

Exit Poll Results
December 16, 2014

The results fell into about 5 main categories: Keep Hartnett as a K-6; BOCES lack of commitment through lease; no more taxes; close Hartnett; and miscommunication.

Each bullet represents on exit poll ticket.

TAXES

- Too much taxes now
- It is our fiscal responsibility to watch and care **responsibly for our tax dollars.**
- **The taxes on the plan for tech school in Truxton/Homer district would be unbearable. It is not clear or definite enough about the plans for this endeavor.**
- **Too many taxes**
- **5 million!!!**
- **To stop spending money**
- **Torn between the two. Not so much the \$, but rather the use of space. Finally voted yes.**
- **We do not need a capital project. We need to put money into education and eliminating those ridiculous common core teachings. We also need to value the people of Truxton enough to keep their school open.**
- **You people realize that the grant money is tax payer's money – also we have enough of you trying to divide our school.**
- **This project if implemented will cost way more than you are leading us to believe. BOCES is funded through taxes. State funding is taxes. BOCES tuition for the students attending the tech school are taxes. Not on my dime, please.**
- **Financial!!!**
- **No more excuses – Hartnett should stay – use the buildings we have for the new school in Homer.**
- **The proposed plan was financially irresponsible and unnecessary.**
- **More transparency, open discussion of alternatives. More concern for everyone's tax dollars.**
- **\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Need any more**
- No more taxes
- Uncertain about financing, role of school in Truxton, unsure about new tech project, future cost of IT updating – a real issue, see Eric Johnson's article in last week's Cort Stand, Adequate space in better location e.g. Homer JH.
- I voted no because I was unsure of the tax repercussions for residents.
- Money and lack of commitment
- Expense to taxpayers – everyone pays if it is state funded.
- Something should have been done to put New Tech at our HS and left elm school at Hartnett. Don't see a great financial benefit.

- Not enough clear interest or plan, nor is there much external evidence of success in other parts of the country for these, also financial risk if it doesn't work.
- I voted no because I don't believe that the school Board should be in the business of renting property.
- The personal agendas shouldn't be the financial responsibility of the people.
- The information provided by the Board of Ed was thorough and allowed me to make an informed vote.
- Renovations to the Hartnett building from the big pot from the state, not Homer taxpayers
- Received my reminder to vote and meeting reminded for December 9th on 12/15/14 – Where were the other; location for the Tech School in Truxton is not a good idea; @ additional cost for busing kids to that location; poor planning; Need firm contractions, business plans, etc.; In private sector person using facility pay's for renovation.
- District with budget problems should not borrow but start saving for such projects.
- I felt that communication with the public was not the best personally. I would like to see more of a deal where the tax burden to property owners is lowered. Taxes are way too much in this district.
- Financial responsibility
- Reduce local share of cost of project
- She has declined the public way too much – I feel that the taxpayers have shared enough burden. Enough is enough!
- Cut property and school taxes
- Financial impact and utilization of almost empty building
- Taxes to high now
- Closing a small town school – Should not. Don't need new taxes.
- Because too much money. I pay enough taxes now
- I feel that we pay enough taxes.
- Nothing costs nothing. If we don't pay local, we pay statewide.
- You always use the reason to spend money is the N.Y.S. will pay biggest portion – who the hell do you think the state is that is us – you need to cut spending, not increase it
- Taxes are high enough
- Taxes are way high for seniors. I cannot see that this will help at all.
- Every year the Board spends more and asks for more money. I have to live below my means when is the Board going to run the District this way?
- Our taxes are already at ridiculous levels. Enough said !!!!! This was covert and certainly not thought through
- If this is defeated, it's because of the way it was presented. It should have been presented that this is the way we could renovate Hartnett with 86% state funding. Period!
- Lack of money in my pocket.
- School tax too high
- School taxes are already very, very high

- We voted no because the taxes keep going up, kids not getting taught the basics and are already struggling with the common core and being very frustrated. Kids need more attention from their teachers not more kids added to their classrooms
- Save money
- No – taxes too high already!
- Better use of existing facilities
- Does not benefit Homer students and community enough to warrant expense in my opinion.
- My taxes are already extremely too high!
- I don't feel my taxes should go for the recreation place for the Truxton people.

