



Securing Our Future


Supporting Our Students.

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Agenda

- Overview of demographic study and community survey
 - Review Long-Range Facility Plan process
 - Community survey results
 - Demographic study results
 - Projected enrollment
 - Checks for understanding along the way
 - Share feedback based on the survey and demographic reports
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2022 Bond Referendum

In August 2022, SoWashCo Schools asked voters to consider approval of a \$462.6 million bond for construction, renovations and additions to meet the needs of our growing community.

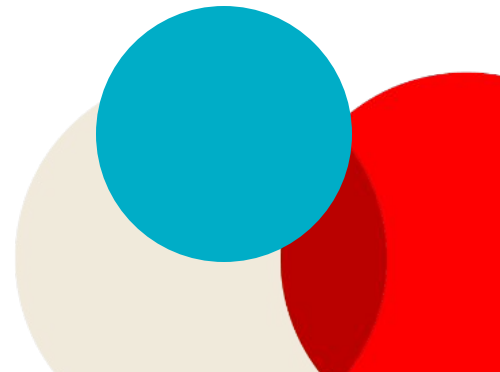
The request included:

- Expansion of early learning programs and services
- Construction of two elementary schools
- Expansion of three high schools
- Improvements to facilities districtwide
- Purchase of land for future growth
- Accommodate early learning, special education and community education programming
- Minimal changes to attendance boundaries

