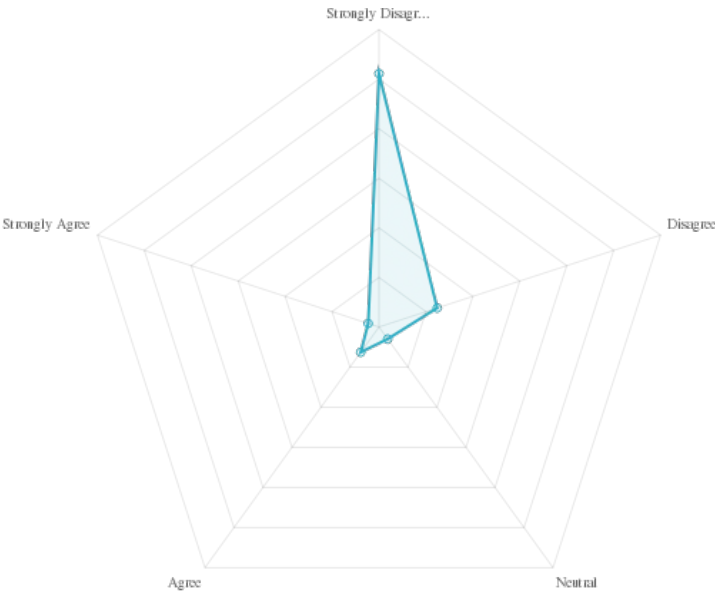


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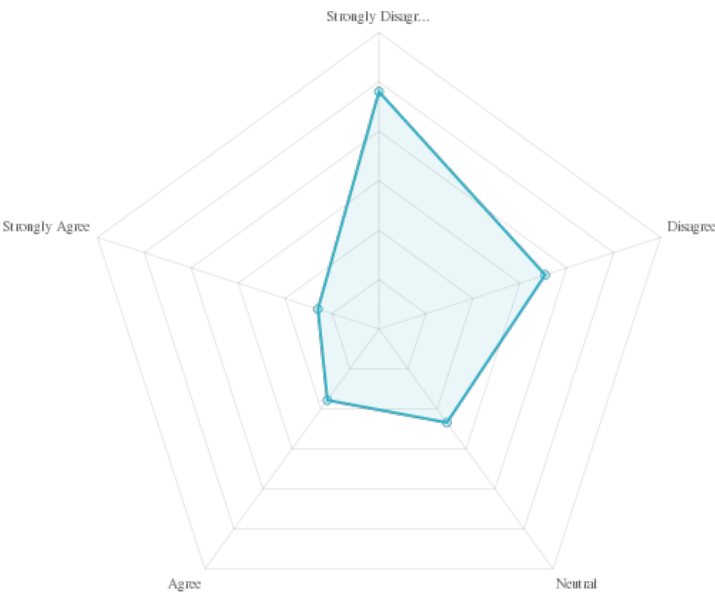
I believe that we should continue using the current middle schools with minor improvements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	511 (68%)	124 (17%)	30 (4%)	63 (8%)	23 (3%)	183.9	751	1.62 / 5
								1.62 / 5



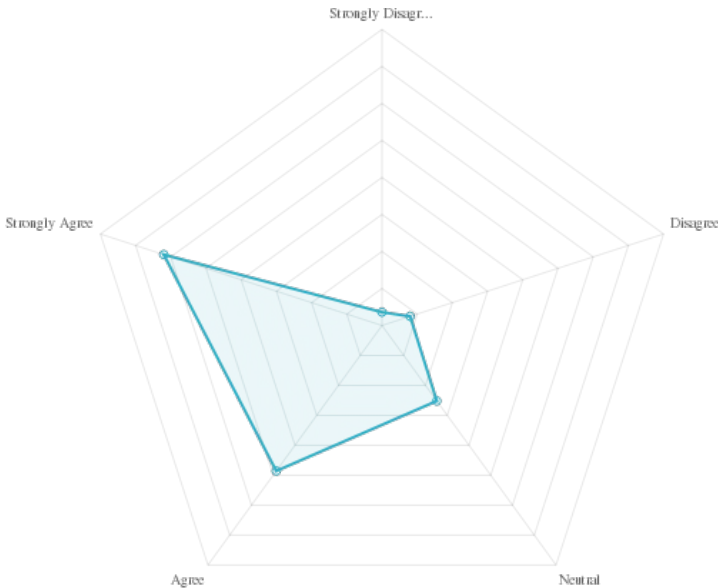
I am concerned with the consolidation of two middle schools into one.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	240 (35%)	177 (26%)	117 (17%)	89 (13%)	65 (9%)	63.4	688	2.36 / 5
								2.36 / 5



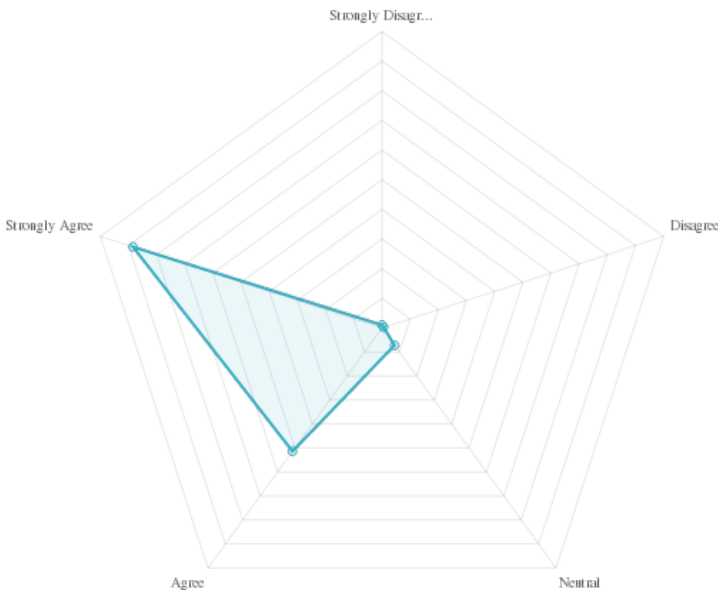
The School Board and/or Board of Supervisors should have done a better job of maintaining and updating the old middle schools.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	18 (2%)	40 (5%)	126 (17%)	243 (33%)	310 (42%)	113.42	737	4.07 / 5
								4.07 / 5



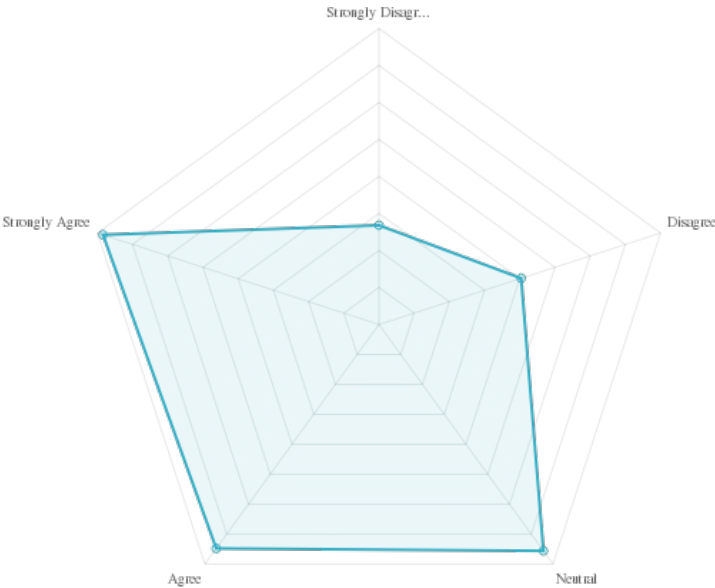
I would like for the School Board and Board of Supervisors to have a well-defined, collaborative vision for funding school construction and maintenance in the future.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	5 (1%)	3 (0%)	36 (5%)	257 (35%)	442 (59%)	174.55	743	4.52 / 5
								4.52 / 5



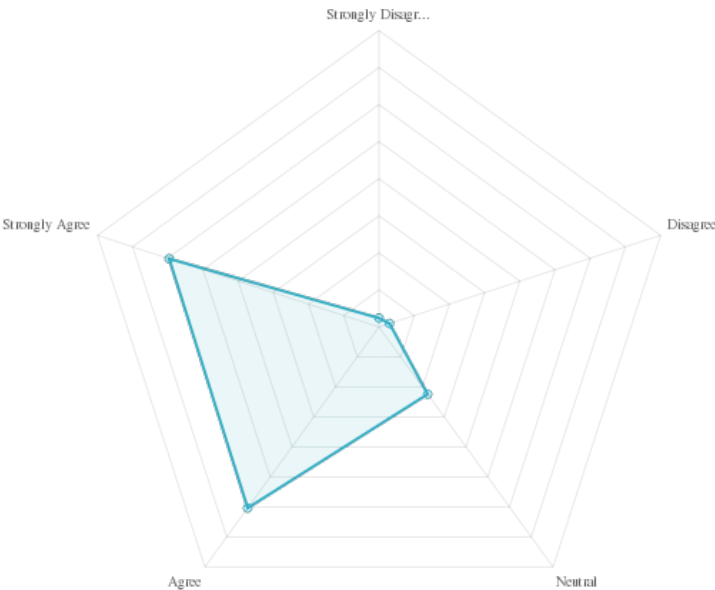
I do not want to see two more abandoned county buildings.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	67 (9%)	101 (14%)	189 (26%)	187 (25%)	196 (26%)	53.43	740	3.46 / 5
								3.46 / 5



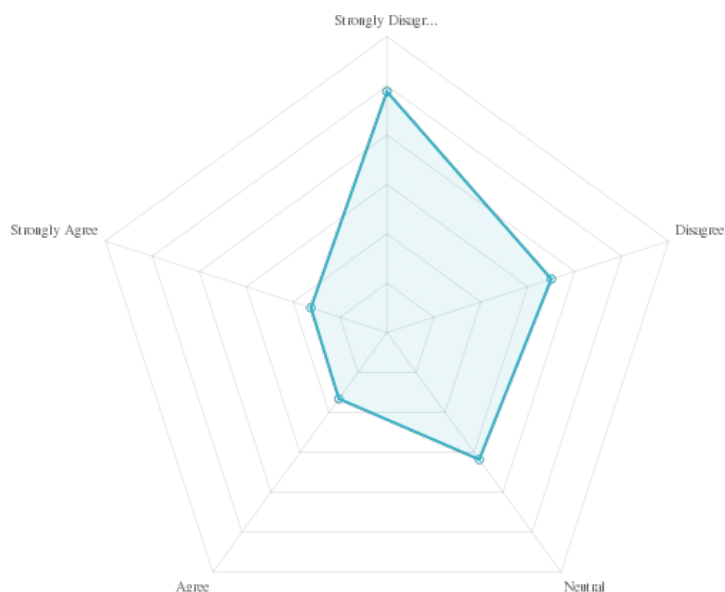
I would like for elected county officials to have a plan for what will happen with the old middle schools as well as other old, currently unused school buildings.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	12 (2%)	15 (2%)	112 (15%)	302 (41%)	298 (40%)	129.38	739	4.16 / 5
								4.16 / 5



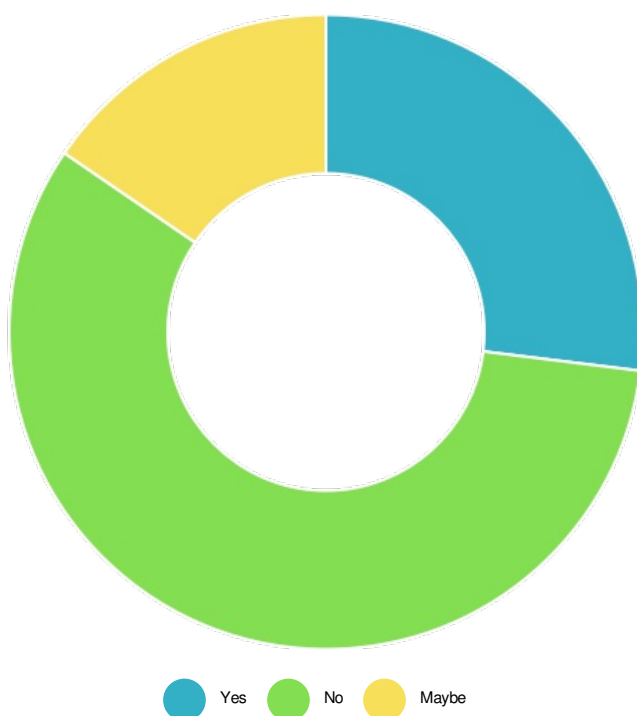
I am worried that I will not be able to afford the tax increase that will be associated with the current middle school proposal. (Proposed tax increase cost provided by the School Board <http://peaksknob.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/TA...>)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	244 (33%)	175 (24%)	159 (21%)	83 (11%)	81 (11%)	61.28	742	2.44 / 5
								2.44 / 5



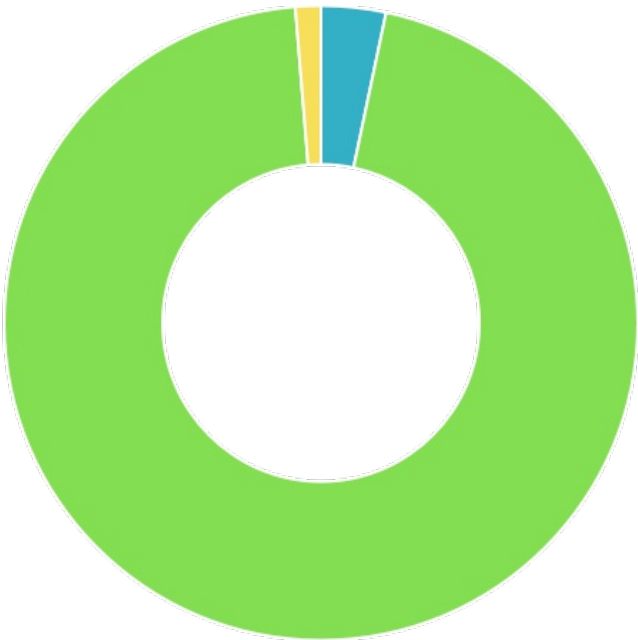
If you are concerned about your ability to pay the tax increase, are you also concerned about your electricity bill?

