

Q5.Other

How much space is really needed, how much more taxes will the people can afford?

3 buildings are mentioned (1952, 1978, 1928), how much space is really needed? I don't think the taxpayers can afford to renovate and repurpose all 3 buildings in addition to all the other school building costs.

The 1928 Building represents our town history. We need more respect for architecture of the town. It is a beacon for our town, a benchmark.

Build an exact replica for a fraction of overhaul cost, if its that sentimental to people. But no need to pay to keep it at all.

the cost is too high and the condition too poor

While additional town space may be required, the 1928 building is incredibly inefficient (both from an electricity / HVAC perspective but also in terms of size, layout, etc). Preserving an old building for sentimentalities sake (which is essentially what this would be) does not make sense when a new building (if needed) would better support the needs of the town.

Waste of money to pour into a nearly 100 year old building. Other space needs can be met a much lower cost through leased space. Should not be co-locating certain activities in school zone.

It is a decrepit building with no architectural value

Obsolete building infrastructure too expensive to salvage

Not accessible, ongoing operating costs, not an efficient use of taxpayer money

There is nothing historical about this building!

The building is old and there is no clear plan for future use

Old building equals higher utility cost, I am ok to build a new building vs using old one.

Would probably cost more to renovate than is projected.

I toured that building and it is run down. It is beyond its useful life and I think if additional town space is needed it is probably less costly to build something new.

Build a swimming pool instead. A high school without a swimming pool at this day and age is disappointing.

Outdated and/or poor functionality of old structure

Old & inefficient. Build new if necessary in any style.

build new ones

It depends on the use of the building. Relocating the board of ed to this building as an option proposed during the planning meeting in 2021 would be appropriate. However, any type of social services that would increase traffic and people to the school campus pose a concern for safety and congestion. Specifically, I strongly oppose a probate court in this building and a probate court should NOT be in close proximity to a school.

The ongoing Cost to maintain the building

Not worth the cost of renovation

not architecturally significant enough to preserve at any price

We should not be salvaging old out-of-date buildings to meet our needs

I believe the building is inadequately for use.

Not consistent with the new architecture

money can be better spent otherwise

I'm not sure the cost is worth the benefit

Inefficient and inaccessible building. Much more efficient to build what we need when and where and how we need it.

Could be used for other purposes. And this building is not accessible without significant work and cost, and is not operationally efficient. Very old mechanicals. Knock it down. Rebuild with something new if we need it.

No details
It is too old and requires too much work. It is very probable a new construction could cost less
For the cost to renovate you could have a brand new building instead and not have to go through a reno process and get more of what the town needs instead of dealing with what you have. Not to mention how far gone that building is.
Would like something more environmentally friendly
not ADA build NEW!! Waste of Money
Additional annual cost to maintain and operate this space
We fought for and finally won our battle for a new high school. We based our fight on how bad the condition of old high school was. Now that we won a new high school people want to change their minds on how bad the condition of the old buildings were. You cannot speak out of both sides of your mouth. The old high school is in deplorable condition so knock it down. If we need a new building for something in the future we will vote on it and figure out the money then. I would rather spend \$20 mill
This is an old building and not accessible. Better use of town funds is to build a new facility if one is needed. 10 million is a lot. Put the money towards more long lasting buildings.
Dont know if there is need for additional town buildings-sell and turn into housing?
Yearly maintenance costs
If we need more space for other town needs add it to the new school we are building!
Inefficient buildings. And the building committee has shown these are not worth renovating. Please clear the land and repurpose as needed, even if that is then building new efficient purpose-built facilities or as outdoor rec space. But get rid of the dinosaur building.
I work at FHS and the building is in poor condition and will need a substantial amount of work.

Q7

How about an indoor walking space, some drive to Westfarms Mall to walk when outdoor walks are not possible

We already have community center, library

WSe already hav a community center. Our library also has community space and so does our police building.

Adult day care services, daily care, meals, exercise, and socialization are important for ederly people. These services also support care givers so they can work and feel the elderly folks are cared for with social services and other professional services available, this enhances elder care. This would be in addition to the service and activiites at the community center.

Museum, record storage, artifacts

Turn the building into a museum, it is a classic early 20th century high school preceding a 10-year depression, followed by a world war (greatest in history), followed by an explosion of modernity. it stands in stark contrast to the soon to be built new high school nearly a century later. a stone's throw away. what an interesting contrast to future visitors.

WHat are the future town's needs for space? Hopefully you have thought about this.

Whatever is the least expensive

Day care for seniors

COmmunity services - programs. Important to maintain historical buildings

A portion of the building could be used as a day care which would be very useful for teachers with children and other parents in town with jobs and also the possibility of students with infants so they could finish their schooling.

Archives/historical museum

Space like Elmwood Community center— Include teen center, senior and special needs recreation, indoor pickle ball court

This town should have a swimming pool for public use. Dont know whether the 1928 building is feasible for this, but would strongly like to see it considered. It was brought up sometime in the 1980s, voted down, and never again resurrected. All of the surrounding less affluent towns have a public pool. Why not Farmington???

If other town services exist that are not centralized at Monteith Drive, then those also should be considered for relocation to this building. Centralizing the location for town services will be helpful to residents, especially those with transportation and/or mobility challenges.

Expanded mental and physical health services for the HS community especially

Continuing education department, EXCL

Adult education classes

Board of Ed

Any use that will help justify keeping it.

Town pool

Boy and Girl Scouts

It could be a much larger Food Pantry than our current one in the church. Potential space for tutoring, counseling for students including those vulnerable to drug use, etc. It is a beautiful building. A shame to tear it down.

Scouting locations

Other town services that may be housed in several locations (Park & Rec, Highway, Fire Marshall, Police substation, etc.)

Whenever possible, I strongly support creative re-use of older buildings provided that it makes sense environmentally. Sometimes there are too many contaminants to do so, for example. Since this is a school, I presume that those have been removed. Look at what West Hartford is doing for example with its older buildings--that closed Catholic school in Elmwood is being repurposed for a library, teen center, senior center and community center--you see where I am going with this .

Farmington Continuing Education programming should be considered for use of this space. Currently there is limited space available for daytime classes. Many classes during the day required fees to use space in churches and fitness facilities. Daytime usage would allow program expansion including the state mandated adult education classes (GED, ESL, and citizenship).

Anyone that needs space

Tear it down.

Perhaps a cafe that can cater to students (as patrons and employees), as well as the greater community. If a non-profit, proceeds can go directly to the school or related organization.

None

Relocation of Town Hall services.

Affordable rental office space.

Would be amazing if there was a high school and/or community pool and this building could be hollowed out and used as a pool building or pool related offices/lockers etc. ??

Ship may have sailed but Ive always thought the BOE should move to 1928 bldg

I dont have any other uses

community education (e.g., FCE); tied in with FHS curriculum for student business-start up opportunities; space for residents to meet / share skills

Place to vote so school would not need to be closed in order to vote.

Once you remove a building the more you wish it wasn't gone. "History" of Farmington in many cases has been lost to memories of many previous buildings once here now gone to pictures or written memoirs. Town services "of unforeseen programs for the people" may be the future.

The BOE offices. Keeping the 900 wing is nonsensical, and that money could be better used to partially fund the 1928 rehab.

Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts use, Services for the Elderly

The building was said to be unfit for renovation as part of the HS project. I don't understand how a building that was in that activity can now be rendered usable by the town for 10 million dollars.

Get rid of it

I dont think its probably worth the cost, but if it is kept it should be used for town residents.

A for profit business conference center

I am worried about the parking situation if the old building is spared and used for municipal/non school uses. If that's solved I am open to keeping the old building.

None

Community use like girl and Boy Scouts More indoor rec space (soccer)

A place for students to go after school, recreation center, a place to play pick up basketball or badminton, volleyball etc. An area for student to hang out who do not play sports or are between sports. An area for clubs to meet ex Robotics club.

Maybe house the food pantry

None, dump the 1928 building. A waste of money.

Relocate all Town Hall offices

Continuing Ed, Maker space, Open/shared office space for small businesses

It should be demolished and we should not waste money on this old building

tear them down they are a waste of space

Why in the world would u even consider bringing a court next to a high school. Be careful of the old law that goes something like this —programs expand to fill available space.
None whatsoever. Campus should be preserved for education
Historical landmark, Adult education classes
Please dont retain the old building. Its less than 100 years old. Its not historical building by any definition.
Any town services, departments or community needs but the building should definitely be kept and renovated even if it is done very simply but the outside and cupola are kept intact. Renovate in the most versatile way - large open rooms if not sure of purpose now.
Whichever town departments that need more space; I dont know which ones that might be.
Town pool?
I take it the 1928 building is NOT on any historical registry, state, federal or local? In which case it would cost taxpayers additional to what the project needs without saving the old building. 9+ million dollars is not a justifiable expense to keep the building unless a long range study shows it will save the town money in the long run (by removing the need for expansion of other depts who can utilize the space).
Trade school, STEM Programs, Modern Manufacturing Training, Incubator for Entrepreneurs, nursing school
Any town offices that need more space.
Services for Elderly medical Equipment Program/Expand
Town Departments, BOE
How about using it as a teen center instead of the old building in Unionville?
FVHD, consolidation of town offices, services, consider leasing space.
Municipal employees can work remotely. No need for more office space.
I would urge you to consider also keeping the gym space. As of now there is not enough space in town for rec and travel programs. Rec basketball for instance could not start until January and there was limited space requiring teams to move to different schools during the year without even being able to make up missing games. Travel basketball must rent space in neighboring towns.
That building is far too big for Social Services and the Rec Dept. We need more town space that is able to be utilized by the residents. Low income housing.
The Farmington Food Pantry. The food pantry is a 100% volunteer based community service that is not supported financially by the town, but provides a much needed service to some residents. As a community service, I'd like to see it be more closely aligned with town services, including its physical location. The building could also house expanded social services
Town Museum or something with minimal use that separates the school from the public.
Why cant the Board of Education be housed in this building once it is updated (should that happen)
Town Hall, Board of Education Central Office
To offset renovation costs, what other town services could generate the most savings/cost benefits by relocating here? For example, if we can terminate some leases or sell other facilities, what then is the net cost for the renovation?
Please consider relocating any municipal or agency office which the town presently leases. Additionally, and separately, I would love to see a community / co-working work space in that building, where professionals who were residents could use Wi-Fi, computers, printers, and small conference rooms to work remotely. Especially proximity to the high school and centrally located in Farmington, it would provide a great and forward thinking benefit to town residents who work remotely.
community services, museum.

Youth center, recreational facilities (gym) for town run sports, somewhere for town teens to have a supervised hangout.

preschool?

It would be a wonderful space for community events, possibly geared more towards younger children! I would also love to see a CTE program offered to Farmington High School students. This would be a perfect spot for students to gain career and technical education in culinary arts, electrical, health, bioscience & environmental technology, hvac...the list could go on!

One of the main reason to build a new high school was this building was old, not energy efficient, narrow hallways and all. If those points are true why would we want to use old, not energy efficient and narrow hallways for other purposes? I am ok with new buildings if space is needed.

What about the option to sell the building with stipulation that it not be torn down. (Housing, Medical, IT companies etc.)

Programs, services and departments that would directly impact educational programming, instructor support, or buildings/grounds maintenance including security.

Use the space to house a business incubator program for FHS students, build meeting spaces for non-profit groups to meet, give a permanent space for the robotics team and their materials, build a community kitchen for community cooking classes, use as a teen center, create an art gallery to display/sell student art

To ask these questions with no cost estimates or with the cost to renovate to support certain functions is flawed. The buildings are just buildings to me. If there are space needs of the Town, these buildings should be used if the cost of renovating them to meet the requirements is less than the cost of other buildings (build, renovate, or rent) to meet those needs.

Use it for departments that actually need more space such as Probate

Just leave it up for looks. There is no need to remodel and spend more money than we have. We have kids in an elementary school with no A/C that should be our first priority before we go and start fixing an unnecessary building.

Unsure. This survey does not address why probate court, social services etc need to moved. If there is a compelling reason they should be moved, then I would consider. But seems that the status quo works just fine.

AS A UNIONVILLE RESIDENT FOR 73 YEARS I STRONGLY RECOMMEND KEEPING THE 1928 FHS, KNOCKING IT DOWN IS ABSOLUTELY HORRENDOUS. BAD ENOUGH WE LOST OUR BEAUTIFUL TOWN HALL BUILDING WHEN THE TOWN WAS RENOVATED, USE THE SCHOOL FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY TO USE AS SHOW ABOVE. EVEN RENT OUT SPACES TO BUSINESSES WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SMALL OFFICE.

Pre school

Anything that would help the overcrowded and seriously outdated Town Hall.

I really don't support retaining the 1928 building. I would like to see more outdoor space, perhaps an area with picnic tables for kids to eat lunch outside and hang out.

Universal PreK program open to all town residents

community programs if it is being paid out of our taxes

Teen center! Safe place for kids to go

Some of the recreation classes. Dance, kids classes, adult classes.

The space can be used to build a swimming pool facility for the high school students (and town residents). Farmington is one of the few towns that doesn't have its own swimming pool.

I'd love to see Farmington have a community theater. And the rooms in the 1928 building would make fantastic studio spaces if there was a way to somehow create a non-profit arts center... maybe something modeled after Clayworks in Baltimore? (non-profit that had classes and rented out studio spaces).

We tend to take the long view - "dues to the future". For example, looking to the future, eventually the renovated 2003 building may be needed to accommodate overflow students/new programs from an overcrowded high school. Hard to determine when this will happen to the new school, but it is a real possibility. So then admin offices will be able to move from the 2003 building to the renovated 1928 building.

Additional pre-school space

Maybe keep part of it as a museum? I know Unionville Museum is about to be expanded, but it is still quite a small space.

