently have adequate gym space for its students and the relocation of the Hanna Primary will only make this situation worse. Gym class with 30 children in only half a gym (because the other half is being used by another class of 30) is ridiculous and counter productive.

Thought 41: They shouldn't have to share a gym as that will result in a poor quality (Participant 113)

physical education experience.

Thought 49: Lose of physical education because of over populating the school. (Participant 43)

lose of a gym and adding all the k to 3 classes to a school that will not be able to house all the classes.

Thought 83: GYM TIME AND SPACE (Participant 94)

CONCERNED THAT THE YOUNGER STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO USE CHANGE ROOM WITH OLDER STUDENTS AND POSSIBLY SHARE THE GYM

Staffing

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	17	13	1.31

Thought 72: Staff Cuts (Participant 53)

Our son is enrolled in the Puff program at the moment and obviously there is going to be cuts. His AIDS are amazing! I wouldnt want to loose valuable, key players in our childrens education.

Thought 100: Too Large of Staff in one building (Participant 24)

There is already so many staff member at JCC and to add more will make things difficult for staff to function. Not enough room in the staff room, use of photocopy machines, and enough room to keep more supplies. High school staff not having their own classroom and sharing with other high school staff members. That is not fair to them. Making the daily life of our teachers even more stressful and difficult than it already is, which affects how they teach and our kids' education. We should be trying to make things easier for our staff, rather than making it more difficult.

Thought 101: Teachers losing jobs (Participant 24)

I don't want teachers losing jobs. Young new teachers will not move to Hanna if there no opportunity for them to have a job here. Which means we will be stuck with older teachers.

Thought 115: people losing their employment (Participant 31)

Traffic/Parking

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	16	13	1.23

Thought 12: Traffic conjection and safety (Participant 13)

Primary school students do not always pay close attention while they are crossing the street and we have new drivers in high school who do not always pay attention as closely as they should especially when they have their friends in the seat next to them.

Thought 25: Safety - Traffic (Participant 82)

The volume of traffic around the school. The congestion of that much traffic.

Thought 30: Parking and Traffic concerns need to be address at JC Charyk. (Participant 134)

More pickup and drop off parking and better traffic control needs to be addressed before moving younger children into JC Charyk.

Thought 31: When parents show up there is no room to park now!!!! (Participant 44)

Thought 69: Traffic (Participant 88)

We live very close to JCC and there is enough traffic as it is. I cannot imagine another 100-150 vehicles every day in the area to drop and pick up kids before/after school and at lunch hour. There are only a few crosswalks, and it is unsafe already for the kids that do walk.

Consolidation Procedures

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	15	10	1.50

Thought 3: Will this proceed in a reasonable and logical manner? (Participant 115)

Will there be an actual PLAN for moving students and staff OR will it be a rushed, non completed, slam everyone together and let the staff/students sort it all out while the work is completed around them type of move?

Thought 8: Will renovations be made to accommodate the smaller children? (Participant 6)

Will there be fountains, toilets, etc. that will be their size? Will there be a separate wing for the smaller children to keep them from getting trampled by the older ones? What about the playground for the young children; will there be one built especially for them? Children take a long time to get boots on and off. Will there be a separate entry for them?

Thought 10: I want the upgrades to be top of the line, not just bare minimum. (Participant 6)

I don't mind if the primary school is going to be closed and JC upgraded, if the accommodations are properly made. The school should get top of the line upgrades, no cheap fixes. There should be enough room for everyone. In referring to Option III. I agree that if you are going to upgrade, why not upgrade it to the new standards now. Otherwise, we will be revisiting this issue in the near future when things are working out like they should be. If you are going to do it, do it right!

Thought 15: "Right sizing" doesn't allow for other rural school closures (Participant 101)

How "right" would the size of our new K-12 school would be if say, Delia or another local smaller school closed down. Enrollment could go up significantly in the years to come with the local hamlets schools not able to keep their doors open. Aren't we working toward a brighter economic future in Hanna to draw more families and opportunities to the area?

Thought 22: That J.C.Charyk School will be modernized to a satisfactory level. (Participant 50)

My key concern is that J.C.Charyk will not be modernized to accommodate the ENTIRE student body, not just the K-3 grades. Is this going to be planned out PROPERLY? or is going to be a rushed hodge-podge makeshift plan to squeeze the elementary into J.C. Charyk?

Thought 40: Why is the board not asking for the "piece of the pie" that we in Hanna (Participant 113)

deserve and update and modernize both schools!!!!

Thought 56: What happens to cross town busing? (Participant 42)

Thought 58: How will the J.C.C change to accommodate grades K-3? (Participant 42)

They need smaller lockers, chairs and desks. They need their own recess time and gym time, and more supervision than the older kids. Are these requirements going to be met?

Thought 93: The high school also needs upgrades (Participant 36)

My concern is how much upgrading the high school needs to meet the needs of all the grade levels. It may seem an easy fix to do some simple modifications and place the elementary children there, but the school needs to meet the needs of all children at all grade levels, so there should be separate wings for elementary, junior high and high school. There also needs to be separate recess areas for the elementary children, so they feel free to play and just be young children. I am concerned the upgrades will be done as inexpensively as possible and will not be completed to what is best for the children. It may be as expensive to retrofit the high school as it is to build a new facility.

Funding

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	11	8	1.38

Thought 66: We would lose money (Participant 120)

Why would we want to move over and lose the grant money available to us. It just doesnt make sense. Why wouldn't we take advantage of the grant money available so we wouldn't have to lose secretaries and libriaians. Again not enough insight in the future.