	Yes	No	Maybe	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	183 (27%)	391 (58%)	105 (15%)	120.71	679



Have you applied for one of Pulaski County's property tax relief programs (Land Use or Elderly/Disabled Relief)?

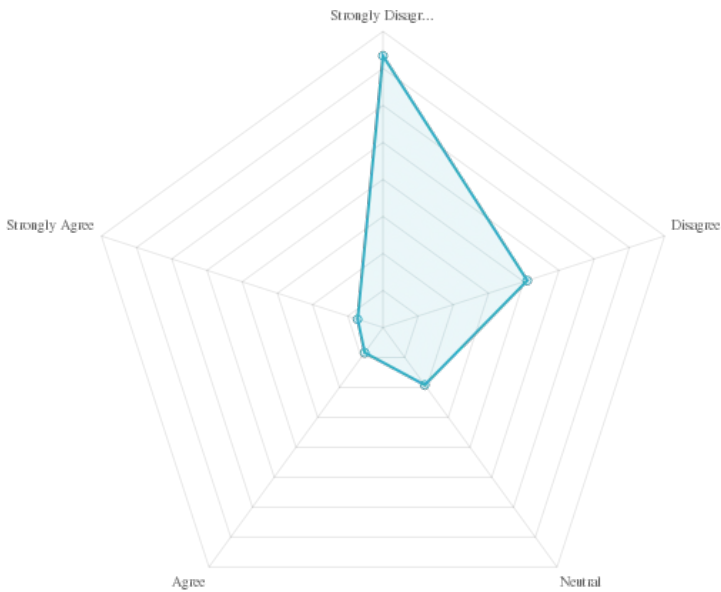
	Yes	No	Maybe	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	23 (3%)	666 (95%)	9 (1%)	306.47	698



Yes No Maybe

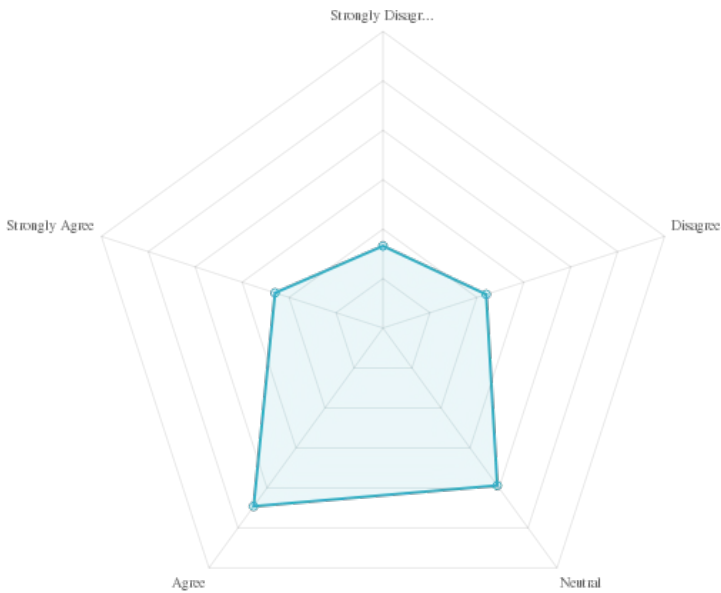
I think there are more pressing issues facing the county that need investment at this time than a new middle school.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	367 (49%)	205 (27%)	96 (13%)	42 (6%)	36 (5%)	124.65	746	1.89 / 5
								1.89 / 5



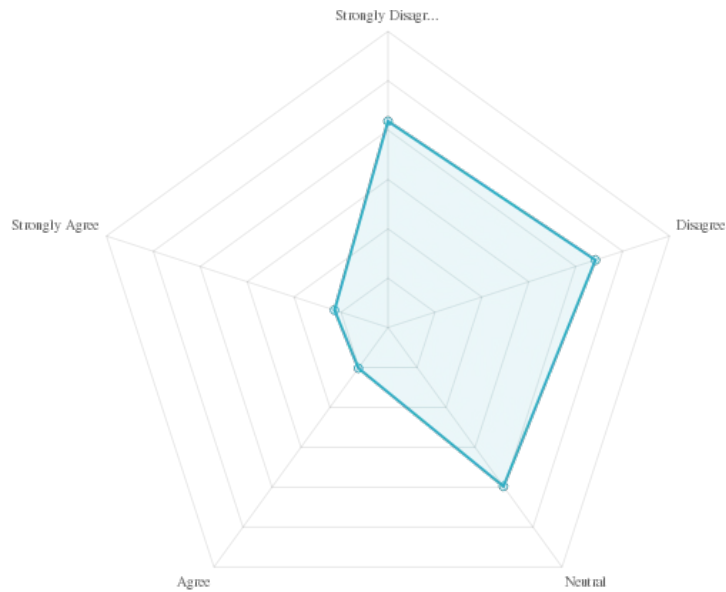
I am concerned that the School Board did not have a more inclusive planning process for the new middle school.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	83 (11%)	110 (15%)	197 (27%)	223 (31%)	115 (16%)	54.32	728	3.24 / 5
								3.24 / 5



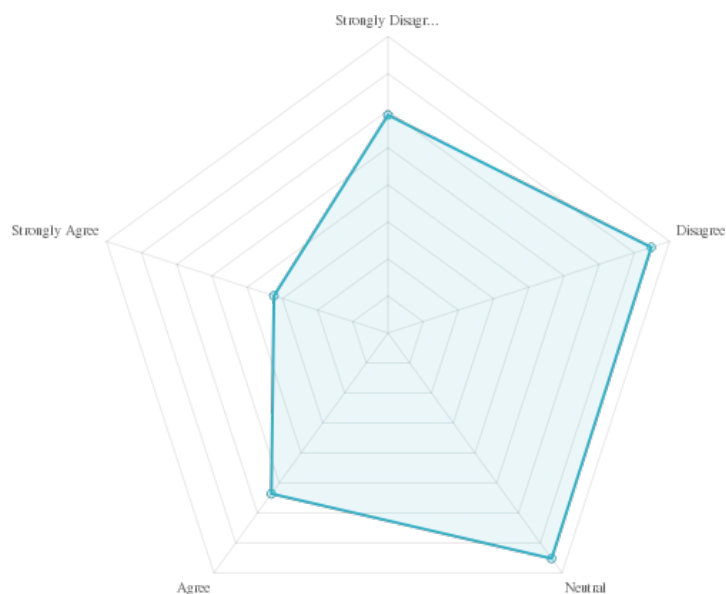
I do not like the proposed location for the new middle school (on Rt. 11 across the street from Cougar Express).

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	209 (28%)	221 (30%)	199 (27%)	51 (7%)	57 (8%)	76.6	737	2.36 / 5
								2.36 / 5



I am concerned with what the new school will do to traffic patterns in the proposed location.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	147 (20%)	187 (25%)	188 (26%)	134 (18%)	81 (11%)	39.51	737	2.75 / 5
								2.75 / 5



Do you have other concerns about the new middle school that were not listed above? If so,

please describe them here:

Text Responses

Why do they have to have so many roof changes and so fancy in general? All those changes in the structure is added expense for looks when we care about learning. Think about where a lot of these kids live you don't need to spend so much money, MAKE IT STRUCTURALLY SAFE and no extra bells and whistles. Gee, kids learned in one room school houses years ago and made it, why do we need in Pulaski County something so expensive beyond what is necessary? I THINK THE SIGN "JUST BUILD IT" IS IRRESPONSIBLE, don't "just build it" with out knowing the cost and best way.

Wait a long time to keep up your school buildings and this is what happens. You have to keep up with the times. The middle schools are ugly and falling apart. Surrounding counties continue to improve while Pulaski County doesn't know how to budget.

All should share in the burden of the cost of the school, not just people who pay real estate taxes. More creative funding is needed and I strongly believe this should be a ballot issue not decided by a few.

I am concerned that along with the middle schools, many things throughout the county are falling apart, I have been under a boil notice 2 times in a week because of the pipes (yes I know that is town), the post office has to close "temporarily" I understand our taxes are too low to support what needs to be done, and you can only increase so much before running everyone off, but who paid for the road to no where in Dublin across from the state police facility?? Our tax money is not properly being allocated and everything is slowly falling apart. I'm looking at homes right now and considering moving out of the county, even though I always wanted my kids in Pulaski Co. Schools.

If the school is built in the current proposed spot, signal lights and a lower speed limit is a MUST!!!

Consolidation is really 100% opposite from the middle school philos

No

Why are we not receiving more funding through the lottery system. I thought that was the purpose of the Virginia lottery. My concern is; where is all of "that" money going if not for the school system. The lottery brings in an enormous amount of money. Why raise taxes at all?

No computer lab in the plans and I think there need to be computer lab(s). Laptops for each child is a wonderful idea but a costly idea especially over time. I do think middle schools need their own sports facilities to encourage our youth in sports.

Putting all those hormonal middle school students together in one building is a bad idea. Studies have shown that smaller groups of middle school aged students is better than one big school. Teaching staff have challenges with that many middle schoolers in one place.

We need to understand why it is not feasible to fix up the older schools. Why can't we fix what's broke instead of always building new and leaving buildings sitting. Is it because it costs more to renovate? I can't imagine that would be the case.

I am afraid of what will happen if something isn't done soon. If we do not build, when we have major issues at one of these schools, we risk the safety and security of our kids, not to mention the disruption of learning. If our buildings fail, where will our children get educated? Moldy, unsecured mobile classrooms? I think NOT!

Lack of input from teachers and others on the design aspects affecting their ability to teach effectively. It appears the design is a cookie-cutter approach. The layout does not appear well thought out to me. Classrooms need windows and natural light. Kids and teachers need to be able to see outside. It's a mental health issue to me.

No computer labs. How will one to one be budgeted in future!

Proposed site needs two road junctions for flow through traffic pattern.

We don't have the money apparently to supply students with their own subject books so how can we afford to build a new school? I went to my Daughters parent teacher conferences and Teachers were surprised because evidently most parents don't do that anymore and they told me they can't give homework because they don't have books to send home with the students! Ridiculous!!!!

one entrance is grossly insufficient for staff, parents and buses

JUST BUILD IT ALREADY!!!

Handicapped accessibility everywhere bathrooms classrooms and outside fields. People in wheelchairs should be included in all activities including being able to watch sports on the fie

That the new proposed school will not be maintained properly based on past issues.

The concern that we should be building a new High school. Even though the cost will be more, it will be best for students getting ready to enter college or the work force and for the growth of the community in the long run. The current High school can meet all of the needs of the consolidated middle schools.

Just build it! Our community is suffering, family will NOT move here as a result of the conditions of our schools. Will not support wasting money on improving structures that are that old. Can't put a Ferrari engine in an escort.

I am concerned that it won't happen hurting the county in the long run. The biggest thing you hear is that there's nothing here. Well, the county and town act like they don't want anything here. They seem awfully concerned about trivial things such as a person making a living on their own property and whatnot instead of bringing in economic opportunities for the populous. It's no wonder people leave here there's no opportunities here really and not investing in the future which not building this new middle school is just another sign that the "leadership" around here are happy with the people of Pulaski suffering more.