CLOSE or Repurpose HARTNETT

- I voted no because my belief is that Hartnett should be sold as is and put on the tax roll.
- Additional opportunities for area students, cost effectiveness
- It's a great use for the building and makes sense given the millions of dollars lost in state aid and decreasing enrollment
- This is needed for all students
- To further advance the learning opportunities for today's misdirected youth
- Yes – I do not want to see a school building mothballed – If you have a useful function and the state pays for most of the bill – makes sense
- Yes, good for the kids that need a technical education. We need more kids going into trades/computers/etc.
- I voted yes. It's important for the district to look to the future instead of living in the past.
- Yes- the building would be better served as a tech center than used as apts, etc.
- Because I don't want to see the building just sit there.
- Voted yes – the building needs renovations-should have been closed years ago.
- I voted for future progress and a better education for our kids
- I support the time and effort of the BOE and administration and trust their recommendation. Plus I support increase science ed.
- A difficult decision but one that was long over due.
- I appreciate the fact that this proposition was brought to a vote. FINALLY! It has been too long paying for the residents of one town in what is a central school district to burden us all with declining enrollment. The plan to repurpose sounds great. Thank you.
- Good analysis – good plan
- It's best to close
- See this as a plus in the big picture – this is a move forward. Voted yes
- I believe that this New Tech School is in the best interest of our district's future.
- I felt that the proposal was a wise step to utilize a building where current useful status seems to have come to a practical end. I appreciate the Bd E taking steps to come up with a new use for the building rather than just closing it.
- Truxton needs to stop sucking money from my taxes.

- As a former educator and as a tax payer, I feel this is the right thing to do for our community. Thanks to our Bd of Ed.
- It is common sense!!
- I was thinking of the future of our children as well as our district.
- I believe this new Tech School is needed and will put our district and BOCES at the cutting edge. Learning subjects in context is more effective than learning in isolation from application.
- Why would you pay to repair an old building. If it's surplus – sell it. Riding a bus for 1 – 1 and ½ hours never killed anyone.
- There is no other choice at this time than to vote yes
- I voted the way I did because this is why we voted for our board members to make good decisions for our children. Hopefully this is what they are doing.
- All information was presented very fairly
- Do not feel that keeping Truxton School open is correct measure. A tech school is definitely wrong also.
- Superintendent is doing a super job – great leadership Thanks
- I would like the Board to know that I feel this was not handled well, but I voted yes despite that because financially I don't think we can continue to sustain such a small school.
- Let's follow through! Keep the faith
- You are doing a great job! Hang in there
- Presentations given by Nancy Ruscio and Bd members + article on FB positive!
- I voted "yes" – for a revival of Truxton, a "feather in the cap" for the Homer schools, and for the promising future of our children.
- I voted yes. I am not willing to fund a "private" school education with the costs that go along with it. My children attended Homer schools in Homer with much larger class sizes throughout K-6. This equalizes our tax dollars. My hope is we benefit all students.
- If the school is not going to be used by Homer Central School for elementary school then close it and sell the property outright!
- Was on Board 9 years ago in John Grant Era – Always an issue. This is best realty. YES
- THANK YOU BOARD for all your work. I would rather see Hartnett thriving with a Tech School then empty. And we can not afford to keep it open as an elem school with the declining enrollment.
- This is a win-win that keeps Hartnett open and provides new opportunities for students as well. Thanks for your efforts!
- This has been a long time coming. It's time to group all schools together and bring Truxton to Homer. The Building is not safe and needs too much work. I feel there is another future for it. Truxton residents should not think this will be a vacant place. Too bad many of our present Board members don't have an unbiased eye – Shame on them!
- I voted "yes" because the school is an important part of the 'whole' community of Homer/Truxton area. Thank you.
- Agree with closure of Hartnett due to demographic reality. I think re-use of the building as a BOCES center will be a good resource to community.

