



School Building Committee Meeting
Meeting Packet
August 7, 2024

MEDFIELD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE SURVEY #2 – SUMMARY OF FINDINGS



Survey #2 Design Summary

- Survey was open to all Medfield residents from June 18 to July 20, 2024
- Survey was communicated via:
 - ▶ Patch, school email, social media, blogs / newsletters (elected officials and others) and communication among neighbors
- Survey included three demographic questions:
 - ▶ What is your voting precinct
 - ▶ How you voted previously for a new school at the Wheelock campus
 - ▶ What is your current relationship with regard to your children and the Medfield Public Schools
- Survey respondents were asked to choose their preferred site location (Wheelock or Dale)
 - ▶ Based on the respondent's choice of location, follow-on questions were then asked to understand their potential support for the alternate choice (i.e. those who responded with a preference for Dale were asked to categorize their preference for Wheelock, and vice versa).
- Respondents were then asked to categorize their perspective around project costs
- Survey results to inform next steps for the SBC with regard to site and costs.
- Survey received 1,185 responses

KEY FINDINGS

97.5%

Are favorable to a school building project

98%

Are favorable to the Dale Steet School Site

85%

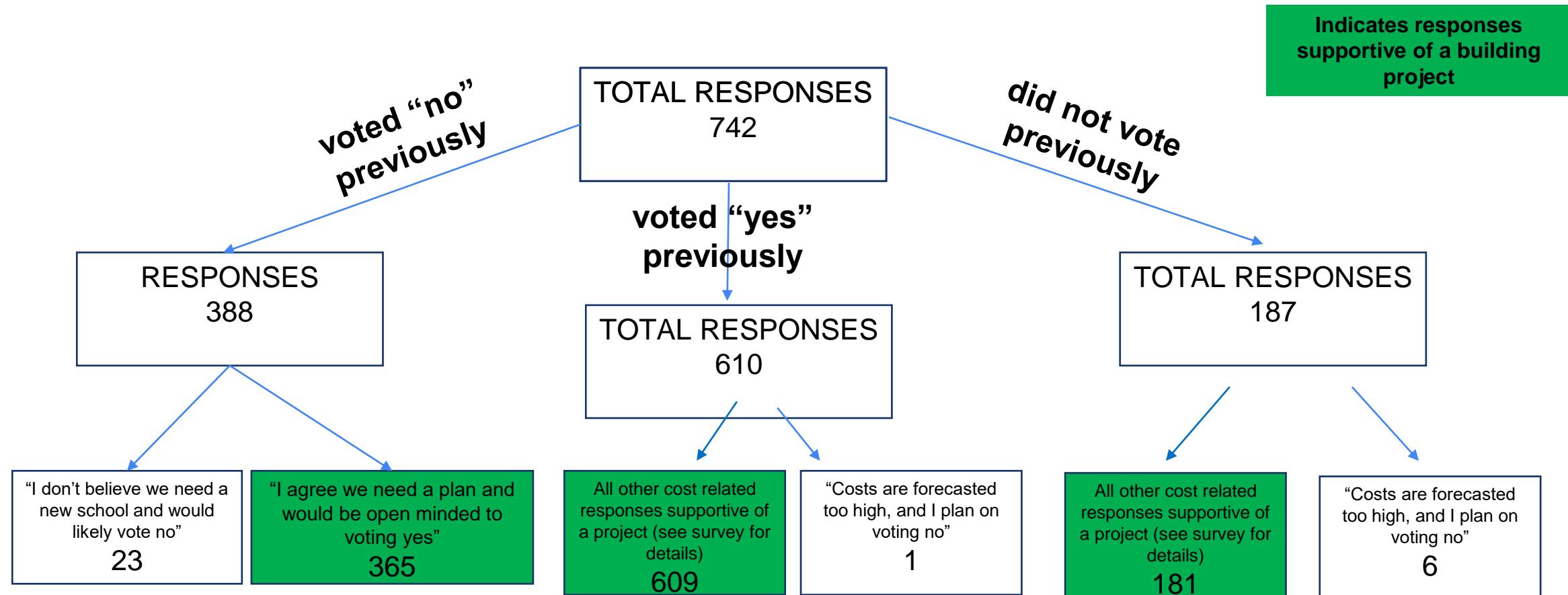
Say either “I want a good project, but costs will be very important to my decision” or “I want a great project and don’t mind paying more for the project.”

12%

Difference between preferences of a new build vs addition/renovation project which suggests further study is warranted for both options.

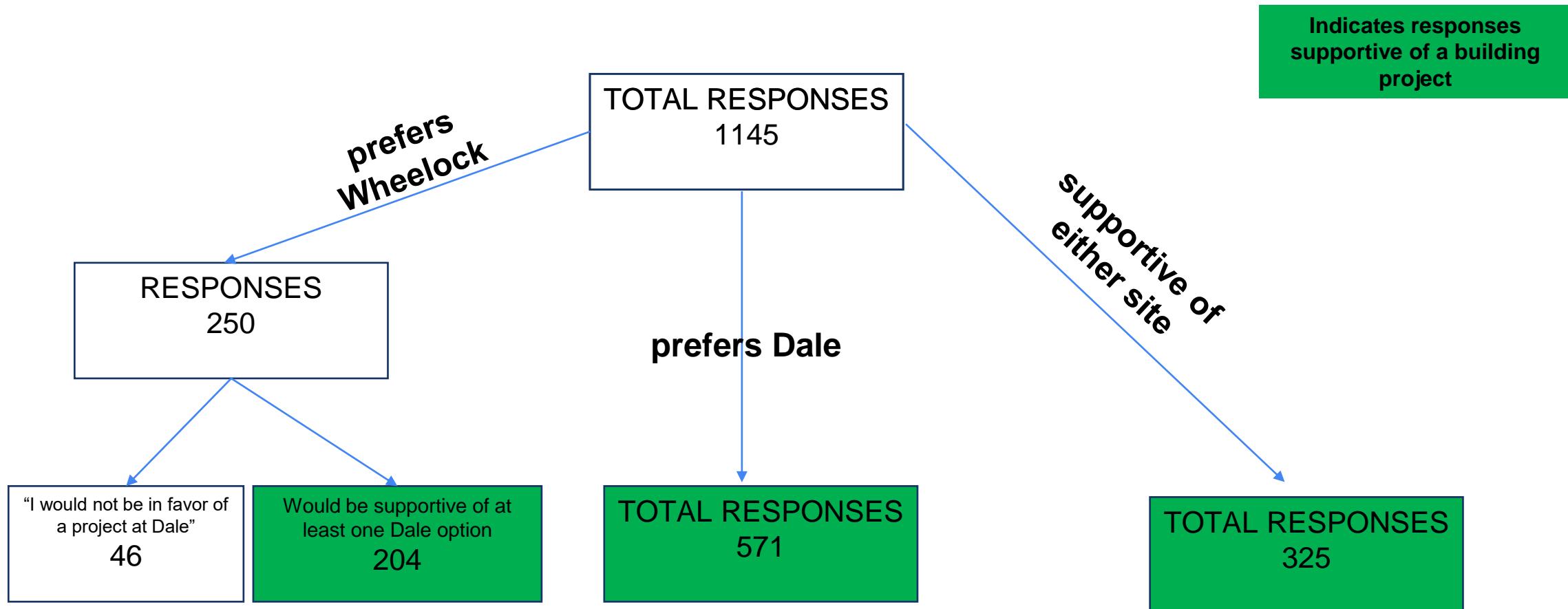
We are aligned that we need a new school

Respondents were almost unanimous that we need a project now to replace the current Dale Street School. 97.5% or 1,155 of 1,185 residents are supportive of a building project.



There is broad support for a project at the current Dale site

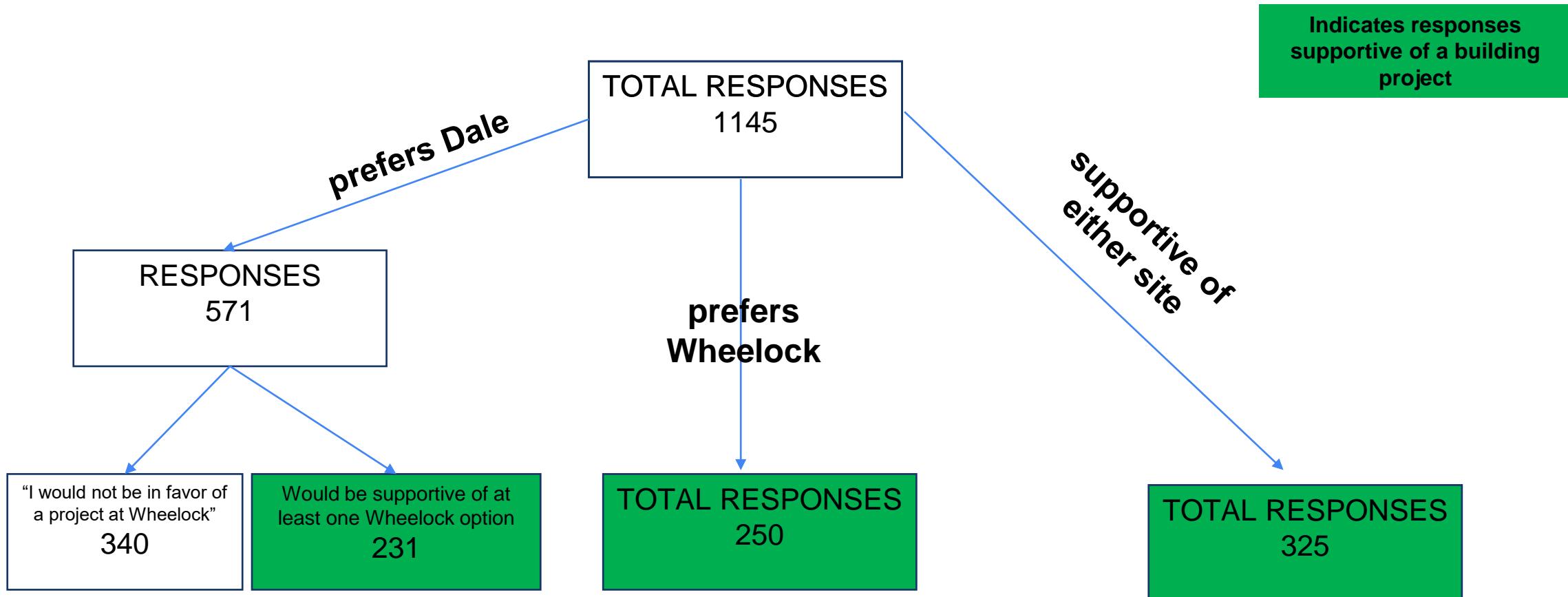
Excluding “Unsure” respondents, 96% (n= 1100) would be supportive of a project at Dale.



