

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN DELLS
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

7:00 P.M.

WISCONSIN DELLS MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Council Chambers
300 LaCrosse Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda."

"Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting."

AGENDA

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Roll Call (Kathy Anderson, John Campbell, Jennifer Gavinski, James McClyman, Robert McClyman, Joey Van Dinter, and Jesse Weaver)
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda
- 4.0 Public Comment/General Subject Matter Discussion
- 5.0 New Business
 - 5.1 Discussion on the School District Community Survey Results
- 6.0 Adjournment

Posted: January 9, 2017

2016-17 School District of Wisconsin Dells PK-12 Enrollment by Municipality (December 1, 2016)

Grade Level	Village of Lake Delton	Town of Dellona	Town of Delton	Town of Lyndon	City of Wisconsin Dells	Town of Dell Prairie	Town of Douglas	Town of Jackson	Town of Lewiston	Town of Newport	Town of New Haven	Town of Springville	Number of Students Residing East of River	Number of Students Residing West of River	Number of Students Open Enrolled In (OEI) East of River	Number of Students Open Enrolled In (OEI) West of River	Total Students Enrolled
PK/EC	3	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	6	8	0	0	14
4K	32	7	5	12	16	6	2	1	0	6	4	1	36	56	2	4	98
5K	34	9	4	10	21	10	4	0	0	5	5	3	48	57	2	8	115
Grade-1	33	12	6	14	29	14	2	1	0	2	5	2	55	65	3	2	125
Grade-2	40	13	2	9	19	9	4	2	0	8	5	1	48	64	1	4	117
Grade-3	31	15	5	10	33	14	1	0	0	4	4	6	62	61	1	1	125
Grade-4	44	13	3	10	24	13	4	3	0	5	2	4	55	70	2	6	133
Grade-5	31	14	6	14	32	20	1	2	0	6	8	4	73	65	2	3	143
Grade-6	28	12	3	11	44	14	7	2	0	4	4	6	81	54	2	2	139
Grade-7	26	10	8	13	26	22	3	1	0	5	8	6	71	57	4	4	136
Grade-8	26	15	4	11	25	20	2	2	0	7	2	3	61	56	0	2	119
Grade-9	21	20	4	7	33	16	6	1	0	3	4	3	66	52	1	5	124
Grade-10	19	9	2	9	30	12	1	1	0	6	1	2	53	39	2	2	96
Grade-11	27	9	1	10	19	10	1	1	0	5	8	2	46	47	2	1	96
Grade-12	17	15	4	3	22	21	2	2	0	7	6	3	63	39	3	1	106
SubTotals	412	175	58	145	375	201	41	19	0	73	68	47	824	790	27	45	1686

Elementary students grades PK-4.

321

406

Wisconsin Dells School District

Community Survey Results

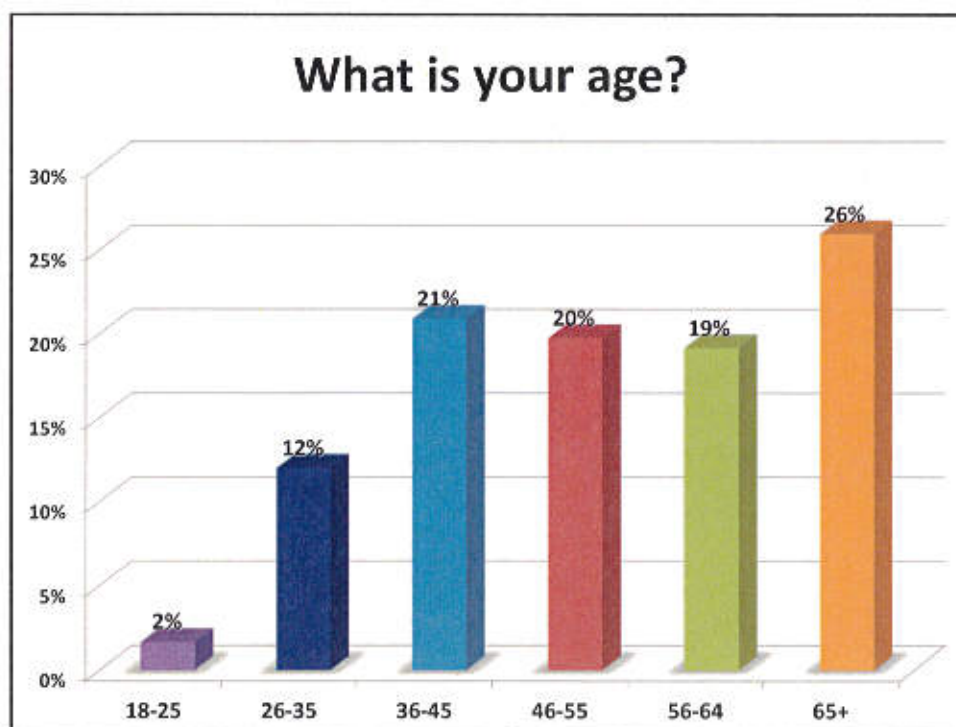
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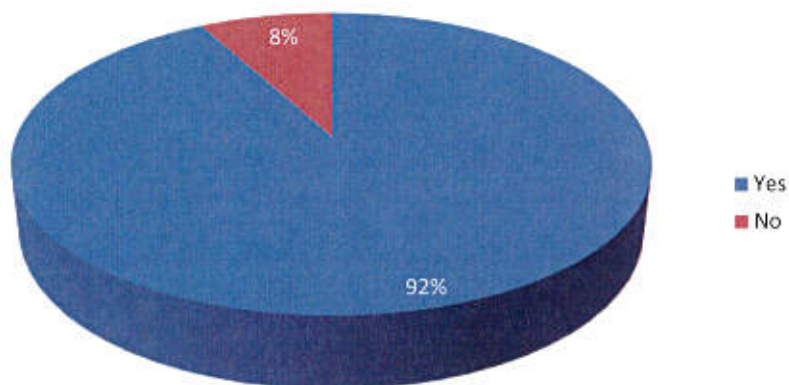
Survey Summary