Thought 77: Losing the grant money (Participant 19)

Playground

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	10	9	1.11

Thought 37: Playground equipment at Hanna Primary is much better than at JC Charyk. (Participant 134)

JC Charyk has finally received some playground equipment, after years and years without, but this equipment is still very inadequate for younger children. A new playground must be available BEFORE relocation. Considering how long it took for JC Charyk to finally receive the equipment it has now, I think it unlikely that the equipment would be installed and think it very unfair to the children to take them from a wonderful recess playground to a smaller one that was not built with this age group in mind.

Thought 84: PLAYGROUND (Participant 94)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE EXSISTING PLAYGROUND THAT PRIMARY HAS NOW AND WHAT WILL THE YOUNGER STUDENTS USE AT THE JC CHARYK SCHOOL?

Extra-curricular

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	4	4	1.00

Thought 43: Activities and field trips (Participant 54)

I worried that the kids won't get all the activities and field trips that they all deserve. I'm worried that the money won't be there for them like it has been at the primary school that we work hard for and fund raise for.

Thought 114: limited activities available to the younger children (Participant 31)
for example, basketball, gymnastics etc.

Money

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	3	1	3.00

Thought 6: That it has come down to dollars not our kids and their education. (Participant 97)

The closure of the HPS will make one less draw to have people come here to raise their families, that is why I chose to come back, was because the younger students were completely separate from the older grades.

Thought 32: How much will you save my deleting teacher positions by moving all the (Participant 44)

children to one school. How many children's educations will suffer???????????

Thought 50: cost of closing the school will cost at least 3 jobs in Hanna. (Participant 43)

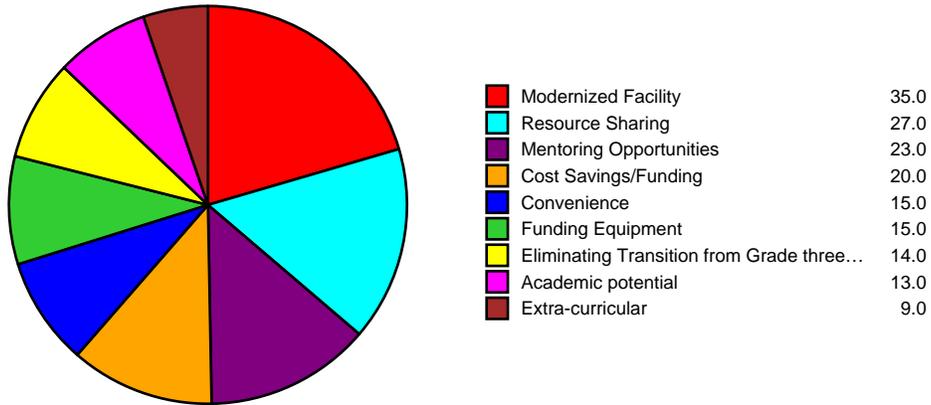
take away more business in town

Thought 52: I would be concerned that JC would not be updated adequately. (Participant 116)

If the option to keep the primary school would come at a cost of several million dollars with the ongoing expenses of extra custodial and operating costs, I think that we could be putting significant funds into JC to give all the students in Hanna a better place to learn. Right now we have 2 schools that work but are not great. My thought is that we would combine resources and make 1 GREAT school but I'm concerned that we will get 1 overpopulated, under resourced school.

Choose Summary

	overall rating	participant count	average rating
Modernized Facility	35	21	1.67
Resource Sharing	27	19	1.42
Mentoring Opportunities	23	15	1.53
Cost Savings/Funding	20	10	2.00
Convenience	15	10	1.50
Funding Equipment	15	9	1.67
Eliminating Transition from Grade three to four	14	10	1.40
Academic potential	13	6	2.17
Extra-curricular	9	7	1.29



What do you feel, if any, are the key benefits of relocating the primary program?

Choose instructions

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Modernized Facility

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	35	21	1.67

Thought 19: The J.C.C is definatly in better shape than the Primary School (Participant 42)

Because of the the J.C.C being bigger than the Primary and newer it will be easier to upgrade it and add on additions.

Thought 33: Modernized facility (Participant 79)

The only benefit to our students would be to go to school in a modernized facility, this could also be achieved by modernizing both facilities.

Thought 40: Newer Facility... (Participant 137)

Thought 45: updated facility (Participant 31)

Thought 46: modernization, newer, cleaner, healthier facility (Participant 136)

Resource Sharing

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	27	19	1.42

Thought 5: Better pool of resources. (Participant 6)

Thought 26: JC Charyk is a beautiful school with many structural advantages (Participant 80)

- as long as there is adequate room to do so, all grades may benefit from resource sharing from being in the same building.
- may be opportunities for older classes to do mentoring projects with younger grades to encourage empathy or work experience for older students wishing to pursue early childhood education
- JC Charyk is not "nut free" so my children could enjoy peanut butter again
- there is the potential to have more support staff to help in classrooms

Thought 31: Streamlining of Resources (Participant 93)

With all the students and staff in one location it would more efficient for administration as well as sharing school resources.

Mentoring Opportunities

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	23	15	1.53

Thought 1: Younger siblings will be together with the older ones (Participant 20)

Thought 24: Help from older kids (Participant 14)

I believe it increases the ability for older kids to mentor younger children because they are all in the same school. Also, it makes it possible for older siblings to look out for or help with the care of younger siblings.

Cost Savings/Funding

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	20	10	2.00

Thought 7: Purely fiscal (Participant 130)

Financial benefit does not adequately weight the importance of other decisional factors which should also be deliberated in this process.

Thought 10: The only one who will benefit is the school PLRD by saving them selves (Participant 44)

money.

Thought 11: I think there is a cost benefit to joining the schools. (Participant 134)

However, I doubt that the added money would be put back into our school to off set the disadvantages.

