

Exchange Summary

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What are your thoughts and questions about the proposed School Plant Facility Levy, which would provide \$5 million a year for 5 years for deferred maintenance and school safety projects? What do you want to know about this proposal to feel well-informed to vote in the March 14, 2023, election?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



702
Participants



545
Thoughts



15,191
Ratings



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What are your roles in our school district community? Mark all that apply to you.



670

Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multi-select)</i>
73%	(491)	Current Parent or Guardian
10%	(73)	Former Parent or Guardian
35%	(240)	Current District employee
2%	(20)	Former District employee
2%	(17)	Student age 18 or older
59%	(399)	Voter in our school district
56%	(377)	Property taxpayer in our school district

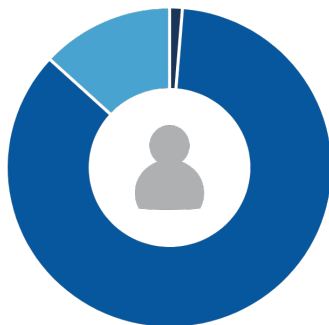


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What is your age range?



%		Answer
1%	(9)	■ 18-25
86%	(575)	■ 26-54
13%	(86)	■ 55+



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Which of these social media apps do you use?



667

Responses

%		Answer (Multi-select)
71%	(476)	Facebook
53%	(356)	Instagram
14%	(100)	Twitter
40%	(272)	YouTube
13%	(91)	Snapchat
17%	(115)	TikTok
16%	(109)	None of the above



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Top Rated





THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts



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4.3  (19 )
Ranked #1 of 545

A general list of maintenance items to be addressed, in order of importance. This would go a long way to explain to others why the money is needed.

4.2  (38 )
Ranked #2 of 545

A prioritized list of what the money will be spent on. I feel there is a lack of accountability on how and when levy money is spent.

4.2  (38 )
Ranked #3 of 545

Exactly where are the funds going to go and how much it will cost for each project It will help community understand basic needs of the district. With costs changing, it would be important to relay current costs of each project.

4.2  (38 )
Ranked #4 of 545

What will the money be spent on specifically? To know where the money is going

4.2  (38 )
Ranked #5 of 545



THOUGHTS Projects



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- Id like to see details regarding the use of the funds over the first few years. What projects will each school receive.** Helps me understand where the money will go. 4.2 ★★★★★ (37 👤)
- A public list of specific projects, proposed estimated cost to fund and the why its needed** Voters want specifics. I read the next door app and the people who are opposed make up all kinds of stories. Therefore transparency is key 4.2 ★★★★★ (20 👤)
- I think the voters would like to know the list of major projects and the priority in which they will be completed.** I feel most taxpayers do not mind paying the taxes that help the school district run but we want to know where our money is going. 4.2 ★★★★★ (19 👤)
- I would like to know exactly what projects are on the list. What is included in the term "safety" as outlined by the levy?** I want this money to be targeted for greater needs first. 4.1 ★★★★★ (38 👤)



THOUGHTS Know



I would like a detailed list of what the monies will be used on As an employee in the district, I see that money isn't always allocated where it's most needed. I want to know SPECIFICALLY what it's for.

4.2 ★★★★★ (15 👤)

What exactly will be improved People want to know this

4.1 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

I'd like to know exactly what they'd like to fix / improve with an itemized proposal of costs for each item. It's important to know WHERE the money is going and how much of it is going there.

4.0 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

I want to know exactly which projects the money will be used for. They should be rated by their importance with regards to safety. We must know that the requested money is being used wisely.

3.9 ★★★★★ (11 👤)

Voters will want to know what projects will be completed first and will want to know exactly how it will impact them financially. There is skepticism about how the district manages their money and misinformation on how much it will cost taxpayers.

3.8 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



THOUGHTS

Cost



Exactly where are the funds going to go and how much it will cost for each project It will help community understand basic needs of the district. With costs changing, it would be important to relay current costs of each project.

4.2 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

What will it cost the average property owner/household per year? Knowing what the cost will be on an individual level will help voters know how their vote will affect them personally.

4.0 ★★★★★ (40 👤)

Cost of a prioritized and time line list of improvement needs, along with a typical and transparent current use of funds for building and improvement. Help voters make more informed decisions. How has the distribute budgeted and used money in the past.

4.0 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

I would like to know exactly what is going to be fixed using this money and to see some kind of annual report for what's been fixed and the cost of it I'd like to see this pass. What I see on social media for why people are voting no is because there's no way to see how the money is being spent.

3.9 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

This seems a reasonable plan to make some long overdue improvements to our school buildings. It will be good to see how this affects our taxes. Voters need to know what the tax rate will be and how much that actually will cost them each year. I realize it may not be a

3.9 ★★★★★ (39 👤)



THOUGHTS Funds



What projects this will fund. How much will this raise my taxes?

4.1 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

Would like to see a detailed proposed budget on how the funds would be spent over the 5 years. Provide concrete examples of why the funding is needed.

4.1 ★★★★★ (33 👤)

I'm wondering if the district could provide specific examples of how this levy funding has been used in the last three years. This might help voters understand what these funds have gone to by seeing tangible evidence of its use. Perhaps infographics shared would help?

4.1 ★★★★★ (27 👤)

How will the funds be allocated? I am happy to pay for this necessary work but want to know the funds are being properly managed.

4.1 ★★★★★ (21 👤)

What is the current budget and where are funds currently being spent Budget accountability

4.0 ★★★★★ (40 👤)



THOUGHTS District



What does the school district spend annually on these items and what are some specific needs that will be addressed. So we can see how money is used/how much historically and what is the extra needed for now

4.0  (37 )

How will a 5 year levy keep the district accountable to the taxpayers? This district overspends on consultants and outside trainings that have little sustainable impact on the classroom.

