

# **Illini West High School District #307**

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## **Illini West High School Building Survey Results**

**The board has identified three possible options for Illini West High School.**

**71 YES 79 NO Continue leasing and upgrade the existing campus.**

**85 YES 87 NO Build a new campus utilizing existing parking and athletic facilities.**

**110 YES 75 NO Build a new campus separate from existing facilities.**

**1. When you look at our school building and grounds and think about our future, what improvements, if any, would you like to see us make?**

- Central location
- Update classrooms
- New building, central location
- Central Location
- Better—roomier facilities
- Central location
- Roomier facilities
- 2 practice gyms
- Keep up what is there
- The current facility does not meet the needs of the students. It is not worth improving for use by the high school district.
- Central location for all!
- New school Building in same area. NO country school. This County will be 1 school District someday. Central location, hospital, police, fire, utilities.
- Central location
- It is not our school building it belongs to Carthage school district
- It is not our school building it is Carthage school building. It will not be our school until a new centrally located building is built
- None to the present facilities
- New school
- New location
- Additional cafeteria space. Get rid of mobile classrooms which have unenclosed entry. Surely needs additional wiring
- #1 security, #2 natural lighting, #3 more modern layout (more efficient)
- I think there should be the ability to use many more computers for all kinds of learning. Students should be all together in one building. Security is weak with entrance that must remain open for portable classrooms.

- Centrally located between La Harpe, Dallas City and Carthage
- More of a centralized location
- I like the last proposal. Buy ground to the East, Build school there
- Spend more time on the academics than sports
- Look to the number of students we will have in 10 years. Will it pay to do anything or will we be forced to be a county wide school system by the state
- The student population is decreasing so what can't we use the facilities that we have. Use for education instead of brain washing the students into thinking the building will fall down around them.
- Get rid of trailer classrooms and build new building or addition the money spent on rent is crazy and should be used for payment on building addition. WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY.
- Consider county school district with one high school. It will have to happen (based on population shifts, required curriculum, etc). Do it now instead of piece meal (2 or 3 districts) get all districts involved and just do it.
- Take care of what you have
- If you cannot buy the existing building, utilize one of the buildings from one of the other locations
- Central location is why we voted yes for consolidation. We have lost trust in school board and superintendents
- Considering IW does not own current building...new facility is needed
- An overall improvement on everything
- Stop worrying about trying to compete with other schools designs. Worry more about our kids education. Central air throughout all schools
- I would like to see you guys make it bigger
- Don't know what the school looks like
- Better parking lot
- Theatre for band and choir
- Need an up to date facility that is safe for the students
- All new
- Focus on education! Using existing facilities & city services will cut costs
- Larger cafeteria, hot water in showers, larger gym
- Add technology capabilities to prepare our students for future
- Make the lunch room bigger
- Add on to existing structure—build 2 story in back in place of temp rooms
- I do not like the use of trailers although I understand the need for space. The cafeteria is entirely too small.
- Build a new school. This 1950 building cannot meet the technology needs of today. We do not expect our farmers or businesses to operate with 1950 technology, why should our high school children
- Improve appearance; looks out dated
- Invest only in a new facility if financial feasible. If not, enlarge lunch room and update technology
- NO IMPROVEMENTS
- NONE-WASTE OF MONEY ON OLD BUILDINGS
- I think when we look at our school we need to look at what is inside making sure that our teachers have the resources they need to teach our children. I know a new building might make it easier but it is not a necessity. Good teachers can teach

anywhere as long as they have support & confidence from administration. If we have funds for a building use that for books, technology, supplies and resources to advance the learning at Illini West. Many amazing children have come out of those doors & have done well for themselves & it was not because of the walls around them but because the teachers took the time to teach. Great students come out of really bad situations. We need to stop using the building as an excuse and start focusing on what we have and making work.

- More room! Better parking! More technology & include special ed. Programs in everything!
- Better parking lot. More spaces marked. Better security, better technology
- Better surface for parking, more security (cameras, walk through metal detector, school safety officer)
- I would like to see a new high school (honestly I don't care) where it's built. (I'm from Carthage district) Also turn our old high school back over to our district and let the CMS (Carthage Middle School) move in to it!
- Improve technology
- Larger gym
- More space—room for classes
- A new facility including a new sporting complex comparable to Rockridge High School and Sherrard High School.
- Utilize old & build necessary space on Option Land
- No improvements
- None
- None
- All classrooms should be within building—NO TRAILERS!
- Separate high school from younger grades (different campus)
- Increased security
- I think it is a waste of money to spend on the old school
- New cafeteria & dining area. Additional classrooms. Modern technology. Existing Athletic facilities are more than adequate
- None. The building is not yours, the option to purchase has been denied and it needs a complete remodel. It does not meet today's classroom needs.
- None
- Permanent classrooms
- All classrooms in secure structures
- Centralized location as agreed upon during Carthage/Dallas City/La Harpe consolidation
- Larger cafeteria—visitors need to be buzzed in
- More efficient, larger kitchen & cafeteria seating
- None-the enrollment keeps dropping why do we need a new school!!
- Locate the campus in an area CENTRAL to the 3 districts
- A central location
- New everything & centrally located
- Although computers are everywhere, do not underestimate the amount of money it will take to keep that technology operational. Do not purchase state of art equipment because it will be obsolete in a short time
- Less importance on sports more on education!
- Build a new school in a central location-not in Carthage

- Better food selections at breakfast and lunch; bigger cafeteria
- None
- We lease this building, so make repairs as needed
- Remove modular building and build permanent structures. Air conditioned gym. Improve technology. Miller street needs to be a one-way street to help eliminate congestion and make it safer for primary students walking/riding bikes
- The portables work temporarily, but not intended for use permanently.
- Has anyone studied the economic feasibility of each? Which option make economic sense for the kids & the community?
- Technology improvements, classroom upgrades—grounds look ok, building NOT OK
- New building! Grounds seem to be still functional.
- Improvements in the faculty & teaching. A new building will NOT teach our children Do away with portable rooms. Build new class rooms
- Technology (ie TV station), labs, rehearsal & practice areas
- None at the current facility in Carthage
- Bathrooms, HVAC, teachers should be asked about their particular concerns for their area
- Priority; improve bus pick up/drop off for elementary—direct away from high school traffic
- The entire building needs improved.
- Build a new school & get rid of extra buildings
- Inside classrooms
- Expanded room within building for passing, bigger lunch area, bigger classrooms, all classroom under one roof, security system, extracurricular activities all on same grounds, technology expanded
- A heater that works, air-conditioning, no trailers for classrooms, rooms that don't smell like mold.
- Better tasting water, cafeteria & lunch so all high school age could eat at school. All rooms with A/C
- Bigger cafeteria. More parking
- More space for amount of students.
- Get the high school kids away from little kids
- Just update things that need updates. Try just adding a story to the original building.
- Additional gym for
- Bigger & better
- Decent water pipes
- I'm new to the school so I'm not sure
- Get some teachers who actually care about students more than about their pay checks.
- Better facilities for our kids.
- New facility including new ath. Facility
- New facility including new athletic facility
- None
- Carthage is not central to the Illini West School District nor is it the safest location.
- Ability to expand
- Safety first!
- Safety first!