- The community survey was conducted in October/November of 2016.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 1,326 (633 paper)

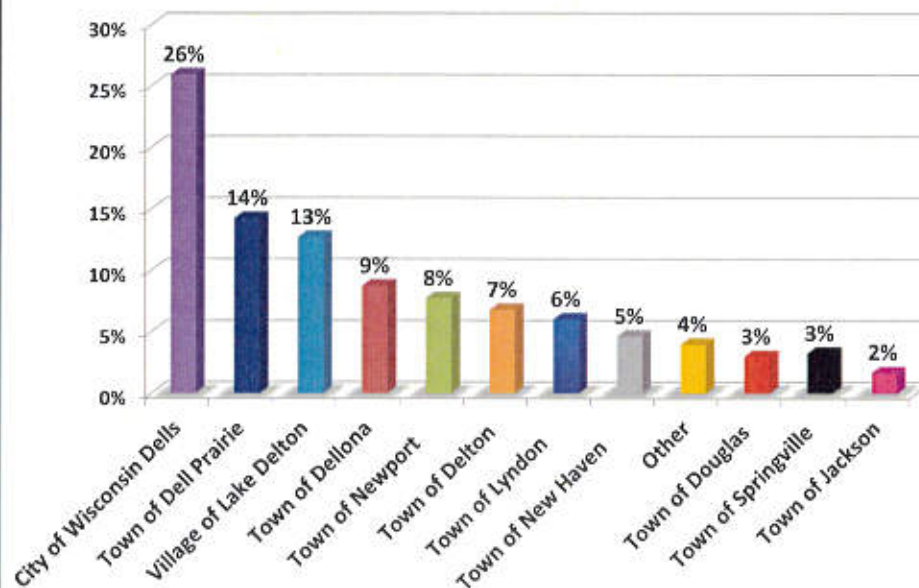
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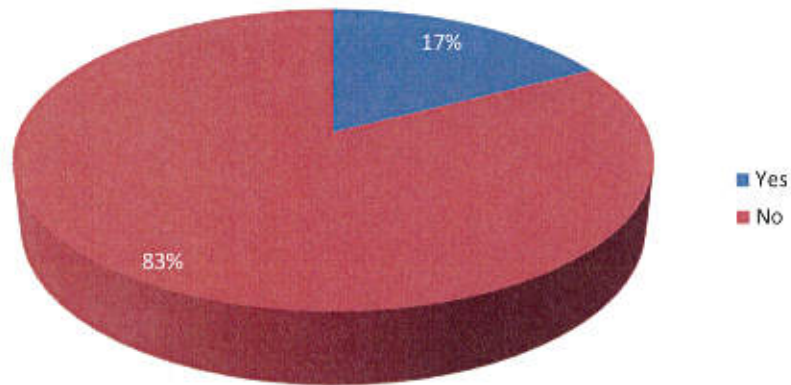
Is your primary residence in the School District of Wisconsin Dells?



