## Shorewood School District Community Survey Results

Fall 2018

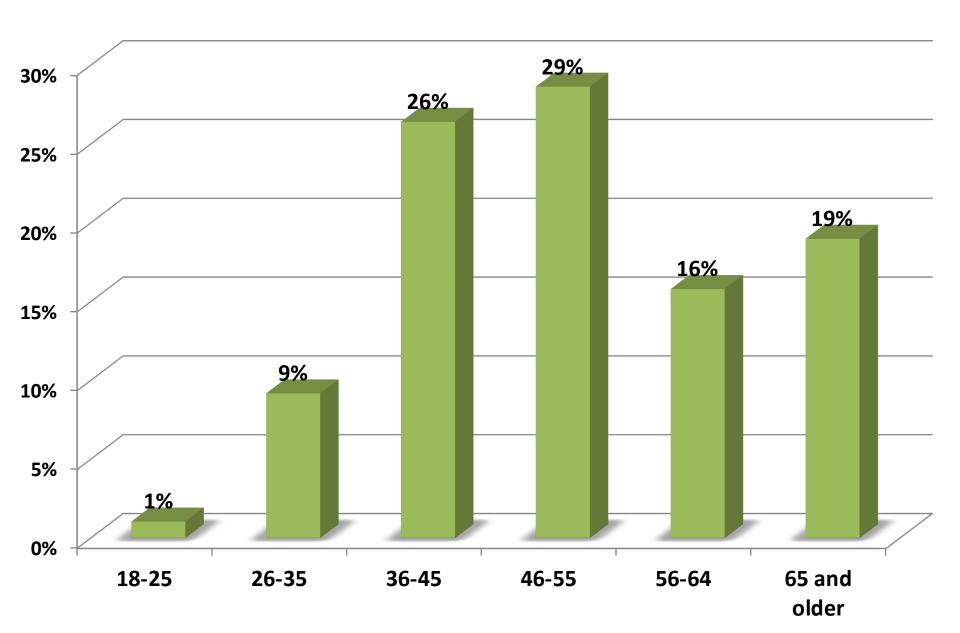


### **Survey Summary**

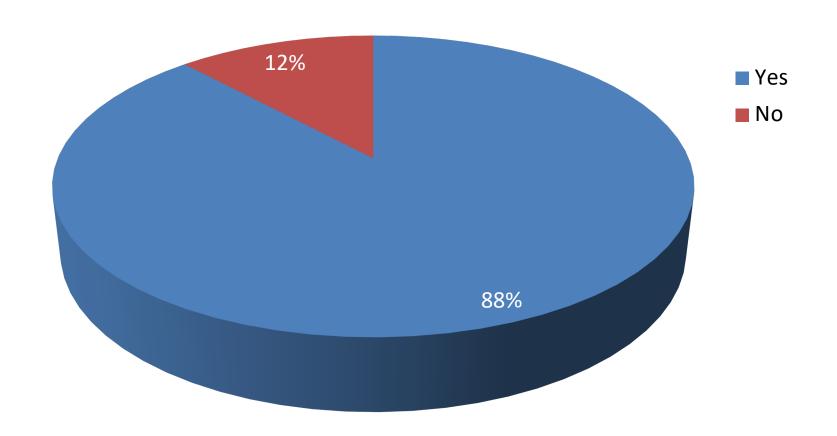
- The survey was conducted in October of 2018. A second survey was mailed later in November to include residents who had not received a survey initially.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 1,294 (303 paper)
- Participation rate = 16%
- Margin of error = +/- 2.8%

### **Respondent Information**

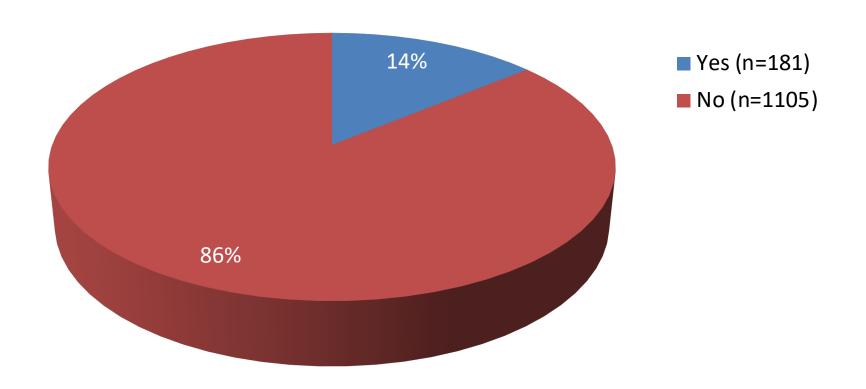
### What is your age?



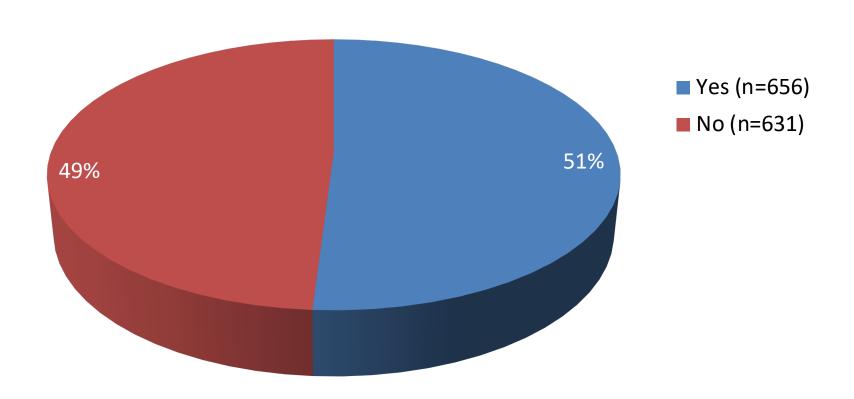
## Do you live in the Shorewood School District?