- All classrooms need to be inside for safety.
- New gym
- IW needs to be a place the community can take pride in.
- Heat, A/C, larger lunch room, new plumbing
- Attractiveness and landscaping to front of building. Modular buildings repaired on outside and appealing to the students & community.
- Keep the elementary where it is. Move the middle school onto the current high school campus. Build a new high school but keep the current athletic facilities
- Better visitor bleacher for football games. When we have people visiting to watch football they would be impressed by the seating and more interested in possibly moving
- Needs to be larger
- The high school grounds have lots of old run down problems-mold in some rooms, faulty heat/ac problems, small kitchen, repair problems in need of TLC
- If a new school is not passed and the younger children continue to use the primary wing, the pick-up & drop off rules must be followed & enforced
- Better security
- Much larger
- Restrooms at football field
- Having new athletic facilities on the grounds. Do it right the first time. Have a first rate cafeteria and also first rate teachers. Don't settle for mediocrity.
- New water lines. I don't like my children to drink water there.
- Better pick up arrangements for parents and school buses at the primary and better security/hard for high school and primary to share building.
- Common building—no portable rooms
- Proper heat & cooling so students can learn in a suitable environment. The loos /upkeep when you drive up to or enter school.
- School needs to be updated and pick up and drop off areas need to be improved.
- Better way to handle bus traffic and family pick up traffic.
- Proper environment for learning
- I see no conundrums
- No portable classrooms; increased athletic space; advanced technology capabilities
- Student drop off for primary school students
- Jr. High needs improvement
- I don't know
- Get rid of portable
- None
- Current facilities are so inadequate, but the only chance for a new school is if it is centrally located (not in Carthage)
- Build new, modern facility
- Central air whole building, get them away from our little kids, better security, up to date facility, air conditioned gym, bigger cafeteria.
- Buy from the Carthage school district and then upgrade
- Unsure, have never seen the facilities
- Only that I wish the school was located in a more central location (better mid-point for all students)

**2. Are you in favor of a new school being constructed?**      167 YES   59 NO

**If yes, please rank in order of importance:**

<u>1-63</u>	<u>2-41</u>	<u>3-28</u>	<u>4-30</u>	<u>5-6</u>	<b>Student safety (proximity to hospital, police, &amp; sheriff)</b>
<u>1-15</u>	<u>2-89</u>	<u>3-49</u>	<u>4-22</u>	<u>5-3</u>	<b>Low cost to taxpayers</b>
<u>1-89</u>	<u>2-16</u>	<u>3-27</u>	<u>4-36</u>	<u>5-10</u>	<b>Central Location</b>
<u>1-13</u>	<u>2-36</u>	<u>3-49</u>	<u>4- 48</u>	<u>5-7</u>	<b>Future reorganization</b>
<u>1-6</u>	<u>2-4</u>	<u>3-10</u>	<u>4- 11</u>	<u>5-19</u>	<b>Other considerations (please explain)</b>

- Go back to what was promised when we voted to coop high schools. We have been lied to from the start. Thanks
- ? County Wide?
- Needs to be larger and offer more
- Thought your location east of the present school was ideal and could have made good use of athletic field, track & parking; Also, in event of further consolidation, more centrally located.
- Water & sewer
- Consider all design options—steel, wood frame, concrete, post frame, construction-utilize latest energy efficient methods
- Adaptable to new and future kinds of learning is more important than where it is. Number 1 focus is the kids & education.
- Central location (too expensive)
- Try and get Nauvoo to come in on HS level
- A school should be safe no matter what their location & proper procedures in place. There are many rural schools in IL
- **Student safety (proximity to hospital, police, & sheriff)**—if this is the case then the school should be in Lomax as they are the closest to the hospital—not just a band aid station
- Future reorganization should be taken into consideration
- Should be built in Carthage just with utilizing a lot of what we already have
- New building only after establishing single high school district for Hancock County
- Use or sale of existing building and properties to offset cost
- All towns have clinics or EMT access as well as local police
- New school only if entire county
- How often are students rushed to the hospital?
- Not favoring one school over the other. Build in mutual place
- Educational needs
- Facilities adequate for a full slate of course offering—Shop, Consumer Ed., Athletics, etc.
- Its time they think about the other schools... we have to all give the same. It will never go if we don't come together—I think the safety of the students is #1 and that is the #1 thing, but with the past in Carthage trying to pull one off I would say location.
- Carthage best area...State will make 1 County School before we know it
- Not paying \$20,000 per Acre!!!
- 1950 technology being used to educate our children
- Hope that future reorganization is not a possibility
- Work with all communities and find a fair plan for all!

- Work with other communities and be upfront and honest. Don't miss lead people. If you're fair & honest with everyone they will work with you. A Central location is the only way a new high school will ever pass
- Needs of students and flexibility to adapt to new educational methods—consolidation efforts
- Long range planning
- Preferably in Carthage
- Closer to Great River Medical
- There's no reason not to utilize the athletic facilities already in existence in Carthage & use the parking lot. Also, its only a matter of time before we consolidate elementary schools so we should keep the campuses close to each other.
- Only construct necessary space
- These two boards must (High School & Grade School) must dissolve this property to High School and move forward
- We should do what works best for all students-not the cheapest, not the closet, not the best for other "interested parties!"
- I found this to be interesting because I've not heard or read of much effort with regard to neighboring schools. Now they are making their own effort to move towards reorganizing. We've been Illini West for six years and because steps of this kind take time we should have been having some meaningful conversation. We cannot expect others to simply fall in line; we must be open to an honest dialogue of what is important to others and what they consider to be important for students and the families of those students.
- Secure/closed campus. Cafeteria only/allow outside vendors
- Closed campus
- My safety concerns would be addressed with a new school—do what needs to be done to use existing building
- No as opposed to a Carthage location
- Low cost to taxpayers (initial building, maintenance, utilities, transportation)
- Acting while gov't dollars are available so all cost is not on taxpayers
- Our concern is for the current 3 districts. Other districts made their choices 5+ years ago to NOT be involved with IW. Our decisions must be based on current IW districts. If others now want in, taxpayers of ALL districts need to be involved in ALL decisions, and the construction of a new building must be delayed.
- How we voted!
- We probably DO need a new school. My concern is your funding model. The state is BROKE. For that reason we will have to borrow money. With the current State Pension stalemate, lending rates for all Illinois State Institutions are horrible. As a tax payer that means higher assessments in the future. Don't get me wrong-I fully support improving our facilities. My suggestion is to complete the consolidation by attacking redundancies, actively seek federal, (etc) funding grants-get creative and prove to the voters you've done more than draft a wish list. Lots of us are on limited income. We need you to spend our tax dollars wisely.
- Bussing all of Carthage out of town will be costly, so "minimal travel" should be considered
- We don't know what a central location will mean