Excludes 15 responses of “unsure”

There is 70% support for a project at Wheelock

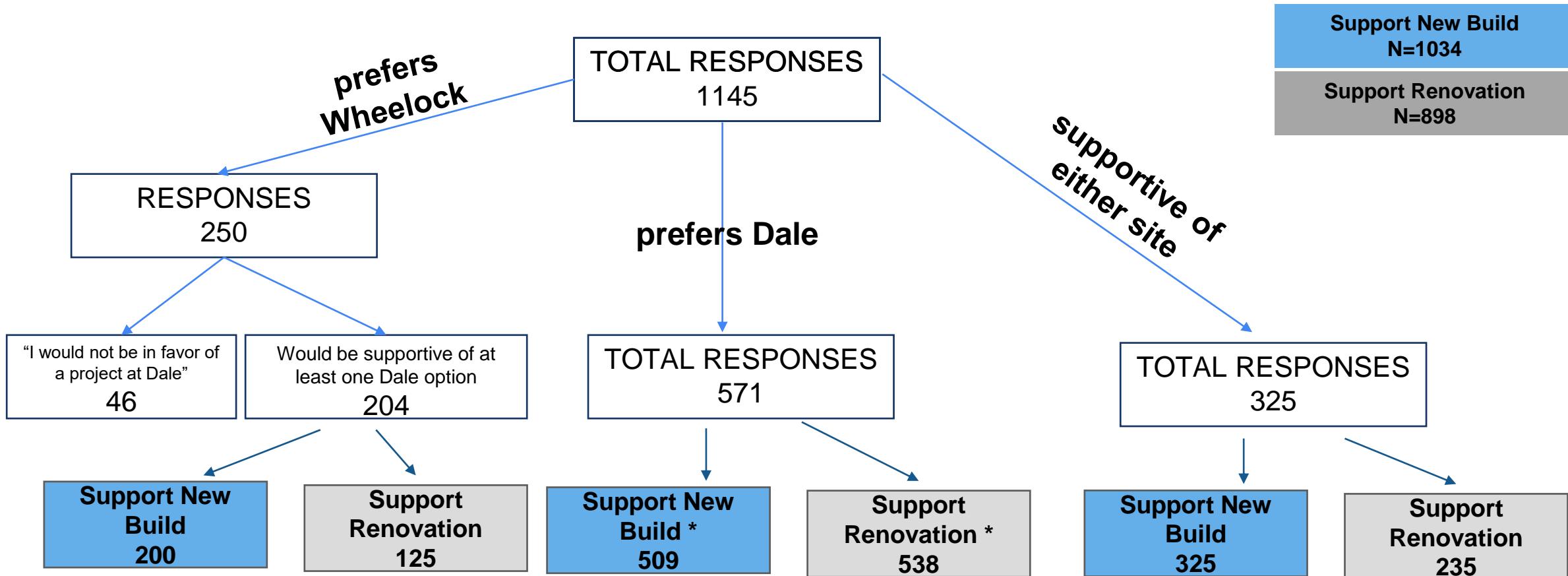
However, excluding the “Unsure” responses, 70% (n=806) would be in favor of a project at Wheelock.



Excludes 15 responses of “unsure”

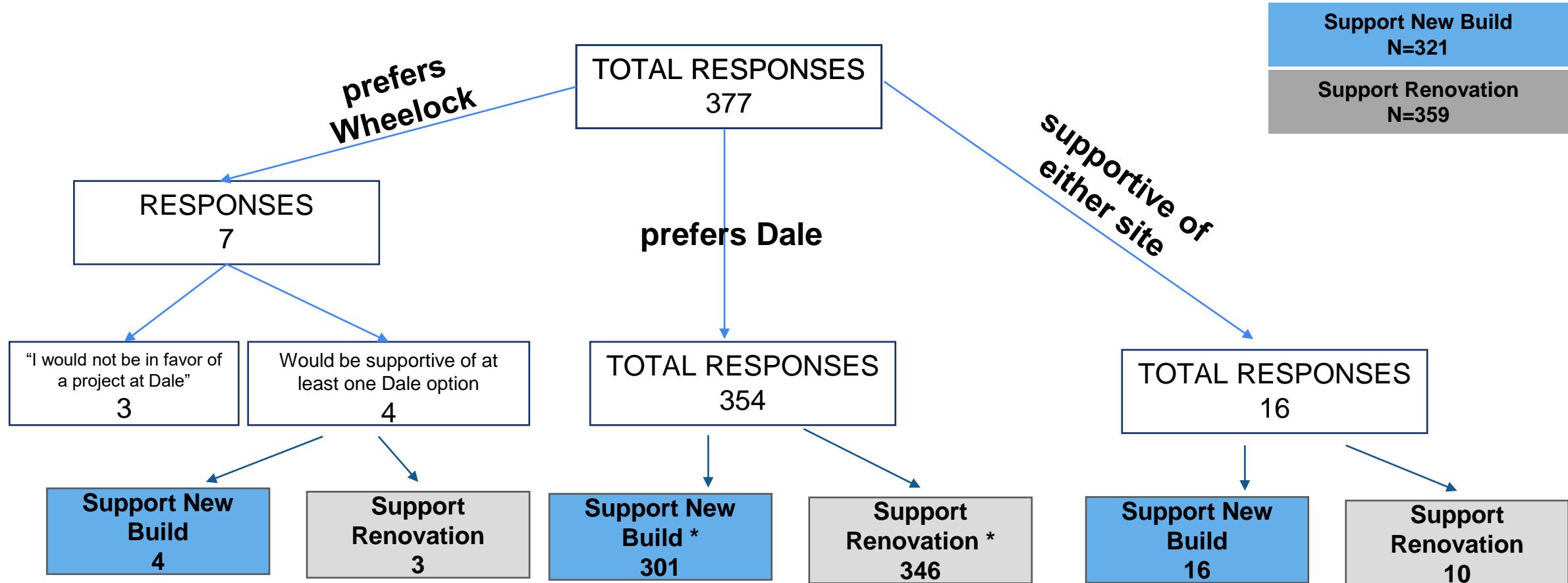
There is a bias towards a new build project, but both options should be studied

Excluding “Unsure” respondents, 90% would be supportive of a new build project at Dale while 78% would be supportive of an Add/Reno at Dale.



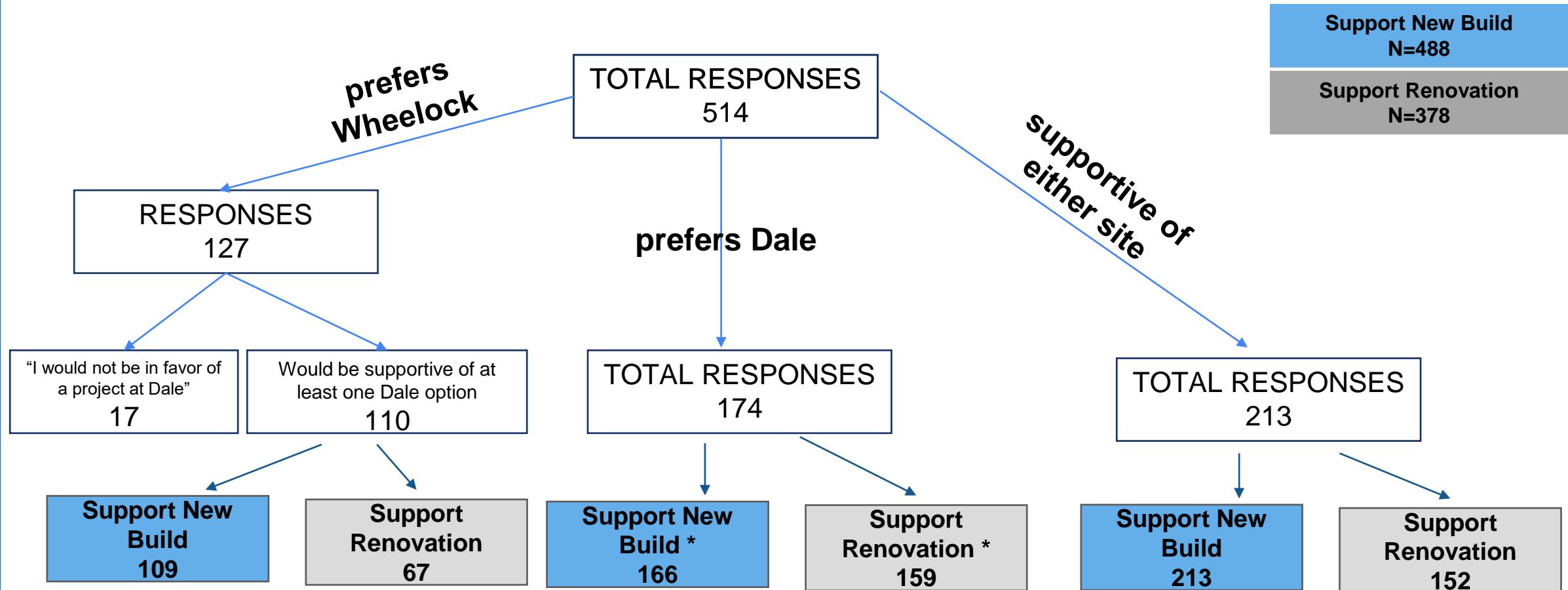
Previous “No” voters tend to be more supportive of an Add/Reno...

Excluding “Unsure” respondents, “No” voters from the prior vote are 85% supportive of a new build project at Dale while 95% would be supportive of an Add/Reno at Dale.



Parents of children in lower grades tend to favor a new build project.

Excluding “Unsure” respondents, voters who will have a child attend Dale in the next 4 years are 95% supportive of a new build project at Dale while 74% would be supportive of an Add/Reno at Dale.



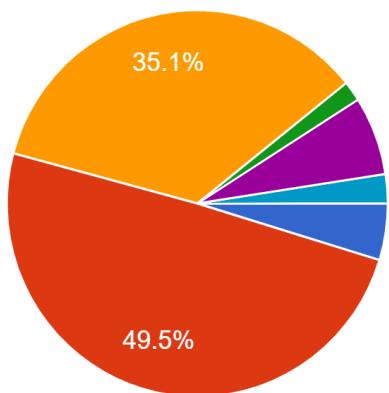
“Unsure” responses classified as supportive of both New Build and Renovation

Survey #2 – Other Observations

- 16% of the survey respondents did not vote in the prior town meeting
 - ▶ 33% of those who did not vote were not town residents at the time
 - ▶ Of the remaining 67% who were town residents:
 - 44% did not attend Town Meeting due to child care or other reasons (e.g. travel) preventing them from voting in person
- 85% of the survey respondents had the response of either “I want a good project, but costs will be very important to my decision” or “I want a great project and don’t mind paying more for the project.”