Thought 20: Administrative costs. (Participant 89)

Thought 23: financial (Participant 14)

It seems to be more cost effective to right size one school, rather than two

Thought 27: Funding (Participant 53)

I do believe they only benefit would be that im sure the school would be given a bigger budget to accommodate the extra kids/

Thought 29: Cost (Participant 19)

Thought 30: Administration and Janitorial reduction costs (Participant 19)

Thought 36: a cost savings to the school district (Participant 138)

Thought 38: Energy and cost savings (Participant 36)

Once the building is retrofitted to meet all the children's needs, there will be energy and cost savings, since the children are all in one building.

Thought 39: Cost of maintenance of one school, as opposed to 2 schools. (Participant 81)

The cost to maintain one large building as opposed to 2 would be substantially less. I don't think this should be done at the expense of quality education though, just to save some money on maintenance costs.

Convenience

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	15	10	1.50

Thought 4: One drop off spot for your kids! (Participant 6)

Thought 17: It would be more convenient for families with several students. (Participant 37)

Thought 22: convenience (Participant 14)

Having all grades at one school makes it easier when you have kids at both age groups.

Funding Equipment

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	15	9	1.67

Thought 18: One benefit may be more funding or better equipment for gym and science (Participant 42)

If they did make the move to J.C.C they would have access to the home ec room, science lab, science fair, computer lab, and the library which would be good.

Eliminating Transition from Grade three to four

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	14	10	1.40

Thought 21: The kids would be in one school and wouldn't have to move to another (Participant 25)

school.

Thought 32: THE STUDENTS WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE SCHOOL (Participant 94)

THERE WOULD NOT BE AN ADJUSTMENT FOR THEM LIKE THEY EXPERIENCE IN GRADE 4. THE STUDENTS WOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THEIR SURROUNDINGS AND GRADE 4 WOULDNT BE SUCH A CHANGE FOR THEM

Academic potential

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	13	6	2.17

Thought 2: This has potential to be positive for ALL students. (Participant 115)

The improvements to JC Charyk have the potential to improve the academic experience for ALL students throughout their school career. The opportunity exists to improve function and flow in the current building to the benefit of students and staff alike. If the merger occurs and this opportunity has not been exploited, I feel we will have missed the mark entirely. I sincerely hope the board recognizes this.

Extra-curricular

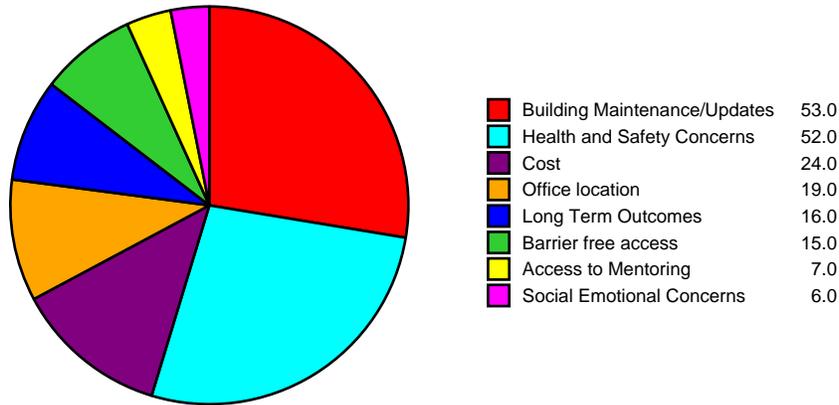
Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	9	7	1.29

Thought 16: Having a cafeteria and hot lunch program for the kids on an ongoing basis.
(Participant 116)

Choose Summary

	overall rating	participant count	average rating
Building Maintenance/Updates	53	30	1.77
Health and Safety Concerns	52	24	2.17
Cost	24	17	1.41
Office location	19	10	1.90
Long Term Outcomes	16	10	1.60
Barrier free access	15	7	2.14
Access to Mentoring	7	6	1.17
Social Emotional Concerns	6	3	2.00



The other three options include maintaining the current location of the school. What, if any, are your main concerns about maintaining the current location?

Choose instructions

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Building Maintenance/Updates

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	53	30	1.77

Thought 2: Aging infrastructure is difficult and costly to maintain. (Participant 115)

Thought 4: The heating is a concern (Participant 97)

Thought 10: The Old Part of the Primary School (Participant 21)

It obviously needs to be knocked down

Thought 17: Minimal (Participant 23)

The main concern is the roof on the school but from what I understand the roof is mostly a problem on the old side which is not in use after this year with dance and FCSS moving out. Close that end off, demolish the unused side and keep the rest of the school. The repairs to the rest of the school are insignificant in comparision to the cost of adding a new gym as I heard it from facility staff that another gym would be needed as the gym as JC Charyk is so busy already that it can't handle another 3 grades plus the after school recreation.

Thought 27: It's not as bad as it is made out. (Participant 120)

The maintance of the current location wouldn't be as bad as it is portrayed. The only thing not heated after the closure of the old part of the school would be the gym. That can be easily fixed. It is only seven years older then J.C. so a little fixing up would go a long way in keeping it open for a long time.

Thought 28: too much structural damage to repair (Participant 80)

with the information presented, it sounds like there is too much needed and way too costly to make this the best choice at this time.

while i think it would be sad to see a historic building demolished, if it isn't safe or up to code, and the costs are that high to remedy the situation, it doesn't sounds logical.

Thought 30: there is always something to maintain on any building (Participant 90)

the cost of the maintaining will always be there no matter were they go

Thought 33: Will the facility be updated. (Participant 79)

My main concern would be proper updating of the current school.