- Transportation cost—even though we hear about the cost to transport students from the north all the way to Carthage, cutting that in half will be good, but then transporting all of Carthage will cost much more!
  - Safe rooms
  - New school constructed? Not at this time; too much uncertainty and instability in our state & are economically (state funding; learning/educ. Standards, jobs,) retirement/pension funding, new health care plan ramifications
  - While all these are important, I feel you should focus on constructing a building that is capable of providing the best education possible. Build a facility that is technology friendly, big rooms & provide classes that prepare them for a future
  - Central location within Carthage
  - I believe it is an issue for the LH & DC kids & families but they knew where IWHS would be located when they voted to join. I feel the very LAST option would be to put a school out in the middle of nowhere so that it would reduce commute time.
  - Student safety driving shorter distance
  - I see the state making it county wide high school in the future.
  - A central location for students to attend college classes or work placement in their home community.— safety should not be problem for any central location due to low traffic patterns of small communities ( no child spending more time on a bus or driving a car to school)—
  - County wide—Carthage is center of County
  - Better facilities/technology
  - Get rid of the Carthage clique and a new school will fly
  - County High School
  - No unless Central location
  - Yes if it's in a more central location
- 3. If a new school is constructed, what are the most important needs?**
- Plenty of room to expand in future years
  - Central location
  - Updated classrooms
  - 2 practice gyms
  - Location-central
  - Big roomy classrooms
  - Central locations
  - 2 gyms—no late extra-curricular practices
  - Larger cafeteria
  - Room for all students in classrooms
  - No late practice—2 gyms
  - Central location
  - Larger cafeteria
  - Central location
  - Room to grow in case we reorganize
  - Maximizing the school day with well-trained teaching staff, up-to-date facilities and technology, and adequate food service. Central location is of utmost importance in a district of Illini West's size.
  - If it's going to cost all three communities the same in taxes, then it should be centrally located. It already costs DC/LH people more in driving costs for their kids to go there.
  - Adaptable to advancing technology



- Energy efficient
- Accessible to all in the unit—Central
- More central location for La Harpe & Dallas City
- Classrooms, gym
- Classrooms, computer labs, gym
- In ten years is this school going to be big enough or too big?
- Utilities. Needs to be able to take the entire county. Well built, not just some tin shed
- Look to the future and plan for other schools to join Illini West. Need more space to grow. Need to plan for advanced classes to motivate (challenge) students to further their education
- Centrally Located
- Central location
- Central location
- Need to think of all the students not just what is good for Carthage. Make it a central location. So that all the students will enjoy going to their school
- Will, it needs to be built in the middle of all 3 communities. Education should come first not sports. You need to work on your drug problem in the school.
- Central location—low cost to tax payers
- No frill school that doesn't have unnecessary additions
- It must be built in a central location as we were told it would be. Low cost to taxpayers.
- Central location
- Quality construction
- Whatever is needed to give each student the best education they can receive
- Central location, nice safe building with all accommodations for learning and extra activities
- Cafeteria, Gym, electrically updated
- Central location is very important! Once location is found explore all options for design, constructions, etc. Open up to competition between architects to get best design for the money
- Larger class rooms, larger cafeteria, larger gym
- Learning, i.e. technology, labs, updated setting
- Security—close to fire, hospital, polices, etc
- Thoughts toward the future and other schools—logically Carthage is central for all county wide school.
- Central location
- For it to be centralized, not fair to La Harpe or Dallas City kids/parents to have to travel all the time, it should be equal.
- Most modern technology so not out dated in 10 years
- Large enough for future reorganization
- Cafeteria large enough so kids stay on campus & can host fundraising events
- Science & computer labs but we don't need a new school right now
- Computer labs, security, students to fill the classrooms
- Education & safety (police, hospital, fire dept.)
- So that it will be county wide
- Minimize transportation expenses
- Academic efficiency

- Minimize transportation expenses but also minimize infrastructure expenses
- Math, English, Science, technology
- Entire sports complexes are “NOT” a need. Let sports & theatre be community activities where money is raised by those who utilize it.
- Central location most of us would rather pay more to have the school centrally located
- Computer labs, Ag facility, Science Labs, Cafeteria that holds more than 60 people, 2 gyms
- Up-to-date safety features, enough space for all athletics, clubs, etc.
- Easily located for all 3 schools. Close to Ferris somewhere. Still easily gotten to for help by cops, ambulance, and students. Does not necessarily have to be in Carthage.
- Education
- Well you would need more computers and books to help the school
- Bigger Building, good heat and air and safe environment
- Bigger lunch room, air in every room
- Student safety
- Learning
- Supplies necessary to teach
- The Arts
- Better parking lot & better area for special needs students
- Education
- Educational opportunities for the children.
- Safety
- Security
- Up to date labs and classrooms
- More room to prevent overcrowding
- Cost savings in the long run
- High Quality
- Adequate space
- Good for the kids and future education styles, but consider cost. These days, sadly, security is important. Appearance of a secure place deters a lot. Can't see that out in the country
- Better educational opportunities
- Larger gym
- Technology
- Room to grow
- Capacity for academic opportunities not presently available
- Fairness in location to promote equality among students, a new building in a new location to promote IW's own identity.
- Central Location—fairness to all 3 former districts in respect to travel distances for school & extra-curricular.
- Make it big so my children can eat lunch there...build it big so there is room for classes...build it in a location where all students feel equal
- Kids being taught so they will be ready for college and safety for all
- Good learning lessons for their future...schooling College or trade school
- Big enough to serve community students...Bigger gym
- Don't build new school. Improve what you have.
- More student classroom space with new technology capability