- Glen Haven (Scott) survived and so did Preble schools when they closed. It's time! Sell the building
- Voted yes – if vote doesn't pass – close school and sell it
- Yes – because it is ridiculous to keep funding Hartnett with the handful of students they. The Tech School will be a great addition. If Truxton wants their own school then build a Junior/senior High and leave the Homer district!!!
- Would rather see the building used than sit empty.
- Best option is to vote yes for budget – keeping taxes down
- I voted yes because it seems fruitless to keep a school building operating with such little enrollment.
- I voted yes, because it was a win-win.
- I voted yes because I believe the new Tech school will provide a positive educational option for Cortland County students.
- Support what is best for the school children at all of the district, not just one town.
- It only makes sense to re-purpose the building – especially if residents can still get back if necessary.
- I voted yes, CLOSE THE SCHOOL!
- I fully support the closing of the Hartnett School – it is long overdue and only the first of many more difficult fiscal decisions this district will face – I would welcome a New Tech H.S. Shame on the Truxton residents who have bullied toe Board, the Superintendent and their fellow community members and taxpayers.
- This felt terrible, but I voted yes for the students
- I voted yes because I think the Board did its homework and made a difficult decision. I feel for the residents of Truxton but maintaining an elementary school there is unfeasible given the facts. I hope that if this plan moves forward, that bus routes will be configured to make the ride as short as possible for Truxton kids. We owe them that.
- Need to put Hartnett Bldg to use – so yes!
- The numbers make sense!
- Because the Board and members do not fully disclose all facts and have alternative motives. Time to make hard choices about other finances instead of easy way out. This is about Education!!
- Yes, we went to Scott and Preble schools when they built the Sr high long time ago – Truxton has dodged the bullet all these years. Life changes. Grow-up. Maybe they will get cell phone service with some technology out there. Good project.
- Such a multi district school should be near 81, not on a town road 15 miles away. Consider Preble or Homer and do it without prevailing wages.
- I feel that other options were not sufficiently studied or reported. Because of the only option, I felt compelled to vote yes
- I am pro-Tech education. I feel it is important for non-academic oriented students to learn a skill to get them a good paying occupation when they get out of school. What about work study

programs with local businesses. We need working facilities to be the best they can be so our faculty and staff make the most out of the time spent with our students.

- I think the board has our children and taxpayers best interest! They have studied long and hard...to come to the best decision.
- Good utilization of the building – got my yes vote.
- Voted yes. Did not want a vacant building. Time to make progress.
- Yes! This is a tough one and you are making the best of it!
- I believe that this chance to have technical High in our area is very much needed. As an educator (retired) I have seen too much evidence of forcing students into areas for what they are not interested in, as a result we are losing our pool of skill workers.
- I think it is important to provide local students with an education that will prepare them for a job in the future. I think a tech school is a great way to improve job skills and ensure our community's have professionals to fill non-college related skills.
- In a time of expense control, it is no longer workable to keep a whole school building open for 1 class in each grade – resources are better shared in one joint building
- About time we focused on cost saving. By this vote to repurpose Hartnett.
- If we want Homer students to compete on equal footing with others from larger richer districts with more opportunities for PBL, we must approve this – otherwise we're cheating them.
- I voted yes because the board did the right thing for HCS
- I'm proud of them for doing the right thing.
- Vote yes – STEM is the future for our children. I don't think the vote will win though. The anti's and news were too vocal compared to people who were for the proposal.
- Will be a great advantage to my grandchildren and to the entire community.
- -Can't drink the water – Can't use cafeteria – Why should the rest of homer taxpayers support a building that should have been closed 12 years ago before past renovations and a waste of money.
- I always try to support the Homer School Board.
- To close Hartnett School
- We need to move on as a district. Closing Hartnett as an elementary school and repurposing it as a tech school is the best way to move forward.
- Yes – I believe it's what's BEST for our district and students. It provides a unique opportunity educationally in our region as well.
- As much as I love small schools, Truxton is simply too small for us to support anymore. The benefit of what would be replacing Truxton far outweighs the risk of keeping it open as our elementary school.
- An educational reform like New Tech is rare and must be embraced.
- I appreciate the concern of the BOE to make use of the Truxton building. I agree that we need to consolidate rooms and use our facilities wisely.
- Voted yes – High Tech High School is a good idea and district can't afford the luxury of small Truxton elementary class sizes.
- Close Hartnett