Thought 36: Maintenance on the building (Participant 36)

If the Hanna Primary School remains in operation, I am concerned that the maintenance and upgrades needed will not be completely done.

Thought 37: The building needs to be updated and modernized. (Participant 81)

The present location needs a lot of work to bring it back to being a healthy, modern educational facility. In particular, there are rumours that there is black mould in some areas of the building. This concern needs to be addressed.

Thought 38: Students and Teachers living through the construction (Participant 24)

Making things difficult for teachers and students to work. But I know the outcome will benefit the teachers, students, parents and town in the end.

Health and Safety Concerns

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	52	24	2.17

Thought 8: Children's safety from legitimate health and structural hazards (Participant 130)

All environments housing individuals of any age should meet safety standards

Thought 11: Are there any health risks to students with keeping the primary school? (Participant 50)

We need to ensure that all maintenance and repairs would be done with absolutely no health risks for those in the building, ie/asbestos, mold. That there would be air quality testing, safety inspections done to ensure everyone at the school is kept safe.

Thought 13: Safety (Participant 82)

Is the current building mold free and asbestos free?

Thought 29: UPDATES (Participant 53)

There needs to be updates in this school making it more safe and efficient to keep it open.

Thought 35: Health and safety of an older building (Participant 95)

Requirements to ensure safety including air quality, administrative control of access to the building and structural integrity.

Thought 40: The cleanliness of the school (Participant 78)

I realize the school is old but if proper up keep had been done on the school we may not be in the position now.

Thought 43: Safe Environment (Participant 99)

Just make sure that young children have a safe environment to learn in and have a place of their own. I have a young child in the primary school and is scared to death that you are going to take his school away.

Thought 44: Health concerns, the facility is older and needs wo (Participant 136)

Cost

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	24	17	1.41

Thought 1: Cost (Participant 20)

Thought 12: That the costs to keep it operating are not going to affect learning. (Participant 50)

That the cost of the renovations would not affect the quality of education that the children receive. That it would not affect additional programs to improve academics from being introduced.

Thought 15: My only concern about maintaining the current location is that the board (Participant 113)

needs to spend the dollars to upgrade it to where it belongs. The money goes to all of the other schools in our division. IT IS OUR TURN!!!!

Thought 20: What will the cost be of upgrading and putting in an addition? (Participant 42)

Thought 21: Who will pay for these upgrades? Tax payers? Government? Grants? (Participant 42)

Thought 22: High costs of maintaining the older part of the facility. (Participant 89)

Thought 24: cost (Participant 14)

It is going to cost a lot of more to upgrade both schools to where they need to be.

Thought 31: The cost involved (Participant 19)

Office location

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	19	10	1.90

Thought 9: Require an office location which better gate-keeps access to the students (Participant 130)

Minimizing unauthorized or unknown contact with the children can reassure parents and teachers that safety measures are in place to better-manage risks for a group who are not yet equipped, emotionally or physically, to maneuver societal or personal safety threats.

Long Term Outcomes

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	16	10	1.60

Thought 16: Hot lunch program (Participant 54)

There probably won't be a hot lunch program anymore.

Thought 18: That too much of our resources would be invested in 4 grades. (Participant 116)

The cost of keeping the school where it is is shocking. I really think that we can use those resources to make huge improvements in our community that will benefit all the students not just 4 grades.

Thought 32: CONCERN IS LONG TERM (Participant 94)

SO WE PUMP IN SO MANY \$\$\$\$ NOW. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE LONG TERM IS THIS A TEMPORARY FIX TO AN OUTCOME DOWN THE ROAD THAT WE WILL EVENTUALLY BE DOING

Thought 42: What will happen to the older portion? (Participant 125)

Where will the hot lunch program be held when this area is removed?
What kind of upgrades will have to be enabled? And how much?

Barrier free access

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	15	7	2.14

Thought 3: It is difficult to have barrier free access in an older building. (Participant 115)

Thought 5: Making it handicap friendly (Participant 97)

Access to Mentoring

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	7	6	1.17

Thought 25: Student mentoring (Participant 14)

Being on the other side of town makes it more difficult to have older students mentor.

Social Emotional Concerns

Choose summary

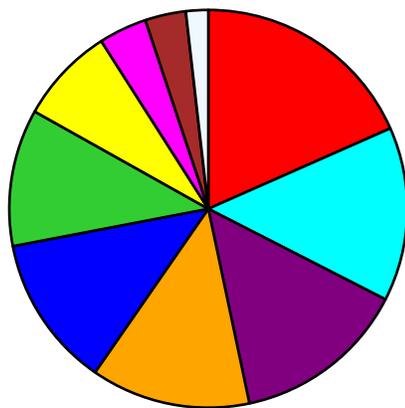
participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	6	3	2.00

Thought 26: added pressure to young kids (Participant 14)

I believe that having only K-3 in one school leads to unrealistic expectations of the grade 3 students because they are the oldest in the school.

Choose Summary

	overall rating	participant count	average rating
Educational Environment / School Culture	61	27	2.26
Classroom Space / Gym Time	47	27	1.74
Health and Safety	47	22	2.14
Divisional Separation	43	23	1.87
Community Impact	41	23	1.78
Reduced Stress	37	21	1.76
Traffic	26	15	1.73
Staffing	13	10	1.30
Grant Money	11	5	2.20
Demonstrates Community Engagement	6	5	1.20



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■	Divisional Separation	43.0
■	Community Impact	41.0
■	Reduced Stress	37.0
■	Traffic	26.0
■	Staffing	13.0
■	Grant Money	11.0
■	Demonstrates Community Engagement	6.0

Regarding the three options that include maintaining the current location, what do you feel are the key benefits?

