

**Lake Washington School District
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	Topic	Comments
1	Aging Schools	With policy change on foreign workers , there could be great reduce on kids. Don't agree on spending money for rebuild existing school, that's a waste of tax payer's money.
2	Aging Schools	My feedback is in a district this large -- there needs to be continual investment into facilities. Just take a tour around and the range is crazy -- look at Timberline compared to Evergreen. Children should have similar experiences no matter where they live.
3	Aging Schools	Education can't be delayed. Given the COVID situation we have time to prepare our schools for next challenges and modernize them. All others can wait.
4	Aging Schools	Fund aging school and school out of capacity first!
5	Aging Schools	Research shows that class size matters, and with the district's projected growth, we need to be ready for all those new students. We don't want students in overcrowded spaces. As a parent of both current and incoming students, I know that safe facilities are imperative--both during more normal times, and even more so now as we realize the need for ventilation and other systems to protect the health of students and staff. As someone who teaches and works at Juanita High School, I worked in the old building and will finally be in the new building when we return, I know first hand about how important facilities are. As a resident of this community, I believe the district must continue to be proactive to prepare for new students and provide safe and modern facilities for students. Public schools are essential to our society, and I know we have a lot of work in front of us, but I'm proud to be a part of this district.
6	Aging Schools	I attended school in LWSD for K-12 and bought a home in the district attendance boundary. I think it is important to keep schools large enough and up to date!
7	Bond - All at Once	While quite an undertaking, it doesn't take a lot of imagination that something has to be done. The growth is exponential and not stopping anytime soon. Bite the bullet and do it.
8	Bond - All at Once	Although the All at Once option may be a lot to ask of voters and may be less favored, we feel it is the best option given the past history of bonds. We saw the phased option happen before and then the last phase did not get approved and Kamiakin Middle School and some other projects were never completed. When there are two or three phases, voters in a certain area may not approve a bond that does not involve their area or if their area has already been completed, they may not vote for the next bond that does not involve their area. I think the phased option allows for discrimination between different areas in the district with maybe some of the less affluent areas not getting approved when they are the ones whom most need it. Also, having fours year apart between phases is a long time to wait for aging and overcrowding issues to be addressed and that doesn't even account for the time for construction of these projects. We definitely vote for the All at once option. There are too many projects that need to be addressed immediately and several that were left in the dark when the last bond was not approved. The time for action is now!
9	Bond - All at Once	An "all at once option" would be great to update old schools like Alcott Elementary, etc. Thank you for listening! Our little learners and community would benefit greatly!
10	Bond - All at Once	Capacity is growing at a rate we have proven cannot be accurately predicted and construction costs are sure to rise. Why wait to do any of this and risk harming our kids and spending more than we need to address the issue? The PR campaign to get this passed (one big measure) will likely be the only question mark.

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11	Bond - All at Once	Delay or phasing would just increase expenses and extend timeline unnecessarily.
12	Bond - All at Once	Escalation amounts along with the ability to back out of a second or third bond could lead to further environmental equity issues.
13	Bond - All at Once	Given the age and economic climate, I would be concerned that 3 phases and 2 phases might fail with voters part way through a project and/or leave some schools out in the cold again.
14	Bond - All at Once	Given the pandemic and the strain on the economy I believe asking voters for money in smaller chunks might be the way to go. But, I would also make it clear that is what you are doing so the public knows more bond requests are coming.
15	Bond - All at Once	Go for the 1 bond! Even if it's approved, it doesn't mean all the projects need to be completed simultaneously. The projects could be sequenced in such a way to provide efficiency in the design, bidding, and construction phases. Kamiakin and Evergreen Middle Schools should have the exact same floor plan with the only difference being any accommodations for geotechnical site conditions. In fact, the District really should just use the Timberline Middle School plans, adjust for geotechnical site conditions.
16	Bond - All at Once	I believe one large bond is more likely to pass than many smaller bonds, due to "voter/lobbyist stamina." Perhaps we should also be working on lobbying the state to make school funding more equitable and not solely dependent on local property taxes.
17	Bond - All at Once	I couldn't get the dragging to work. 1. One bond 2. three phases 3. two phases 4. No bonds
18	Bond - All at Once	I have a strong preference for the one bond option as it would allow us to move forward with more certainty in our ability to supply capacity and take advantage of low interest rates; however, we need to understand the political reality of attaining super majority support for such an enormous measure, particularly during the pandemic. I recall specific objections to funding allocated to Juanita's pool in at least one of our failed bond initiatives. We need substantial outreach beyond parents/students/staff communicating the many benefits for the community at large in order to be successful.
19	Bond - All at Once	I would prefer not to do the two-part and three-part plans.
20	Bond - All at Once	I would think the one phase option would be best. Overcrowding is happening now. I firmly agree with more choice School options. These can alleviate the overcrowding at the elementary, middle school and high school level.
21	Bond - All at Once	Ideally we'd do it all at once but voters may not go for that.
22	Bond - All at Once	One bond is ideal from the building use and fiscal efficiency stand point, but I don't know if that will be approved by the community, so the 2 phase option might be the compromise needed to make it happen. But if the community is willing to do the one bond, then let's do that!
23	Bond - All at Once	Phased approaches seem difficult to manage over multiple years . Preference is to get it all done
24	Bond - All at Once	The capacity issue for the aging elementary school buildings has been a consistent huge problem and needs to be addressed as soon as possible instead of being endlessly delayed, thus having all the projects completed at once as the most preferred option.
25	Bond - All at Once	the longer you wait, the more expensive it gets