- I voted yes because the need for technology education is a necessity in our children's future careers. Unfortunately a lack of communication about the benefit of this remodel is causing concern of a turn down vote just because of dislike of change.
- Change is hard—
- Consolidation is necessary for financial viability.
- We voted yes! Best for kids and district. Should have done it years ago.
- Yes – time to do something else with Hartnett because of low enrollment.
- I voted yes because I believe that the proposed plan is the best use of the resources available to school district.
- I voted yes because I feel we're mid-stream in this initiative and stopping now would be a mistake.
- Voting "yes" is the right thing to do
- To avoid budgetary strain that may jeopardize teacher's jobs
- It is time to find a new purpose for the Truxton building!! There are too many kids who come to the Jr High and are in culture shock because they have been with the same few kids since they started school!
- It's a great idea
- Voting yes is the only option!
- I voted 'yes' to give Homer students increased opportunities.
- Our future depends on training and education in STEM. This school will help us succeed.
- It was the best option for Truxton.
- I voted yes and reason is that gave about education in all stages
- I believe that repurposing the Hartnett school is in the best interest of the students in the district and beneficial to the taxpayers. Thank you for the creative plan!
- We are less concerned about a small increase in taxes and more concerned about missing a fantastic opportunity. Bonding a football field always seems to be a big success, but moving our community and school district into the future takes such thought and is so distressing to so many.
- What's best economically and feasibly for the district as a whole.
- Financially voting yes makes sense. The area HS students including Homer's need a viable option as a green path. The business in the area need skilled workers.
- I believe the Tech School will be beneficial to students and the community. Tough decision, but one that needed to be made.
- Yes, give all kids an equal educational experience!
- The proposal will use a building in an efficient manner.
- Agree with Board decision!
- I voted yes because it looks like an excellent option for students to have.
- I voted yes- TIRED of hearing about this issue!!
- Keep Hartnett closed – too costly but better location for New Tech High School. I voted no
- I voted yes because a vocational/technical school would be a great opportunity for Hartnett

- Voted no – needs to be off tax roll
- I feel there could be other options rather than 10 year maintenance and upkeep the responsibility of the School District – Perhaps a developer to convert it to a Senior Citizen apartment complex
- Yes – Save \$
- Keeping Hartnett open for so few does not make economic sense!! Good for you Nancy Ruscio!
- We think the idea of tech is great – if it doesn't work out though why not have the benefit of updates and tech on our present high school. Keep Hartnett for its elementary where we heard 26,000 in 2010 to be informed our children are top in the state!
- Support tech ed and not charter school or other suggestions for Hartnett
- This is a great opportunity for the school district to offer a good education to kids in the future.
- I do not feel the building should stay open for any reason! If you are going to close it, CLOSE IT!!!
- It is time we move forward on this issue. I voted for board members in May in hopes we could repurpose. I voted yes today to repurpose. If this is voted down, please do not be bullied into keeping that albatross open.
- Voted yes! Think that the Tech School is an excellent option for repurposing! Thank-you for your hard work!
- I voted for the proposition because I believe the government wants to move education in a more technical direction. I believe the students who go to this school will benefit when looking for a job in the future.
- Pro. I think this gives a great opportunity to our young people to prepare for jobs which requires the knowledge they need in the fields which are crying for well-trained young people (I hear at least one of my grandchildren talking!)
- Voted yes to increase options for students to equalize education for all Homer students and ultimately to save tax dollars. I was tempted to vote 'no' as a message to the Superintendent to focus on positive procedures to support teachers, not attack the once strong morale!
- Need more technical training in our schools.
- Need more school that teach skills. Not everyone can be a teacher, dr. lawyer, etc.
- HATE TRUXTON. Lived there and wouldn't allow my children to attend that school!!!

BOCES

- This affects other schools in BOCES and it has not been made clear how they feel. I'm all for students but the district has not been clear about the Tech school nor sold me on the way that it will affect students. It is not all about money.
- It's ridiculous to think BOCES and school districts are going to send kids to Truxton. Purely a ploy to close Hartnett.
- Many details on BOCES contract
- As a school, we have not done our homework! No commitments from any districts, no projected enrollment figures. Too risky when BOCES can break lease w/enrollment too low. Consider other

options and involve the community!! I.e. Keep K-2 at Hartnett, try Tech school on smaller basis maybe?