I believe the building should be used for town purposes only. the preservation of the historic building is important for the town but should not house regional courts or the like.

include Farmington Taxpayers Association

Study or meeting rooms for the public.

Bingo night, professional mentorship programs

The 1928 building has beautiful masonry and brickwork. The Cupula on the roof has long been a town landmark. We should make every attempt to keep the East and South (original front of building) facing facades intact. The inside is moldy, leaky and mostly unusable. Any new or reuse of the building should include fixing the facades to bring it a close as possible to its original look.

I dont see much use because the building is outdated. New buildings are more efficient. The design itself isnt all that great as far as historic buildings go.

Museum space

Farmington continually REGRETS demolishing the original Town Hall. Lets NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE by demolishing this iconic structure/landmark of Farmington. Locating the Alternate High School should be considered; students could then participate in social opportunities with their FHS peers. The grounds would serve as a high school campus for students of all learning abilities and unique needs; easing post high school transitions to the public sector.

The building is very solidly built. It could be used as a community center and leave the present community center for the Senior Center only. The present space limits the opportunities for seniors

Unsure

Library, museum, space for the historic district commission

There are substantial health issues with the High School building. It should not be saved.

Sports programs for children in the gym space seems ideal and will add greatly to the value of the entire community as a whole. People move to Farmington as a great place to raise children. It has an enormous effect on property values which every property owner in town benefits from. By having other places to go and outlets for children, we help bring them a better life which I believe infects everyone around in a positive way.

We have community space at the Police station, I see no need to try to find a use for an old building.

Adult learning. ESL classes. Office training, nurses aid training. Movie night. Senior dance nights.

the town should consider an option to rent the space for additional revenue.

All programs should be considered as potentially using the building. I feel very strongly, as a member of the community since I was born, that the building should remain as part of our history.

The whole Town Hall should be moved to the 1928 building.

build new buildings old buildings are not safe or healthy

In addition to the above options, any extra space in the 1928 bldg could be used as storage/archival space for town offices and the libraries. Spaces designated for storage could carry lighter renovation and maintenance costs than inhabited spaces.

Pop up Art Gallery and space for social enterprise startups would be awesome

WE COULD STILL USE THE BUILDING FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION FOR A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE COMMUNITY. ALSO, IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A MUSEUM IN A PART OF THE BUILDING FOR PAST HISTORY OF LEARNING, ITS IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE AS MUCH HISTORY AS WE CAN IN OUR TOWN. WE HAVE A OBLIGATION TO OUR COMMUNITY PAST AND ESPECIALLY THE FUTURE. I GREW UP HERE, MY CHILDREN GREW UP HERE AND NOW THEIR CHILDREN WILL DO THE SAME.

Board of education

I would use the first floor for some of the above and then convert the other floors to independent senior living apartments operated by a non-profit similar to Westerleigh. It would be great to have seniors on the site and there would be many opportunities both planned and informal for the high school students and seniors interact with each other.

How about a town run one spot nursery school only for Pre-K.

District Continuing Education

Probate Court Parks and Recreation Social Services

Recreation department programs

Something to do with sports for kids, a gym or something like a boys and girls club

Some Town hall offices to alleviate crowding.

N/A

How about all of the offices and town departments in the basement of town hall

Not sure

Art and music programs

For profit investments (rental opportunities). Also non-profits, I.e. United Way, Food pantry/food share, Neighborhood meetings. Town wide local business expos, so the community can interact with local business owners I.e. show and tell. Art classes, woodworking classes, language learning classes. Town culture and historical center.

None, I if its not viable or feasible to fix for use for students then its not viable or feasible to be fixed for other uses.

Private businesses should be allowed to use office space if market exists.

100% probate court and to house archives. With so many banks in our town it seems fitting to have a probate court 1 mile away.

City office use

Local YMCA for youth and adults which would have activities and wellness programs for local residents of this active community

A space for youth activities that are not a part of school/educational program in the school system. Exposure to career alternatives, business opportunities and educational options after high school that would allow the community at large to offer their broad experience in an informal setting in the early evening or on weekends during the school year and during summer break.

DO NOT relocate the Probate court or social services department to the building. It is a high traffic area with MANY cars in and out. Also, there is already limited parking for the teachers, staff and students at the high school. Parking is needed FIRST for teachers, staff and students. Also, we have to keep the safety of students first and foremost. Having a probate court, (regional), would result in many persons from all over the area coming in close proximity to children who are using the adjacent building and sports fields. This could detrimentally affect the safety of the area and the teachers and children.

Move Town Hall to the 1928 building.

Indoor swimming pool

Museum

Why was this cost not calculated in the original estimate that was presented to the town for a vote??

Boys and Girls Club Space
Any town use is fine, just don't tear the building down
I am fully in support of whatever you can do to consolidate all of the town and school offices under one roof or at least put them in one general location (i.e. the 1928 building and the current town hall). Farmington shouldn't have its town offices scattered all over the place.
Museum, records department
Avon, West Hartford, Southington, Simsbury all support Art Centers in their town. Farmington no longer has an Art Center since The Art Guild closed many years ago. The 1928 building with its stage, auditorium and third floor art studios would easily fill that void. First and second floors could be used for municipal purposes. Continuing Education Art and craft offerings could be housed in a central location.
Uses for school and town uses that we now spend money on
none
I am aware of the interest in repositioning the top floor of the 1928 building as an arts related facility...studio space, artist work space, exhibition space, gallery space, music space and performances etc. etc.
Recreation dept. adult Ed. Town hall
A mix of community use space would probably be great. Even have some common meeting rooms the different town clubs or organizations could sign up to use. It would provide a nice place for groups to meet at. Then relocate some town department there to give them more space. They would still be close to town hall.
STOP THE RENOVATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL UNTIL THE TEMPORARY INFLATION SUBSIDIES. INFLATION IS GOING TO DOUBLE THE COST OF THE PROJECT. BIDEN DID SAY INFLATION IS TEMPORARY SO WHY NOT WAIT, WHAT IS THE RUSH?
Unsure
The space could be converted to event space (Weddings, proms, conventions, condos for offices or living space, etc.) that would generate revenue and users pay for renovations and upkeep. The town could use this building to create a stream of revenue.
Administration Building for the Town of Farmington
Use and consolidate other municipal locations.
it should be torn down
Senior services and community services and recreation.
Hard to get gym space in town. I recall we had to practice travel basketball at Miss Porters so do not remove the gyms. The original building is a historical special building. Keep it for town use.
None.
town hall, library..... this is an historic building, there are other younger buildings that can be demolished and does it have to be renovated with the rest of the project. I dont know what is in there now but can we keep what is in there niw for a future date. Would have been helpful to know that information
No other uses should be considered. This issue should have been addresses as part of the initial referendum to build a new high school.
Low cost senior housing. The previous generations that built this town are being squeezed out due to property taxes and living expenses far outpacing their increase in fixed income. It would be wonderful to see nearby seniors interacting with todays youth, perhaps through volunteerism.
Town offices/functions that would enable the police department to expand their space in their existing building
Which ever need is most critical.

something that the whole town could get some use out of it. Please dont make room for the useless board of education...
other town departments and services
None. The 1928 bldg is a superannuated, non-code confirming structure. I believe new structures can more sustainably meet our needs than remediation can.
A place to preserve historic documents, both written and visual, regarding the high school and its staff and alumni.
computer center
It would be great to use space to have after-school activities for all age levels. Our kids dont have much of a community space for recreation. What about a town preschool that merges time with the elderly community on a regular basis?
None
Town Departments, community services.
Continuing Education and Recreation Department
Is it possible to use the building for technology purposes where townspeople can come into the building and use computers with internet and / or courses on use of technology ?
The arts could be moved to this building. The architecture, details in the craftsmanship of the building all are a form of art. This could be an inspiring place for our young artists to learn in if renovated properly.
I am unsure of our town hall square footage but 1928 LOOKS LIKE a town hall. What about a move up the hill and use the existing town hall for other purposes.
Dont make the same mistake that the Knuckleheads made in 1969 tearing down historic buildings so we could have a Western Auto Store, a Pizza restaurant, and a package store ! Take the time to visit the old Hall High School in West Hartford, and see what smart people do with historic old buildings that mean so much to the citizens they represent.
Creating a School Heritage and History center, use the space for Art Exhibition by the students, creating a art gallery, use some part of it for school store , so the selling merchandise and also allowing students to sell their creative work, allow student to use some space for incubating start up ideas, coding classing, writing work-shops , another internal library with more specific books.
Leasing/renting of office space for small buisness, town training and adult education programs (which currently have to find space at other buildings around town).
Town Hall relocation
Court should NOT be so close to a school
Teen center
Still be part of FHS
Space for gathering - less institutional than what's currently available at the Community Center or library
Fixing as many town departments in one building would be ideal. Then perhaps departments can better utilize commonly used resources. (perhaps even staff members?)
If the space is actually needed to relocate town business that truly need a bigger space then I support that use. I originally thought the building could be used for art studio rental space. Our town could flourish culturally if we provided a space as such and the building renovation and upkeep could pay for itself over time with rental fees for studio space.

Town theatre, pool, co-working space, indoor food market, apartments, museum, art studios, healthcare, shelter/soup kitchen, restaurant run by disabled adults for lunch, indoor golf driving range golf simulator rooms, archery, axe throwing, smash rooms, community board game room, music practice spaces, shops/restaurants like market in Middletown, adult day care, dog agility, animal shelter, space for support groups, art gallery
Would love more community space - maybe a pool (cornerstone does well, and field club and winding trails are expensive and not everyone can be a member, and they are not year round). But let's be responsible and dismantle this old building.
Teen center
A pool would be nice but won't fit there
Resurrect the art guild that was located near Noah wallace
Pool, activity space, community theater, but not on this building. This building should be demolished and new modern long lasting efficient and accessible buildings can be built. Factor In Universal design and go forward.
Early childhood center; public prek/special education/additional kindergarten
A place for teens to gather Open gym space for rev, intramural sports, including adult leagues Rent it out for bday parties or events The food pantry could use a larger space, a town donation center for clothes or used sports equipment for residents to trade and swap, the potential for a town market for local vendors and farmers to sell goods inside year round.
Board of ed
Something to better the community, invest in youth, motivate families & children to be active and creative. Maybe a volunteer center space- could partner projects with the high school, with high school clubs, sports team volunteer opportunities.
Recreation and other things that involve community activities. Maybe the rooms could be used to hold continuing Ed classes, fitness and Zumba classes, art. Some of the rooms could be used for rentals for private events.
Mental health services, animal shelter. Medical, veterinary clinic.
Continuing Edu Classroom Space, Study Space, Teacher Resource Center
Art and business incubator/ Co-work space one side of the building & a separate part of the building used as a technical school for junior and senior grade high school students looking to get into mechanics/ web engineering/ web design/ development/ learn HVAC skills, etc to take after school courses at who might want to supplement their schooling with these skills/ maybe spend an extra year studying these technical skills before deciding if they want to go to college or work after they can earn a certificate/ degree.
None - there is already ample unused administrative and office space in town that can be acquired and outfitted at a fraction of the cost.
Cooking classes, community kitchen, volunteer programs, space to rent, meetings, etc
I thought the building was in bad shape- if that is the case, why keep it?
the reason the town is building a new high school in the first place is because the current high school is damaged beyond repair for students to keep existing in it. forcing some other town committee or recreational use in there is pointless because we would still be subjecting someone to use the building. if anything, you could make the 1928 building a museum of sorts, but please don't force anyone to work in the building.
Meeting spaces
Intro to manufacturing trades
It makes sense to house the Recreation Department here, or the EXCL after school administrative offices. It would also be nice to have this space open for public use, ex meeting room or ballroom.

unsure
The 1928 Building has great aesthetic and historical value. It is also attractive as a possible living space. I would respectfully suggest that the town consider transforming the building into condominiums or apartments. While the cost would be higher than utilizing existing space in the building for town or community purposes, there would likely be eventual revenue, which could go back into the towns coffers. While most municipal projects simply increase the budget (proposed at \$123 million for the upcoming year), turning the 1928 Building into a saleable or rentable living space has the potential to reduce the budget in the future. I would suggest that a financial prospectus for such a plan be drawn up.
Anything for the arts, drama department etc
Unsure
Parking, apartments, fast food (Subway/Starbucks), retail (school-related clothing store)
Studio space for artist, community office space
Relocate and consolidate all departments and offices in old police building.
Children museum
It should be a space for children in the community. It has ample parking, is centrally located within the town and is easy to access. Right now there are very few activities/spaces for children that are Indoors and can be used year round. We have outdoor spaces like trails but nothing indoors for winter. The closest children's museum is in another town. With gas prices like they are we should definitely have more amenities IN TOWN. I understand the use to relocate other departments/programs to that building, but I think it would be better used to generate interest in the town and bring business to it. Something like a children's "space" would bring a lot more business into the town than a probate court. It could also be sold/leased for comercial space. That would also bring revenue, plus that building has a great location and view.
Museum
Recreation and arts/social activities for teens; recreation department; supports for teenagers; A Boys and Girls Club of Farmington
No other uses. The building is past its useful life and too expensive to renovate. We should demolish and use the funds for other town priorities (A/C at elementary schools, third bridge, etc)
None - can use for outdoor recreational space that does not require additional maintenance and costs for upkeep every year
The 1928 building could be used for Town Hall and Probate Court. The current Town Hall building could become an auxiliary Police Department so that there is police presence near the new high school and on this side of the Farmington River.
Voting
Use for town activities and space to be utilized....girl scouts, boy scouts, etc....rather than renting space from churches, restaurants. Town wide activity space.
Continuing education classes Emergency uses Incase of power outages Extension of the Unionville museum
Indoor family fun - indoor mini golf, indoor mountain bike park, calisthenics / parkour park
How about school library
Affordable housing
The building is dated 1928. It is not up to ADA code and the remediation is not worth the cost. It can be rebuilt for less. For those who think it has historic interest, let them buy the bricks after demo This should have been part of the school project but because of the associated cost it was not included. Classic case of bait and switch. You folks had a hidden agenda to keep it all along. Typical government waste of money. Bloviating local politicians at their best.

