



Community Input on Task Force Recommendations Survey Summary

Overview

The Sumner-Bonney Lake School District (District) must determine a path forward to accomplish modernization and expansion of Sumner High School, in light of current circumstances, including significant increased costs of school construction arising from the construction environment. The Sumner High School Project Review Task Force recommended a phased Master Plan, with modernization and expansion of the High School under an Initial Phase that builds now with the 2016 bond funds consistent with the bond goals for the High School project, and completion of build-out of future facilities that would require new, additional bond funding.

The Initial Phase would construct new buildings to the west of the existing school and minimize remodeling as much as possible. Consistent with the 2016 bond goals, new facilities would include the core facilities of new classrooms (16-20 target), a new commons/cafeteria, new kitchen, new library (learning resource center), including restrooms, technology, and would improve student safety and circulation.

Future build-out under a Master Plan includes additional classrooms, CTE and FFA, arts, music and drama, athletic facilities, additional school administration and student services and support services, potentially a new gym, aquatic facility (pool) and remodeling or a new Performing Arts Center (PAC), depending on funding considerations.

Between May 28 – June 5, 2019, the District gathered feedback from the community through a paper survey available at the May 28 and 29, 2019 public meetings and an online survey on the Sumner High School Project Review Task Force recommendations. After being open for eight days, only 13 respondents participated in the survey to provide feedback on the project recommendations (see Table 1). Due to the small number of respondents, information obtained from the survey provides a limited perspective and consequently, does not accurately represent or reflect the thoughts and opinions of the entire District population. Therefore, the data is difficult to generalize on a broader scale. Regardless, feedback obtained from the survey was provided to the District to help inform the Superintendent's recommendation to be presented to the Board on June 18, 2019 for a path forward to modernize and expand Sumner High School.

Survey Results

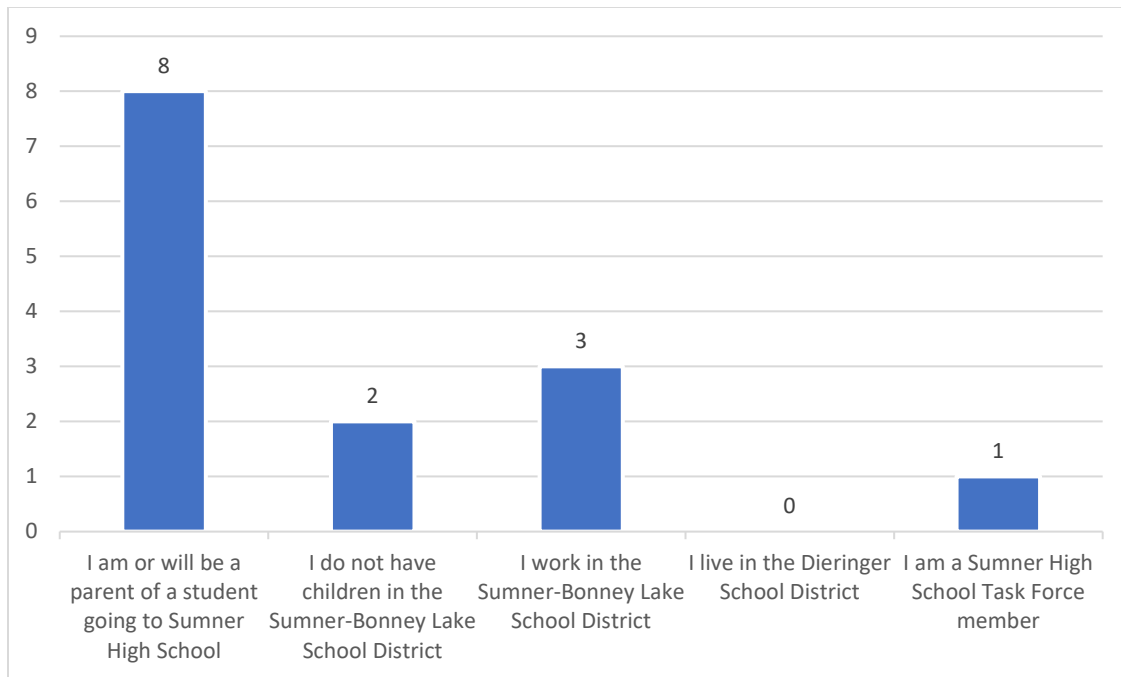
Respondent data

Survey respondents were asked to select all of the following categories that applied to them:

- I am or will be a parent of a student going to Sumner High School
- I do not have children in the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District
- I work in the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District
- I live in the Dieringer School District

- I am a Sumner High School Task Force member

A majority of the respondents were current or future parents of a student going to Sumner High School.