- Not enough info as to whether BOCES can defer on their agreement
- BOCES should fund their own facility
- BOCES needs to be tied into a commitment if they want a lease
- I wish there had been more choices offered as to location for the New Tech High School and the best use of the Hartnett School. We were only offered one choice. Clearly Truxton wanted more choices and more input on the direction to move in. My daughter who will enter the high school next year would not want to leave her friends at Homer and its sports teams to return to Truxton to attend New Tech High. How many Homer High schoolers will want to leave their friends and teams to be bused to Truxton?
- Yes! BOCES has not only confirmed they would not commit to a long term commitment but have recently been less supportive of their participation. The School Board lists BOCES as a main supporter. The School Board should get their ducks in a row rather than commit Homer School District residents to a sole long-term commitment to their whims.
- The lease if they can opt out at anytime how is that a lease.
- I voted no b/c there was no option for 'heck no'. In the 9 years I've lived in this district my school taxes have nearly doubled – I don't trust you. I don't want to be on the hook if BOCES pulls out. If BOCES and other area districts were helping with the cost my opinion might be different. Kind of reminds me of w's charging into Iraq w/ no help from our allies.
- Not sure if BOCES is committed
- I voted no mainly because BOCES has no real commitment to the program – If they had a 10 years or longer commitment I may have considered otherwise.
- You don't have a good deal – moneywise or long lasting relationship with BOCES to hold the Homer School property owners from being 'left holding the bag' when BOCES decides to leave – You need BOCES in an iron clad contract for the entire duration of the funding payback – Also – not enough students will be served by this entire – SURPLUS THE SCHOOL!! Let's get on with the facts of declining enrollment in the entire district!!
- Voted No! because of misinformation prompted by Board and from that BOCES will end contract early.
- Not enough commitment – long-term from BOCES to their part in this
- Elementary schools in local communities are vital. Please continue Hartnett as an elementary school, consider project based learning throughout the district and forget the huge extra expense (whether state or local taxes). Of paying BOCES for project based learning.
- I am not happy about the way that this was brought about. I just hope and pray that this does not come back to haunt us as taxpayers. The kids should be our #1 priority and not always money. Wish to keep as it is – an elem. School. BOCES proposition to costly!!
- BOCES needs to have more 'skin in the game'. Lack of guarantees on BOCES' part. Would have voted yes if BOCES had signed a 10 year lease.
- BOCES should fund their own projects not other districts.

- Think there should have been more options presented... What is BOCES doesn't come through... Money could have been used elsewhere. Selling building may bring more money to Homer district
- Shouldn't be in landlord business
- Lease is a bad deal for district because BOCES can get out of lease, leaving taxpayers with bill
- BOCES can opt out whenever they want to. Voted no
- I feel BOCES is still a business and in the end will stick us with the bill. Shame on you for allowing primary level students to be on a bus for just 56 minutes for a bus ride. That is 10 hours a week they are sitting on a bus
- No guarantee from BOCES
- Too many variables without positive concrete commitment.
- I would like the board of ed to know I do not support a New Tech H.S. in Truxton. It is a poor location – let BOCES apply for their own capital project and develop a space to meet their needs.
- BOCES is a corrupt organization
- There is no guarantee BOCES will rent Hartnett for 10 years!
- Totally against letting BOCES run anything. I am a long term BOCES employee and have seen the incompetence first hand.

Misconceptions/Communication

- Dishonesty of process. Ruscio lies, and now BOE does
- Yes – lack of transparency, hidden agendas, Bad fact finding and bad use of facts/facts
- I feel the BOE is/was acting in an unprofessional manner and using 'tactics' to propel the agenda and not taking public opinion seriously, using bully tactics and not interested in the town of Truxton at all.
- Nancy Ruscio jammed it thru—without consulting public opinion
- Not sure enough time spent to evaluate value or need of this
- More information needed
- I voted 'no' because I feel the decision was made before the community was offered a balance, safe environment to weigh all the options. There was/is too much at stake not to do so.
- I feel you circumvented to system to close the school and the facts and figures don't add up!
- I believe the entire procedure has been very highhanded and other options that would keep Truxton kids in their existing school have not seriously been considered.
- No real choices!
- Voters should be given the option of keeping Hartnett open, not only this pes/no.
- Not enough open dialogue, Decision should be made by public vote
- I voted 'no'. The New Tech High School needs to be in Homer – at High School-near businesses so students can do real-life projects with businesses in Homer and Cortland. Hartnett needs to remain open as an elementary school it can be a charter school or elem. New tech school. The school board needs to listen to taxpayers and examine/consider options for Hartnett. A new boiler for Hartnett does not cost \$6 million.