Question 8 is stupid.

Just build it.

We need a new school. I don't want my children in pulaski middle school with the way the building is now.

I want Dublin and Pulaski towns to have their own schools. Show us those numbers.

First of all, the 15th question is ridiculous to whoever wrote this survey. As someone who was a student in the middle schools within the last ten years, A. the current middle schools are NOT fine. In ANY way. It's stupid that's even an option. B. Seriously? Why on earth are people from this county pissed and think they need two middle schools? Yes, I understand this might mean bus rides get longer and as someone who already had a long bus ride, that wouldn't be great, BUT does anyone in their right mind think that we have the money for two new schools? C. In some ways I can see this, but probably not the way you do. I feel confident that ten years ago, Dublin Middle was already dilapidated enough for students to be moved to a temporary school. It's pathetic that someone would say that the middle schools are fine but kids are coming home dripping in sweat because there's no air conditioning and the windows are rusted shut. That should have been a fire code violation. D. Yes, but it doesn't matter what in of the other options are of whatever is decided this is obvious. This is done with any project and shouldn't even be an option for this one. E & F. Yes, agreed, but again that's a separate topic. The fact that there will be two more abandon buildings that are old and decrepit doesn't change the fact that students in this county are underprivileged and we are only widening the gap by keeping our kids in these pathetic excuses for schools. G. Yes, taxes will go up but hopefully in time as kids start making something of themselves and people see that the county is investing in the future, more people and business will want to stay here, generating more revenue which would then pay for the next project like this. The locals have to fund the first step. They have to want change and development more than anything else. No one else is going to pay for it, their going to invest in their own areas. H. How is there anything more pressing than the place we are teaching the next generation. For most kids, middle school is the time they make the decision who and what they want to be-- I'm not talking careers, but whether or not they are going to make something of themselves or just make the cut to graduate and then sink back into the broken system of no higher ed, drugs, etc that this county is so known for. High school is too late- they've already defined themselves to their peers, most have already started high school math classes, etc. I. This one, okay I might be able to see but do you realize that this project is nothing to the firm that was chosen to design? They're used to designing 400+ million dollar schools with all the best programs. 45.7 million dollars is pocket change for a school. Believe me, it sounds like a lot, but trust me, it's not. This is how much things cost, and we're building cheap. J & K. Yes, the road right now isn't ready, but obviously that will come with time and yes traffic will grow there, but that will be dealt with just like it has been at any other school built in history.

The questions that should be on this list are questions like, "Not enough space for the arts." or "The building should focus on sustainability." or "I think we could find a way to make the building more energy efficient." Etc. This type of criticism is helpful. Giving feedback about things that are no brainers is not.

A new middle school would lead to

more children being missed. Children would have less of an opportunity to participate in sports and other teams if competition to secure spots is heightened. Teachers would be at risk of missing high-mid risk children if there were higher teacher to student ratios. Class sizes would be larger, meaning that students may not be able to be as involved in class discussions. Grades of children may fall when they need to get up earlier in the morning to catch the bus. The proposed location would move Dublin students farther toward pulaski, and pulaski students toward Dublin. I am concerned most about how the effect on the students was not considered when considering a consolidated middles school.

No

I am concerned that the two horribly dilapidated buildings will continue to be used. These buildings were in horrible shape twenty years ago when I taught there. We were promised a new building in ten years in the late 80's. As you can see they are still not built and are LONG overdue. The buildings are not handicapped accessible (we had to have students in wheelchairs CARRIED to the library and auditorium at PMS. The walls were cracking and the foundation was broken, but people were told, just go a different way to the band room. This is INEXCUSABLE. This is not because of the current School Board, or Superintendent, but those who served prior to this. It is TIME. Build a new school for ALL of Pulaski County to show that we are progressive and not floundering in the past (the 50's and 60's) when Pulaski County flourished. We need to educate our children in the 21st century and beyond, not with buildings and services that are LONG outdated.

No

Any Pulaski county citizen should want their child in a much better school, there are many reasons why that I believe outweighs any reason why not to build a new school.

Just build it!

I believe the old high school should be turned into a confined middle school and that the county should get a new high school.

3 story high design ac.

Making sure staffing is adequate and class sizes are not too large. Middle school is an emotional developmental period.

The price of the new school.

Build a new high school and make the current high school the new middle school.

No

Build it

Maintenance, maintenance, maintenance. Look at any school in the county. We build but don't maintain. And no one takes responsibility for not performing routine maintenance.

Taxpayers must at least have a voting oppor

Just Build It!

Crazy

Just build it

We need a new school but we do not need the Taj Mahal of schools. Functional is all we need. Learn from Montgomery counties mistakes. Pulaski county is poor whether you believe it or not.

Drugs and joblessness are the norm. Kids do not need fancy to learn

I think that we should also be planning for a location for a future new high school. Plan now and purchase land near the middle school

WE DO NOT NEED A NEW BUILDING! The current buildings need to be updated and maintained. If we are going to put that much money into our school systems, it needs to be put into something that will actually benefit the students and their learning environment. Examples: technology: computers, iPads, laptops, teachers: if we are providing more for our teachers, our students are getting more in return, SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

I'm concerned that I will have to put my children in private school if there is not a renovation. Pulaski Middle school looks dilapidated and I will never send my daughter there as it is.

safety of the kids while at school poor security, alternative energy at new school, not getting input from the people that will pay for new school, moving to fast with little facts

I have no concerns. I only have hope that this will unite Pulaski COUNTY together! I graduated HS in 2008, and my oldest daughter will be attending Kindergarten this fall. This proposal, I feel, will help these students who were once from "Pulaski" or "Dublin" middle schools feel more like "one" once they reach High School. Separating the two schools caused rival relationships to form in Middle School years, that carried on throughout High School. We need more "Cougar Pride" in this county! Every other town you visit (Radford, Christiansburg, Blacksburg, even George Wythe) all have MAJOR school spirit! In my opinion, Pulaski needs to unite together, whether we choose to build this new consolidated school or not, and support OUR community! Aside from all the benefits of updated classrooms and technology advancements the new school will provide to our youth, a combined school will encourage our children to unite as one.. PULASKI PRIDE!

No, just do it

They need to just get on with it!! This should already been in use at this point!

One thing that I haven't seen discussed is the increased cost in transportation as schools are taken from neighborhoods. Since so many parents refuse to let their kids ride the bus this will increase car traffic as well; how will that be dealt with?

My daughter was subjected to DMS for 3 years where the teacher would tell her to bring her winter coat and gloves to class on numerous occasions because some classrooms were not properly heated. Also, she threw up in gym numerous times because it was so hot. Now, my son will have to attend this school in a couple years. He has a learning disability and struggles with learning in a perfect environment. Because the county has dragged their feet on this issue my husband and I are trying to come up with funding for private school to meet his needs. Something I should NOT have to do and would NOT have to do if they would just do their job and vote yes. It's a NEED. If they see it's a NEED then they should #justbuildit

If parents wish for their children to attend a new school, then those parents should have a greater financial obligation for it than other county citizens who will obtain no benefit from a new school.

They are miserable learning environments, that no kids should have to be forced to go to. It's hot in the summer cold in the winter, old and in kept. They had to pay millions to secure the walls of the gyms from falling down, I mean come on. Inmates are treated better than the kids in this county.!!!

The children of pulaski deserve to have something for them, as in a new school considering pulaski doesn't offer much of anything.

No

Why is there no talk of building a new high school to make more offerings and technology available to those about to head to college? Then turn the middle schools into rec centers or something that the county can profit from. Use one as a community center that displays our local artists and other entrepreneurs.

No

Tax payers suffer with the costs. We need some of the burden going to people who do not own real estate/property. Property owners should not fund it all.

My concerns are that millions of extra dollars will be spent as a result of the refusal of the Board of Supervisors to fund this project when the School Board originally asked to move forward with the new school in 2013 and hundreds of students have spent their middle school years in completely inadequate facilities due to the views of three supervisors.

My main concern is the the school board does not properly maintain the schools and will not in the future. They need to be accountable for that in the future.

I feel like the students receive more one on one attention in a smaller school setting. I am concerned about the teachers' positions as well. With some needed improvement, I believe DMS is best for my daughter getting ready to begin 6th grade.

Why wasn't it done sooner - prisoners in this county have better conditions than our middle school students.

Only concern I have is that it won't be built before my children get to middle school

No

Even though there was obvious neglect in the maintenance of the current buildings, it really doesn't change the fact that the buildings are inadequate. I was in the first 6th grade class at DMS, and the building was actually old then! The county deserves buildings that will accommodate today's technology and special needs requirements.

7/13/17 - Having resided in this county for several decades, with children well educated in these existing schools, it appears that there is a now substantial reliance upon a "new school" serving as the current and near future panacea to the county's image, societal and economic well being. Unfortunately, and not withstanding the poor maintenance of our existing school buildings that will likely continue to occur, a new and/or combined middle school will not be a substantial factor in improving the overall social/economic status of this county. To just build a new school will do a great injustice to our present and future students, and ultimately to the overall social/economic well-being of our county.

With respect to the use of taxpayer monies, I believe it is of greater importance to compensate the faculty at a higher level. When doing so, establishing professional and well credentialed performance and accountability standards for the faculty and administrative staff would serve to challenge the school employees to execute their professional responsibilities at the highest possible level. To that end, class sizes could be reduced and/or additional professional teaching aides and materials provided the faculty which would greatly enhance the students' individualized educational process.

The net result would be the retention of teachers who perform in an above par capacity in addition to attracting other higher grade teaching professionals to serve and teach our children.

Listen all the students attending private schools, Radford City and Fort Chiswell are to be at SMALLER schools and SMALLER classes NOT LARGER !!!!! MORE IS NOT BETTER

Combining the two schools will put a large number of students in one school. I feel that at this age, students may not be able to handle it well. Also, it will increase behavior issues, fights, etc. I'd like to see an exploration of other sites. The current proposed site isn't awful, but I feel there are better ones to be considered.

None

Although a better job should have been done maintaining the buildings, this point is moot. The buildings are what they are. Pulaski Co, however, it also what it is - it has lost residents and business, has a clear and distinct divide between class and race, and drug usage continues to rise. The main thing many students are thinking when they walk through the halls during middle school is about getting to the point in their lives when they don't have to come back to Pulaski Co at all. While one HS may work for the county, middle school is different. This is a time when a school in your neighborhood is beneficial, and with the consolidation of elementary schools, students don't have that. Students need to see that they are worth spending money on and deserve a new school, yes, however, a neighborhood school that you can walk home from is also important. And a whole town in an uproar about taxes being raised for education sends a terrible message to our kids. We are saying that education is not worth the investment. But education is the ONLY way that any of these kids will get out of this town to do something good in the world, and come back to build it back up to where it should be. Slowly build up these schools - get new technology, renovate wings at a time, overhaul during the summer, PAY teachers more to run more after school programs for the kids. Hire an outside company to redo the scheduling so you can add in an additional enrichment period. Focus on the children. Good, solid learning can happen anywhere. But it happens with the right resources, with social-emotional development, with strong teachers, with enrichment opportunities and sports. Raise taxes and raise hell - these kids deserve it. But keep the buildings if its possible. Has anyone asked the 4th and 5th graders what they would want for their future? Sometimes kids are more reasonable than we are.

Middle school is rough enough without combining both schools.

The cost seems to be way more than what is needed for a functioning school, how much waste is there in making something that looks good for the sake of looking good but without functionality.

As a middle school employee are there plans for all current employees to continue there contracts?

If yes, what is the plan?

If no, who will decide who continues work for PCPS middle school and how will they be decided

The high school is 43 years old. It must be updated and is not going to last forever. Use the new school to push for more infrastructure, such as water and sewage. Then, more concentrated housing development. Like Riner VA.

It was falling apart when I was there from 2001-2004

Long term financial consequences for the county. No project ever stays within it's proposed budget. Have all factors/potential circumstances been considered? Thinking ahead is not a stalling mechanism. It is smart. We are all in this together!

No concerns. As my child will soon go to middle school I feel very uneasy about sending her to two schools that are falling apart. At this point due to the lack of attention the schools have received it is imperative for a new and stable school to built with proper security for such school.

Why can't some of the vacant schools be sold!! For example, I pass Newbern school everyday. The deterioration is ongoing. Money for the sale of this building/land could be put to use on a new school or renovations on the old ones. This is not the only one. Many other properties should be identified and put up for auction to relieve taxpayers the burden of continued upkeep.

I feel the school board has intentionally used lower numbers to gain support for the new school.

Should build a new high school and make existing high school the middle school. for both Dublin and Pulaski

No.