I think the building should be made available as a taxable building. It would now be a tax asset rather than a liability
Continuing education, preschool, after school, and community programs, I feel the 1928 building is a historical landmark for the town and should be preserved. Farmington would not be the same without that majestic structure up on the hill.
I support anything that builds and supports a sense of community. Recreation, Social Services, Youth Services, Youth Activities Center, Indoor Ropes Course, Community Stage Performances (Plays, Music, etc.)
Senior housing. There is a huge waiting list for senior housing in town. Senior and student interaction would be a good thing.
Relocate BOE Central Office
Town Hall
Town hall offices, board of education offices
School overflow issues
Relocate the town hall to the 1928 building. Dedicate space for continuing Ed programs, create storage areas for town museums, emergency shelter for natural disasters, emergency management facility for natural disasters, host parks and recreation department.
Adult education space for classes for a variety of courses
With more space comes more programs that we could do without. Its like having more storage space you will fill it up with things that arent needed
Modern, technologically equipped youth center
A safe place for club meetings and activities such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Farmington UNICO, Exchange Club, garden clubs, Friends of the Farmington Library, etc., etc.
Parks & Rec.
While of sentimental value to some, the majority of voters have twice (2017, 2021) overwhelmingly said to move on from the 1928 Building. Use the parcel for open space or a ballfield.
community room
Historic education
I think they should consider using the 1928 building for a centralized preschool / SLC preschool classrooms. An office for teacher(s) and specialized support staff and OT space.
Gym Space for all Farmington sports! It is nearly impossible to get gym space (Im thinking about basketball over this past winter season) and having the old building preserved as a gym and perhaps turned into even more gym space would be ideal. The more gym space we have as a district, the better.
robotics team
IF YOU COULD FIND A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND TIE IT IN WITH HIGH SCHOOL CAREER/INTERNSHIPS FOR VOCATIONAL PURPOSES, IT COULD BE A WIN-WIN.
Town Hall offices
Community activities and services, ties community to schools, library, town hall, history
The high school robotic team needs a larger space for a work shop and teasing facilities. the current location is at the high school annex and is only enough space to be a storage location. The new high school has plans for a shared space for the team, but a dedicated space would be ideal so that the team can work on projects throughout the year.
Art studios for the community, similar to what Town of Avon has for its artists.A Farmington Town MuseumAn Astrology Observatory for community and the High SchoolAn organic and hypotonic building for growing produce
Knock it down.

Consolidate rec, continuing ed and leave the old RR station available for commercial use
Youth center
None. Building should be torn down
A child autism center, given the influx of special Ed children in the general schools. A separate place to house appropriate population with sensory spaces in line with an ABA program for academics with paraprofessionals, teachers and BCBAs. All service providers and therapies (SLP, OT, PT) and even consultations could be done all in one place!
Community center. Youth center. Community classes. Have a cafe or coffee run by high school students.
Love the ideas but for a new building. This one is old and inaccessible and inefficient. Build something purpose built for the town's needs. Pool? Splash pad?
The Farmington Historical Society should have a presence in the 1928 building, as well.
I have no idea what the space needs are for other community services or departments. Are there ways the building could generate town income?
Since the town hall is in bad shape could we renovate the 1928 building and move town services to that building? Tus retaining a historical structure and eliminating the repairs/rehab needed at town hall.
Storage facility or whatever would result in the lowest cost to taxpayers
Board of Ed/ continuing Ed/ EXCL
Event Hall for small gatherings (banquet style) for town/school functions.
Knock the ugly town hall down and move all municipal offices to the 1928 building.
Community art incubator or civic groups such as pedestrian/human powered advocate groups.
I think that the town should consider congregate housing for older citizens since there is a crying need for moderate cost housing and this would fit the bill. It would allow social services to be concentrated where there is already a group of people who need some recreational services to help them active and healthy. Courses could be run in the adjoining school and be within walking distance of their housing. As people get older they may not get the proper nutrition and the camaraderie of eating together would be good for them. Isolation leads to depression and deterioration of health especially in the older population.
Truant Officer
Community pool
What's wrong with what we have now?
Develop cultural programs; the arts and theater; training schools.
Police sub-station - because main station is difficult to access from this side of Farmington river
Perhaps mixed use with above mentioned ideas such as potential vendor space could include antique mall, bakery, coffee shop, farmers market, deli, florist. Other towns are creating such spaces as Parkville Market giving local merchants a shared space to open locally run business enhancing community support.
Senior Housing
Recreational
I don't NOT support a court that close to the new HS. If we are building a new high school cause the condition of current building is so poor we should destroy all of the current school.
unsure
Continuing Education
I have no preference as to its use.
I would like it to be a museum for Historical purposes and its value to the Town of Farmington, CT.

A culinary program, tech ed., programs for those students who are not college bound. We know that the new school is geared for only high achieving academics and not all our students fit in that category. They got rid of it, now do something for those students so they have options.

Relocating the Adult Education program office to this building. The last time the town tore down a building, it was the Myrtle Mills annex, and a year or two after it was torn down, people were searching for space for new uses. Needs will come up that we dont anticipate right now, just keep it there - it is a great building with a great view, and someone will figure out how to use it well.

Board of Education offices, Employment assistance programs, Continuing Education

Move the town hall up there, move alternative school (which is currently in Unionville Center), daycare center for staff of the Town of Farmington only, move special services offices to there, OT/PT service area for students.

Consolidate all services like the town hall, alternative school, and continuing education into one building. Meeting and gym space for the public would also be a big plus

Unsure

I don't want to comment on this one. I will leave that for staff of the town / departments to discuss.

Special service offices

use as town hall

Move the Town Hall to the 1928 building. Relocate Social Services and Recreation to the existing Town Hall building.

Senior housing

Town elections department/town clerk

Private Fundraising should be initiated to preserve and renovate this building, instead of taxpayer funding.

(1) I believe that the building should be retained because it is an icon in the town. (2) I also believe that the 2 adjacent gymnasiums should be retained and be used by the community. Not sure why they would be destroyed given their good condition. Seems very wasteful given the growth in the town and only 1 gymnasium (West Woods School) has been added since 1978 (44 years).(3) I was surprised to learn that the new Farmington High School funding is being used to create new Superintendents offices in the 900 wing of the current high school. If this is true, couldnt the old Superintendents Office space be used by town offices rather than the 1928 building?(4) If the Superintendent really needs new offices, I would prefer that the Superintendent offices move to the 1928 building and continue to use the 900 wing to support the students. My understanding is that there will be less classrooms (small number of classrooms) in the new High School so the students could benefit from the additional 900 wing space. I suspect that there will also be storage issues in the new building and the 900 building could be used to help alleviate the space issues.(5) I would also be ok with mothballing the 1928 building.Thank you for your consideration.

I would suggest it be sold. It could be low-cost housing, or luxury housing. Senior rentals. Or an office building.

Relocate all other current town hall offices; repurpose town hall.

Demolish it

Move entire town hall, as per Be a Stockwell letter

None. It's too old

Facilities for probate, social services/Rec, and community use are all great. But not in the old building. Start by getting rid of the old building and start a process to assess the town's needs. Outdoor playground with splash pad? Indoor (or outdoor?) pool? These are services in neighboring towns but that Farmington lacks. Even Bristol has indoor and outdoor pool options.

Additional space for seniors and their programs and services. Seniors are underserved in the Town of Farmington with only a portion of a building in the Unionville section of town. The location of the Senior Center is not centralized and does not support the eastern side of Town. Seniors pay taxes to support the town and the schools and its programs.

The primary reason I would consider for keeping the 1928 building is that with so many apartments approved by TPZ, we may soon find that we need classrooms for the children of the renters. Also, Bea Stockwell and Patty LeBouthillier want to keep it for sentimental reasons, but I cant see what we really need it for. It would be super expensive storage space.

Town Hall, Board of Ed

Childcare

Town museum and senior citizens center

Elderly housing

Farmington museum

Any use that Town Employees and Services need more space!

Town administration

TOWN ADMIN DEPTS, BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICES

Centralization of town services

Rental office space

Office rental or other income generating use to cover utilities, maintenance and other expenses.

consolidating town offices and departments as much as possible. The town hall building is dated and not very welcoming.

Please do not destroy the 1928 building! It has so much historical value !

Q11

Town hall is being upgraded now. The new roof for the high school was put on last year. School will be torn down in two years. Senior center is only open 9-4?. The center can be used for non-senior activities at night. How much space do we need, maybe have too much stuff know.

1. the town hall is being upgraded now. 2. why should farmington spend for a regional court. 3. you should be more concerned with academics than playing. 4. the seniors only use the senior center until 4:00 pm. The senior center is used for non-senior activities after 4:00pm. The library also has space that can be used by the community and police building also has space. 5. if you need more storage, perhaps you have too much stuff.

Adult day care services

What non-senior programs are now at senior center?

Whatever is the least cost to taxpayers

Perhaps 1928 building could be used for a daycare for seniors where caregivers could get some relief

Just keep the 1952 building (for gyms) and rec center for the town) as it will look better from the road with the 1928 Building in front with long hill and the 1952 behind.

As I mentioned previously, public swimming pool.

See prior response to similar question regarding 1928 building.

We could use a town pool

No other suggestions

Those buildings shouldn't stay. The room is needed for the fields. Demolishing and moving the town hall is just more costs. Enough of that.

No ideas - I'm more concerned w/ saving the 1928 building.

Boy and Girl Scouts

I strongly support retaining the gym and recreational services.

Scouting

See my prior answer above creative re-use

Farmington Continuing Education would seek space for fitness classes that are currently held off site during the day in churches and fitness centers. The auditorium/stage would allow expansion of the youth theatre programs for the elementary age children as well as adults. Farmington also has a great interest in music, strings and band which could also make use of this space. The space could be rented out to other organizations for a fee for recitals etc.

None, tear the buildings down

None

Pool

Emergency sheltering space during events beyond our control

Farmington is a growing town in the valley where new and old is expanding. Town must have foresight for growth and taxable business's in a supportive role giving open door to pre collage and skilled technologies. Farmington can be the planting the seed of the future.

none. tear them down and provide space for more parking and the relocated tennis courts.

I just dont see any way to justify the cost it would take to make these buildings usable, as nice as it would be for a recreation center or other community use.

None

Indoor soccer for travel teams to keep up state championship Scout meetings

Recreation center; we have a senior center so I am not sure if this would be used for seniors ; meeting area for clubs

Should not be used for court, office/departments, storage, senior, etc. Only use that should be considered is recreational space for use by entire town. Should build an aquatics center

Would the library have need for additional space?

demolish these buildings and move on, this is a stupid waste of money

Have we surveyed other towns to see what has been successful. Need more details ongoing costs like staffing and maintenance that add ongoing costs. Why aren't you asking about desirability the red building for the school board ? Why in the world do they need that much space. Perhaps we need to study what exactly they do,

High School recreation

I dont understand why we need to keep the gym if the new school design is supposed to have that taken care of.

KEEP the current gym for recreation purposes. Our current gym space does NOT accommodate the program needs of our kids.

Town pool? Seems like too prime space for storage. Like community center and senior center centralized/combined to encourage multi-generational interactions. Town hall could use better space but renovating a gym/auditorium seems inefficient

see answers on 1928 building

You have covered a lot of ideas with your questions, but the senior center could always use more space.

BOE

It would be nice to repurpose them for a recreational center or something else the town doesnt have but where would you put the athletic fields? Putting the fields elsewhere and busing the students to new fields is a waste of money.

Leasing buildings to outside sources.

It should house a teen /community center. The current community center on New Britain Ave is not central enough

Noting there were concerns with gym space this weekend, preserving the gyms will be an opportunity to reduce strain on available gym space.

Board of Education Central Office

The universe of town assets should be evaluated to determine current and future needs and determine whether these existing buildings make sense to reuse. This must be evaluated holistically. There is not nearly enough information presented in this survey to make an informed decision.

Co-working and incubator space

As noted above, integrative playground for younger children at current town hall space.

I already mentioned how I would like to see a CTE program added to the Farmington High School student education. This space would accommodate those needs.

Girl Scout and Boy Scout programming. EXCL summer / vacation / snow day camps. EXCL preschool or daycare. Community theatre. More youth sports, either through Farmington Rec or through outside rentals (fencing, archery, volleyball).

Again, these buildings since located on FHS campus should be used for the purpose of instructional and recreational events and programming in support of the Farmington students grade pre-K - 12.

To ask these questions with no cost estimates or with the cost to renovate to support certain functions is flawed. The buildings are just buildings to me. If there are space needs of the Town, these buildings should be used if the cost of renovating them to meet the requirements is less than the cost of other buildings (build, renovate, or rent) to meet those needs.

Retaining and renovating these buildings was already voted on by the town as cost prohibitive. We have voted on plans for the space already. Considering significant changes to the plans like this only serves to delay the school project and add costs to what is already going to be expensive.

Just leave for historic use & to be viewed. We don't need to be spending extra money to renovate a building we do not need while children at school have no air conditioning.

KIDS GO TO SCHOOL TO LEARN THEY DO NOT NEED A FANCY BUILDING -

Definitely keep the gyms for both school and non-school activities, for daily & weekend usage. Any Town office expansion.