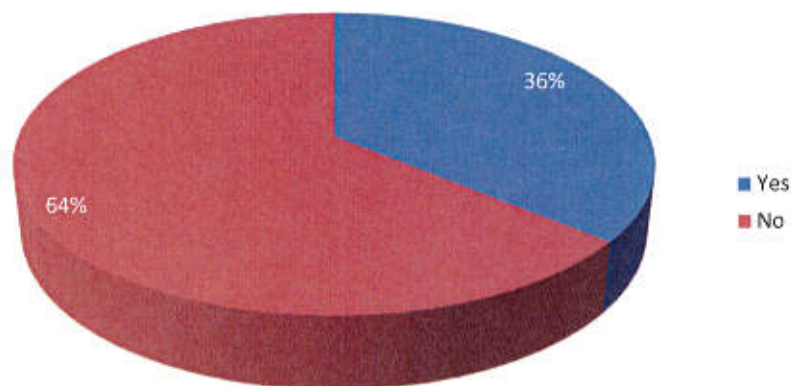
In which city/township do you reside?



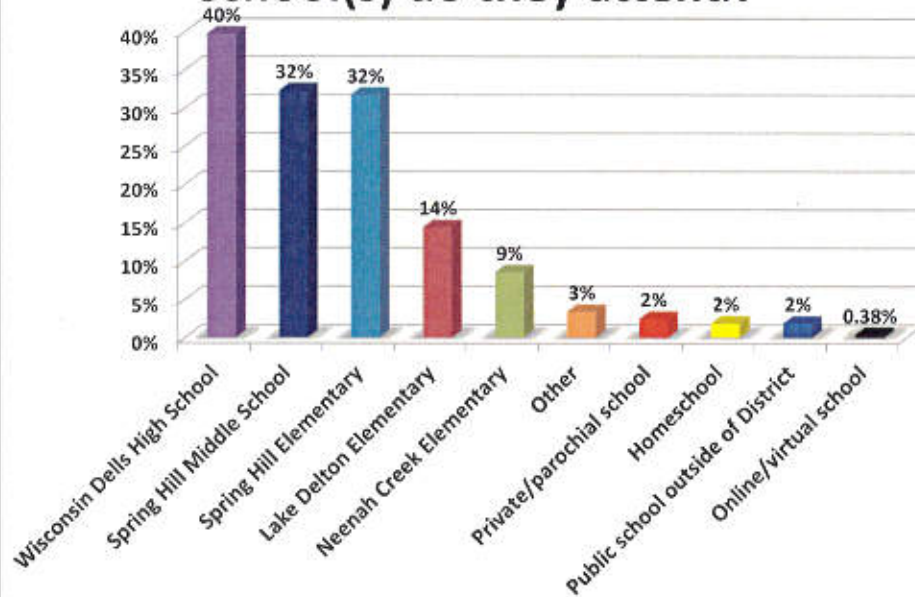
Are you an employee of the School District of Wisconsin Dells?



Do you have children attending the School District of Wisconsin Dells?



If you have school-aged children, what school(s) do they attend?



Facility Background

A Facilities Master Planning Review was completed by Plunkett Raylich Architects (PRA) and Architectural Design Consultants Incorporated (ADC) in November of 2015. The review evaluated the condition of each school, building capacity and adequacy of the educational spaces. To read the entire review visit www.sdwed.k12.wi.us.

The School Board has identified the following needs as they consider all long-range facility options:

Safety/Security

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. To help accomplish this goal, the District would like to create more secure entrances to better control visitor access.

Insufficient School Capacity

Four of the District's five schools are at or beyond capacity. To address overcrowding at Lake Delton Elementary School, the District *pays to bus more than 150 students* to other elementary schools, resulting in lost instructional time for Neenah Creek students. Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School has also been over capacity for many years. Portable classrooms were added in 2012, and in 2013 the 8th grade was moved to the high school. *However, by the 2018-19 school year there will not be space in the high school for the 8th grade* due to the increased class sizes entering the high school.

Aging Infrastructure

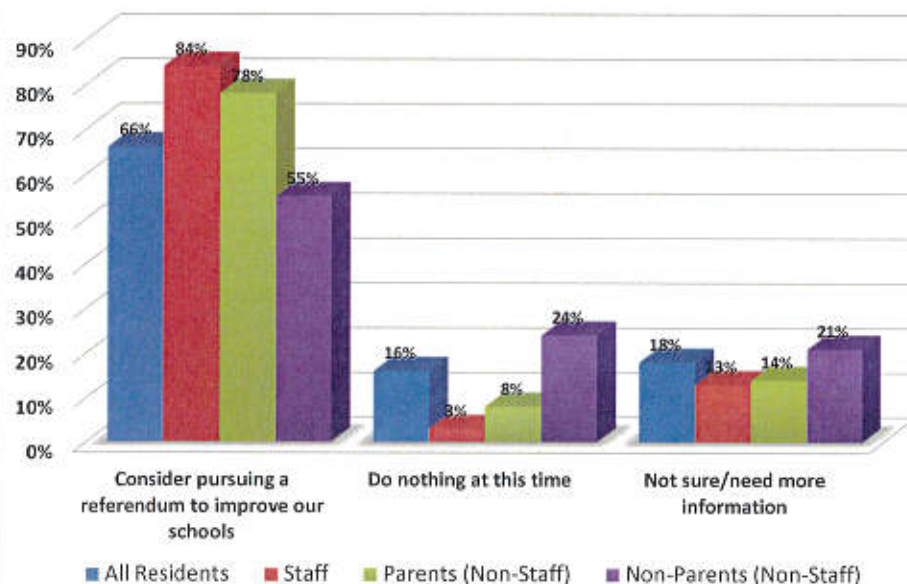
While our schools have been well maintained, many of the major mechanical systems (electrical and plumbing) have exceeded their useful life and are in need of replacement. In addition, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at Lake Delton Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School and Wisconsin Dells High School are in need of replacement due to their age, inefficiencies and ongoing costly maintenance requirements.

