

LAKELAND JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-22 LEVY FUNDS

MIDYEAR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents and Patrons of the Lakeland Joint School District,



For our District to be healthy and continue to perform at the exemplary level, we need to maintain a strong support system within our community. Consistent, accurate communication is key. We strive to maintain transparency and keep you informed through our monthly Edublog, frequent parent messages, and, as promised, a twice annual Accountability Report on how your levy tax dollars are being spent.

Our District is known for its academically rigorous educational program, strong safety and security measures, fiscal responsibility, and exemplary staff. Our graduation rate and student achievement continue to surpass surrounding districts and outperform other districts our size throughout the state. We continue to hear from families who buy homes in our District to ensure their kids can be part of this special district! While our world has faced unprecedented challenges through the last two years of a pandemic, our District has been a shining example of individualizing education to meet student needs. Not only were we able to develop and offer a fully online educational option for K-12 students, we were one of the few districts in the state that continued to provide **in-person learning at all 11 schools, 5 days a week all year!** Thanks to an unparalleled strong school-home partnership, our community came together to maintain the focus on what was best for students. While we have been able to maintain our instructional integrity throughout the pandemic, there have still been gaps in learning for students that need to be addressed on an individual basis. As you will see in the following report, our focus has been on maintaining our programs and projects the voters approved with the levy dollars, while increasing staff and adding summer and after school programs to help support our students with unfinished learning. Our priority continues to be the individual growth and achievement of every single student.



Thank you for your continued support of our students and the District - our partnership is invaluable,
Dr. Meyer, Superintendent of Schools

OUR MISSION



Lakeland Jt. School District's daily mission is to maximize student learning and ensure every learner is growing academically, social-emotionally, and behaviorally every day in all environments!

OUR GOALS



- ☐ AN ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
- ☐ WITHIN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
- ☐ WITH A FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE APPROACH

ACCOUNTABILITY TO TAXPAYER



- BUDGET REPORTS PRESENTED AT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 - REPORTS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: sd272.org
- ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS, 2X PER YEAR
- PARENT/PATRON SURVEYS
- STRONG RETURN ON INVESTMENT
 - HIGH GRADUATION RATE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
 - STUDENT, PARENT, PATRON SATISFACTION

PARENT/PATRON INPUT



☐ PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEYS

- NOVEMBER 2021 = ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY
- SPRING 2021 = ANNUAL STATE PARENT SURVEY, AVAILABLE ON
EACH SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

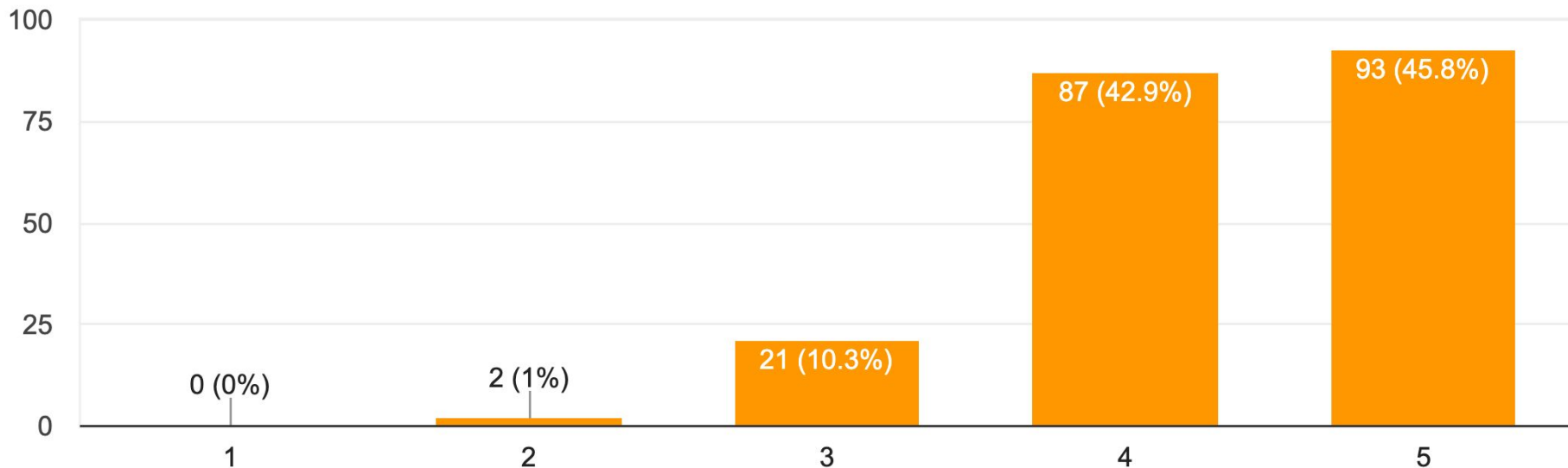
☐ AUGUST 2021 = PARENT/PATRON INPUT: DRAFT 2021-22 LJSD OPERATIONAL PLAN

☐ 2021-22 PARENT SUBCOMMITTEE WORK GROUP

Fall 2021 Parent Feedback Survey

My overall satisfaction with the Lakeland Joint School District:

203 responses

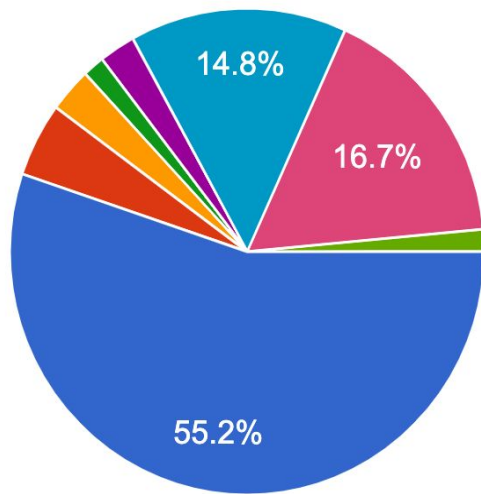


1 = Extremely Dissatisfied to 5 = Extremely Satisfied

Fall 2021 Parent Feedback Survey

What I like MOST about our district:

203 responses

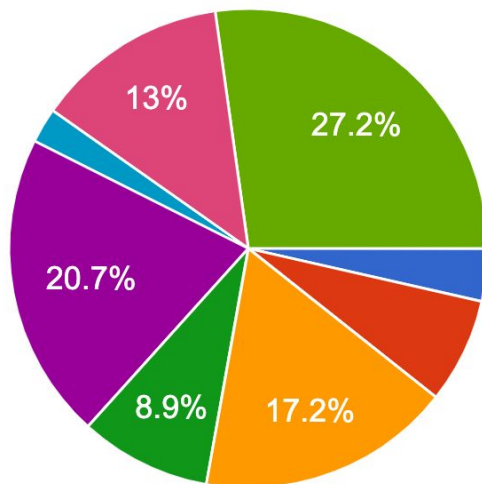


- Teachers and Staff
- Character of the students in our district
- Level of academic rigor
- Educational opportunities
- Extra-curricular programs/opportunities
- Family atmosphere
- Overall district functioning
- Other areas (describe below)

Fall 2021 Parent Feedback Survey

Area I think our District most needs to improve:

169 responses



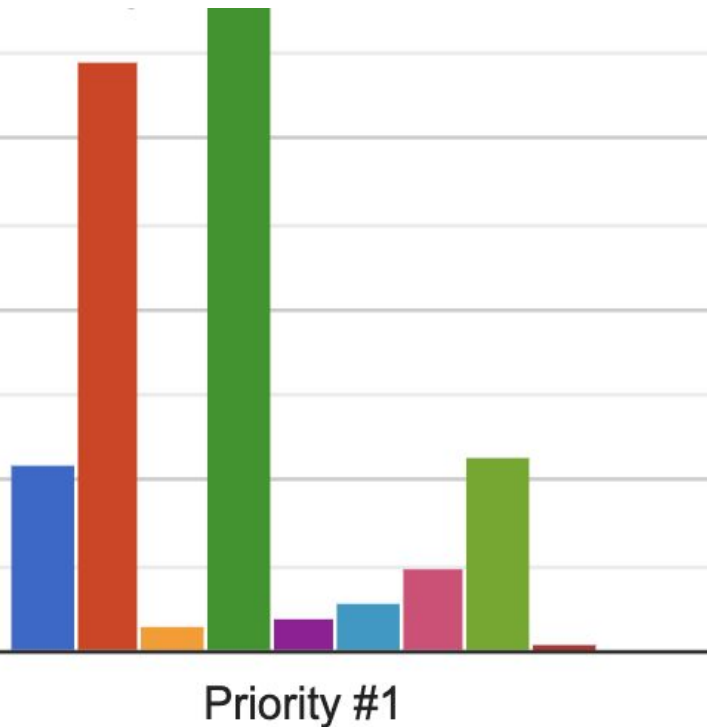
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WE ASKED FAMILIES ...
WHAT ARE YOUR TOP PRIORITIES?

