

School Efficiency Feedback Report

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Purpose

The purpose of the feedback survey was to collect responses from parents, staff, and the community on the school efficiency options to help inform the Board of Education.

Timeline

The school efficiency feedback survey opened on December 7, 2021 and closed on January 2, 2022.

Outreach

Communication about the survey was emailed on December 7 after the Board's work session where the school efficiency options were presented. Another communication push was made after the informational session on December 15. A reminder email and social media post went out on December 29, a final text reminder on January 1, and a final social media post on January 2.

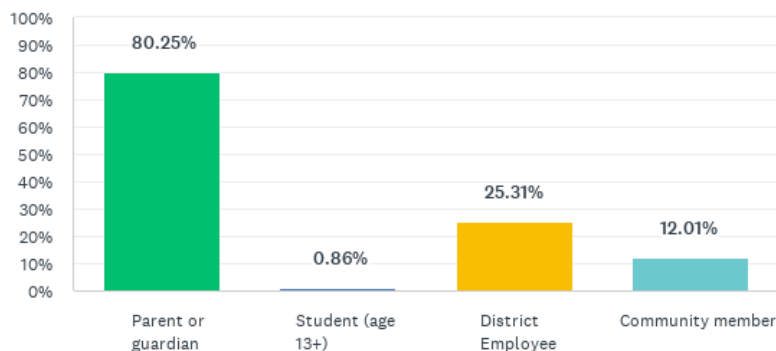
Responses

The survey received 2,585 responses and the typical time spent to complete the survey was just over five minutes.

Demographics

Respondents could select multiple options to indicate parent/guardian, student (age 13+), district employee, and community member.

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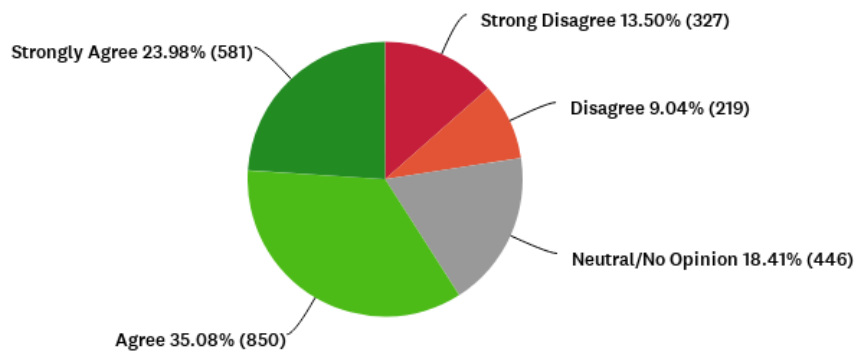


- Parent/Guardian: 80.3% (2,064)
 - The top five schools who responded, in descending order: West Valley High (11.1%); Lathrop High (8.9%); Pearl Creek Elementary (6.5%); North Pole High (6.0%); and Randy Smith Middle (6.0%).

- Parent/guardians of 5th grade students responded the most, at 18.3%.
- Student (age 13+): 0.9% (22)
 - Most students respondents were in high school (88.2%)
- District Employee: 25.3% (651)
 - The top five locations who responded, in descending order: Administrative Center (7.5%); Other - mostly districtwide or substitute staff (5.92%); Nordale Elementary (5.5%); Lathrop High (5.1%); and Joy Elementary (4.7%).
- Community Member: 12.0% (309)

Repurposing a building

Q8 I support repurposing a school building.

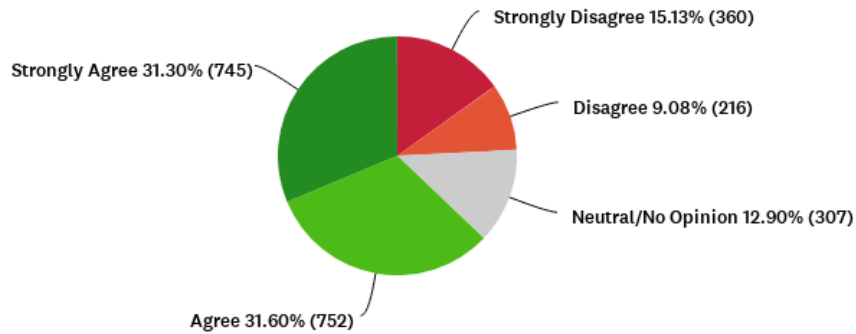


59.0% support repurposing a school building; 18.4% were neutral or had no opinion; 22.4% did not support repurposing a building.

- There were no significant variances between how parent/guardians, employees, and community members responded.