What best describes your perspective regarding cost of the school project?

1,185 responses



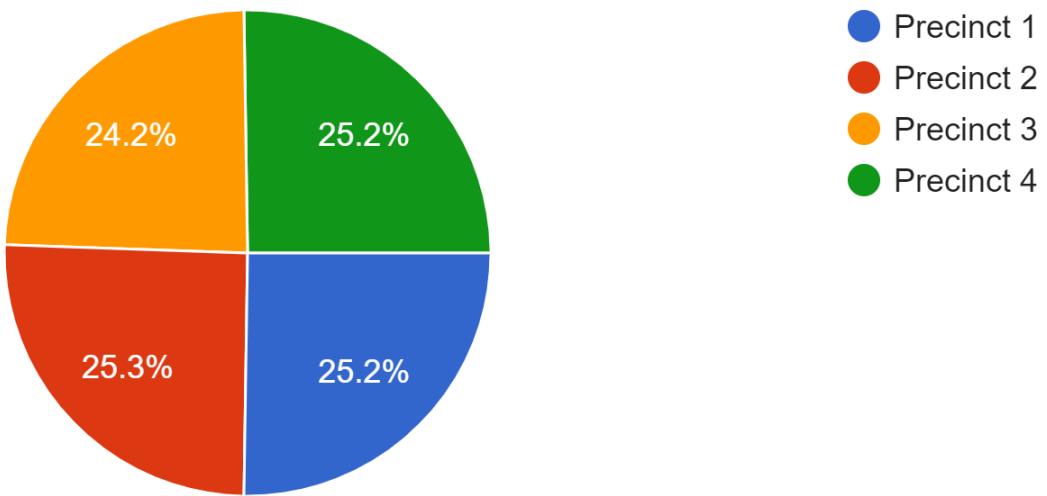
- I want the lowest possible cost for any project.
- I want a good project, but costs will be very important to my decision.
- I want a great project and don't mind paying more for the project.
- Preliminary costs forecasted are too high: I am unlikely to support any futur...
- I will only support an MSBA funded pr...
- I would prefer a project without MSBA...

Survey #2 – Other Observations

- Respondents were equalized distribution across voting precincts

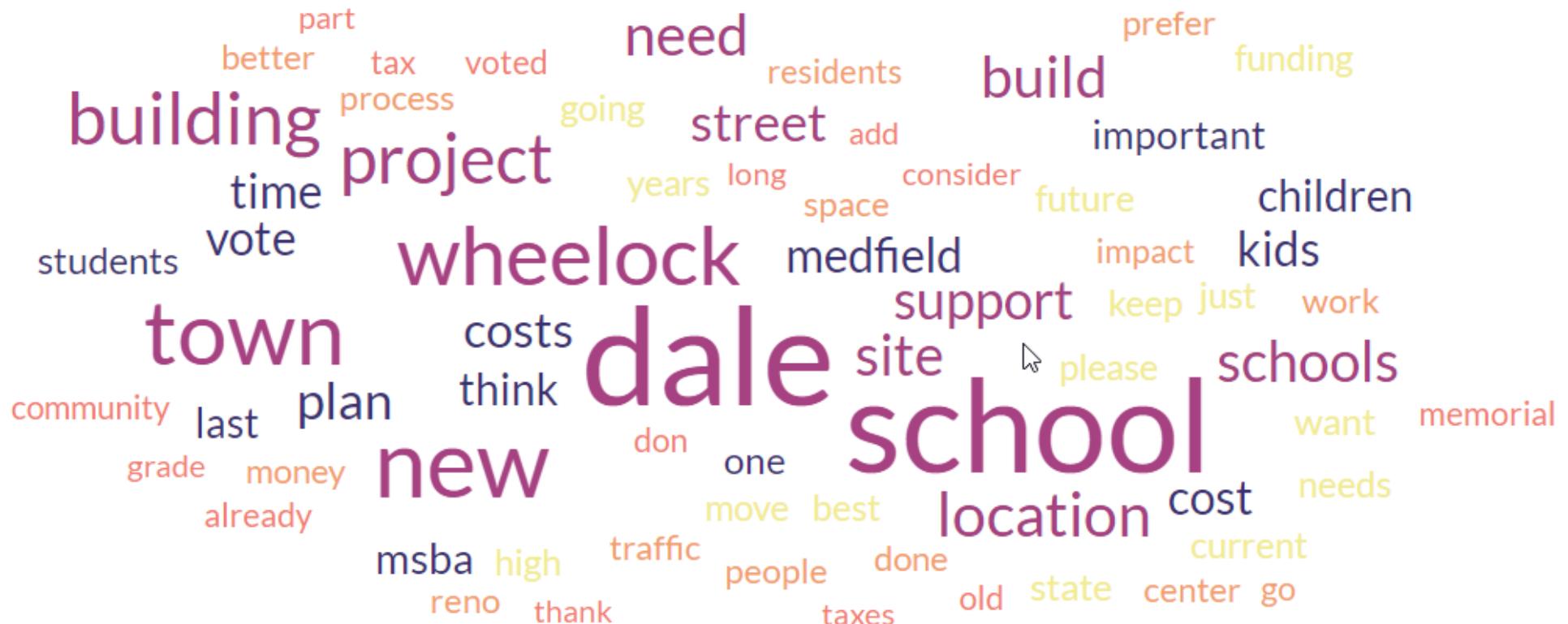
What is your voting precinct?

1,185 responses



Survey #2 – Other Observations

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Comments: SBC Site Selection Survey, June/July 2024

1. The last project was amazing and should have passed. Unfortunately the Dale@Dale crew is too influential and we will inevitably need to agree to their wishes.
2. Getting our kids into modern facilities is a priority and maximizing MSBA funds is very important.
3. I will only vote for project at Dale if it would be possible to move grades two to three to Memorial School at some point in the near future. It does not make long-term sense to me to have kindergarten, first grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade sharing a campus.
4. Please build the school ASAP. I have a 3 year old and 8 month old. I can't imagine them attending the same school I attended 30+ years ago. We are seriously considering moving from Medfield over the schools and commute time.
5. It's embarrassing that the town voted down the project in 2021.
6. There was quite a bit of misinformation on last vote and I believe many voters were misinformed on many important topics, including costs and many were told that there was a cheaper option. I personally do not think the SBC should vote on location before knowing if admitted to the MSBA process.
7. I am thankful for this survey and appreciate feeling heard this time around. Too many decisions made last time without consideration for what the town wanted. Due diligence this time and it will be a smoother process where everyone can feel good about the outcome.
8. As a teacher and a parent of children in elementary school, I feel it is essential to our children that we allow them the opportunity to learn in an improved building.
9. Ideally, I would hope we get invited into the MSBA building projects, but I understand the need for a new building and I think we need to move forward on a project regardless. Of course I don't want my property taxes to go up drastically, but I also will be utilizing the schools soon.
10. The children in this town deserve a better school. It is unacceptable for any children to be sent to the Dale street school in its current state. Voting should happen all day, not requiring to be present at a specific time. It limits voting dramatically, and mostly to those without small children.
11. Save the Dale Street gym. It's historical. Also incorporate parks and rec in to the building and bulldoze the pfaff.
12. I'm so frustrated with this situation! I moved here for the schools a few years ago and my kids go to Dale now. I'm frustrated that all the time / effort / money was spent and/or lost due to the last effort. I feel like trying again for a site at Wheelock is going to result in the same vote.
13. We'd be foolish to turn our noses at MSBA money. This town needs to stop pretending we know better than EVERY town around us who are building new schools.
14. Prefer msba help but get this done!!! Wheelock isn't getting any younger so we need to plan for future issues there too. Westwood school is amazing and we should have that now. We need this asap.
15. I support a project that minimizes the impact on the teachers/ students but takes into consideration the financial impact on the town. If that means the school needs to be at Wheelock, I support it. My concern is the Dale site will have to great an impact.

16. Wherever the majority prefer to build, let's get building. We have wasted two additional years talking about building and we still don't have any type of plan or location. I pay a lot of money in taxes to be sending my kid to a building that doesn't facilitate learning and is in poor condition.

17. Dale Street school is currently in terrible shape and I find it imperative that a new school get passed ASAP.

18. I think for some the disposition of Dale is part of the decision.

19. Our family wants a NEW school NOT and add on/renovation of Dale street. We do not care where the new school is located. We do not care what it costs to get a new school. We need a new school ASAP. We have a 3 year old and an 8 month old who would attend the new school.

20. The last vote failed because of location. To suggest that as an option again would be insanity...doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Don't be stupid.

21. Let's hope we get into the MSBA program, but I support the project even if we do not.

22. Just keep it a dale We are going to spend tons of money dealing with the old building at dale anyway. No one mentioned that during the process. A new school for 80 million plus more to redevelop those old buildings.

23. Please stop trying to put this school at wheelock. We have spoken two or three times and you all have not listened. We would be further along in the process if you had. A school st dale street is what would be best.

24. I am against MSBA funding because it puts too many restrictions on the building plan and would drive up costs. The future Parks&Rec building should be combined with any Dale St plans.

25. We are going to be paying the increased costs - labor, material, and inflation - regardless of which site is chosen. I want a school built and am indifferent as to where it is located. It's the "Dale at Dale" mob though that controls this process so please don't ignore them!

26. I recommend to keep the site at Dale Street School. Great location and keeps students close to town while spreading out schools in different neighborhoods. Let's not have all elementary schools at Wheelock

27. I think during the last voting process there was a lot of misinformation being spread and I believe many voters were influenced by that. For instance many were saying a no vote meant a school would be built at Dale which was not true.

28. There is no plan to address what to do with the students at Dale during construction that doesn't involve overcrowding the other schools or a trailer farm. For this reason I will only support the Wheelock site

29. This project will be costly no matter what but we need it. I will support any plan that uses Dale st as the location. I am wondering if a completely new build would eliminate surprises that might come up if we only renovate. Thank you for your hard work.

30. School officials touted the last project as urgent and a risk to kids. Yet we've now wasted so much time and money just waiting for MSBA. And we now know MSBA will add at least a year to the project. What happened to studying pros & cons of MSBA over summer as was promised prior to submitting SOI?

31. Keep the site at Dale Street. The community around the school loves it there.

32. Neighborhood likes the school at Dale Street. Please keep it there

33. Why couldn't Dale be demolished and Memorial/Wheelock renovated to each add one grade. MPS would then have 2 grade schools only. Seems there would be enough land on both sites to accommodate.

34. Not in the questions asked here, but perhaps our biggest factor is *how quickly we can get a new school built, regardless of location*

35. A big concern for me is not disrupting the kids during the project. We need to make sure learning can continue.

36. Good luck and continue to survey appropriately.

37. The purpose of the feasibility study is to determine which location best meets the educational vision of the school system. Whichever building meets the vision of the school district will be the one that is presented at Town meeting. Don't be influenced by geographic location of the building.