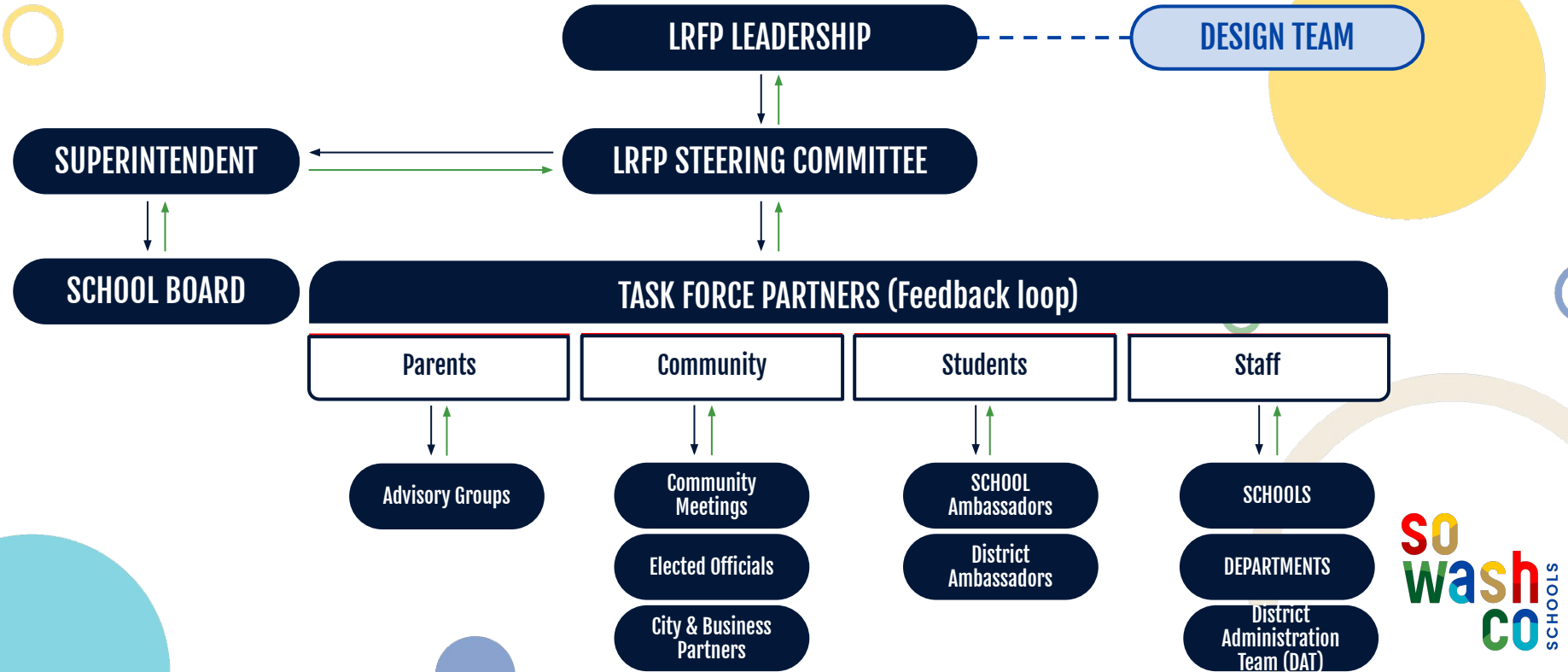


Long Range Facilities Plan Update

- School Board received a report about the Community Survey on Feb. 2.
- School Board received a presentation about our updated demographic study on Feb. 16.
- Set dates for in-person meetings to discuss next steps for the Long Range Facility Plan.
 - **Community Meetings**
 - March 21 at Cottage Grove Middle School
 - April 25 at Oltman Middle School
 - May 23 at East Ridge High School



LONG RANGE FACILITY PLANNING (LRFP) PROCESS



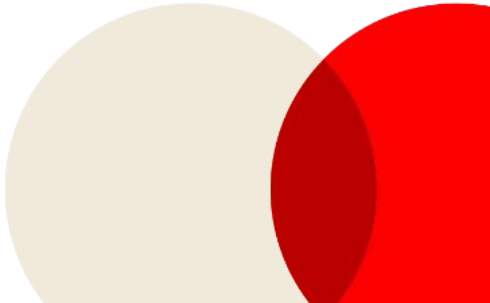