- The closing of Harnett is a political only reason-the Board has 'not' considered other avenues for the Hartnett School. This is not a good use of the building. To do a Tech school in Truxton is 'nuts'. BOCES will not keep it going when they see disadvantages to rural setting. This is hurting our kids-Mrs. Ruscio is wrong! As is the Board! Truxton residents. The road is too narrow-not able to handle traffic that will come with change – I do hope we can keep kids in Truxton! That mailing on tax saving was a waste of tax payer money!
- Seemed to one thought it is going to close at any cost no matter what the Board was not listen to what the people were saying some more needs to be done about this.
- You need to look at other options.
- No for Truxton closing and no confidence in Superintendent.
- The board and Superintendent decided to do the BOCES program at Hartnett with no regard for residents of the school district. There was not public input before it was announced. All public boards now seek their stakeholder's input before announcing a course of action as the New York State Highway Dept is now doing about I-81 through Syracuse. A number of alternative uses for Hartnett were offered by interested residents in the months leading us to this election that would help solve the District's financial problems but the Superintendent was not interested in considering their alternative uses.
- Dislike having shoved down my throat
- Superintendent is not open for better options to keep school open. Indifferent to opinions of other in Truxton.
- I feel there is no need to close Hartnett. I have no confidence for the Superintendent.
- Like most of the community I don't believe the board gave serious consideration to other options that keep an elementary school in Truxton; ever was provided or looked at the savings closing Hartnett when you consider many of the Homer teachers retiring will still be a district money savings even if Hartnett stays open.
- I was not pleased with the decision making progress – i.e. conclusion prior to discussion
- Poor decision process from the beginning
- I don't know the truth!!! So-I voted no...
- I voted no because this New Tech school is a farce and a poorly veiled attempt to close a small school out of personal vendetta and monetary gain. The proposal is weak and deceptive and the methods of presenting it to the public was atrocious. Shame on all of you.
- Not convinced that BOE or Superintendent acting in best interest of all district and I got young children in Truxton, climate of bullying and intimidation of staff and tax payers needs to be addressed by objective, party fiction and nonfiction is with words not numbers.
- Underhanded way it was handled
- Just a comment-the board's communication skills need much improvement-this has become an emotional vote for some and it shouldn't have been!
- I feel the supervisor has swayed the board. Truxton can't take the traffic and unfair to the community. The village would be more approvable!!
- I don't believe all facts were considered when making this decision

- I voted no. My vote is based on the impression that the figures/finances for the proposed project have not been fully or accurately reported.
- I voted no. I do not believe the Board or Superintendent gave a truthful request. I do not feel process and procedure was correct. False representation. Public signs indicate budget vote. This is a capital project request. The process used to defile Hartnett leaves too many questions.
- Deception, deceitful, manipulative and exclusionary. An undemocratic force. Too bad you chose this 'repurposing' approach without any other consideration. Thank you for asking.
- My responsibility as a citizen and taxpayer.
- Lack of transparency. Integrity by school officials.
- Were other locations considered for the tech high?
- Not enough information given to the community
- I voted no because I think the process for closing Hartnett Elementary did not involve the local community
- Truxton is not near 81 or main travel routes. Winter travel for students out of village will be difficult. A school in Homer would be more suitable, especially regarding the declining enrollment. This has been handled very poorly. Secrecy and deception have been the mainstays of this campaign. It has been more of a vendetta than a wise action.
- Distrust of the administration
- Because I think Ms. Ruscio does not have the best interest of the students in mind and she has an alternative vendetta. It is despicable what this 'woman' does and how she treats people. She is a bully in her own right in a setting that should not tolerate bullies. The community of Truxton and Homer on large thrives in settings like Hartnett and to remove that is awful. As an instructor of college academics at a prestigious university (Syracuse), to big money measures taken at the expense of education is failing schools today and should not be handled by closing an elementary in favor of a high school. I am much more connected with the youth and your principles are completely wrong. Maybe if you truly want to save money in the district you will consider a joint superintendent altogether amongst the county and save tremendously. I don't see the benefits of this woman. Period.
- There have been too many decisions by new Superintendent, Nancy Ruscio that could be described as backwards, selfish, more importantly not in the interest of the students/community. She does not seem to understand the area/needs of the student body as a whole. Back door means of getting things done doesn't show the students good form.
- No input or working with community for options. Only one choice that didn't make sense to close a diamond in a community.
- I voted 'no' board and superintendent should have presented this proposal to the public much sooner than they did and worked more closely with the residents of Truxton to discuss possible options not only a predetermined decision_____
- I think that you may want to have all of your 'ducks in a row' before something this bid.
- I feel they didn't seek all possible options
- If Ms. Ruscio wants to close Hartnett let her do it the proper way through proper channels. Not this sneaky back door way.