38. As a parent with children affected, I will accept any new school, even if I have a preference for location. I think that's the general consensus amongst my peer group.

39. I would ask you to not make the same mistake as last time which set this project back years, build a school at the existing site (dale) it will pass. A wheelock site will fail

40. I like a clean build on a clean piece of land. I think renovating Dale will be a cluster and cost more and deliver less. Stupid to miss out on MSBA funding. If enrollment numbers shrink then put three grades in the new school and build another three grade school to replace Wheelock and Memorial.

41. Please consider addition/reno. We are talking about gr 4 & 5. There are much more important projects ahead.

42. I believe that the open space behind Wheelock and the vulnerability of the Wells there make that location a nonstarter.

43. We lost an opportunity for MSBA funding with the failed Wheelock project. My family will not support a project with significantly higher cost than Wheelock unless it consolidates our buildings and eliminates one. We need to rethink this particularly given the poor state of Wheelock

44. The biggest mistake in the last project was lack of transparency, and not have a plan at all for the current sale street school. I attended almost all of the initial meetings for the failed project and there was a clear agenda, and the design of the school was not practical for a growing community.

45. I think the best location is Wheelock as it would provide ease of staff sharing & collaboration. I would also support a new build at Dale. I do not support a renovation for many reasons but primarily because it would be extremely disruptive to the students & staff.

46. For the love of the kids, just get the project done. Take the feedback that was valid from the opposition crowd last time and incorporate it into this effort. Not all of the opposition feedback was valid, but you now know what we are up against.

47. Keep communicating like you have been. Very helpful to have the survey results when complete

48. I believe it's hard for our children to switch schools every two years before they go off to middle school. While this concept is expensive- why not make wheelock k-1st grade? Renovate Dale and expand it so 2-5th are on same campus: "Dale Memorial school". Move Parks & Rec to Hinkley park campus

49. The building, whether it is new build or rehab, should be as green as possible, i.e. as close to net zero as possible.

50. One of the things I didn't like about the original Wheelock plan is it said to "mothball Dale". Medfield doesn't need a white elephant rotting a couple blocks from downtown.

51. Why is time being wasted rehashing Wheelock? The Dale site creates a unique connection for the children to enjoy the center. Don't ruin this!

52. I strongly suggest eliminating an elementary school in town to cut administrative costs and future school building projects. I would support an add/reno at Dale st if the long term plan would be to remove memorial school.

53. We need a new school. I like the dale location but would prefer a Reno or new build . Don't really want to see it at Wheelock. How many bells and whistles do we need. Anything is better than the current state of dale

54. In my opinion, there are so many reasons to put the school at Dale st location. It will take a lot to convince me otherwise but I will listen to any and all proposals. I'm so glad that the committee is actively seeking feedback and hopefully listening to the citizens of the town this time around.

55. If we cannot take care of the buildings we have now (Dale), why would we add another building? Plus, the Dale st. location is perfect for a school. Reno or build new there. Thanks.

56. Very. strange you would ask Dale St. supporters if they would support a build at Wheelock but not ask Wheelock supporters if they would support a school at Dale. Some survey bias

57. There's too much opposition (usual naysayers + neighborhood opposition) to building at Wheelock, will never get the 2/3 vote needed to pass.

58. Thank you for this survey--it is an opportunity for the SBC to listen to the citizens of Medfield. If you dont get buy in from the community now the school building plan will always fall flat.

59. Thank you so much for all of the continued effort you all have put into this ongoing project. I like how this questionnaire included still being open to other options if the one I chose didn't get passed. We need to figure out how to come together as a town to make this much needed project happen!

60. Dale st site is too small to accommodate a new school and the proper parking as well as play space outdoors. The town has outgrown it and it is time to move on. We can't preserve everything in this town.

61. We are focused too much on are and not enough on the educational benefits a school supports. The differences in what a site bring to the education of the students discussed more as the site selection process continues. Also, let's get clarity from town quickly Pfaff center options!!!

62. Non-Dale site would give flexibility as we would have more space to flex as future schools will need Reno's too. Would be nice to have flexibility to move grades around as we do so by making a new school with a bit more room to accommodate these future capital expenses that are coming to this town.

63. The traffic considerations near wheelock were understudied and data was poorly collected. Creating a school hub in that area with those street sizes and neighborhood plan will always be a bad idea.

64. Something I feel our Town has failed on in the 13 years I have been here is every time there is a building project decisions are not made in the best interest of how we can capitalize in the Town as a whole. How can we capitalize on this New School while updating the Parks and Rec Building.

65. As a Medfield Graduate ('05) that attended Medfield public schools and now has children that will attend in the next public schools within the next few years, I feel strongly that we need a new school. Dale Street was dated when I attended nearly 30 years ago.

66. I have asked my kids and they say that Dale was their favorite school. They like the historical nature of the school and liked that they could walk to the center of town on 1/2 days. Wheelock is too far from the center of town for kids to walk.

67. Oldest child will attend “old” Dale St School this Fall. I’m frankly surprised a new SBC could be stood-up considering the vitriol against a new school for fourth and fifth graders. At this point, I’m pretty content to let “others” fight it out and focus on my own family’s concerns. Best of luck!

68. One of the things I never considered until I saw it firsthand several times were the kids biking and walking to the center of town.. This gives them some thing that no parent and no teacher can teach them how to be responsible on their own.

69. An elementary campus at Wheelock is attractive, as this can flux with community needs. Make space for MAP to sublet. Also, transparency for Dale building repurpose is needed (this was lacking on last proposal which lead to hidden future costs and anxiety).

70. We need to have same quality of buildings teachers etc as Westwood and sure towns. We are way behind

71. I do not believe we should be building on green space. The Dale st school should be renovated or rebuilt to allow it to be a school again. Having a school in town was great for the kids to learn independence & be a part of the downtown. We should have NEVER let Montrole/a private school be in town.

72. Renovation and additions is the way to go.

73. We should utilize Dale for community center and additional retail space to pay for it. Too much money being wasted on this planning exercise with only off set being property taxes.

74. I think updates at Dale with some demo/rebuilding could be a good plan. Improved parking at Dale would be nice. I voted no on new build at Wheelock because I think Dale has many good qualities and the new build seems like the best if everything, so new/modern/better and it seems like too much.

75. Would like to see rebuild of 1960s Dale St wing (maybe bring up to 2 stories) and renovation of 1940s wing if possible. And btw - I think past SBC took the project very seriously and presented what they thought was best for the town. Some people will just vote no regardless (taxes, traffic etc)

76. Please do not try to push the Wheelock project again. While I supported the original Wheelock project, I care more about our children having a safe, clean and collaborative facility. Pushing Wheelock again will simply kill the opportunity to rebuild any sort facility.

77. I think there should be alternative locations considered for a new school beyond aside from Wheelock and Dale Street.

78. I voted for the old plan at Wheelock thinking the location really didn’t matter, but now that I have a student at Dale I understand the value in allowing the kids to mature and walk uptown. I think this is more important than I realized initially.

79. I’m concerned that the town center will lose some if its vibrancy without children old enough to walk to school and walk uptown. It’s possible to walk uptown from Wheelock but few will.

80. Dale Street - current building is far too old for renovations. It would be a waste of money in the long run. The other schools are getting close to needing repair. All Schools will need attention soon. Maybe we should build a new high school and reconfigure what we have ?

81. During the 2021 vote, the main reason myself, and many I know voted down the project was the high cost for just a two-grade building. The location was a secondary concern.

82. Wheelock is also tired and dated. I'd be willing to support a project that addressed both schools if there was cost savings due to economics of scale

83. Do t wait for an MSBA decision. Get feasibility&costs for new & add/reno at Dale St now. Also get same for a multi-use project fifth Park&Rec. that might be best overall option for town, but not sure without study of it.

84. Please do a video tour so that people with no kids in school right now can SEE how bad Dale is!! Show the spots that are falling apart and the parts that are more than likely asbestos.

85. Wheelock as a site is a non-starter and will fail again, we will turn out more opposition than last time. MSBA parameters build for a far overstated population compared to town projections and will not allow us to properly address current building disposition and asbestos remediation.

86. Stop trying to build at Wheelock, too many old timers are against it and newcomers don't want to lose the open space... or if you do it needs to be a bigger asset than just 2 grades and fancy add ons.

87. Good luck with the project, and sincerest thanks for volunteering to serve

88. I feel that Dale St is an historical treasure of the town, and we would ne impoverished if we lost that building.

89. Thanks for you work on this! It's been a mountain of a project and has dissected a million ways. Both current and future generations will benefit from this project! Lets get it done!!

90. I am interested in a great project for my children but costs are important to me. I do not think a huge increase in taxes is good for my neighbors and people who have lived in the town for many years. I want something that works best for everyone.

91. Medfield is far behind surrounding towns regarding updated school buildings. I support whatever gets a new schools built asap! Thank you for all your hard work!

92. Barring a completely surprising survey result, the new school should be located at Dale. Cost effectiveness will be critical for all. The SBC should pursue a detailed assessment of pros/cons/costs of new build vs. add/reno and choose carefully--they will be forced to publicly defend their choice.

93. Geographically, I would prefer Dale as the building site (access to town, walkability, etc.), but I would be very concerned about a multi-year move to portable/temporary classrooms and the disruption this would cause. I would love for the Committee to consider this with teachers.

94. Please get this done

95. Consider a vote that does not publicly create enemies among neighbors in the future.

96. Thank you for your hard work trying to get a safe, healthy building for our kids. Happy to help with town support with whatever is decided

97. as someone that grew up here in medfield i love the location of current dale. two of my kids have gone through dale already and 1 more left to go there. i think ideally the location would stay the same so the kids have access to walk uptown after school. but all comes down to traffic/cost

98. Future school enrollment is declining. Taxes in this town are already high. Renovate versus new construction in the same area.

99. I think it is ridiculous that the Wheelock location was voted down.

100. It is important for me how new project will impact current students logistics and current classrooms. Will students need to be placed in temporary classrooms and so in. I do not want any inconvenience or distraction to students. I also care about healthy environment and environmentally friendly proj

101. My two children recently attended Dale and I was able to walk them to the school. Although I like the Dale location and support building / renovating there, after careful review of the previous plans, I think the Wheelock location is much better suited for the new school.

102. I appreciate the Committee's efforts wholeheartedly

103. Frustrated at the cost of the new plans because the initial plan a few years ago with state funding was a deal in comparison. Not the fault of the committee by any means, just frustrated by the town not supporting the initial plan.

