



# FACILITIES COMMITTEE

## *SURVEY REVIEW*





# Facilities Survey Data Analysis & Executive Summary

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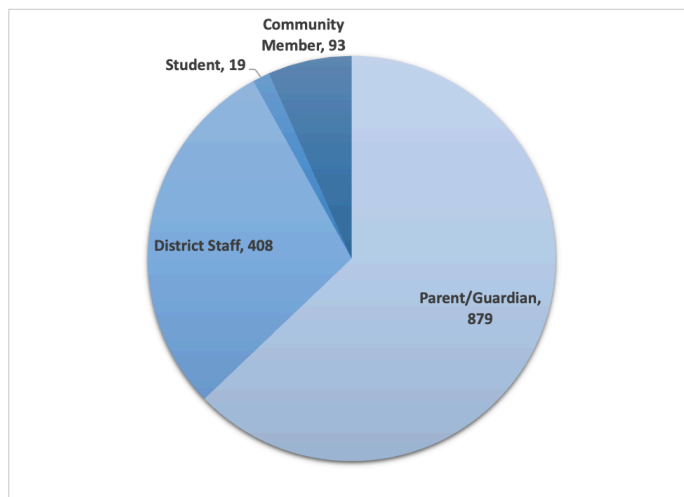
## Survey Background

As the Delaware City School District continues to plan for the educational needs of our students, facilities planning is an integral part of the academic process. The district deployed a survey to gather initial feedback from staff, parents and community members to understand current perceptions and generate conversation regarding short and long term facility needs. In addition to this survey, a facilities committee was established to engage in a process to share findings with the board of education. Note: AI technology assisted in the analysis of the data.

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## Survey Participation

The survey was created using Thought Exchange and distributed through email and social media to garner participation from a wide variety of stakeholders. Students were not a primary target audience for this survey although some completed the survey. The survey was completed in November/December of 2023



### Survey Participants

Parent/Guardian: 879

District Staff: 408

Community Members: 93

Students: 19

## **Top Comments for the Facilities Committee to Consider**

### **Community/Parent Responses**

1. There is a need for additional schools/space due to overcrowding.
2. The high school is outdated and needs renovation or a new building.
3. There is a need for better upkeep and maintenance of existing facilities.
4. There is a need for more parking.
5. There is a need for better safety measures in schools.
6. There is a need for more space for performing arts & athletic programs.
7. There is a need for better facilities for special needs students.