Community-Based Daycare and Youth Mentoring

Keeping older buildings will require us to bring it up to code, costing money and time. One of the key reasons why we are creating a new high school is the outdated building codes and lack of accessibility. In my viewpoint, building something new that is up to code and is specifically built for the new purpose would be efficient. We can build energy efficient buildings which have low carbon footprint. I continue to stress the fact that our high school should have facilities that are needed for the students. This is not the time to cut corners.

As I said earlier, I'd love a community theater, but I worry about the costs of renovating the auditorium to be up to ADA code. Even relocating all these offices and departments is going to be intensely difficult because none of these older buildings is easily renovated to be up to ADA code, and community programs need to be accessible to all. (And particularly if you are relocating a court)

Nothing comes to mind.

Honestly, I would demolish and use that space for outdoor sports fields for new high school. Other nice idea would be to demolish and create a small park, plant greenery, maybe build a playground. With library and F field that function as a community gathering area already, it would be great to create additional functional outdoor recreational space.

Baseball and Lacrosse fields.

<p>The Superintendents Office and Board of Ed. should be relocated to the High School campus. Since these individuals are expected to make sound and formative decisions about teaching and learning, It is critical for these individuals to directly witness what is occurring in the school environment on a continuous basis. It is UNBELIEVABLE that the town is spending alot of money (especially with the current increases in building materials) on a structure that is DEVOID OF A SWIMMING POOL. A pool is something that would have benefits for all town citizens.</p>
<p>Unsure</p>
<p>We are spending a fortune to build a state of the art new school. Do not try to mess it up by adding old buildings around it. Have additional parking or sports tracks and fields for both students and neighbors to enjoy.</p>
<p>The school gyms are available and well used so IF there is a real need for additional gym use then keep the gyms as it would cost little to add them to the inventory. If not at least one of the would be cheap storage</p>
<p>Ball field space.</p>
<p>Pool for community use and high school teams. Currently the High School pays rental fees for this useage during the fall and winter seasons.</p>
<p>NA</p>
<p>Should be demolished and made into fields as originally planned</p>
<p>Keep the gyms for students to use, a gym is a gym. Not much has changed since this gym was built. Basketball courts are the same size/hoops have the same height. You are all way overthinking this</p>
<p>Land records, church records and archives.</p>
<p>Do NOT relocate the probate court, see prior answer for reasons. It is unsafe for our children and will cause more traffic in an already congested area that does not have enough parking during school hours. Parking or relocate town hall and use town hall area for recreation fields. This whole high school area should be for the teachers, staff and children. There is a need for parking and recreational fields in the area.</p>
<p>Community Recreation, special events, performing and visual art exhibition spaces.</p>
<p>I didn't realize keeping these were under consideration. I'm mainly in favor of saving the 1928 building. I guess i'm not totally opposed to keeping some of the 52&78 buildings if it makes sense but i don't see need to keep it all. Going to need space for the new fields and/or parking. I'm leaning towards it should just be torn down and just leave the 1928 building.</p>
<p>PLEASE, FOR GOD SAKE, PAUSE THE RENOVATION. INFLATION IS HURTING EVERYONE, EVEN THOUGH IS TEMPORARY, JUST ASK BIDEN. THERE IS NO RUSH.</p>
<p>Unsure</p>
<p>Repurpose the old gym into a town pool for high school and community use. Train and hire interested students as lifeguards to give them work experience, rent it out to other towns or charge for town membership to help make income for the town.</p>
<p>Consolidate other locations.</p>
<p>they should be torn down</p>
<p>None</p>

Seems like a lot of possible uses so do not demolish!
The senior center is not convenient and deserves a better, modern facility with upto date and more equipment.
None.
No other services. This should have been addressed as part of the referendum to build a new high school.
Save the 1928 iconic building and convert it to small low-cost senior apartments. Demolish the rest and turn the area into landscape, recreation, etc.
same answer as before
Which ever is most needed.
recreation dept.
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These building do not have the same historic presence as do the 1928. Unless there is a very specific need for additional space in town, I think spending any money to refurbish and maintain these buildings isnt financially wise.
some sort of performance space- for music, drama (if
Town departments if can not delete 1952 & 1978 buildings.
Would be nice to have a town pool somewhere
Physical Fitness Classes - creational Basketball Leagues for all ages - weight training facility
Our town needs more indoor athletic facilities. There are times when we have to go to other towns for practices, etc. We should build a large enough field house in the new school to support this need or attempt to retain the old buildings for recreation and travel sports use.
Take the time to visit the West Hartford Town Hall. It really is just that simple. Learn from someone who has gone through the EXACT same thig 50 years ago, and seek their input. Are they glad they saved the building ? Does it work, Is it efficient, cost effective, is it well utilized etc. Make it a field trip. Be in a position to justify your decision; no matter what you do, you will be questioned. Might as well have a valid response, right?
Indoor open areas such as gyms are sought after in every town, especially in the winter. Practice for young teams, sports for adults such as vollyball leagues, hobbies such as flying of radio control electric aircraft (drones), contests for slow flying models (usually gliders), physics and light demonstrations/experiments by students and adults and many other possible activites are some of the things that the gym(s) could fill a need for. Provide a space and it will be welcomed with innovative uses by innovative minds! Tearing down these building would be a huge waste of vauable resources. It would cost lots of money AND be bad for our already crowded landfills.
It would be great to keep the gyms and allow the town to use that space! The auditorium is terrible so that should not be kept!!!
youth events and sports
Nothing, knock it down
Town owned gym space would be great, especially for our recreation department and basketball programs. WWUE and the FHS are really the only good gyms in town. IAR is a distant 3rd.

I'm in support of these programs but my concern is traffic going in and out of this area if it is used by the masses in town. If there is a solution to that and the buildings are worth preserving (cost for renovations isn't worth the structure to begin with), then I'm in support of multiple program ideas.

None no one will use it

Town theatre, pool, co-working space, indoor food market, apartments, museum, art studios, healthcare, shelter/soup kitchen, restaurant run by disabled adults for lunch, indoor golf driving range golf simulator rooms, archery, axe throwing, smash rooms, community board game room, music practice spaces, shops/restaurants like market in Middletown, adult day care, dog agility, animal shelter, space for support groups, art gallery

These are old and inefficient buildings and they are not accessible. They should be demolished and not reused. Reuse the space, but not the building

Recreational

Pool

keep the gyms/auditorium! gyms can be used to increase quality of REC programs (no more reliance on school schedules). Auditorium can be fixed up and rented out as well - maybe introduce a musical theater camp.

Knock them down. Reclaim the space.

Early childhood center

Similar to my previous answer- use it as a space for the community in some way. To promote involvement & volunteering opportunities.

Relocate the recreation department from down town Unionville

Create an outdoor pavilion for live events and food truck friendly gatherings.

None, see my prior response.

Community kitchen/gardening etc

The 1928 building could also be used for public use facilities such as bathrooms when attending sporting events.

unsure

Community-volunteer services-job service

Having a recreational facility would be great for the town. The senior center is barely used by seniors- and this is not because the town has been using a side classroom for dance classes. Would love to see that space used more by children. The town needs to put their youth more of a priority and stop giving them hand-me-downs buildings.

Replacing Town Hall with a field(s) is not a good idea.

Unsure

Children museum

I believe it would be more cost effective to demolish since there is no historical/architectural interest in the structures unlike the 1928 building. If not then see my answer for uses to the 1928 building. Children's activity center/museum or indoor recreational space. These buildings are closer to the high school than the 1928, so zoning might be an issue for commercial space lease.

No other uses. The building is past its useful life and too expensive to renovate. We should demolish and use the funds for other town priorities (A/C at elementary schools, third bridge, etc)

<p>There is nothing for the teens to do in this town - create a senior center and area for them to be able to go to. We have enough space already for town employees and seniors.</p>
<p>I am puzzled as to why retaining the 1952 and 1978 buildings was not part of the discussions leading up to the approval of the new high school (unless this discussion occurred and I missed it).</p>
<p>town wide groups, clubs, can expand and utilize space already there. Use of gym for PAL program and need for other space for students and young adult activities.</p>
<p>Business incubator / maker space</p>
<p>Keep it as part of the school somehow</p>
<p>Why were these issues not brought forth when the school was being discussed. Again typical lack of planning. It does not surprise me. After all it was part of the original school. WOW. Pretty disappointing. Kinda like Unionville stop and shop plaza where we turned our back of the FarmingtonRiver instead of showcasing it. It shows a real lack of foresight.</p>
<p>I think reuse of buildings is more logical and less wasteful especially from an environmental standpoint. They are less visible being behind the 1928 building.</p>
<p>Youth Center, Indoor ropes course, Recreation center</p>
<p>As well as the above, the use could become mixed with the new school in regards to IA functions for wood metal, etc..</p>
<p>BOE Central Office</p>
<p>If the town wants to save the gym space perhaps a public gym for town residents. It could be either run by the town or contracted out to a gym company. Storage for town museums, create a Maker Space to promote STEM, create a competition area for the robotics team with storage for their equipment. Create a career center. If the buildings are torn down maybe create the towns first public pool? Create an area for town events like the concerts currently held on the library lawn.</p>
<p>Open space</p>
<p>Satellite police station</p>
<p>The auditorium could be rented to local dance studios for their recitals (as it has been in the past). The Parks and Rec Dept could expand activities with the use of these gyms. Our town can only be improved by having more activities available for everyone but especially for the youth. Perhaps a local theater group could be formed to take advantage of the auditorium right there in our town. There could be concerts all year long, similar to those held in the summer at Alice Clover Pinney park.</p>
<p>Again, as we are moving forward there is no need to keep/renovate/maintain facilities that are 50-75 years old!</p>
<p>We need more gym space for sports, whether its high school sports or youth recreation sports. This past winter it was a challenge getting enough gym space for all the teams. I think we should use these old buildings to preserve and create as much gym space as possible for our Farmington sports!</p>
<p>WHATEVER WOULD BENEFIT THE CITIZENS OF FARMINGTON.</p>

The high school robotic team should have its own space that is not a shared space with the alternative high school program nor regular class room facilities. The team is not just for the FIRST Robotics competition but has community involvement with the elementary school Lego league as well as other involvement. a dedicated space for the team would help with its current involvement as well as future expanded community involvement

An aside: The use of ARPA funds for this sort of renovation is not acceptable. Those funds need to go directly to help offset costs of mental health, domestic abuse, job related expenses, private business losses (restaurants), other health issues related to the pandemic -- or specific pandemic concerns such as air filtration systems for buildings

None. Building should be torn down

Please see previous answer

Have a cafe or coffee shop run by high school students as part of a life skills curriculum for atypical and typical students.

Love the uses mentioned but not for old inefficient buildings that are shown to be very inaccessible to the community. Knock these down and build what we need

Have no idea what space needs are in town. Checked above ideas as potential if need. (Moving town hall across street seems silly.) Will note that Farmington is very short of public recreational spaces.

They should be demolished

All municipal offices

First, I dont know if there is any question of keeping just one of the two - if so I vote for the 1952 building since the 1978 building is pretty ugly in front! Either way, I would like to see the area retained used for community purposes as mentioned in the last question.

No specific ideas at this time.

Community pool

The new high school was supposed to be energy efficient as a way to pay back some of the cost. And now we want to keep the old buildings too?!!

Develop Farmington cultural center and training school for the arts.

I absolutely do NOT support relocating the recently re-paved Town Hall for a stupid sports field!! Weve put lots of money into this building, and we have plenty of recreation fields at the other schools and Tunxis Meade. Connecticut climate warrants more indoor public sports gyms for recreation when its too cold outside.

Could some these areas be used as rental space such as the auditorium be available for others to use for events such as concerts, graduation ceremonies, theater performances. Could be a source of revenue.

Continuing Ed offices

Hard to answer unless we know more about the conditions of the current buildings and the space needs of the organizations being recommended for relocation.

Tear them down! Why keep buildings that constantly need updating? If we have a need for more space build it while we are doing the school. Start fresh!!

None! We were told it would be too expensive to rebuild when you were trying to sell the new school. Now we are considering rebuilding the same buildings. The committee didn't know what they were originally doing, or was only selling what they wanted to sell the new school!

My concerns include traffic, the view from Route 4, and the gate of the existing buildings that house recreation and social services.

I believe that the Farmington High School should be only for the students education and usage and not for Storage, Town Hall, Social Services, Community, ect...

move town hall, daycare for employees of the Town of Farmington, alternative school, move special services dept.

Consolidating all town services as well as having open gym and meeting space hours for residents would be a huge plus for Farmington

Cant think of others!

Again, I would leave that decision to the town leaders / staff who are more familiar with their needs.

town departments and services

I thought the referendum that passed called for the demolition of all buildings other than the 1928 building and the 2003 wing. These questions about the 1952 and 1978 buildings don't seem to be appropriate.

Private fundraising should be initiated to pay for this, rather than increasing Taxpayer costs

Would use for:(1) New Superintendents offices if needed rather than the 900 wing. The 900 wing is better suited for use by the students since it is closer to the new high school and storage and limited # of classrooms in the new high school will likely become an issue.(2) Use the gymnasiums for recreational use by the community. Would be a waste to destroy good gymnasiums especially since only 1 has been built since 1978 (West Woods School) and the town has probably roughly doubled in size.

A shooting gallery for police as well as citizens.

Demolish them

All of these are great uses of space - but we should start with a clean slate and not try to limit ourselves by the existing facility and throw good money at an inefficient and inaccessible building. Not sure about relocating town hall completely - didn't we just renovate some of the facility, or at least its grounds.

None.

Great ideas!

Senior housing

I believe all the ideas above are excellent ways to repurpose these buildings. As a lifelong resident, I would love to see these buildings retained, restored, and re-used, even if I had to pay more in taxes.