104. Would not want a new building placed on an area that impacts our groundwater supply

105. I think we should build a new building at dale, connect it to memorial for some shared services like central cafe, office staff, new gyms and then tear down the additional parts added to original dale leaving only the historic/original parts and the other space for sports that the new project takes

106. Get creative with the Dale Street site. Multi-story? underground parking and use parking lot? expand onto part of the rarely used field?

107. As an architect, cost value is important to the project. I prefer new build, but a hybrid new/renovation would be acceptable as long as everyone was aware of the high potential for unknown conditions at Dale which could drive cost up.

108. My youngest child just completed 5th grade at Dale, so overall I have LESS interest in this project now. I will support any vote to build new or significantly improve Dale. Medfield needs to keep up w/surrounding towns who have better school buildings.

109. No further building at wheelock

110. Since I will likely have a kid at Dale during this work, I would not support anything that disrupted learning at school during construction. Would prefer a Wheelock location!

111. I believe that a new school is warranted but should be in combination with the Wheelock school. Combining the schools into an addition and rehab of the Wheelock school. They would be able to share resources such as the gym, library and kitchen. The schools can stay open during the building

112. Cost is a factor but we need a good build and not just a band aid. You have my support

113. I was infuriated by the original vote results. I am disappointed by the "dale at dale" red herring and in the voter turnout. My kids will likely not benefit from a new school now and the cost with muni rates having tripled and construction costs greatly increased is going to be exorbitant.

114. We need better schools for our kids. Whatever it takes this needs to get resolved ASAP. Not having a new school jeopardizes our school system and may have a negative impact on property values. People move to Medfield for the schools!!!

115. It's frustrating that we lost the MSBC funding and better pricing on the last vote. Wheelock has the better footprint to accommodate. Rec needs better facilities. Plan A would be better than building out abutting K-1..

116. I think the SBC should present the tax impact net of future costs that will be coming off (prior high school, public safety building, etc)

117. Home values are directly correlated to the quality of schooling and quality of resources. I support medfield public schools now while i have children enrolled and beyond.

118. Many schools are in need of reno/replacement. I would strongly urge combining two schools into 1 site (what Westwood did)

119. Thank you for all of your hard work!

120. Get this done! It is an embarrassing that it has taken us this long to get back to even this point. Dale was been in ruins for years and we are still way too far off from a new school for our kids.

121. Dale is an embarrassment and a new school should be built as soon as possible

122. The Wheelock location is not smart planning - I do not support a building at that location

123. I would support an add/ reno if it was significantly less money. Otherwise I feel we should pursue a new build. We have to take into account the 'cost' of classroom disruption and potential costs.

124. The last budget amount was far too high and there should have been additional transparency into bidding process and design

125. Total costs for the project must take into consideration the final disposition of Dale St. I believe the past committees failed in selling the new building at Wheelock partly because of the unknown costs of Dale. I'd rather know total costs to taxpayers for both options.

126. Need to get something soon. No more delays

127. LET'S GET IT DONE!

128. I will support any project put forth by the SBC as long as my child will not be placed in a modular building during the construction of the project. My child's education was disrupted enough by Covid and I will not support a project that further interrupts her education.

129. Please fix Dale street school ASAP.

130. I am incredibly disappointed that the first school vote was rejected and considered relocating. My oldest would have been in the new school. My priority is whatever will get passed so please take the path of least resistance. Medfield will lose its credibility if another vote fails

131. have we forecasted future generations and how much of a school facility we need? More people are getting married later in life and having less and less children.

132. Will support the project, but VERY much hope for support from the MSBA due to financial strains

133. I have had one child in Dale and one coming into Dale. I know that the building needs to be addressed, but I don't believe Wheelock is the best site. I live close to Wheelock so among site considerations, traffic is a huge concern for me.

134. I'm open to either site, but I worry that another proposed project at Wheelock would doom this again because of the community opposition. I believe it's best to focus on the best option for Dale Street with the most minimal impact on the kids who will be going there during construction.

135. The questions are skewed and I don't think capture the nuance of the concern. The mentioned letter still does not provide actual numbers for Dale.

136. Dale at Dale. Don't leave a blighted building in the middle of our beautiful town.

137. Please consider the aspect of embedded carbon at the existing Dale site. To achieve our Towns net zero climate goals solutions for Dale St will be needed regardless to ensure it achieves net zero.

138. why is Wheelock site still being considered after substantial vote of no on last plan. Is there something different in plan? My main against vote was based on cost, too big of a plan, and the lack of plan for Dale street. Make sure you included Dale st demo in the cost estimate for Wheelock site.

139. As a parent, I preferred the Wheelock location because it minimizes the emotional process of transitioning schools every 2 years and logically I'm not driving all over town when I need to pick up or drop off my kids.

140. Sales pitch wasn't there the last time - especially for my friends who already had middle school & high school age students; if you're not going to use Dale site, then people wanted to know what was going to Dale building, psychologically they were tied together

141. my youngest will already be through Dale school by time of completion. That being said costs to town tax payers will be a consideration. I would expect some increase but the amount of the increase will definitely be important to me seeing as Medfield already has high property taxes.

142. Dale St is horrendous condition. Just get it done!

143. Thanks for your efforts after the frustrating failed vote. We need to do this ASAP, as we have now clearly seen that costs for projects like this one only go up (and often go up quite dramatically).

144. For on average \$358 per year, I would rather self fund- if MSBA input will require a location that isn't the best for the town. MSBA requirements may drive up the price anyways so net-net may be the same

145. The Dale Street location is ideal, partly because of the current issue with firearms safety for schools and the fact that the police station is right across the street. My preference would likely be for a renovation project that is focused on efficiency and longevity.

146. Working with the MSBA would be a mistake. If you're going to have the school built at Wheelock, you have to have a plan for Dale. I voted no (with kids who would have been in the new school) because 1. Too expensive for what we need (due to MSBA) 2. No plan for Dale 3. Dale's proximity to downtown.

147. We need to fund our schools to the highest but responsible level that we can. It is an investment in the town and the next generation of Americans. It is disappointing that the town has waited this long to address the issue.

148. Was Metacomet ever considered for the site?

149. Polls must be open all day for voting similar to an election in order to have an accurate representation of the voting community. Otherwise the process is inherently discriminatory against those that would directly benefit from a new school.

150. Build for the future enrollment, not just for today. Other schools will need expansion which will cost additional money we can't lose sight of this. Short-sightedness killed this project last time.

151. Dale St and Wheelock could definitely use renovating. I think it is silly for a school to only have 2nd and 3rd grade in one building and 4th and 5th in another. Education is great, but the kids/staff deserve better classroom facilities.

152. SBC should recommend refurbishing Dale St School and dropping a new building project until interest rates fall under 2%. Its fiscally irresponsible to consider \$100M in debt at current rates.

153. I'd like the town to consider a Memorial and Dale st project together. Memorial will be to be built/renovated in the immediate future and having one building to build and maintain would likely save the town money.

154. Are you going to be looking for money for a new Wheelock School in the near future? Has there been any analysis to combining schools and building only one new building?

155. The Dale Street school has completely past its life. The classrooms are at a point that they detract from the learning process. If this town does not make drastic changes with a new build, I fear it will negatively impact education and thus the desirability of this town. I

156. Happy to make a yearly/monthly payment to help pay for a new school. We won't need to keep repairing these old gross schools. The kids and teachers deserve a new, clean, air conditioned & modern facilities.

157. Disappointed we lost out on previous funding from MSBA over a small group of residents who overturned a decision that was widely approved by Medfield residents. This project is just the beginning of many to come with other school facilities also aging so thinking holistically about all schools.

158. Our taxes are high enough.

159. As predicted at the 2021 vote, costs have risen substantially and I am sad that the proposal failed. It was a great plan. Missed the boat. Here we are starting over 3 years later. I'm grateful I will be done with MPS next year. Look around - Norwood, needham, Westwood all completing new builds.

160. I think it is imperative to reach the population with very young kids not yet in the elementary schools. They weren't as aware during the 2021 votes.

161. I prefer a new build at Wheelock. Second choice is new build at Dale. Finally, I would support an add/reno project at Dale, but think it's the worst option due to unforeseeable challenges likely to arise; I think it's important for the public to be cautioned about this so they can vote accordingly.

162. Want state funding. It is sad we have not done this already, may move to a town that supports students and educators.

163. I suggest laying out all options with proposed costs, pros and cons and asking people to weigh in on which they prefer via another survey.

164. My first priority is having a great school for our kids. My second priority is avoiding having the existing Dale Street school slowly degenerate into an unattractive eyesore in the middle of town. A nice new school at that location would seem to solve both problems but I'm open to other solutions.

165. Disappointed in the last vote, specially banning children from attending town meetings. This kept a large portion of the vote away from the meeting to cast their vote. We moved here for the schools, beyond disappointed with the last outcome.

166. The no votes were largely due to the abandonment of Dale. Please be mindful of addressing that concern

167. Environmentally friendly build! I wish Hospital Hill were still an option.

168. Though my kids are in MPS, my youngest is going into 1st and I consider it low likelihood he would be in a new or renovated building. However I support this project as long as costs are reasonable. We don't need over the top features, just a building that is big enough, safe and operational.

169. The Dale Street school has a rich history in educating our young. I'd prefer keeping the original schoolhouse and replacing the "newer" addition which always seemed to be a bandaid. Voters preferred to keep the old state hospital buildings and that should be considered

170. trailers are NOT good options. Dale st outdoor space is extremely limited. Need to build for future capacity

171. Curious to know why the Wheelock site is being considered when the people already voted no. Is a vote worth nothing? In my opinion MSH is the best location. It is town owned, out of neighborhoods, and plenty of space. MSH also has potential to think in long term to eventually have all schools.

172. At the town meeting where the old project was canned, we were promised that we could do what newton was doing for \$50M, and that was back when bonds were cheap! I suppose that was all wishful thinking.

173. If a new school were built at Wheelock would it replace wheelock as well? I don't really understand why you would build a new school behind a dated older building that will also need to be replaced in the future. Didn't the last proposal fail because of the location? Why try the same spot again?

174. Wrong site at Wheelock, soccer fields. Acres of no leash paths, hundreds of people in this area every weekend, now 500 more students & traffic. Why always on this side of town?

175. I really want a msba approved project as I worry about the ability of individuals to stall or interfere throughout the process without it.

176. Renovate Dale and have residents vote on the renovation plan as well as the associated cost of the renovation.

177. Thank you!

178. I don't have a clear understanding of what will happen should residents vote down a plan again; at what point does the town 'enforce' steps to address the unusable school? I will (again) support a thoughtful plan and hope that enough fellow residents can be open to what the town needs.

179. The Dale St School is clearly in need of replacement. Choosing the Dale St location will win over many of the prior NO votes and keep the YES votes, thereby winning approval.