#### **Areas of differing opinions:**

1. Building a new sports complex vs. prioritizing academic and classroom spaces.
  2. Reconfiguring the current grade levels vs. building new schools.
  3. Improving/expanding existing facilities vs. building new schools.
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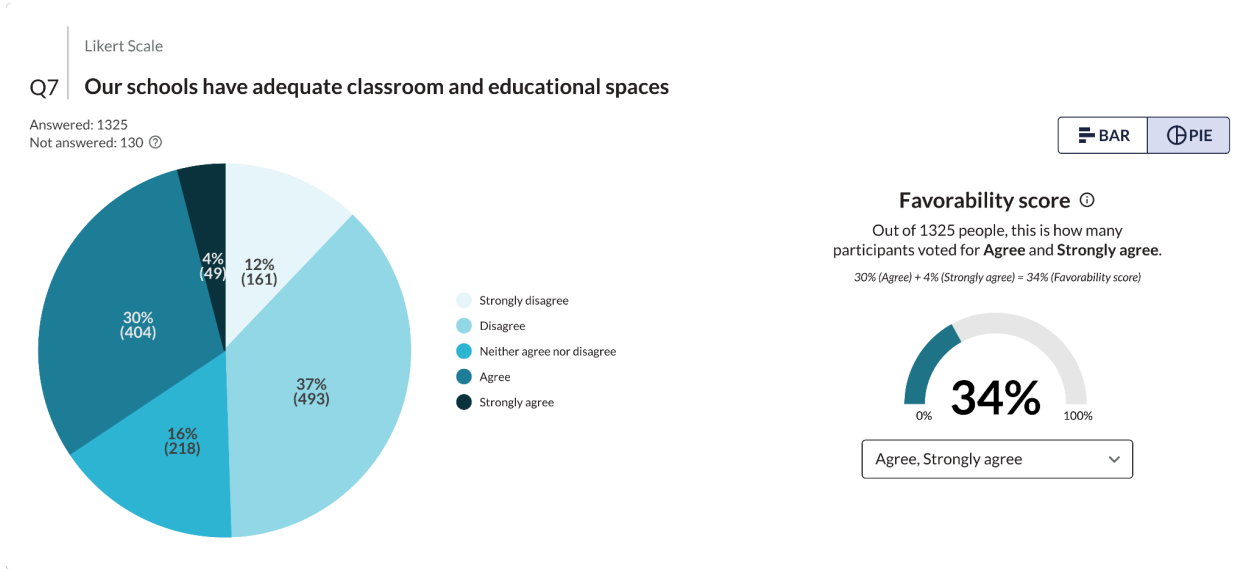
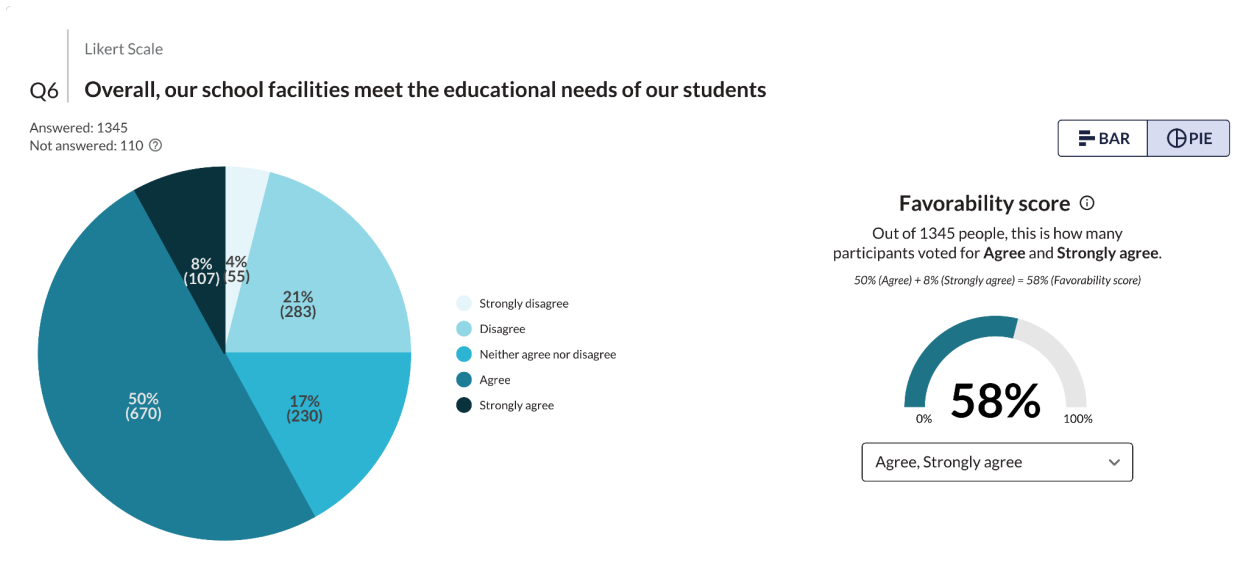
### **Staff Responses**

1. There is a need for more classroom space due to increasing student numbers.
2. The high school facilities need to be updated or replaced.
3. The middle school is overcrowded and needs to be divided or expanded.
4. There is a need for more breakout spaces for students.
5. The current facilities need to be maintained and kept clean.
6. There is a need for more storage for teacher resources.
7. The current facilities need to be safe and secure for students and staff.
8. There is a need for more dedicated spaces for students with sensory needs.
9. The current facilities need to be ADA compliant.
10. There is a need for more space for arts and athletics.