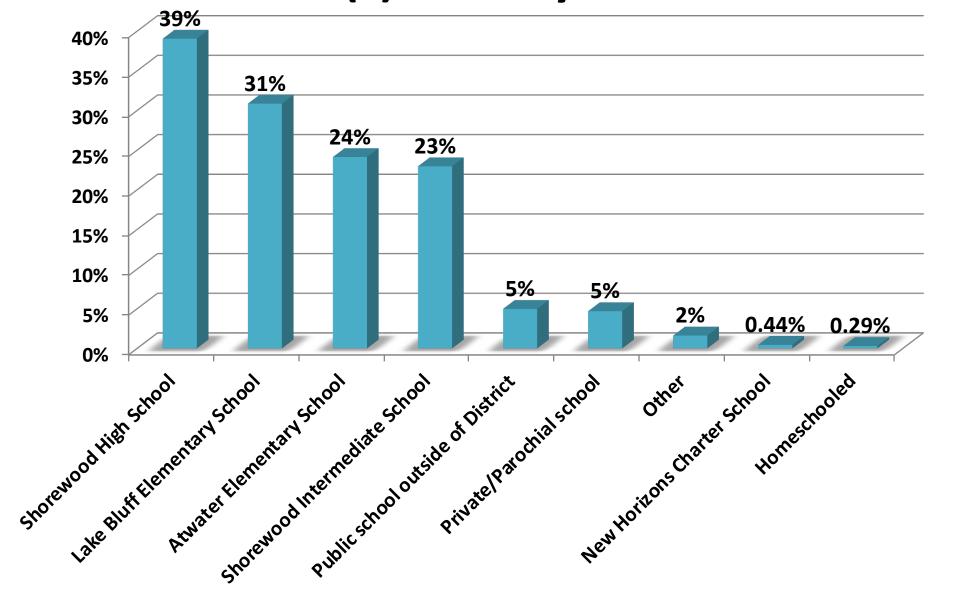
### Are you an employee of the District?



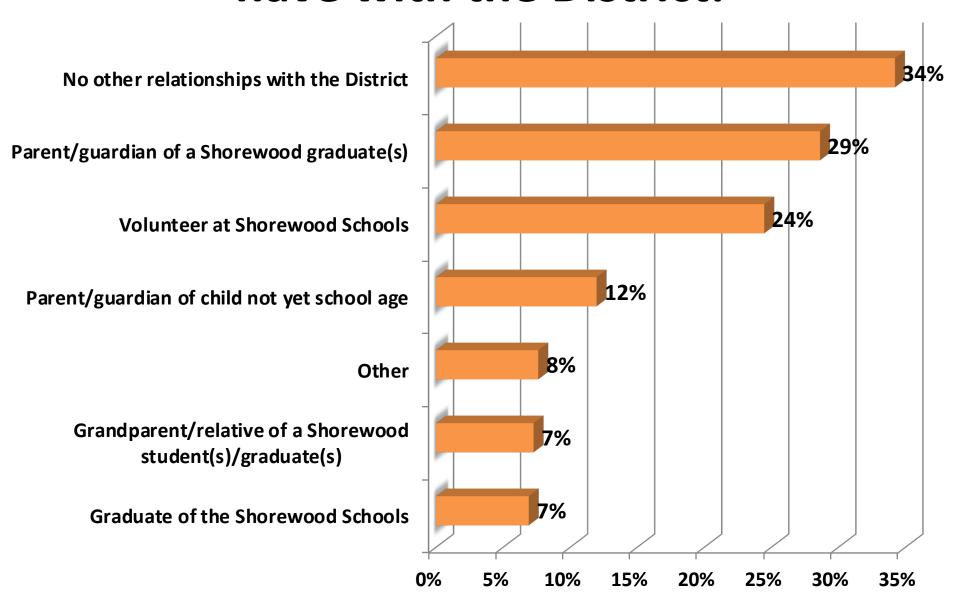
### Do you have children attending school?



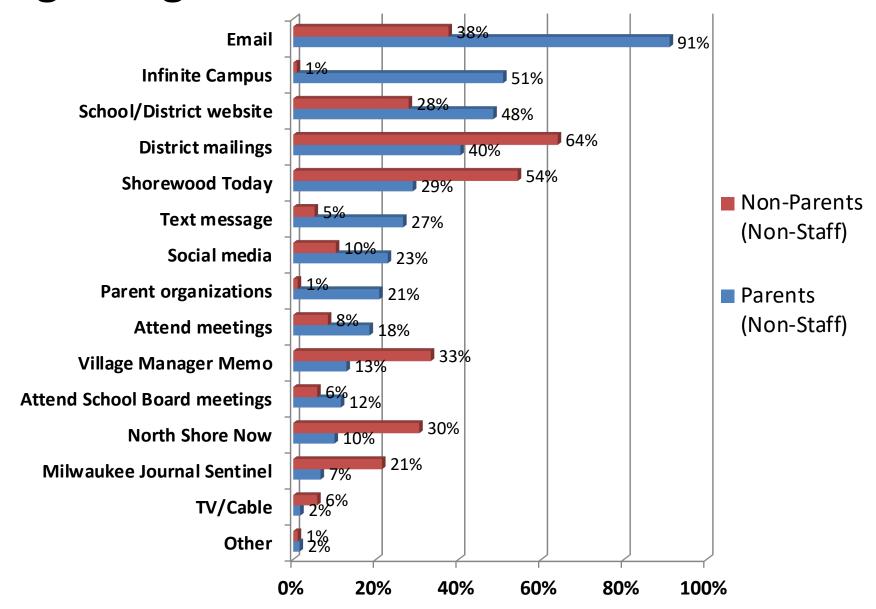
## If you have school-aged children, what school(s) do they attend?



## Please mark ALL other relationships you have with the District:



## How would you like to receive information regarding the Shorewood School District?



### **Facility Planning Background**

Among the treasures of the Shorewood community are its unique, historic schools. The District's goal is to develop a comprehensive plan that maintains each school's distinctive architecture while providing the space needed for our students both today and in the years to come.

As a result of a facilities assessment, District staff and the community prioritized the following needs:

- School Safety and Security: Safety of students and staff is a top priority. The main entrances at some of our schools need to be redesigned to better regulate visitor access. In addition, security systems and additional cameras are needed throughout the District.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility: Because of their age, our schools have some significant accessibility challenges and are not fully compliant with current ADA code requirements. As a result, changes are needed to allow all students and visitors improved access throughout our schools.