- Large cafeteria so students do not need to leave campus
- Auditorium for performing arts
- It needs to be built with expansion in mind. Do not land lock it. It will need to expand if the population increases. Further, it needs to be state of the art. Think outside the box.
- Adequate space, rooms, etc so additional construction is not necessary in the future
- Classroom size, technology, quality construction
- NO IMPORTANT NEEDS...NO NEW SCHOOL! NO! NO! NO!
- Opportunity to expand for possible consolidation
- Utilize as many things as we already have. Like parking lots, football field, baseball fields owned by park district
- Education! Upgrade text books & computers. Use the "book fee" charges we apply every year to actually buy new curriculum!
- Better access to technology...internet
- Bigger lunch services
- All in one building—no more portables
- Better security
- Technology/high speed internet, security system upgrade, adequate parking with designation handicap spaces
- You want a new high school. Drop the whole local idea all together. Five in and build it on the neutral site. We have to work together fairly with all communities or our children will keep on suffering in an old school!
- Central location
- Safety
- The current school needs so much updating that a new school is necessary
- Security
- Technology
- Adaptable for new innovations in education
- A design that lets the community use the building without sacrificing security
- Space-room
- Utilize existing athletic fields—don't spend more money on athletics
- NO!
- A new facility that is centrally located (possibly to include Nauvoo school district). It should be a closed campus facility and have a cafeteria large enough to accommodate all the students. The cafeteria should offer good meals that are appealing to the kids.
- Classroom availability, technologically updated, energy efficient.
- I would hope current teachers have a lot of input as to their needs. Buildings are great, but the teachers are so, so very important! Their ideas & concerns deserve a lot of respect
- No new school
- No New School
- Technology based structure—education focused
- That really depends on all students. There are too many adults with hidden agendas! These needs need to be decided by an outside group! People with no ties or possible benefit to any of the 3 communities
- Central location
- Opportunity for expansion and growth. Infrastructure should already be in place.

- Modern classrooms, appropriate security systems, open technology architecture robust infrastructure, avoid artistic statements such as WIU's ne \$420,000 sign! Stress function!
- Find the middle ground; don't try to fulfill your every wish. Spacious classrooms that have wiring meeting and exceeding the technology needs of our teachers as students try to prepare for the next step of college or the work place. Good lighting, storage, desks or tables that are comfortable, equipment and tools that would make learning exciting and fun. A classroom or lab or auditorium you'd want to come to each day. All too often we put up the walls and don't budget for the practical items used every day. You've had your day of living on used and by now worn out, create and inviting, creative learning atmosphere. Give lots of thought to the educational process and a little less to the coveted athletic program. Our kids will take that with them the resto of their lives. An athletic program is important but not meant to be overshadowing the curriculum. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were known for our academic excellence and achievement? And what about the arts, so quickly downplayed? By all means continue the dialogue with everyone involved. In the beginning of the convergence talks and more central location was mentioned, own it, listen to people, work with people, there is a solution.
- Students are our most important needs along with the education that we provide
- Centralized to whole district including Dallas City/Lomax/La Harpe. Two gyms to allow multiple practices right after school. Secure campus, computers available and smart classroom technology.
- Storm shelters, handicap accessibility to all areas, lots of bathrooms, location centrally located between 3 districts.
- Having all students in a safe environment in one building, not trailers. Meeting the needs of ALL surrounding communities with a centralized location.
- Of course safety is a need. A new building would provide that. I trust our police & EMT's, & fire dept. to do a good job no matter where our kids are. I don't think we need to scare people that if our kids aren't in Carthage, they aren't safe.
- Central location for all families in the district
- A new school should offer classrooms with increased technology, larger facilities in a location that is central to all three towns.
- Centrally located in the county
- A building intended for school work not a high school rec-plex
- Good classrooms & teachers
- Adequate funds
- Nothing fancy, conserve space
- None-don't need a new school-when it was brought up to consolidate, no one said anything about new school!!
- Need to be in a town. Close to fire, ambulance, police, sewer & water
- In no particular order: safety, intercoms, camera buzzer system, etc., technology, Prometheans in classroom
- I think we need to look at long range planning. Are we thinking about 1 high school in the county in the future? If so, all of this needs to be taken into consideration and then build with that in mind rather than to continually be in a building program
- Safety, technology, energy efficiency to keep ongoing cost down
- Safety, technology

- Library-This should focus on research-with access to online databases. That is what colleges expect students to use for research. Students should not just be searching public domain areas, but databases to which the district would have to subscribe. The students should also have to submit papers to “Turn It In”, a website that checks for plagiarism. This too is used at college level, and students will need to be familiar with it. Subscription is required, I think, so it is an additional expense to consider. Dallas City students are at a disadvantage because they lack free access to a public library.
- 2. Large cafeteria/multipurpose room. A central location will demand closed campus. Many jobs do not allow employees to leave for lunch, so students need to “practice” staying on-site.
- Safety; proximity to all three towns—this is also safety
- In a central location for all schools—not Carthage!
- Safety of the students
- Bigger gym
- Centrally located & upgraded to all of the needs & technology the students would need
- Central location; near a highway
- Central location
- A 10-yr. projection for a county-wide school; 2. Easy access to location; 3. Security/safety (secure environment for students) as presented by the last proposal; 4. Up-to-date technology; 5. Easy access to EMS; 6. Easy access to interstate
- Would like to see enough space to accommodate necessary curriculum
- Safety; tech abilities in all classrooms; low cost electric, water, sewer, HVAC
- Adaptability to class size, room uses, and technology; low cost utilities!; quick access to services (emergencies); expansion for the future; great learning environment
- The most important needs of our children are better teachers, teachers who are willing to help ALL children. A new building will not improve grades, nor improve state ratings.
- Safety for students & faculty (ie New town, CT??); room for future growth—if county wide school is mandated
- Safety and improving student achievement; facility should have state-of-the-art technology, virtual learning capacity, classrooms that are flexible (removable walls) to accommodate learning styles and connections to real-work experience (ie, modeling/promoting entrepreneurship)
- Central location
- Central location; 2. Safe rooms
- Please ask our teachers for their particular needs and students (bathrooms & HVAC have been complaints I’ve heard from students)
- Sounds like repeat of #2—safety of students better organization/utilization of floor plan a.in building & b. area around building
- Larger classrooms; arts, music, etc.
- Make sure that it can be expanded for future district additions. It must be energy efficient.
- Technology friendly
- Spacious for growing numbers—state will make county school someday. Build the new facility with that in mind so when time comes there won’t be question as to its location
- To provide accessibility to all modern technology; to provide more efficient use of utilities.