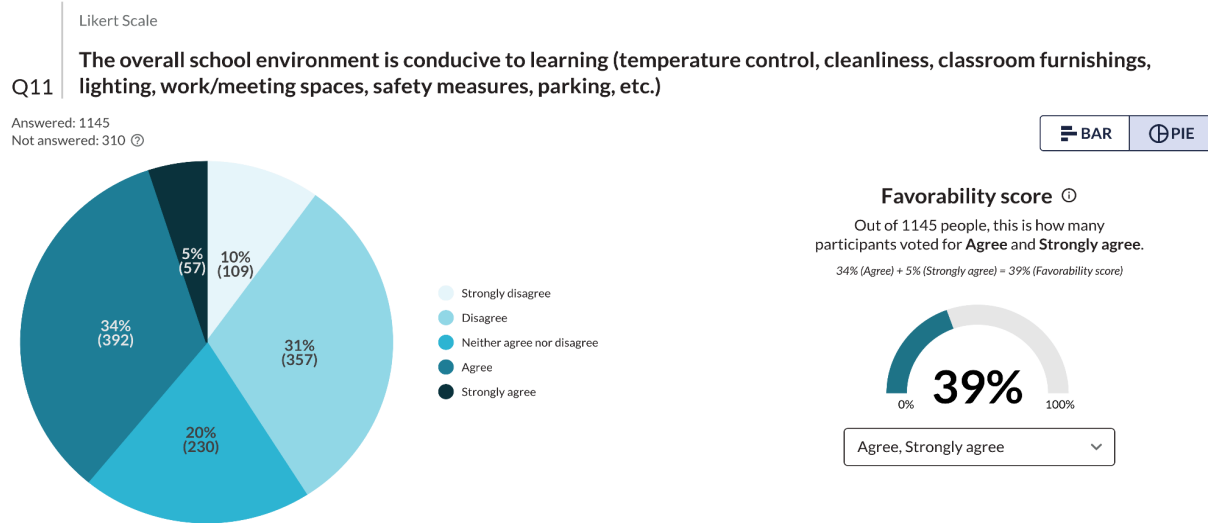
#### **Areas of differing opinions:**

1. Add more buildings vs. continue to add on to existing schools
2. Build a new high school vs. update the current high school
3. Add a 5/6 building vs. build a second middle school.