What benefits do you see with the Initial Phase recommendation?

Key themes

- The Initial Phase recommendation limits major disruptions to academics.
- Early construction shows the community that work is being completed and there is momentum to complete the project.
- The Initial Phase recommendation is a good use of the limited bond budget.

Excerpts from surveys

- *"It addresses the immediate needs while planning for a future Master Plan."*
- *"The space is needed and has been well planned to not disrupt student learning during construction - as much as possible"*
- *"It gets construction started so people can see progress. We get as much done with the money we have."*

What challenges do you see with the Initial Phase recommendation?

Key themes

- Current and future costs of construction are major concerns to completing the project.
- There are concerns with keeping the project phases on-schedule.
- Cultivating community buy-in for subsequent phases may be challenging.

- There are concerns about the safety and wellbeing of students during construction.

Excerpts from surveys

- *"Another levy is burdensome on taxpayers when all prior design costs were wasted on first plan."*
- *"The covered walkway is concerning to me about assuring student safety."*
- *"It's not only a 2-year disruption. Building in phases means different contracts, different prices for overhead, different contractors."*
- *"Relying on additional bond money. You will need to clearly articulate to voters of why it is needed and why this route was chosen."*

What benefits do you see with the Master Plan recommendation?

Key themes

- The Master Plan is a good layout and is thoughtful.
- The aesthetics of the new facility is something the community can be proud of.
- The Master Plan recommendation shows that there is strong support for the schools' athletics.
- The Master Plan recommendation is a better use of resources than remodeling existing structures.
- The layout makes sense for the community's needs.

Excerpts from surveys

- *"The blueprint is beautiful. I like the most the mindfulness of the view from Main street. It will be a school the community can be proud of."*
- *"The master plan is amazing and would be just what SHS students and staff need and deserve. I think including a pool in the plan is a plus."*
- *"More parking, better space usage."*
- *"Good layout and location. It seems much more thoughtful than the original plan and I credit the involvement of the community through the task force for that."*
- *"It does a good job of addressing all the issues with the timeliness and money/cost being the biggest obstacles."*

What challenges do you see with the Master Plan recommendation?

Key themes

- There are concerns about funding for future phases.
- Gathering support from the community for additional bonds may be challenging.

Excerpts from surveys

- *"Voters might be hard to convince to pass a bond since many of us believed that the past bond would take care of all the SHS needs."*
- *"Concerned that after the 'important parts' of the school are built (classrooms, library, commons) that it could be more challenging to convince the community to vote for additional funds to build the additional components of the building."*

- *“Whoever is planning the bond will underestimate the bond amount again and we will be in the same situation. Requesting more money may be denied then what? ”*

What are your thoughts about the Task Force recommendation to expand and modernize Sumner High School?

Key themes

- Impressed with Task Force’s work; continue to utilize a task force format of community experts
- The project is needed, and the recommendation is very well thought-out.
- The modernization effort should still fit in with the community’s aesthetics.
- Gathering additional funding may be a hurdle in implementing the recommendations.
- Safety for students during construction and in between phases is a concern.

Excerpts from surveys

- *“I think it is a beautiful plan that should last well into the future and will make a great addition to the downtown core of Sumner.”*
- *“Consider the design to blend with the historic look of downtown Sumner.”*
- *“I am impressed with the task force's work and what they set out. Please utilize community experts through this type of format throughout the project.”*
- *“I worry about school safety too. Students walking outside between classes. How are lockdowns going to be handled? Not only that but it's Washington, what about weather? Overall I'm very unhappy with this situation.”*
- *“Please consider the impact this plan will have on the homes on Mason Street.”*
- *“I am very happy with the Task Force results and how they went about the process. I think they did a wonderful job. Thank you to them!”*