- Enough classroom space; close to hospital, fire, police, etc...; large gym to host tournaments.
- More room inside & outside building; security; better lunch program; technology considered; bigger gym
- A central location! So these kids are not on busses for an hour & 1/2 or longer; a place to learn that has proper heating & cooling; a place big enough to house all students; reasonable cost. (Grants, Fundraiser, ect...)
- Central location
- More space
- Being close to emergency facilities.
- It needs to be safe, drug free, and large enough for students to be comfortable in.
- NOT TO CONSTRUCT
- Safety; location to rescue sources; technology; cost savings to tax-payers; additional athletic facilities
- Stay in Carthage!
- The children's learning
- Modern upgrades
- Having businesses in the communities that are bringing in families, getting teachers who actually teach, and get some people (adults) in the school who actually know what they are doing.
- Keep it in Carthage; taxes will go up regardless! Education should take priority to dollars.
- Air conditioning, heating, NO 8 block
- Teachers & students
- Safety; space; modern tech.
- Safety; space; modern technology
- Built with durable materials that will last a long time.
- Do not build a new school. It was voted down twice!
- Don't do it, voted down TWICE!
- Making sure that all rooms are big enough & storage for all.
- Space for future growth
- Space, security, technology, safety
- Central location.
- Consolidation of grades PK-12 all housed in a building with two wings. Building should contain Wi-Fi and up-to-date technology to offer advancing course work for honor students and remedial coursework for student's deficient in basic education. Building should include vocation/career studies, advancing labs for sciences—biology, chemistry, engineering/physics labs—etc.
- Safety & technology
- We have so many businesses that have left Carthage. If you move the high school, many locally owned business will suffer, ie...gas stations, fast food, etc. Tax \$ is huge issue as well. None of us can afford more expenses. The state can say they will off so much \$ but to actually receive it?
- Technology
- Technology, engage learning, backed by all State holders (probably impossible) exciting for staff, students, & community
- Level of education, latest technology, growth capability
- Security; classroom space

- Technology
- Student easy campus
- Locate centrally for school district members
- Location-near to hospitals, gas stations, food, etc.
- Being close to police and fire. Old high school is out dated and students are crammed into out building.
- A building that will meet the students' needs and a large enough facility to allow some growth
- Bigger classrooms. Will more schools eventually want to consolidate?
- Security and safety
- Clean, safe & healthy environment; well built & appropriately sized facility; smart design to allow for growth of updates in the future
- Handicap accessible; no portable classrooms
- Build right the 1<sup>st</sup> time not making cuts so for example the gym is not big enough for graduations.
- The location needs to be kept close to the hospital and sheriff for the safety of the students.
- Good vocational class and labs; sufficient computers for all students; adequate technology for all teacher
- Safety is a necessity students need to be able to get to without worrying about other students running them over. All classroom need to be in the building not outside so kids aren't exposed to rain & snow & getting SICK
- Central location
- Safety
- Safety for students; ability to house our student population; room size & technology needs appropriate; athletic facilities
- Move Middle School
- No fancy building. Just a building that provides a safe place to teach using the technology we have today, at the lowest cost to taxpayers. You can always add extras later as money becomes available.
- More space; upgrade for electronics (ipad other devices)
- None
- Adequate room for existing programs and room for future reorganizations
- Central location & cost
- Security, class room size, bigger lockers, sick room to contain ill students, bigger cafeteria, our own facility, gym bigger with a/c, less congested hallways, kids not having to go outside to other classrooms
- Discipline—there is no discipline in the school. 1. Band member get caught with brownies laced with marijuana...nothing happen because she was a daughter of a school board member 2. Volleyball Senior got caught stealing towels from Sherrard High School...nothing happen because she was a prominent Carthage family. Both should have expelled a week.
- Central location
- Centrally located, updated for technology & under one roof for safety!
- A better midpoint for all towns going to the school. Low cost for tax payers & a to education.
- Central location

#### 4. Additional comments

- Taxes are too high now
- Even making the school a little south of Carthage would help other districts out.
- Room for all classes and students
- No late practices—2 gyms
- Be sure and keep board members from Dallas City and La Harpe so Carthage isn't running the whole show! Plus, don't be 'overpaying' for land!
- I like the possibility of 2 gymnasiums for practice. Anything that promotes maximizing learning time and minimizing the frustrations and difficult logistics of going to school outside of one's hometown would help. A heightened awareness of this by the current staff would be helpful.
- A location which would foster an independent identity for Illini West—not tied to any one town—would benefit all students.
- Central location=Equality! (taxes, driving, costs, etc)
- Enough food in cafeteria to feed all high school students
- Even though I rated student safety #4, I feel that safety will be in the fore front of any plan listing it first with the parenthetical remarks maybe a ploy??
- We should encourage Nauvoo-Colusa to join the District and build a new school north of Carthage.
- Student safety is hype, students would probably be safer with a school in the country & closed campus
- Planning on a bankrupt state to fund a new facility may not be a good idea. I think you need to think farther out. Try to get Nauvoo-Colusa in the district, or a county wide school.
- The school issue was voted down twice. Why does the school board keep trying to shove this issue down our throats the more this happens the madder I get.
- Carthage is NOT a central location. Kids spend a lot of hours riding to & from school. Kids going out for sports, who live in La Harpe, spend a lot of extra hours and many trips to & from practice with the price of gas this could mean financial problems.
- Many people feel this would have passed the first time, if it had been going to be in the central location.
- Put de-convergence on the ballot. It would pass. The over-whelming majority of people I talk to would vote for it. Convergence was tried, school board does not get along people do not get along, what is good these days? Many promises about classes not kept. Consolidate the County NOW!
- If a new school is built we need to include other schools in the County. For this end of school the size for 600-700 students would be adequate. A County school is coming, let's have all communities pay for it. This includes Warsaw, Hamilton, Southeastern and Nauvoo. Illini West by itself will only have less than 200 students in 4 years. For this the present building should be more than adequate.
- You can't say that the current building is inadequate because if new school is built you will move Jr. High to present facility
- College isn't for everyone so consider more technical classes and life skill classes
- New building depending on feasibility and return on investment
- Kids are more likely to get in a car accident than hurt at school
- It's hard to believe you're not getting the message from the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 votes