# Classrooms, Educational Spaces and School Environment







## What needs to be done to improve educational spaces & the school environment?

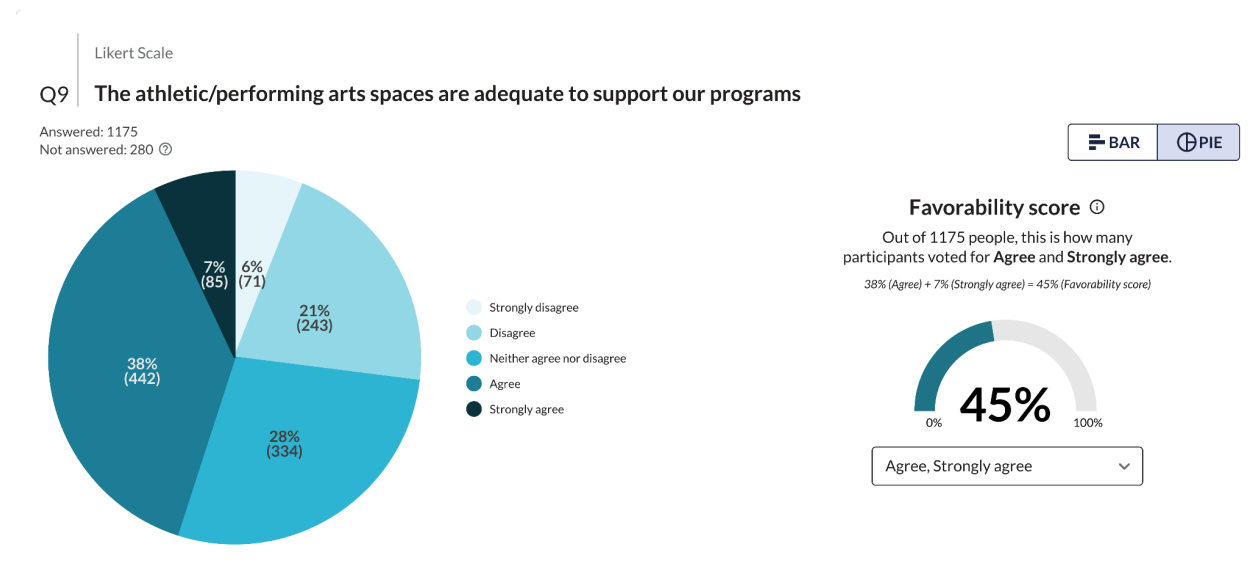
### Parents/Community Responses

1. Temperature control: Respondents complain about inconsistent temperatures in the schools, with some rooms being too hot and others too cold.
2. Parking: There are numerous complaints about inadequate parking at the schools, particularly during events.
3. Bathrooms: Respondents mention that the bathrooms are often dirty, broken, or lack locks on the doors.
4. School cleanliness: Respondents mention that the schools could be cleaner, particularly in common areas and bathrooms.
5. School size: Respondents mention that the schools are overcrowded and suggest that more schools or larger schools are needed.
6. Safety: Respondents express concerns about safety, particularly in relation to vaping in bathrooms and inadequate security measures.
7. Modernization: Respondents suggest that the schools feel outdated and could use a more modern feel.
8. Lighting: Respondents mention that the lighting in the schools, particularly in hallways and bathrooms, could be improved.
9. Traffic flow: Respondents complain about the traffic flow during drop-off and pick-up times.
10. Maintenance: Respondents mention issues with maintenance, such as leaking pipes and broken equipment.
11. Additional classrooms to accommodate the growing number of students.
12. Technology: modern technology in the classrooms.
13. Overcrowding: The current classrooms are overcrowded leading to less interactive learning.

## **Staff Responses**

1. Temperature control: There is a consensus that temperature control in the buildings is inconsistent, with some rooms being too hot and others too cold.
2. Cleanliness: Many agree that the buildings are not cleaned regularly or thoroughly enough. There may be a need for more custodial staff.
3. Space for meetings and collaboration: Respondents mention the need for more spaces for teachers to meet, collaborate, and work with students outside of class.
4. Furniture: There is a common desire for updated and consistent furniture in classrooms.
5. Maintenance: Respondents mention ongoing maintenance issues, such as leaks and mold.
6. Lighting: Respondents mention the need for better lighting, both inside the buildings and in parking lots.
7. Bathrooms: There is a shared concern about the cleanliness and maintenance of bathrooms.
8. Safety: Respondents mention safety concerns, such as the need for better locks on doors and more secure entrances.
9. Parking: There is a consensus that parking is inadequate at some schools, leading to congestion and safety issues
10. Classroom Size: space in classrooms to accommodate the growing number of students & collaborative work spaces.
11. Classrooms designed for specific needs: art rooms, music rooms, and special needs rooms; also small rooms for testing and intervention.

