Bond Advisory Committee Meeting 1 Story Survey

The survey data highlights several key concerns and suggestions from the community regarding school construction priorities and the financial implications of a proposed bond.

Survey: **Share Your Feedback: Help Shape the Future of Our Schools**

- Question: Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the Bond Advisory Committee as they move forward?
- Question: What school construction projects or improvements do you think should be prioritized, and why?
- Question: How do you feel about the approach to maintaining a consistent tax rate? Do you have any concerns about the potential financial impact of the bond on the community? If so, please elaborate.

Survey Responses (attached below)

Results Summary

Main Priorities for Construction:

- **Waller Road Elementary School** is repeatedly mentioned as being in critical need of a complete rebuild. Respondents cite numerous issues including outdated HVAC systems, poor water quality, unsafe parking, and inadequate facilities. The school's age (over 100 years) and deteriorating facilities make it a top priority.
- **Other schools** in need of attention include Northwood and Mt. View, where expansions are needed to accommodate growth, and Puyallup High School, which requires HVAC improvements and new facilities like a gym, library, and classrooms.

Suggestions for Improvement:

- Many respondents support reconfiguring grade structures, such as moving 6th grade to junior highs and reallocating students across K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 models if a new high school is built.

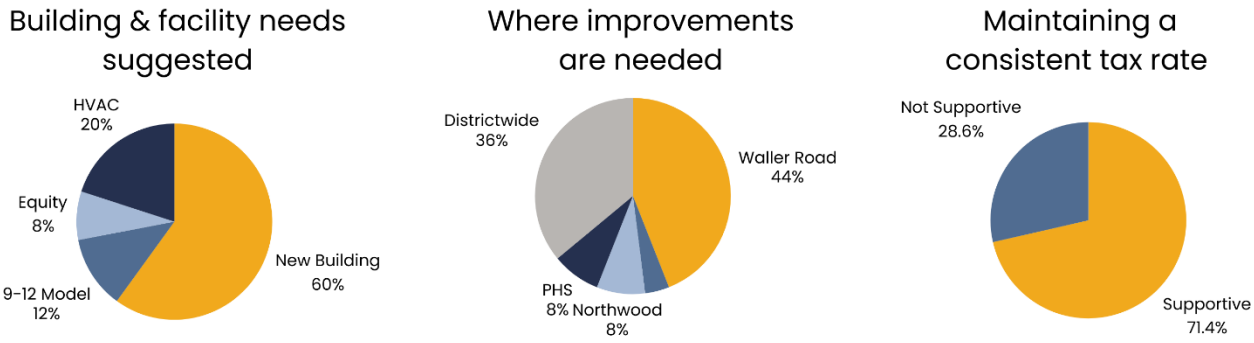
- There is a call for equitable improvements across the district, as some schools, especially older ones, are seen as being neglected compared to newer or more affluent areas.

Concerns about Financial Impact:

- Opinions vary regarding the tax rate. Some community members support maintaining existing tax rates, while others are willing to accept a reasonable increase to fund necessary projects.
- A few respondents express concern about the burden of taxes on lower-income areas, particularly given the high cost of living and wage stagnation.

In summary, the survey responses emphasize a strong demand for outdated and unsafe school infrastructure, with Waller Road Elementary being the most frequently mentioned. Respondents express a willingness to support bond initiatives but stress the need for equitable distribution of resources across the district.

Simplified summarization of results:



Id	Completion time	Email	Name	Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the Bond Advisory Committee as they move forward?	What school construction projects or improvements do you think should be prioritized, and why?	How do you feel about the approach to maintaining a consistent tax rate? Do you have any concerns about the potential financial impact of the bond on
1	9/19/2024 14:33	anonymous		test	test	test
2	9/19/2024 17:39	anonymous		Heating and cooling system at PHS Water quality as well. We are one of the oldest buildings in the PSD	New Gym building, classrooms and Library for PHS	None
3	9/19/2024 18:30	anonymous		I would really like to see the bond committee discuss and consider the potential to reconfigure and consider putting 6th grade in the junior highs. If a new high school is built and grades are reallocated properly I would anticipate an increase in student achievement. This is a long time coming and I think it is worth considering.	I definitely think that all of our older buildings need to be prioritized like Spinning. We should also consider building a new high school rather than building a new elementary if we build a new high school we could reallocate students to the K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 model.	
4	9/19/2024 21:16	anonymous		an addition to Northwood and Mt. View is necessary to support the growth in the Edgewood/Fife area.	I believe with the growth that Northwood Elementary is experiencing, that additional portable or an addition be added on to the building.	no concerns if the rate stays the same.
5	9/20/2024 9:13	anonymous		Move toward middle school model		
6	9/20/2024 10:03	anonymous			Please prioritize the construction of a NEW Waller Road Elementary School! The school is over 100 years old and the patchwork HVAC, electrical, plumbing, etc. make it one of the most inefficient places in the entire district. Also, the parking is not just outdated and small, but it is downright DANGEROUS! This school is in desperate need of new construction, not just more cosmetic improvements, that time has passed. The students and staff of Waller Road deserve better and have waited a VERY long time for a new building.	
7	9/20/2024 11:42	anonymous			Waller Road has not been remodeled in 63 years! Our kids and staff deserve equity in their learning/teaching environment. Waller Road should be made a priority on the bond.	
8	9/20/2024 11:43	anonymous			Waller Road Elementary is in desperate need of a new building. The technology is outdated, and the parking situation is dangerous.	I think maintaining a consistent tax rate is helpful to obtaining community support.