Grade 6-8 middle schools

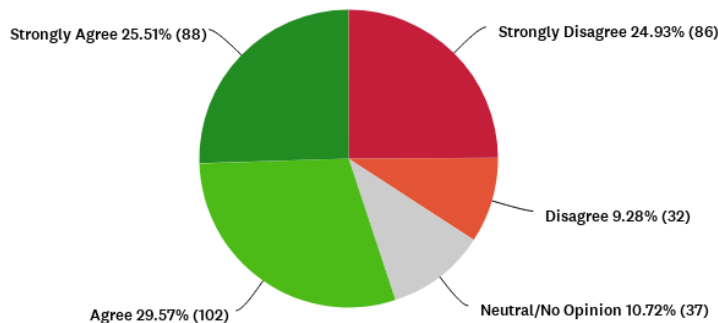
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63.0% support moving to grade 6-8 middle schools; 12.9% were neutral or had no opinion; 24.2% did not support moving to grade 6-8 middle schools.

- District employees had a high level of support for 6-8 at 74.6%. Parent/guardians and community members didn't differ much from the average.
- Parent/guardians of 5th grade students (*see chart below*): 55.8% support; 10.7% neutral/no opinion; 34.2% did not support.

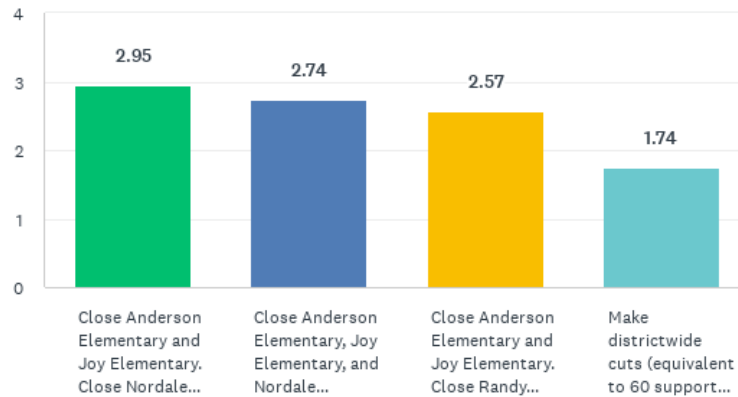
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School efficiency options

Respondents were able to rank four options and the option order was randomized. Each option was ranked first, second, third, or fourth, with a score assigned to each rank. The higher the score, the more the option is preferred.

Q10 Rank the following options with the best choice at the top.



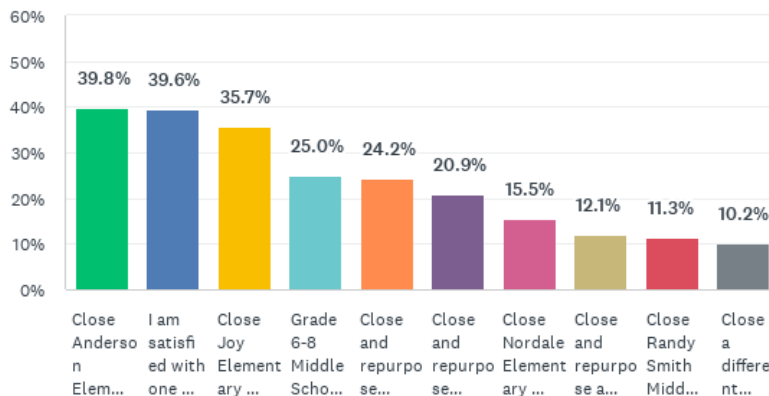
The options (summarized) ranked highest to lowest are:

- Close three elementaries, repurpose one, 6-8 middle schools (score of 2.95)
 - 36.7% ranked this option as the first choice.
- Close three elementaries, no repurpose, 6-8 middle schools (score of 2.74)
- Close two elementaries, one middle school, repurpose the middle school, no 6-8 middle schools (score of 2.57)
- Make districtwide cuts and increase class size (score of 1.74)

DIY efficiency option

Respondents were asked to choose up to four of the listed components to make their own efficiency option.

Q11 Choose up to four of the following components to make your own school efficiency option. Note the cost savings of each component - please find a minimum of \$3 million in savings while considering student services.



The choices ranked in descending order by most popular:

- Close Anderson Elementary: 39.8%
- I am satisfied with one of the existing school efficiency options: 39.6%
- Close Joy Elementary: 35.7%
- Grade 6-8 Middle School: 25.0%
- Close and repurpose Nordale Elementary: 24.2%
- Close and repurpose Randy Smith Middle: 20.9%
- Close Nordale Elementary: 15.5%
- Close and repurpose a different Fairbanks elementary school: 12.1%
- Close Randy Smith Middle: 11.3%
- Close a different Fairbanks elementary: 10.1%