Would have been nice to have had 2 separate schools but we are too far in now so one combined school will have to do. Very concerned with the BOS seeing the lacking need for technology and a safe teaching environment for the children and teachers. They new the need was there for a new school and we should have started on this about 5 years ago. BOS should make Education a priority in this county. Only way the county can come up. Once the middle school is finalized either way there should be a plan for the high school so it does not get in despair shape. Need to plan now best we can for the future.

Education and Children should be top priority for this county.

Residents will move into the county if we accomplish this.

Thank you

Just build it!!

While I strongly feel that we need a new middle school, I am concerned about what a consolidated middle school will do for class sizes. I think the general consensus is that we need a new school, but I am curious to see how the BOE will make modifications to accommodate for an increased population in classes and in extracurricular activities.

I'm also curious about the inclusivity of the proposed new school for students whom may have exceptional needs, be it intellectual, physical, or developmental. I admittedly haven't seen the plans, so this may be addressed well there.

Children would do better in smaller class size

My only concern is that Pulaski County will not build a new, much needed middle school.

Just build it already.

Direct Funding now is the most prudent and cost effective decision.

No. Just build it our children need a new school

Controlling student population and cost, and loss of jobs

What will happen in the mean time while it is built? The schools are in terrible condition.

As we see with the conditions of the schools why should we trust you with a new multi-million dollar facility? You are wasting my money.

The lottery was approved for Virginia in the 80's with the understanding the money generated would all be used to fund education and build new schools. I don't want my property taxes increasing by 14.7% to pay for this. The tax increase never goes away. Our small part of the state always comes in last for funding. All the money goes to northern Virginia. Use the lottery money to pay for it. Not my hard earned money.

Our county is too poor to afford a new school. If the parents can't even afford for their child's lunch every day, how in the world are they going to afford the tax increase? Hmmm sure let's build a new school in a county where almost all of the schools will be receiving free lunch this year because the population is so poor....makes perfect sense.

* Less student involvement with sports and extracurricular activities. * Increased behavior incidents that are better addressed with a smaller student body. * Lower test scores and limited academic progress due to combined resources (teachers and paras).

If you can not maintain what you have why should you get new. Falling enrollment means we don't need 1 middle school now.

The new middle school should be built with future generations in mind and built to last.

Would like to see a red light in the area to help with the traffic

Just build it.

I am concerned with the lack of computer labs.

I would like to see alternative energy sources (solar, wind, geothermal) considered as potential cost savings and also possible training tools for next generation industries.

I would like to see more facilities for STEM instruction.

I worry that the county will wait too long before doing something and someone is going to get hurt.

None

My largest concern is building a new middle school facility vs. completely renovating the 2 facilities that we currently have. I want to make sure that all parties involved have fully investigated both options before moving forward with a recommendation. Renovating the 2 current buildings should be possible within the same budget, but would provide many other benefits including a sense of history for the students within the local landscape and community. It would also be beneficial to the local community and revitalization efforts. A COMPLETE renovation would be necessary. If the option is fully investigated and not feasible, then (and only then) we should move forward at full-speed to build a new consolidated facility.

Consolidation leads to less opportunities for kids to participate in after school activities and sports. I am also concerned that if this plan goes through, officials will see this as a solution to future problems instead of thinking about these issues ahead of time. I feel that this should have been planned for and budgeted better. Please go ahead and make a plan to replace Dublin elementary, Critzer, and the high school before this situation repeats itself.

As far as the traffic pattern that can be fixed with appropriate stop lights as I do have only a small concern about this

I believe the consolidation of our two middle schools will do more harm than good for our students. While we need new schools, the county needs to consider building two for less money. Look at other school in the state - the proposed budget is drastically higher. We don't need "the best"; we need better. We are cutting sports, after school, etc programs in half and allowing the less talented half of children to find other means of consuming their time. We as a county have enough issues with our children/students getting into trouble. Look at research that proves sports and academic programs help in keeping out of trouble. Don't consolidate. Work on two new middle schools for cheaper. We can do better PC. Don't allow the first idea to be the one we choose just because a large amount of citizens are pushing. Fast decisions aren't successful; well thought out ones are.

N/A

I think it will be hard on the kids coming from smaller classes to large classes. The way it is now they have step up adjustments before being all combined in high school. I think it would be easier for it to stay similar to how it is now.

None

I feel that the BOS are more concerned with their own personal finances than the bettering of our county.

The high school needs updated. Make the high school the new middle school and build a new high school. Pulaski doesn't compete with academics and sports like they once did. They need a better facility.

None what so ever

I wish they were as concerned with employee pay and better benefits. Also, the school transportation official asked for new buses because several are on need of replacing and they were told there was not enough money to purchase buses. If we "just build it" won't the school's need buses to get the students there? More important things need to be addressed in the school besides a new school. The building doesn't teach. Qualified happy staff teaches.

No!

Just build it,

With tax increase will have appreciation in property value rather than depreciation that we have today

Affordability

Combine both Middle Schools into the high school and build anew high school.

I am concerned about the current deterioration of the relationship between the BOS and SB and I am uneasy that the extremely vocal "Just Build It" campaign will backfire - the word "Just" implies a carefree decision and this should be anything but. I am in favor of a new consolidated MS - there is no other option. But this has been ugly and unnecessary and I'm not feeling confidence in leadership.

Loss of jobs. Unable to maintain the builds they have. Over last 50 years

I think we need to be reasonable with what is built. Montgomery County is a fine example of how schools get "overbuilt" i.e. the Blacksburg High School. While sports are important it seems more emphasis is placed on those type of facilities than in the classroom settings. I think the enhanced sports areas, like tennis courts, should be added as money is available. Be practical with the upfront AND PLAN FOR MAINTENANCE!! Most Elementary schools are under capacity...has extending those grade levels and adding 7th and/or 8th grades to the high school been considered. If possible classes could be rearranged until the existing sites could be completely renovated or rebuilt.

The buildings are less concerning to me than the education provided in the buildings. Pay the teachers better and all faculty before investing large dollars into the building. make current buildings safer for kids yes...but don't put a building ahead of every child's education. Pulaski is falling behind in that department miserably. And it's not the teachers fault but the boards fault for not backing the teachers efforts !!

Just Build It. So desperately needed for our County Middle School Students.

They can't control consolidated high school students with 4 Principles 3-4 cougar assistance and a Deputy how will they get control of younger adolescents also so many children will never have the opportunity to play sports or choir or drama act with twice as many students

Why not build a new high school in the New location and use the high school as the middle school? I wish there had been discussion

I think that often times when building new construction they are designed by low bidders and built by the lowest bidder and a lot of times shortcuts are taken that affect the quality of newer build buildings. Something has to be done about the situation with the middle schools but my question is how will we monitor the ongoing construction and make sure everything is up to standards. We have to make sure if we build a new schools that it will be around for a very long time. I am not sure about the state of the building at Pulaski Middle School however the building at Dublin Middle School I believe is in relatively good shape and has a very solid base. At Squires Student center at Virginia Tech they have done two major renovations and expansions and it is very cool because inside of the building you can see parts of the original building. I'm not fully committed to building a new school versus renovating the ones we already have because I honestly don't know how much two major renovations would cost but I think it would definitely be something worth looking into. If we do decide to go with a new school I think there needs to be a plan for the old buildings (Recreation Center maybe?) and the quality of construction of the new buildings needs to be closely monitored.

I am a student going into 8th grade and the

Our community is still paying on the elementary schools that we financed years ago. These buildings will need repairs in the future if they do not already require some form of repair. By building new middle schools we give our students a new building and debt. Building a new school seems incredibly short sighted considering there is no research that supports new buildings improve student performance. While the tax increase may not be a lot for those of us taking this survey we live in a county that has a very high poverty rate. We also have to take into consideration those that live on a fixed income, for the elderly that live on a fixed income any extra tax requirements can be stressful.

I feel the children going into 6th grade are not mentally and emotionally ready to be put into a school that holds as many kids as the high school. We are already a struggling community when it comes to staffing for the IEP and 504 needs of our children. There are going to be more struggling children because of larger class size and less 1 on 1.

I am concerned about the consolidation from the students' standpoint. I think that age is a critical age for children and my feeling is that they need a transition before being "thrown into the wolf's den" at the high school. However, with that being said, I believe we need to offer our children the best opportunity possible to keep some of our best and brightest here to help rescue our struggling economy in this area.

just that it is taking so long. We need to progress our county, or lose great citizens to other areas.

No

You all just need to build it!

The high school should be the most updated school to prepare the next generation. The current high school could be the new middle school and share the CTE building to offer more hands in programs to more ages.

It would make more sense for a new high school and the middle school to be housed in the current high school. Many new CTE programs cannot be housed in our current high school. Student who will not go to college are missing big opportunities.

I am concerned that the Board of Supervisors isn't listening to the majority of the citizens. I feel that the majority of citizens feel that we need a consolidated NEW middle school---however it doesn't seem like the supervisors even care about it. It seems that they are only interested in what they want---not what the citizens want.

The divide between boards is really hurting this process. Both boards are pointing fingers and telling the community what the other board has not done or done to delay the process. Working together in a positive manner would be more productive. We should be encouraging the boards instead of "demanding" from them what they already know and agree we need. Aside from the divide, I am concerned that older property owners will not see the value of a new school, but instead the increase in their taxes. I hope the vote goes in favor of the middle school.

Stop wasting money on new plans and proposals. Just build it. The kids need it and it is time for those 3 members of the board of supervisors that are holding up this process to get off their high horse and step out of the way. 3 people should not be able to block the will of the people.

I am concerned that funds may be misused if the process is not fully transparent. I am concerned with our BOS misappropriating funds.

I am very angry that the Board of Supervisors seems to see the need to spend/allocate more money for a second/third/whatever this additional option is before moving forward with a new Middle School! They are in the process undermining the group we have given the project to and I am extremely concerned they will back out leaving us with no one to build it. I firmly believe they are doing so intentionally. I have NO FAITH in our current BOS and do NOT understand WHY the citizens of this county continue to allow them to hold their positions. We have the power and authority to remove them. And now we have the grounds to do so! Why do we continue to allow them to remain??!!

I am concerned by some of the opinions and divisions that have surfaced as a result of the debate about funding the proposed new middle school. I strongly disagree with the opinions published on the blog about land use tax. The suggested solutions of either removing land use taxation or landowners putting their property into a conservation easement would very negatively impact farmers and landowners and would have potential to have long term repercussions for the county as a whole. Most of all I am concerned that it seems proponents of the school are dividing the citizens of the county and placing blame on groups, such as farmers, who only want the best for their county as well. I respectfully ask that we all move forward with the best interest of all citizens in mind and stop the blame game. Thank you for being open to hearing others concerns!

Costs equally distributed to all tax payers, not just homeowners. Those on govt housing pay nothing.

My concerns are those that involve not doing anything - I attended PMS 20 years ago, and there were major problems then. There needs to be new schools. As for the traffic impact, that is what red lights are for. Leave 5 minutes earlier, so you arrive at your destination at the same time.

The debate here seems to be the cost moving forward. While I DO want to see TWO new middle schools I understand the cost concern. What I do NOT understand is why this has now

The school here seems to be the best moving forward. This PCSB want to use the new middle schools, transferring the cost concern. That PCSB understand why this has now fallen into our laps. This should have been taken care of years (if not decades) ago, and Pulaski has certainly wasted enough money to fully-fund two new middle schools. Pulaski Middle School now studies World War 2, and the school they study it in is actually older. Disgraceful. Our children deserve better. This is not a funding issue so much as it is a leadership (past and present) issue.

My only concern is that it will not be built by the time my three-year-old reaches sixth grade. I have a seventh-grader at Pulaski Middle School now and the conditions there, as everyone knows, are horrible. She had a bat fly in her hair during a class last year. A bat. I wish people could let that sink in.

The building plan for PCPS has been formed and reformed over the last 25+ years. When my children were in school it was called the "Building Futures" plan and the middle schools were the first to be addressed. I think one thing that may not get articulated, but may be at the root of the lack of progress for the MS is: "Was it a good idea to consolidate the two high schools? Was the consolidated high school plan 45 years ago an unsuccessful effort to consolidate the county?" In their hearts, people seem to value smaller "neighborhood" schools over efficiency. This issue is a symptom of a power struggle that has existed in our county, perhaps forever-but at least the last 45 years. Did our county government (BOS and School Board) with it's two small towns and the communities in Fairlawn, Claytor Lake, Snowville, Draper, consider how the citizens in a rural area would feel about a LARGE school that compared more to Roanoke (urban) schools than their neighbors.

If a new Middle School is not built, my kids will go to Radford.

This problem of less than acceptable maintenance goes back many years ago and should not be attributed to the current school board or BOS.