Outdated Educational Spaces

Many classrooms and labs in our high school are outdated. As a result, they lack adequate infrastructure to support existing equipment and technologies needed for today's educational programming, including sufficient electrical capacity, student collaboration areas and flexible learning spaces.

If the public chooses to address these needs, the primary way to obtain funding is through a referendum.

What advice would you give the School Board? (Residents Only)



Lake Delton Elementary School

Portions of Lake Delton Elementary School (LDES) date back to 1925. The school has had multiple additions and renovations, with the most recent update occurring in 1989. Based on the facility audit, the following issues were identified:

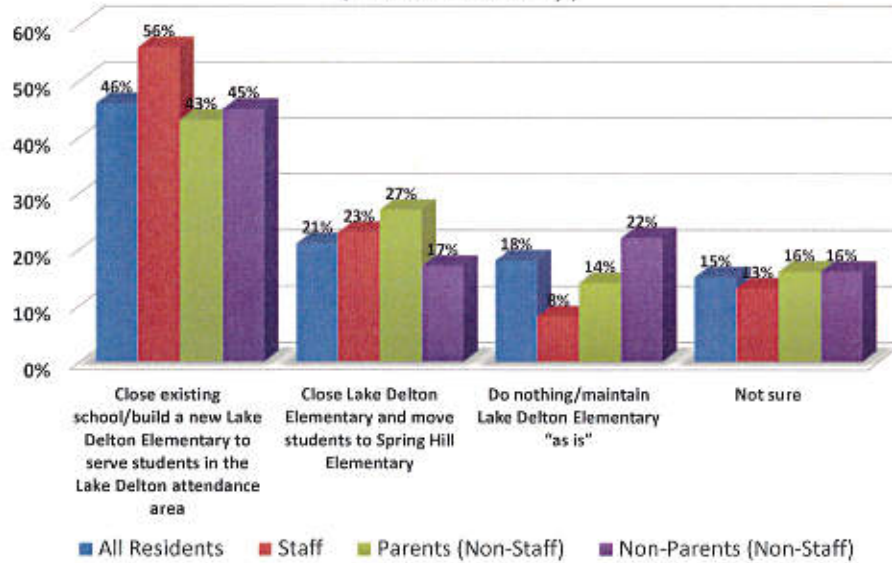
- Enrollment in this attendance area is growing, and the school has been beyond capacity for over a decade.
- Currently, the District buses more than 150 PK-5th grade students from the Lake Delton Elementary attendance area to other elementary schools due to a lack of classroom space at LDES.
- The site is very small, approximately 3 acres, and there is no room for building expansion, additional parking or green space for student activities. Architectural standards for a 450-student capacity school call for a minimum 15-acre building site. This would allow for future expansion should there be continued growth in the Lake Delton Elementary attendance area.
- The school is located near the busy intersection of highways 12 and 23.
- The building lacks a secure entrance, is not in compliance with all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and portions of the structure contain asbestos.
- Sections of the plumbing, heating and electrical systems are from the original building and would require an extensive investment to update and/or replace.

Based on the building's condition and site size as well as current and future student enrollment projections in this attendance area, the facility study concluded that **renovating Lake Delton Elementary School is not cost effective.**

Voters would need to support a referendum to fund building a new school, which is estimated at \$18 million.

What advice would you give the District regarding the Lake Delton Elementary building?

