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## **Summary of Questionnaire and Comment Card Feedback**

Each input was categorized and the three most often stated are shown below:

#### **Question/Comment Cards:**

73 received

- Options 26 comments lack of options/consider additional options
- Student Relocation 22 comments-strong majority against moving students off campus
- Parking/Parking Garage 12 comments concern with single entrance, security, offsite parking
- New Site 12 comments –suggest alternative sites for Bellaire High School

#### **Group Questionnaires**

41 received

- Student Relocation 16 comments-87% against moving students off campus
- Options 13 comments lack of options/consider additional options
- Parking/Parking Garage 11 comments-quantity of parking in small area, no parking along Ferris

## **Individual Questionnaires**

209 received

- Student Relocation 188 comments-92% against moving students off campus
- Options 88 comments lack of options/consider additional options
- Parking/Parking Garage 46 comments concerns about height, congestion, safety

## **Reflections**

23 Comments/Questions

- Options 6 comments lack of options/consider additional options
- Capacity 3 comments concern with building facility smaller than current enrollment/concern with size of school
- New Site 3 comments several sites were suggested as alternatives to rebuilding on current campus, including creation of a ninth grade center.

#### **Emailed Questions/Comments/Request for Response**

8 emails received

- Options 4 comments lack of options/consider additional options
- City of Bellaire 2 comments email is written to City, stating the author's beliefs regarding HISD's intent and requesting the City to address the concerns.
- Relocation 2 comments both against moving students off-campus



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|   | Responses | Percentage<br>(by type of<br>resident) |
|---|-----------|--|
| Residents of the City of Bellaire   |           |  |
| Resident  | 29        | 20%                                    |
| Resident + student  | 16        | 11%                                    |
| <ul> <li>Resident + parent of a <u>current</u> student</li> </ul>   | 36        | 25%                                    |
| <ul> <li>Resident + parent of a <u>former</u> student</li> </ul>  | 25        | 17%                                    |
| <ul> <li>Resident + parent of a <u>future</u> student</li> </ul>  | 3         | 2%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + parent of a <u>former</u> student + elected official</li> </ul>                       | 1         | 1%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + parent of a <u>current</u> student + parent of a <u>former</u> student</li> </ul>     | 9         | 6%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + parent of a <u>current</u> student + parent of a <u>future</u> student</li> </ul>     | 3         | 2%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + parent of a <u>former</u> student + parent of a <u>future</u> student</li> </ul>      | 1         | 1%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + alumnus/alumna</li> </ul>   | 10        | 7%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a <u>current</u> student</li> </ul>                        | 3         | 2%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a <u>former</u> student</li> </ul>                         | 5         | 3%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a <u>future</u> student</li> </ul>                         | 2         | 1%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a <u>current</u> student + teacher</li> </ul>              | 1         | 1%                                     |
| Total   | 144       |  |
| Residents as a Percentage of Grand Total  |           | 61%                                    |
| Non-residents of the City of Bellaire   |           |  |
| Non-resident  | 4         | 4%                                     |
| Non-resident + student  | 8         | 9%                                     |
| Non-resident + teacher  | 5         | 5%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Non-resident + parent of a <u>current</u> student</li> </ul>                                     | 38        | 42%                                    |
| Non-resident + parent of a <u>current</u> student + teacher   | 1         | 1%                                     |
| Non-resident + parent of a former student   | 3         | 3%                                     |
| Non-resident + parent of a former student + teacher   | 2         | 2%                                     |
| Non-resident + parent of a future student   | 2         | 2%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Non-resident + parent of a <u>current</u> student + parent of a <u>former</u> student</li> </ul> | 8         | 9%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Non-resident + parent of a <u>current</u> student + parent of a <u>future</u> student</li> </ul> | 4         | 4%                                     |
| Non-resident + alumnus/alumna   | 2         | 2%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Non-resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a <u>current</u> student</li> </ul>                    | 7         | 8%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Non-resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a <u>current</u> student + teacher</li> </ul>          | 1         | 1%                                     |
| <ul> <li>Non-resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a former student</li> </ul>                            | 3         | 3%                                     |
| • Non-resident + alumnus/alumna + parent of a current student + parent of                                 |           |  |
| a <u>former</u> student   | 3         | 3%                                     |
| Total   | 91        |  |
| Non-residents as a Percentage of Grand Total  |           | 39%                                    |



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 1 – New Building Located on Ferris/Maple Streets

### Comments related to Athletics:

- I am concerned about the field space for the students during the re-build.
- Athletics and outdoor activities will be affected
- Where will sports be moved to during construction and how will be students be transported on a daily basis
- When will construction start? How will the construction workers autos, construction equipment etc. impact student life/safety and the homeowners around the school. Where will student athletics be conducted since the playing fields will be built upon If at Butler sports will they be busses again safety
- Where will practices be held during construction if we build over the fields?
- Need to get rid of athletics field.
- I like that the football field & baseball fields are on Rice. I think it's a nicer option than seeing a big cement building when you drive by.

### Comments related to Concern with Options Presented:

- Do not like either option.
- I do not like or want this option at all!
- Don't like school being pushed into neighborhood
- As a parent, this option is acceptable. As a community member of Bellaire, I don't think this is the best option for the community in the long run.
- Unacceptable
- Unacceptable
- Way too much impact on the community with main face of school on a 2 lane residential street
- Do not like option with front of school on Ferris
- Either is acceptable!!! Where are the other options
- Is there not a phased version of South Rice/Maple allowing the students to stay?
- I don't really see much difference in the two options as far as traffic is concerned. I am concerned about additional traffic on Maple & Ferris.
- Not a good option.
- 3rd option preferred
- Option 3
- Where are the other options? What about the lower (arrow drawn pointing down) # of students
  this build would hold and where to the excess students go? Why not change the boundary lines
  of the BHS zone? <u>OR</u> build another Pin Oak style language/FB/AT campus? (In Bellaire, then
  also add a neighborhood HS smaller campuses would work better in this urban environment.)
- This option should not be considered. Assuming HISD is building a 50+ year structure, consideration needs to be given to ALL students. This option is negative and unsafe because
- Neither option is acceptable. An overflow school should be constructed in SW Houston. Also the Mandarin School (Gordon ES) should be used as overflow when student population is reduced. We will work a new BHS design.



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#### Comments related to Moving:

- This plan or a variant of this plan makes the most sense. Students need to remain at Bellaire to get the full experience.
- Of the 2 options the option that does NOT require students to be relocated is preferable to us as parents of students at BHS.
- 1. Worst option do not move into homes
- This would keep the students together during construction but would <u>forever</u> impact the neighborhood of Bellaire community -
- I think that 60 yr. heritage of the school; the "community" of student will be the least effected by the construction.
- Best option for students. I want to know where my child is going to attend. Safe. Reasonably quick timeframe.
- Students must stay on campus during construction. I prefer the Green Field option BUT phased to remain on campus. Do not like distance from bus to school. HANDICAP kids should be dropped at bldg.
- I think that this is the best option because the students can stay on campus. I do not think there will be a safety issue for the student if they stay on campus.
- Do not split the campus....
- People making \$ to park in front of houses. Complete agreement NOT to move kids off campus.
   If the entire building is torn down, it will never be rebuilt it will be sold to developers for multimillion \$ homes / acre. NEW TAX BASE
- If you don't keep the students here then you sacrifice student life as well as academic continuity.
- I prefer this one because students won't be taken out of school.
- We really don't care how long it takes to rebuild as long as the integrity of BHS remains same.
   Traffic etc. will be problematic but temporary
- It is unacceptable to split up the students and move them off campus!
- The worst part of this is that the student body would be divided.
- Strongly oppose moving students off campus to multiple campuses.
- I believe the most important aspect is student life and community folks move to Bellaire for the great schools & moving kids out will deter families from moving here. I do not think construction time should be a major factor.
- They should split the work into different parts, so they work on one part, then complete that and work on another part.
- Do not move kids
- Students remain
- This is a better option since the school will exist during the construction time.
- I prefer keeping school on S. Rice. However, sending kids to various locations throughout city would be disaster.
- Really, really like the students to remain on-site.



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- I am in favor of temporary buildings and keeping the students at Bellaire as construction takes place. Totally against putting field on the Rice side.
- Do not "relocate" the students no one will go here.
- Keeps students together but impacts negatively for the community traffic at Maple & Ferris.
- As a parent of current BHS student, prefer students to stay on campus.
- How would teachers be placed? Some teach multiple grades. How would extracurricular work?
   Would Bellaire students really get a full experience? Or will they come back to Bellaire with a completely segregated attitude.
- I think it's important to keep the student body together and on the current campus.
- Relocation of the students is unacceptable
- As a Bellaire resident, I moved to this community for this high school. I really want my children to have the chance to go here. This option works best for some Bellaire residents.
- As a parent of a freshman, this would be the best option. I would not want to consider having my child sent to another campus at all.
- Moving kids isn't an option! Their high school career would be ruined. They would be visitors at another school.
- The option will be a mess, especially for parents having more than 1 child. I have 4 children at BHS are they going to be relocated in 4 different schools. Also activities as orchestra & band are a concern.
- Our students need to remain on campus to maintain the culture, academic achievement, legendary sports team. Moving students off campus will kill Bellaire culture, spirit, and pride.
- This allows the students to stay on campus and not disrupt their <u>lives</u> and parents!
- I like how the students will be able to stay on campus. I'm concerned that room for students will be more limited then present. I transferred to Bellaire because of the great academics and I would hate to see it being taken away. I am a senior in high school and this does not affect me, but I would hate to see this school go downhill.
- While not a great option, at least the entire BHS community would be "in it together," perhaps fostering a sense of cohesion.
- This is the better option if the school has to be rebuilt. Although it's painstaking, it impacts my child's life the least compared with the option below.
- Have to keep kids on campus. Bellaire HS would be destroyed by this, particularly where kids can afford to go elsewhere.
- This is reasonable allows the kids to stay put. Do NOT relocate students. Stay in the school -
- This is the most viable option if HISD's love commitment is the student body!
- In my opinion, it is very important to keep the students on campus and all together. Therefore I
  think Ferris/Maple is only option but it can be modified to reduce neighborhood impact.
- Makes the most sense for students!
- My twins (10th graders) do not want to be relocated to another school. I agree this is my favorite
  option. Keep the student life/safety the prime importance.