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26	Bond - All at Once	The table with the phasing above does not accurately demonstrate the significant impact of the cost increase of escalation over 8 years and 12 years respectively for the two phase option and the three phase option. Without quantifying the financial impact, it appears you are trying to make the cost look similar when in fact, the escalation component will be significant. I also believe there should be a cost advantage to running multiple construction projects at the same time that is not reflected.
27	Bond - All at Once	We've seen so many ballot measures fail because the district asks for money over and over and over again in short succession. Voters will see a huge dollar amount regardless of whether that is \$300M or \$800M. Ask fewer times, educate voters about the need in easily understood terms, and resolve this issue! Asking for more money every four years just looks like poor planning to voters!
28	Bond - All at Once	With the right level of outreach, I believe passage of a single bond initiative is achievable. If successful, this would also reduce voter fatigue for numerous bonds.
29	Bond - All at Once	You can get the community behind you if they see the need. If you can get the voter support done at once would be best to not rely on subsequent years of votes. People are overtaxed here and although bonds are important, you have to fight that competition on people's funds.
30	Bond - All at Once	I vote to do it soon, since we will have more and more students in the next some years. And we will get more property tax since there will be more families.
31	Bond - All at Once	We have previously dealt with the multi bond attempts in a close time frame. Voters remembered and asked through various websites why the district didn't just ask for the money they need up front and once. Get it ONCE! People tended to vote NO the second time around asking how the money was spent. Many people assumed the money was wasted.
32	Bond - Spread Out	Considering how much people complain about paying for school bonds, I think the best bet is to ask for the smallest amount to get the most done.
33	Bond - Spread Out	Due to the economic climate due to COVID, the tax burden of a 1x bond might significantly impact families. How much are local cities contributing to the cost of the increased population as they court these major business and grant building permits for massive development that are significantly impacting the cost schools must pay to accommodate these new students?
34	Bond - Spread Out	I personally would be ok with the all-at-once option but I think for most people the price tag would look too high. Therefore I feel like the 2 phase option would be best.
35	Bond - Spread Out	I think the two bond approach spreads things out so it will be easier to gain support. One bond may be the best option as interest rates are at all time lows, but will the price tag be too much for voters?
36	Bond - Spread Out	I worry that this is a difficult moment (with families struggling to make ends meet due to layoffs) to ask for an extremely large amount of money at once (all at once option).

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37	Bond - Spread Out	Ideally, I'd prefer the all at once option. That said, I doubt the broader community would swallow such a big bill, given past difficulties in passing bonds, so the three-phases option is probably the most realistic as far as actually being able to get community support. I hope that plenty of thought is given to how to distribute the projects across multiple bonds and how to recover if one or more of the bonds fails to pass. The 2016/2018 bonds were tough because the 2016 bond included two new elementary schools for RLC, while LWLC had to wait until 2018 -- which was fine as long as both bonds passed. But that meant that when the 2018 bond failed, it put LWLC in a *really* bad spot, because it got almost no relief in terms of added capacity. And here we are almost in 2021, still trying to dig out from that failure. Please don't make that same mistake again. Also, consider splitting out as many projects as legally possible into levies, e.g. don't put an addition to an existing school on a bond when it could be put on a levy instead. That strategy worked brilliantly with the last levy.
38	Bond - Spread Out	I'm not convinced by the growth projections. Covid has shown us that many of our region's employers can have their workers work from home. Microsoft, one of the largest employers in the district, has already said their employees will be allowed to work from home 50% of the time permanently, and many more will be approved for permanent remote work. Given the high cost of residing within the district, I think it's likely we'll see many people choose to leave, and fewer move in. Given that, I think it's overly risky to build everything up-front, when that extra capacity may go unused. At the same time, the 3 phase option likely puts too much risk on the side of construction costs rising faster than taxes and wages. So a two phase plan seems like the most appropriate option to me.
39	Bond - Spread Out	The smaller bonds are more likely to pass.
40	Bond - Spread Out	There's no avoiding the need: "no construction" is simply not a realistic option. I think the voters will find two bonds palatable, but one might seem too high -- and three runs the risk of "bond fatigue", resulting in shortfalls.
41	Bond - Spread Out	Twelve years seems like too long to wait. Costs will go up, as will needs. Honestly, though, one bond and all those projects seems like TOO much at once.
42	Bond - Spread Out	Two option phase sounds like a middle ground solution. While moderating on taxing families, it will not move the projects way late in the future when inflation in the construction cost would disable the continuation of the construction. As the second preferred option, it might be a good idea to save in the inflation in the cost of construction while paying higher taxes
43	Bond - Spread Out	With the impact and long-term financial repercussions of Covid 19, unknown at this time, I do not feel that the district would be successful trying to ask citizen's for a substantially larger bond to complete everything in one phase. I am keenly aware of the overcrowding and aging issues with buildings. I would think "No construction" could not really be an option.
44	Bond - Spread Out	Would love to go for one bond all at once...but I think 3 bonds is what the voters will approve
45	Bond - Spread Out	I am part of PTA at our school and I believe these mentioned issues should be addressed best in two phase method. Thank you
46	Bond - Spread Out	Please don't lump all costs into one ask. Costs to solve overcrowding and needs for academic updates make sense to keep together. Sport facility updates should be separate.