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**BOARD** 

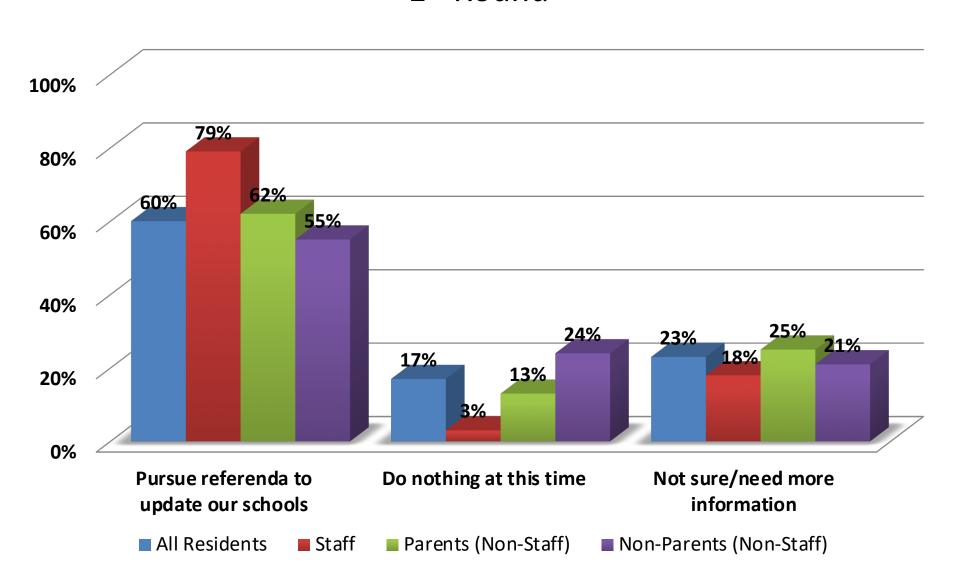
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- Building Systems and Infrastructure: Our historic school buildings range in age from 48 to 103 years old. Due to funding challenges, some of the major operating systems (plumbing, electrical) have not been replaced or completely updated, resulting in ongoing inefficiencies and costly repairs.
- Academic Classrooms and Support Areas: Teaching and learning have changed significantly since our schools were originally constructed. Because of their age, renovation is needed to the instructional spaces to provide increased flexibility for both small group instruction and hands-on learning.

### What advice would you give the District?

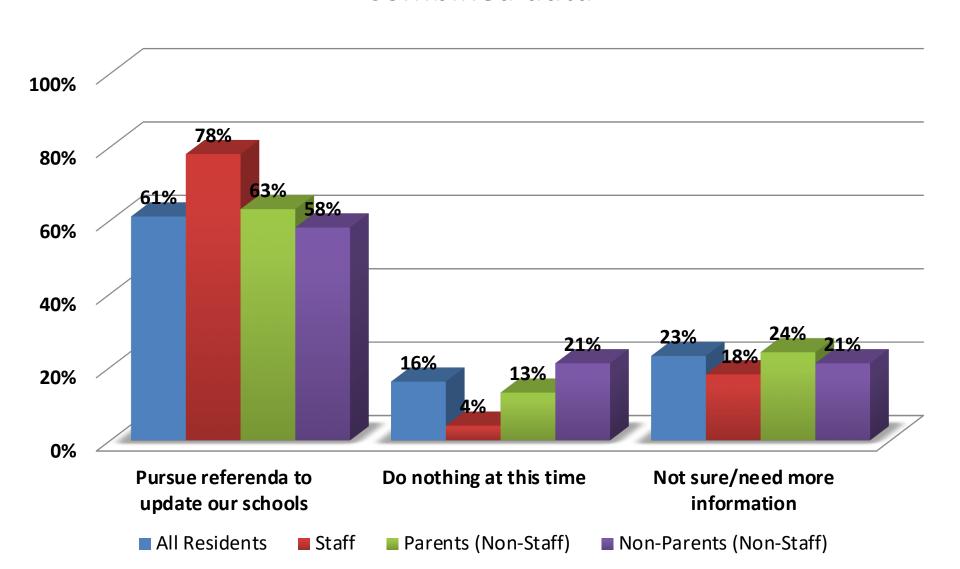
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1<sup>st</sup> Round



### What advice would you give the District?

(Shorewood School District Residents Only)
Combined data



## Potential Operational and Capital Referenda

### POTENTIAL OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM QUESTION

### **Funding Support for Ongoing and Annual Maintenance**

Despite ongoing budget challenges due to the current state funding formula, the District's top priority has remained constant: *provide the best education possible for all students* by ensuring adequate funding for programs and services. As a result, funding for ongoing facility updates (e.g., roof section replacement, flooring and finish updates, lighting improvements) and routine annual building maintenance (e.g., repairs, floor waxing, painting) has been limited.

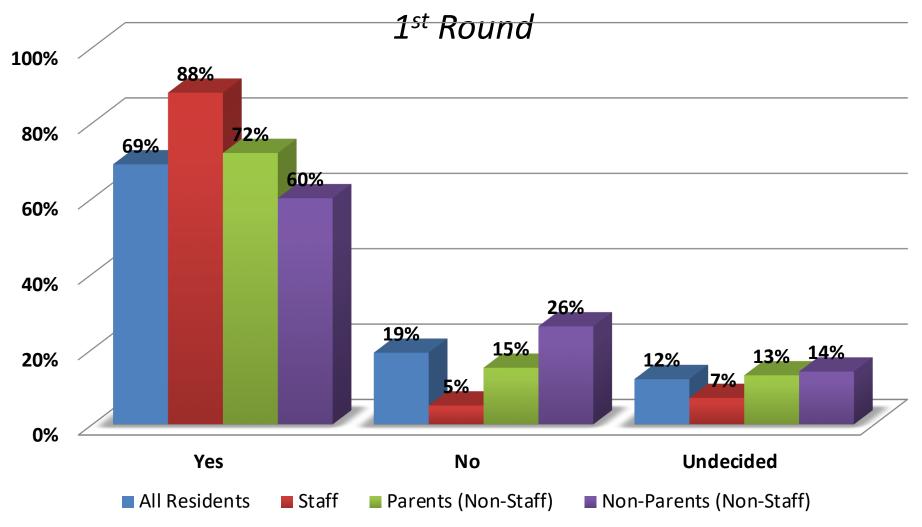
To adequately address the District's ongoing and annual maintenance needs and not negatively impact our high quality programming, an additional \$275,000 per year is needed in funds statutorily restricted for facilities maintenance.