180. I appreciate all the efforts by those in the past and the SBC for a much needed new build replacement/renovation of the Dale Street School. Time is of the essence. I sincerely hope the Town can move forward with the project in 2025, either new build or renovation, with MA funds or not.

181. The current Dale building is deplorable. It's embarrassing that we can't get these kids a decent building in which to go to school. I support a project that gets kids out of that building into one this town deserves.

182. The Dale Street School is an iconic building. To demolish it destroys part of the town's history. To build at Wheelock and leave Dale Street vacant encourages vandalism much like the State Hospital has.

183. I am not comfortable with the build estimates which seem to be 4x the cost of the police/fire station. I do not support a multi-school complex at Wheelock at the expense of youth sports and public trails and state funding required Medfield to build beyond need.

184. Anyone who has been in Dale knows we need a new school. Wheelock is not the location- we have voted more than once that it is the wrong location. I'd prefer an addition to Dale (keeping the gym) but would support a rebuild. Cost does matter, keep it simple.

185. Move faster! Don't wait for the MSBC. We keep sending more kids into this asbestos-filled school. Have you surveyed parents about the health of kids pre-post Dale? Westwood passed their school by including a tax break for seniors. Think about strategies to get poor older voters aligned.

186. At the Senior Center presentation, I was assured an \$18 million project by the Dale at Dale folks. Were they incorrect? Now, with ballooning interest rates and construction costs, this project's increased expenses make it unpalatable.

187. The Tax impact has to be considered carefully. It's already very high and almost unaffordable for many people.

188. I understand that some folks might have strong emotions about the location of a new school, but a new building could offer better design and more sustainable architecture choices.

189. Renovate dale.

190. The previous question about cost does not allow for all logically possible answers. I would prefer MSBA funding and a lower cost, but the price is already very high so it is most important to get it right.

191. I appreciate all of the efforts your committee has made toward this goal -- the top priority in my view is for the project to be completed as soon as possible.

192. I am a mom of 2 and my son will be at/entering Dale during this build/reno project. I am highly motivated to help with a new build at any location and happy to help support you all in any way I can to help that move forward. Thank you for all you have done!

193. We are in an immediate need of new schools for both Wheelock and Dale. It's very important to find common grounds with the opposing side so our kids and the new generation of kids that will come in Medfield can have a chance to get the highest education possible.

194. The Dale site was considered too small the last time and would have resulted in a compromised product. Maybe if we are not building for so many students this time Dale could work, or we accept a compromised product to get a new school, even if it is not the best product we could get.

195. i think you should build a building between Memorial and Dale. connect to Memorial maybe go up and move 2-4 graders and PerK- 1st move to Wheelock and dale

196. Whatever it takes to get it done.

197. My kids will be long gone by the time we do this, but also what about the cost (financially and educationally) of modulars? I think we should shoot for Wheelock again if we can, IF that's the only way to get state funding.

198. Thanks for asking and GOOD LUCK

199. Do we know how many kids we will need a building for? As costs keep getting higher, it's hard to justify keeping my family in Medfield.

200. Medfield needs to start improving its schools one by one otherwise 10 or 20 years will fly by without any progress. It's time to pick a site and approve it.

201. Dale Street School needs to be replaced. After we turned down state money I would be surprised to get it again.

202. Our children deserve better than the current situation. The vote should have passed as it majority. Every surrounding town is building new schools for their children, if our town want to continue to be desirable this MUST be new build.

203. The Dale Street location is perfect for the school. It is convenient to town center which lets the children walk to town. That to me is very important. The building should be renovated, and expanded based on student population. I am 100% opposed to the Wheelock location.

204. If the site is Wheelock- I am ok with that but Elm street- towards the Walpole direction is a very narrow and single lane bridge road with no stop signs or speed bumps. This would HAVE to be addressed

205. A renovation or new build at Dale would make the most sense from a traffic perspective. Between South Street, Main and Rt 27 we would be greatly impacted with additional traffic, lights, stop signs by the train area. Please keep the project at Dale School for Dale School.

206. Medfield population distance from school site locations especially after the hospital project is completed.

207. I would support a renovation of Dale for senior housing apartments. I would not support a new park and rec facility.

208. While I understand that many in our community are on a fixed income I am very frustrated by the shortsightedness of so many. The previous committee could not have been more clear that costs were only going to go up. I am profoundly appreciative of all of you!

209. The town needs to have a stronger long term building plan that encompasses timing of future projects and overall impact to the town.

210. The Town missed a golden opportunity to build the right school 3 years ago. Those who campaigned against that project should be ashamed. ~\$1m a month in cost escalation is industry standard for estimating cost of delay. 30 months since Nov, 2021 = \$30m. 500 students is far too small&reno is asinine

211. While I would prefer a new build at the Dale Street location, I would vote yes for any location if there was a consensus. Main concern is to not have another failed vote.

212. The process that lead to the defeat of the plan for a building at the Wheelock site was highly flawed. In-put from outside of persons who favored that site was limited. Most significantly, planning relating to traffic and other issues related to that proposed site were never properly addressed.

213. Keep the plan to a simple upgrade/reno. It is grade 4 and 5! All 4 other schools will also need upgrades again in the future. Stick to a solid, sensible restoration project. It will be wonderful. And, take care of it!

214. Are there more cost effective options to add on to existing schools and close dale?

215. It felt like the wheelock plan was a foregone conclusion last time, and that plan was going to get shoved down on our throats. This needs to be handled much better politically this time around.

216. Wheelock loc= bad. Build basics and consider additions to memorial. Forecast student numbers??? Past lg classes 10 yrs ago were 265. - haven't seen those numbers recently. Projections are a lot less for upcoming classes. Be realist without all the bells and whistles

217. I will never support a school on the Wheelock site!

218. Just get it done! It is SO, SO OVERDUE!

219. The Wheelock site is too far from town for students to enjoy "after school". The roads are too narrow for walking on Elm St by tge brook. Also, as many parents pickup their children, many cars waiting to get to the school would create a problem.

220. Please review other very successful recent projects (such as Watertown) when thinking about overall costs, MSBA, and the approach to consider. Also, do not keep referring to the previous cost estimates for Dale. The approach used was fatally flawed. Finally, work with P&R to consider a comm center.

221. Since this project requires a 2/3 vote in favor, there should be more focus on dealbreakers. E.g. if 1/6 hate a school at Wheelock and 1/6 hate the costs you are already at 1/3 against. So, need to know not just what people favor but also what they will vote against.,

222. In school system for 22 years-4 sons. Keep Dale at Dale. This project would be closer to completion if mandate was not expanded. We like the school near the center of town.

223. Why is Wheelock continuing to be pushed. The town voted so work with the wishes in residents and stop manipulating information to get Wheelock

224. Not sure why the Wheelock site keeps getting pushed to the forefront. The existing Dale st site is perfect.

225. I trust and support the work of volunteers who come to make the decision. I support either site and either a Reno or new build as long as it is the BEST project and NOT related to only costs.

226. If project is to go forward at Wheelock the estimates have to include Dale St disposition costs

227. This is a bad time to build'

228. none

229. Please include considerations that are important to the town as a whole in the site evaluation process, like the economic impact on downtown businesses and economic development, or environmental impact, via increase in total miles driven, number of students walking vs being driven to school, ...

230. I believe the educational benefits of a school location and/or the flexibility of a campus (adjusting school building use with changes in school population) are more important than maintaining the status quo (keeping kids walkable to town or avoiding increased traffic near Wheelock)

231. Process is most important. I want a process that hold water and does not smell like someone created a process that would yield a preconceived outcome, like last time.

232. Wheelock is already a very busy area. A new bldg at Dale st would be my preference. However we must take into consideration what will become of the old Dale

233. Any new project (either renovation / new build) should take into account numerous options which should be presented to the town for a vote. The town was short sighted in looking at the MSH selection of Trinity for the MSH project.

234. If sharing teachers is a consideration, Memorial School could house K and grade one and Dale could house 2 and 3. Easier to share services for the younger ones and the older kids are all in one area on the other side of town.

235. Cost is important not to push current residents out of Medfield

236. It's critical that we have a school w/ a great environment for learning. Enhancing schools will reflect positively on our community!

237. Medfield made a poor decision in not getting this done in a low interest rate environment with the help of state funding. Time to get it done.

238. I want a new school building to replace Dale Street school. I prefer the Dale st location, however I do not want a renovation or addition. The Dale street school is an embarrassment to the town and it is appalling that a wealthy town like medfield does not have safe, updated, newer schools.

239. We need a new school! my fifth grader describes Dale as "ancient"

240. Waving a magic wand, I wish Dale wheelock and memorial were all relocated to hospital hill on one campus. That land could be sold to offset some of the costs and you would have plenty of acreage for fields and not congest the center of town any further. it would probably help traffic flow as well

241. It's disappointing that this did not start 3 years ago- I am in favor of whatever plan has the fastest solution. I strongly prefer the Wheelock site over a new build near Dale because that field between Dale and Memorial is so nice to have for both schools. I would hate to see that space taken up.

242. In my hometown of NY, older residents had a tax rebate because of increased costs of education. Perhaps we can offer something similar to increase votes for a new school.

243. Adaptive reuse of Dale St site will garner more support by voters. I support demolishing certain structures and rebuilding new ones. Multiple floors helps to maximize required requirements.

244. I do not want to waste anymore time/money considering the Wheelock site, especially after the town already voted it down. Move forward with options for Dale St.

245. I feel if the School Committee had been more transparent up front and not tried to pull a "fast one" on the taxpayers, we could have been much further ahead in the planning of a new school than we are now. The longer it takes to reach a decision, the higher the cost will be for a new school.

246. Dale St school is an important part of Medfields history. I would hate to see it deteriorate if a new building was built at Wheelock. The building has such character to the town. I agree the school needs major renovation but would love to see the out side stay with the original look.

247. Always cheaper to renovate than build. Begin going green but you can't go 100%ustainable. Start with some panels and grow from there.

248. I want a GREAT project, but costs will be very important to my decision.

249. Thank you for making a sincere effort to listen to the community.

250. Since I will have one or two kids in Dale during this transition, an option that minimizes disruption for their learning environment is important to me.

251. No atrium with grand staircase (I believe this was in the last Wheelock proposal - a waste of space and money). No break-out rooms (no idea what they are - another waste of space and money). The Dale Street location provides balance across the town for school locations.

252. We should have passed the original plan. The delays and incremental costs are ridiculous.

253. Thanks to the committee for the hard work. I think most residents understand Dale St needs attention but cost will be a tough hurdle to cross.

254. Wheelock site not constrained for space. And no modulars needed.

255. I like the school being at Dale St because it has been there for many years; it's close to the Public Safety building; and it doesn't leave an existing school empty for reuse or another project. The repurposing of the existing building has to be part of the project: ie. affordable housing etc.