Creating a Recreation center is a great idea

no comment.

Rental offices

Q17

Pie in the sky is nice when you are spending other people's money.

Think a lot of this should have been discussed before as part of the plan for the high school.

Whatever is done with these buildings should not be of additional cost to tax payers. the potential use/demolition of these buildings should have been thought of with the initial plans for the new high school

As a longtime member of this town, i feel too many historical buildings are being replaced by modern buildings. My father was born and grew up and attended all of the schools. My children and many of my neices and ephews also attended FHS

It's important to leave the 1928 Building for sentimentality and history. If the buildings surrounding it will be too expensive to refresh (and too expensive for more money taken out of homeowners pockets) then they dont have to stay. Saving 1952 could be quite beneficial to the town activities if the price to retain it wouldnt be exhorbitant.

I understand we are losing \$10 million that was promised from the state. Priority should be addressing that shortfall and communicating to all stakeholder before making additional plans adding to expense.

Please reconsider the idea of a public swimming pool. I have been using the one in Avon, but last year they were hedging on having Farmington residents join!!!

If there repurposing of the building that doesnt house the gymnasiums is costly, then it would be useful to understand if preserving the 1928 bldg and the bldg that houses the gymnasiums is possible while demolishing the other bldg. That bldg is in very poor condition, so its utility is unclear to me.

The new building will be expensive enough. I voted against the new HS plan because I thought it was way too expensive. I do agree that a new school building is needed and would have voted yes if the cost had been around \$100M. Searching for cost savings and lowest impact for everything else.

You need to consider easy access to the property if you repurpose it. It is cumbersome to have the one access road for everything. If there is a function at the school, the other areas will be impacted.

Nothing to add

Very concern about tax issues.

It will cost less to build a new replica than save any of 1928 building. The other buildings are in the way of fields. Tear it all down.

I grew up in town, live here still, graduated from FHS and and am very supportive of whatever it takes to save the 1928 building.

I would like to see more parks and a town pool in our town.

The buildings are already built using the space is the most logical idea the facade of the 1928 building is a rte 4 icon once gone it can't be replaced the more space this town has to dedicate to groups, organizations, profit or non profit the more attractive the town becomes. The indoor space can be used for summer camps and winter indoor activities I thinks it's a win to renovate and reinvent the usage for that space

It may not be feasible to retain all of the old buildings, but I feel strongly about the 1928 building, especially with its beautiful architecture, and the building with the gym. If the new high has one included this one can be opened up for both adults and younger children for all kinds of sports and exercise usage.

Just start new.

Keep 1928 building for a bit of history; for any other space, please build modern building(s) fitting current needs and energy efficient.

Glad the 1928 was separated frim the new High School. Too many emotions. Would like to see a written commitment to allocate percentage of the renovation cost to the planned maintenance budgets over 40 years so we don't come to same place we are when our kids are managing this Town

Route 4 Traffic flow must be improved if increased traffic is created into this campus of buildings by creating new uses for any remodeled building. Perhaps multiple parking entrances for the future groups of buildings and a widened Rt 4 with Left turn lane. Let the traffic engineers figure out how best to do it but please do something to prevent Rt 4 from slowing down further. The current intersection is a choke point for all traffic going both ways..

In regards to the demolition of the buildings (not including the 1928 building), I would like to see more sports fields/open space if they were to be removed. There is revenue potential regarding the gyms for adult leagues/open court activities.

I was under the impression that the land occupied by the buildings (except the 1928 building) would be needed for parking and sports fields.

If affordable, I think it makes a lot of sense to move town hall and BOE to 1928 building.

none

The future of young minds developing and creating this worlds future should be if done properly in our new facilities. Farmington has a proud past of education, educating and spreading the knowledge learned to higher collegiate levels. No new building or old, will create a better student, but gives the children and young adults a history past that brought them their future.

ideal situation: tear down the orphaned 900 wing, rehab the 1928 building for BOE & Admin offices. this frees up physical space for a better layout. keep non-school uses (ie, community centers, senior centers) away from the school grounds. the difference in cost, with a project this size, is really negligible.

No more new taxes please.

Should have built a pool for all the town to utilize. Would have paid its self back with income generated when outside schools needed it.

It's not worth the expense for renovating the subject buildings for building code and alternate uses both near term and future operating and maintenance costs

I know the cost may be too much, but I would love for the historical 1928 building be saved. It is a part of the town history. It would also be great to have a recreation center for the town if the other buildings can be saved. Maybe a small fee could be charged for admittance. Thank you for sending out this survey, I hope a good response is received.

Comply with all ADA guidelines

My biggest concern is the environmental impact. That was not included in this survey. I am in favor of the option with the least environmental impact. I am concerned keeping these inefficient buildings would have an adverse impact but I am also worried about disposing of these harmful materials. I think an environmental audit would be needed.

Should keep the old buildings as school buildings and not build the new school. Fix the roof, add air or whatever is needed, and call it a day.

Please keep the 1928 building!!!! It is iconic to Farmington

This survey is concerning that it is even being sent out. These building are decrepit and this is the whole reason for a new high school. It is incredibly irresponsible to waste town money trying to save these poor structures.

tear them down

In prior question you forgot to ask about grandchildren in the school district. See my prior note questioning why we need all that space for the school board.

Multiuse of facility is pointless. Limit it to education, let the evolution of secondary education have a place to breathe

The 1928 building is a historic landmark. It should be preserved. Haven't we taken down enough of our history in town.

KEEP the gym for recreation purposes! Our recreation/travel programs NEED the space for practice/games. Voters voted down a pool on two occasions; don't make the same mistake with the gym!

While we respect historical buildings in general, keeping an inefficient building that is inaccessible and has served its purpose (and then some) should be applauded for its service and we as a town should move forward

To make a strong case to voters I recommend proposing a definite plan for how you want to use the space. During the referendum on the high school we heard all about how these buildings are in disrepair and are not fixable. Suggesting that we now fix the buildings after agreeing to building the new high school seems disingenuous.

I noticed no mention of any alternative use study costs. Engineering firms will need be retained to show HOW we need to develop WHAT we choose to do with these buildings. And any expense incurred to do this should be factored into the cost. Is it cheaper to demolish and rebuild or simply refurbish and honor current building codes?

Unionville lost so many old beautiful buildings with redevelopment, I for one would not like at all to have the High School building torn down. There are so many uses for it, and seeing it on the hill is a beautiful site as your driving by. Thank you for all your help to keep at least the 1928 building.

Farmingtons website says in its About Farmington: Farmington is a residential suburb in the Hartford Metropolitan area that has retained its distinctive character through maintenance of its historic districts... There is an historical and aesthetic value to preserving the 1928 building. The building itself was designed by the architect William Towner who designed many school buildings in this neo-Georgian brick style, including designed Huckleberry Hill School in Avon (which has been preserved as apartments). In the 1960s Unionville was redeveloped and much of the charm and identifiable built environment was destroyed. Within a year, people were decrying it and it left a lot of divisiveness and rancor in the Town. We lost streetscapes and charm that were similar to Collinsville. Thousands of students passed through the halls of the 1928 building. It serves as a distinctive symbol of Farmington, the school upon the hill. Please find a way to save it. I am confident that after we do so, no one will regret it.

It is impractical to retain a building just because it is old. At some point every building in town can qualify as historic if it exists long enough. \$9.8M is excessive, especially when space can be leased or created for far less. As a new high school is practical and an investment, spending this money is impractical for the 1928 building or other buildings where cost/benefit analysis reveals excessive cost for inconsequential gain.

I would rather lose the 1928 building instead of losing athletic fields or having to juggle multiple municipal offices trying to make something work.

I find that people as well as the town have a tendency to just tear down older building that do not fit their needs and or style. This is a VERY historic town and I think that people tend to lose sight of these things. NEW is not always better, its just new!

As someone who was born and raised in Farmington, and is a FHS alumni, it would be nice to preserve something from my childhood. As of now, we have moved from the Indians to the River hawks which I understand the reasoning behind this. To demolish the 1928 building would almost completely erase and eliminate anything from my childhood and experience as a FHS graduate in the 80s/90s. I believe there are many other like myself who have chosen to move back to town to raise our own families because of our positive experiences. Please do not take away the town we grew up in by completely eliminating the FHS/1928 building.

As we clearly saw by the contentious multiple votes it took to pass the FHS construction project, this town is very closely divided on increasing taxes, no matter how justified the need for investment may be. A phased approach may be the only realistic option to get public approval for additional taxes to renovate. But demolishing buildings now, which does have costs, and then learning in a few years that we have other buildings needs that could have been met by the demolished buildings, should be avoided if at all possible. So again, the town really needs an inventory of its physical assets in their entirety, their condition, and what we anticipate needing in the future. Only then can we determine the best use of these buildings, if any.

I am in favor of keeping the building but only if it can be done with little to NO increase in the property taxes. I first moved to Farmington because of the lower taxes but the increases in taxes over the past decade have really upset me.

As a member of the Farmington/Unionville community who attended Farmington Public Schools, I am very much for maintaining the history. I am super excited about the new building and so excited my kiddos will be able to experience a new high school. However, there are so many things that we could offer our children with pieces of the historical buildings. I have already mentioned how fantastic a CTE program would be for high school students and I do feel it would be wonderful to give the children a rec space of their own! Thank you for this opportunity to share!

I was extremely hesitant to vote for the new high school, even though I have grandchildren who will benefit from the new school. If the demolition of the 1928 building had been included in the school vote, I would have voted no. I understand people think "it's just a building" but it represents to me and my father before me a truly iconic piece of architecture that represents what a high school used to look like.

A community playground and or splash pad would be great if buildings are to be demolished, as current residents have to travel to surrounding towns during the day to occupy younger kids.

I heard there was a 1 million \$ cost to mothball. Do the actions to repurpose the buildings preclude the need to mothball?

I think once you start these projects on the older buildings, you will encounter asbestos, lead pipes, maybe infestation and the costs will increase.

Very Much in favor of keeping the old building

I strongly urge the committee to advance the project with continued goals of upholding the strong reputation Farmington has in its high quality of education. Thank you to all members for their commitment and hard work on behalf of our youth. It is the superior educational programming of Farmington that has been present for decades that led us to choose this town as our home. I hope and believe that going forward, this will continue to be the guiding principles of the future decisions.

The 1928 Farmington High School building is an important part of the Towns history and must be preserved. So many of the towns historic buildings including the original town hall in Unionville were lost that today could have been great assets and representations of our past. These buildings like 1928 FHS are the reason people want to live in communities like Farmington as they contribute to the unique character and beauty of our landscape. Generations of high school students have fond memories and will support its continued use because it means something to them. Imagine If this building is gone what an ugly empty space will be left on the hill that will not compliment the campus and view from Route 4. So many towns across the Nation have celebrated and reused their classic buildings and turned them into great useful spaces for all to enjoy that show a sense of pride. We need to be one of those towns. We owe it to both our new residents and future generations of those who have been here for generations to preserve what we have. SAVE FHS!

To ask these questions with no cost estimates or with the cost to renovate to support certain functions is flawed. The buildings are just buildings to me. If there are space needs of the Town, these buildings should be used if the cost of renovating them to meet the requirements is less than the cost of other buildings (build, renovate, or rent) to meet those needs.

Please do not waste more time or effort on the other buildings. The 1928 building could be useful but it should be cost effective. It would be great to move the court there -- and perhaps have the other towns help cover the cost. It could also be used to house the teen rec center.

I would like the 1928 building to remain standing and gutted. We can leave it for historic use. Other than that I think it would be better for the town to consider using our tax dollars towards things our children need like air conditioning at school.

I hope there will be a vote on 1928 building. I think its disgusting how the council separated the old and new school just to get new school passed.

You need to have a compelling reason why we keep buildings. If for storage, then tell why current storage is a problem etc. is this a nice to have or a need to have?

I BELIEVE THAT SOME WORK HAS TO BE DONE, BUT THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE A SCHOOL FOR THE STUDENTS TO LEARN, THEY DONT NEED ATRIUMS, OR PRIVATE ROOMS, HECK I DIDNT HAVE THAT IN SCHOOL AND DID QUITE WELL THANK ;YOU VERY MUCH.

We would like to see function of the existing buildings we mentioned . It's prime real estate and we already own it, let's use what we can. The cost of destroying and re- constructing all new buildings is too great. I would also mention mental health services and consider easy access to this to students and community as well, it is a much needed service in general and more so since the pandemic. May this be considered? The town hall has long outgrown its space, moving it is an excellent idea.

Johnny Carrier is the hardest working man in town Government!

The original building (1928) should be retained because it has historical/sentimental value. The rest of the buildings should be torn down and new buildings should be build. Given how fast technology is moving and what the future employers will require for talent there is no need to retain the other old buildings and leave the Farmington students behind.

Please make good choices to help the farmington kids have a great high school environment.Go above and beyond the bare minimum requirements.Give them a larger library, a larger/well-equipped science lab, a better gym/field, actually build an indoor swimming pool facility so our students can use it.This is our opportunity to build something that will last a hundred years and grow leaders.Using a pretty old building for new purposes is fraught with challenges. I recognize that the building has some historical value but please do not let that come in the way of having an excellent facility for our children.Everything costs money. But spending the money on our future (our children) is the best way to spend money.Go above and beyond the requirements and build more for the children.