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47	Bond - Spread Out	Instead of the 4 option above, we should provide an option 5, which focus existing schools that needs renovation or rebuilt. This will need smaller bonds and benefits the community better, which will be easier to pass than those big all in one bonds.
48	Bond - Spread Out	Spread it over time. Asking for smaller chunks of money from residents is easier than asking for one big amount. There will be less resistance to the gradual increases if projects get completed within time and budget which will increase confidence in the whole program.
49	Bond - Spread Out	Spreading projects out (instead of all at once) allows for integration of new technology and ideas that will happen every year. I'd rather integrate a lot of the school-day structure that we've learned during COVID, and avoid having all those people on campus at the same time in the future. We could update but not "expand".
50	Bond - Support	Doing nothing is simply not an option, in my opinion.
51	Bond vs Levy	Bonds are so hard to get passed at 60%, especially given how many families with students are not citizens (i.e., can't vote for the bonds). I would try to do as much as I could with levies. Meanwhile we should all continue to lobby for state funding of school construction, for cities to increase their developer fees when adding housing, and for bonds to pass at 50%.
52	Boundary	IF we enforced the current boundaries we wouldn't have as big of an issue that we do now.
53	Capacity	I think that rebuilding existing schools is a bad move with voters. Focus first on new building projects that address overcrowding.
54	Capacity	I have no idea how you should fund it, but it's getting desperate!! We need the schools!
55	Capacity	I teach at Redmond High School, although I live in Seattle - I have seen in Seattle the problems that arise when planning is put off and we wind up in a "hair on fire" situation that leads to suboptimal outcomes. I appreciate the forward-looking approach of LWSD, but that wave is coming: we need space.
56	Capacity	I have four school-age kids total and only one is currently enrolled in LWSD, due to the COVID-19 situation. The others will likely be back in LWSD in the coming years, so keep that in mind when looking at enrollment numbers -- I doubt we're the only family in this situation.
57	Choice Schools	High School stage is the most important stage of all educational stage for children, so the new choice schools of high school need to be built for the first concern.
58	Choice Schools	I don't think it'll pass through voters as one large bond but I do not support building ANOTHER choice high school on the east side of the school district BEFORE one is built on the west side of the district.
59	Choice Schools	I REJECT building more choice high schools. I think it's seriously time to build a brand new high school. I also REJECT building more early learning centers. As much as I support early learning, it is lowest priority in my opinion because there are already private preschool options available (Kindercare, Bright Horizons, The Goddard School, La Petite Academy, Montessori, co-ops, Bear Creek Preschool, Timberlake Church Preschool) that serve this need and population. We need to FOCUS on rebuilding, maintaining, and enlarging our public elementary, middle schools, and high schools first. If you can designate monies for just a 1-2 projects, for example, then address capacity and aging of elem, MS, and HS first before even thinking about opening new early learning centers.

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60	Choice Schools	I'd love to hear more about why choice HS are recommended. Also wonder if the new school in Redmond is really needed as there is more blue on the map there, but I'm in support of the plans the FAC has made--you know more than I do...
61	Choice Schools	If any of them involved moving schools, I would rank all of them 4th.
62	Choice Schools	I REJECT building more choice high schools. I think it's seriously time to build a brand new high school. I also REJECT building more early learning centers. As much as I support early learning, it is lowest priority in my opinion because there are already private preschool options available (Kindercare, Bright Horizons, The Goddard School, La Petite Academy, Montessori, co-ops, Bear Creek Preschool, Timberlake Church Preschool) that serve this need and population. We need to FOCUS on rebuilding, maintaining, and enlarging our public elementary, middle schools, and high schools first. If you can designate monies for just a 1-2 projects, for example, then address capacity and aging of elem, MS, and HS first before even thinking about opening new early learning centers.
63	Choice Schools	Eliminate Lottery schools. The lack of equity is appalling.
64	Choice Schools	I forgot to mention this in the 1st part of this survey - I would strongly support enlarging existing choice schools, if opportunity arises. I'm looking at the possible move of Stella Schola to Kamikian MS. If it is possible to have 2 classes per grade, that would be such a great opportunity for more kids to attend this phantastic program. Same goes for EAS. 2 of my kids were so lucky to attend these schools and it was a great experience.
65	Choice Schools	Yes, build new choice schools and rebuild the old ones, but please do not move established communities like Stella Schola!
66	Class Sizes	I think it's really important to think about the class sizes and also the impact it's making when we constantly have new students join the class.
67	Class Sizes	Overall goal needs to be not just providing classroom space and adequate buildings but providing smaller class sizes. They are huge and we need to do better, not just as a district but at the state level.
68	Communication	How is this survey, or either survey reaching the community and taxpayers. I think the input from residents without children in LWSD is highly valuable for wise decision-making.
69	Communication	Can we include the FAC member's school area in the table to understand the diversity? (Junita/Lake Washtington/Redmond/Eastlake)
70	Communication	Please ask for teacher input on the shape of the school and how it is designed. Each school community has a need that should be considered in the design.
71	Communication	The district needs to do a better job with timely communications and notification of feedback opportunities. Even with the remote learning updates, parents have noted on social media that important information is often buried. Families are busy and often won't read to the end ... please work on concise communications that emphasize important details up front!