Community Survey

- Community Survey was conducted between Dec. 1-16, 2022.
- Random sampling of 500 households in South Washington County Schools boundary.

Takeaways from the Morris Leatherman Community Survey

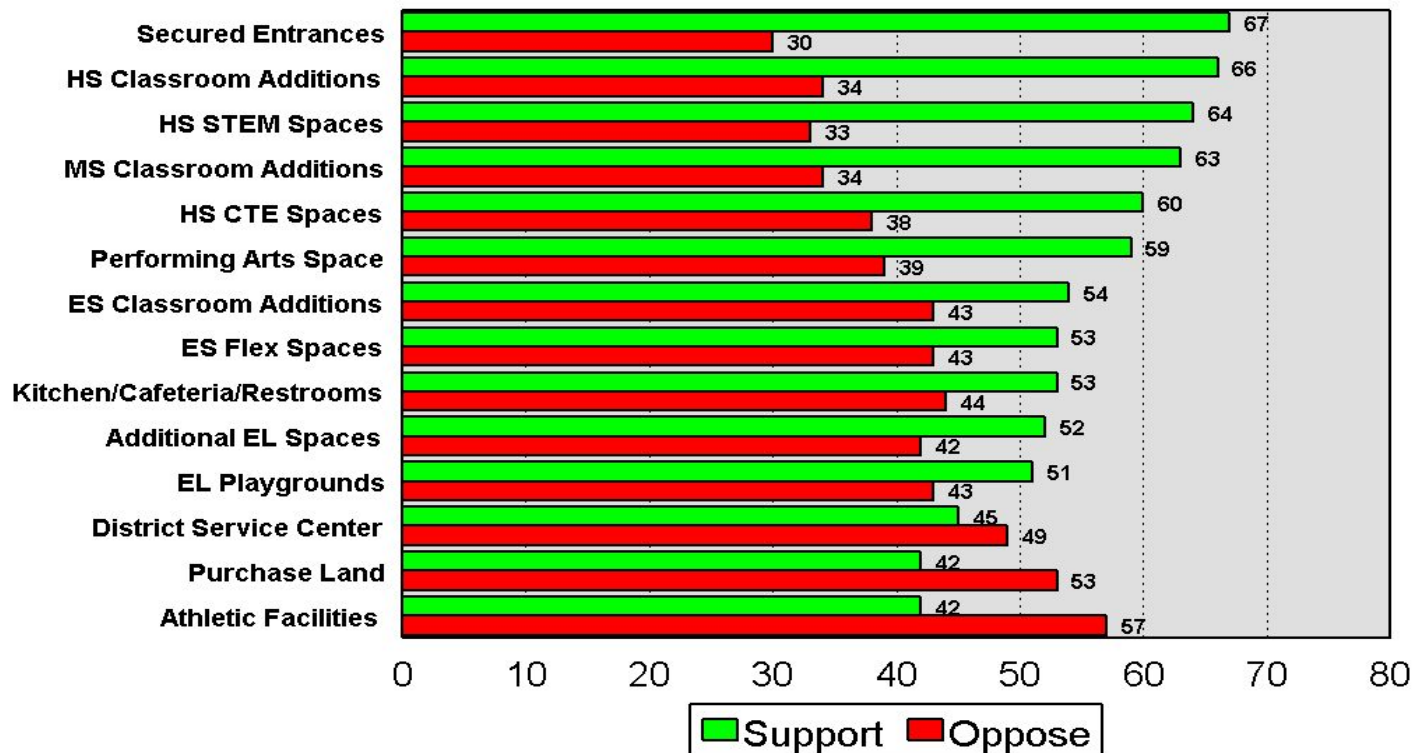
- While residents don't necessarily blame the School District, the property tax climate is very hostile.
- Very low level of residents felt informed about the bond referendum.
- The most common responses among parents that didn't vote were "too busy" or "forgot."