- This is a poor use of monies, for just a few students. You need to assess the needs of the whole community.
- I think there was a lot of misinformation round the real cost to taxpayers. I wish the real information could have been spread better.
- The information was not honestly and accurately given to the public and it is not fair or needed.
- The way that things have been presented for Truxton-Hartnett Elementary is a scam. People have never really heard the truth.
- The Supervisor is trying to kill the Town of Truxton. It is a big shame the way the whole thing has been executed. Too bad.

PRO HARTNETT

- Nothing
- Hartnett, the beloved, highly utilized elementary and community center that it is should remain in its current role.
- Yes! Smaller classes, smaller schools are better for our children.
- I feel that the Hartnett School is better off left as an elementary school. I don't see how a tech high school can operate functionally in Truxton when that type of school should be closer to industrial areas that would benefit the students with mentoring/shadowing experiences.
- I graduated from Truxton-Class of 1996. I want it to stay open.
- Not to change the school.
- There are 5 generations who went to the Hartnett School and you don't get family like that anymore. My children love it there and it would break their hearts if it closes and it would be a waste of you and Hartnett!!!
- I voted no. Truxton was my elementary school years ago and the community still wants it to be an elementary school!!
- To see the tradition of Hartnett continue as it always has.
- The school is important to the Town & its children. I think we can find better ways to save money and use the building for elementary students.
- It will become too expensive over time. Truxton should have their own school for the young students.
- I'm opposed to subsidizing the new school. I would prefer to continue the elementary school.
- We have 3 children in the Hartnett School. We are extremely disappointed with the closing of the school and the way the administration handled it all. This is not just a building. These are teachers, parents, children...FAMILIES!!!
- Strongly support Hartnett remaining an elementary school.
- Because of the individual attention and quality of education my three children received at Truxton (Hartnett now) and my desire to preserve that legacy for all children who live in Truxton or the rest of the Homer District. It is a poor trade off that will benefit a few.
- We love our Hartnett Elementary as a elementary school. PLEASE let us have our grandchildren enjoy it as we have & our parents have. Thank you!

- This is not a Minimal Impact Project even though Nancy considers the people of Truxton Minimal! (Last month's quote from her newsletter)
- Love the small school way of teaching. Both my grandson's go to Hartnett and benefit from the smaller class sizes.
- Because little kids should not be on the bus that long. Also, more schools should be allowed to come to the school. Can you prove that all! Of the teachers will still have jobs?
- The school is self sufficient...why change that?
- No, keep the school open. Mrs. Superintendant isn't from here. She has no ties to the school.
- My husband and I recently moved back to the area from Philadelphia. Excited to have Hartnett as a future option to send our children to.
- I think you should keep the school or have a charter school.
- We are a small school district & that is why I live there. Quit pushing us into our kids becoming less than individual-large classroom size.
- I voted against the proposal because although I believe in the innovative tech school, I feel that busing 5 year old children all the way to Homer is way too far.
- Closing Hartnett is idiocy. Put the technical high school in Homer.
- Much opposed to closing an important school/important part of Truxton. Common Core has a ????? ineffective evaluation system-Here we go again with what is called reforming.
- My children will be going to Hartnett next year. Hopefully. I would like to get rid of the need for a transition, as in going to Homer Elementary after 1 year at Hartnett.
- Hartnett graduates are smart & well grounded kids. I went to Homer my whole school career. Truxton kids were smarter than too!
- Truxton needs.
- Keep small schools open.
- No-because of lack of voter input.
- The true facts needed to be presented. As well as what is BEST for the education of the youth/children/students of our district. Keep all schools open.
- The taking into account in any fashion the negative community and economic impact on the Village of Truxton. Other options were never explored. Misinformation distributed to steer the vote in a "yes" direction.
- I am not pleased with the way the process was done-It was not an open debate as to the merits of closing Hartnett. I like small schools.
- I love Hartnett.
- Don't repurpose Hartnett.
- I was appalled the way the Superintendent handled this whole issue.
- Hartnett School is the reason for who I am today and the experience I got there I can only pray every Truxton child could have. It is not only an amazing school but a family and will forever have the biggest impact on my life.
- NO input or sharing of plans with Truxton community-Treated as a done deal.
- I voted no because our town (Truxton) needs its school to keep our town 1) attractive to new residents 2) minimized distance young children have to travel to get to school 3) Maintain the "center" of our community. A town without a school will surely die!!!