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72	Communication	Working in a brand new building, I would like to see you survey the staff and community of the buildings that HAVE been recently built or upgraded so we can share our thoughts about what was done with our tax money. As someone who sees it from both sides, I would like to know that before you build or remodel another project, you ask how the ones you have already done turned out. There has been NO OPPORTUNITY for me to tell anyone what has worked well and what isn't working.
73	Comprehensive High Schools	A bold plan that addresses the lack of a comprehensive high school is one that I can support as a LWSD taxpayer.
74	Construction	construction is needed ASAP
75	Construction	This needs to be a priority. We need something similar to BSD to ensure the schools are state of the art, meet all safety standards, etc.
76	Construction	1) More important than overall phase of multiple plans is ensuring the specific projects are not in phases over multiple years. The Juanita High School rebuild has been an absolute disaster and has completely disrupted learning for FOUR YEARS for this years seniors. There is no reason to stretch out a single building over multiple years. This kind of process is harmful to any sense of consistency for the kids and inevitably, over the multiple years, the original plans were not for enough kids now enrolled. Seen this too many times. 2) Stop repeating that construction costs will go up and overcrowding will continue. Plan for those two things now, when building. This district is very, very reactive to growth instead of planning and building to accommodate it from the start. Unless there are restrictions on builds for current vs projected growth, the build process has been failing for years. Stop saving thousands at the start when it simply means you will be spending hundreds of thousands later. It should be a requirement that EVERY new construction project have plans for 120% expected capacity, or a minimum of 5 extra full size classrooms (use for art... storage... meetings... something) instead of initially building to exact capacity then portables arrive the next day. Build gyms with space over the minimum, so court lines are more than inches from the walls. So teachers have some space to operate in areas more than closets. If you are always dealing with the same problem (not enough space) the issue isn't the growth - it's the planning and building. Over and over again..... Never has a school had too much space. Better to lock a door and see a room unused for a year then spending for expensive and disruptive portables. 3) Build equitably. Schools like Eastlake look like a small college campus compared to others. Multiple gyms, fields, etc. Others are lucky to have one turf area. Elementary schools in some locations have a tiny covered area, others have 3-walled huge covered areas. Use common sense when building - at elementary schools, some 8 foot hoops, more than two soccer goals. A storage unit / container for equipment. 4) Any planner involved with a school that is rebuilt and needs portables and/or a new build within 2 years should not be allowed on a planning committee again. Lake Washington HS has been built and rebuilt / added on multiple times. (And in less time than the phased Juanita build). This should not be happening. Do more than the minimum for the students. (And the teachers!) They deserve better.
77	Early Learning	Preschool cannot be an afterthought! We are legally required to serve students 3-5 with disabilities. In addition, we have families who are paying tuition to attend our preschool program. These families deserve adequate space and high quality facilities.
78	Impact Fees	INCREASE IMPACT FEES!!!! DEMAND a home building pause until school capacity catches up. Make growth pay for growth!!!!