Three reasons for opposition:

- Pandemic/Economy/Property taxes.
 - Lack of a compelling need.
 - Disagreement about solution being offered.
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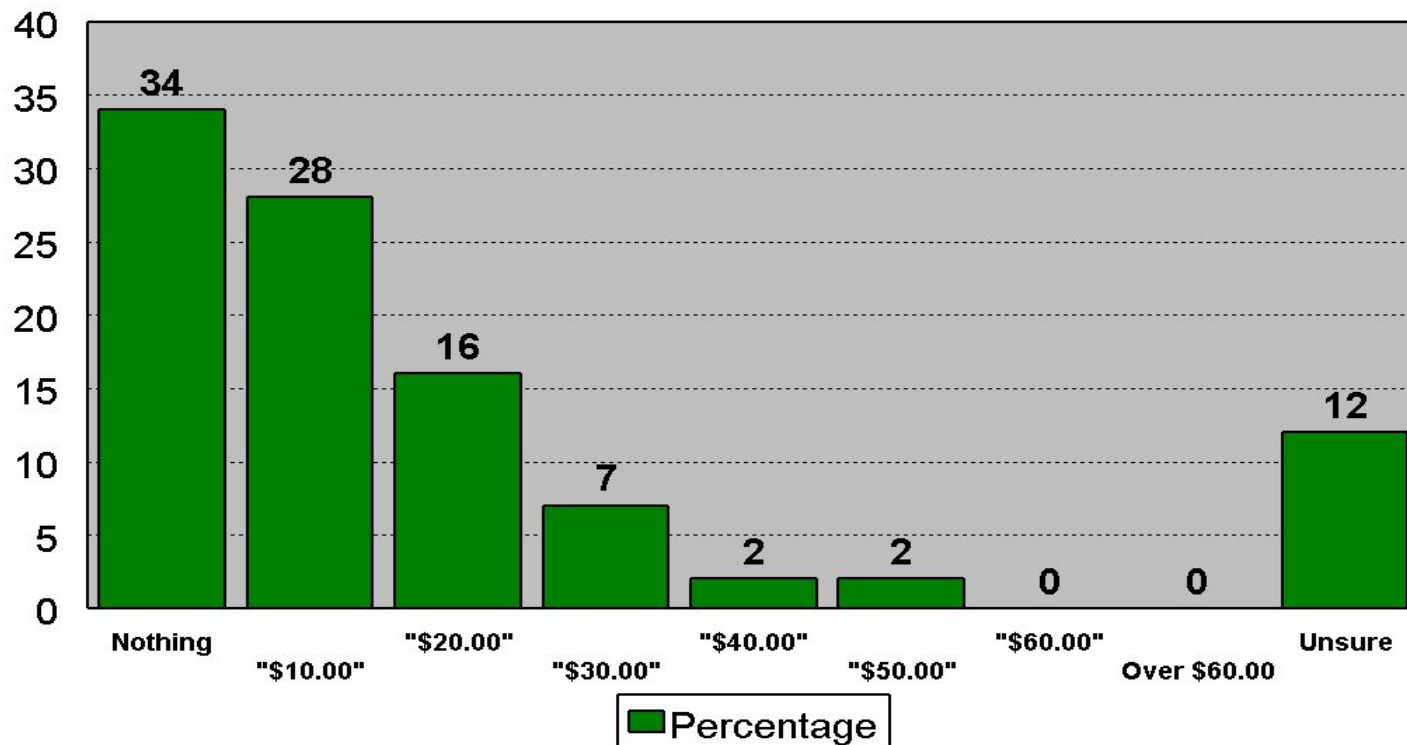
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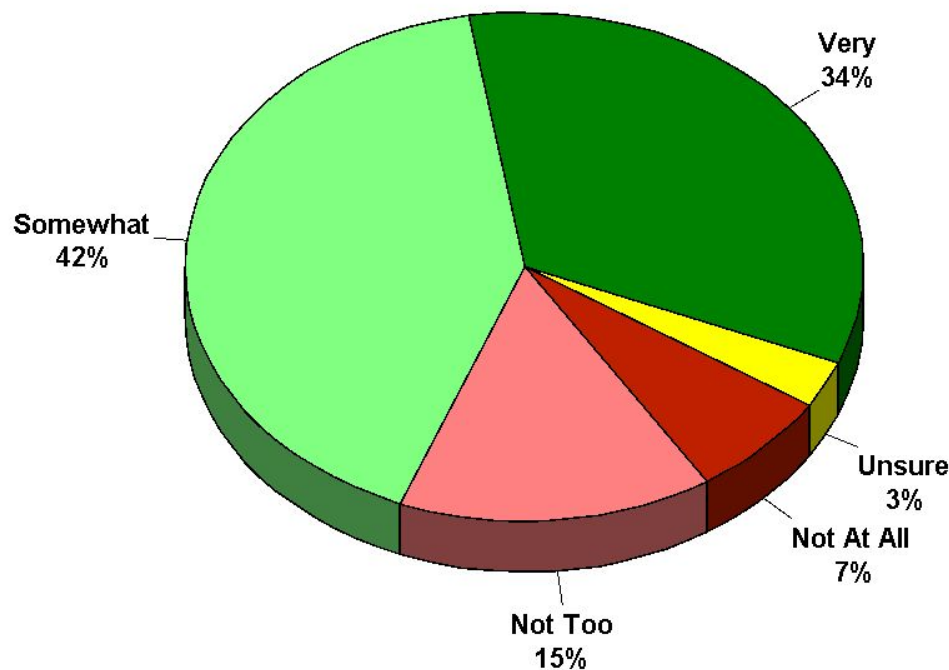
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Important to Limit Boundary Change Impacts

