

Today I write to you as a concerned parent of two Unit 4 students.

First of all, thank you for serving on the school board! I am grateful to the Board and Tier 2 committee for their great work on the possibilities for replacing Central High School. It's great to see the 5 options that were presented in March, and I wish you all well as you revise and narrow down these options based on feedback and cost considerations.

I feel strongly that these plans for rebuilding Central on an expanded area of the current site must become the focus of all efforts toward achieving the long-delayed goal of a new Central. I believe the citizens of Champaign have made it decisively clear that we would like Central to remain within the central part of our town. This is not merely a simple majority, but a whopping two-to-one ratio of voters opposed to the Interstate Drive site. I am referring to the November 2014 ballot referendum. It is my hope that the Board will not put forward any further proposals for the site north of I-74. These efforts would be a waste of time and money. Any proposal that involves the Interstate Drive site will be voted down, and yet another year will be lost and wasted in this long process. I know that many good people favor that site, and I respect their opinions and even agree with some of their reasoning. But this is the minority position, so we must move ahead with what the greater number desire, which is to keep Central central.

Again, thank you for your hard work and your commitment to serving our schools and community!

Sincerely,

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