FAMILIES RANKED THEIR TOP 5 PRIORITIES FROM THE LIST

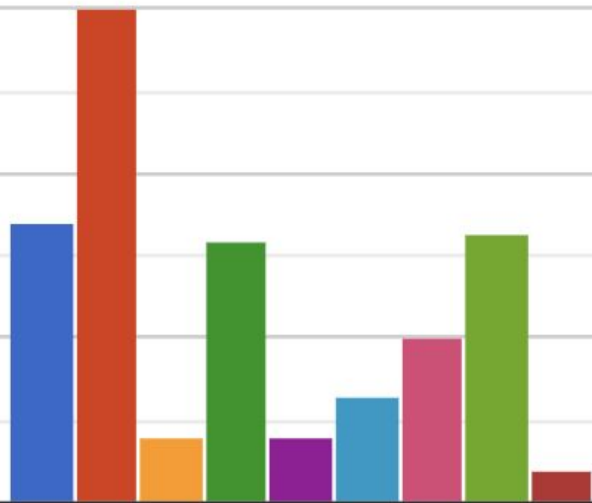
- ☐ Small neighborhood schools
- ☐ Reasonable class sizes
- ☐ Extra-curricular activities
- ☐ Safety and security
- ☐ Facility issues
- ☐ Student enrollment growth
- ☐ Bullying or harassment issues
- ☐ Curriculum
- ☐ District budget

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Facility issues Student enrollment growth Bullying or harassment issues Curriculum District budget



RANKED #1 PRIORITY
= SAFETY & SECURITY
= REASONABLE CLASS
SIZES

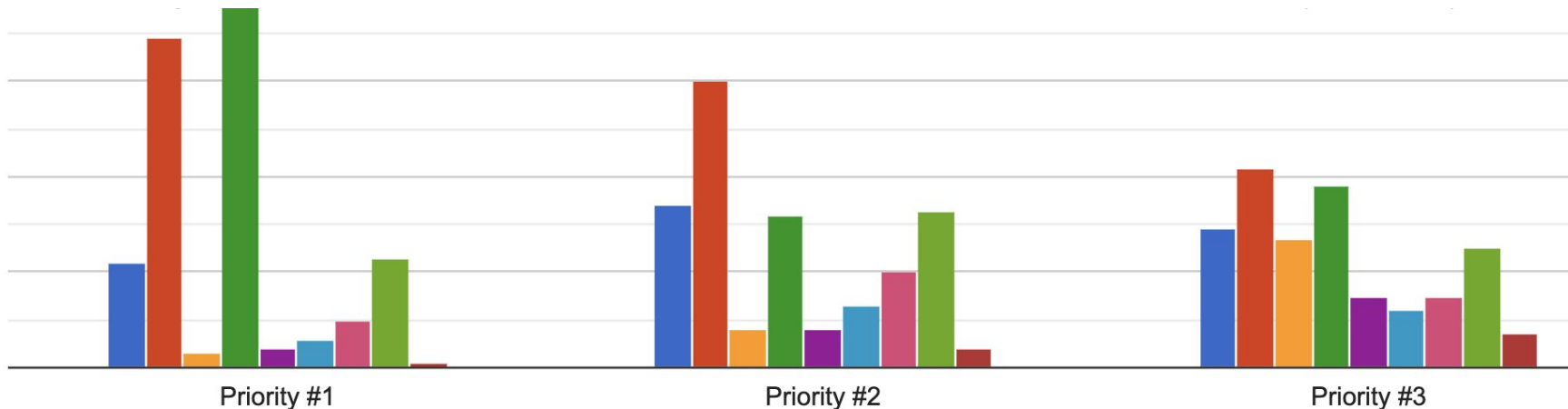
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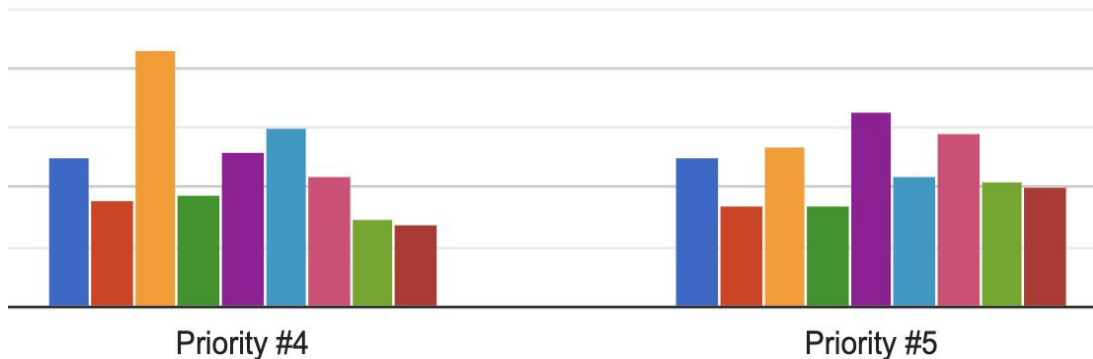
Priority #2