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Educational Environment / School Culture

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	61	27	2.26

Thought 3: Maintaining the current culture would be the major benefit. (Participant 115)

Thought 4: The students are at a location that is age appropriate (Participant 97)

Thought 14: Identity (Participant 82)

The elementary students get to keep their own space. Space to just be kids and not be as influenced by older students

Thought 18: Hanna Primary has an environment that promotes learning and citizenship. (Participant 134)

The Hanna Primary has a very caring environment that allows its children to thrive. A fact that that be seen in the excellent performance testing results that this school continues to produce. This atmosphere is very carefully constructed and nurtured by the staff and administration of this school and it needs to be protected so that the children can continue to benefit from it.

Thought 21: They will not be exposed to the bigger school until they are older and (Participant 113) more able to deal with the environment

Thought 23: Student, teacher relationship (Participant 54)

I think the students and teachers will be able to better maintain the relationship between them and be given the time that each of them need.

Thought 25: Education (Participant 23)

I believe that our kids just starting into school will learn better and have a fonder likeness for school if they are allowed to learn in an enviroment that is especially based on their learning and their needs. The needs of other Grades 4-12 will become the main concern if the schools are combined and I think that kids will have more trouble with their education by combining and that is our main concern. To make a decision based on costs when if affects so many kids is not appropriate. There are other schools with less kids where costs can be saved rather than combining these schools which I don't believe there will be any saving at this time. If enrollement continues to drop it may be a concern in 10 years but there are some large classes of kids in the K-3 now and upcoming

Thought 28: Lets the little kids be kids. (Participant 89)

Not subjected to the older kids and what goes on in a larger school.

Thought 30: We would maintain our close knit feeling with staff and parents at H.P.S (Participant 42)

Thought 34: it's nice to have K-3 have their own space (Participant 80)

there is a sense of "community" that goes along with having the younger grades separated, which benefits both parents and young children when adjusting to going to school.

Thought 37: the kids get to have there own place (Participant 90)

the kids get to stay at there school

they don't get to see what the older kids are doing

we get to keep all the teachers

Thought 42: Maintaining Hanna Primary's small school culture (Participant 79)

Hanna Primary is a lovely school. The students, for the most part, feel safe and "at home" there. With the small number of students and wonderful staff the children are entered into their early years of schooling without being overwhelmed by a large student population and older students.

Thought 47: Smaller school size (Participant 95)

Children would receive the the individual attention they require, rather than become merely a number in a large school

Thought 49: Huge benefit to having a specific K-4 school. (Participant 81)

Having educational facilities dedicated specifically to K-4 grades is a huge benefit. Having a dedicated K-4 social worker and a dedicated K-4 library with librarian is much more beneficial than having an integrated facility. Having a dedicated gymnasium with equipment specific to K-4 is much more preferable than having an integrated K-12 gymnasium.

Thought 52: Better for students (Participant 24)

First few years of a child's education is important and having an elementary school is the reason why. They get all the resources they need (speech, reading, behavior intervention) and plenty of one-on-one time. Will maintain their gym and music time. Have their own playground. Don't have to nervous and worry about older students. Gain confidence about being leaders in their school, instead of always being the youngest in the school and not gain any leadership skills.

Thought 57: The children have a place of their own (Participant 99)

Young children are tender and need a place to get their feet under themselves.

Classroom Space / Gym Time

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	47	27	1.74

Thought 9: gym time and space for daily physical education (Participant 13)

Thought 20: The students will not have to be crammed in like sardines with absolutely (Participant 113)

no room for growth!

Thought 38: The children will have enough space (Participant 19)

Thought 46: Adequate physical education time and space (Participant 95)

Primary students will have their own gym space, music space, and computer access

Thought 50: More classroom space per child and better teacher to student ratio. (Participant 81)

Staying at the present facility would mean little or no loss of staff, larger classrooms, and better teacher to student ratios.

Thought 58: Gym Space (Participant 99)

There are activities that use the gym other than school that there are no other places to hold these activities, both the school gyms and new community service building have activities in these areas and we do not need to loose anything we have. A loss is unappealing and not attractive to anyone currently living in the area or to newcomers to the area.

Health and Safety

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	47	22	2.14

Thought 5: That the safety of students is foremost, and is easy to maintain (Participant 97)

Thought 6: The students won't be bothered by the older kids. (Participant 6)

E.g. bullying

Thought 36: Separate learning area (Participant 53)

I think this is personally the best option to keep the two schools separate. There needs to be updates but this is a safe location for the kids.

Thought 39: Bullying might not be quite as bad (Participant 19)

Thought 44: Building maintenance is a fact of life. (Participant 138)

By upgrading the current school, you allow the primary age children to attend a small school with more personal attention.

Thought 63: Health concerns, the current facility needs to be upgraded. (Participant 136)

Divisional Separation

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	43	23	1.87

Thought 2: It would keep status quo with the younger students separated (Participant 20)

Thought 10: Maintaining age appropriateness of all activities (Participant 101)

and ongoings at the school.

Thought 11: Age-appropriate, safe place to achieve developmental milestones (Participant 130)

Primary students can achieve developmental milestones more fully when they are not prematurely exposed to behaviours and social situations which they are not yet ready to process with their less-fine-tuned social skills and communication abilities. Healthier development lends to fewer challenges as successive milestones present themselves, at the appropriate time frames.

Thought 12: K-3 Kids Are Separate (Participant 21)

Thought 26: keeping the little kids away from the high school and junior high (Participant 43)

let the kids be kids in a environment that is and has been built for them. do not take away from the younger and even the older kids in the school system over a little bit of money.

Thought 29: Keeping the younger kids away from the older ones until grade 4. (Participant 42)

Younger students need the one on one time they currently get with their teachers and other students. It helps build their confidence and social skills.