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79	JHS - Pool/ Fieldhouse	I won't vote for anything that doesn't have the JHS pool as a top priority. Sick of waiting. And I won't vote for additional Lottery schools.
80	JHS - Pool/ Fieldhouse	REFURBISH THE FIELDHOUSE AND POOL AT JUANITA HIGH SCHOOL
81	JHS - Pool/ Fieldhouse	The JHS fieldhouse continues to get minimal upgrades while the rest of the school in the district seem to get preference. I've worked in this building for 7 years now and believe the interior is in desperate need of more than just touch ups.
82	JHS - Pool/ Fieldhouse	Why are we putting a higher importance on updating one school's pool than on solving overcrowding??? Ludicrous. That should not be allowed to piggy-back on this bond!! As a family with two competitive swimmers, who have occasionally been to that pool, it is in far less need of funds than our overall schools. Please consider having the funding for sports facilities be a separate item, not mixed with this.
83	JHS - Pool/ Fieldhouse	REFURBISH THE FIELDHOUSE AND POOL AT JUANITA HIGH SCHOOL
84	Marketing	I think that the way that the district "sells" the bonds to the public could be improved.
85	Marketing	People are always commenting that LWSD is a "wealthy" district, but it sure doesn't seem that way when voters are being repeatedly asked to give more money. People do not have an adequate understanding of the need. Work on sharing this information with the broader community, AND ways to reduce costs to manage money effectively. I've certainly seen lots of beautiful bells and whistles in new construction projects that make me question the district's choices in spending taxpayer money. We absolutely need these additions and rebuilds, but we cannot expect voters to blindly support what may look like frivolity and repeatedly coming back for more, more, more!
86	More with Less	I don't feel the district is being good stewards of our tax dollars. Nor is it being innovative enough. Too much is still stuck in the 1990s. They need to get creative and do more with less.
87	Other	We need a different group of parents to go over those projects. It is always the same group of parents coming up with the same ideas. We also should look at the option of pressuring the state government in increasing the funds from construction towards expanding remodeling schools due to city growth! What is given to the district is a joke. There is just so much residents are willing/able to pay to expand and a lot of the school layouts are not efficient (who designed the new Redmond El Building? The size of a two story tall building but only using half capacity! Why didn't we built a second floor with classrooms?) _ is this type of poor decision that makes the community not support levies and what is needed. We need fresh blood in the committees.
88	Other	In none of your options do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. I don't think that is the best way to make a decision. Usually I try to weigh the options and pick the one with the most advantages. That being said. I trust the district to come up with a good plan.
89	Other	Building should be about what is best for students and their families to learn and improve their futures.
90	Other	This seems like really poor timing and out of touch with the reality we are living in right now. Do you know when we will go back to in person learning? Will it be hybrid or full capacity. What expense will be necessary for additional precautions? Will additional facilities be required to ensure appropriate distancing? These are the things that should be considered as part of any planning.

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91	Planning	It's better to get this done sooner rather than later.
92	Planning	Or stop building since the infrastructure cannot support this. If they want to build here they need to provide it instead of doing it and leaving it to us to fix their mess of development.
93	Planning	Model school layouts after other successful schools in the state. Or even nation. Find the best ones. Not after the prior existing one, not after the last one in the area, find the best and use their ideas. Juanita is a mess, the layout is ridiculous, like a maze done on purpose. No signage, no rhyme or reason, no idea what the thought process was with the planning for this dismal project as a whole. Four years of students having no stability - for some that's their entire HS time. Not acceptable. Any school that needs to close up multi-purpose rooms for "overcrowding" or install portables in the first year after new build - not acceptable. That's not circumstances, that's poor planning and the community deserves better than that scenario over and over. Have district administrators walk through EVERY school in the district from time to time to actually see what they are building / providing for the students, instead of simply thinking on paper it's a good idea. Have them walk a random student schedule to see if travel from portables, up and down floors, outside, etc is a reasonable request for the students. There is a real disconnect between student reality and office plans from district leaders in many schools. Every district leader should be in every school at minimum one full day per year - not for meetings, but as an observer, as a student. Might open some eyes & give some ideas as to what a good build for the next facility looks like. Finally - can't say it enough - build bigger in the first place and stop talking about additions to handle growth being needed. We know more space would help - do it right the first time instead of being so quick to tack on temporary solutions.
94	Positive Comments	I have elementary school kids. Middle and high school is coming up faster than I think! o.o I'm glad the district is thinking ahead.
95	Positive Comments	I have six children and I have children in all aspects of the LWSD; high school, middle school, elementary school and a 1.5 year old. This decision is very, very important to our family.
96	Positive Comments	I like how you are taking ideas from the people this will affect!
97	Positive Comments	Thank you for all of your hard work!
98	Positive Comments	Thank you for reading my comments.
99	Positive Comments	Thank you for seeking community input. I hope this will genuinely be use to assess and make changes/additions to the FAC's recommendations.
100	Positive Comments	Thank you for supporting our little learners to have a wonderful place of learning!
101	Positive Comments	Thank you for this work and planning
102	Positive Comments	Thanks

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103	Positive Comments	Thanks for asking for our input!
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106	Positive Comments	Great work by the committee! Lots of thought has gone into managing the growing pains in our area. Keep up the good work.
107	Private Funding	Consider some innovative ideas like funding from private investors, donations or even crowdfunding
108	Private Funding	I would like to see a new option added - that the construction companies or employers are responsible for paying for the development.
109	Remodeling	I think you should carefully consider major remodels in lieu of new construction to keep costs down. Also, make sure the architects involved focus on maximizing space instead of creating something "special". I think it will make for an easier sell with the public. I still remember when the architect showed parents the new Sandburg Elementary building. One of the dads asked why they were building new instead of remodeling. The architect laughed and said the state wouldn't pay for the remodel, but will for the new construction. Not a really good message for a bunch of parents to have heard. And ask for the money all at once. Otherwise, it feels like you folks keep coming back to the well for more. And, with Covid, the well isn't that productive right now.
110	Remodeling	I will vote for efficiency upgrades no matter what number of phases is.
111	Schools - Alcott	Prior bonds have not passed when Alcott was in line for reconstruction. I feel that in order to update a building that predominantly serves families that cannot vote in this country, we will have to piggy back on other regions of our district. I suspect that passing one all encompassing bond is our best bet to do this. Alcott has long been unable to serve our growing populations. Given the current covid crisis it is more important than ever to make sure that ALL LWSD school buildings are up to the task of serving our students in modern, well ventilated, and spacious schools. There is no reason that in a district as well funded as ours that staff members should need to compete for literal corners in order to find a space to teach our students.
112	Schools - Alcott	Alcott is bursting at the seams! Unacceptable amount of kids feed into this school.
113	Schools - Alcott	Alcott needs a rebuild!
114	Schools - Alcott	I work in a portable that has had animal control issues, poses health and safety hazards, and does not support the safe, proper and needed learning environment for children. For children to wash their hands and use the restroom, a school of 800+ has to share 2-3 bathrooms with 2-3 stalls each. The staff of 80+ has to share 1 restroom with two stalls. The building itself is falling apart and does not meet health and safety qualifications. Overall - the building is embarrassing and needs to be rebuilt so teachers can perform their difficult jobs , and so students can perform at their best. Alcott Elementary needs to be rebuilt!
115	Schools - Alcott	We need a new facility at Alcott to both be able to teach and serve our students and staff in the 21st century, but to also keep the school secure.
116	Schools - Alcott/ Evergreen	Do all the construction at once and improve the schools that desperately need it (Alcott and Evergreen)