While the 1928 building is beautiful, because of the issues in renovating any building (See the Barney Library, for example, which is actually comparable in terms of age--a little older, but the attached construction was similar in age to the later buildings, and basically needed a tear down/rebuild because of structural problems found in reno). I really would have liked to see it repurposed as affordable apartments, as art studios, but even that requires a lot to be up to ADA standards, which is vital as our population ages and climate change factors increase. I do worry that part of the attachment to the building is an attachment to the former mascot, which people believe is still represented in the building(s). If the buildings are repurposed, I'd like to see them done so creatively, and not just for storage or relocation of offices. I'd like to see something that will fuel creativity and joy, and maybe that includes a potential zoning change for the building as well? Possibly? Having seen the reno of Barney, and knowing that some of the previous issues that were supposed to be fixed still exist in the new Barney, I am hesitant about extended and expensive renovation, for the same reasons that a new school was decided on, rather than renovating the old.

Survey is too long and detailed to hold interest throughout.

1928 building is iconic.

Whatever the outcome of the three buildings, there need to be fields for the kids at the high school.

I think I included everything I wanted.

I'm interested in using the buildings (1928, 1952, and 1978) for town services, recreation, etc. if and only if it doesn't impact the fields or use of the land for the proposed high school

Potential sale of building

Again please make every attempt to keep and fix masonry and brickwork on the south and east facing facades of the 1928 building.

The location of the old building and the library are unfortunate. They are both in the way and look out of place. Tear down the old building, it's useless.

This survey structure was poorly constructed. Bias and multiple variables existed throughout the framing of each question. Because of the multiple variables in the question, responses are skewed. To check for this, it would have been helpful to provide room for comments on each survey entry/question. Considering the town is still paying on the last high school renovation (that will be torn down as part of this project), I hope all the citizens who voted for this project plan on remaining in the town for the next 2 decades and commit financially to their vote. Has anyone addressed security and public safety of the new structure now that the building will be closer to a neighborhood/development with multiple access points to the high school grounds? The sceptics in this town are viewing this public outreach as nothing more than an appeasement; many feel that the decision has already been made. A school is more than its structure, it is the people within the structure that truly make it a school. Something to think about.

Unsure

It would be nice to have additional space but not at an additional cost to the taxpayers. In addition, I would be concerned about a court or any use that would bring people from outside the school community onto school property.

The 1928 building represents an historical building that while not on the register is historical in age and is a well known site in town with the light in the cupola

I am in support of retaining historical buildings with architectural merit. I did not know of the plans to retain the 1952 and 78 buildings, so I do not have an opinion yet. There seems to be a lot of options for using the older buildings, but at the expense of sports fields.

By gaining a new high school you should demolish the old. So much money for remediation of mold, asbestos and other junk we shouldn't be breathing in, especially seniors. That old building(s) is just a money pit, it just needs to go away. Federal Covid grants should be used for pedestrian walkways and mass transit infrastructure, since we have traffic issues in town.

I believe it would also be wonderful to save a building that not only can provide benefits to the community as gym space for activities, there is sentimental value to the building.

While the 1928 building is old, and of maybe some visual interest to some, it will be an eyesore next to the new school plus expensive for the town to maintain. I think the proposed uses of the 1928 building and the adjacent areas do not warrant the cost it will take to maintain them. I love historic architecture, I live in one of Farmington's historic houses that I proudly maintain but old buildings are expensive and not energy efficient.

Demolish any buildings that would be too expensive to renovate!

Please just try to do your best for the students and the town. Thank you

Please stop tearing down buildings and removing sporting fields and tennis courts.

I have no preference. I think the building should stay there. It is the Original High School for the Town.

I like the idea of commemorating the 1928 building but not preserving it if it is not cost effective. We could prominently feature a framed photograph of it in the new building, or preserve the cupola on the top of the building and use it in the new building...a nod to the history without actually having to spend money to preserve it.

1. There was no mention of any structural or remediation concerns involved in these buildings. Typically this brings up the cost for both remediation and structural support2. with new technology that is more energy efficient, the town needs to evaluate reusing buildings with poor energy conservation. 3 what would become of the current town offices if they move to the old high school?

Please preserve this part of Farmington's history.

The current Town Hall is overcrowded and inadequate. Town offices are scattered all over the place. This is a unique opportunity to solve these problems for the long term. These renovations can be done without interfering with ongoing Town business. Seize the opportunity!

Need to seriously consider the yearly costs to run the building. Some of this seems to be just a way to keep the buildings without a serious need for additional space or additional facilities

like to see the buildings rebuilt new schools for Farmington

Farmington has always been proud of their historic buildings and this original high school is historic to this town as well as iconic symbol of the town of Farmington There should not even be a consideration for it to be torn down.

Keeping the original 1928 building is important for historical reasons, and there is undoubtedly a way to repurpose it for current needs.

I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING OUR TOWN HISTORY! WE IDENTIFY FARMINGTON WITH THE SITE OF 1928 BUILDING HAS FARMINGTON!ITS LIKE OUR LEGACY, ESPECIALLY TO THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN BORN AND RAISED HERE AND CHOOSE TO STAY AND LIVE HERE!

Not interested in paying higher taxes for this renovation.

Having multi-generations on the site and not offices would be beneficial to the town, the seniors and the students

Will the State give any of the anticipated Funding that was expected when this plan was put to a vote? If the Town will not be receiving and of the Federal funding , then I would expect that the referendum for the building of the New High School be put to another vote.

Repurposing any of the old buildings (including the 1928 building) would likely diminish the present and future use needs of the High School which should be the absolute priority for the current High School campus property! Trying to mix-in likely incompatible other town uses in direct proximity to the new high school could be short sighted in the long-run. Parking needs, traffic congestion, and noise would likely be immediate issues on such a small property. Further, trying to cram-in other uses could also preclude future expansion and use needs of the high school. My opinion is strongly that all of the land at the top of Monteith Drive should be devoted exclusively to high school use!

NA

Would like to see the 1928 building used for the court and town hall replacement. As for the the 1978 and 1952 sections put a pool there for the swim and dive teams, high school students to learn how to swim and for town residents to use in the summer.

Nothing further

The building should be saved, it's a part of the town and its history. Still can't believe we are building a brand new school after all of the additions in 03. Also love how biased this questionnaire is by mentioning the costs to keep the old building and saying it'll raise property taxes when you don't mention the cost of the new school and its impact on property taxes.

We have already lost \$900,000 in funding we need to now cover not budgeted prior due to state funding review. If these old buildings are able to be fixed and reused for other purposes, they could have been fixed and continued to be used by the students.

We are so quick to demolish our history and historical buildings. It is time to save some of Farmington history.

In many ways the Farmington High School building 1928 is a symbol of the town. Architecturally, the building is far more interesting than any subsequent school buildings or additions (Union and Noah Wallace are the only rivals), or many of the towns other public or private buildings.

Please keep Farmington Historic with beautiful tree-lined streets. We do not need another Avon or West Hartford; this is Farmington.

In 2017, voters overwhelming did not support the notion that this building was worth renovating. And in 2021, voters again overwhelming ratified the idea that this building did not have a future. Despite emotional attachments, we should not squander tax/debt funds or ARPA grants that can be better used in other areas.

As Unionville is located within the town of Farmington, why have you made this an either/ or question several times ?

I think that the potential to increase the opportunities for social engagement, particularly between our youth and adult leaders in our community has the potential to greatly enrich all of our lives in Farmington. Designated space for this activity is vital to our future.

Please keep in mind firstly the impact this will have on teachers, staff and children attending FHS. Please DO NOT put in a municipal court. It will be unsafe for the kids, and add traffic and lack of parking. I think during COVID we have seen how important sports, and teams have been for the mental and physical well being of our children. Since we are spending the money to make FHS a new, better school, there also needs to be use of any adjoining space so they have fields/space for recreations fields. Please make the best, safest choice for our children well being and safety

The town and valley needs more gyms for youth teams and general recreational use. It makes no sense to tear down the current gyms, unless the associated costs make it prohibitive.

It was not transparent for the vote that the fields and new tennis courts were not included in the budget for the new high school. It is deceiving that this was done. Also, it does not seem safe to have so much glass in the design of the new high school for the safety of the students and teachers. This does not help for heating and cooling either.

If we do not receive the reimbursement relief that was promised by the state, and then withdrawn, the HS project cost will be passed on to taxpayers. Not happy about that, especially since I have been unable to work at my profession due to physical limitations and I have a limited income. the town should look into getting a Hollywood shoot for a couple of Hallmark/vintage movies in the 1928 building, in order to raise some capital for improving it or keeping it. In terms of using the space for programs, how will the traffic pattern work? I understand the new high school project is supposed to help traffic patterns for HS, will there be academic use and community use vying for road space at the same time? currently, they Share the road space for the town hall and the library and staples house, but going up to the top of the hill and then turning left for community activities/ probate, will that be contrary to the planned traffic pattern?

I feel the 1928 Building should stay no matter what, even if it is left vacant until funding/new use is found. The gyms I believe could also be put to use rather than destroy them, unless they are obsolete or really change the master plan for the new high school.

Former FHS art teacher and Director of the Art Guild (Formally the Academy Building on Church St). The Congregational Church owned the Academy Building and chose to sell it, now converted to two condos.

I am willing to have the Town build a new high school, but I feel we have wasted money in the past on renovations to the FHS campus that are now going to be demolished in building the new school and want the T of F to think about other uses for some of the bldgs. on the FHS campus before demolishing them all

Please keep 128 building.

The 1928 building is iconic to Farmington. We've lost many historic buildings in the 1960 "improvement" era. Big mistake. I think we'd all hate to look up at the sledding hill and not see that building.

To be honest I didn't vote yes for the new school. but since it is going forward I'm strongly in favor of keeping just the 1928 building too. the additional cost at this point is small relative to the cost of the new school. and the 1928 building is a landmark building. It should be preserved. Many towns find ways to repurpose old historic buildings. Farmington should do the same. Change is good and I'm sure the new school will be very nice when it is complete. But preserving some of the past is important too. A balance between both should be strived for.

THE REFERENDUM SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO RENOVATE THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS SOUNDLY DEFETED. IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO ME THAT YOU ARE STILL MOVING AHEAD WITH THIS PROJECT WHILE INFLATION, SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES, WAR ARE RAGING. THIS PROJECT WILL END UP COSTING 2X ESTIMATES. BUT I GUESS YOU NEED A NEW BUILDING TO TEACH CRT, GENDER THEORY, AND INDOCRINATE OUR KIDS IN SOCIALISM.

None known

The cost of constructing is high and the Town should consider offers by private industry for the purchase or management of these buildings to generate revenue for the town.

Do something with the delapidated house in the center of FARMINGTONWhat is going on with that?It is in the center of town and is becoming a disgrace to put it nicely! PLEASE address this issue....,,

This town had a great opportunity to include a pool with the new high school and failed to do so. Farmington has no community pools and there fore we are forced to pay memberships to other towns or private organizations. Revnovating one of the old gyms gives us an opportunity to bring that money back to town as well as give our young people work experience as lifeguards or swimming instructors.

Please view this one time expenditure as an opportunity to optimize all municipal functions for on going efficiency.

the last question should not be included in this survey

Keeping the 1928 building is important because of its historical significance along with its potential use in consolidating other regional and municipal services and other community services, but keeping the other two buildings would be an ongoing maintenance expense and redundant since new facilities of the same type will be available for community use in the new high school.

Keep history and repurpose!

If the buildings aren't good enough to be retained and used for the purpose they were built, then why spend the money to keep them and increase taxes?

I have spent much time in the 1928 building both as a teacher and as a member of Continuing Education Classes and am also a retired CT certified school educator. I have been in many school buildings over the years as I was also an Best Assessor for CT. Farmington High has superb teachers and lovely families and students but is one of the most antiquated buildings I have seen. At times, the areas of the school are terribly hot or too cold. The gym, library and other rooms need updating and the facility is and has been dilapidated on the interior and exterior. The students, faculty, staff and family deserve better, much better.

Consider offering property for private development. Senior housing, multifamily development.

Given the uncertainty of the final costs of the new High School, no decision on the old buildings should be made until those costs are known.

the 1928 building is a landmark and Farmington history. There are many town departments that can be, in time, relocated to this building and we can find other uses or demolish those less significant buildings those departments are currently in.

Use this land for outdoor recreation space or open land.

Preserve the cupola. Incorporate into the new building like the American School for the Deaf did in West Hartford. Tear down the building for open space.

Please continue thinking of the future needs of the Town of Farmington in these plans - Thank you

We're building a brand new school. Don't screw it up by try to find uses for the old buildings unless it's absolutely critical and cost effective.

if you demolish the 1928 building i will haunt you to the grave.....

the 1928 building is ICONIC and to me, considered to be a valued historic building. we must preserve it, and maintain it.

I envision a world-class recreation facilities for senior and youth. To include a gymnasium, a swimming pool, an arts center, continuing education. I also envision a one-stop shopping of all town services management and administration. Between the 1928 building and the gymnasium building. I know several other towns in Connecticut that have such indoor recreational facilities as swimming, weight lifting, basketball, courts, possibly indoor soccer etc. Similar to a YMCA. I would also include all personal development classes such as arts, crafts and education of all sorts. One thing this town lacks is a one-stop center where residence can get involved in community activities, physical and mental development for seniors and youth.

When you review my answers, I hope that you will keep in mind the preservation of Farmington's unique history.

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I think preserving the 1928 building would be a nice thing for the town; however, having an old building to refurbish and maintain when we don't have a real need for isn't fiscally wise. If there is a need for the space, I think it would be nice to keep the building. The new school building (based on reports that I have read) is already going to cost more money than what was budgeted and most likely the costs will continue to go up. It may not be feasible to keep the old building even though it would be nice to do so.

I look forward to discussing the potential re-uses of the 1928 Building, if the decision is (hopefully) made to retain the building. Aside from the shared lawn between the Village library and The First Church Congregational, there is very little open space where the town can congregate outside, and be able to talk and not hear loud traffic on Rt. 4. Hopefully, this project will include outdoor space for community recreation, or just walking paths.