Thought 41: KEEPING THE YOUNGER STUDENTS AWAY FROM THE OLDER INFLUENCES (Participant 94)

THESE DAYS OUR CHILDREN GROW UP TO FAST AS IT IS. A BENEFIT WOULD BE TO KEEP THE OLDER INFLUENCES AWAY FROM THE YOUNGER CHILDREN

Thought 45: Separate location from older children/teens (Participant 95)

Easier to protect young children s innocence if they are in a separate environment from older children/teens

Thought 48: Separation of elementary and high school students (Participant 36)

I think it is very important to give the younger children a separate location for their classes and recess. This opinion is based on my experience at the Youngstown School and how it seemed to work well. Maintaining the current building ensures the children are in a separate location, so there is a sense of security with children of their own age, so learning is optimized. I am concerned this will not take place if the elementary and high school are brought together in one school. Young children are very easily influenced, so it is important to give them their own space for learning. Bottom line - I do not want to have to worry about a Grade 12er bullying my kindergartener at recess. I would like to say this does not take place, but we know it can. I want my child to enjoy school and look forward to attending and start off his early years on the right footing, instead of feeling intimidated, since he is passing the older children in the hallways on a daily basis.

Thought 53: I like the idea of keeping our younger students separate from our older (Participant 137)

students. I would like to see the current location kept, and what ever way this is achieve is ok with me.

Thought 55: smaller age range (Participant 5)

Thought 56: Separation of the 4 primary grades from the upper grades. (Participant 125)

Better teacher/student ratio.

Not being exposed to the upper grades.

Less likelihood of bullying by older children.

Thought 59: keep younger children separate to give them a chance to grow up at a slow (Participant 31)

pace and avoid adapting behaviors that the older children may have!

Community Impact

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	41	23	1.78

Thought 1: It is an existing facility (Participant 20)

Thought 7: There will be room for any growth in student numbers. (Participant 6)

Thought 17: That building provides an option for the community. (Participant 134)

A school is never just a school, it is also a place for meetings and extracurricular activities. In a small town without the amenities of larger centers we need to protect the facilities we have for the greater good of the community.

Thought 19: Hanna gets to keep a school open, and that is never a bad thing!! (Participant 113)

Thought 27: Benefits to the east end community. (Participant 37)

Guaranteed busing from the east.
Property values maintained on the east.
1 more guaranteed gym in town.
Good playground on east end.

Thought 31: It would be nice to see them stay were they are, and not see another empty (Participant 25)

building in town.

Thought 33: You have 2 schools (Participant 120)

You would have 2 schools for activities. One specific would be we would be able to keep the gymnastics program which allows over 50 kids to participate in physical activity. We don't want to kill our community which we would be doing by getting rid of that program. Let's try to think of the community as well when we make our decisions as we say it's for our kids but we are getting rid of options and activities for our kids in the name of money.

Thought 43: Room for growth (Participant 79)

Keeping Hanna Primary school open leaves room for our community to grow and maintains property values on the east side of town.

Thought 51: Better for Town, Families, Staff and Students (Participant 24)

Maintaining current location, but making upgrades/new building for Hanna Primary will be better for everyone. We already have a brand new community Center and Lodge in Hanna. I believe to bring new young families to Hanna and keep the current ones, schools are the most important. Having a brand new elementary school will pay off in time- Families will enjoy it immensely and more will move to Hanna, Staff and students will benefit by bettering the education, can have more after-school use at the school (gymnastics, karate, and many more activities), won't have to upgrade for a long time. Students and teachers will have more space and still keep their elementary school atmosphere. I think option to maintain current location will benefit East side of Hanna by keeping housing market in demand. I've seen small town have young families move away and it turns into an old people town, and main reason is because of schools closing and not maintain young family programs, I don't want that here.

Thought 54: Keep the schools in the larger community of the area (Participant 78)

By keeping the primary school open, close the outlining areas if needed because of budget. Fix the school and keep the school upkeep opportunity

Thought 61: improving environment for future generations (Participant 31)

Reduced Stress

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	37	21	1.76

Thought 8: Less confusion and choas (Participant 13)

There is not as many people so there is not as much confusion in the school and outside for parents.

Thought 13: A safer, less stressful environment for the young elementary children. (Participant 50)

The elementary children do not need to be exposed to the older kids at this timw. It can be quite stressful for the children. It exposes the younger kids to things that they need not be.

Traffic

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	26	15	1.73

Thought 15: Traffic (Participant 82)

As the current rule, all kindergarten students must be picked up from the class room if not on the bus. The parking and traffic is enough to handle currently with parents picking up their kids. Combining the schools would just double the problems.

Staffing

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	13	10	1.30

Thought 24: Teachers jobs (Participant 54)

You can't find anywhere else the best teachers for teaching our young kids. To keep the school maintained means we have the privilege of keeping our teachers jobs safe and the principal.

Thought 60: keeping employment (Participant 31)

Grant Money

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	11	5	2.20

Thought 40: Keeping the grant money (Participant 19)

Demonstrates Community Engagement

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	6	5	1.20

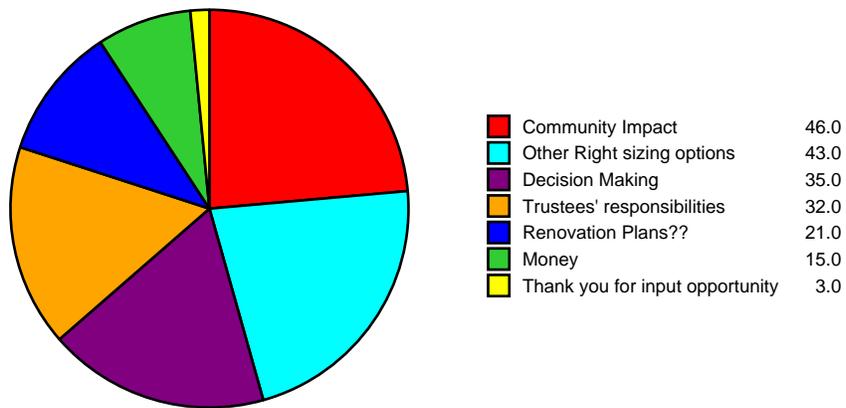
Thought 22: Staff/ parents/ community will be more confident in PLRD and it's ability (Participant 113)

to care about the Hanna schools as well as the other schools in the district!!!