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117	Schools - EAS	I have students attending EAS they have the greenhouse and so many community partnerships that are built around their current location. The greenhouse structure is integral to their curriculum and cannot be easily moved. It was funded by grants in their current location. The community partnerships that encompass so many of their outreach programs on Wednesdays would be harder to maintain at a different location. Please let them stay in their current location!!
118	Schools - EAS	In addition to the information presented by the FAC, we would also like to add the following points: EAS was established and has been operating at its current location since opening in Fall 1999. Over the past 21 years we have established solid partnerships and strong working relationships within the community through our Community Stewardship Projects (CSP) in local parks (Big Finn Hill Park, Juanita Bay Park, McAuliffe Park, etc.) and local elementary schools (Thoreau, Sandburg, and Juanita Elementary). CSP is an integral part of overall academics at EAS. The EAS greenhouse, a permanent structure, was built specifically for our school and funded by generous grants received from the EAS PTO and Amazon. Grant funds received for the greenhouse construction totaled nearly \$40,000. The EAS greenhouse is not a relocatable structure.
119	Schools - Elementary	The aging elementary schools overcrowded schools need to be funded ASAP for remodeling/rebuilding
120	Schools - High School	You NEED more high schools....this has been very apparent for years. When 6th graders got pushed up to make more room at the elementary level you pushed the problem up. This forced the 9th graders up causing the high schools to strain putting them at capacity. Our high schoolers are suffering as a result. We don't need a Choice High School we need an actual one that will take the strain off or push everyone back down as you have built to accommodate the lower levels. Build for the future not for the past....if you have to put up portables on a brand new/updated school then you aren't doing this!
121	Schools - JLC	The district needs more capacity, especially in Juanita's elementary area. I know there's less land available in Kirkland, but any open land is being purchased by developers for housing (which means even more potential students in LW/Juanita areas). The district seems to have more success passing bonds if the potential building projects are spread across the district instead of localized sides.
122	Schools - KAMS	Fund Kamiakin replacement as soon as possible!
123	Schools - KAMS	I'm excited to see Kamiakin rebuilt. It will bring a lot of pride and validation to our community.
124	Schools - KAMS	Kamiakin needs the boost. Help them out!
125	Schools - KAMS	Please don't let Kamiakin fall off the list this time around. Kamiakin really needs a larger school.
126	Schools - KAMS	Very happy to see that Kamiakin rebuild and Juanita Pool/Fieldhouse are included in Phase I in all options. Kamiakin is in desperate need of a rebuild, especially when you compare it to other LWSD middle schools.
127	Schools - KAMS	I feel that there are two competing needs in LWSD regarding new building. There are parts of the district that have seen exponential growth - obviously, we need classroom space for them. Then, we have the older, less populated parts of the district, like the Juanita Learning Community, where I live and work. It is frustrating to see other parts of the district with brand-new schools, while we have more rundown facilities (although greatly appreciate the new JHS building). Kamiakin in particular needs a rebuild. It can feel like we are getting the shorter end of the stick, especially with our larger number of Title I schools. Please make the rebuild plan equitable.