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- I think it is a really bad idea to relocate students since it cannot be done with them all in the same building. It seems that would also impact the current teachers. How can the teachers/staff be divided to disperse to 4 different campuses? It's just an unfair option to the students to elect the Greenfield option!
- This in my opinion would be a better option. It gives Bellaire students a sense of unity.

#### Comments related to Parking:

- Garage needs to be deleted. Impossible for students to safely get in and out within short time frame. Ultimately students will not use. Not good for property values on Valerie.
- Horrible impact on Valerie St. residents along the entire block. This will not work with the 4s' garage. You cannot move 800-1600 vehicles in and out of this garage twice daily w/ only 1 entrance and exit and 1 narrow street entrance = long line into Rice Ave + lots of student vehicle wrecks. Need a lot more police presence. How will you manage the wrecks coming in/out of the garage? Wrecks will create huge delays.
- I don't believe we need a parking lot and I don't want students relocated.
- Ok plan, NO PARKING GARAGE will need security after finished only 1 way in and 1 way out
- I question if this option is adequate for parking. There needs to be a park n' ride shuttle service.
- Where would contractor parking be located? Will access to and from parking garage be from S. Rice only?
- Where is everyone going to park during construction?
- 1 entry/exit in garage is insufficient! Garage needs to be inaccessible/secure when not in use.
- Leave front of school on rice parking works now don't need parking garage.
- Is there any possibility of having parking garage enter and exit off of South Rice?
- What about the parking garage that is planned?
- I question the size of the courtyard to sacrifice building space. Parking remains an issue unless parking is elevated with privacy to residents. Construction and traffic concerns.
- Single exit to parking area unacceptable.
- No parking on neighborhood either option is appropriate.
- This is the better of the two presented. Parking garage should be eliminated. Place a multistory (5-7 stories) in the center of the campus and have green space on all boarders.
- I'm worried how the construction will disrupt student life. Will there be enough room and parking for everyone during construction?

#### Comments related to Relocating to a Different Site:

- Sell the property and buy another property.
- How about something switching Pin Oak and Bellaire
- As neighbor, I prefer this option, but do not like any: better to relocate Bellaire HS in Bellaire St. east of 610 before rail tracks.



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#### Comments related to Safety:

- Interrupt neighborhood, danger to pedestrians
- In a previous meeting, it was stated that student safety could not be guaranteed and student grades would drop during construction. Why have the talking points changed?
- Student life intact if not unaffected. Safety can't figure how construction safety with fence is worse than extra driving/travel. Community impact (other than students) either way.
- What's the plant to keep students safe during construction? (if this is safe, this would be my preferred option; try to avoid relocation)
- Community impact is the most important to my family. No children attend HISD schools. Our safety and neighborhood impact is the most important factor.
- Second option for students safety is more better and construction safety
- I think this option will have biggest impact on the community. I see student safety as an issue getting to school. I foresee a lot of walking on Holly & Valerie by students and drivers backing out of driveways potentially creating hazards.
- Not concerned about construction safety as much as their safety at multiple campuses.
- Very concerned about transportation safety issues
- Good construction practice should negotiate safety risk.

### Comments related to **Schedule:**

- Constriction schedule probably dragged out: construction parking
- 2. construction schedule is least persuasive

#### Comments related to School Size:

- What is projected enrollment? Could only 9th graders be relocated during construction? Mayor said build 3 stories tall to add capacity for 3500. Shuttle buses for students who live nearby to reduce parking.
- This appears to be a better option for student life and community. Is plan adequate for student population? Population already exceeds what this bldg. plan accommodates.
- Is there an option to have a smaller student population?
- Too many students for such a small space. The footprint was built for 2500 students.
- Do not build a school for 2800 when current population is 3600!!!

#### Comments related to *Traffic:*

- Concerns about increased traffic on Ferris. Do not want access from Ferris. Keep independent buses off of Ferris Street.
- Controlling construction traffic equipment and supply deliveries
- Traffic will be a disaster this option will lower property values on Valerie this option is unacceptable
- impact of traffic congestion, temporary buildings



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- Lowering property values, increasing traffic on nearby streets. It is already a nightmare to the homes to the west - this option would only increase the impact - obviously not the best choice for the next 60 years.
- Ferris Maple option is detrimental to the surrounding neighborhood and community. This cannot happen. This building/traffic/congestion will last years displacing students for 2 years in only temporary \*\*\*\* NO TO THIS OPTION! HISD has no respect for the neighborhood by even considering this option.
- Flipping the footprint creates the greatest risk for the future safety of generations of students as
  they travel in their cars through the streets not equipped for this type of traffic. The community is
  greatly impacted in these neighborhoods as well.
- This option is unacceptable as the traffic patterns will greatly affect the residential street.
- Too much traffic, especially on Ferris.
- With active construction and school in session, construction and school traffic need to be carefully planned. Also bus lane seems less than ideal.
- No!! Consideration for traffic exit at parent drop off area. Why not move parent drop off onto Rice to lessen impact on neighborhood.
- This would be the best option to ensure best and all guiding principles are achieved. Suggestion: re-routing the bus ramp alongside the student/staff parking.
- I'm very concerned about traffic on Ferris with this option
- Will it be as nice as the current? I believe the traffic congestion will be twice as bad in mornings because Fields is a single lane.
- The construction and student traffic at the same space would create large hazards.
- A full jobsite + 3500 students will be a burden on the entire community traffic will increase safety will be a big problem. The neighborhood will be in turmoil for 4+ years.
- This will absolutely ruin already hectic Ferris traffic. I have to walk through it every day and switching the school so that parents are encouraged to drive on Ferris is not a good idea.
- The traffic/community impact appears not significantly different between the two options.
- Students will clog the streets in the neighborhood west of the new entrance instead of walking across the sports fields as proposed in this option.
- As long as traffic does not increase on Ferris/Maple either option is appropriate

#### Additional Comments:

- Won't look as nice as other plan will take longer -> more general disruption
- Science bldg. (built shabbily). Could come down and be rebuilt. Atrium over courtyard portion would be nice.
- Safety and community impact are the same in both proposals in my opinion.
- Best for students and administration worst for surrounding homeowners.
- This is the best one good for the school and student.
- This option is best for the students and the school.
- This is the better option and would be supported better

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- Can't concentrate too many talking
- I am most concerned with student life with this option.
- No difference than another few houses going up on your street (live with for 3 1/2 years) you made a decision to live near the school.
- Are there any shops? Auto shops? Metal shop? Etc. Basically with this plan our children will not graduate from Bellaire High. If you tear down the school entirely HISD will end up never building a school given the resistance from the community.
- Makes no sense
- Long term use! No need to damage 50 years of community going forward.
- While slightly obnoxious, this is the better alternative.
- The school should stay in current location on Rice.
- Best for students and worst for the community. Probably best in the very long term.
- The school staff is over-taxed as it is! Phone calls are not returned. Emails are not returned. It does not matter how large the school is if the school staff is not responsive.
- Terrible option, a flip is bad for students & community.
- This makes the least sense to me. The students still go to Bellaire during construction.
- This enables the school community to stay together. This advantage overwhelms.
- This option is much better because the students do not have to move. Preserving student choice and BHS life is more important than anything else.
- This takes into account student life the most. I prefer this option despite the longer construction time because it allows students and teacher to remain a strong community... Safety is an important concern because they
- Good for students but bad for community
- Unacceptable impact on neighborhood!!
- Unacceptable
- No
- Even though the construction time is longer there should be less impact to students and community.
- I ranked these with many open questions.
- If the community goes down, then the neighborhood value will decrease. Part of what makes Bellaire stand out is the academic achievement.
- 3. The reverse order of these causes me to believe that we were intentionally misled.
- Why is question 1 the second option that was presented to the audience??? Seems like it is to confuse people!!
- Spend money to eliminate kids not zoned to BHS.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 2 – New Building Located on /Maple Streets

#### Comments related to Athletics:

- Move baseball field to Valerie St/ S. Rice Ave.
- Transportation for athletics to the south campus?? Parking garage?
- Need to get rid of athletics field.

## Comments related to Concern with Options Presented:

- Parking lot to S. Rice Ave./ Maple St. and sliding the whole school along Maple/Ferris Dr.
- I think this option will result in chaos in my child's student life by adding another stress reason. I strongly oppose to this option as a parent.
- This is not an option give us a break
- Not an option
- This is not good option except for \_\_\_\_
- I don't like the idea of the students being displaced, but the surrounding community will be impacted for a much longer period of time (length of the school's life)
- I would consider taking my student out of Bellaire with this option.
- There should be more than 2 options
- Both options do not meet the needs of the students. If you move students it will be a horrible idea for adolescents going through the "best years".
- What happened to other 2 options?
- Better, but Maple St Option is better.
- We want phases
- This "option" set is rigged, give us <u>real</u> choices, not this no-so-subtle manipulation, w/ veiled "threat" of making our students be relocated ~9 miles away. I came here open-minded and friendly, but you have pushed me into the "hostile" crowd.
- Unacceptable
- Unacceptable
- 2 1/2 years off campus is not good but talking about school for next 60 years.
- This does not appear to be a viable option. From the student's academic perception.
- Not a good option at all! I will pull my kids out of BHS and move to private school
- Drop off for students should be closer on Maple to the current location.
- While this may have shorter construction schedule and be better for the surrounding houses, this
  does not have a better long-term effect.
- It will be nice if we can use temperate classrooms and moving along when the construction is done. But the phasing option is not considered at this moment a budget issue.
- Best option for the community, after all we are paying for it. Put a temporary building for them to stay in the area.
- Terrible option for students.
- Option 3
- I think this option could have temporary buildings to house students on campus.