I would just like to make sure that the advocates who are pushing so hard for the new combined school are doing so for the right reasons. There have been several reasons presented for building the new school such as economic development and bringing new residents. Eric Busey has presented information that this may not be as true as it is being stated. Where are the studies that back these assumptions up?

Yes we do need a new middle school, it is past time, but we also cannot make assumptions on peoples ability to pay additional taxes. Where a pharmacist may make a mean income of 112,000 the average person on Social Security draws less than sixteen thousand a year and many here far less than the national average.

As far as the design itself it seems to be pushed through without enough input from the people who will both work in and maintain the new facility. The school should not be built for attractiveness and curb appeal without considering the effects on staff and the student body.

Finally when looking at the plans and cost are items such as technology, cafeteria equipment and furniture being taken into consideration? We know that technology has a life expectancy in many cases of five years or less without taking into consideration the continual technological advances that provide the latest and greatest tools that may benefit our students. IF these associated costs are not planned for then our new school may soon fall behind and we will find ourselves in the same situation struggling to maintain what we have built.

None

- 1. Continued maintenance.
- 2. With the combination of students, concerned with billing.

I am concerned that our children are being put on the back burner. PMS is falling apart, has rats & roaches, and classrooms reach temperatures upwards of 111 degrees on hot days. It's ridiculous that we're still debating this. We need to stop attracting freeloaders and bring in businesses and employers that contribute to our county.

With a more developed facility, we need a more developed curriculum with better qualified teachers, faculty, and staff. There has always been a clear division between the expectations of administration, the needs of the children, and the ability of the teachers to adhere or satisfy both. There are multiple solutions to such a problem, and while they require some resources (both monetary and non), I see no better time to implement them than when the physical location changes as well.

Let those that want it pay for it!

Even if we continue to attract new jobs to Pulaski the employees will continue to choose to live in surrounding areas if our schools are not competitive and attractive. If people don't choose to live here we will not be able to support the small businesses needed to reverse our crumbling towns. I do not have children who will be attending the middle school, more people who don't have young children need to understand that having up-to-date schools has a significant impact on the WHOLE population of the county, not just middle school kids. The campaign for a new school needs to be specific about how the condition of our schools impacts everyone, not just children and their families.

I am concerned about traffic at the chosen location, but am confident that the county and VDOT can work out a safe traffic pattern.

I am concerned about job loss for current employees with the combined school. I am sure this issue will be addressed as plans move forward, but from an economical standpoint I know there is no way to maintain all positions from both schools.

Additionally, I have concerns from a child development level with the concept of a combined middle school. I think the process Pulaski County currently has eases students from many different groups and social backgrounds into a large, diverse group more gently and I am concerned that pushing all these children into such a large group at such an emotionally and socially fragile and influential time does not reflect best practices. That being said, I also realize that there is not an option of building TWO new schools, so my point is moot, but I wanted it voiced.

It is nothing to rush in to, must allow time for adequate planning versus "JUST BUILD IT"

The citizens' groups lobbying for the new school have been so divisive and strident that they've actually made it harder to get community buy-in. Even a good thing is bad for the community if it's approached divisively and if it creates even more of an us vs. them mentality. I realize collaborating with Andy is like getting in bed with a rabid weasel, but the goal is a new school, so there's that.

My concern is if we do not build a new school. Our children deserve so much better than what they are using now.

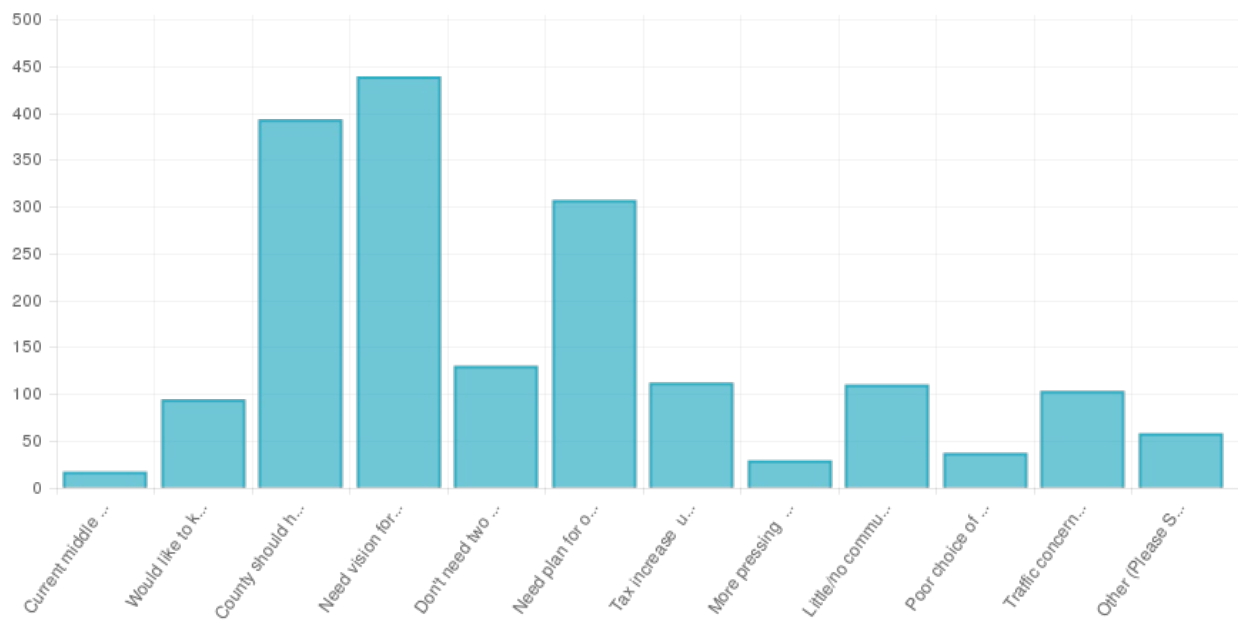
Did the PCSB procure the architectural/engineering firms for the current plan?

Have adequate geo studies and borings been completed at the proposed site?

The only portion of the proposed new middle school that I find less-than-desirable is the "consolidation" part. While I know the building plans have "grade wings" (where each grade is, for the most part, separated from the other grades), having 950+ prepubescent to early-adolescent (10 to 13 years in age) children in the same place, at the same time seems....overwhelming. I would prefer two new middle schools that are smaller and more "community-centered". However, if the only way to get our County's middle-school aged children into a safe, accessible, and well-designed environment is to build a consolidated middle school, I will continue to support it wholeheartedly.

Please identify your top 3 concerns about the new middle school proposal.

	Current middle schools are fine.	Would like to keep 2 middle schools.	County should have done a better job maintaining schools.	Need vision for future school funding and maintenance.	Don't need two more abandoned county buildings.	Need plan for old school buildings.	Tax increase unaffordable.	More pressing county issues.	Little/no community input on plan.	Poor choice of location.	Traffic concerns.	Other (Please Specify)	Responses
All Data	17 (2%)	94 (14%)	393 (57%)	439 (64%)	130 (19%)	307 (45%)	112 (16%)	29 (4%)	110 (16%)	37 (5%)	103 (15%)	58 (8%)	689



Text Responses

I'm concerned with McCready's genuine lack of concern through this whole process, trying to add road block after road block and more specifically, his blatant lie a few weeks ago. Referring to his "discussion" with Henry county about a potential developer quoting a budget incorrectly due to the landscape sample.

Why it wasn't built 10 years ago.

Studies show that students do better with smaller school environments.

County and school board need to work together on maintenance and a funding plan for our future in schools. The county also has so many other issues/concerns rather than schools to make pulaski a complete well rounded community.

Not sure if we are through paying for the last two new elementary schools which are not being maintained.

Retrofit is a better alternative. I don't believe the hype, and I believe it would be more fiscally prudent. I've been involved in many construction projects to simply accept what most people say.

I haven't seen the tax increase information yet.

Board(s) need to make sure our children are the focus of decisions.

We need this school stop putting it off just build it our kids need to come first for once

The discussion of building a New High School instead.

Buildings are unsafe for children.

The old buildings are outdated. They are not equipped to support the educational opportunities our students need.

Concerns about effects on the students listed above

We need these buildings replaced NOW. The other buildings need to be sold. The Board of Supervisors needs to do THEIR job.

We need a new school !

I have no concerns with the proposal. This is a biased survey.

Better planning in the past would have prevented this being a larger issue now.

Fear the county will cut corners and build a subpar school that will not move us into the future of education.

No concerns

Proposed building too "high society" for Pulaski counties average income

I would like to build a new functional school that is affordable for the county.

safety at school thought about in the design of building

Might as well build...taxes will go up anyway to upgrade current buildings and that won't last as long

The economic growth and pending stability and security of property value of our current personal holdings of current residents of the county

No issues, just do it!!

Five years of community input. Half a dozen community meetings by the school board in 2013 alone. All former school buildings conveyed to county years ago. Never has the County even taken the most simple step of trying to sell any of these properties.

Would like to agree with C but the SCHOOL BOARD should be identified as the party responsible. Not the County.

Just do it!

I don't care what it takes. It just needs to get done. Now.

No concerns

Need for our board of supervisors and school board to cooperate and be on the same team - and at least act like they like each other

Spending too much on style over substance

I am upset by the "just build it" attitude. It is misguided and lacks thoughtfulness. I feel I am in a rightful position to say this. I am a teacher in Pulaski County. I don't think anyone should be looked down upon for simply wanting a solid plan and a TRUE budget in place before giving an endorsement. Think and investigate before acting!

I would like to see every year the amount of monies given by the BOS to the school board and how much is spent at each school and for what. How much given for routine maintenance and how much for capital improvements. Should have a public meeting and report on what the money was spent on. I hear that the school board are not good financial stewards of money given to them. Should there be an accountant assigned to the school board. Also can donations be made to fund some of the school. Many wealthy people in the county may want to help fund the school but I do not hear anything like this. What about a go fund site. I think there should be something where people can donate for this cause. Thank you

The children

Plan does not address comprehensive school building needs for immediate future 5-10 years)

Bias

Poor choice of location. What about the high school property it is paid for. Also more pressing county issues. More community input needed. Concerned about class sizes and how that will effect participation across the board. Making a hasty decision too quick. What about the old buildings, and will the schools actually keep a new building up, it hasn't in the past

I don't understand why a new school wasn't built years ago!

Concerned that too many corners are being cut in order to cut costs.

Build a new High School, PMS and DMS go into current High School.

I think an increase in food tax should be considered to offset some of the real estate tax. It would be a better way for everyone benefiting from the school to contribute since not everyone owns property but everyone buys groceries or eats out in the community

Update current schools

It's not built yet.

See above comment

I am concerned that your choices here give no voice to say I am concerned the new school won't be built for my grandchildren'

Combined schools

Cost is a little high, what is wrong with a plain square building.

I'm concerned that the poor quality of our existing middle school facilities is adversely impacting student performance, holding our county back from reaching our full potential.

I hope that with the technology going into this new school, our high school is equipped to continue the high tech education they are receiving.

I am concerned with why we are not forcing the forward movement of the New Middle School! I have NO concerns with the proposal set before us. Not do I understand WHY we continue to discuss it at such lengths. It has been laid out at this point where anyone should be able to understand it. The old schools are a hazard to our children health wise, and safety wise. What else is there to continue to discuss?!

I am disappointed in the county leadership (school board and BOS) for not (a) having a plan in place for maintaining and/or replacing aging schools, (b) not collecting community input regarding the future plans for schools, and (c) failing to plan for obsolescence/repurposing. I am NOT concerned about the current plan with regard to location, cost, consolidation, etc. It's time to stop worrying about those things and build the schools that will build our county.

Have we agreed as a whole what we want and need?

Don't have any.

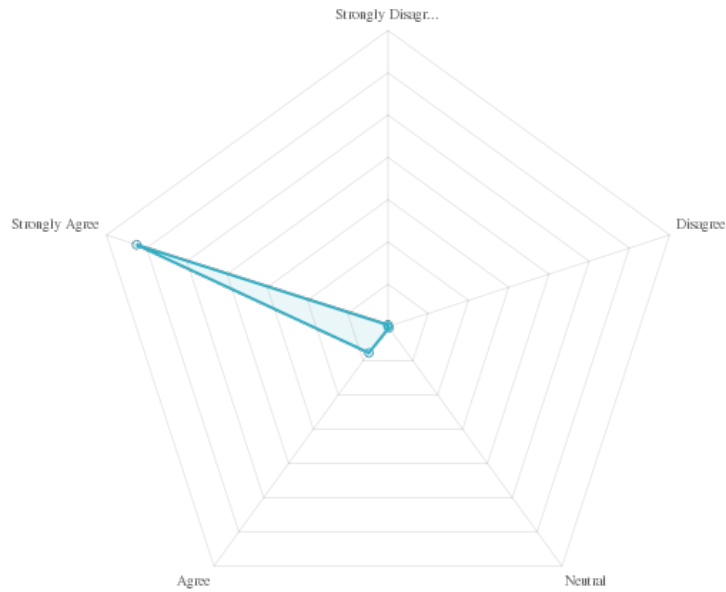
It will take the buildings falling down on our children before people realize the new middle school is necessary.