Thought 62: also demonstrates that community has power to make changes (Participant 31)

Choose Summary

	overall rating	participant count	average rating
Community Impact	46	25	1.84
Other Right sizing options	43	21	2.05
Decision Making	35	20	1.75
Trustees' responsibilities	32	21	1.52
Renovation Plans??	21	13	1.62
Money	15	12	1.25
Thank you for input opportunity	3	3	1.00



Do you have any other questions or comments at this time?

Choose instructions

Please place stars beside any of the groups or thoughts that resonate with you.

Community Impact

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	46	25	1.84

Thought 8: Other programs use the Primary School (Participant 21)

What about gymnastics, tae kwon doe, etc?

Thought 14: If this move happens our town is going to suffer as this new plan has zero (Participant 113)

room for growth.

Thought 24: Final Verdict (Participant 53)

We as a family believe that the HPS closure possibility is definitely the worst idea! We have to remember for future generations and not just right now. Someday there could be Delia and or Youngstown that may have to close their doors and where will they go. Hanna/Oyen/Drumheller. Even if all the kids were split between these schools there could be 1000+ children at the JCC. We worry about the impact on our childrens learning if they are moved. There is no possible way you will be able to separate the school so that the high school students stay at one end. Our children are growing up fast enough, We dont want them to grow up any faster and Believe that if the schools were joined it will definitely happen. There would be too many ranges of maturity levels in one school. Kids see things and instinctively follow those who are older.

I believe the decision is already made, But this is going to make a HUGE impact on our town and not in a positive way.

Thought 25: Final Verdict Pt 2 (Participant 53)

I myself have been contemplating leaving the area if this does go through. I really feel it will wreck our town and limit its growth!

Thought 26: Property Values/Taxes (Participant 53)

Those of us who are on the JCC side of town will see a hike in our already high taxes and the side where HPS is will lgo down but that side of town will be barren and uninviting. Pretty much just the dead end of town.

Thought 39: Not very Attractive!! (Participant 99)

In a population the size of Hanna, one school is not very attractive to newcomers wanting to move here. Think of the TOWN! We do not want Hanna to die.

Other Right sizing options

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	43	21	2.05

Thought 10: Right-sizing the Primary school for K-6 (Participant 130)

Why is there no consideration for right-sizing the Primary school for ECS to Grade 6, and right-sizing JC Charyk for grades 7-12? This option does not appear to be in the Hanna Primary School Report at all.

Thought 29: WITH THE STUDENT POPULATION IN HANNA INCREASING AND THE SURROUNDING (Participant 94)

SCHOOLS LIKE YOUNGSTOWN DECREASING HOW LONG WILL IT BE FEASABLE TO KEEP THEIR SCHOOLS OPEN? WHEN WILL THEY WILL BE CLOSING AND THE STUDENTS COMING TO HANNA? HAVE WE KEPT THIS IN MIND WHEN THEY ARE FIGURING OUT COSTS TO UPGRADE THE JC CHARYK SCHOOL FOR THE CURRENTLY ALLOTTED NUMBER OF STUDENTS. AGAIN WILL WE BE IN THIS SAME BOAT IN 5+ YEARS. ARE WE LOOKING AT LONG TERM AS WELL OR JUST A RUSH TO KNOCK DOWN THE PRIMARY?

Thought 35: Why are we not looking at closing Delia and/or Youngstown schools (Participant 78)

You want to close the school in the largest community where growth is ongoing but are willing to keep small schools open that are just as old and need to be renovated as well. Would it not make more sense to bring students into the larger community how do you expect the community to attract young families when the school system doesn't want to provide an opportunity to educate the students in a facility that is needed. All the information given looks at the budget what about the budget if one or more of the smaller schools close.

Thought 40: I would like to see a new facility built in the existing location. (Participant 136)

Decision Making

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	35	20	1.75

Thought 5: This form was hard for me to fill out. (Participant 6)

I don't have any children in school right now so I don't have really strong opinions on the issues at hand. I do want my children to get the best of everything. Good quality education. Modern technology. The best school environment possible. If the primary school is moved over, I don't want to see that the proper changes to the school were not made. Put forth the money and do it RIGHT!

I grew up in a school that was K-10. As a student, I wasn't bothered by the older children. There was a primary wing and a senior wing. I would hope that something similar to that would be done if the school is moved to JC. The small children need their own space as much as the older students do.

Thought 11: Whatever the decision I hope it is implemented properly. (Participant 50)

There are Pros and Cons to both options. My biggest fear is that it will not be carried out in a fiscally or academically responsible manner. As long as the quality of education that the children receive, the classroom sizes are not affected and programs benefiting the children are not cut to facilitate this move, either option will work. Sadly, in Hanna, I feel we cannot afford to lose anything further in our school. The recent Frazer report for Alberta Schools reflects that. 196 out of 276 schools, ouch. 5.2 out of 10 overall rating, ouch.