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- Not a good option!
- Require another option.
- Best option

## Comments related to Moving:

- Requires students to move so safety risk is low disrupting student life high risk
- No way you will lose 90% of the kids! Students need to be on campus during the build-out
- Relocating the kids to <u>separate</u> campuses is <u>NOT</u> an option I like this plan best, but you need to figure out a different way to achieve it!
- Main concern is that <u>all</u> students remain at BHS and are not shipped off to other schools come up with a plan for expansion -
- Moving students off campus is not desired. Move the building away from the property line
- Shouldn't be an option to move our students off of campus.
- Relocating students to 4 (?) different schools is bound to have a highly negative impact on the culture of the school, cohesion of student body, etc. -- guiding principles would be extremely difficult to uphold.
- Sending the students to various locations around Houston is more of a safety risk then keeping students here during the construction.
- Not acceptable - kids don't care if the bldg. goes faster --just is they are <u>NOT</u> with their friends or at another school.
- This would be "safe" as no students on campus there would be no student life as they would be split <u>however</u> this 2- 2 1/2 yr. inconvenience of breakup of the students would pale to the long term impact of having the school stay where it is and not moved into the neighborhood that would impact the community FOREVER
- Don't like relocation of students-> will destroy spirit of the school. Students will have a long way to walk from S. Rice.
- Not a viable option for academics/student life. Potentially unsafe if alternate campus is not in great neighborhood.
- Relocation is not an option. This would be terrible for the students and the future spirit of Bellaire.
- This option is not feasible as there are not enough spaces for 3700 students within a reasonable distance from the current campus. BOTH OPTIONS ARE BAD CHOICES.
- It's impossible to send students off campus. Why are we discussing this option?
- This is just not an option unless the goal is to totally destroy the culture and academic heritage and continuity of the school.
- To not have a clear picture of where students would go and no graduation class is not a good option for students. To me this is not an option.
- Not safe to have students at another school and at different schools! Prefer this plan but ONLY if students do NOT get relocated.
- NOT a valid option. Do not remove students from campus! It will ruin the school.



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- How can we ensure the same quality of education while dividing the student body and teaching staff over many school?
- Do not like this option! Wouldn't be able to drive students
- Bad idea to move student.
- This is an unfair option to the students!!
- Transition plans are a major concern. To move 3000+ students and insure the same level of education is almost impossible. Also, the return is another problem. This plan is more stressful for students and parents.
- No student life, no academics, no continuity, no teacher retention, no sports (how do they bus kids keep on a team)
- This would be incredibly disruptive and would negatively impact academic excellence, student life, etc. We moved to Bellaire to go to Bellaire schools. If my kids couldn't be on campus then there would be no reason to live here.
- Only makes sense if students are NOT relocated during construction but are schooled in temporary buildings on athletic fields
- On this plan, I worry about students disruption
- Do not like that students will be dispersed throughout HISD
- #1 concern NOT viable to farm out students to multiple sites. We will have to send our incoming freshman to private school as well as our senior who has loved it & been very successful here.
- Problem with this is moving students
- (My main factor here is relocation) going to the two schools around, as they are, is not safe...
- Very concerned with relocation of students-priority for my family is student life (all aspects, academics, sports etc.)
- Some campuses are not safe to send my kids too HISD needs to redistrict to get student population. Unacceptable to do this to the neighborhood!
- I think relocating students is a HORRIBLE idea.
- The education would be TERRIBLE. Although Bellaire community will be less impacted, the other is the better option.
- I came to Bellaire to go to Bellaire, not to go to another high school, nine miles away from here.
- Safety remains a concern due to increased travel. BHS student life would be non-existent. This will devastate & fragment the area students.
- The idea of moving students doesn't make sense. Will certainly destroy student life for those years of construction.
- This is option is not preferable since the school basically does not exist for a few years NOT GOOD!
- Hate that students cannot be on campus. Not feasible for courses such as foreign language, where multiple grade levels in one course! Not feasible for extracurricular clubs which meet after school.
- Where are we going? We cannot condone these options until we know where we're going.



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- The risk to the student life is massive. There will be no combined student body recognition. It will be split and no group association.
- The students will miss out on student life, but the neighborhood will be impacted for a shorter period of time.
- Best option, but student life will be destroyed.
- I think the student/teachers in the school need to stay together.
- If this is the rebuild academic building on South Rice, the dispersal of students to multiple schools for 2 -3 years would destroy BHS.
- Student life would be impacted and BHS would no longer be BHS. This is a terrible option and moving kids fragments the integrity of the community.
- This one raises many concerns about student life. I currently enjoy my network of teachers and my extracurricular activities. If we were split, which is the only option; it would wreak havoc on the community. How would choir, clubs, or sports work?
- Bad for students good for community
- Why don't we just put a bunch of T-buildings around so we could have students still on campus during different stages of T-buildings?
- Relocating students would compromise the diversity and the excellence of BHS programs. I believe that enrollment will drop as many families choose private school as an option.
- Scattering the student/teachers is likely to have a long term impact on the perceived quality of
  the school. The school is a community asset that makes Bellaire a desirable place to live. I view
  scattering the students as a large negative for the community.
- Unacceptable. Do not wish to have students attend other schools.
- I would hate to see the students have to be split up in 3-4 different campuses for 2-2 1/2 years.
- As a student I feel like we would rather tolerate construction on campus than leave. Bellaire is our home and community and its existence has shaped us to the high standards that we uphold.
- High risk for breaking up their classes and not being able to get to know their classmates as well.
- Do not like this option involving students going to different schools.
- I don't think this is a good idea for reconstruction. Especially we just moved to Houston. My son
  is new to this community. If they need to relocate to different places \_
- Asking students to drive 18 miles a day is a major safety concern which outweighs safety of good construction practice.
- I really do not plan on sending my children to Bellaire High School if they have to get relocated we will go to private school.
- Students will not physically be Bellaire students. Hopefully students can stay in one school for at least one semester if they are relocated.
- This should not even be considered as an option-The students should not be displaced. The new campus will be an enhancement to the community.
- Don't want the students relocated to another school.
- I like this concept without displacing the students. Narrow the enrollment of out of district students & building temporary structures on property.



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# Individual Questionnaire: Question 2 – New Building Located on /Maple Streets, continued

- This will possibly produce the best construction in the shortest time but taking the students off campus will make it hard to provide them a sense of community, continuity, and heritage.
- Yes, this is the fastest, but as a teacher, I can't imagine the nightmare of planning an off-campus school site. I would do it though because I have the end goal in mind it's all for our students.
- Why should you treat BHS any differently than other high schools that you relocated students during renovation?
- The design seems nice, but it is a big concern where students will be moved to during construction. I would like my child to be able to enjoy some of the benefits before he graduates.
- Greenfield option is the best long term plan for everyone!
- Students off campus for 2 years 2will be impacted by being separated for that time but generations of students in the future will benefit for intelligent design.
- Move kids
- Students relocated
- Students can easily assimilate into other campuses-look at Katrina transplants.
- HISD comments concerning student life are grossly inflated & erroneous. This proposal will
  provide the highest quality structure for 50 years. Students can be dispersed to Lamar,
  Westbury, Sharpstown, etc. I had most of my classes in Pershing & Bellaire T-buildingsTeachers create the environment.
- I agree. It would disrupt the students' lives. However, in the long run, it still may be best for the school.
- The impact on students for a few years compared to the impact of a school that will be in the neighborhood for 60 years is short sighted. The front of the school should remain Rice.

#### Comments related to *Parking:*

- Garage needs to be deleted. Safety a concern in parking garage. Tall building with lights and noise. Who is going to police the garage during school and after hours?
- This will not work with the 4s' garage. You cannot move 800-1600 vehicles in and out of this garage twice daily w/ only 1 entrance and exit and 1 narrow street entrance = long line into Rice Ave + lots of student vehicle wrecks. Need a lot more police presence. How will you manage the wrecks coming in/out of the garage? Wrecks will create huge delays.
- Please eliminate the 4 story garage. It is only going to make Rice a complete standstill
- NO PARKING GARAGE not good for students or community. This will lower property values and HISD will lose taxes. DO NOT RELOCATE KIDS.
- Parking garage will create severe backups, accidents and delays / backups along S. Rice
- The student and staff parking should have another exit to go down the road to Ferris.
- 1 entry/exit in garage is insufficient! Garage needs to be inaccessible/secure when not in use.
- South Rice option is best however the parking garage is going to be a traffic disaster
- Leave front of school on rice parking works now don't need parking garage.
- Any garage should be open on top and only double the space below to lower (arrow pointing down) impact to neighbors.



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# Individual Questionnaire: Question 2 – New Building Located on /Maple Streets, continued

- Access to parking garage a concern with only 1 entrance off S. Rice and 1 entrance to garage. Line would be too long at peak times.
- Single exit to parking area unacceptable.

### Comments related to Relocating to a Different Site:

- Neither option is palatable. The site is too small to accommodate existing student population.
   The entire school should be relocated to a suitably sized site or a second high school constructed elsewhere.
- Would not want 4 stories of school facing into the Bellaire community on the west side. What are you thinking? This is a community that would be forever changed. Really like the Pin Oak flip idea!! Don't do something that would affect the property values of so many homes in the city of Bellaire just to try and squeeze a campus that has outgrown its location. Time for change as population has change over last 50 years.

## Comments related to School Size:

- HISD needs to redistrict Bellaire HS it's too big for this neighborhood.
- Rebuild and make the school smaller- only a true zoned neighborhood school.
- Job one is for HISD to restrict enrollment to 2500!!

#### Comments related to Schedule:

- 4 years plan? It is too long.
- A construction schedule should be the last concern when addressing these issues.

#### Comments related to *Traffic:*

- The traffic in the neighborhood will be greatly reduced during and after construction.
- This would have more impact to traffic increase running into the neighborhood. Same as above.

