

## Survey Summary

We, at Celina City Schools, have been working to summarize the results of the nearly 1,400 survey responses we received from our most recent survey of our community's view of what our district should consider as we look at our buildings.

This survey had similar results to the survey completed in 2008. Both now, and at that time, community members showed strong support in the need to replace the Primary and the Elementary Buildings (previously known as the East and West Elementary buildings).

There was also concern shared on how the pick-up and drop-off routing works at the schools. We have seen some preliminary drawings which could make that work much smoother with a new facility.

The most frequent response was the need for air conditioning in all buildings. We have had a warm fall, and extreme temperatures definitely impacts how well students can concentrate and learn. All new buildings that are partially funded by the state's school facility programming require that air conditioning is installed in those buildings. Our current standing with state funding show that the state share would be near 45%, and the local share would be 55%.

Another area of concern that was shared indicates the need to make our buildings safer through a new building project. Safer in terms of having greater ability to control building access, and improvement of the building's infrastructure. In the 1950's, classrooms were built with one, or perhaps two, electrical outlets. The heating systems were put in as coal burning furnaces in three of our current buildings. We currently have aged boilers operating in several of our buildings that provide uneven heating to the classrooms.

Feedback from families looking to move into the area indicate that the old school buildings deter them from Celina. Parents are seeking updated buildings for their children to attend.

Many comments were shared that our maintenance and custodial staff are doing such a good job maintaining our buildings and grounds, that many people are unaware of the deficiencies.

The surveys explained how an increase in taxes would be difficult for those on fixed incomes. The economy in Mercer County is in a much better place now, then where it was eight to ten years ago. The timing is right to take steps forward with a plan for updating our facilities. Celina School Districts' current bond levy will be paid off in 2020. We can replace some of our facilities by building new, and we would not see an increase from our current level of taxation. Or we could replace more and see an increase in our taxes.

The results of this year's survey is available on the districts' web site and has been shared with local media outlets.

Our next step will be to set up meetings to discuss and determine our moving forward with a March 10, 2020, bond issue to place before our voters.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, and thanks to those who continue to participate in finding ways to improve our Celina City Schools.