Thought 22: We give you answer and questions and you give us nothing! (Participant 120)

All along we have been voicing our concerns and questions but nobody is aloud to answer any of our questions. Are you just humoring us and you have made your decision? I think that it is very poor that board members are voting for this and they haven't been in to see either school. How can you make a decision when you haven't seen what the schools have to offer and how crowded the schools will be. Are they really doing this for the kids I think not. Maybe we should look at their schools and see how they like the idea of their school being shut down. I can guarantee their utilization rate is a heck of alot lower then ours. So maybe we should concentrate on the schools that aren't growing and fix them first before we hit the school that is still growing first.

Thought 32: Seriously consider the impact (Participant 36)

I hope the PLRD Board makes a decision based on what is best for the well being of the children in the community and not just based on money. All options incur costs, so retrofitting the high school is not necessarily the least expensive option. It is an option that could work, if done properly, but I am concerned that corners will be cut to make the project as inexpensive as possible and not done with the best interest of the children involved. The younger children have some unique needs than the older children, so I hope this is addressed. I am not completely against putting the children all in one school, but if it takes place, I want to ensure it is done properly and in the best interests of all the children with more than money in mind.

Thought 33: Putting the money where it benefits most (Participant 24)

I think the board needs to take a good look at what the town wants, what is best for kids and staff, what will benefit Hanna the most. I can't understand how putting in millions of dollars into closing a school and fixing up another will benefit this town, when we can put that money into maintaining both schools. Two schools in a town is always best, in my opinion. This decision is important to the people of Hanna, and the board members that don't live here need to think about how the people of the town feel and how it will affect us in the years to come. It's not always about money, it's about my kids' lives and education. Education is the most important thing to me as a parent. I want nothing less than the best for my kids. I want them to look back on their school years and know they had wonderful teachers, a great school and all the resources that they needed to get where they are in life. Please make the decision with the future of our kids in mind!

Thought 34: I know its important to keep costs inmind, but I think we are over looking (Participant 137)

important details. If we move our K-3 students to the High School, what will this cost our kids? what price do we associate with our kids having to grow up faster then necessary? They will be exposed to drugs, sex, teen pregnancy, depression, bullying and peer pressure much sooner. They do not yet have the tools to deal emotionally with these issues that they will be indirectly affected by. If you want to talk money what will this cost us down the road??? I already worry about the high school being 4-12. This is not a great selling feature to family entering the community.

Trustees' responsibilities

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	32	21	1.52

Thought 6: All school board members should attend public meeting (Participant 13)

Some school board members appear close minded to the possibilities available. Every school board member should attend the public meeting on April 17. They don't live in the community and they don't have to deal with the consequences of their choices.

Thought 13: I just really hope that the board reconsiders this motion and makes the (Participant 113)

right decision, uphold your promises to the voters that elected you to represent us.

Thought 15: We say that we believe in rural education and now it is time to stand up (Participant 113)

for it rather than shut down one of the largest schools in our division.

Thought 16: Right decision (Participant 54)

I just hope the government will make the right decision and keep the best interest for our children.

Thought 18: I feel that if the school board trustees are not willing to listen (Participant 43)

if the board is not willing to listen to the parents , kids , people of this community a motion should be made that the board members are all removed and a by election should be brought forth and we can get the proper people in to do the job.

Thought 23: i trust that the people making the decisions have thought it out (Participant 80)

there is so much more thought put into this situation that is over my head. i feel if it's necessary to relocate K-3, then i hope all the necessary thought and planning will be/has been done. It is a nice thought to have our babies in their own school, but if it's that costly to make that school safe and up to code, then i understand why changes must be made. i do feel that the decision has been made, and my opinion isn't going to change anything. i just hope that it still allows for the high quality of education i feel my children are already receiving.

Renovation Plans??

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	21	13	1.62

Thought 2: Will the community be allowed input on the building changes? (Participant 115)

If this proceeds will the community get to see the proposed changes before they are implemented?

Thought 19: What is the renovation plan for JC if it is decided to move? (Participant 116)

It would be nice to hear what would happen to our resources in detail. It would make me feel better to know that we were giving up the primary to make something better for our students. If not, my thoughts about this move would be much different.

Thought 21: when work will be done. (Participant 14)

I would like to know when the work would be done on the school or schools depending on which option was chosen.

Money

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	15	12	1.25

Thought 1: We are the largest population in our district. What is next? (Participant 115)

We have the largest school population in Div #25. What else will be asked to sacrifice down the road to maintain smaller population institutions in our district????? Is Alberta Ed oblivious to the current funding model limitations for rural Alberta? I know-off topic BUT!

Thought 9: Cost analysis questions (Participant 130)

Is a monetary value applied to the calculation of the Sub-Studies cost analysis estimates when the Primary school is noted to be sold, leased, abandoned, or demolished (either as a financial gain or loss)?

Thought 30: All about money? (Participant 79)

I feel that the decision to close Hanna Primary school will be based solely on having more money for the division and it's smaller school. This decision should be about the students, not about money!

Thought 37: How much will this process cost? (Participant 125)

What will the final cost be to keep the Primary School where it is at?
 How much will the new wing at JCHS cost if that is the final decision?
 Will the board actually accept/understand parents concerns especially if they do not have children?

Thought 38: Education not \$\$ (Participant 99)

There is no reason that we should NOT ask for the biggest and best solution for our children's education. If the Alberta Education Board is not asked for the money to upgrade both schools then of course they will not give it to "us". Think of what is best for the STUDENTS' education. A whole new school needs to be built just upgrade to the current and existing one.

Thank you for input opportunity

Choose summary

participant	overall rating	participant count	average rating
All (138)	3	3	1.00

Thought 3: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input! (Participant 115)

Thought 20: Can see the benefits of both sides. (Participant 89)