### Additional Comments:

- This just doesn't make sense
- Child will be moved to another school if this option is chosen.
- Student life especially for seniors is destroyed. Traffic safety would degrade. Community (except right around school not bothered (other than if you have a student) with this plan vs. other.
   Construction schedule may be easiest. Sports vs. academics.
- Parents need to know prior to January in order to apply to other magnet schools.
- Define location of where the kids will be relocated to. Fastest construction schedule.
- This option at least does not have the negative lasting effects of Fields Option.
- Although there will be major disruption to the students for 2 or 3 years, that is a small amount of time compared with the potential 60 yr. life of the school
- Imperative Admin/Drop off on S. Rice NOT transferred to interior streets. Maximum benefit=sell existing property & relocate to appropriate location (large enough for student population)



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- Best choice
- HISD needs to state where the students will go for 2 years and the teachers before the next meeting.
- Prefer this. Would prefer to delay construction and have phasing.
- The school staff is not responsive. Doubling the size of the school will only make things worse. As a parent, that is the only way to look at the problem.
- No
- Keeps the style: reduces impact to Ferris.
- The front of the school should remain Rice.
- This option is the most logical & desirable.
- If they flip the school they must not have the entrance open to Ferris. It should be the back of the school-and gated so that it doesn't become an exit.
- While construction schedule & community impact ranked as the highest risk, neither are nearly as important as safety and student life to me, my sons & family.
- Though the construction risk is high, this factor is the least important for me.
- Renovate. Why with \$100MM
- The questions are strange and should be evolved.
- Poorly written misleading questions!!!

## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options

#### Comments related to Athletics:

- Can you make the fields more multipurpose? For example, put tennis (grass) court on baseball
  outfield or football field during off season (in new campus design) Can you find alternate fields
  and bus students to athletic interim during construction? HBU has great baseball field. Can
  softball players who used the new baseball field? Need demographic data to see for this are what are school enrollment now?
- Consider relocating athletic fields to another location to gain additional ground space. Bus UIL & Club activities to remote sites
- I think more emphasis on students and less on athletics is needed.
- The baseball field is unnecessary. Y'all are 10 minutes from Pin Oak, which has nice fields. The baseball field is a huge land vacuum.
- The school master plan should be the best that it can be, and the athletic fields take too much valuable land.
- Why keep the baseball field? That is a huge investment in land that is enjoyed by less than 50 students for 20 hours a week.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 – Rank the Options, continued

### Comments related to <u>Concern with Options Presented</u>:

- Consider getting a waiver on the height restrictions and go vertical in a smaller foot print. This
  would allow for growth on the South Rice face with screens for line of sight issues in the
  neighborhood.
- Were there any design options which allowed for the current baseball fields and field house to remain intact during construction?
- Both S. Rice option and Ferris option eliminate the courtyard move all buildings to the center of the campus get waiver for additional height.
- Use eminent domain to acquire property on S. Rice of Maple & both sides of Mimosa
- It feels like HISD is trying to manage the process and not present other options. The railroading is deceitful.
- All these options do is split the community. You have parents and students that don't want to be
  displaced and the surrounding community that does not want the school brought into the
  community. One would think there are other options. New location? <u>Temporary buildings</u>? I feel
  this meeting created more tension than results. There is no easy answer, but these don't seem to
  work. Keep the school on Rice side. Protect the community to the West -> this is the "city of
  homes: -> keep it that way.
- Both options will not work. You are disingenuous only presenting 2 options when there have been 4-5 options presented at previous community meetings.
- Build the baseball field where the student/staff parking was intended to be built, and move the school all the way the left along Maple St. and Ferris Dr.
- Consider Phased Construction.
- Do not like either option
- Don't like either option. Would prefer temporary buildings at football field/baseball field while Green Field option is built. These way student life and community impacts are minimized.
- I appreciate the desire to keep things simple but we need to see more options. And these options need to be accompanied by pros and cons. Please post these on HISD website for review by concerned parents.
- I do not favor either of these plans.
- I hear in this meeting that the main focus is the consideration of the students. Displacing one two graduating classes is a short term effect (2yrs). Building the school as the Ferris/Maple option is a lifetime effect on everyone. Would you want a school district determining how much traffic/congestions is on your street!? How about the value of the Homes! The Ferris/Maple option is a sick option. Don't let it happen!
- I personally prefer the "other" option of the "Maple Street" campus.
- I think other options are still attainable.
- I would like to see the Maple Street Option.
- If there have been many options evaluation why have only 2 been presented.
- Keep the school on South Rice.
- Need another option.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- Need to look at additional options (max 2 options)
- Neither of these options is realistic considering the amount of students for this school. The school needs to be relocated or the athletic fields need to be relocated
- Neither option is really acceptable. It is a trade-off between alienation of the neighborhood vs. destruction of the kids learning.
- None of the above options are preferred.
- Not enough though has been put into this consider relocating the 9th grade class and building in stages. This will be better for the 9th grade students, would allow for the school to remain in the current configuration and allow a rebuild.
- Prefer a new option. Baseball field has to move. Build a new improved facility off campus.
- Prefer to move school west. Keep parking, buses, most of traffic on Rice. Provide walkway even if you have to provide covered walk or tunnel. By the way the tunnel would be only (mostly) underground. Will the design/construction of new building be as bad as for science wing?
- PS someone at our table talked about a "Maple St option" where the school was along Maple St and field facilities were adjoining/along Pine. That sounded like a good idea.
- Temporary buildings on site would seem to solve all problems. The community impact should be considered over the short term displacement of students for 3 years if necessary. The decision should be based off the long term 50-75-100 years plus impact over the short term 3 year plan. Every student who plays sports will be impacted anyway.
- The Ferris/Maple plan was my preferred plan of the original four that were presented.
- The ideal situation would have been to build on the property HISD used to own on S. Rice and Westpark. Since that isn't an option, building on the fields is the best option. I work at Horn and the transition by flipping the schools footprint was fairly painless.
- The most important concern to me is keep student life reasonable. However, both of these plans have major drawbacks of community impact and splitting the school.
- This emotionally charged statement implies there is no option such as temporary buildings and/or utilization of portion of the existing school while other portions are rebuilt.
- This feels like we get the choice between the lesser of 2 evils. Neither option is ideal; both are bound to impact the community significantly.
- Use South Rice option with temporary building on the current field/baseball/football. That way kids can stay here and build.
- What about building in units? Perhaps wings could be constructed one at a time and students
  could move into new wings as they are completed. This way the students could remain and a
  portion of the field could remain. Current students would be able to enjoy use of the new facilities.
- What happened to all of the other options?
- Where are the other 2 options!!!
- Why not another option? Can't new school be built in stages just like the science wing was built while the school was operating?
- Why only 2 options?
- Would like option that keeps students safe and together!



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- You are not presenting all of the possible plans developed by PAT. We need to be able to
  evaluate other plans. HISD is very biased. Our tax dollars are paying for this. We need to see all
  options.
- I don't think we were presented all the possible options tonight. We were given only 2 when previously there were 4 or 5 discussed; one of the 2 options presented tonight is clearly not acceptable so this process seems disingenuous.
- I'm disappointed that only 2 options were presented. I'm sure there were others. Furthermore-did you open up design options to colleges in the area? Neither option is the best but Field Option may be the option of either!!

#### Comments related to *Moving*:

- Has anyone thought what will happen to Bellaire students when they are transplanted to segregated (Bellaire only) pockets at other schools? There will become a culture of preying on the interlopers.
- The Greenfield option should be phased in, not relocating students.
- Children CANNOT be sent to other neighboring schools. How would you decide which students go to what school?
- To maintain the integrity of the student experience they must not be relocated for any part of the construction phase.
- A phased option of the Rice/Maple St. plan is in the best interest of the students. Moving students
  to other locations is NOT an option. The integrity, programs and excellence of BHS need to be
  maintained. Lowering the capacity of the school will not accommodate the needs. Having
  teachers travel from classroom to classroom is not a viable option due to the needs of the
  students, teachers, curriculum and programming. If this cannot be down, leave the school as is.
- Any option that moves out children to other schools means they will not attend and graduate from Bellaire High. Further, our 8th grader would need to apply to other schools as soon as possible so a decision regarding this needs to be made sooner rather than later.
- As a parent of 2 current students with 3 more to come (2 of which will be during construction) I am not in favor of relocating students to different campuses. If given this option, I would choose to send my children to other schools. However I do like the appearance of the green field option. I feel the building on campus should be on the Rice side of the school not on the Ferris side. Moving kids to 3-4 campuses as far as 9 miles away is not an option. If all students could be kept together on one campus, I would prefer the Green Field Option.
- As noted on the other side of this sheet, neither option is palatable. Of the two the one that is least disruptive to student life (option 2) would have to be preferable considering the unknowns of where the students would be placed and how feasible of well thought out those possibilities are. How is it even possible to relocate over 3000 kids to other schools within a mile radius?
- As the parent of a recent grad of BHS and a current freshman & family believe moving the students off campus is not an option. To express the student diversity of BHS it is essential that all the students remain together.
- Best for students
- Best thing for student



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- Can't move the kids. Best of the options. Look at other design options.
- Considered a phased approach that protects the neighborhood but doesn't move our kids out of Bellaire. That is completely unacceptable!
- Do not close school and move kids
- Do not like Green Field option as it will move students off campus.
- Do not move kids.
- DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO OTHER CAMPUSES. You will forever ruin the culture we've had at Bellaire. A half or one more year of construction is worth keeping the students together.
- Don't split the campus
- Favor field option; want my children to continue the "cardinal" tradition. Felt students would have very high safety issues at other campuses, ex. Rivalry.
- Go with the South Rice/Maple option but fill the fields with t-buildings and relocate no one.
- Having the kids leave the campus would be horrible for the school. The quality of the school would go down. Do not move the kids off campus. It would be the demise of Bellaire.
- I am outraged that HISD would offer a plan that isn't a viable option. Where you moved the student body off campus for 2 years and then asked us to compare.
- I believe it would be detrimental to relocate the students to different campuses. Relocating students would dilute some of the diversity that is at Bellaire today. I believe BHS enrollment would decrease if students were relocated as magnet program would most likely be diminished.
- I feel like moving to different schools completely destroys the community of Bellaire.
- I have 5 children at BHS. <u>Concern</u>: The student experience. I bought my home specifically for my children to be able to attend BHS not some "other" HS experience. <u>Concern</u>: If kids are bussed to elsewhere, the extra-long day they will have. <u>Concern</u>: How will they be welcomed to other campus? Hostility I would thing = more time will be wasted putting out clashes/riots. I pay my taxes for my children to attend BHS.
- I prefer the plan where the students stay on campus.
- I want students to remain on campus. I think Rice (Main) and Maple (2nd) are the best main traffic arteries, but I know there are restraints. I want the students to remain on campus during construction.
- If students are relocated, those of us capable of it will leave Bellaire, and most likely HISD. While this will be traumatic for students, it will be equally traumatic for the school which will take years to recover from the loss of quality students. This will impact the community as well, even though for the immediate time their community would choose to relocate students. Safety on this form relates to construction. However, safety of our children at other schools is of high risk and needs to be taken into account. We chose Bellaire as a safe campus for our kids.
- If you relocate the students, you will lose the few neighborhood students who actually attend the school. (Most go to private school due to it being a magnet school.)
- It is important for Bellaire High School to keep its tradition and keep operating. I prefer the option to keep the students in Bellaire High School during the construction.
- It will be a big issue if students have to move off campus during school years. It will be a big mess for every kid.
- Keep the students/teachers together during construction.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 – Rank the Options, continued