(Residents Only)

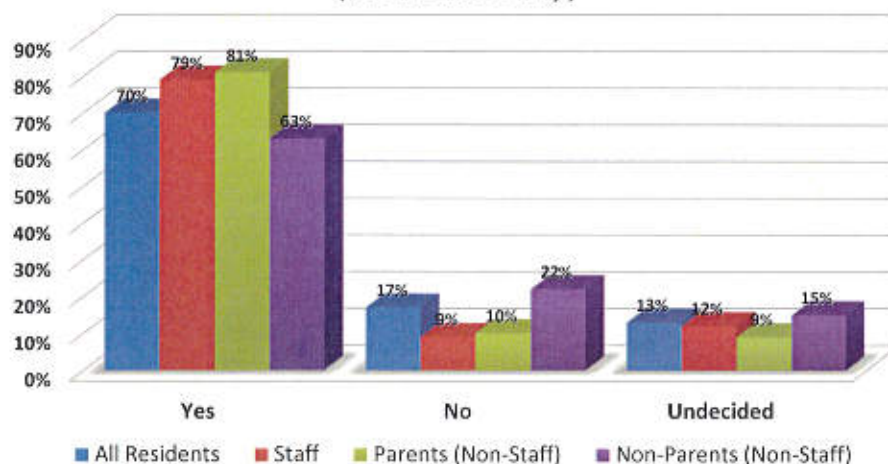


Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School

The Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School was built in 1991 to serve students in kindergarten through 8th grade with a classroom addition in 2010 and modular classrooms added in 2012. Three years ago, the building was beyond capacity, requiring the 8th grade to be moved into the high school. Building a new high school or Lake Delton Elementary School would allow 8th grade students to be removed from the high school setting.

Overall, the building is in good condition, but the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems need updating and some flooring needs replacement. Additionally, the front entrance would be remodeled to better control visitor access. The total cost of renovations is estimated at \$2 million.

Would you support a plan that provides funding to add a secure main entrance, update the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and replace flooring at Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School?
(Residents Only)



Wisconsin Dells High School

Wisconsin Dells High School was built in 1953. The school has had multiple additions/renovations in the past 63 years, with the latest occurring in 1997. The school's infrastructure and some core spaces do not meet current educational, safety, capacity and community needs. If the District elects to take no action, **by 2018-19 there will not be adequate space to accommodate the student population.**

The community has two options:

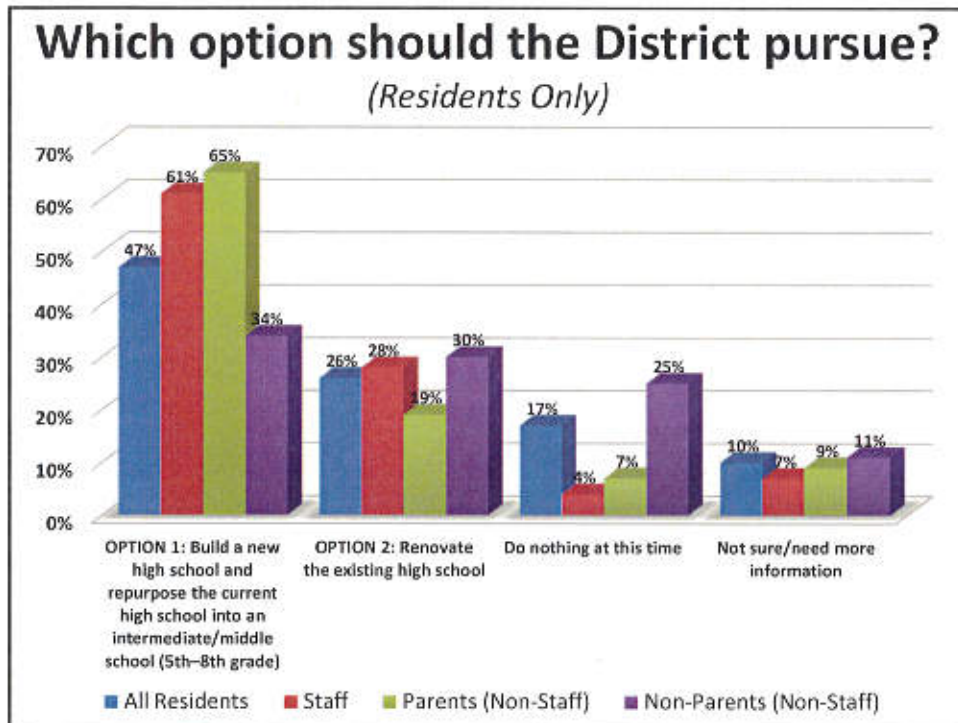
OPTION 1: Build a new high school and repurpose the current high school:

- The cost to build a new high school is estimated at \$33 to \$36 million.
- The cost to renovate the high school into an intermediate/middle school is estimated at \$8 million.

Total Cost: \$41 to \$44 million

OPTION 2: Renovate the existing high school:

- The cost to renovate the existing high school is estimated at \$17.2 million.