256. I prefer to leave the beautiful open space behind Wheelock undeveloped. Medfield is loosing too much open space.

257. The last question doesn't address the list state funding It's preferable to get more and have the state contribute Medfield has cut itself short in the past as evidenced by the lack of ac in the high school.

258. Merely opting for the plan which yields the most "state dollars" is not likely to yield the most appropriate option

259. I think that it is extremely important to keep the 4th/5th grade school in the center of town. We want to have a vital town center with parents and children around. By putting 4 grades on Elm Street, it creates a mega complex inappropriate for our town and increasing already heavy traffic there.

260. The voters turned down the wheelock site at TM. Its time to move on to the Dale Site and explore the best options for the town at that site. Reno or new build. Include park and rec

261. The data and the trends for the student enrollment don't support the conclusion of population growth.

262. I would be :students riding bikes would be at risk, Dale location is ideal with its proximity to downtown Medfield, teachers will provide students with an exceptional education, regardless of the physical facility; the adjacent Elm Street soccer

263. The original plan of building a new school at Wheelock was sufficient and had my vote

264. Look at the big picture not at a singular school. The 'state hospital' grounds should be developed for a state of the are High schools and middle school with athletic facilities. Move the high school campus to hospital hill and the elementary schools to the current high school.

265. Whether through MSBA or not, has the town consider CM@Risk vs Design-Bid-Build as a way to help control risk and costs? The deliverable management for any project is going to be key for our town.

266. My youngest of 5 children just completed 5th grade. I want better for the future children in the medfield schools.

267. Where can new residents find a summary of the past 4 years discussion on this topic?

268. Have more than one plan this time.

269. I am fairly neutral about this. Partly because I won't have children in the schools anymore. However, I do think the schools are in need to updating. Not sure if a brand new structure is necessary though - depending on costs.

270. We feel that the Dale St location has more to offer because of the location whether it is a reno or new build. The opportunity to incorporate park and rec at the current site and the benefits of keeping green space at Dale for sports are important in our decision making.

271. There is a great need to provide more public awareness; I am surprised that you didn't estimate the cost to renovate Dale Street School.

272. I was a member of the communications committee last time. Email me if you want any additional perspective from my experience. I do think you need to be able to address what is going to happen to existing building and Pfaff center in terms of secondary costs.

273. The last negative vote will now cost this Town more regardless of site selection. Hoping personal interests can be put aside for the good of the children. Wheelock is the most logical solution allowing Dale site ti be used to expand preschool and Parks and Rec.

274. An in-town location helps preserve Medfield's character. Bypassing MSBA allows us to build what we need, rather than incorporate dubious mandates. The character of Elm St would be permanently changed for the worse by building at Wheelock.

275. Although I love the Dale Street School, I prefer the Wheelock site for the integration of a grade 2-5 campus and expansive

276. Dale St offers access to the downtown area, possibilities to visit public buildings and town garage, library the downtown area with walker and biker access. Students would have the ability for walking field trips the downtown area:access for walkers and bikers

277. Concerned about my taxes, going up along with others who fear being priced out of town.of the town

278. The location should have sufficient parking for staff and all visitors. Take into account traffic patterns from all the new apartments that have gone up.

279. Be more conscience of environmental impacts of location including carbon emissions and sequestration.

280. It should be made very clear to residents how much the prior no vote cost the town when factoring in state funds lost and our inability to lock in a low interest rate for financing so that we don't make the same mistake going forward.

281. Best of luck this time around. I hope this survey generates some useful data for longer-term planning, because by the time this project is completed, the high school will need many updates

282. Realistic estimates for addition/reno of Dale St, the letter means little; without that crucial info the letter and survey are inadequate, even prejudicial. Any new build at an another site will need to include realistic costs of shuttering, plus projected reno \$ for the total cost to tax payers.

283. It's important that we maintain a high standard of education in Medfield, so whatever it takes, then we must take on!

284. Dale Street is special being in the heart of town, symbolizing the importance of our children's education; it is a perfect location for 4th/5th grades, where all three of our children loved their newfound independence "going uptown";and having our police across the street brings me peace of mind.

285. My largest concern for keeping Dale at Dale is the long-term impact on traffic if it moves to the Wheelock site. I imagine if 4 of the 5 schools in Medfield are south of Main Street, it could be even more difficult to get through town.

286. Not sure why Wheelock is even being considered. Already got voted down. There's a chance if it's at Dale.

287. Thank you for all the work on this issue.

288. We already voted down the Wheelock location and it would be a waste of the taxpayers money and time to try to change that.. Please respect the wishes of the voters the last time

289. We Need a new school new structure or and add/reno. We need to start soon.

290. I think the first two questions of this survey are a problem. They imply elitism and ageism. We all pay taxes. This was a recurring theme in the last vote and cause problems in town. Please don't encourage this theme. Also, reno vs new build and carbon footprint should be addressed.

291. I find it personally pretty horrible that we're going back to the well again. It was very clear why this project was voted down in the first place And here we are again asking about location Proving to me that this committee has learned nothing from the previous couple of years

292. The worst part about the original Wheelock is the statement that Dale St. would be "mothballed". That means a rotting eye sore only a few blocks from downtown. Also dale is better as 4-5 graders need an easy walk to town/library/etc.

293. Dale street is completely falling apart and we should not send more kids to this building nor should we put them in modular classrooms while we renovate it. The fact that we turned down MSBA funding (which is unlikely to come back) is a complete embarrassment to this town.

294. SBC should make every effort to secure MSBA participation, the quality of the school will be limited if town must fund without state aid.

295. I would be interested in understanding any cost differences between MSBA project and non-MSBA project such as increased size to comply with MSBA versus smaller size if build without

296. I live very near Dale and really want to be sure that building won't be abandoned.

297. I don't want 4 schools in the same quadrant of town. I also don't want a new school built near town water wells.

298. The high ratings of Medfield schools was our biggest draw to move to this town. I was shocked to see the school buildings in no way reflect these ratings. We all know it is time to update these schools. I hope we can see that this investment benefits us ALL whether or not our kids attend the school

299. I understand the need for an update to the Dale St School but I'm concerned the Middle School will be next and new monies will be needed.

300. Dale is the ideal location. Prefer a Memorial/Dale campus. Wheelock becomes k-1. I was never in favor of abandoning a building in town with no plan for its future. I would be in favor of foregoing state funding since their requirements will only increase the cost and then we are on their timeline.

301. I sense that the pull is still towards Wheelock which is a bad idea from any perspective. Open space is increasingly at a premium and a site (Dale St) already exists.

302. There was never a plan for Dale. We have a piece of land in the middle of our town that cannot sit there rotting. The plan for Dale has to be part of the equation. Why not expand the Memorial and Wheelock, eliminate Dale?

303. Getting our students in appropriate, safe, well ventilated, climate controlled building with reasonable sized classrooms, gyms, cafe and library are a priority. I don't think the existing Dale school is worth saving. I'm in favor of a new construction option that includes parking & circulation.

304. I am in support of any project that will get passed and be completed ASAP. This should have happened a decade ago. And honestly, we should be looking at an entire new elementary complex as Wheelock is pretty needy, outdated, and behind most other towns as well.

305. Need realistic projection of student count and a cost efficient project.

306. Is it possible to open up Dale Street School to the public so we can see for ourselves the problems? The deteriorating conditions? I work in a 70 year old school, there are always projects ongoing to prevent deteriorating conditions.

307. we need to get feedback more quickly, and move the planning and projections more quickly as well- to help ensure we get included in/ gain state support/ funding, but years have already passed. Last time around, the process was too long/spread out- i think this contributed to a no vote

308. I firmly believe it would be a great mistake to build another school by wheelock for traffic purposes.

309. I fell there is a need for a new school but at this time cost is extremely high and impact on tax payers and seniors is very much effected forcing many people to unnecessarily relocate.

310. I feel that when people were voting for the high school renovations many people had no care what it would cost but just wanted it done. This left us the taxpayers with a huge tax increase and I feel this will do the exact same thing. I am concerned that myself and others will be forced to sell.

311. I think that K-5 should be at the new building site at Dale. The costs for just Dale are extremely expensive. I would not support a huge price tag to build a new school for only two grades.

312. The town needs to look at revenue and corporate partnership to help provide revenue for the town, property taxes are driving long time residents from town and this is very disheartening to me, try too do what you can to lower in increase this burden!

313. Keep Dale at Dale. We are properties dedicated to certain assemblies and activities. There are also traffic concerns there. The school near town is also hopeful for the proper socialization of the elementary school kids.

314. We need to find the source if misinformation. Someone is making it their legacy to spread misinformation to the older Medfield residents and make them feel like they are being cheated. I heard it from so many older residents in medfield.

315. Replacing Dale is essential, but it will be important to keep costs reasonable.

316. Dale St location is a key part of the growth and development of our kids in that age group. The location plays a key part in them developing independence.

317. I voted yes for Wheelock, but I don't understand why we are reconsidering Wheelock. The town voted No. Move on with Dale Street.

318. Learn budget control. Stop wasting tax payer money like it grows on trees. Renovate the building and save on cost. Last I checked the town 50 million in the hole.

319. We support a new school for our younger children!

320. This needs to happen. Wheelock is the best and least disruptive, but if there is a group that will block it for ridiculous reasons bottom line is it needs to happen even if at Dale...but I am NOT ok with my child in essentially mobile homes. Also, kids at Dale love the field, don't want it to go

321. I am retired. My 5 children got an excellent education in MPS. We need a net-zero school. We need building at Wheelock site to allow educators and students to walk between Wheelock and new school-more efficient. I am a substitute teacher in Medfield schools. Support the environment!

322. What is the town doing to increase revenues other than property tax levy increases? Is the town considering additional zoning to increase business activity that might deliver those revenue increases without burdening homeowners?

323. We need a NEW building for our kids. Renovating Dale is such a a waste. Community center is important too!

324. Dale St location is far better for the children. How nice it is to see the children being able to walk into town. Location extremely important. Also let's keep in mind the people voted down the Wheelock site before. Did that vote mean nothing??

325. The Dale Street building is one of the best buildings in town, it needs work but should be saved!! I see no reason to build another building for 2 grades!

326. I attended Dale Street School for 4th and 5th grade . I loved going to Dale as student back in 1980. We need to save the building or build a new building on site.

327. It's too bad that we will likely end up spending more because we delayed this project. Thank you for your work on this!

328. Thank you for your voluntary time on this important matter.

329. The Dale St school must be replaced.

330. If my back weren't hurting (so bad) I'd work harder on this excellent survey.

331. Present proposals that show benchmark of other new school builds in surrounding areas

332. Need to spread out the schools, not all eggs in one basket. If Dale st. doesn't work how about at the state hospital

333. Costs of rehabbing Dale will be so high once you start getting into the project - getting things up to code would be so hard. Dale could be put to much better use for other formats - rec building, town offices, etc.