- Logistics and safety considerations of transporting students to 4 alternative campuses are significant.
- Magnet student I do not want students to be sent to different campuses.
- Major priority for me to keep students on campus
- Moving 3700 students to 4 or more different campuses in untenable. We came to Bellaire HS because we wanted Bellaire HS. I don't want her going somewhere else.
- Moving students off campus would be detrimental to Bellaire students, staff and even community.
   As parents we chose Bellaire for its attributes not to be bused or housed with another school.
   Bellaire is the only HISD school I'm willing to allow my student to attend.
- Moving the students for 2 years is bad. The BHS that comes back will be drastically different than BHS today. Many of the local students will select private school and may of students from other locations will opt to complete school
- My fear is that my kids will be relocated to some other HISD campus if that happens we will
  most likely move our sons to private school. We moved to Bellaire to stay in the public school
  system in our neighborhood. I feel that is in jeopardy.
- Neither option achieves the balance of avoiding displacing students and minimizing the safety concerns. Best to take much longer with construction and avoid the displacement of kids.
- No reason to send students to multiple campuses. I chose to live in Bellaire for this reason.
- No relocation
- Only option if you go back to the drawing board. Our main concern in staying on site during process or being farmed out as an entire group.
- Please keep our kids at BHS here! This is why we leave here! I will move my child to Lamar HS if you relocate the kids.
- Please, please do <u>not</u> move students off campus. I live in Bellaire and I continue to be shocked at how short-sighted the residents are. 3 years of students being farmed out would damage Bellaire's reputation with colleges and hurt HISD and Houston's reputation.
- Relocating students is too disruptive to the school.
- Sending kids to different schools during construction would be terrible so of the two options given only the Ferris/ Maple option would be acceptable.
- Student population at Bellaire has grown significantly in the past years. Moving kids to another school would be a hassle for those who are zoned to the school, and especially since the students will have to be separate into 4 different campuses. Bellaire and their students have incredible school pride and spirit. Moving elsewhere is not an option.
- Students leaving current campus is not a viable option.
- Taking all factors listed on the reverse page, I believe it's important for my child to stay on campus during construction so her safety and her student life is impacted the least. As a parent, I strongly urge you to take our opinion seriously. Thank you!
- The Greenfield Option implies relocation of students to other school campuses. I strongly disagree with such relocations. The relocation brings high risk to the student's life and safety.
- The only reason that I would choose the South Rice/Maple St option is that the students would not be displaced during the construction.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- The option of moving kids seems crazy!
- The presentation listed "shipping all 3600 students an average of 9 miles away to 3-4 different campuses" as a result of option Greenfield. This emotionally charged statement implies there is no option such as temporary buildings and/or utilization of portion of the existing school while other portions are rebuilt.
- The student life at Bellaire is something that identifies and symbolizes the entirety of Bellaire High School and with Green Field option the students would not be able to meet for clubs and activities during lunch and after school.
- The students should not be displaced.
- We chose public school at BHS over private school because of the academic excellence to extracurricular programs. Both of those would suffer and be diluted by moving students & mixing with other students at other schools.
- Will not go along with relocation.
- With temporary buildings for students so they don't have to relocate.
- Would hurt BHS to move the kid from Bellaire. Bellaire would be changed by the eco by moving the kid. The city would suffer from losing the kids for 2 years.
- You need to make a decision on this and proceed. I have a freshman and 2 more to come
  through. I will pull all of my kids out of Bellaire if the decision is to move off-site, so I need to be
  able to plan either to or send my kids to a private school. This has a huge impact on our family
  life. I am surprised it has taken so long.
- Better for students <u>NOT TO BE MOVED.</u>
- Do not remove student from the campus!
- I agree to leave students on campus,
- I do not think relocating the students is at all an option. I want to choose where my child attends school, not have it chose for me.
- I don't want to see Bellaire High School divided up and sent to separate facilities for the duration of construction. If a building could be found to temporarily house the entire school, then I would change my vote to the Green Field option. Is there a corporate office building that all of Bellaire students and teachers can move temporarily in order to implement the Green Field option?
- Relocation is not an option
- Move BHS to old Sharpstown Mall
- Move the students during the construction right.

## Comments related to *Parking:*

- Parking garage needs to go away. Or at least be moved to decrease impact on property value.
   A.) back need to solid architectural visually appealing b.) Who is providing security??
- Did not discuss site/stories of parking lot.
- Use the ditch parallel to Maple for parking.
- Will the street to parking garage be 1 or 2 lanes? How will it flow into/out of garage? How many cars can the garage fit?
- 3100 students parking is not addressed by # 1 or # 2



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- But I think the parking garage in a disaster in both cases primarily for <u>safety</u>, <u>security</u> & what a nightmare for 1000 cars to enter and exit that 2 a day. It will take hours and it is going to make the neighborhood traffic considerably WORSE! I feel it is very important for you to take the neighborhoods into account with all plans- this is a RESIDENTIAL neighborhood and HISD is trying to push a square peg into a round hole by enlarging Bellaire when there is clearly not enough land. I do <u>not</u> want a 4 story parking garage in my backyard and I don't think it's going to accomplish anything positive.
- Concerns about street parking on S. Rice exist and will continue to exist unless a parking garage
  is a part of the plans.
- I also think that the parking garage question is still a problem, just in getting traffic in and out in any reasonable amount of time.
- I consider 2 aspects of this project totally irresponsible: Parking garage will not work (see previous page)
- Need to move the garage to the courtyard to keep neighbors happy.
- No parking garage is needed. If anything, minor 1 1/2 story at most for just a little more
- Parking garage is a must. A lot will be insufficient.
- Traffic during construction worker parking. Parking garage must be gated/tightly secured once built. Where do students/teachers park during construction?
- Why do we have to have a parking garage? Can it front on S. Rice with multiple entrances?
   Busing students anywhere is a non-starter for us. We will move our children to private or other campus outside of HISD.
- Will the parking garage be able to be monitored? There is already a safety issue around the school in people's yards that isn't being addressed.
- 1. Parking garage with one entrance/exit is not practical for 1K cars eliminating the garage by City of Bellaire waiver.
- I feel the one entrance and exit of the garage will allow traffic jams on S. Rice. I live on the corner of Valerie and S. Rice I have watched the traffic on S. Rice for 24 years!! The kids won't park in the garage they will continue to park on the streets the garage is dangerous and
- I think it would be better to switch the student/staff parking from Valerie St/South Rice Ave. to Maple/South Rice Ave.

### Comments related to *Relocating to a Different Site*:

- Looking for another location to build the school seems like an option that satisfies, students, community,
- 3. An alternative site should be considered to construct a new school (i.e. property owned by the City of Bellaire near 59/GID off of Rice, currently proposed as a metro transit site?)
- Both options are bad. HISD should eminent domain to obtain the 30 acre at Westpark and South Rice. Build the school. Sell the current property. Do it right. Both options presented are bad options for HISD and the students.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- Consider swap Pin Oak campus build there + HCC next door swap Evelyns Park for new
  campus. Build park at BHS. Consider a smaller HS and/or second school near Willowbend. If
  students leave campus for rebuild then, they will have a very strong bond when they gather for
  activities and games, etc.
- Has commercial empty space been looked at as an alternative?
- Have you consider building the high school on the Evelyn's Park site and then building Evelyn's Park on the present High School site. This would accomplish all your goals. If it is not large enough. Have you looked at other sites?
- HISD keeps on harping about how small the location is. Buy another location & build & then sell current location for development.
- Makes more sense to 1.) donate/sell property bounded on: South by Fournace, West by South Rice, East by 610
- Need more land space considering land
- Neither option is good. We should have purchased land elsewhere and created a whole new school.
- Please consider moving Bellaire Campus all together. Either build on the Pin Oak campus and make that Bellaire and move the middle school, either to Bellaire or seek the land and purchase somewhere else.
- Put the school in a location where there is enough room. There is nowhere near enough space for 3600 students.
- Sell present site and move to new larger site. Have other sites been explored?
- Should also consider using eminent domain to condemn land to expand the space. E.g. Between Maple and Beechnut.
- The school has out grown the neighborhood and requires more space in the building and more land.
- The Westpark property between S. Rice & 610!
- What about building elsewhere? Or creating a freshman campus only?
- Why not build separate 9th grade campus at old Gordon?

#### Comments related to *Rezoning:*

- It would be nice to make the school "true" neighborhood school- only zoned students. School would be reasonable size, etc. Everyone who is complaining property values would skyrocket.
- Make it a neighborhood school only.
- I think you should considering re-zoning.
- Redo the zone boundary to reduce school population.
- Rezone b/c neither solution addresses fundamental issue of too many kids, too little space.

### Comments related to **Safety**:

- Safety of the student with construction
- Consider asbestos abatement re: safety for students/staff
- Field option is not safe for students due to traffic. A flip of the campus is terrible for the community. This Field Option is not safe for students for 60 years, not just the next



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

Safety is an issue for all so the issue should be a focus for all items.