Very hard to give an informed opinion of possible uses vs demolition when cost comparisons are not provided
Dont want to put good money after bad.

as a senior citizen on a fixed income - I am concerned about rising taxes that may force me to leave Farmington Society/Towns tend to tear down historical buildings and try to rebuild them after we realize what we've done. You really can't replicate a building like the 1928 building. Now is the time for us to keep an iconic piece of Farmington history. Let's get creative and figure out a use for the space that is beneficial to everyone. Especially our kids.

As evidenced by the current debacle of questionable amount of state funding for the New High School project. This notion of some funding without a guaranty is nothing but a sales job and cannot be presented again. Taxes are PLENTY steep as is and there is no need to spend money on non revenue generating projects that cause another noticeable tax increase.

I hope Ive stated it clearly. Learn from the past, and dont repeat the same mistakes. Thank you for your service.

I do not have any sentimental reasons for retaining the oldest 1928 building because I did not attend there myself. However I see no reason to pay large amounts of money to remove a structually sound building that could be a source of revenue by renting/leasing to businesses. The other building have many possible uses and will be welcomed if the town would make it known that the space is available via a simple sign-up web page.Reevaluate how this is working in 5 to 7 years. The town may find this arrangement is just fine.

Do what is the least expensive taking into account any savings realized if current town services move the FHS site
PLEASE keep the ICONIC 1928 building. It would be terrible to tear it down/ It is a well known landmark and after tearing down a historic building for another bank (at High street) and allowing that eyesore Bank of America has the town not learned anything? Sometimes it is not about the money but about what is right. That is why there are historic committees to prevent people trying to advance the community without honoring the past. am sure you can find a use for it. There are not enough community spaces in town. Maybe bring back the culinary program? Shop classes? Expand the arts? Move the Alternative high school? Expand the special needs services? Also we could have more town focused rec programs (like the Elmwood Community Center). Our community center is way too small and pre covid was frequently booked. Please do not tear down this landmark.

In consideration of costs, please include recurring maintenance & repair costs when communicating project costs to the public.

Losing softball and baseball fields in my opinion is not a major issue as we have Tunxis Mead. However, the tennis courts would need to be addressed.

Please stop trying to find new ways of spending the taxpayers money. If the 1928 building needs to stay, so should the high school. Knock it down and build a new replica of the building in its place. The kids education will not be harmed in doing it this way.

What ever non school use the old buildings are used for, make sure there is dedicated parking for new uses. Also if school for some reason, is not in session, the other areas are open. Pay attention to Union costs of maintenance of these spaces. Theyre not going to clean themselves.

I know there is sentiment for this building, but the town voted not to re-purpose it several years ago when it was time to build a new high school. And during the high school project it was clear that it is not efficient to re-configure the space. We should demolish the building and use the space as needed for the town, with nice, efficient, accessible, purpose built facilities. They don't have to be over the top, but they will be much more useful than an old building. Let us use federal funds for this and leave a new lasting legacy

When you asked how I identify myself, you should ask how I identify myself today. That would help you even more to make a better decision regarding the buildings LOL

Its important to keep accessibility and aesthetics in mind and in actions when building and renovating public use buildings. Regardless of regulations, the input of our differently abled communities could be instrumental in creating spaces that are truly welcoming to all.

Listening to the FHSBC process made it clear that this building has no future. The town voted overwhelmingly against updating the building. It's time to move forward.

I think it would make sense to have a 2nd police department in this area somewhere along with all municipal departments.

The town has such an amazing history it's only right to preserve what history the high school building holds having been one of the best schools to attend in the nation

We dont need a new school built

Let's do the renovation right the first time. Keep the 1928 FHS. Demolish the rest.

Being a Farmington High School alumna, I would be very disappointed if the 1928 high school was demolished. My great-grandfather attended the school in the early 1900s as well as my grandpa, both of my parents, and many of my aunts and uncles. It would be a shame to see such an iconic town building torn down. Once buildings like these are taken down, there's absolutely no replacing it. Yes, it may be expensive to renovate and maintain, but Farmington is a historic town and that's the price we pay for being "the village of beautiful homes." It's not easy or inexpensive to maintain historic buildings like these, but they are priceless. Every time I drive past the high school, I can't help but think of the special memories and lifelong friends I made there. Let's not make the same mistakes of some of our predecessors who demolished old, historic buildings to make way for new ones, which often became outdated within a decade or two. I genuinely appreciate the town's willingness to reimagine how the 1928 building can be used especially because in recent years as there has been increasing discussions about demolishing and replacing historic buildings, I have begun to wonder if the town really does respect these buildings as much as they say they do.

Please please don't tear this down. My grandpa attended school in this high school building. This is a historic landmark and Farmington prides itself on its vast history. We state we respect history & historic buildings and we need to SHOW that as well. Please donot tear this down. You may think it is a good idea now and you have the right to believe this based off current circumstances but this is going to be a regretful decision down the road. We are going to wish it was never taken down in 5 or 10 or 15 or 50 years!!! This is a decision that can NEVER be undone. Please please do not tear this building down. Please respect history. Please take the funds to repurpose this building for our community. In a time where repurposing is so important for our environment both socially & literally, please respect our history and do not tear this down.

Due the right thing an renovate the said building on this survey. Would be a shame to demolish the history of this great town

You need to send this out via regular mail to all household . I would have never known about this Survey had I not seen a post on an almost useless and very sparsely attended Facebook page

<p>Im very concerned with the costs of these projects.I think the cost of the new High school has been underestimated and that the renovations and retention of the existing school is going to come at a high price. I hope the committee will be careful to get accurate quotes to included unexpected challenges that will arise during the course of the work prior to embarking on all of this.</p>
<p>If there is sentiment over the 1928 building, simply save the copula and preserve it and/or incorporate it in a creative way into the new FHS design.</p>
<p>The old building is town HISTORY. I don't believe it is smart to just rip history down because we need more room for a sports field. FPS/town can definitely utilize the space for other town events and programs. I also think it's really cool to drive by and see the historic building peaking over the hill. Don't rip it down!</p>
<p>Hire a reputable consulting firm (like Boston Consulting), and find out how much federal funding Farmington has to work with. We can afford a slight mil rate increase to make this town more attractive/ competitive. A more walkable downtown would also be nice. We also need to address the eye sore of where Andys Italian Pizza / Dunkin used to be.. Its become a seedy parking lot attracting crowds you would expect to see on the Berlin TPKE. We should revitalize the area, and work closely with UConn to create a University-like/ village feel for that part of Farmington and especially that former plaza.. Maybe an underpass or overpass making it easy for students to walkable development with shops and affordable housing... Make the current owner do something or start fining them heavily.</p>
<p>We should absolutely proceed with the plans and use the space from the 1928 building (and the later attachments) for sports fields and facilities.</p>
<p>The community could use some space to gather & celebrate our similarities & differences. Volunteer opportunities are important too! I hope everyone in town can use these services, not just high school students, etc</p>
<p>Tear it all down and use the space for outdoor fields for the new high school.</p>
<p>I have read articles that reports the town will not be getting the grant money anticipated and the tax payers will be assuming more responsibility for this project. I supported this new project but hope this committee will do what's fiscally right for the town. Please don't disappoint us.</p>
<p>The 1928 building is an important part of our town history: architecturally, socially , with long family histories and experiences. Most of Farmington families have deep connections to the school and the 1928 building has been its beacon for near a century. Save it!</p>
<p>Would love to see a dog park in town</p>
<p>Once you erase history, you cant undo it. The 1928 building represents the character of Farmington. This reminder of where we have been helps us appreciate the cycle of life for all humanity.</p>
<p>I support starting fresh with a new high school laid out in the best possible way for use for many years to come. Safety and efficiency are key. Also keep a small portion of the history of this town(1908 building).</p>
<p>Glad we are looking to save the old building.</p>
<p>If the cost is too high and we can build a new building that will fulfill the towns needs better, that seems like a better idea. A recreation house that is open to all, also seems like a good idea. Not having women fields but having men fields is sexiast and is against the law with title VI. This should be equal when we are looking at the sport fields and if they should keep a building or not.</p>
<p>While the costs are high, I think that repurposing the 3 buildings is wise.</p>
<p>None</p>

The 1928 building is too old and too expensive to renovate. It should be demolished seeing the town is building a new school. This is not the time to spend \$9 million or more on an old building especially since this wasn't included in the original new school budget, fearing if included it wouldn't have passed. So now the taxpayers are dealing with the old 1928 building renovation. Taxpayers will be paying more taxes for something we don't need if this is approved. The other existing buildings should be demolished for parking or athletic fields also.

3rd Bridge to alleviate Route 4/177 traffic!!! No one cares how much it costs - let's get it done.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work. I believe the benefits of an indoor children's space would outweigh any concerns or budgetary cons. Heck, even an indoor recreational space for seniors/children/townpeople-of-all-ages would be greatly appreciated by the community. The fact that it would be right next to the outdoor sports/recreational facilities of the new high school is an opportunity that shouldn't be wasted. We have the potential for a full outdoor/indoor complex that everyone could enjoy. We need to bring business revenue to the town and create interest in Farmington/Unionville. It's really a nuisance to always have to drive to places like West Hartford/Avon/Simsbury. Our town is beautiful and we should try harder to make it as much of a destination as the neighboring towns do.

Why werent these plans described in this detail as part of the vote on the new high school.

There needs to be a clean psychological break with the old high school vs the new high school. Keeping too many of the old buildings will "muddy the waters" over the specialness and necessity of the new high school building. Therefore, the only building that should be kept is the 1928 building for historical purposes and nostalgia.

Thank you!

The community wants to start fresh with a new high school. The 1928 is not a historical building. It's not on the National Registrar of Historical places. The town doesn't need more office space. It needs better schools. It needs to maintain the existing schools. It needs to build more adaptive playscapes. The 1928 building (and all buildings except the 900 wing) are past its useful life and too expensive to renovate. We should demolish and use the funds for other town priorities (A/C at elementary schools, third bridge, etc). Using ARPA funds would be bad idea and a waste of taxpayers dollars (we pay federal taxes too). Our town has a lot of other needs.

The town needs to use its resources on other projects. We do not need addl office space.

Given the questions about renovating to keep buildings and possibly tear down another (town hall), it circles back to wondering why the present building isn't being renovated in stages to remain as a high school. Given that the funding for the high school decreased, maybe this should be revisited. I'm definitely opposed to any increase in taxes for these projects.

if buildings demolished, potential for using space as a transportation hub and reducing the traffic along route 4....for example car pool lots and bus stations or shuttle buses to things like UCONN health center etc.

Retaining the 1928 building is a waste of taxpayer resources and town employees time. The cost to renovate, upkeep and restructure alone will be burdensome. Year after year of maintaining and employee time to will be a taxpayer factor as well.

As much as I tried to follow the proposals that led up to the referendum for the new high school, I am surprised to see possible proposals for keeping any of the "old" high school other than the original 1928 building. It is hard to believe that the new high school will not have a significant impact on our taxes, despite the claims made prior to the referendum, particularly in light of the recent withdrawal of funding for the 2003 portion by the State.

I think it is imperative to retain the 1928 building. That is Farmington High School, the look has not changed nor should the building be demolished. The gym and auditorium can be used for town wide activities, that currently rent spaces, have smaller locations or do NOT have space and therefore an activity can not take place (i.e. Farmington Community Theater, Senior Building on New Britain Ave, does not have a gym etc). The 1978 building could be used for other town services that are currently located in old small buildings around the town. Storage can never have enough.....why rent tables, chairs, etc when you would now have a place to house your own. The storage on the roof of the gym, under the stage and ALL around town could now be accessible in one space. Office space and classroom space for activities that currently do not happen because space is not available. So many options. Remove what is not needed. A new High School is desperately needed even though my children have gone through the district and have graduated. Services that are not available due to space may be available if some of the building is retained other than the 1928 building. Should have been done YEARS ago.

Keep it as part of the high school

WHY WAS THIS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS???? After all it was part of the school. You folks had a hidden agenda all along!! Doesnt surprise me.

Demolition of old and rebuilding new structures seems to be more costly than renovating. There is a tremendous amount of waste in demolition. I am totally against demolishing the 1928 building but feel less strongly about the other structures. There is beauty and character in that old brick building not to mention the quality that is hard to find now. It has always been an awesome landmark in Farmington!!!

I always appreciate the Town of Farmingtons hard work despite all the challenges you face.

Thank you for volunteering your time in trying to do the right option(s). However remember, with that said, you cannot please everyone.

Overall, I would like to see the 1928 building preserved and used for future purposes. The 1928 building is built much better than anything youre going to have built today. Had the town kept the building up to date and properly maintained we wouldnt need to replace it today. The 1928 building, if kept will outlast the new school being built. New construction will never last as long and will be a maintenance nightmare and we will be faced with the need to rebuild in half the time of the 1928 building. Hopefully the committee will come up with a solid plan to repurpose the 1928 building that provides value to the town while keeping a part of the towns history.

I think keeping the old 1928 building is especially important because it has become almost like a landmark for people who love the town of Farmington. I was born and raised in Farmington and have recently purchased land in Farmington to build my own house for my future family. One of my biggest reasons for wanting to stay here are the incredible school systems, and I feel the whole town will not feel the same without seeing the 1928 building sitting up on the hill with the F bush landscaping. I support any use of the building space so long as it's not demolished. It's a nostalgic site to see and losing it would be losing some of the charm this town has.

What will the annual operating cost be to maintain this building and future capital expenses

Farmington needs to grow facilities available to businesses and the community. It sounds like a lot of money but future generations will prosper from providing space and new opportunities. Do not demolish the heart of our town!

Keep the historical nature of the town by keeping 1928. Knock others down. Put town offices and satellite police. Sports complex.