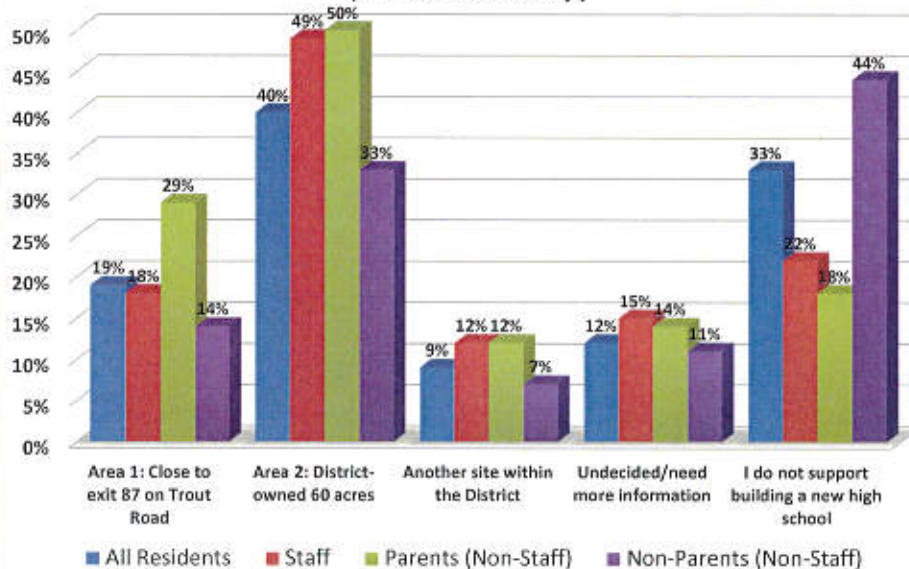


School Location

The School Board is looking for your input regarding where a new high school could be built.



If a new high school were built, please select ALL areas, based on the map above that you would support:
(Residents Only)



High School Renovation Projects

If the community chooses to renovate the existing high school, what priority would you place on the following?

High (3), Medium (2), Low (1)

Item	All Residents	Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff)
Update a portion of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system that has exceeded its service life and lacks efficiency. <i>(est. cost: \$1.5 million)</i>	2.53	2.44
Expand/improve technical education/STEM/agriculture labs to incorporate the latest technology/equipment to provide hands-on learning opportunities. <i>(est. cost: \$1 million)</i>	2.39	2.26
Improve school security by building a new Iowa Street entrance and main office, requiring visitors to check in before gaining building access. <i>(est. cost: \$1.4 million)</i>	2.25	2.12
Renovate/expand cafeteria and kitchen to reduce long lunch lines, congestion and provide adequate prep kitchen space and food storage. <i>(est. cost: \$1.4 million)</i>	2.03	1.93
Increase the size and acoustics of the music (band & choir) classrooms and address the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) of 1990 compliance issues. <i>(est. cost: \$3.6 million)</i>	1.81	1.75
Add an auxiliary gym, locker rooms and multi-purpose room to meet the needs of the physical education program, increase capacity for onsite practice and youth recreation/ community use and address ADA compliance issues. <i>(est. cost: \$8.3 million)</i>	1.86	1.65

Facility Options

We are at a crossroads and need to make a decision on how best to invest in our schools. *Two primary pathways have been identified below.* Each pathway could be implemented in phases over time, thus reducing the overall initial cost. However, construction costs will most likely increase over time, and today's interest rates are at historic lows.

Pathway 1

Build a new Lake Delton Elementary that would serve the Lake Delton attendance area, allowing more than 150 students to return to their home attendance school. This would free up space at Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School, allowing the 8th graders to return to the middle school, and address capacity concerns at the high school. This option would also include infrastructure upgrades, safety and security improvements and classroom updates at Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School and Wisconsin Dells High School.

- Build a new Lake Delton Elementary School \$18 million
- Update Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School \$2 million
- Update Wisconsin Dells High School \$17.2 million