#### Comments related to <u>School Size</u>:

- Need to decrease size of student population verify student addresses regularly.
- Reduce size of catchment area?
- The school is ridiculously over populated.
- 1. Neither option should not be considered because none of them will accommodate current student population (>3700).
- 1. The real issues is not addressed by either option: 3700 students is too many for this property, part or all of the students could be relocated to another site and student life and community would be better served.
- 3. Will enrollment decrease in the new space?
- Both options are not reasonable. School enrollment is 3,502. These designs provide for 2,800-3,100 students. Neither design is feasible. Two Requirements: every teacher should have a classroom/lab; every student should have a desk in every class.
- Did not discuss over population for square footage. Get rid of sports fields.
- Don't like that the new school would be built for too few students.
- For the small size of our campus, why do we have the largest enrollment-average HISD high school 1500 enrolled students?
- Further enrollment must capped to protect the adjacent & neighborhood, traffic control & student safety.
- HISD needs to reduce the student population.
- How will you address the fact that you're planning for 2800 kids, when now there are 3600 and sure to be more in a bright, shiny building?
- I question why HISD is building a school designed to house less students who currently attend Bellaire HS.
- IF HISD high school enrollment average is 1400-1500 students. We should not be building a school that holds 3100 students when we have the least available land. Demographics are manipulated to have these huge enrollment numbers.
- If the average HISD HS enrollment is 1400-1500 students. Why are we building a school that will hold the average at 3100?
- Limiting student population would be a better solution for a space-constrained campus.
- Move 9th grade to abandoned mandarin campus on Bissonet that relieves the burden of too many students
- Neither plan houses 3600 students! Why? 2. The new school plan is NOT addressing needs of Bellaire community - students or families - it is too big (population-wise) - need to add HS campuses to this area to take care of population growth. Need a neighborhood school AND a language/magnet/GT/IB school. Or grow a spine and change boundaries so the "zone" holds 3100 students. I pay too much \$ in taxes to put up with this abysmal plan. What about the Mandarin School campus? That would be a good space for another GT/IB/Language HS.
- Please look at limiting students for new design! You must design to a capacity and keep to it!



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 – Rank the Options, continued

- Reduce student population permanently, but especially during construction. Consider keeping 9th grader @ junior highs for the next several years.
- Remove the magnet designation and cap the enrollment to zoned students only until construction is complete.
- The new school (either option) still does not address the current student size and being able to accommodate them.
- The size of our campus may not be large enough for current student body.
- Then plan this correctly-for 10,11,12 the current school population is too big for these plans and will only continue to grow
- too many kids in this school
- Use space for more classrooms to include more students.
- Why does Bellaire HS have to be so big?
- Why must there be so many student accepted into this HS. Reduce the number of pupils.
- Your premise is to build a new facility which from the outset cannot handle the existing number of students... forget future growth!

#### Comments related to *Traffic:*

- A building located on Ferris will create auto and food congestion onto z-lane streets ill-equipped to handle it. This is unsafe.
- Consider traffic becoming very dangerous over the years on all the streets off of Ferris for students and neighbors. -
- Right now, Maple Street, and since inception, has had the brunt of traffic and this option does the lease change in traffic patterns.
- The home owners who live on S. Rice, Holly, Maple and Holt are all impacted by the traffic and parking generated by BHS students.
- The parking/traffic flow is a disaster, 8 am and 3pm would be dangerous, back-logged traffic, slow.
- The potential traffic created need to be addressed more.
- Concerns of where the construction workers will be parking concerns of traffic flow during construction
- How will traffic exit from student/staff lot? Don't see safety concern with either.
- Please explore what can be done to dissuade people from dropping off kids on Ferris/Maple/Mimosa/Valerie
- The most important thing is traffic around the school. As long as traffic is not allowed to accumulate in the neighborhood-parents dropping off kids on neighborhood streets is inappropriate. They should be restricted to the allowed parking/drop off
- Traffic flow is actually ok.
- Unacceptable to move all this traffic to Ferris
- We just moved to the neighborhood and are concerned with how this is going to impact out property values. We want the option that is best for our neighborhood. My number one concern is how is the building of the new school going to impact traffic on Ferris Street?
- We need to see traffic studies and site analysis.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

 Where is the impact study on potential traffic pattern changes with Field option?

### Additional Comments:

- MY community should not have to absorb HISD's planning errors. I moved here because of the schools. I can move away for the same reason and take my GT/ honor society kids w/me.
- Add 10x10 boxes. Buy property from flood control. There is a manipulation of numbers from demographics.
- I would like to see a traffic study that shows that street traffic on Maple and Ferris are not adversely affected by this layout.
- 2. Why to temporary buildings? Closed minded?
- BHS needs to keep students onsite and not let them roam the neighborhood.
- Build inside leave green spaces near street, around the school campus
- Do need to keep the science bldg.
- During construction, make sure for students and teachers and staff the noise from construction should eliminate for the school the neighbor.
- For only 2 and a half years to build and the project for students' safety and community this option is better.
- HISD must revise its policy & procedure for planning. HISD has had 20+ years to locate additional land for High Schools-
- I believe it would perhaps be better to leave the school as is. Its current location and state would retain the school's known identity and image as well as a realistic capability to house the larger than anticipated number of students a rebuild school could. Moreover, there would be zero impacts due to construction and cost of construction! across the board
- I cannot even fill out this form. You have presented an option I do not like (F/M) (cannot determine handwriting)... You are trying to railroad people into agreeing to the F/M option.
- I did not appreciate the bias displayed by Clay. It appears HISD has its decision made. The arguments about student life and safety are without merit when considering students of the next 50+ years.
- I hate the impact on the kids but I think the cost and construction time line on the Ferris/Maple streets will balloon out of control. The S. Rice/Maple St option will increase property value in the long run.
- I strongly believe that the rebuild effort might be further postponed.
- I think the Fields Option is the best as student life is my primary concern. This option has worked well for a number of area schools: Herod, Lovett, Lamar, etc., and I think it will work well here too.
- If move the kids off campus, just tear it down and don't rebuild. If HISD can't afford to build the school in phases and large enough for the existing number of students they should re-evaluate the project. Don't start building without enough funding.
- In summary, thought, I trust Mike McDonough and PTO leadership to make the best decision for Bellaire HS and students. Thank you!
- Is it possible to make a "greenbelt" around the outside school for neighborhood?



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- It is disappointing that HISD decided to omit any details regarding how the students will be split among schools and the school the children will attend.
- Leave it like it is and bank the \$100Mllion. One word: ASTRODOME
- Live one block from school/4kids graduated from BHS
- MUST keep Auditorium at current SIZE!
- My daughter just started at Bellaire this year. I don't want to see the construction is completed when my daughter graduates.
- Please consider early graduation for eligible students.
- Please consider the impact of the students first-the school is for them and should have their interests first and foremost. Any residents who feel like they will be negatively impacted should to understand that the school will enhance the community. Also, this should be a consideration when you purchase a house that you are purchasing near a school.
- Principal state that the student's experience is the #1 priority in this process. What about the
  experience of the owners who live here permanently?
- Regardless of option, the auditorium either needs to be kept or the new one needs to hold at least 800 people. If not, they cannot have class meetings. There are also many events here that fill up the current auditorium.
- The "new" science wing should be renovated to reflect the new construction. If we go with the flipped option, perhaps a big mural can be painted on the parking garage on the S. Rice side great project.
- The vociferous neighbors at table were the most vocal. Group divided dearly along neighbor vs.
  parent of student lines.
- This is so stressful for the kids and parents.
- Very against Greenfield option.
- We bought our house here because of this location. The neighbors bought houses here knowing they were buying near a large high school. So only complaint about traffic etc. is ridiculous.
- We need to have a more inclusive process.
- What I concern most is student life. I prefer Ferris/ Maple option over South Rice/Maple option.
- You are pitting the neighborhood vs. the relocation of the school and neither side is going to be happy with one of the choices.
- I guess this is really the only one. Can we remodel the school like the 90 remodel, do the east then south then main with t buildings on fields as needed. FYI science building already falling apart. Stairs too narrow, wall too narrow.
- Use the money to just renovate courtyard, auto shop area and gym, leave the rest alone. Save the inflationary costs and phase in costs by just renovating with wrap-around and science wing renovating.
- Was renovating current buildings considered?
- Why not renovate existing building?
- Ranking was not clear.



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## Individual Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

- Build smaller school that is better suited to property size. Change school boundaries to better balance school size and make all schools good! Traffic and parking not addressed and are major problems for the neighborhood. Current traffic study not accurate due to surrounding streets under construction.
- I don't fell as if that is descriptive enough for me to tell which option is which.



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## **Group Questionnaire: Question 1 – New Building Located on Ferris/Maple Streets**

#### Comments related to Athletics:

Would for sure impact extracurricular activities and athletics.

### Comments related to **Concern with Options Presented**:

Where is option # 3?

#### Comments related to **Moving**:

- Keep kids at BHS; atrium over part of courtyard; improved traffic flow on Ferris. Parking garage great! What does one do in a learning hub?
- Maintain continuity of student culture, academics / teacher retention / choice of classes mixed grade levels. Meets all guiding principles.
- Building to keep student body together.
- Students values clubs and activities, diversity, and would be able to stay on one campus, and maintain the same level at involvement.
- Not enough if to rank some of these. If they move schools will they be able to take other classes
  offered to other grades. What will they do about in-school activities? Orchestra, newspaper, how
  will they deal with transportation.

#### Comments related to Parking:

- The parking garage is a major problem. It will not work. You can't get that number of cars in/out of one entrance in a compressed amount of time 2x daily, therefore it won't be used. Cars will be parked around the neighborhood as it will be easier. If will be a security nightmare.
- What is the logic for having 1K cars garage with only one entrance. Move the multi-story building to the center of campus (eliminate courtyard)
- Parking surface vs. high rise; reduce student population to match site 1 group member
- It is important that there is no drop off or parking on Ferris. 2. Needs more that 1 entrance to student/faculty parking. Needs an arm for parking to faculty lot. 4. Have a park and ride for student parking.

### Comments related to **Schedule:**

Reduce community impact; we need to have a firm construction timeline.

#### Comments related to School Size:

 The school needs to be built to accommodate the population of students or reduce the student population.

#### Comments related to *Traffic:*

- Traffic and parking concerns will become worst issues during construction.
- Long construction time. Traffic flow problems. Ferris is too narrow to accommodate traffic.
- Traffic flow



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# Group Questionnaire: Question 1 – New Building Located on Ferris/Maple Streets, continued

## Additional Comments:

- Group agrees this option is horrible for the City of Bellaire. Specifically for all the neighbors along Holly St, Pine, Maples, Braeburn, Evergreen, etc. Bed news for the neighborhood.
- No consensus from our group
- The table unanimously thinks this is the far better option



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## Group Questionnaire: Question 2 – New Building Located on S. Rice/Maple Streets

#### Comments related to Concern with Options Presented:

- Why present this as it is not an option. HISD is not going to relocation 3700 students/ This option seems to be a NON-STARTER
- Not an option!
- Why would we rate a plan that isn't an option!
- Not a good option in the long term for our students.
- Where is option # 3?