Shorewood voters would have to approve an operational referendum to fund this increase.

- If voters <u>support</u> an operational referendum, the District will be able to address ongoing and annual maintenance.
- If voters <u>do not support</u> an operational referendum, the District will need to further postpone ongoing and annual maintenance projects or cut programming/staff to support these expenses.

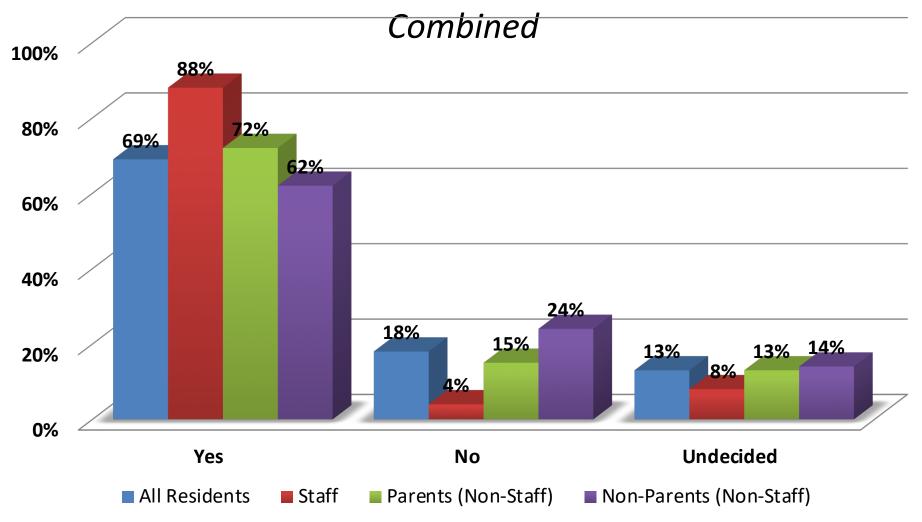
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### POTENTIAL CAPITAL REFERENDUM QUESTION

The Board identified a Base Plan to address the District's most critical infrastructure needs at all four schools.

#### **Base Plan: Critical Infrastructure Projects for All Schools**

#### Safety & Security

- Renovate main building entrances to improve safety and security and better control visitor access
- Replace exterior doors and locks
- Upgrade fire alarm and emergency lighting systems

Estimated cost: \$9.4 million

#### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility

- Install wheelchair accessible ramps at main entrances
- Renovate restrooms
- Eliminate floor elevation changes
- Modify classroom doors and hardware

Estimated cost: \$9.6 million

#### **Building Infrastructure and Systems**

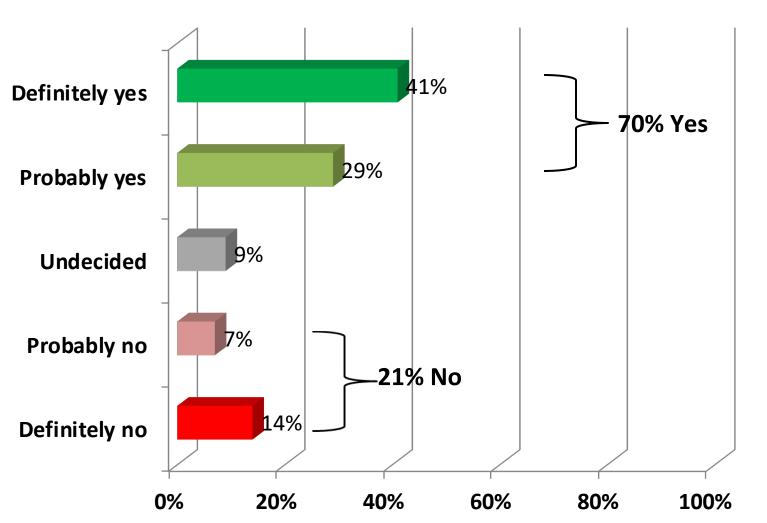
- Upgrade/renovate classrooms and technology infrastructure
- Repair/replace ceilings, flooring, lighting and cabinetry
- Replace playground equipment and improve outdoor spaces
- Replace identified windows
- Repair building exteriors
- Upgrade heating, plumbing and electrical systems
- Improve stormwater management

Estimated cost: \$36 million

Representing an estimated average annual tax increase of \$10 (\$0.83 per month) for each \$100,000 of property value.\*

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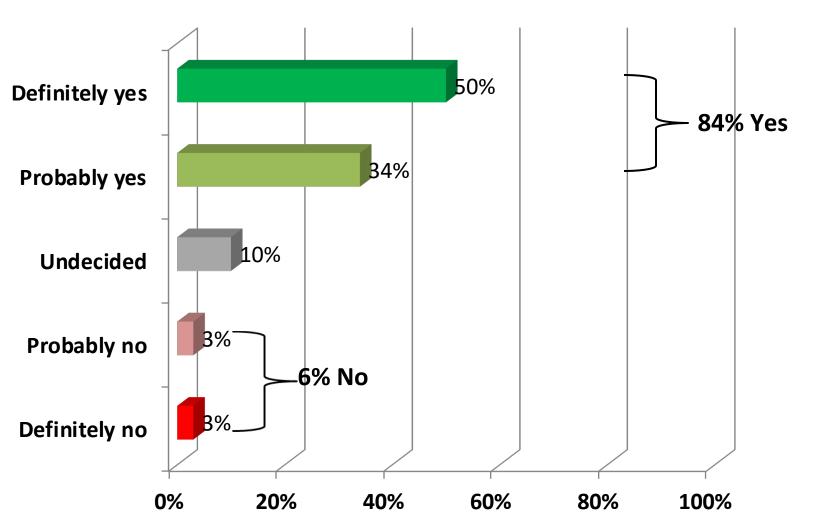
#### All Residents