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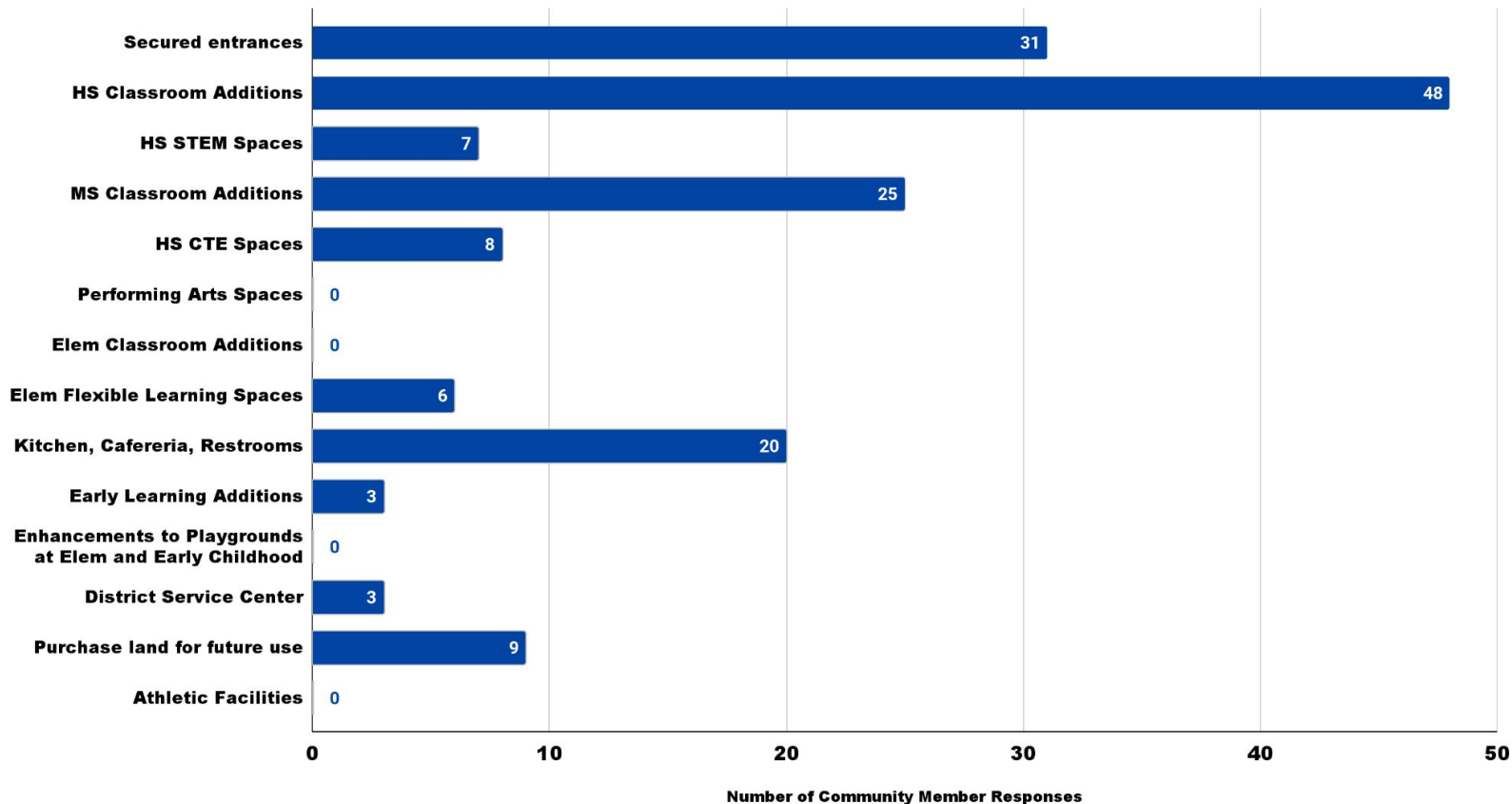
Demographic Study