What would appear to be a pressing need for significant investment in the future at the County High School (40+) years old.

The "consolidation" issue. Please see my answer to #13 above.

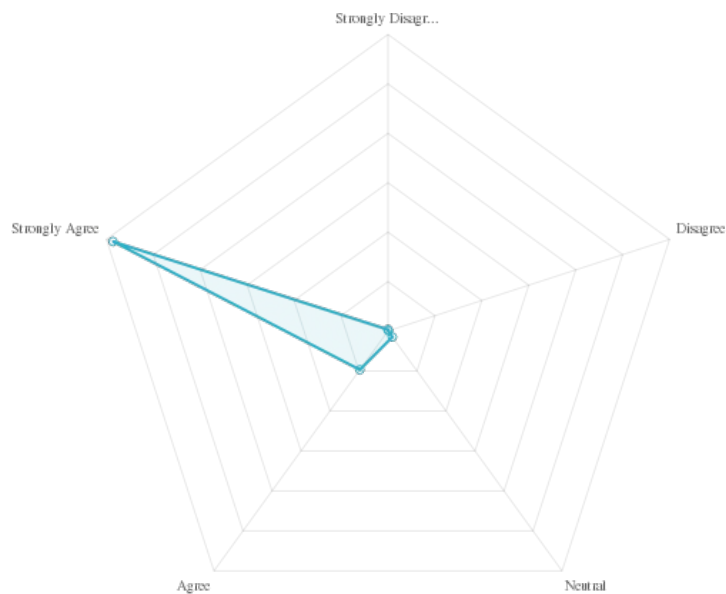
I want all Pulaski County children to have a safe, accessible learning environment.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	4 (1%)	0 (0%)	4 (1%)	77 (11%)	625 (88%)	243.21	710	4.86 / 5
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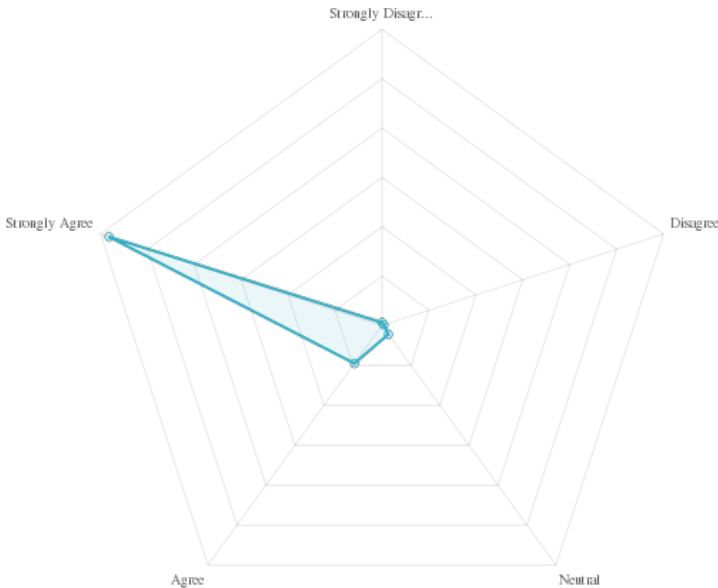
Our schools should comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements in terms of accessibility.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	3 (0%)	1 (0%)	15 (2%)	97 (14%)	586 (83%)	225.6	702	4.8 / 5
								4.8 / 5



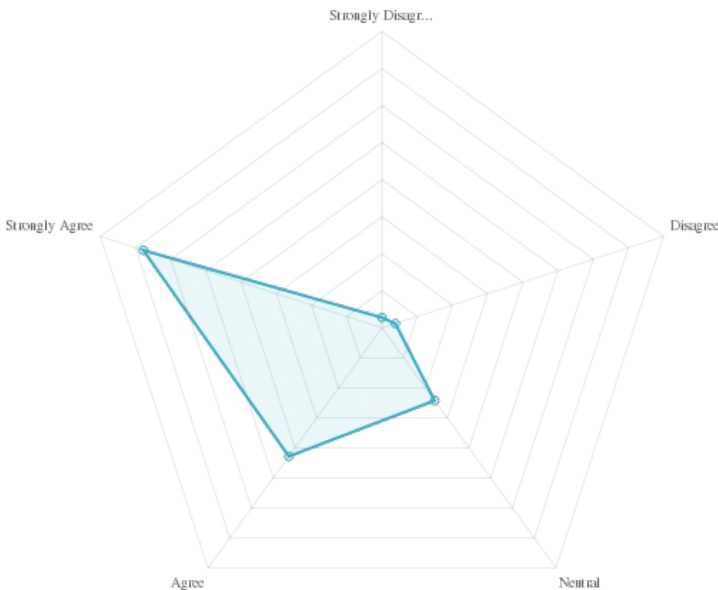
Our schools should have adequate heating and cooling infrastructure so as to limit energy costs and keep students and staff comfortable.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	6 (1%)	4 (1%)	22 (3%)	95 (13%)	582 (82%)	222.6	709	4.75 / 5
								4.75 / 5



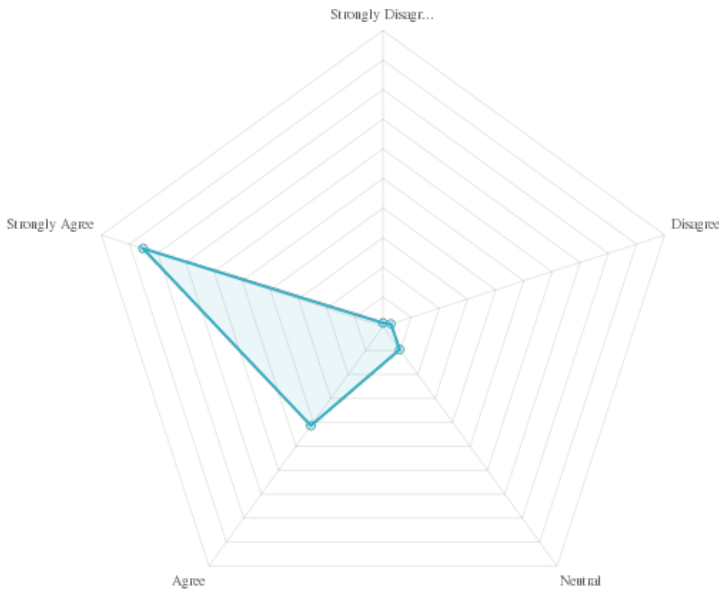
Our schools should be used for community purposes (gyms, auditoriums, library, etc.) in the evenings and weekends.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	14 (2%)	19 (3%)	121 (17%)	214 (30%)	339 (48%)	123.24	707	4.2 / 5
								4.2 / 5



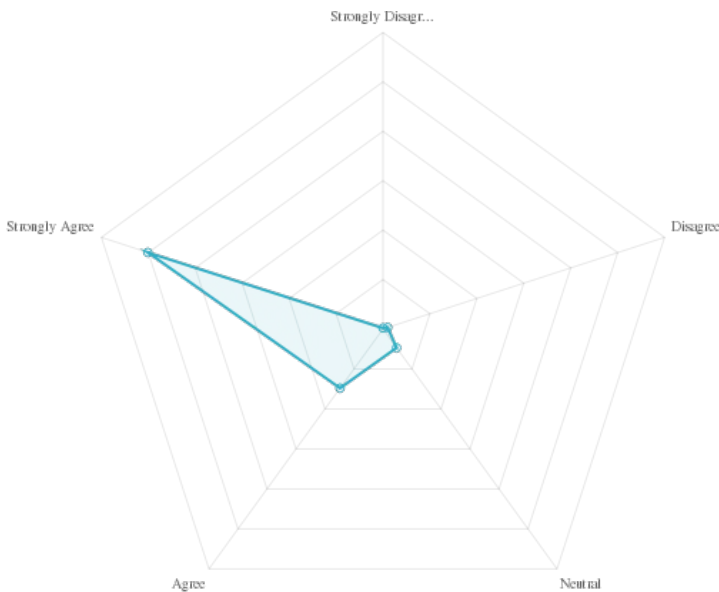
Our schools should have adequate space and facilities for recreational and sports activities.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	6 (1%)	14 (2%)	48 (7%)	207 (30%)	426 (61%)	160.36	701	4.47 / 5
								4.47 / 5



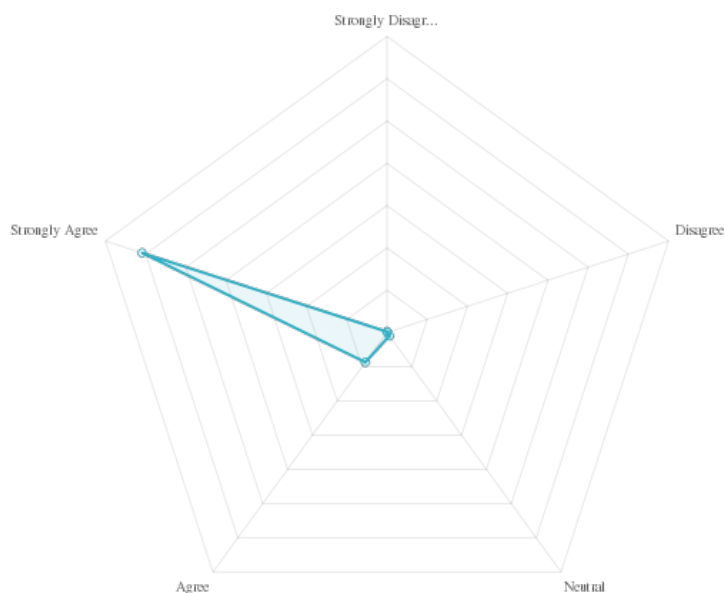
Our schools should be designed around the latest technology, so that our students are prepared for higher education and careers in the 21st Century.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	2 (0%)	10 (1%)	47 (7%)	148 (21%)	501 (71%)	187.06	708	4.6 / 5
								4.6 / 5



Pulaski County Public Schools should provide an excellent education to the children of the community.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	2 (0%)	1 (0%)	10 (1%)	87 (12%)	609 (86%)	235.8	709	4.83 / 5
								4.83 / 5



Do you have other hopes for the new middle school that were not listed above? If so, please describe them here:

Text Responses

That it is well maintained!

What I do not understand is why they didn't take better care of the schools to begin with. If they would have done that and no gotten lazy about fixes our community would not be face with higher taxes, more empty buildings or slapped with over a 26 million dollar fix. Seems like Pulaski county as a board of supervisors doesn't have their ducks in a row, or care about their citizens.

All sport fields and facilities be built at time of opening school.

I would like to see alternative educational programs in our school system for those children who do not perform well under the common core standards.

I would hope that instead of having two empty buildings (which are crumbling) sitting empty, maybe tear them down and create a public space I.e. a park, playground, public pavilion and rec space. These lots would be great for those uses. The don't have to remain empty buildings.

I do not want to be caught up in a keeping with the Joneses mentality. I do think that the children need to have an excellent education but I do not necessarily think that has anything to do with air-conditioning or having the best of the best. There is ways to make improvements and have certain things so that you have a higher quality of education but not necessarily the highest quality of electronics. I think our money should go more into extracurricular activities, things for kids to be involved in like science clubs, competitive things like robot clubs and competitions, higher quality teachers and building improvements.

I hope the community can come together on this issue and do what is best for our future generations.

Need to think of future expansion on new property and building itself.

There should continue to be vocational and trade programs available.

Larger auditorium than the HS. The size is limiting and there are no local options.

QUESTION 21 fits nicely into needing to build a new High school.

Nutritious food offered instead of high carb, high calorie foods.

Include a county wide fitness center for the citizens of the county.

In town :(

Again, are any of these questions legit? Why doesn't want this? Seriously? ADA compliance is NOT AN OPTION. IT'S THE LAW. OBVIOUSLY THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE HEATING AND COOLING. THAT'S NOT AN OPTION.

I just hope that we can get this new school built for the well being of our students and teachers, they have all suffered enough in these old building that have not been taken care of. These people are miserable in the old schools, build the new one!

User friendly and ergonomic design using teacher input!

Implement the STEM plans that were mentioned to increase STEM opportunities for our students heading into high school.

Fire teachers who pass children on just cause they're a little rowdy!!!

Swimming pool. Also accessible by community after school and summer

You can send a student to school, but you can't make him/her learn.