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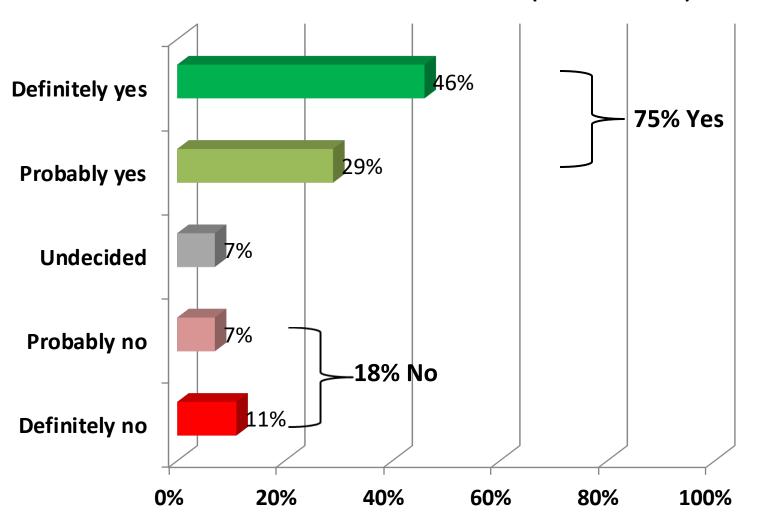
#### **Staff Residents**



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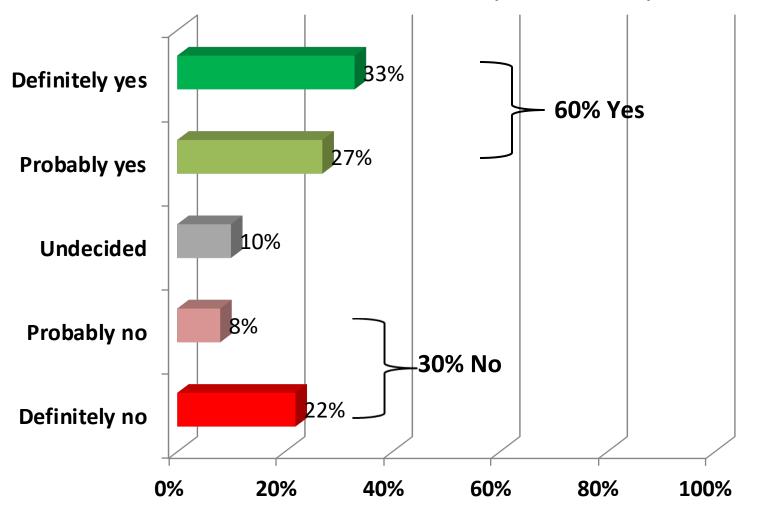
### Parent Residents (Non-Staff)



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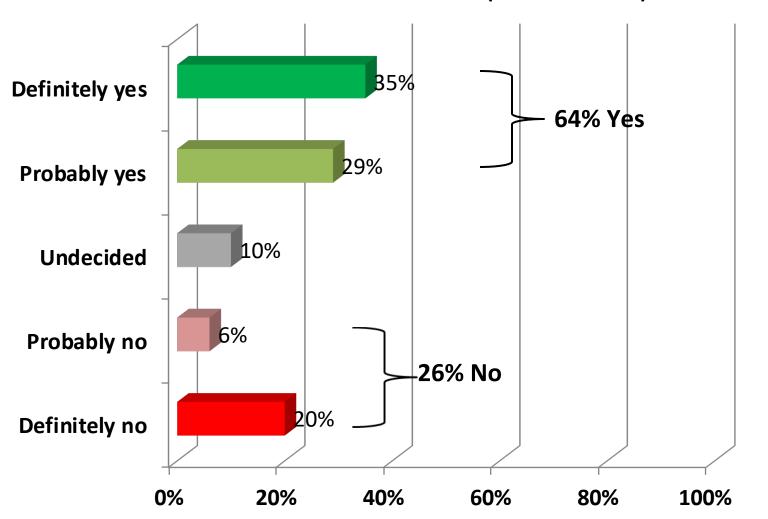
### Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff) 1st Round



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### Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff) Combined



## Elementary/Intermediate Academic Projects

### **Elementary Academic Projects**

#### Renovate Elementary Schools

Atwater Elementary was built in 1915 with the most recent renovations completed in 1992.

The project would:

- Expand the smallest classrooms
- Remodel the library
- Upgrade classroom lighting
- Update classroom furniture

Lake Bluff Elementary was built in 1924 with the most recent renovations completed in 1992.

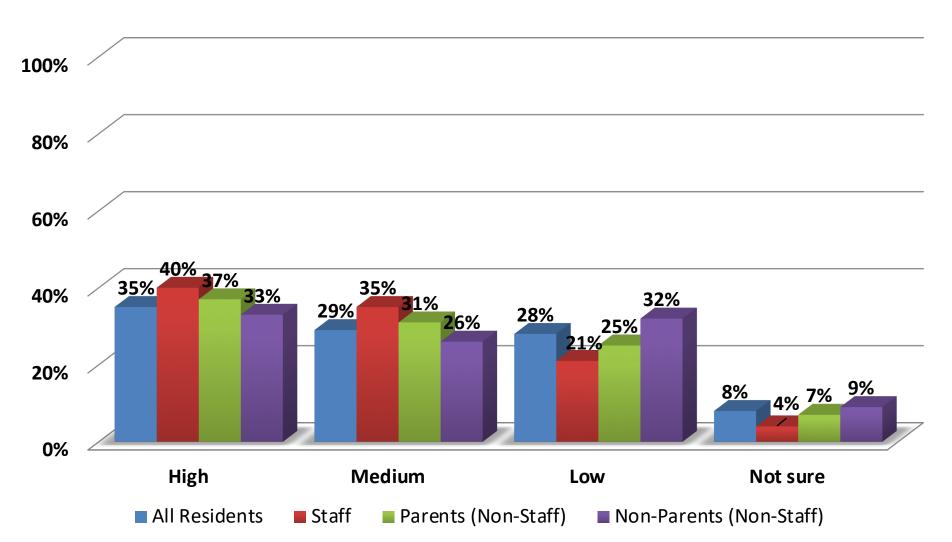
The project would:

- Remodel band/orchestra classroom
- Add movable walls between select classrooms
- Upgrade classroom lighting
- Update classroom furniture

Estimated cost: \$4.6 million

## What priority would you place on renovating Atwater and Lake Bluff Elementary Schools?

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### **Intermediate Academic Projects**

Renovate Shorewood Intermediate School

The school was built in 1970 with the most recent renovations completed in 1992.