RANKED #2 PRIORITY
= REASONABLE CLASS SIZES
= SMALL SCHOOLS
= SAFETY & SECURITY

Small neighborhood schools
Reasonable class sizes
Extra-curricular activities
Safety and security
Facility issues
Student enrollment growth
Bullying or harassment issues
Curriculum
District budget



TOP 5
PRIORITIES





YOUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS AT WORK

- ◆ THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR OF THE TWO-YEAR INSTRUCTIONAL LEVY VOTERS PASSED MARCH 2021 (FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE STARTING FALL 2021)
- ◆ 2021-22 LEVY FUND TRACKING INCLUDES: Projects/Programs Maintained, Initiated, or Reinstated after Pre-Covid Budget Cuts

PLAN FOR 2021-22 LEVY FUNDS

- ❑ RETURN TO PRE-COVID STAFFING LEVELS
- ❑ REINSTATE ELEMENTARY ADVANCED LEARNING PROGRAM
- ❑ MAINTAIN AND EXPAND OUR ARMED GUARD/SRO PROGRAMS
- ❑ REINSTATE FIELD TRIP FUNDING
- ❑ REINSTATE ACTIVITY BUS ROUTES
- ❑ CONDUCT K-8 MATH CURRICULUM PILOT
- ❑ PLANT-FACILITY LEVY ELECTION DELAYED (EXPIRING 2022) TO ALLOW FOR COMMUNITY INPUT AND BOARD WORKSHOPS

PROJECTS/PROGRAMS MAINTAINED, INITIATED, OR REINSTATED AFTER PRE-COVID BUDGET CUTS

| Project/Program Maintained from last Levy | Project/Program New in Fall 2021 (or reinstated after Pre-Covid Budget Cuts) | |
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| | ✓ | Reinstate Pre-Covid (~2019-2020) staffing levels |
| ✓ | | Full-day Kindergarten |
| | ✓ | Elementary Advanced Learning Program |
| ✓ | | Technology Education |
| ✓ | | 1-1 Technology Implementation |
| | ✓ | Expand Voc-Ag program (FFA) -- Started at LHS |
| ✓ | | Maintain Voc-Ag program (FFA) at THS |
| ✓ | | Maintain Extracurricular programs & Safety Equipment |
| ✓ | | Athletic Trainers |
| ✓ | | Weight equipment upgrade for secondary schools |
| ✓ | | Varsity sport uniform replacement cycle |
| ✓ | | Continue SRO (School Resource Officer) in Spirit Lake |
| | ✓ | RESTART SRO (School Resource Officer) in Rathdrum City Schools with RPD |
| | ✓ | RESTART SRO (School Resource Officer) at Garwood & Twin Lakes Elem with KCSO |

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| ✓ | | Armed Guard at Lakeland Middle School & Rathdrum Area Schools |
| ✓ | | Armed Guard at Lakeland High School |
| ✓ | | Armed Guard at Athol Elementary |
| ✓ | | Additional safety beacons, safety window film, keycard access, & Lockdown Alert upgrades at all schools, security cameras added at several sites |
| ✓ | | Install new sound system in Commons/auditorium area in several schools |
| ✓ | | Instrument Repair/Replacement cycle |
| ✓ | | Science Lab Equipment and Supplies |
| ✓ | | Academic Recovery Program at all high schools |
| ✓ | | Program Support for Students with Disabilities |
| | ✓ | Fund Care Trip and Hawk's Pride Field Trips at both junior highs |
| ✓ | | Behavior Intervention Support at Elementary schools |
| ✓ | | Add Chromebook Tech position |
| | ✓ | Activity Buses |
| ✓ | | New Bus routing program |
| ✓ | | Summer Weight Programs |
| ✓ | | Continue to Invest in our Athletic Facilities & Grounds |
| | ✓ | Update Curriculum and Materials (2021-22 = Math Curricular Adoption and online ELA program/resources K-8; supplemental phonics resources) |

MOVING FORWARD



Maintain
Transparency

Continue to
Gather Input

Maximize
Learning for
ALL Students

EVERY STUDENT MATTERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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