9	9/20/2024 11:47 anonymous	Our children deserve equitable buildings to learn in! We have some older buildings in the district, primarily in the valley that are limping along with patched together spaces, poor ventilation, insufficient office spaces for itinerant staff to co-treat or co-meet because they have to be at the school on different days due to space issues-ultimately impacted our students. We have buildings that smell of mold/mildew/old water smells that cannot possibly be healthy to breath. Old plumbing is a problem with water that tastes gross--imagine that---valley water that tastes gross?!? I was just in a classroom and the teacher spent several minutes teaching the children how to let the water run before drinking or filling their water bottles to help make it taste better and avoid lead. Would the public be pleased about this state of affairs? I don't think so.	Clean, healthy air that is free of mold/mildew/old water smells--breathing is a basic human need. Next would be safe, healthy water to drink in these buildings.	I'm concerned that a large percentage of our tax base comes from parts of our district with more money causing a situation where tax payers may not be aware (or care?) about poorer parts of our district that desperately need significant improvements.
10	9/20/2024 11:47 anonymous		New school for Waller Road Elementary. Students deserve to learn in an updated, modern building. A new facility would enhance student learning and sense of pride in their school. Waller Road is the only school on Puyallup Tribal land and our native community deserves access to an updated elementary building.	I support raising taxes to complete these important initiatives.
11	9/20/2024 12:07 anonymous		Prioritize Waller Road Elementary for a new building. It's more than 100 years old, with HVAC and other issues that are health hazards. The parking is dangerous for staff and parents. Restrooms facilities for staff are inadequate. Program space for band, orchestra, ML, and Title/LAP are inadequate. There is no breakout space for small groups, meetings, student groups, etc.	

12	9/20/2024 12:37	anonymous	Please visit the buildings together to SEE what actually needs to be done to improve the safety of our staff and students and support an environment that is conducive to the needs of the learners. What is truly needed versus what will look pretty or benefit only athletes? There are huge inequities from one elementary school to another...	need of a completely new building. The heating and air conditioning system and air circulation/ventilation system are ancient. This is resulting in mold, moisture, condensation, etc. It is a safety concern that is causing staff and students to get sick. It is difficult to regulate the temperature, and some rooms are freezing while others are too hot. Again, this makes learning and teaching difficult. There is also asbestos in the walls. This presents a danger anytime work needs to be done and these areas are disturbed. Attendance is already a concern at this building. There is also not adequate parking. There are not enough workspaces for all of the therapists and itinerant staff. Instruction has been interrupted frequently because of alarms getting triggered because the systems are old and glitchy. Even with the carpets freshy shampooed, your feet will be black if you walk barefoot on it. The toilets leak in the staff bathroom. There is not adequate store for all of the needed materials and curriculum resulting in rooms looking unorganized and crowded. There are used whiteboards layered over chalkboards and cork boards. The portable classrooms are too small for the intermediate students and much time is wasted with them traveling into the building for lunch, specialists, bathroom breaks, etc.	Our community wants to support education. A reasonable increase is expected with the current housing market.
13	9/20/2024 14:16	anonymous	Waller Road School needs a new building	Waller Road School	
14	9/20/2024 14:32	anonymous		heating/AC, because the schools are to cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. kitchens, some are outdated and small.	
15	9/20/2024 17:28	anonymous		Waller Road Elementary. We have asbestos in our flooring that has simply been covered up with carpeting. We have a gym that has not been retrofitted for earthquakes. We have an antiquated HVAC system.	
16	9/23/2024 9:36	anonymous	Being more equitable across the district. The old buildings seem to be left behind in many areas.	Heating and air conditioning because it can be extremely uncomfortable. Students need to be comfortable to be able to focus on learning.	We are taxed to the moon and back. Cost of living and wages are not keeping up.
17	9/26/2024 11:00	anonymous	Waller Road needs immediate attention.	Waller Road--it's over 100 years old, falling apart, and full of old toxic building materials.	No.