No

Build it

Just Build It!!

The building does not prepare our children for the future. It's the teachers that do!

Build the community to attract more population and jobs for Pulaski county

No new middle school

long range planing not spur of the moment,
use common sense

look at all taxes land use not just home owners

Just do it!! Air conditioning is extremely important and good technology for today's world and the f

At a minimum, the students should be entitled to the same level facility that the Board has for it's meetings!!!!

Allow all children to learn, especially those with disabilities. There are currently not enough space in the middle school for my son to have proper special education classes. It's time to build it!
We can't wait until we are debt free to build the school.

I believe the old middle schools are so out of date, especially in terms of electricity that they should not be updated. Teaching has evolved and these school building have not kept up with the updates in technology. PMS, especially, is in abysmal shape. In order to attract folks to our county we need to offer a middle school that is topnotch.

No

The gyms should be available for all sports teams to use when not being used by school sports. The central gym is all the county has amd thats sad considering all the athletes and programs we have in the county.

I'm hoping they, along with the other schools, are well maintained.

Would rather see a new high school built to better prepare them and make them more competitive adults/ college students; and reuse the high school as a combined middle school. Think of the opportunities that could be given to high schoolers!

More community and parental involvement within the school system.

Adequate areas for the fine arts

7/13/17 - Refer to prior comments!

Why do we need to use a new school athletic facility the county has area/fields they aren't using full time and the disability question is really stupid that is a state regulation not a new school reasoning, and student don't learn from a building but from it's TEACHERS money could be better used to increase teachers pay attract top notch teachers not burn out teachers just surviving and rather there is new school or not by all means please see that all the students are safe that is not an option but a requirement

None

Designated arts spaces, properly equipped.

I'd hope the new school would incorporate solar and wind energy production, so that energy costs remain low.

Begin vocational track early. Better services for special needs chi

To be handicap accessible to make access easier for wheelchairs

Make sure number19 and 20 are included, since we do not have a central recreational center for the county.

We don't need the best and newest of everything. A.C. needs to come one way or the other. We need more custodial and maintenance staff. They are extremely shorthanded.

Please read previous concern page

Build new high school make existing high school the middle school.

They should have a safe learning environment with technology that will help them with the 21st technology. Times are changing and we need to keep up with tablets ipads computers etc

Just build it!! It's needed

I feel that if the national average is that a student has X amount of space... we should offer at least that much to our students because they are worth it. By offering less square footage, it is as if we say "you're good, but not good enough." That is something that is not okay for me and my children.

Fix the old one

I would like to see a significantly greater emphasis on using technology to enhance learning.

Makes no sense to send kids to "state of the art" middle school then dump them out to a high school that has not been kept up todate who plans to go forward then back up out of date material and electronics

I hope that we can get this new middle school built so that my children can learn in a safe enc

Some personalitys just stay unhappy with things and complain a lot. Hope they don't band together to mess this project up.

A new high shool and new elementary schools, with REAL walls and windows.

Dewey wilson middle school

I hope that they take building maintenance seriously this time

I hope it is paid for by the lottery money like it was supposed to be.

Just because it is new doesn't mean it is the best education. An old school can been just as good. Look at Montgomery County, several old schools....they have been updated, can't that happen here???

Our middle school(s) should provide a worthy location for our wonderful teachers to do their jobs. A school is much more than 4 walls and a curriculum. This school needs to provide the resources to expose our students to the broadest range of topics and information to help them figure out what interests they want to pursue in High School and beyond.

None

I hope this can lead to more student and community involvement. Perhaps we can use old facilities as community spaces or sell properties to businesses to bring more into the community.

My hopes are that my son who is now going into 4th grade will have a nicer school that he as well as the entire community can be proud of and that is gonna take upkeep if the county is not gonna take any better care of the new facility than they did the old ones then that's money wasted and I hope that we as parents don't get above our means and want all this technology for our children as this may cause some to struggle due to learning disabilities

Provide more class opportunities for advanced students even if it requires paying another teacher.

Police presence like the high school. More band activities available to prepare then for high school band.

N/A

No all bases have been covered!

local jails and prison better built up to date and has bathrooms and heat and air, why not our children place of learning.

Affordability

No, PMS is freezing during the winter. Not fun sitting next to a window and shivering while wearing your coat.

They need to learn cursive writing and to tell time on a face clock

Be practical!!

Increase self esteem of middle schoolers and improve their outlook on life.

I think combining the two schools into one would be much more beneficial in the long run. It will get rid of this rivalry that seems to be created between Pulaski and Dublin and make the transition to high school smoother.

They need the books (updated version) and computers for every child

A school without huge debt.

No rats in the lockers. PMS has had a huge rodent problem and I

Just build it already, please.

Solar panels on the roofing so that there will be economic sustainability in the future.

In my opinion, outdoor recreational sports should not be a priority when planning the new school. It should not be included in the already tight School Board budget when we have Randolph Park and other County Maintained facilities for recreational sports. As far as indoor, every school needs a gym anyway so if that can benefit rec sports I am all for it. I just don't think special accommodations need to be made for rec sports using school board budget

accommodations need to be made for rec sports using school board budget.

Raise teacher salaries to retain high quality teachers.

They should sustain our children's children not only the community for the next gen

Hope there are operating and labor cost reductions in the consolidation. No need to keep current staffing levels if combined. Has to be a savings passed on to taxpayers and reductions in future budgets to offset the cost of new school

I would like to see not one, but TWO middle schools built, and I believe they should be located in their respective towns. Building a single middle school and then merging both towns into it, in my opinion, is admitting that our town is indeed dying.

Just to see a new middle school in my life time I taught for a very long time and never once had the privilege to teach in a well maintained school My room at Pulaski Middle school never had screens and every year that was on my list of repairs. Other school S got painted but not mine because it's on the list to be replaced. You always had to choose which piece if equipment you could use today because more than one would blow the circuit breaker

Investment in education will raise self-esteem and community pride in our students.

I think they need to teach basic skills and not worry so much about technology, especially at Middle School level, that can come later.

Our schools should have advantages over other area schools.

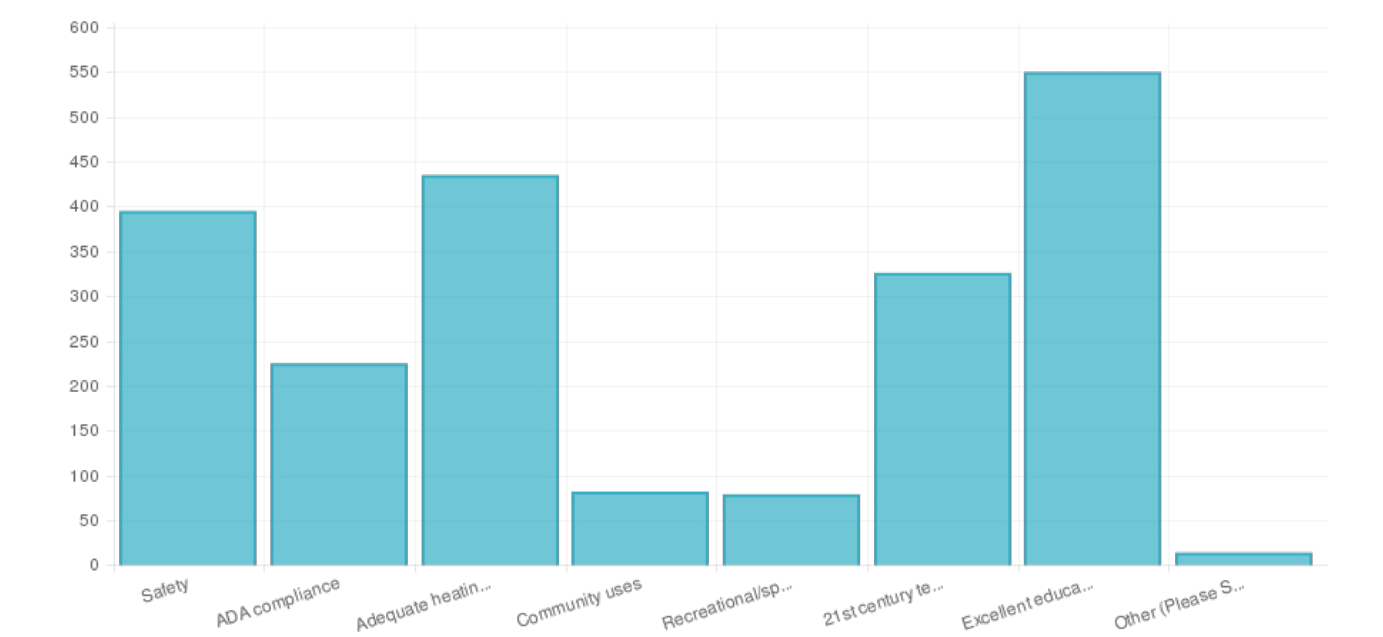
I believe that combining students into one school at a younger age will lead to increased harmony rather than divisiveness, and am looking forward to the consolidation of the two current school populations for that reason as well as the operational savings of running one school instead of two.

Safe environment.

My only other hope for the new middle school is that their be room for expansion or enough capacity for growth. If this county heads in the direction that we all hope it will in the future, the enrollment should definitely go up and we don't need to put ourselves over capacity with just a slight increase in population. I don't think we need to get out of hand with the size but we shouldn't just plan on the current number of students we have right now and call that good enough.

Please identify your top 3 hopes for the new middle school.

	Safety	ADA compliance	Adequate heating/cooling	Community uses	Recreational/sports uses	21st century technology	Excellent education	Other (Please Specify)	Responses
All Data	395 (56%)	225 (32%)	435 (62%)	82 (12%)	79 (11%)	326 (47%)	550 (78%)	14 (2%)	701



Text Responses

Answer to #23...

Don't forget the whole person. The arts, "non -core" subjects, and athletics are all critical components to the development of all children.

Energy efficiency

Our county government has FAILED in planning for education infrastructure. We only have 11 schools. Why isn't there a plan for school replacement? Every school's new construction or major improvement is ALWAYS a surprise! PCHS was opened in 1974. IT IS 43 YEARS OLD! It is close to the end of its life.

We don't need a new middle school

I truly believe that safety, adequate heating/cooling and ADA compliance are all in the same boat. A school that risks heatstroke is not safe. A school that a blind child can't navigate isn't safe.

Arts

Handicap assessable

Fix the old ones

Affordabiliyy

Affordability

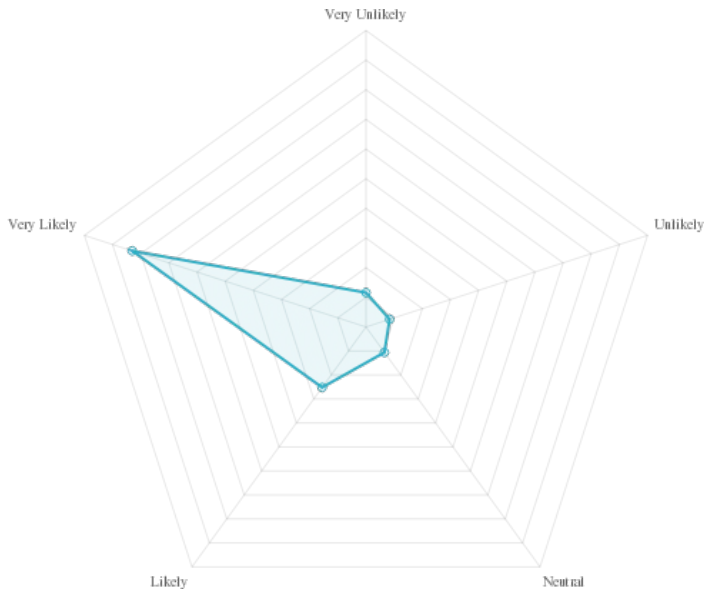
Easy to maintain

The two current schools must be combined.

Teachers that are not only qualified educationally but socially for our community.

Both middle schools in Pulaski County were built more than 60 years ago. An independent architectural firm hired by Pulaski County School Board has assessed that it is more cost effective to build a new consolidated middle school than renovate Dublin and Pulaski Middle Schools. To raise funds to build a new consolidated middle school, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors is considering asking voters to approve a bond referendum on November 7, 2017. It would increase local real estate property taxes. Knowing what you currently know and if the vote were held today, would you vote in favor of such a proposal?