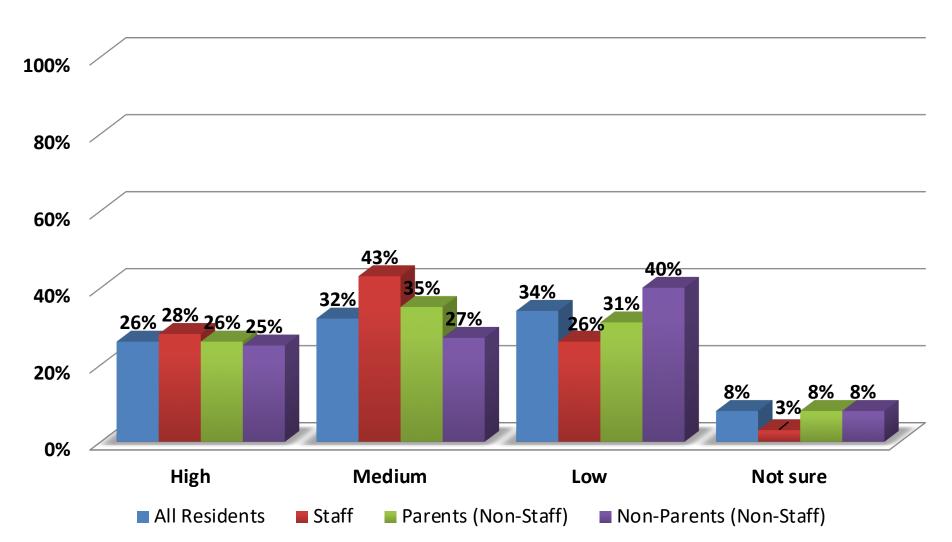
The project would:

- Renovate the art room
- Add windows in the orchestra and band rooms
- Create collaboration space for science and math
- Reconfigure locker rooms
- Update classroom furniture

Estimated cost: \$2.3 million

### What priority would you place on renovating Shorewood Intermediate School?

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## High School Campus Academic Projects

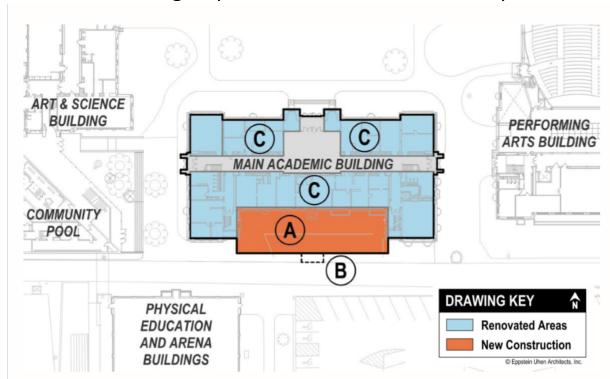
### Renovate Main Academic Building

The building was built in 1924 and has had minor renovations over the years, with the most recent renovation completed in 2009.

#### The project would:

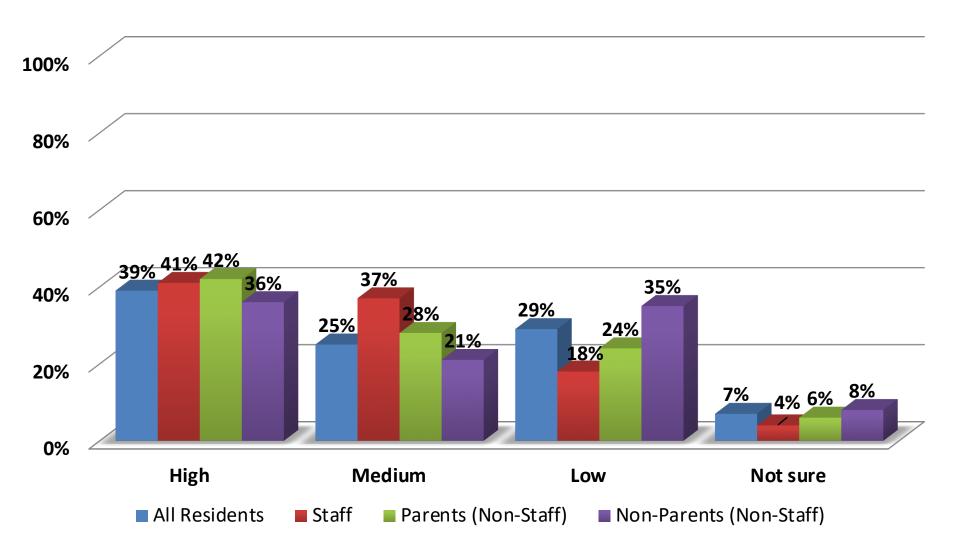
- A Create a two-story addition to expand the library and Student Support Services space.
- B Create a main visitor entrance for the High School campus.
- C Renovate the existing building to address classroom size deficiencies, improve student resource space, update furniture and create small group and student collaboration spaces.

Estimated cost: \$9.6 million



## What priority would you place on renovating the High School Main Academic Building?

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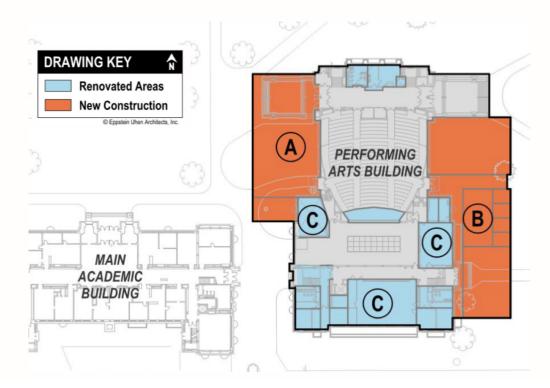
### Renovate/Expand Performing Arts Building

The building was built in 1934. There have been no additions to this building, however it was repaired and renovated due to fire and water damage.

