

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON COMMUNITY SURVEY  
AD-HOC 1928 BUILDING COMMITTEE  
FINAL**



**March-April 2022**

**Screener**

A. Are you at least 18 years of age or older?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No **[Terminate]**
- 03 Unsure **[Terminate]**

B. Do you currently reside in Farmington or Unionville?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No **[Terminate]**
- 03 Unsure **[Terminate]**

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**We need your help.** The Town of Farmington and the Town Council’s Ad-Hoc 1928 Building Committee is studying potential uses for the 1928 Building. Your participation and input in this community survey is very important. Ideas range from demolishing the 1928 Building to keeping portions of the existing high school for municipal purposes.

This survey is being conducted by The Center for Research & Public Policy (CRPP). **Your individual responses are strictly confidential.** Your name, email address or contact information will never be associated with any of your responses. The online survey never asks for your name, email address, or contact information. If you choose to complete a paper survey, CRPP immediately disassociates any contact information from the respective completed survey. Contact information is then removed from our systems. CRPP will share **ONLY** composite aggregate data with the Farmington Town Council’s Ad-Hoc 1928 Building Committee.

**DEADLINE:** Please complete this survey prior to **April 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm.**

**Print versions:** Please return to one of the following drop off locations by April 11<sup>th</sup>:

- Town Hall, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032
- Farmington Main Library, 6 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032
- Barney Library, 71 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032
- Community/Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave, Unionville, CT 06032

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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

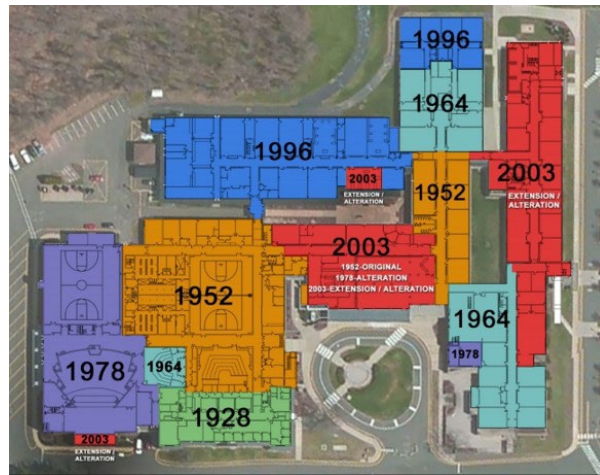
Most of the time, questions require just one answer. However, several questions will include the direction: **“Please indicate all that apply”** – this allows you to provide as many answers to that question as you wish. Also, sometimes we use scales – either with words or numbers. It is important that you understand the scale before answering each of these questions. **Finally, to advance in the survey, all questions must be answered. If you don’t know an answer, simply choose “unsure”.**

For questions, please contact the Town Manager’s Office at 860-675-2350.

Thank you for your participation.

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## Background:



This graphic above displays the current/existing High School. Over the next two years, the new High School will be built in the parking lot to the right of this graphic / to the right of the red 2003 section.

**2003 Building:** (long building in red on the right side of the graphic): Will be kept intact for student lockers and the Board of Education Central Office, as approved at the June 3, 2021 referendum.

### **1928 // 1952 and 1978 Buildings:**

In January 2021, the Town Council established an Ad Hoc 1928 Building Committee to make recommendations to the Town Council on the next steps concerning the 1928 building. As part of the charge, the ad-hoc committee conducted a high-level needs assessment on space needs in Town and if they could be satisfied by the 1928 building.

Through the Ad-Hoc Committee's discussions, more needs were evaluated, including recreational space needs (i.e. the potential to keep the existing gym), social services, municipal offices, and storage. The descriptions below are potential uses the Ad- Hoc Committee discussed:

- **1928 Building** (green building at bottom of the graphic): This is the original Farmington High School. It may be torn down or could be used to relocate the Probate Court (a regional court) or the Social Services Department and Recreation Department.
- **1952 and 1978 Buildings in addition to the 1928 Building** (purple and orange buildings adjoining the 1928 Building): May be retained to keep other town, recreational and storage services.

For further background information, please visit <https://www.farmington-ct.org/government/ad-hoc-1928-building-committee>.

## Overall View

1. Without knowing associated costs or many details, which of the following best reflects your view regarding the old / existing Farmington High School?

- 01 These old High School buildings should be torn down (with the exception of the 2003 Building)
- 02 We should look at retaining some of these buildings for needed space and municipal services.
- 03 Unsure / Don't know

## The 1928 Building

In this section, we will be asking you questions specifically about the future and potential use of the historic, original Farmington High School – the 1928 Building (green building).



2. Some residents see the history and value in keeping the original Farmington High School (1928 Building on the map), while others believe it should be torn down since the town is building a new High School.

Without considering the renovation costs to potentially relocate the municipal and social services in the 1928 Building, how strongly do you support or oppose retaining (keeping) the 1928 Building?

- 01 Strongly support retaining 1928 Building
- 02 Somewhat support retaining 1928 Building
- 03 Somewhat oppose retaining 1928 Building
- 04 Strongly oppose retaining 1928 Building
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

3. A 2021 estimate to renovate and preserve the old, original 1928 Farmington High School Building to house municipal and social services, as well as community space, is approximately \$9.8 million dollars. This cost may impact property taxes. Knowing the estimated cost, how strongly do you support or oppose retaining (keeping) the 1928 Building?