	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Neutral	Likely	Very Likely	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
	58 (8%)	42 (6%)	53 (8%)	126 (18%)	415 (60%)	141.22	694	4.15 / 5
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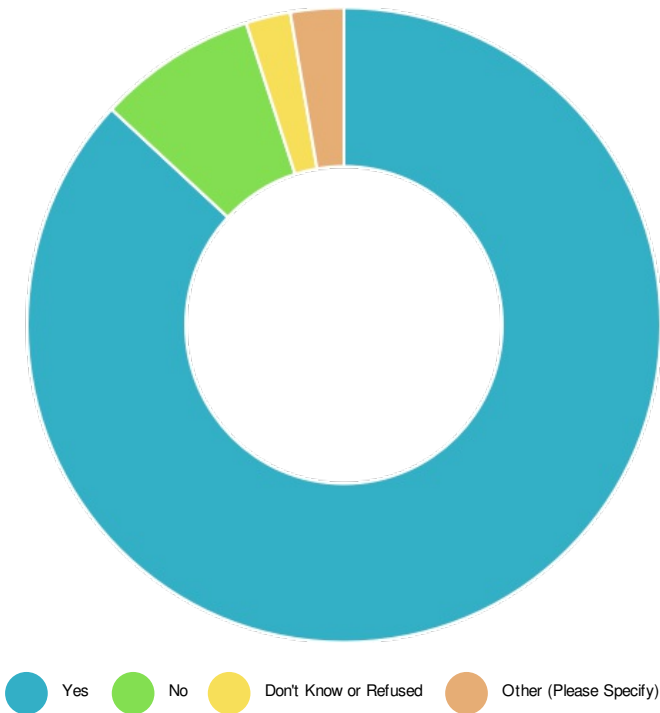
Have you already expressed your opinions on these matters to the School Board and/or the Board of Supervisors?

	<div><div></div> Yes</div>	<div><div></div> No</div>	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	189 (28%)	476 (72%)	143.5	665



Are you registered to vote in Pulaski County, Virginia?

	Yes	No	Don't Know or Refused	Other (Please Specify)	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	610 (87%)	57 (8%)	16 (2%)	19 (3%)	251.38	702



Text Responses

Teacher at Dublin middle
Went to Pulaski middle school growing up about ten years ago. Just moved away from area.
I was until this year, but family is in Pulaski.

I find it hard to believe that renovating the 2current schools would cost more than the new school proposal. The firm reviewing this was slanted toward building and not replacing. New school does not equate to education excellence. Education excellence is derived from proper curriculum and highly qualified instructors that have the tools to teach with and excel. For to many years teachers have had to pay for supplies fro their own pockets.

I do not live in Pulaski, but I work there.

To see in Pulaski Co.

No comment

I used to be. It was my home town and I very much care about the children being raised in it.

My dad is registered to vote there.

Former resident

Grew up in Pulaski cou

My kids go to PCPS but I live in Radford.

I am confused as to which district to email the BOS. should be something to identify in the paper or something which district people belong to.

Not a resident

Pulaski county employee

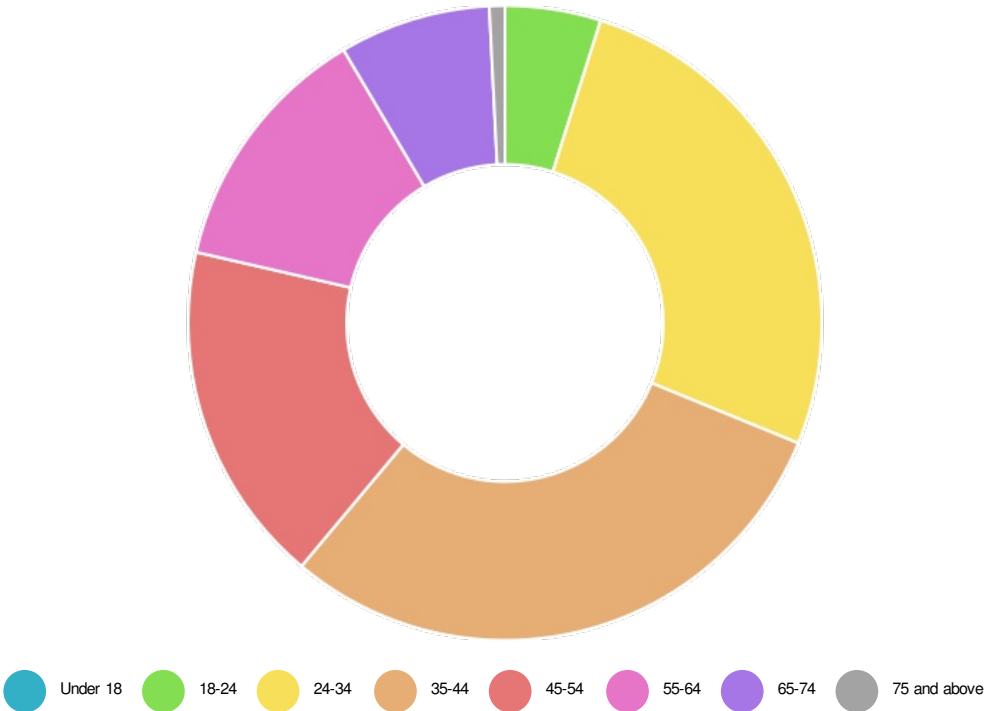
Montgomery

I work for PCPS. I vote in Christiansburg.

Live out of the county

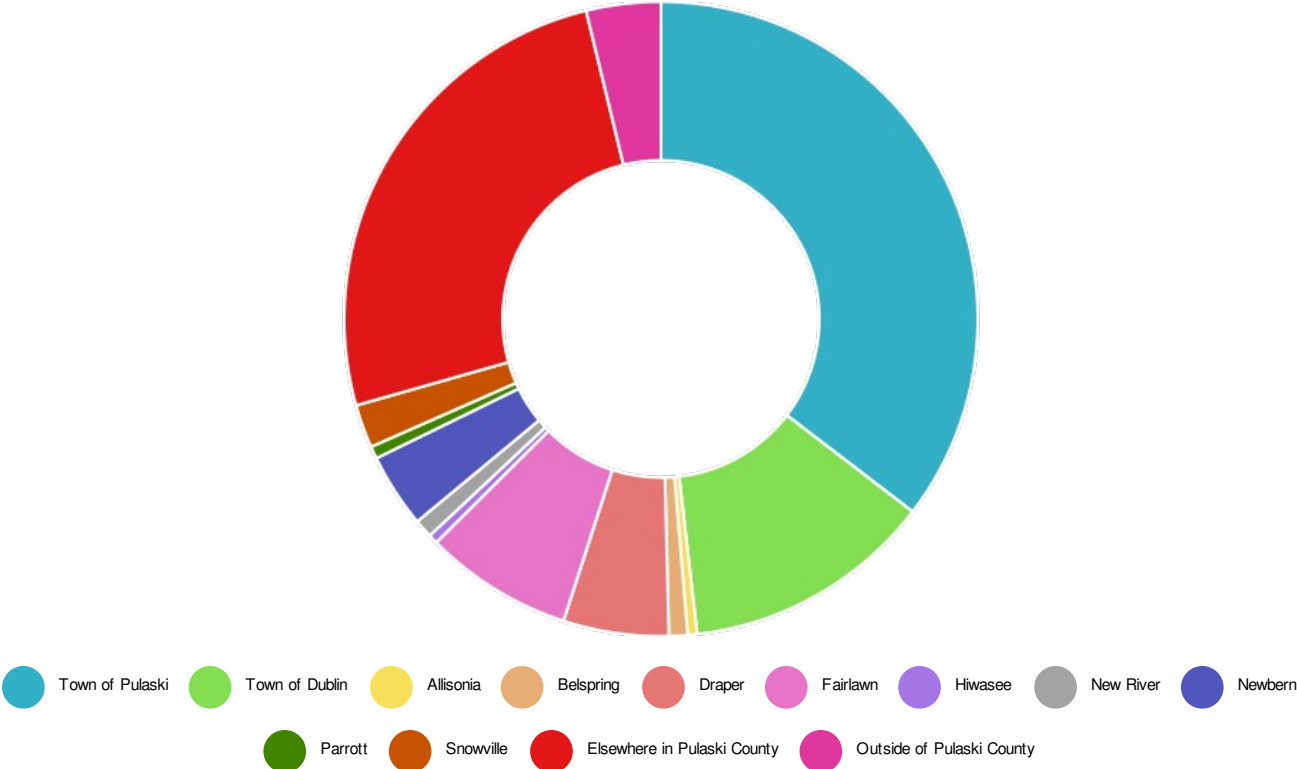
Please select the age range which best describes you.

	 Under 18	 18-24	 24-34	 35-44	 45-54	 55-64	 65-74	 75 and above	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	0 (0%)	31 (5%)	167 (26%)	190 (30%)	111 (17%)	82 (13%)	49 (8%)	5 (1%)	67.1	635



Where do you live?

	<div><div></div>Town of Pulaski</div>	<div><div></div>Town of Dublin</div>	<div><div></div>Allisonia</div>	<div><div></div>Belspring</div>	<div><div></div>Draper</div>	<div><div></div>Fairlawn</div>	<div><div></div>Hiwasee</div>	<div><div></div>New River</div>	<div><div></div>Newbern</div>	<div><div></div>Parrott</div>	<div><div></div>Snowville</div>	<div><div></div>Elsewhere in Pulaski County</div>	<div><div></div>Outside of Pulaski County</div>	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	224 (35%)	81 (13%)	3 (0%)	6 (1%)	34 (5%)	48 (8%)	3 (0%)	6 (1%)	24 (4%)	4 (1%)	14 (2%)	162 (26%)	24 (4%)	66.26	633



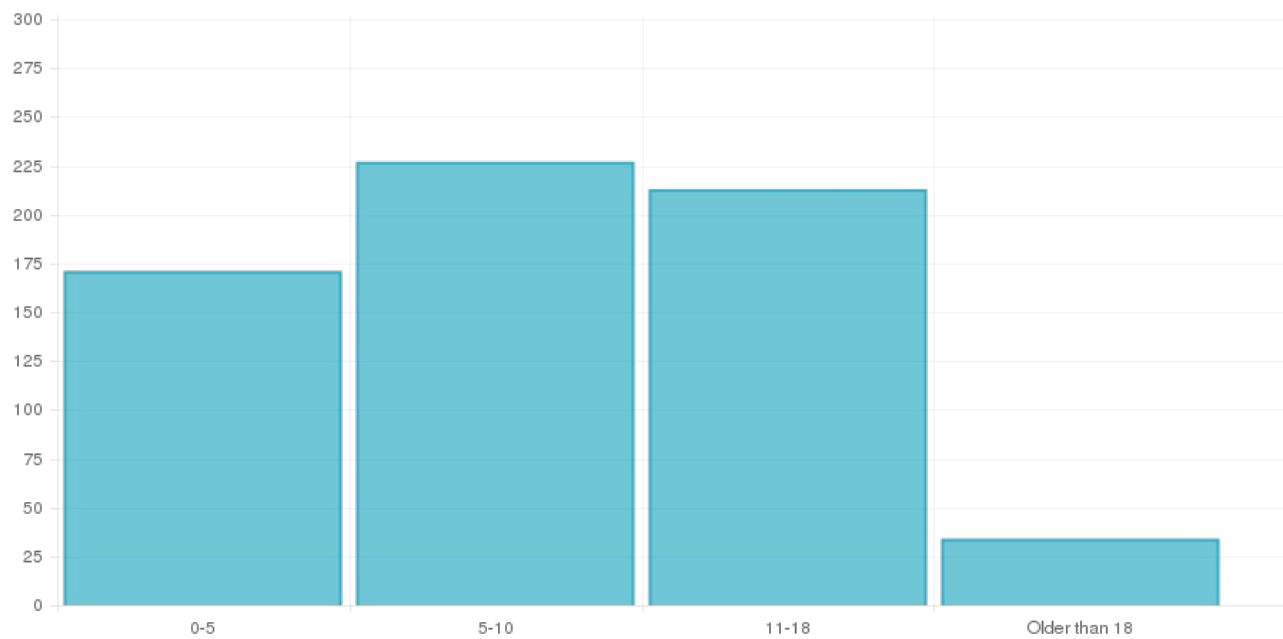
Do you currently have any children or grandchildren who are or will be students in Pulaski County Public Schools (K-12)?

	Yes	No	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	404 (65%)	220 (35%)	92	624



If yes, how old are your children/grandchildren? (select all that apply)

	0-5	5-10	11-18	Older than 18	Responses
All Data	171 (39%)	227 (52%)	213 (49%)	34 (8%)	437



In which Pulaski County electoral district are you registered to vote?

	<div><div></div> Cloyd</div>	<div><div></div> Draper</div>	<div><div></div> Ingles</div>	<div><div></div> Massie</div>	<div><div></div> Robinson</div>	<div><div></div> Unsure or Don't Know</div>	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	89 (15%)	71 (12%)	42 (7%)	169 (28%)	128 (21%)	98 (16%)	40.57	597