#### The project would:

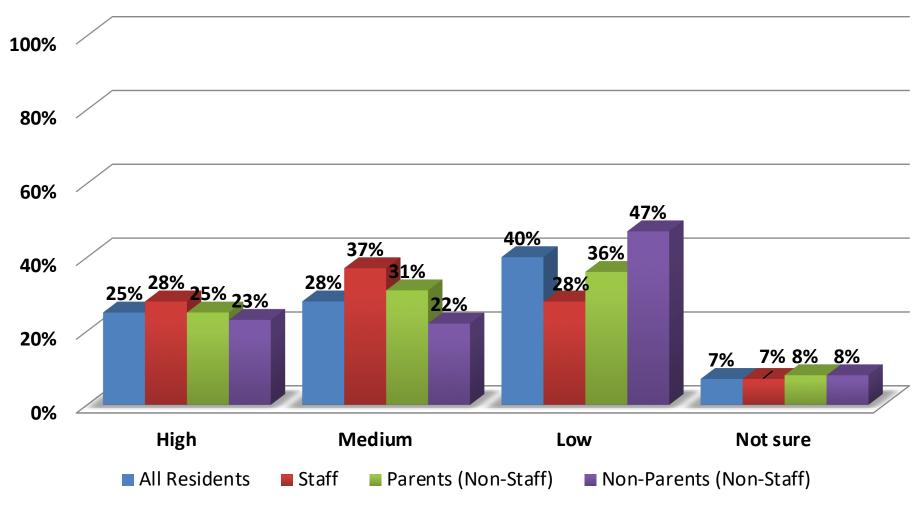
- A Create a commons/multipurpose space for student activities, large group instruction and community events.
- B Add band and choir classrooms with appropriate acoustics and storage.
- C Renovate/expand drama and music department rehearsal spaces.

Estimated cost: \$10.6 million



# What priority would you place on renovating and expanding the High School Performing Arts Building?

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### Renovate High School Art & Science Building and Create a Student Union

The building was built in 1929 with a pool addition in 1975 and a science addition in 2002.

#### The project would:

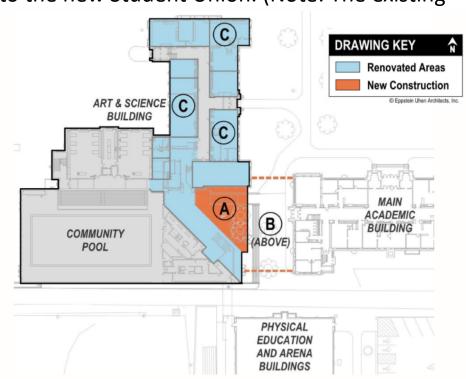
• A Create a central Student Union by expanding the lobby of the Art & Science/VHE Pool Building.

• B Create a 2nd floor connection between the Art & Science Building and the Main Academic Building and relocate food services to the new Student Union. (Note: The existing

cafeteria/kitchen in the lower level of the Arena Building would be repurposed to create a fitness and multi-purpose space, which is not shown).

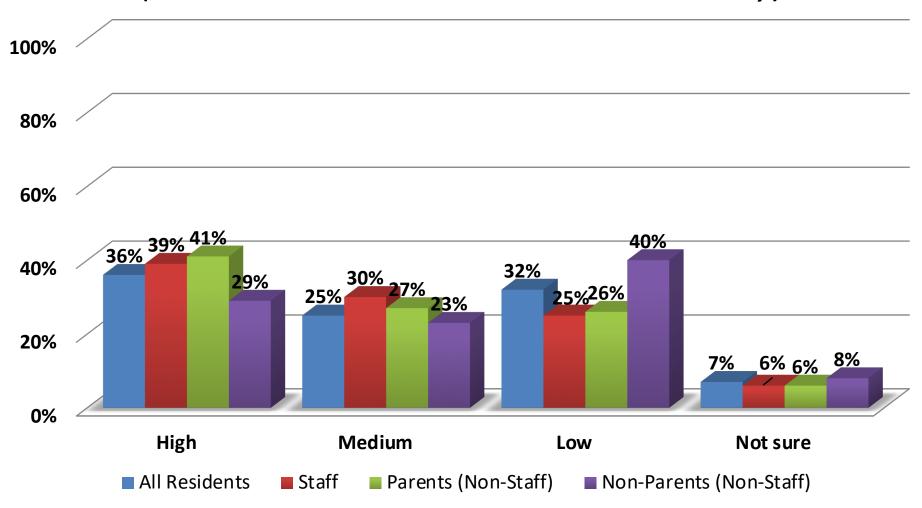
• C Renovate classrooms to address size deficiencies, improve special education spaces, update furniture and create small group and collaborative learning spaces.

Estimated cost: \$8.4 million



# What priority would you place on renovating the High School Art & Science Building and creating a Student Union?

(Shorewood School District Residents Only)



## OVERALL ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE/HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT SUPPORT

2.10

2.05

2.03

1.88

1.81

2.27

2.22

2.16

2.02

2.02

2.18

2.10

2.16

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1.94

1.81

1.76

1.65

	What priority would yo High (3), Medium (2)	•				
Item		All Residents	Staff Residents	Parent Residents	Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff)	

**Renovating the High School Main Academic** 

**Renovating Atwater and Lake Bluff Elementary** 

Renovating the High School Art & Science

**Renovating Shorewood Intermediate School** 

Renovating and expanding the High School

**Building and creating a Student Union** 

Estimated cost: \$9.6 million

Estimated cost: \$4.6 million

Estimated cost: \$8.4 million

Estimated cost: \$2.3 million

**Performing Arts Building** 

Estimated cost: \$10.6 million

Building

**Schools** 

# **OVERALL ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE/HIGH**

2.11

2.07

2.04

1.90

1.83

2.25

2.20

2.14

2.03

2.00

(Non-Staff)

2.01

2.00

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1.83

1.74

2.19

2.12

2.16

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	OPPORT	SCHOOL PROJECT SUPPOR			
lowing?	What priority would you place on the following?				
	Combined	High (3), Medium (2), Low (1)			
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	What priority would you place on the following?  High (3), Medium (2), Low (1) Combined					
Item	All	Staff	Parent	Non-Parent		
	Residents	Residents	Residents	Residents		

**Renovating the High School Main Academic** 

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Building

**Schools** 

### Funding Support for Operational and Capital Referenda

The cost to address all the projects and to fund ongoing annual maintenance identified in this survey is shown below.