- Money isn't everything! Quality of education in this society is the most important thing and the small school setting with the individualized and caring personalities can never be replaced with technology.
- I voted no because I do not think that 1) a small community school should be closed and small children be transported great distances and 2) the viability of a tech school long term is doubtful and risky to depend on.
- I would like my child & future children to attend Hartnett School. Many of my friends have gone to that school and I feel that a smaller class size is very important to all the kids attending that school. This is why I chose to move near Truxton.
- Truxton is a small school. The teacher interaction with the kids is HUGE. Those teachers know the kids and the parents on a personal level. If a child needs individual attention, they get it without hesitation. The residents of Truxton pay more than their fair share of taxes. Leave the school just as it is. Truxton is a success!
- Keep Hartnett as an Elementary School and stop bringing this issue up every couple of years and wasting money with studies to close the school.
- Family of two young children...I refuse to put them on the bus for an extended period of time. The Hartnett School is above & beyond a great quality school. Closing the school isn't beneficial to the children or the Town of Truxton.
- The Truxton School (Hartnett) has an environment that the kids flourish in and learn how to learn. I have done programming for all the district schools and Hartnett always outshines the others with the kids eagerness to learn. This is a wonderful school that is working beautifully. It would be insane to close it!
- Keeping Hartnett open as is. So so important for the well being of our children. I feel they are not even being considered. Is the money more important?
- Because Hartnett Elementary is the only reason that we moved to Truxton. It is the heart of our community!

MISCELLANEOUS

- Because I felt there was so much false information given out and I did not hear anything from BOCES. Made no statements on the situation-we really needed more useful information.
- The half truths!
- They did not give us the true facts.
- Change is never easy but if you put \$20,000 into a \$5,000 car, you still have a \$5,000 car. Hartnett has served its purpose.
- Voted no...Not a viable plan for the school district. The information given to the public was misleading and incomplete.
- I don't think a high tech school is viable. I want Truxton school occupied with Truxton students.
- Felt that there was info missing in info coming from the BOE & School & therefore did NOT trust any of it.
- Communication has to be better.
- To support what is best for the community.
- The Homer district is something very important to me.

- There is too much misinformation on both sides. I think that Homer is trying to force the repurpose on the district. It has not been handled properly.
- It's important to have a voice and for the Board to respect that vote no matter how it comes out.
- I think it will be a good opportunity for my children. Other options are always good. The building should not go to waste.
- An empty building does not serve the community at all and at some point population will dictate a smaller district.
- The technology high school should be open to all high school students in the district, not just some. You may consider a capital project to refit the current high school into a technology high school to the benefit of all interested high school students.
- The lack of transparency that the school conducted in the process! This seems to be a continuous problem.
- Very unacceptable procedures & ethics. Shameful.
- Because people should know the truth and not lied to.
- Too many unknown factors.
- There were no alternatives presented-yet it seems like the school would close either way.
- NO
- You should be more honest with your constituents.
- Be honest, don't blindsides voters.
- 1) Failure to consider seriously alternatives 2) Not consulting w/ town on adverse effects prior to moving ahead 3) Not listing pros and cons of this issue for public relying on opponents.
- No! I thought this was a done deal without any input. I hope you found out otherwise!
- They are doing a good job at keeping the community informed about the options available on this issue.
- Find other alternatives. Utilize the High School for New Tech. Fire Nancy Ruscio.
- My reasons are my own business.
- How about a bit more openness and less B.S.

OTHER BY EMAIL

- BOE members, please know that you have done an outstanding job in the face of a very complicated situation with the Hartnett school. I am deeply saddened by the loss of the opportunity for high school students in having a local New Tech High School. Because of the results of the vote on Tuesday, I now believe that the building should be sold so that it is no longer a burden to the district and the many taxpayers. We cannot let this impact the majority of the children's education in this district and there is nothing more that can be stripped away without doing so.