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128	Schools - KAMS	I see our students under-served and partly because our facility is so far behind. We need to show our families that they matter. Rebuilding Kamiakin will be well worth it.
129	Schools - KAMS	Kamiakin Middle school needs to be upgraded. please leave Environmental and Adventure School in it's current location at FHMS
130	Schools - KAMS	Kamiakin needs work. The Juanita LC seems to frequently be last for building consideration yet the Totem Lake area is exploding.
131	Schools - KAMS	Kamiakin should be a priority project for remodel. This community has been under-supported for too long in LWSD and deserves some positive focus.
132	Schools - KAMS	So happy to see the Juanita Learning Community and Kamiakin on the list for construction!
133	Schools - KAMS	The rebuild of Kamiakin combined with updates to the Juanita Fieldhouse and Pool shows that the Juanita community is valued and that we are not, as one school board member said in an open meeting in June "the poor, abused, step-child of the district".
134	Schools - McAuliffe	My daughter is Inglewood middle school . Too many classes and students in a old building that is making students and teacher miscommunication each other. I think Blackwell and mcauliffe elementary students can go to Evergreen middle... Please build a new buildings for McAuliffe too. We have 6 portables with no bathrooms and air conditioner.
135	Schools - Mead	Need smarter thinking, at Margaret Mead Elementary a open air water catchment was built in front of the school, waste of space and now looks like an eye sour as looks septic.
136	Schools - Mead	Classes are overflowing, even with new building at Margaret Mead Elementary compared to my kids last two schools located in two different first world countries, (New Zealand and Singapore), there is a huge problem with lack of forward planning here in Washington, difficult to understand when there so many tech companies, many intelligent people.
137	Schools - Redmond El	At Redmond Elementary School, we have too many students and also a huge amount of turnover within one year. Last year, my grade level team had over 10 new students throughout the year.
138	Schools - RHS	Addition to Redmond HS is the most logical, cost-effective option, in particular increasing science lab space.
139	Schools - Rockwell	Rockwell always seems last on the list when it's one of not the oldest school in the district. Also maybe we build these schools with growth in mind. Not just what fits now. Seems you have been doing that for years which isn't efficient and is costly.
140	Schools - Rockwell	Rockwell ES is falling down and needs emergency replacement.
141	Schools - Rockwell	Why does Rockwell continue to be put at the bottom???
142	Schools - Rockwell	Thank you for considering Rockwell! It has been aging and falling apart for years! It would be so nice to have more than two stalls for the majority female staff.
143	Schools - Sammamish	But once again this is only if Sammamish schools are even added to the list. After all the past bonds that gave us basically nothing I will vote it down.
144	Schools - Sammamish	I worry that voters in Sammamish will not see as much value in passing the first bond in a phased approach, especially if the choice HS is in Redmond not Sammamish.

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145	Schools - Sammamish	I would strongly recommend that you re-consider the estimates for Eastlake's learning community, and include projects that are more fair and balanced across the district. The vast majority of LWSD building projects in the past several years seem to have been centered outside of the Eastlake learning community. This seems VERY unfair to the residents of Sammamish, where our schools are overcrowded, and we are not receiving the same level of relief as schools in both Redmond and Kirkland. I will have a VERY hard time supporting any of these bond measures when the majority of the proposed building enhancements are located outside of Sammamish. If the proposals were more balanced geographically across the district, I would be an ardent supporter and promoter of the bond measures!
146	Schools - Sammamish	Not enough for the Sammamish area schools in any of the bonds. We don't need more choice schools. Good luck getting a bond passed in our area when there are not enough carrots dangled in front of us. Past voting has shown poor bond outcomes.
147	Schools - Sammamish	Please revisit the estimates for the Eastlake learning community. I have a hard time believing that there is plenty of capacity at both the high school and middle school level, given the current capacity constraints at the middle/high school level and the rapid growth in this area. Also, I feel that the Sammamish community has consistently received less funding and support for our schools over the past several years. It seems really unfair that a disproportionate amount of district funds are being spent in Redmond and Kirkland. And, these proposals seem to continue that trend. I will have a hard time supporting any bond measures when most of my tax dollars will go to support schools outside of Sammamish, when I know our schools are over capacity and in need of expansion as well.
148	Schools - Sammamish	What is the plan for preschool in the eastlake learning community? I see capacity in the plan but not in the building - where will this be addressed?
149	Schools - Smith	My kids attend to Samantha Smith and it is the oldest ES on Sammamish and should be rebuilt.
150	Schools - Smith/Alcott	Please start with the aging buildings. They NEED to be done first! No more putting off Smith and Alcott elementary. They should be first on the list!!
151	Schools - Stella Schola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stella Schola must NOT move back to portables! • Stella spent its first 13 years in portables before finally moving into the building we have now (potentially being moved to portables now seems inequitable and insensitive to the families we serve). • Over the past 20+ years, our students and staff have worked to build positive relationships with the community that are vital to creating and maintaining the home-school connection. • If strongly advocated for by the community, relocation could provide Stella the opportunity to expand our capacity in a new and comparable building to accommodate two sixth/two seventh/two eighth grades.
152	Schools - Stella Schola	Please add more kids to choice schools in permanent space. Stella shouldn't be moved to portables full time after all the effort to be inside the building. All students could take a class or two in a portable, rather than Stella kids having 3 years in portables only. It makes choice schools feel less valued, and my friends wouldn't be as interested in joining if it's only in portables. :(
153	Schools - Stella Schola	Thank you for keeping my school, Stella Schola, strong! My teachers work so hard every day, and we do too! We can show how much we appreciate all the teachers do by giving them permanent space to grow.