Given the cost, the work may need to be completed in phases, based on the priorities of the community and its willingness to financially support the projects.

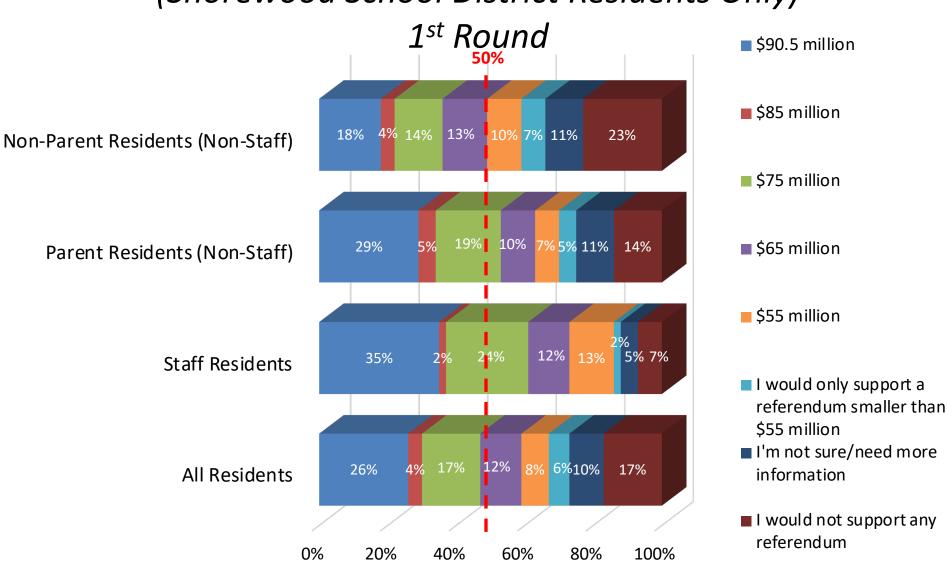
OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM (recurring):\$275,	000 per year
CAPITAL REFERENDUM	
Base Plan: Critical Infrastructure Projects at All Schools\$	55.0 million
ADDITIONAL PROJECTS	
Renovate Elementary Schools\$	4.6 million
Renovate Shorewood Intermediate School (SIS)\$	2.3 million
Renovate Main High School Academic Building\$	9.6 million
Renovate/Expand High School Performing Arts Building\$	10.6 million
Renovate High School Art & Science Building and Create a Student Union\$	8.4 million
Capital Referendum Total\$	90.5 million

The following table shows the potential impact to the school portion of your local property taxes for the preliminary operating referendum AND capital referendum amounts. As mentioned, the District's existing levy for debt service is expected to drop in 2020 and the projected tax impacts below take that drop into account.

Capital Referendum Amount	\$55 million	\$65 million	\$75 million	\$85 million	\$90.5 million
Operational Referendum Amount	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
Total tax increase per \$100,000 of property value	\$10 per year	\$31 per year	\$84 per year	\$127 per year	\$151 per year

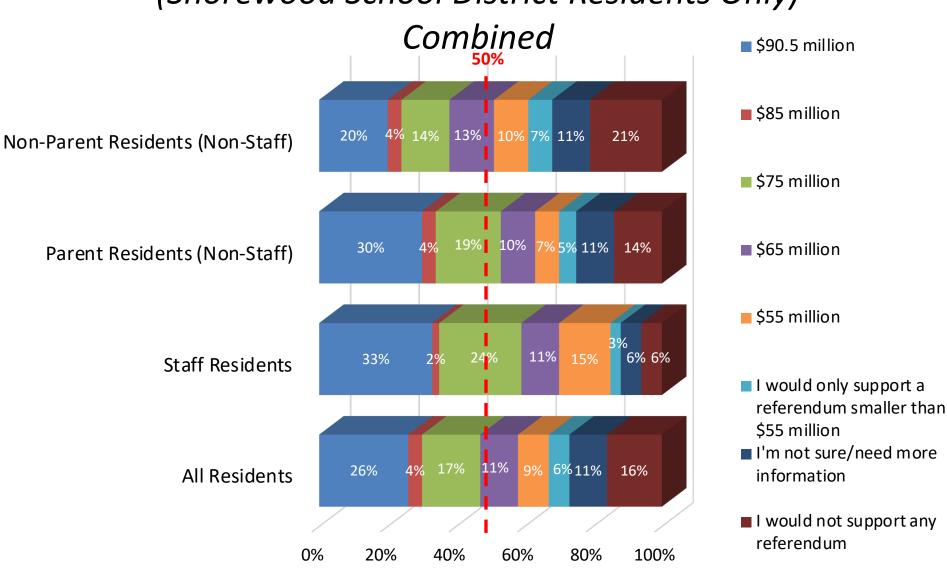
### How much of a tax increase would you support through referenda to fund our schools?

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### What did we learn?

A majority of all subgroups and 61% of all respondents encourage the District to explore a referendum.

## What projects should funded through a referendum?

- Ongoing and annual building maintenance
- > Enhancing school safety and security
- ➤ Addressing ADA code compliance issues
- Updating building systems and infrastructure
- Renovating the High School main academic building
- Renovating Atwater and Lake Bluff Elementary Schools

# How much of an investment is your community willing to support through a referendum?

- ➤ There is support a \$275,000 operational referendum to increase funding for ongoing and annual building maintenance
- ➤ Based on strong parent support, a logical target for the capital referendum would be \$65 million

### Thank you!