- I will support a new school when I am convinced it is the right time. It seems premature to me. I believe the time will come when there is a county high school. I'm not sure all parties will agree on Carthage as the site for that school. Also I would like to see projections on population growth for our district. It is declining so what are the future need of the district. What plans do the primary districts have? Will they need to discontinue use of the Middle School? These are some of the questions I have. Additionally, I am concerned about the hostility that seems to exists from resident of Dallas City and La Harpe regarding placing a school in Carthage. There seems to be some deep wounds that need to be healed not just for the building of a new school but so that our district can operate more smoothly and effectively. I am a strong supporter of education.
- As the population decreases in this area there will be no need for a new school.
- Student safety does not mean it has to be inside Carthage City limits numerous other districts are out in the country and does not have student safety problems
- Need to look into Green Energy, a wind turbine, solar panels and geothermal, several schools in country settings utilize these.
- The referendum has failed twice and the second time by a larger margin. Tax payers want a centrally located school if it is located between the three communities it will pass.
- All 3 towns have excellent police & ambulance services. Not everyone uses Carthage Hospital. When you are from a rural local you are use to driving to a hospital.
- You should have put a drop box in each town so people wouldn't have to mail them in—more people would fill them out, but wait you probably don't want people that are not from Carthage filling them out.
- Give me a break—that (the student safety) is one reason you can keep the school in Carthage. Don't think so.
- We as a community have been lied too since the beginning. I voted no to the consolidation in the first place. I did not want my children to go to Carthage and now we are stuck. Carthage is getting all of the revenue while La Harpe and Dallas City struggle to keep businesses. It is not right. A central location and I mean central will be the only way it will pass, but that was promised in the beginning and it still has not happened. Swept under the rug like everything else when it comes to Carthage.
- In an interview Board Pres. Anders gave after the last vote he said he felt that all communities wanted to build the school in their communities. I feel the people in Dallas City, Lomax, and La Harpe are more fair minded than that. I believe that what these communities want is a school centrally located for equal access to ALL STUDENTS.
- In a central location that is fair to all students, families and communities
- A central location so that the school feels like it is everyones school, not just Carthages. Tax dollars should benefit all surrounding areas, not just Carthage.
- Think about future, students, and parents get a school Board that cares about everybody. The distance is too far in Carthage for other towns involved everything is about Carthage. The money to build is not a big Deal if school is fair to everyone and their families central location all the way!
- It's already been voted down take care of the one you have.
- I have watched way too many boards, committees; groups, etc develop tunnel vision on projects like this, picking an architect, limiting the groups concept to that one person who does not have the best interest of the district in mind.

- I can see concern for a more “central” location, but we will travel no matter what. Some of these other things are just more important.
- Start with an all new board. When this school first started they said it would be Centrally located and its not yet.
- Can’t stress enough how important a centralized location is for all towns involved. It’s simply not fair to the other 2 towns to do all the traveling while Carthage does none. When we consolidated that was supposed to be the deal and it hasn’t happened yet. I will never vote yes unless it’s at a mutual location for all schools involved.
- We can’t lose the 75% state funding!
- It’s just a matter of time before Carthage Elem. Building will be deemed unsafe a& they will want HS building back or build new & leave IW in current building paying rent
- How did the halls & building get so crowded? At least they are according to the media reports and we are losing students each year. A little maintenance on the current building would improve the building and it would serve the purpose until more consolation is done.
- As the size of the school district grows the tax base is dropping. We need to have jobs in the area to keep the younger people in the area. Then we will be able to build & support a new building.
- As our population continues to decline, there are less people to tax. Seniors on a fixed income can’t afford to pay for it—look toward an all-county high school. Be practical—bigger may be impressive but won’t necessarily be better—use athletic facilities already available—we already have empty buildings—let’s not make more.
- Bring in mobile units and put them in Dallas City for 3 months, La Harpe 3 months and Carthage for 3 months---then everyone would have to drive instead of just the Dallas City and La Harpe parents
- The problem with the whole thing is people don’t believe their kids all getting a good education now so why build a new school. Also it seems La Harpe, Dallas City doesn’t want to go to Carthage to school I would say they can leave then. And with some upgrades to current facility I don’t think there is anything wrong with the building they are currently using.
- Approximately 30 years ago there were 8 high schools in Hancock County. Now there are 4, with consideration presently of consolidation 2 of the 4 leaving only 3. Sooner or later there will be only 1 school district for Hancock County. Do IT NOW. Combine all county High Schools into 1 High School then build a centrally located County High School, instead of wasting money on a new building now.
- All you want is just tax people to death. We pay enough tax and when student work at fast food and they can’t make right change then you need to pay more attention to that kind of stuff not a new school that won’t change anything.
- A complete county consolidation would be possible if it were 1-Centrally Located,2-Tax base by county not by city/township evening out tax base so all paid the same,3-“School only” & build fields & theaters in future
- I believe there is nothing wrong with the school there already is, but if you do end up building a new school I think it’s only fair to have the school in equal distance driving wise between, Carthage, La Harpe, & Dallas City
- Make the school better and bigger.
- When it was decided to bring the three schools together it was told a central location for all 3 schools 1-if this was done in the first place you would have maybe had a new school voted in 2-I think all students should stay on campus it is a mess when you have them all over town mostly at Circle K Station on what example are they making

when you go by and you have kids out beside the station making out and smoking 3-taxes sure I don't want them to go up as a land owner and single income it is really hard but I am all for good education. So go back to the drawing board and really consider central location like it was told to the 3 schools. We have a good police and hospital that can get to any location in a matter of time.

- If this survey was going to prove anything it should have been sent to all taxpayers not a select few
- Comments like (asking about property for sale) this means you are trying to go against the voting public...any question call me Eldn Wachtendorf
- And why aren't these surveys all over LH/DC communities? Banks, post offices? Trying to be biased?
- Up-to-date building & amenities without raising property taxes enormously
- The "future" depends on a central location to attract close by neighboring schools that will need to reorganize, eventually
- Find a way to get rid of taxes for unit 336 so we can move on
- Let's think about our children and not taxes
- Quit trying to spend like it is free money. It isn't you blithering idiots. It's our tax dollars
- The school needs to be inside the city limits of a community that can provide fire protection, police protection and medical services. City water and sewer must be available. The performing arts are always pushed aside, but the top students are these in band and chorus. Statistics prove that band, chorus and arts are vital to developing the human brain.
- Location should be on northern outskirts of Carthage so it is attainable and accessible to students and families from other communities
- The new building needs to be centrally located so the communities of La Harpe/Dallas City feel that Illini West is truly our school
- County population is mostly in the western part. If and when county wide consolidation should come about, we would have a better opportunity to have it here if our new school is located on the west edge/side of Carthage
- Too much time is being spent on this issue, focus on the issues that will make difference in the life of a child. On college applications they do not ask the age of the school building you attended. They ask about grades classes took, extracurricular activities & test scores. Put the administrations time and focus there.
- New building needs to be cost efficient and better access to and from school routes!
- Let's put our kids first. The kids don't care where the schools built. Hers a thought...ASK THE KIDS!! Survey the kids and you will see! We have to have 100% wiliness in all communities to be successful!
- I would like to see better facilities for all the kids with special needs. You have them in "OUT" buildings exposed I an unsafe manner. I'm sure there is a violation under IDEA that can be exposed! We need a new school! We need our kids in safer facilities.
- Let's get this done for our kids' future!
- I understand the wishes of the northern communities to have the school closer. Taking 5 or 10 miles off the trip still leaves a trip, and the facility is out in the middle of nowhere for everyone. There is good logic to locate near existing infrastructure, police & medical care. The ambulance is only a few blocks away. Most important to me is the switch from having Carthage police 2-3 minutes away vs county deputies who may be ½ hour away is HUGE!
- Carthage needs to import new voters—people who have a vision for Carthage