## Comments related to Moving:

- Totally undesirable to move student off campus
- Unreasonably long say we bought our homes specifically for our children to attend BHS how will out children be welcomed into another school?
- Bad option! No one wanted to relocate! Don't like option it will decimate BHS. No one will go
  here.
- Moving students is impractical.
- This would severely impact HISD. City of Houston. The high achieving students will leave.
- Enrollment would be reduced; extra curriculum would suffer.

#### Comments related to *Parking:*

- Move the baseball field to S. Rice and Valerie property line and to garage to the corner of S. Rice and Maple.
- Taller and smaller footprints and surface parking. Assume that extra land would go to parking.

#### Comments related to **Safety:**

- Safety residents is a 4. Safety of kids of campus is a 4.
- While construction is the highest risk it's the least important to us when it comes to student life and safety.

#### Additional Comments:

- Parents need to know decision prior to January in order to apply to other magnet schools.
- Our group agrees this is the best long term plan. Best for the community and long term plan for all involved.
- If entire building is torn down, it will never be rebuilt, it will ultimately be sold to developers to build multimillion \$ homes / acre for new tax base.
- Student impact would be most affected.



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## **Group Questionnaire: Question 3 – Rank the Options**

## Comments related to Athletics:

- Why maintain two athletic fields?
- Having 2 fields on campus consumes space that would be better utilized another way. For
  example, construction of new building while school remains operating is possible when fields
  (baseball/football) are moved off campus.
- Does BHS have the lawn for practice football/baseball fields? Why not use space for school & bus football/baseball team to other field for practice.

#### Comments related to Concern with Options Presented:

- We heard there were 4 (or more) options on the table by only being presented with 2 options to consider, and one (South Rice/Maple) being totally unrealistic, it seems HISD is making its choice driving the agenda, and the input of the PAT and attendees at this meeting is accepted just for story and not for serious consideration we bought our homes specifically for our children to attend BHS If our kids need to be shipped to other schools, we'd rather see the school remain as is that go through that as part of the rebuild.
- Our group is greatly concerned with the Ferris/Maple option.
- Balance the interest of community and the student. Whichever option is used suggest putting all 9th graders together.
- We are unhappy with this process. We don't like either option presented. We like the options that
  were not presented tonight better and are unhappy that this community was not given any notice
  that the other options were being taken off the table.
- As a group we unanimously, vote "none of the above".
- Our group wanted to know what other sites were considered if any. Why isn't there a phased option?
- Other options need to be developed.

#### Comments related to Moving:

- Students capable of leaving HISD and Bellaire, if location is chosen, will leave and will not come
  back. Students will be impacted by the need to leave the school they have planned on attending.
  Bellaire will suffer. In the long run, the community will suffer. Economic impact to all. Safety on
  this form relates to construction. However, safety of our children at other schools is of high risk
  and needs to be taken into account. We chose Bellaire as a safe campus for our kids.
- Don't want students moved to other locations
- Put temporary buildings on fields so no disruption to student life- multi phase building/construction. Money that would be used for bussing use for temporary buildings.
- Permanent satellite campus (but would have strong impact on student life.)
- Our second concern is student life. We agree that it makes most sense to move the kids off campus, but better to keep them all together.



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## Group Questionnaire: Question 3 – Rank the Options, continued

## Comments related to **Parking:**

- Another concern is about the garage: 1. Who will monitor it? 2. What will happen when there is a wreck in the garage? Who will keep the traffic moving?
- Parking on the first 2 floors with entrances on S. Rice, Ferris and Maple.
- Questions raised include: Why offer/have student parking?
- Parking garage needs to be moved much better throughout.
- Traffic studies need to be considered with an impact on the size of the garage.

#### Comments related to Relocating to a Different Site:

Recommend relocation of school.

#### Comments related to Safety:

- Issues of safety, note adequately presented in the 2 plans shown tonight.
- We are worried about the construction & students equation ending in many safety issues.

#### Comments related to School Size:

- We are all concerned about why HISD would even consider building for 2800 when the current population is 3,700. The right answer is to reduce the number of students to accommodate the buildings or relocate the school and start over with the appropriate amount of land and a "clean sheet of paper".
- As a group, we feel the key issue is over crowdedness. Why isn't HISD addressing this issue?
- Why are you planning for a school that has less population than the current enrollment? Present the demographics and the anticipated growth and how will this be addressed?
- Should magnet students be capped at a lower level to control population & make easier to fit.
- Consider rezoning.
- Redo zone boundary to reduce population. This decision should be based on the long term 75 yr. + impact not on the short term 3 year student life impact.

#### Comments related to Traffic:

- The community needs to be considered for the long timeframe. The biggest problem is that parents need to be educated about how to drop/pick up students as they impact the community. There needs to be a traffic light at Ferris and Beechnut.
- 1. Where is the construction traffic going to be? 2. Where are they going to park? 3. Where is the exit for the parking lot going to be? 4. Will there be no loading signs in the areas that aren't drop off areas?
- With modified traffic flow. Group prefers Ferris/Maple option w/ strong concerns around neighborhood traffic. Why not restrict traffic to Rice? (map on page of example)
- Issues of traffic flowage note adequately presented in the 2 plans shown tonight.
- Traffic and parking.



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## Group Questionnaire: Question 3 - Rank the Options, continued

### Additional Comments:

- Get a waiver from the City of Bellaire to build a 5-7 story building in the center of the campus with green space on all borders. -
- Why are we limiting the restriction to 45'? We are urban.
- Write specification for noise (central plant) and light pollution from parking garage lights
- HISD needs to get their talking points straight
- We the people of table 12 have differing opinions and have submitted individual questionnaires.
- No consensus
- We would like to see the Maple Street option.
- Group is split Neighborhood people not in favor of Ferris/Maple option parents unaffected by construction site not in favor or S. Rice/Maple option
- Parents choose Ferris/Maple, Residents choose South Rice.
- No consensus by this group other than on reducing school site and/or considering condemning additional land.
- This form is ridiculously confusing. Why not refer to Option 1 Option 2



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#### **Comment Cards**

## Comments related to Athletics:

- Option 3: Get rid of the athletic fields for the sake of using that space as temporary classrooms and phase the construction.
- Combine baseball and football fields (like stadium)
- Transform baseball to S. Rice @ 59 and football field, keeping 1 school site.
- Can this sport facilities (football/baseball) field be relocated?
- The baseball building should be maintained or recreated.
- Move the athletics to another area; give the students more green space.

### Comments related to Concern with Options Presented:

- The committee should consider moving the 9th grade class to a separate campus and then phase
  in the construction using the existing orientation. This would be a positive for the 9th graders.
  Would keep students together, would eliminate the safety concerns of teenage traffic thru
  residential streets and would generally balance the interest of the community and the students.
- Neither design works! You severely affect student life w/ either option HISD needs to open up concept design options to others. Just the architecture firm they only seem able to build or design! Architecture in this day and time.
- Check on availability of temporary rooms in nearby commercial buildings (arrow pointing the www.houstonisd.org website on comment card)
- Why can't you use Gordon Elementary
- 3rd and 4th options where are they??
- Why can't temp. buildings?
- We don't like either of the two options
- What happened to the other options that were presented at previous community meetings??
- Why not move 9th grade to another school?
- My granddaughter is scheduled to come to Bellaire HS next year. She goes to Lanier this year. Will students be moved to other schools such as Sharpstown during building a new Bellaire HS??
- Why have no costs been presented to the community?
- Why you on BHS? We bring in almost all your passing AP scores.
- Comment Both options are not acceptable. In option #1 you will not find spaces for 3702 students #2 will greatly affect the nearby community in an unacceptable fashion.
- Has HISD considered alternate locations? What about the Bellaire urban development strip on Westpark urban transit center? How about fields at alternate location. Parking/garage 1 level on 2 levels
- Build a 9th grade center!
- The Ferris option does not appear to have significantly different community impact than South Rice.
- Flip is the best of a bad situation. Hopefully something better is going to the solution.
- You should have shown us the other option!
- Neither plan represented or any HISD plan for Bellaire HS will be acceptable until HISD CAPS enrollment @ 2500 MAX



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## **Comment Cards, continued**

- What is the exact option of phases of construction with the "stay here" option?
- And yet it shows up as an option. They obviously have chosen the option. Where are the other 2
  options?!! Why are they not presented? The district is trying to railroad a plan they have
  obviously chosen.
- What other options have been considered?
- Elevate whatever new plan you come up with. Put the school on piers. Park underneath then you don't have to have a parking garage
- When is construction starting? Put temp building in the Astrodome and build the school fast 1-2 years! Using the Astroworld lot to rebuild.
- Both options are non-feasible options; the school design is too small.
- Other options 1.) Relocate to property bounded by Fournace on South, South Rice on West, 610 on East. 2.) Use imminent domain to acquire property on south side of Maple & both sides of Mimosa

#### Comments related to *Moving*:

- Allow seniors to finish required hours early and still attend prom and make graduation. This would allow more space for temporary buildings since more seniors drive also.
- No estoy de acnerdo con mover a lost estudiantes a otras escuelas. Es un gran problema para actividads como orguesta, banda, algurnos de / os idiomas extranjeros, deportes. Que pasara si estudiants tomar slases en diferentes campus? Para mi, la relocalizacio NO ES buens opcion.
- I vehemently oppose moving the students for 2-2.5 yrs. to maintain current footprint. This option doesn't make sense on any scale.
- When will we know the decision? Needs to be in time to apply to other magnet schools in case relocation is decided upon.
- To move the kid to other school will impact safety and I don't feel the environment would be the same. Ex.
- I feel safe to trust at Bellaire know what the children need to succeed I don't at other schools. That's why we chose not to live there. Why we chose not to live there. You will hurt Bellaire for years. Do you want to move my children from my choice?
- Please keep BHS open during the rebuild. Keep students and teachers here! It's the best call
  and the right call, especially if it's about the students like you claim. Please don't move students
  and teachers away!
- Why don't they build on overflow school for the district? During the local community meeting there was almost 100% agreement that moving the kids off campus was not good.
- #1 concern in NOT farming students out to their schools during process!
- How would you break up students? What would happen to athletics?
- Relocation is NOT an option. The school will cease to exist. I will move my child to Lamar. Why make to a faraway school? On site option- good Ferris/Maple option
- It is important for Bellaire High School to keep operating. Sending students to other schools are not good for their educations. Since they have to change school during high school years.
- As a parent the least disruptive would be to keep the students in the current bldg. while the new
  ones are built on the other side of the campus.
- Please no relocation of the students! Ferris/Maple option looks to be the best for the students.