## Athletics & Performing Arts Spaces



## What improvements should be made to athletic/performing arts spaces?

### Parents/Community Responses

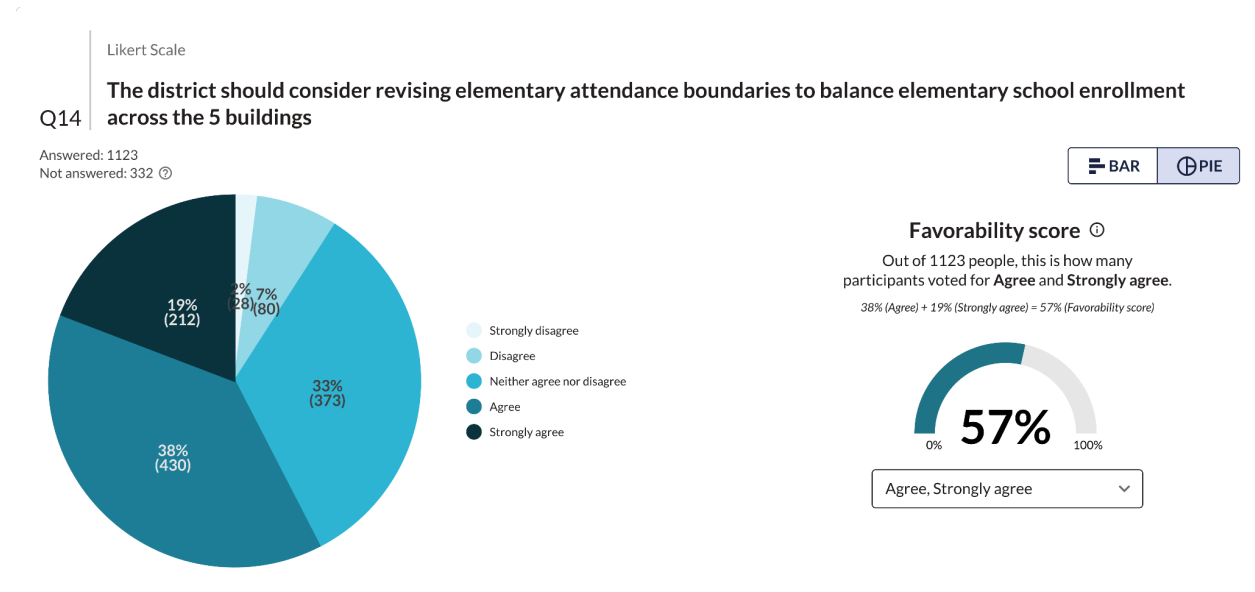
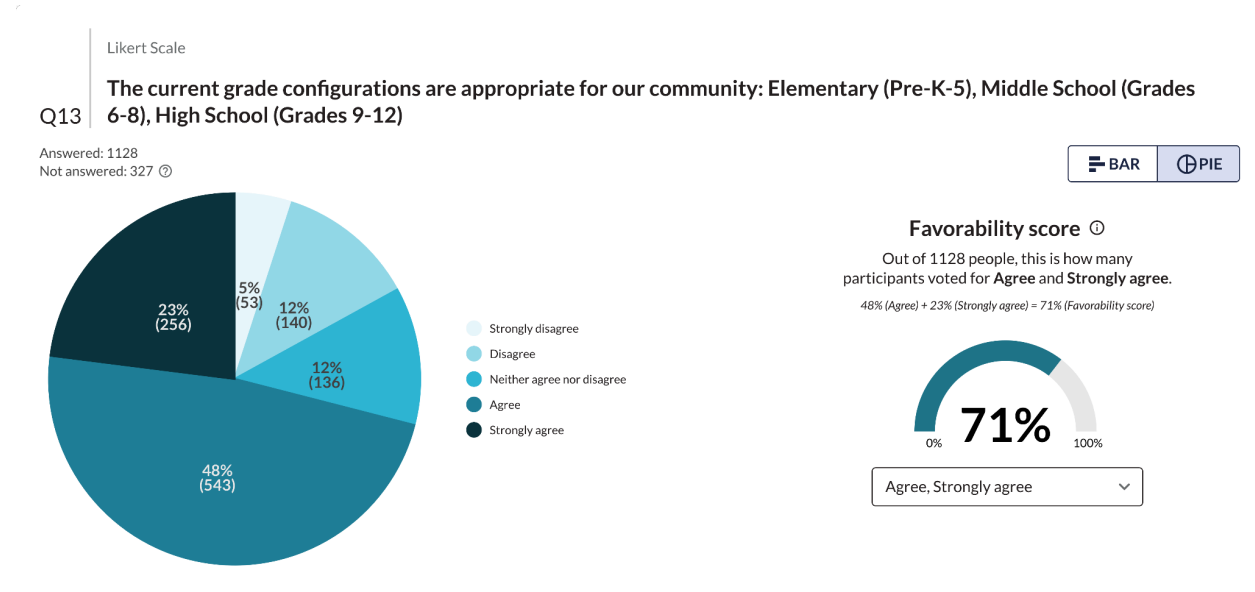
1. There is a need for more space in both athletic and performing arts facilities.
2. The current facilities need to be modernized and updated.
3. There is a desire for more athletic fields and better utilization of existing fields.
4. The auditoriums could use updates and improvements.
5. There is a need for better training facilities for athletes.
6. There is a need for more gym space in schools.
7. There is a desire for more parking options at schools for events.
8. There is a need for more practice space for various sports and the marching band.

### Staff Responses

1. There is a need for larger auditoriums and performing arts spaces to support the robust performing arts program in the district.
2. The athletic facilities need to be improved and expanded.
3. There is a lack of space for all students to gather for assemblies or performances.
4. The current gymnasiums are not sufficient for the number of students and activities.
5. There is a need for more storage space for equipment and props.
6. The current facilities are not up to date with modern technology and equipment.
7. There is a need for more practice spaces for both athletics and performing arts.
8. The current facilities do not adequately accommodate visiting teams or large crowds.

## Miscellaneous Questions

These questions were asked as a likert scale only, no comment boxes provided.