- The enrollment of all schools in the area is slowly declining. A new school would be an unnecessary burden on tax payers. Look at expanding the existing school. Or buy the school and lease the CESD and then expand the existing structure where the outside classrooms are now.
- I am very disappointed in the administration and board members for not supporting all three communities. They have no consideration for the travel time, safety and expense for these kids. They need to keep an open mind since all three communities support their salaries/election. I would suggest they take a look at the plat book and start calling people regarding central building sites. Since IW has formed, there have been two locations that have sold on Highway 94.
- Unfortunately I don't believe you'll ever get La Harpe & Dallas City to agree to a school in Carthage. And I don't believe you'll ever have Carthage on your side to pay \$20,000/acre to a greedy landowner. The biggest mistake you could ever make is centralizing the school out in the middle of nowhere & thus inconveniencing everyone.
- Build the school in Carthage where the elementary will consolidate to in the future. And where safety of our children is top priority or deconsolidate!
- Let's think about what's best for the kids not the adults and fighting over this for years just pushes more kids out the door unprepared because of substandard opportunities
- I believe a new site needs to be obtained. Still feels like this is a Carthage School—not Illini West
- The new school needs to be built in a central location in the converted districts as we were promised before the vote to converge
- Since state dollars cannot be used for athletic facilities or common area these should be eliminated. Focus should be on classrooms being adequate for current needs. Not future such as county wide school. WASTE of money and time to build now for possible future events that may NEVER materialize. An open plan that accommodates future additions is ok, but actual construction of unneeded space now is wasteful.
- A centrally located site would benefit all 3 districts. The scare tactic that was used telling people it should be in Carthage because of the location of police & fire and hospital was just that. The other two districts also have those personnel that can and do respond as well. If you're worried about businesses arrangements could be made with them to take and to sell food on site.
- Location has been primary reason for building not passing. A school near Burnside would be much more accommodating to all.
- Closed campus lunches would increase safety of students. Students can be kept in a safe environment even if they are not in town. Additional measures can be taken to ensure this ex. Security cameras, security guard, locks on class room doors.
- All three communities have a good grad school. We all would welcome new families to move into our community. With a central location for high school, we would all have a lot to offer. I also believe a closed campus is a good idea (also a safety issue) I think the businesses could work out a deal to bring in food through the months. By centralizing, if mean for DC, La Harpe & Carthage.
- Education 2. Sports
- Building a new school has been put off long enough. A compromise needs to happen.
- Relying on the State of Illinois to finance the larger portion of a school building program is wishful thinking. If Hancock County population continues to decline and if school enrollment follows suit, in the future it may be a more feasible to revert to high schools located in each town represented in HS District 307 rather than considering

future reorganization. Just wondering: has the formation of Illini West HS drawn new residents to the county?

- No child should have to ride a bus for hours going or coming
- Your Board President is a complete idiot!! If he was half as smart as he thinks he is—we wouldn't have this mess. We should have went with West Prairie—but he wasn't that smart. All you wanted was a winning football team—which can't last forever!! Stronghurst is an example of that. Where is the money coming from for this school—our taxes are too high now!
- Does not to be in the middle of nowhere!! Too many things happen. Need to have access to hospital in case of emergency.
- I feel students from Dallas City, La Harpe, and farther north are penalized when it comes to extracurricular activities due to the distance and the lack of transportation provided. It is costing many dollars & time if the students do get to participate.
- Please do not spend money on landscaping (flowers, shrubs and high maintenance items). Use gravel and grass. The money and volunteers will not materialize to maintain anything of beauty. (The new school on Sunnyside in Burlington is proof of that) Not everyone is interested in sports; therefore, going to great expense for ball fields, lighting and bleachers will not be well-received by all. Itemized costs will be requested for such amenities.
- Safety-A location in the country will demand a closed campus. That will alleviate speeding during the lunch hour to get back to school on time. A central location means that many fire departments and ambulances can respond to an emergency in a timely fashion-chances are that disaster at a building large enough to house IW will demand mutual aid. Close proximity to hospital is not concern. More emergency personnel in a timely fashion is more important.
- We voted based on the school being closest to all three towns—not in Carthage
- You should have purchased property before vote was stale!
- This is just my opinion, but the high schools will eventually go county wide, so we need to find ground close or near the center of the county. Possibly re-zone the district areas, so that students north & east of Lomax & La Harpe don't drive so far. Wait & let some of the other schools help pay for it!!
- The northern half of the District has opposed the construction of a new school the last 2 elections. A new school will probably never be built until a county-wide school is approved. The location of current and possible future hog facilities may restrict potential sites for a new school centralized to the current district.
- With a continual decrease in state funding, student enrollments, and county population, the board needs to improve the county-wide network among the school districts. If a referendum cannot be achieved for the only long-term alternative is a county-wide district.
- We appreciate the school board taking so much time to serve the community for the benefit of our young students the future of our county.
- Face the facts and get this done
- The board needs to set aside near-term person goals & get out the YES VOTE to make this happen. We cannot continue to punish our kids with the school they have now. Be progressive, be smart, & do it!
- A county wide school is the best possibility for long term sustainability. There is no reason to build a new building, take care of what you have, improve the quality of our teachers, and focus on the future of the children, what are low State scores going to do for the future of our children?