- 01 Strongly support retaining 1928 Building
- 02 Somewhat support retaining 1928 Building
- 03 Somewhat oppose retaining 1928 Building
- 04 Strongly oppose retaining 1928 Building
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

4. There exists the potential for Federal Government American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay a portion of the renovation / repurpose of the 1928 Building. If these funds are designated to help pay for a portion of this project to help reduce any resulting property tax increases, which of the following best reflects your position on retaining (keeping) the 1928 Building?

- 01 Strongly support retaining 1928 Building **[Skip to Q6]**
- 02 Somewhat support retaining 1928 Building **[Skip to Q6]**
- 03 Somewhat oppose retaining 1928 Building
- 04 Strongly oppose retaining 1928 Building
- 05 Unsure / Don't know **[Skip to Q6]**

5. What are reasons that you would oppose retaining the 1928 Building? **Please indicate all that apply.**

<b>Reasons opposed to keeping 1928 Building</b>	
01	Not willing to pay more in taxes
02	No need for additional town buildings
03	It is not sentimental to me
04	Can be used for more outdoor recreational space
05	Not enough interest in the process
06	Other: _____

6. The following ideas are potential uses of the 1928 Building. Whether you support or oppose retaining (keeping) the 1928 Building, which would you be interested in seeing the building be repurposed for? **Multiple responses are accepted.**

- 01 Relocating the Probate Court (a regional court)
- 02 Relocating the Social Services Department and the Recreation Department
- 03 Community use (meeting space, event space, non-profit use, art and business incubator, etc.)
- 04 None of these [Exclusive]
- 05 Unsure / Don't know [Exclusive]

7. Please tell us other uses (community programs, services, town departments, etc.) which should be considered specifically for the 1928 Building.

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## The 1952 and 1978 Buildings

In this section, we will be asking you questions specifically about the future and potential uses of the 1952 Building (adjoining orange building) and 1978 Building (adjoining purple building) that adjoin the 1928 Building.



8. Earlier in the survey, the 1952 and the 1978 Buildings were also mentioned as potentially being retained to keep the existing gyms, more public recreation programming, senior services, or storage space.

Without knowing the renovation needs or costs of these buildings, which of the following best reflects your view regarding these additional buildings?

- 01 We should look at retaining these buildings (1952 and 1978) in order to retain the gyms and add recreational programs, senior services, storage space, etc.
- 02 All buildings should be demolished, including the 1928 Building
- 03 These additional buildings should be demolished, with the exception of the 1928 Building
- 04 Unsure / Don't know

9. There, again, exists the potential for Federal Government American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay a portion of the renovation / repurpose of the 1952 and 1978 Buildings (in addition to the 1928 Building). If these funds are designated to help pay for a portion of this project to help reduce any resulting property tax increases, which of the following best reflects your position on retaining (keeping) the additional buildings?

- 01 Strongly support retaining the 1952 and 1978 Buildings
- 02 Somewhat support retaining 1952 and 1978 Buildings
- 03 Somewhat oppose retaining 1952 and 1978 Buildings
- 04 Strongly oppose retaining 1952 and 1978 Buildings
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

10. The following ideas are potential uses of the 1952 and 1978 Buildings if they are retained (kept) in addition to the 1928 Building. Whether you support or oppose retaining (keeping) the buildings, which would you be interested in seeing them be repurposed for? **Please indicate all that apply.**

	<b>Programming</b>
01	Relocating the Probate Court (A regional court)
02	Relocating the Social Services Department and the Recreation Department
03	Relocating the Town Hall (allowing for potential recreational fields in existing Town Hall space, as keeping the additional buildings would lose the field that is slated to go in that space on the new Farmington High School site plan)
04	Keeping the gyms and creating a recreational center
05	Relocating non-senior recreational programs from Senior Center to provide more senior programming
06	Space for additional Town storage
07	Community use (meeting space, event space, non-profit use, art and business incubator, etc.)
08	None of these <b>[Exclusive]</b>

11. Please tell us other uses (community programs, services, town departments, etc.) which should be considered specifically for the 1952 and 1978 Buildings in addition to the 1928 Building.

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## Demographics

12. Are you registered to vote in the Town of Farmington, Connecticut?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 03 Unsure

13. Please indicate the number of years you have lived in Farmington or Unionville Connecticut.

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00 Unsure / Don't know

14. Please tell me your age?

- 01 18-24
- 02 25-34
- 03 35-44
- 04 45-54
- 05 55-64
- 06 65 or older
- 07 Prefer not to answer

15. Please indicate which of the following best describes the children you may have.

- 01 No children
- 02 Have children not yet of school age (pre-school or younger)
- 03 Have children of school age currently attending Farmington schools
- 04 Have children of school age not attending Farmington schools (private school, etc.)
- 05 Have children who started in the Farmington schools but left for private or other schools
- 06 Have older (over 18) children who attended Farmington schools in the past
- 07 Have older (over 18) children who did not attend Farmington schools (such as didn't live in Farmington / attended private)
- 08 Unsure / Prefer not to answer

16. How do you identify?

- 01 Man
- 02 Woman
- 03 Non-binary
- 04 Prefer not to answer
- 05 Prefer to self-describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Feedback**

17. Please take this opportunity to note anything not covered in this survey regarding the renovation and repurpose process and that you would like to convey to the Town Council's Ad-Hoc 1928 Building Committee.

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*Thank you very much for your participation in this important survey.*