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154	Sustainable Building	I have a big concern about the sustainable aspects of these aging building and also new buildings. We, as a society, do not have much time to reVerse the impacts of climate change. Our schools need to be environmentally thoughtful when we renovate or rebuild, if rebuilding is needed at all. Here are some issues that should be addressed. 1. Waste reduction: Installing water fill stations to all schools to allow for water bottle filling. Reducing paper and Eliminating single-use plastic in lunchrooms and School wide events and facilities. 2. Filtration- Healthy air is important to allow our kids to learn in a safe environment. 3. Minimize carbon footprint: Reducing the power/electricity usage from the schools by having lotion sensor lights and encouraging computer shut down. Thank you, this is very important to us all as we all love on the same and only planet.
155	Sustainable Building	My kids are currently in elementary and middle schools. They will be graduated by 2030, but their lives and wellbeing will be determined by the decisions we make now to reduce our collective GHG emissions. Please make this a priority for future upgrades to school buildings (and transportation options) which are large contributors of our cumulative emissions. Thank you!
156	Taxes - Don't Support	Figure it out without raising taxes. If theses companies come they need to build schools or pay for extra space needed for them to come here.
157	Taxes - Don't Support	I don't think now is the time to ask for money or a bond. Kids aren't even in school or using the buildings. The impacts of the pandemic have yet to be truly ascertained, both financial and in enrollment terms. Could LWSD share current enrollment data? Is it up/down compared to your predictions?
158	Taxes - Don't Support	I won't vote for any of your bonds considering how bad your response has been to this pandemic. Teaching and online learning plans are a joke...not everywhere, but at LWSD. If LA Schools can get their act together quicker and better than a rich district like LWSD, then it's proving mis-managment...
159	Taxes - Don't Support	No construction
160	Taxes - Don't Support	No more debt!!!! You are building schools that won't be needed.
161	Taxes - Don't Support	no new taxes! get money from increased property values resulting in morevyax funds. get funds from the state per the law.
162	Taxes - Don't Support	Spend the money on things we actually need. Better laptops for our kids, more material, books, etc.
163	Taxes - Don't Support	The environment is changing. You should be rethinking everything. How learning is done and where. Spend capital on new learning formats not buildings.
164	Taxes - Don't Support	I think it is insane to be thinking to ask for increased property taxes or monies right now when so many are struggling financially, at risk of losing their homes, and out of work, primarily due to COVID-19. Additionally it'll be a tough sell to ask for money for buildings with the majority of students doing remote learning.
165	Taxes - Don't Support	No need to finance schools that cant open for in person classes
166	Taxes - Don't Support	Stop asking for money when you are teaching virtual

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167	Taxes - Don't Support	I won't vote for any new money until you get kids in the classrooms, your dinosaur teachers struggle online and have proven your plans woefully inadequate.
	Taxes - Don't Support	In summary, we need everyone to work together including teachers, parents, and community to solve the problem due to population growth. We cannot keep asking tax payers to pay for it, as mainly new student families to the community are still renting and do not own a house so they do not pay for the increased property tax, or at least not in the same proportion. To help with the budget and increase the awareness, it would be appropriate to ask each new or existing LWSD student to pay \$200 to the district as an one-time enrollment fee. The low income households do not need to pay or only pay a reduced fee. We should ask the community to help out as well, especially the big employers who are bring in more people to the area directly or indirectly. They can expand their campuses in other regions of the country and not around the headquarters. In addition, they can share their plan with the district, and the district should initiate these conversations.
168	Taxes - Support	As a voter, I would vote yes on all school bonds on the ballot, regardless of size.
170	Taxes - Support	However, if it is more likely to get bonds passed if spaced out, I would strongly suggest that route.
171	Taxes - Support	I don't have the answer to funding new construction. Please choose the best option according to what will work.
172	Taxes - Support	It would be helpful to see actual increase in taxes for each of these options. Also, why not build an extra tax into new construction, not rebuilds or remodels? This would help pay for some of the bond as well.
173	Taxes - Support	Make sure there is an advertising budget for the bonds. We can't afford to loose the bonds. There needs to be a strong "vote yes" campaign. There are strong "vote no" people out there and LWSD needs to have signs, sign wavers, etc to combat the negative signs in the community.
174	Taxes - Support	New schools are needed. No doubt
175	Taxes - Support	The sooner, the better. Get started now. Get an income tax. We have some of the highest income households in the state. Let's tax everyone but be sure to expect those with the most income to pay their fair share. My taxes are much lower than they should be.
176	Taxes - Support	We all need to work extra hard to build community support ... this funding is critical! Can the super-majority percentage be changed?
177	Taxes - Support	The quality of the district's facilities has a direct impact on students and their learning. These need to be addressed as soon as possible. As a community member, parent of current and and upcoming students, and as a teacher and staff member, I believe quality facilities are important both for the impact on learning, and the fact that students need appropriate, safe, clean, and modern facilities to learn in.
178	Taxes - Support	Nobody wants to pay for more bonds; however, good schools not only help in educating our future, they also reap better home values and stronger communities. I've never met a parent who wants to buy a home in a run-down, overcrowded school district.
179	Taxes - Support	Good luck! You guys deserve to have all the funding you need. 🙌
180	Taxes - Support	My youngest child is now in high school. My kids have been going to LWSD schools since my 21 year old started kindergarten. I will buy whatever bonds, pay whatever levies are needed. The area will go to trash if we don't educate our youth.