- Demographic Study completed by Hazel Reinhardt looks at projections for the next 5 years (children are all born)
- The study focuses on fertility rate, cohort survival rate and housing data.
- Fertility rate decreasing in Minnesota and in the United States
 - 2020 saw the lowest birth rate in the United States since 1979.
- Decline in births in Washington County, and in Minnesota, will result in smaller kindergarten classes in the next several years.
- Demographer looked at the housing growth in SoWashCo Schools, but said the relationship between housing and K-12 enrollment is complex, noting it is difficult to determine how many students come out of new housing.

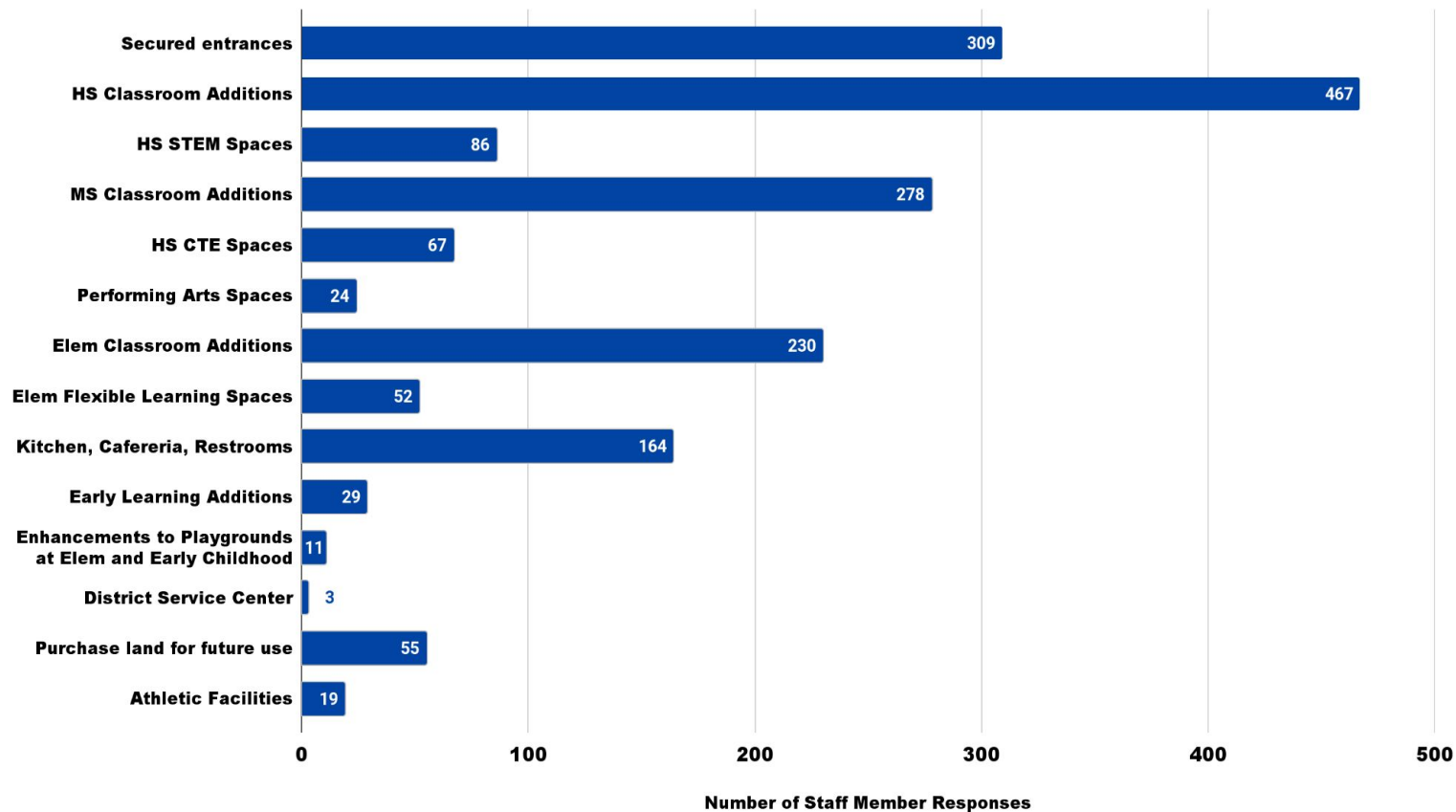
5-Year Projections

Currently Over Capacity	At or Over Capacity Within 5 Years	Within 5% of capacity within 5 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none">East Ridge High SchoolWoodbury High SchoolPine Hill ElementaryGrey Cloud Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">East Ridge High SchoolOltman Middle SchoolPine Hill ElementaryGrey Cloud ElementaryBailey ElementaryLiberty Ridge ElementaryRed Rock Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Park High SchoolWoodbury High SchoolLake Middle School

Community Feedback




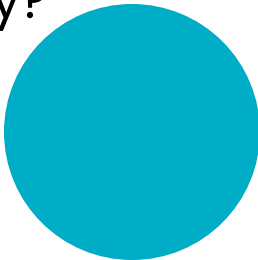
Staff Feedback



Small Group Discussion

What would you prioritize in the new Long-Range Facility Plan and why?

How would you present these priorities to the community?


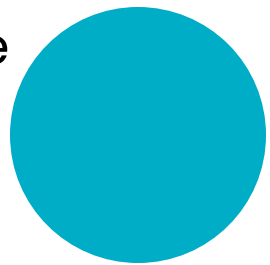




Individual Board Member Share out

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Upcoming Meetings

Community Meetings

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 - May 23 at East Ridge High School
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Next Steps

- Steering Committee is reviewing staff and community feedback about what they would like SoWashCo Schools to prioritize in a new plan.
 - Following this meeting, the Steering Committee will begin drafting a preliminary plan.
 - In May, a final plan will be shared.
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