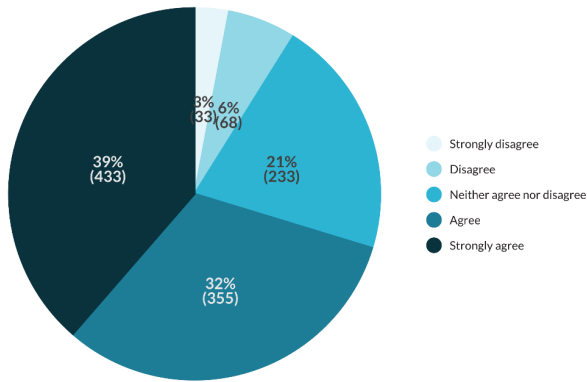
Likert Scale

### Q15 The district should explore adding a sixth elementary school

Answered: 1122  
Not answered: 333

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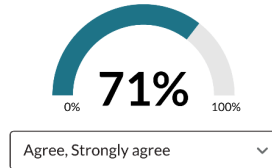
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#### Favorability score

Out of 1122 people, this is how many participants voted for **Agree** and **Strongly agree**.

32% (Agree) + 39% (Strongly agree) = 71% (Favorability score)



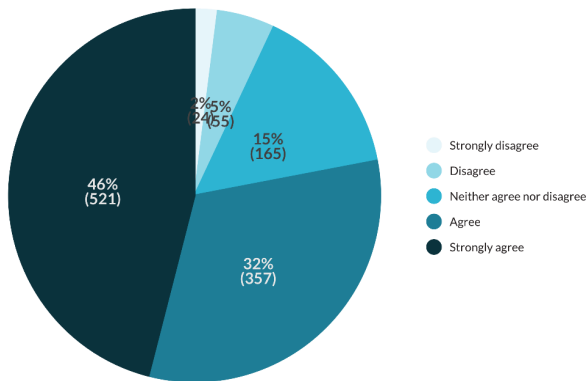
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### Q16 The district should explore 2 middle school buildings to reduce the number of students at Dempsey

Answered: 1122  
Not answered: 333

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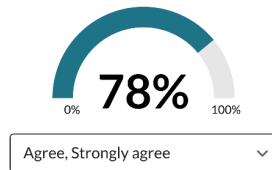
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#### Favorability score

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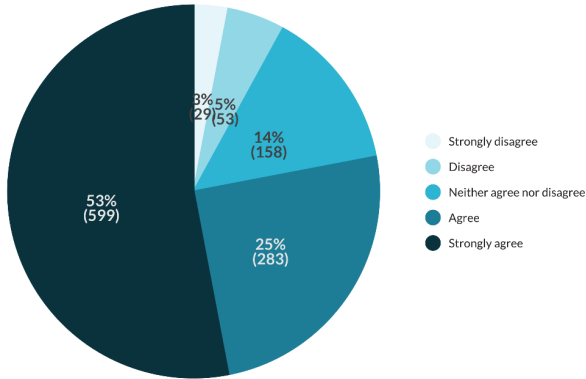
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Q17 The dictrict should explore building a new high school and supporting facilities (athletic fields/performing arts)

Answered: 1122  
Not answered: 333

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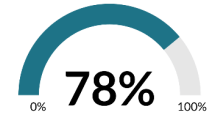
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Favorability score

Out of 1122 people, this is how many participants voted for **Agree** and **Strongly agree**.

25% (Agree) + 53% (Strongly agree) = 78% (Favorability score)



Agree, Strongly agree

## **Next Steps**

**Facilities Committee:** A committee of approximately 25 Delaware stakeholders has been established to thoroughly investigate the state of Delaware City Schools current facilities. The committee has been engaged in school tours and dialogue with school leaders.

Additional work for the committee will include discussions with City of Delaware leaders regarding planned housing developments, reviewing district enrollment projections and analyzing existing school funding mechanisms for facilities. The committee will make a progress report to the Board of Education in November.

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**Building Assessments:** Delaware City Schools will have building assessments completed to better understand and plan for short and long term needs at each school facility. Building assessments analyze both the physical structure of the buildings as well as internal systems including electrical, plumbing and HVAC.

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**Enrollment Study:** The district will receive an updated enrollment student in the fall of 2024 which will aid in the planning for the next 5-10 years of expected student growth.



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