Please do all that you can to keep at least the 1928 building if not all three portions covered in this survey. The 1928 building is iconic Farmington/Unionville! Once an historic building is razed it can never be brought back and it can never be duplicated. There must be a huge number of activities, clubs, organizations, etc that could make wonderful use of this building(s) as well as the possibility of use by some town departments now or in the near future to avoid overcrowding. Please be open minded and creative in your approach to this situation!
Thank you!

This option should have been included in original referendum. Total yearly costs are not mentioned. Seems shady

Im very concerned with the recent suggestion of keeping more than the 1928 building! I believe that in addition to the renovation costs, the additional long-term repair & maintenance would be too much for the town to support. Lets focus on the high school and the other school buildings in town - and a third bridge. before we add more facilities

Given the current debt burden and project management challenges we now have, we need to take a break from anymore major building programs.

Please keep the 1928 building - it is iconic in this town and the history could not be replaced if demolished. I have lived in this town all my life, attended FHS, and plan for my young children to attend as well. I remember when a classmate lobbied to have the iconic cupola lit up at night to help spotlight the history and significance of the building. I feel strongly that there could be a solution that allows us to keep the building and repurpose it - community space, storage, space for rent, or even housing. Please don't raze the building!!!!

Any project should be done right the first time and avoid rework or temporary solutions. There should not be any investment in any existing building if it is more practical to modify the new high school to incorporate other needs.

We made mistakes in the redevelopment of Unionville Center with the demolition of the old town hall. In hindsight, that was a big mistake. Lets try to learn from our past and not throw the baby out with the bath water and demolish another crown jewel in Farmington.

You dont mention the demolition costs which would offset some of the cost to retain the 1928, 1952 and 1978 buildings. That information would been helpful in your getting the most accurate responses. Nevertheless, assuming you need the space, its unlikely you could build the same square footage somewhere else for less than the cost of retention. Even if there isnt a major need currently but you could make good use of the space, it makes sense to keep it.

Its time for the town to stop piecemeal solutions to high school and build a new one thats fit for 21st century. Retaining the 1928 building should be for historical reasons; after all our town is known for its history.

1928 bldg. binds unionville & Farmington, yes it IS historic. Unionville manufacturing history has all but been erased do not erase connection and history

Im not sure if the plans include this but the entrance to the school needs to be wider by the lights. The amount of cars going in and out, not to mention the buses as they try to leave the school can barely fit side by side.

I would really like to keep at least the 1928 building; however, in the years I have lived in this town the taxes have increased at an unacceptable rate. If the town can find ways to cut expenses in other areas we should keep the 1928 building as well as the other two structures. However, if there is no fat to be trimmed in the budget these buildings are not necessary. We are already over spending on a high school building.

Urban redevelopment in the 60s and 70s destroyed many beautiful structures, that mistake shouldnt happen again. In much of Europe, old buildings remain for centuries, even with functional issues. Why do we build facilities that dont last? Why would we destroy those that remain viable or that could retain functionality?

I only think the new gym should be kept and the old one needs to go

We should make space for a permanent exhibit/ museum of Farmington/Unionville history.

It would be wonderful to see the town of Farmington take a leadership position in preserving town history, like the 1928 building, setting an example that the other Farmington Valley towns can follow.

Without facts and figures to compare it is impossible to evaluate possibilities. That said I have no attachment to a building per se. Is keeping or not keeping a building/moving or not moving a department cost effective and an ecological choice?

Beyond angry that ALL of the high school buildings were not part of the costs figured into the new HS as all of these buildings are currently used for the high school. No matter what is decided, the TOTAL cost of the high school project will be much more than what we voted on, inclusive of the \$900,000+ that we might not be getting from the state.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Is the building “officially” on the historic register”? If so is there grant money available to pay for renovations? I don’t think the taxpayers should have to pay more than the amount voted for regarding the high school. The potential renovation of these adjacent buildings should have been included in the initial costs.

It would have been helpful to be briefed on the new high school plans, location, which may effect considerations.

I am disappointed that the State will not cover the entire cost of the project which includes the renovation. I do not think the town referendum would have passed with the new numbers and added cost to tax payers. I think the town needs to let the taxpayers know what the added cost will be to take on this unfunded project so we can decide as a worst case scenario.

When I drive thru the Berkshires you see schools exactly like our 1928 building. Those in the Berkshires are still used to this day for active classrooms yet in Farmington you’re ready to knock ours down. Why? You’re throwing our history and money away if that happens.

The 1928 building should be kept at a minum. It is a iconc historical landmark and has a important place in the community memory.

Tear down the 1928 bldg. retain, only if possible, the 1952 and 1978 bldgs for storage or some other use

Now that the town of Farmington is changing to cater to the wishes of the new people moving into town it would be nice to keep one iconic landmark for us old timers to remember.

There are a lot of issues with renovating and preserving older building. Code and energy issues. There will also be asbestos and other hazards that will be encountered. Any money spent would be better serve the town with and entirely new, modern and energy efficient building that could be purposely designed to meet the needs of the town once they are clearly identified. We should not use the building list because it is there if there is not a clearly identified need for space and a determination if the building is suitable. I find it disturbing that there is no specifics recommendation for these spaces and that you are asking the public for input.

If 1928 building is demolished, retain cupola . Also if demolished, still allow sledding down High School front hill.

It would be nice if, in addition to preserving the gym(s) (and presumably the related shower rooms, etc.) the theater space should be maintained and improved so that the building could be used for concerts and other presentations by non-school groups.

I feel retaining the existing buildings for repurpose is cost effective and respects some historical value, especially the 1928 building. I dont like the idea of tear down and destroy when practical and aesthetic alternatives are an option

I definitely agree that there is a need for teens to safely go to socialize as well as recreational, arts and senior centers in Farmington, however, with the high school commitment, residents are not willing to add to the tax liability. The town is sought out by many families, however, if tax rates go up, we will be less attractive and will drive residents out.

The new high school was supposed to be energy efficient as a way to pay back some of the cost. And now we want to keep the old buildings too? Yikes. So much for doing what we said we'd do.

As a town that seems to convey its historic existence why would historic buildings be allowed to be demolished. It happened with the house on the curve in Farmington that was dissembled to build a bank. There is another old property rotting on the corner of Waterville Rd. Are we proud of our history or not? It seems many of the newer residents in town have moved here from elsewhere with no long standing connection to the town and the easy answer for them is to demolish everything and make it new. I have fond memories of attending the high school on the hill and the education I received there. Is would be a shame to knock down an iconic building that has been the heart of this town for decades. I know the push these days is to erase history but do we have to buy into that philosophy?

Fiscal responsibility should be a priority in the ultimate decision with these buildings, one thing not shared was the cost to tear down these buildings.

I read that over the years we have tried to build additions to compensate for our growing needs. That in the end the different add-ons were not compatible with one another. Lets not allow sentiment for the old school to cloud our vision for the future. Build what we need looking forward now so that we can get ahead of this for future generations!

Use the space for new businesses and community Activities.

If the three buildings are demolished, the Coppola on top of the 1928 building should be saved and repurposed. This was done in West Hartford for the old Board of Education building.

I don't think more money should be spent on town offices at this time. The high school is expensive enough. Can't we make do with existing town offices for a little while?

I would like the Historical aspect of the High School to be considered since it is overlooked in all of your surveys. Most of your questions begin okay, then add other building uses such as Recreations, Social Services, Town Hall ect.. so Survey is not great.

Cut back on the fluff in the new school and maybe you'll have money to do something for the students of this town by offering programs and teachers for the non college bound students who need direction to succeed.

The Town should look at what the Town of West Hartford did with the former Hall High School and surrounding area. It has become an area for the Town Hall, Court, Police Department, and an area for community events - concerts, Celebrate West Hartford, etc.

I do hope that the 1928 building can be renovated/restored so that it can be used to good purpose in our town on the High School campus. Its good to have a reminder of what came before sitting in the midst of the new & current. The original building served more than students from Farmington, other of the surrounding towns supplied members of the student body for many years until those towns could support the building of their own school. Original FHS has a good, solid feel to it. It sits atop that rise & lets us know its about education. A repurposing of it can also include educational elements in addition to some of the uses mentioned in this survey : ie makers spaces for artists & artisans of all sorts

The 1928 High School building is one of the 400 structures on the towns Historic Resources Survey (architectural survey), and as such I believe is covered by the Town ordinance that forbids tearing it down without a public zoning hearing. You should check into that. It is one of the historic buildings in this town, and if we truly care about historic preservation, we should keep it and use it, and we should make the Town obey the same rules as private owners have to follow.

The mishmash of old buildings has run its course. Move forward with the new HS and save the cupola of the old one for historical I Would have preferred to get a questionnaire that included some cost (and current location cost and deficiencies for any dept suggested for possible moves) information while being presented so very many options to consider.

I think it is very important to preserve some history for our town... Many of our grandparents have attended the 1928 high school. It would be so sad to drive down Farmington Ave and not see this high school on hill. History has been torn down in Unionville and it looks a mess... to continue to demolish these buildings is disheartening to say the least.

We must preserve our history so the youngsters growing up have perspective that will help them judge their situation and manage their lives.

I wish we had a pool.

Thank you!

The 1928 building is a nice historic landmark for Farmington and should be preserved.

As stated earlier, Im surprised at these questions about the 1952 and 1978 buildings, whose fate, I thought, had been determined in the referendum vote..

The 1928 building could also be a Science Annex since it is on a hill, great for star gazing.

It is very difficult to answer without knowing approximate costs of various options. But if other services/departments are going to need space soon, requiring a purchase of land and a new building, then the 1928 and possibly other buildings being retained might make sense. With building supplies scarce, it could make sense to keep and rehab what we have. But as we have seen with the FHS promised funds from the state, that isn't a promise either. Very hard to say without concrete figures associated with each option.

Private fundraising should initiated to preserve one or more of these buildings, to decrease the burden on taxpayers. There are many people passionate about preserving these buildings, and they should focus their efforts on this private fundraising. The costs of the new FHS buildings has already stressed the taxpayer burden. There are plenty of corporations and private sources that could be tapped for funding. If Federal SECURE Act, or similar Federal funding is available, that can also be utilized. Local taxpayer funding should be the last resort

Thank you for the opportunity. (1) I feel that facilities should be retained but for the benefit of the students and residents, not creating more office space.(2) Would be ok with consolidating office space only if it saved money for the town residents by reducing office space in other buildings. (3) It would be very wasteful if we destroyed 2 good gymnasiums. They could be well used by the high school students as well as the community. Maintenance costs should not be high. Only 1 gymnasium was added to the existing 7 since 1978 (at West Woods School) while I suspect that the town size nearly doubled. (4) If the Superintendent really needs new offices, I would prefer that the Superintendent offices move to the 1928 building and continue to use the 900 wing to support the students. My understanding is that there will be less classrooms (small number of classrooms) in the new High School so the students could benefit from the additional 900 wing space. I suspect that there will also be storage issues in the new building and the 900 building could be used to help alleviate the space issues.

I have no sentimental feelings for the 1928 building other than its classic looks. If the building is of no use then it could be razed. I do think it may be of some commercial use as I stated earlier. Has anyone investigated selling it? With its position on that hill, I think it would be attractive to some people as a place to live, perhaps luxuriously. A big high-school behind it is not such a big detriment. Some apartments could be set aside for beginning teachers.

Demolition is the most cost effective measure and there is no need to try to renovate. They have been putting band-aids on for years and that is why were in this situation now

The town overwhelmingly voted down the last renovation plans for FHS. Largely because fixing this ancient building was not cost effective or responsible. As stewards of our town resources we should get rid of the old building and put energy efficient and accessible facilities in.

The Town should serve its entire population and buildings use should be for all ages. Individuals on a fixed income, who have lived in town for many years should not have to pay additional taxes to repurpose buildings, when they are not absolutely needed. Keep Farmington affordable for all and its educational system in the top tier, without unnecessary luxuries.

Its a lot of space. You went to a lot of trouble to show us all how inadequate it is, and how it had to be replaced. I dont want it used to provide storage or to replace Town Hall.

I am a 1978 graduate of FHS! Loved my time there, also put 4 kids through FHS.

What possible benefit does asking what sexual identity a person is have to do with this survey?

Think about seniors living near and mentoring high school students at the high school or the library.

Without knowing what it would cost to Do some of the other proposals for example in a new building its hard to make a definite choice... In other words if it was 9.8 million dollars to renovate for a probate court what would it cost if youre building a new one?

I think Bea Stockwell said this, but we should try to take advantage of the synergies involved with all areas of town programs and services that could benefit from utilizing that space. Although I believe she was referencing specifically between the Board of Education and the Town.

Consider how many square feet you need for the departments then consider building new as I know for a fact the 28 building is in very poor shape. Besides keeping this idea this late in process is not a wise choice in my opinion.

The heat in the 1928 building is in need of a lot of repair as it seems when you are in the building. It seems to be unregulated with it being either too hot or too cold.

Be happy to help in any way possible. I have been a licensed Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor over 50 years.

Please do not destroy the historic building. Its been here my entire life and is a landmark for those who live here as well as travel through town. I am a third generation Farmington family and raised my children here. It would be heartbreaking to see this building destroyed, especially when it can be utilized to continue to support community functions and services.

I think ARPA funds should go to projects needed in town that are a must do. I see this project as something that is nice to do but not essential. I'm wondering if there are other funding resources That could be used for the high school since ARPA funds have limited use. Are there any preservation funds or historical funds that could be used for the high school. And save ARPA funds for municipal projects coming down the road..

Myself and my husband and three children have all graduated from FHS, as all the rest of our family

Concerned about safety of new school design with a balcony and stairways especially with impulsiveness of teens.