# School District of Maple Community Survey Results 

## Fall 2017

## Survey Summary

- The survey was conducted in October of 2017.
- 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 $=1,032$ (433 paper)
- Participation rate $=19 \%$


## Respondent Information

## Is your primary residence in the School District of Maple?



## Are you an employee at the School District of Maple?



# Do you have child(ren) attending the District? 



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



## In which city or township do you reside?




## What is your age?



## How would you like to receive school/District

 information?

## Overall Satisfaction

# Please tell us how well you believe we are doing in each of the following areas: 

Great (4), Good (3), Fair (2), Poor (1)

| Item | Staff | Parents <br> (Non-Staff) | Non-Parents <br> (Non-Staff) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Delivering a high-quality educational experience | 3.29 | 2.96 | 2.83 |
| Safety/security and equipment needs | 2.76 | 2.79 | 2.77 |
| Preparing students for life after high school | 3.00 | 2.58 | 2.61 |

Hiring and retaining high-quality staff
2.23
2.39
2.57

Keeping the public informed
2.86
2.64
2.45

# Overall, how satisfied are you with the School District of Maple? 

(All Respondents)


## Cost Saving Options

## Should the District...

Yes (10), No (1)

| Item | All <br> Residents | Staff <br> Residents | Parent <br> Residents <br> (Non-Staff) | Non-Parent <br> Residents <br> (Non-Staff) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| consider increasing the student fee schedule? | 6.97 | 5.77 | 6.79 | 7.36 |

reduce athletics and/or activities to save money?
4.99
3.55
2.90
6.81
continue to increase middle/high school class sizes to save money?
further reduce busing services to save money?
4.91
4.03
3.65
5.99
continue to increase elementary class sizes to
save money?
decrease middle/high school course offerings to save money?
3.55
2.27
2.20
4.78

## Funding to Support Current Operations

Would you support a $\$ 576,000$ operational referendum to maintain current programs and services for each of the next five years?
(Residents Only)

100\%


## Additional Projects

## Improve Technology (\$55,000/yr)

Would you support a referendum that provides funding to improve the students' access to technology?
(Residents Only)

100\%


## Enhance Industrial Education/ Shop Courses (\$30,000/yr)

Would you support a referendum that provides funding to enhance the District's industrial education/shop courses?
(Residents Only)


Retain Staff ( $\$ 607,000 / y r$ )
Would you support a referendum that provides funding to retain high-quality staff?
(Residents Only)


# Replace Buses (\$232,000/yr for 5 yrs) 

Would you support a referendum that provides funding to replace $\mathbf{2}$ to $\mathbf{3}$ buses per year?
(Residents Only)


## Update Curriculum (\$130,000/yr)

Would you support a referendum that provides funding to update curriculum and textbooks?
(Residents Only)


# Safety/Security and Equipment Needs ( $\$ 70,000 / y r$ ) 

Would you support a referendum that provides funding to update our safety and security as well as address equipment needs?
(Residents Only)


## Would you support a referendum that provides funding to...

 Yes (10), No (1)| Item | All <br> Residents | Staff <br> Residents | Parent <br> Residents <br> (Non-Staff) | Non-Parent <br> Residents <br> (Non-Staff) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| enhance the District's industrial education/shop |  |  |  |  |
| courses? |  |  |  |  |

improve the students' access to technology?
6.11
8.36
7.43
4.75
update curriculum and textbooks?
retain high-quality staff?
6.30
9.02
7.91
4.52
update our safety and security as well as address
equipment needs?
replace 2 to 3 buses per year?
5.51
8.15
6.34
4.36

## Funding Support

Since 1993, the State has capped the revenues that schools can raise. Under current state law, an operational referendum is required for the District to increase revenue to fund school operations.

The survey outlines the following needs:

| Current Operational Shortfall (averaged over five years) | $\$ 576,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Improve Technology | $\$ 55,000$ |
| Enhance Industrial Education/Shop Courses | $\$ 30,000$ |
| Retain Staff | $\$ 607,000$ |
| Replace Buses | $\$ 232,000$ |
| Update Curriculum | $\$ 130,000$ |
| Safety/Security and Equipment Needs | $\$ 70,000$ |
|  | Total |
|  | $\$ 1,700,000$ |

The following table shows the tax increase for various referendum amounts.

| PROPERTY TAX IMPACT |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Referendum amount | $\$ 900,000$ | $\$ 1.1$ million | \$1.3 million | \$1.5 million | \$1.7 million |  |
| Tax increase per $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ <br> of property value | $\$ 106$ per year <br> $(\$ 8.83 /$ month $)$ | $\$ 130$ per year <br> $(\$ 10.83 /$ month $)$ | $\$ 154$ per year <br> $(\$ 12.83 /$ month $)$ | $\$ 177$ per year <br> $(\$ 14.75 /$ month $)$ | $\$ 201$ per year <br> $(\$ 16.75 /$ month $)$ |  |

## How much of a tax increase would you support through a referendum for the next five years?



- $\$ 1.7$ million
\$1.5 million
\$1.3 million
\$1.1 million
- 900,000

■ I would only support a smaller referendum

■ I'm not sure/need more information

■ I would not support any referendum

## Thank you!