- Stop wasting money on renting
- IWS greatest asset: Teachers & Support Staff—they care about and nurture my son and other students---please appreciate & listen to them
- Will be difficult to select are that all 3 schools will agree on, but I feel really strongly about safety—a building put “out in field” somewhere doesn’t offer protection. My preference of location would be north edge of Carthage (Dr Conner’s property), but logical would be Terry Junk’s land east of school; put in highway from north of town—go east then south to new building
- I attended Northwestern High School (now West Prairie). The worst thing was being located in the middle of nowhere. The worst idea the people could do is to move it centrally to the country and kill off another community. No one wants to “give in” and let Carthage win the new location when in all reality it’s the best option. Keep as much as possible in a community that’s still alive.
- What’s the kids opinion on location & new facility? It would be nice to hear their thoughts. Have student council do a survey to all students including 5-8 grades at Dallas City & La Harpe. Maybe if locals hear that it’s what the kids want, they’ll be more likely to agree.
- We need to prepare our children & grandchildren for the future...the school we have is slowing that progress down.
- Resources are a necessity to get our kids in line & competitive with peers entering college. Our kids are behind before they get to college; would it be cost effective to use ipads instead of buying text books?
- I also believe a school that is centrally located would be better for our kids. This would not be a Carthage school. This would be Illini West. Which would give the kids unity.
- I believe that a new school will make taxes double if not triple. The school consolidation should have never happened!!
- I would vote NO for a school located in a “central” location eve thought it would personally be closer to my home. I look around at these new abandoned schools that were built years ago in reorganized or consolidated, district and thing what a waste. No access to emergency services, retail, gas stations, or eating establishments—why do that?
- Vote La Harpe out if they don’t want to be part of the improvement.
- Building a new school will not provide the children with a better education. Many people who graduate are leaving these towns because there is nothing being offered as job wise. You will be building a new school for no reason just to waste money you could be giving to teachers who actually teach.
- Keep it in Carthage!
- This should have been able to be filled out online instead of having it dropped off in person or mailed. This makes it biased to whoever lives closest to the box getting their option heard the most.
- Don’t need a new school while other things in this town need improving!
- Economy does not support new facility, taxes much not increase in our county.
- The school needs to be central in a future school district. Adrian or Colusa would be most central to all possible school districts. The most important need is to keep future cost of the people who attend to an even minimum. Not have one portion of the distrit be closer than any other. As for the safety of the students. If feel country schools by far reduce danger by removing the school from neighborhoods where traffic is poor, conflicting with buses and pedestrian traffic. Having a school in the country is far ahead of residential areas in case of the worst event possible, being an active shooter

situation. The kids are trained & educated to be removed from the school & run to safety. They can do this much easier removed from obstructions. As for being closer to EMT's & police, if the Sheriff's office was doing their job they would not be in Carthage 24/7 & they would already be a grand for a school resource office to be placed in the school.

- Talk with area schools again before you build to see if any of them want to join. That way possible in the future —only 1 school will be needed.
- Why are you still trying to build a new building? The public decided this was not a good idea—TWICE! Enrollment continues to drop in all the Elem. Building. Make improvements to the building you already have! Why do you need property! Try to buy out Carthage High School building from Carthage School District. If you construct a new building—I will sell my properties in this district and move my children to a new school district.
- Why can't No mean NO? Figure out what you can do with what you have just like the citizens have to./Don't discard and ignore the non-supportive comments for a new building. At least be realistic the first time instead of seeing what the maximum eventually will get pushed through.
- We are paying too much for junk or outdated building & portables.
- You need to find property that isn't \$20,000 an acre. Let all communist benefit from a new school, not just Carthage.
- Centralize the building to all communities involved so that the communities feel more ownership toward a new building and more likely to pass a levy to get it built. We cannot attract young families or professional to Hancock County without a leading edge school system. Tremendous cost will be saved by tying all grades into one building: shared staffing
- There are lots of rumors that cause dissent among voters. Someone told me that Merritts offered FREE land for a new school near the Adrian corner on 94—a story like that makes the BOE look fiscally irresponsible to the 3 communities—maybe the BOE should purchase the entire campus from CESD 317. Use the larger modern rooms for classes that require more tech. Have CESD 317 pay rent to IW until they can be considered “homeless” and qualify for building grant—build a new, smaller school for K-4 at a spate location maybe old Lincoln School site.
- The gym should be large enough to host bigger events
- If a new school is built, will there be enough funding to support it?
- I think it is important for the students have a new building to take pride in. We are a wonderful community but the school properties do not show this!
- Have the school boards considered a full consolidation?
- Current facility is not up to date with heating & cooling, technology, room for graduation and sporting events and lunch area, and poor up keep is not helping.
- Middle is in sad shape almost embarrassing to are kids.
- I am from Carthage, but if I were from La Harpe or Dallas City, I would feel that I have been betrayed. When the referendum for convergence went on the ballot, we lwere led to believe that if a new school would be built, it would be centrally located. Even though all the reasons for building in Carthage are valid (financial, safety, infrastructure), I could not vote for a new school if it is not centrally located. I believe we should keep our work.
- Any construction of a new school should follow what the votes were told at the time of the convergence vote.

- Keep public better informed. It was insinuated, prior to initial vote, that the campus would be located in a central location.
- 1 entrance, locked—everyone has to go in and out 1 door bullet proof glass
- Why it is always sports, sports, sports. Why can't we have more programs for the kids that aren't all going to college? It is very easy to see why the rest of the schools hate us for our love of sports.
- Our county cannot sustain 3-4 High Schools. I believe that we need to look ahead and have a County School. Hancock County has lost many jobs. Small businesses are going by the wayside in each community. In order to put the students of Illini West and surrounding communities first, we have to evaluate the future of each community to see what would benefit our current and future high schools. To have a county school everyone would have to CHANGE. Put all differences aside and do what is best for our kids. NOT parents or sports, BUT our KIDS. Their future depends on a good education for every student.
- Before we voted for the new school reorganization we were told that a new school campus would be centrally located between the three towns. We were misled. How can the state of Illinois give us money to build a new school when don't have the money to pay their present debts?
- I voted for consolidation under the illusion that a new building would be centrally located. Also, I hear comments we can't play baseball/softball in La Harpe because that's not where our High School is located. I thought IW doesn't have a High School—they lease from the Carthage Elementary.
- Its plain ridiculous DC & La Harpe students have to travel so much further for school. However, if it's going to be a ridiculous high tax cost for us keep it as is!
- Student safety for Dallas City and La Harpe is compromised when they are the ones traveling to CARTHAGE!
- **If you are aware of any property within the Illini West HSD #307 for sale please contact the District Office at 217-357-9607**
- I understand La Harpe has city owned ground on Highway 94 as well as acre Ag 1 mile East of Colusa. Nauvoo-Colusa has the existing Jr. High Building which could be added onto with plenty of property to expand. Warsaw would have existing facilities & with their environment could purchase ground. Hamilton has public areas where access could be made for building. Dallas City has room near the existing grade school.
- We have some in central area—only want \$50,000 an acre!!
- What efforts have been made to purchase land in a central location? At some price land would be available.
- Location, location, location---Route 9
- Wrong time to buy at high