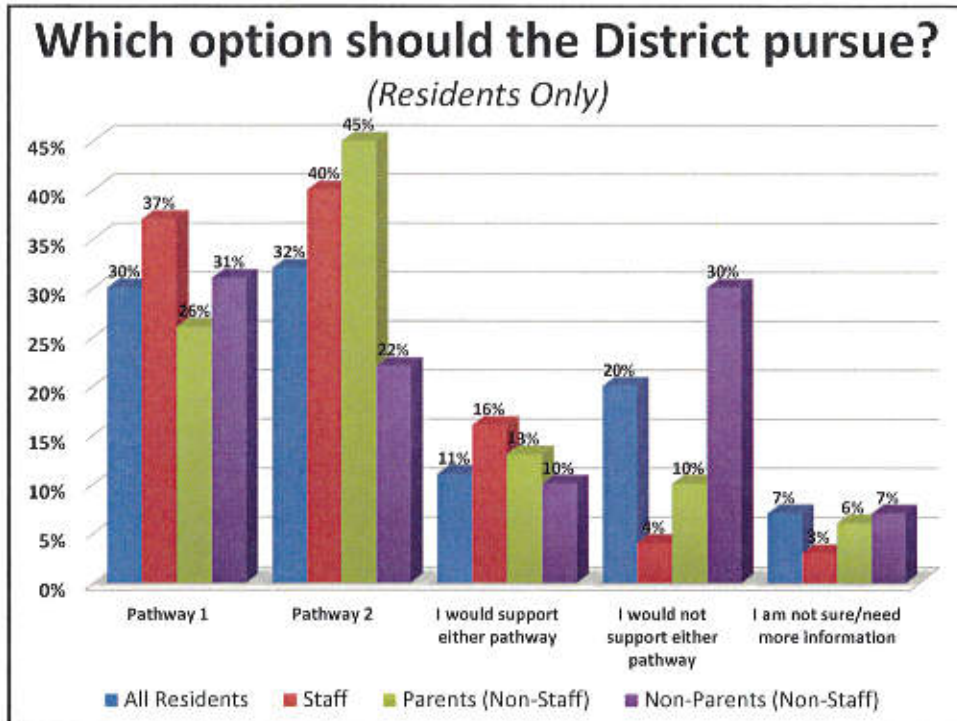
Total Cost: \$37.2 million

Pathway 2

Build a new Wisconsin Dells High School and convert the existing high school into a 5th–8th grade intermediate/middle school. This option would also include infrastructure upgrades and safety and security improvements at Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School. This pathway does not provide funding to update Lake Delton Elementary.

- Build a new Wisconsin Dells High School \$33-36 million
- Convert the existing high school into intermediate/middle school \$8 million
- Update Spring Hill Elementary/Middle School \$2 million

Total Cost: \$43-46 million



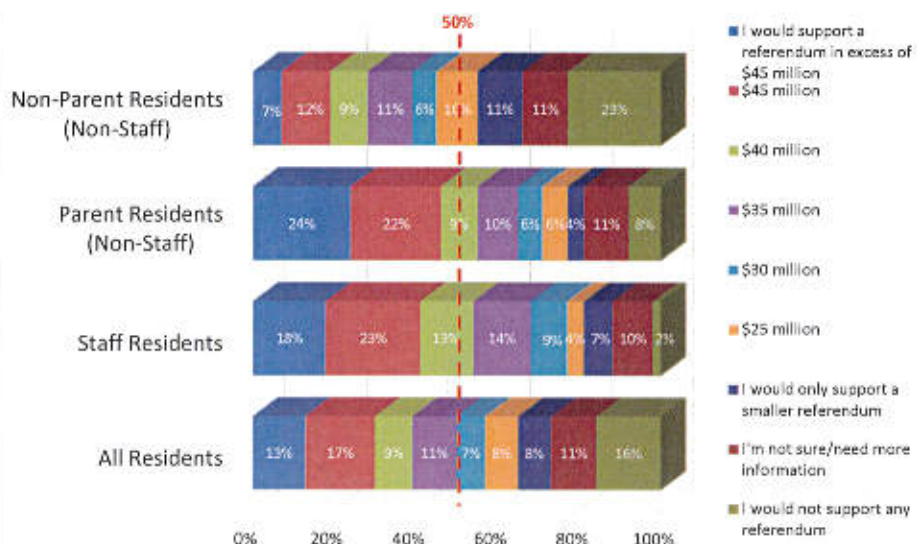
Financial Planning

We realize that given the total investment of either pathway, it may not be realistic to complete the projects at one time. Therefore, we may have to complete the projects in phases, based on the priorities of the community and their willingness to financially support the projects.

The following table shows the tax increase for various referendum amounts that could support the projects described throughout the survey.

PROPERTY TAX IMPACT					
Referendum amount	\$25 million	\$30 million	\$35 million	\$40 million	\$45 million
Tax impact per \$100,000 of property value	Tax Increase of \$72 per year	Tax Increase of \$88 per year	Tax Increase of \$104 per year	Tax Increase of \$120 per year	Tax Increase of \$136 per year

How much of a tax impact would you support through a referendum, assuming the projects included were acceptable to you?