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## **Comment Cards, continued**

- Need to keep students on campus. This is only acceptable option. Students come first
- Please do not relocate the students. Students want to stay together.
- Whatever you do PLEASE do not split faculty and students
- Buy the houses across Rice use land for parking or (unable to determine word) etc.-
- Displacing students at BHS would be difficult, but would not be the first time that HISD has done it
  at a school in the district. It is a reality that there will be short time discourse for the long term
  good of the school and the community of Bellaire.
- Why not export all students to Lee for the Green Field option? Not 9 miles away and doesn't require four campuses.
- We prefer the second option which let students in campus. Thank you!
- We prefer the second option which let students in campus.
- If moved, how do you determine where students transition too?

#### Comments related to Parking:

- One access point to garage is ridiculous!
- Add 2nd entrance/exit to parking garage.
- How do students get off campus for lunch if @ top floor in parking lot?
- Why is parking garage needed?
- Parking garage has to be eliminated!
- 2 aspects of this project are totally irresponsible. 1.) The parking garage will not be able to safely & effectively (time) move all the cars in & out twice each day thru 1 street & 1 entrance/exit. Huge traffic jam & kids will park on the street. X the garage.
- Why is the parking garage in the middle of the land space? Do we need a garage? Is there
  another way to get parking spaces? \*Why can't HISD buy the church across the street & save
  parking dilemma?
- These designs with parking garage and building on Valerie side are unacceptable lower property value drastically highly opposed to buildings behind my house.
- Have you considered the possibility of renting parking/building a parking garage on the small parking area & shuttle kids to & from
- Provide more parking & drop off areas
- Why provide student parking? Why maintain science building? How many new parking spots will be created?
- Maybe look into an offsite parking area & a shuttle service in order to minimize traffic & safety concerns during construction.

## Comments related to Relocating to a Different Site:

- The school should be moved to South Rice and Westpark and the current property sold to developers.
- move school to the area across from Sam's in the big field



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## **Comment Cards, continued**

- Sell the maple property for big bucks to allow more funds
- Find another site for the school. Spirit is not based on a location it is the students and
  involvement. The question is not whether Bellaire is a great place; the school has outgrown the
  community of Bellaire. Safety will continue to be an issue on the streets of Bellaire and around the
  school. This school has unfortunately out grown its locations. Find a new location and make it a
  better facility for all involved. The school has outgrown the community! Like the idea brought up at
  9th grade center. Think outside the box
- Why not purchase land and build to provide minimal disruption?
- IS there another place to build this school?
- If the school will not be relocated why. The area is too congested to accommodate all the students. The students eat lunch on the floor. Would there be any benefit to add a second campus. (9-1th grades in one area 11-12 grades in another.) "Would the old Wolfe Nursery" building behind Lowe's be an option for a new building.
- More detailed plans (heights) & construction plans need to be detailed to all involved. The best plan would have been to purchase land elsewhere & move the entire campus!! The money could be recouped in the sale of the current campus.
- Is it possible to have a new site! There is land between New Castle/Bellaire. Do we really need a new building?
- Have you considered another location Rice & West Park?
- Why not to build Bellaire HS at 1.) Bellaire Blvd east of 610 before railroad tracts. 2.) Bissonnet of New Castle 3.) South Rice & West Park 59 & 610. Then no life disruption at all for all parties involved.
- A third option to consider: switching campuses Build on Pin Oak and convert to Bellaire HS and move Pin Oak Middle School to current Bellaire or sell existing land move the school all together for a new school either High School or Middle School.

### Comments related to Renovation of Existing Buildings:

- Why can't you use certain parts that exist that work
- If it were my choice, I would rather not build. My daughter is sophomore.
- Can we use more of the existing building (15 yrs. old)?
- Relocation, refurbish. What are the non-negotiables?

#### Comments related to Safety:

- Setting up the pedestrian and vehicular circulation is a good idea to enhance safety of students.
- How has design facilitated security?

#### Comments related to Schedule:

- When will this process (building) start The date??
- What is the projected start date?



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## **Comment Cards, continued**

#### Comments related to School Size:

- Have you considered reducing the school zone?
- Another big question is why there are 3700 students in the school to begin with. That is the 1st
  injustice that a new school will not solve. Designing a new school that can't even accommodate
  the current student body. There is a lot of talk that doesn't connect. Interesting how option 2 (as
  presented) was called the "Green" option. Don't try to make it sound "better" than the other.
- Rezone anything N. of Bissonnet and West Chimney Rock
- Why not tighten the boundary and make student population smaller?
- Bellaire population is static-no high density housing permitted under zoning-rezone for Bellaire students only? Build smaller.
- Will the new school increase enrollment numbers?
- New school too small!
- We currently have over 3700 students. What will the capacity of the new proposal be?
- Why build a school for 2800 when you will have more students that on day 1?
- I understand that the proposed school is planned for only 2800 students but Bellaire already has 3600+. Is this true?
- Not fiduciarily responsible to build a school to house 2800 students when 3600. Reduce # of students at school or start over with new plan.
- 2.) You are irresponsible spending tax-payer money to build a facility that cannot handle the current load of students...much less accommodate future growth.
- Is there a number of classrooms determined yet? I heard there was no master schedule figured out yet. How many students will the new building hold?
- Option to reduce population of school, thus reducing size of facilities needed.
- The proposed designs do not address the current problem of overcrowding!! You're just shoving the students into newer buildings!
- Please make the school bigger to accommodate enrollment.
- 106 million and the school is designed for 2800-3100 but the school has current enrollment of 3,500? Why are we building a school too small? Bad choices. Can't support either option. 3702 students in 2014-15

#### Comments related to *Traffic:*

- Flipping the campus while maintaining drop offs on S Rice & Maple is logical & doesn't create high traffic issues for neighbors.
- South Rice/Maple Option Please consider building the baseball field where the parking lot was
  intended to be built; moving the parking lot to South Rice / Maple that way the traffic flow would
  be mother with two potentially exits from the parking garage; and sliding the school along Maple
  Street.
- Spend more time studying traffic flow (can't read handwriting)
- Traffic study 9/4 major construction ongoing on surrounding streets- may not be accurate



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## Comment Cards, continued

- It seems that changing the orientation of the school from facing South Rice to facing Ferris will naturally change the flow of traffic making Holly, Valerie and Pine arteries for increased traffic from teen drivers. Have any safety studies been conducted as to this increased traffic flow on streets designed to handle residential traffic? I am very concerned for children's safety in the regard. The Ferris option would be a disaster: student foot and auto traffic as well as parent drop off of traffic would be concentrated on small 2-lane residential streets (with student cars parked all the way down) This is terrible for student SAFETY & STUDENT LIFE for the students of the next 50+
- Please consider neighborhood traffic students can often be inconsiderate, so restricting parent drop off, car traffic to cafeteria area, off neighborhood streets is imperative to having a safe environment for students. Off non-school streets like mimosa, west of Ferris, Valerie, etc.

#### Additional Comments:

- Why the limit on 50% hard surface there are a lot of ways to trap the water ridiculous comment
- Why be above flood plain school is not very flood damageable when was the current school flooded??
- I'm a Bellaire resident & parent of 9th grader @ BHS and 12th grader @ Carnegie Vanguard H.S.
- What new programs are projected to be added after completion?
- What happens to Bellaire teachers during the transition period if moved?
- Need to recruit more teachers and give them own classrooms
- I think having the main entrance on Rice is the way to leave the school. Moving the front of the school to a side street is short sighted.
- DO NOT split us up into groups. It is a waste of our time. Everyone should stay in one room to discuss. We are not children. -You lost 1/2 of the people!!
- Ineffective/Horrible outreach to Hispanic community for this meeting.
- South Rice/Maple Option= 1.) Tear down the school 2.) Developers and Bellaire tax advocates & payers sue to stop construction 3.) Developer builds \$50m in house & Bellaire tax authorities are elated. 4.)Kids suffer for adult greed
- During construction, will you send students to other schools? Can you use temp buildings during construction?
- Go with option 1, prefer option 2



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#### **Emails**

- Based on planning and zoning requirements, HISD is paying architects to create drawings to be in compliance with COB new ordinance.
- Planning & Zoning creates ordinances for the entire city not just in regards to schools. Possible for an SUP to be granted in regards to parking requirements for BHS.
- Based on planning and zoning requirements, HISD presented 2 choices at the meeting, none of which residents were happy with but were in compliance with P&Z. The P&Z ordinance is preventing outside of the box thinking and an SUP waiver is needed.
- Feedback from the community meeting: -auditorium section went well breakouts were ineffective based on confusion of terminology and rating scale - wrap up was unproductive because breakouts went poorly. RISKS: BHS academic standings
- RFR: comparative classroom statistics from the old to the new and highlighting those differences.
- RFR: I believe the number one priority for the rebuild is to preserve the student's educational
  experience during (and after) construction, which includes not only academics but participation in
  fine arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities (yearbook, debate, robotics, etc.).
   Therefore, I believe we must find an option that keeps the student body in one location for the
  school day, preferably on site, while construction occurs.
- I'm a retired contractor from Southern California and have built/added complete school sites as well as additional permanent modular class rooms that look and perform as well as traditional construction. Permanent modular class rooms can be built at an average of 70% of traditional construction. If you're interested I am open to come in and talk about options all at no charge. Not only is there a financial savings but also a time savings. Time savings is also a financial savings.