334. Let's not try the wheelock site again. It is the third rail.

335. Downtown location is best for 4/5! So many benefits academically, social-emotionally and environmentally!

336. The town voted down the Wheelock site for this project. The school building committee should respect the wishes of the town and proceed with the Dale Street location.

337. We must have all costs included, especially the disposition of Dale if that's part of the plan, sidewalks to Wheelock and a reasonable traffic plan for South Street.

338. Dale Street location is "student friendly" - safe location for walking/biking, convention to downtown (i.e.library, town hall,

339. You must remember many retirees are in this wonderful town of Medfield. Many can't afford these rising costs . It would be nice if there were a way to tax less for retired people and low income people. All towns face this issue,

340. Building at the wheelock site would be less disruptive to current students learning and teachers trying to teach

341. It's a school, not a country club. just the basics please. keep a school north of 109 for equity reasons

342. We're in trouble. A \$65M project with low interest rates and multimillion-dollar MSBA funding has now surged to over \$100M due to rising construction costs. Add in higher interest rates and no MSBA funding, and I don't see how this is going to work.

343. I will never support the Wheelock site but I will support a renovation or new build at Dale if the plan is not ridiculously outrageous as the last plan was.

344. I support the work of this committee and recognize the need for a new or renovated school building. My number one priority is location. I support any project, new or renovated, with or without State funding, at the current Dale Street location.

345. get this done. we wasted so much time and money already

346. Medfield needs a new/improved elementary school option

347. We moved here for the schools and pay taxes with the expectation our children will have access to schools that are best in class facilities.

348. Please get prek-5 in the same school building!

349. I appreciate the work being done by the SBC and support your findings.

350. Addressing the issues with the Dale Street school is one of the issues facing MPS building upgrades, but it is the most urgent and important one.

351. It's simply too expensive, especially if we build at Wheelock and bear the burden of renovating Dale St anyway. I will support a plan <\$50M but nothing more.

352. With an 18% tax rate coupled with a lack of substantive efforts to improve the commercial tax base to offset overbearing costs such as Hospital Hill and new schools being punted down the road it seems careless to not consider the impact these poorly planned costs will have on current residents.

353. The original proposal lacked any long term plan or vision for the school system. No plan for what to do with Dale. Memorial is a newer school, and would be in a poor location compared the other schools. Put all of K-6 at memorial/dale location or the Wheelock location, not both.

354. Please keep the new school at the Dale Street Location. Let's develop a plan for a school that most can agree with that has a reasonable budget. I would prefer to not go through the MSBA, which seems to dictate many aspects of the project, including unnecessary ones.

355. AC and technology need to be critical components of the new build and why I favor a new school. We need to build for the future and not just today.

356. Get it done!!!

357. Our children deserve a new school and we are able and should be able to cover the costs.

358. Please also consider a possible interest rate drop later this year.

359. New School should be built at hospital hill. Best use of that land is for schools and sports fields.

360. Town votes on something as important as spending this much money should be conducted through the polls so all residents can voice their opinion.

361. Very disappointed that the MSBA funded plan at Wheelock didn't pass. I am really hoping that Medfield will qualify for this funding by again. I have four children and the process has taken so long that none of my children will get to use any new school.

362. Don't overspend on sustainability- build basics, with cost to properties owners as the main consideration

363. My child should be entering a new school this fall. Instead, he will enter Dale, a sub optimal space for learning and children's health. As a tax payer, it is very hard to understand what has caused a three year delay in developing a new school plan. Let's put it at Dale so we don't have opposition.

364. We should get state funding if possible, although I think we may have blown our chance by rejecting the last plan. Next time I would urge a very proactive campaign to get the naysayers on board early.

365. The Dale School is dangerous for our children. We need to build a new school ASAP and consider portable classrooms in the meantime to address air quality and electrical safety issues. Have you surveyed current / former Dale parents about student health impact?

366. Consolidating resources for elementary schools is ideal. The Wheelock campus has more room to maintain an uninterrupted school experience while building is concurrent. Additionally, the kids would have access to more nature and outdoor experiences. Make a Dale a town rec center.

367. I would highly suggest meeting with the Council on Aging to present this to those who may not have kids in MPS any longer. You likely have the young parents, my fear is the older voters who don't want tax increases.

368. Can we expand to have more than 2 grades per school.

369. We would have passed the vote back in 2021 if wheelock location wasn't selected. I don't think the mood in the town has changed and unfortunately wheelock option will be a no go again

370. I appreciate the SBC's comprehensive efforts. It is imperative to move forward with a new school on a timely basis. We have a student at Dale Street School now. The teachers and administration are wonderful. It will be an even better experience for future students at a new facility.

371. Please hire a professional PR firm to help drive the messaging around the new school build. Cannot let the older generation in this town win again.

372. I will not support additional build at Wheelock

373. If a new building is constructed need a clear plan for the current dale street building.

374. I think that it's a shame the original project got voted down. I believe town politics and fear mongering had a lot to do with it. I've heard stories of elderly people being told they would need to move because the taxes would be too high and it would contaminate the town wells.

375. Dale is well past its useful life. For Medfield PS to live up to its reputation, it's imperative to get a new building for our students.

376. A priority should be placed on minimizing disruptions to students and accelerating construction. I will not support any project that needs temporary swing space or modulars and will only support a project that is MSBA funded, minimizing tax impact to residents.

377. Thank you to the committee for your time and thoughtful consideration for our town.

378. My biggest concern remains if moved to wheelock what happens to a Dale. This to me is critical to deciding between the 2. If left with no plan I would prefer the school there. This continues to be dismissed as not part of the discussion. To me it is critical

379. I want to clarify that I STRONGLY prefer cost defrayed by state funds, I will vote yes for anything that will result in an upgrade.

380. I think it would be great to add/renovate the current Dale Steer School and I include a new space for Parks & Rec, too.

381. Whatever it takes to get the schools updated for the kids! That's why people move to Medfield!

382. If there is another live vote, it will be crucial to allow absentee ballots or additional times for voting. Families with young children that this decision actually directly impact struggle to attend a multi-hour weeknight meeting/vote.

383. Please make a decision soon! The longer the process takes, the more it will cost! Construction costs continue to rise, and we will pay more in escalation/inflation costs. And the more it costs, the more resistant others in the community will become, and we will end up with a value-engineered project

384. I have many concerns about Dale. 1. Reno will be miscalculated. It's an old building. 2. The quality of education for current students during construction if Dale is selected. 3. Traffic. ALL of Medfield schools are near the center and contribute to significant traffic.

385. It is frustrating to read that my taxes might increase by \$1,000 for this project. We had a perfectly good plan, with the backing of the MSBA. Now, the uncertainty and time that's passed will surely make this needed project far more costly. Opponents of the previous plan should be publicly named.

386. \$200,000 per student on a school sounds like a private school on public funds. I'm a strong supporter of the school at Dale. A school in the center of town builds community and moving kids to the edge of town chips away at something special .

387. From my perspective the first time around, the problem was not the plan. It was out of control negativity on social media (especially Facebook) and extremely successful branding around town from the "dale at dale" people.

388. The cost estimate is about 50 times above my estimate. Let's say it has 30 class room, each 500 sqft. They total 15000 sqft, and the whole school 20,000 sqft. If each sqft cost 100\$ to build, we get $20,000 \times 100 = 2,000,000 = 2M$. I don't know how this 93 M came from.

389. Based on our residential location, and consideration for what it would do to traffic and chaos there is no way we would support Dale street being built at wheelock

390. It would be good to see the analysis of state funded renovations/additions in other towns funded by MSBA to explore the financing of this option more. We've only seen potential costs of the project and temporary classrooms.

391. The Dale st location has allowed our children the joy of independence and fun at a young age through the 'walk up town' with friends experience. This dynamic and unique benefit to medfield should not be underestimated. It's an enormous part of Medfield Community.

392. We need a new school, period. People are attached to Medfield for the schools so we need top notch facilities otherwise educational standards will drop in a crumbling infrastructure.

393. Preliminary estimate of \$100M is extremely high

394. I believe this is an important investment for the town and can only benefit residents.

395. Spend spend spend. Maybe if we didn't spend a fortune on the monstrosity of the DPW building and monstrosity of a police and fire department we would have the funds and will to pay for a new school. The town board committee thinks that the tax payers are an endless source of funds.

396. I think that the town also needs to hear from teacher and educator voices and the community needs to be made aware of what our educators want. They will be the ones working in these buildings and their opinion matters; I'm thinking in particular of specialists that go between buildings.

397. It is disappointing that members of our community seemed to dismiss the need to act when we had funding from the state and when interest rates were so low; however, it is important to act now and spend what is necessary to develop a school that will meet the needs of our students and teachers.

398. I am indifferent about cost (within reason, of course) and location. Just want a new school ASAP. Have the site location go to town meeting, town vote, etc. just to get that decision made, and then go build. Finalize the cost later.

399. We recently moved to Medfield from Boston but considered other towns. The quality of MPS facilities is poor compared to some neighboring towns, and it hurts property values. We hope the town will support the best possible project, so all our property values will rise. Thank you for your work!

400. I have no children yet I grew up in Medfield and moved back anticipating starting a family here. I attended Dale St. School and think the town should save the building and ensure its safety for public use. However, the quality of the new school is most important.

401. Dale Street school is unsafe. The vote against the previous proposal which had SBA funding & was thoroughly vetted made me question why we live in Medfield. A new school is needed ASAP. I sincerely hope we can get SBA funding, but I am concerned about safety issues unless something is done soon.

402. For my husband and I, one of the attractive characteristics to Medfield were the smaller separated schools. Moving the new school to Wheelock, changes that characteristic and is less attractive for a small town with a lot to offer.

403. Location is key. Creating the traffic chaos for a new Wheelock site is a hardship and makes no sense. My kids loved Dales St and it supports a more vibrant and cohesive downtown. It makes sense to consider the future of the Pfaff building/property at the same time.

404. Location questions assume all factors are equal. Isn't the SBC going to study in feasibility other factors. What if not equal? (costs, traffic, disruption, etc.)

405. We need to update our deteriorating schools, many surrounding communities have built brand new schools over the past few years and medfield is lagging in that respect.

406. Taxes have increased more than 30 percent within the last few yrs., it is becoming too much

407.	Historical character of Dale St School is important to keep. I will pay more if that is part of plan.
408.	I recommend keeping the site at Dale Street. We don't need another building at Wheelock. Leave the field as it is.
409.	I would vote for keeping the school at Dale St only. It is a great location. I do not support building in the field at Wheelock
410.	If MSBA application is denied and we fund the project ourselves, adding a Parks and Recreation Center to the project may increase the prospect of getting this passed at Town Meeting.
411.	Any new building should consolidate two schools.