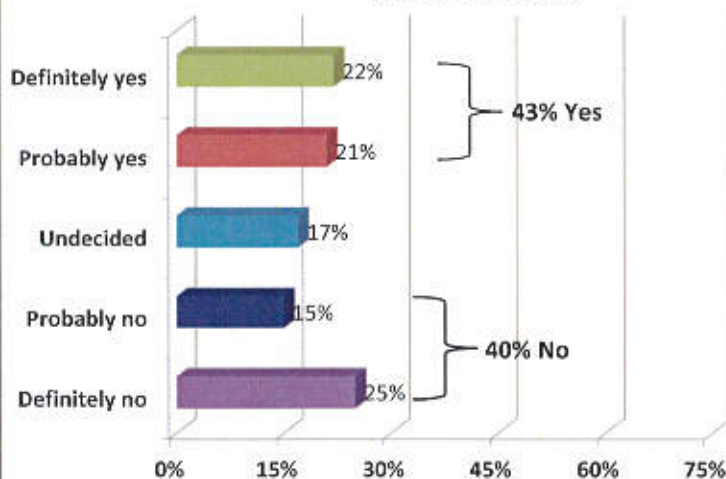
Auditorium

In addition to the school projects, the District could consider building an auditorium, which could be added to the existing high school or a new high school. This would create a dedicated space for plays, musicals, recitals, concerts, large group activities or community presentations. Currently, many events are held in the gym, **and students are leaving the community to participate in some of the aforementioned activities in neighboring communities.** Our gymnasium also lacks adequate sound and lighting systems. The gym's already busy schedule limits performance opportunities for students and the community.

Would you support a \$7.2 million referendum to build an auditorium?

This would represent an additional estimated tax impact of \$22 for each \$100,000 of property value for each of the next 20 years.

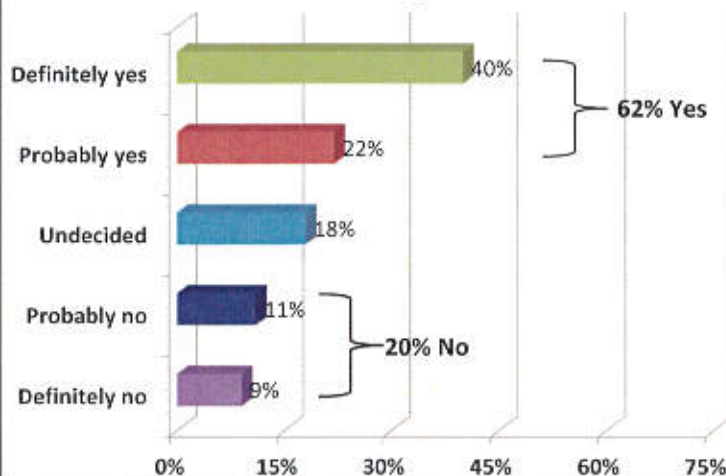
All Residents



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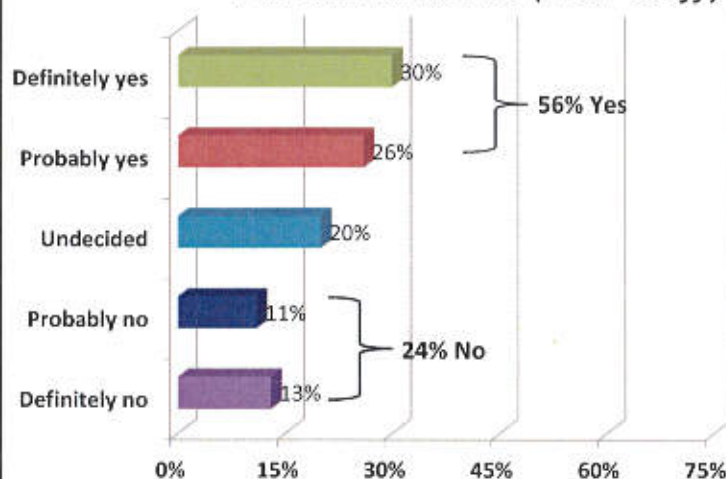
Staff Residents



Would you support a \$7.2 million referendum to build an auditorium?

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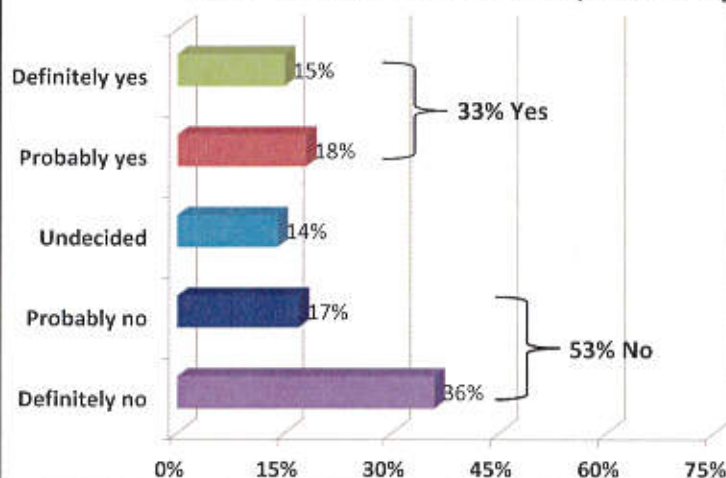
Parent Residents (Non-Staff)



Would you support a \$7.2 million referendum to build an auditorium?

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Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff)



Thank you!