3.6  (36 )

What is this districts vision? Everything the last few years seems to be done very piecemeal.

3.6  (2 )

Too long and bypasses accountability that annual levy has. Because this district spending patterns are inconsistent.

3.5  (38 )

Sounds good, our schools probably need more money. How do our district spending amounts and projects compare to other districts in Idaho and nationwide?

3.3  (39 )



THOUGHTS

Safe



I feel this is something our children need and teachers as well. A good teaching and learning environment is crucial to our children's education. Safe and reliable place to teach and learn as well as good climate control (windows for heat and protection from sun. Winter/summer) are needed.

3.9 ★★★★★ (32 👤)

So important! To help with safety of my children and other students. The facilities need to be maintained so our students have a clean/functional school to learn

3.8 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

Important! Schools are a reflection of our community. It is important to maintain the learning environment for our kids.

3.8 ★★★★★ (33 👤)

Our community has experienced a tremendous amount of change-including the way we must keep kids safe in school. It makes sense that our district would have to ask to keep up with growth, as well as changes in the way we keep children safe. That is our number one priority and it looks much different

3.8 ★★★★★ (24 👤)

Maintenance of our district's school facilities is critical to provide safe and healthy places for our children during their educational endeavors. Providing safe, healthy, and comfortable facilities for our children enables them to focus on and be successful in their tasks during the school day.

3.8 ★★★★★ (14 👤)



THOUGHTS Buildings



I am all for maintaining and improving our schools

4.0 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

What are some of the major repairs needed? (A list of specific buildings and issues)

Makes me as a voter/tax payer know where my hard earned \$ is going. And compare with previous lists from previous years, keeps district in check.

4.0 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

We need maitanance on many buildings including our tranportation building. It is important because our people deserve well maintained buildings to work in. If you work in buildings that need repair it is a safety concern.

4.0 ★★★★★ (6 👤)

Itemized list per building. What is being done to ensure longevity of repairs. Knowing why the repair is important and what is being done to ensure it lasts is imperative.

3.9 ★★★★★ (19 👤)

Where was money spent on most recent maintenance levy? (Short list of specific buildings and issues.) These issues on ballot seem repetitive w/ no proof of previous things being repaired properly. A new (6 figure) position was made @ D.O. (ie Mike N.

3.8 ★★★★★ (39 👤)



THOUGHTS Levy Funds



I am aware of the need for major facilities repair/maintenance at several schools.

4.1 ★★★★★ (29 👤)

Upgrades to safety features at each school are also paramount Public school funding should be a priority for federal , state and local spending. Quality schools = quality community.

Many voters who are new to our community do not understand how our school funding works. They assume it is what their state did. If we don't educate voters and be transparent about projects and costs, levies will continue to fail

4.1 ★★★★★ (19 👤)

My first thought wraps around the integrity of the monies spent. I believe the monies should be dedicated to the purpose of the levy funds and not delegated for other uses as the district sees fit.

4.0 ★★★★★ (37 👤)

I would like it to be made very clear to the public how much the state provides for our maintenance and safety costs. This is important because there is a misconception about what the state is responsible and what our local community is responsible for.

4.0 ★★★★★ (36 👤)

Though, I support this levy, I would like to know what systems of accountability are in place to help prevent the misuse of funds. Maintaining transparency will help ensure that there is a strong sense of trust between our community members and the district.

4.0 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



THOUGHTS

Maintenance



A general list of maintenance items to be addressed, in order of importance. This would go a long way to explain to others why the money is needed.

4.2 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

I would like to know how the essential maintenance has gotten so far behind.

4.1 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

I have seen some deferred maintenance on the buildings. I would like to see our schools have what they need. I would like to see budgets. It's important to see budgets because I want the money spent wisely. Again I want safe and updated schools.

4.0 ★★★★★ (8 👤)

That if our schools are in need of deferred maintenance we need to get ahead of it before it gets too bad. For the safety of the students and staff.

3.9 ★★★★★ (38 👤)

Define "Safety". I would like to see what safety specifics that will be addressed

3.9 ★★★★★ (37 👤)



THOUGHTS Levy



The School Board needs to fight the misinformation surrounding the levy. Many people had the wrong idea about the last levy. Communicate clearly and simply the importance of this levy and the importance of education. How does better education improve our community?

4.2 ★★★★★ (13 👤)

I think the levy is need as I work at several schools. I don't believe that enough information about what exactly the money is going to be spent on. Proper details on the projects would help advance and pass the levy

4.1 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

List the needs, Transparency and information for decision making

4.1 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

What are the proposed upgrades, in order if priority, with prices and timelines My experience is that levies such as this have a lump sum attached, but no specificities when it comes to where, how and when the funds will be spent.

4.1 ★★★★★ (37 👤)

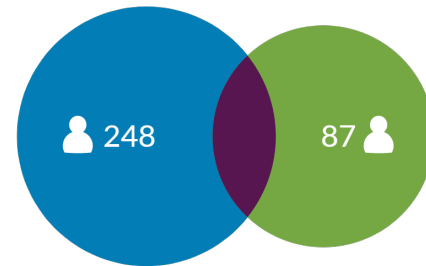
What schools would be involved in the 5 million plant levy. Would district break down the 5 million for all people to hear and understand. How are we going to held accountable.

4.0 ★★★★★ (30 👤)



DIFFERENCES

Pass The Levy | Property Tax [248 | 87]



Side A

I don't need to know anything. If money is needed to improve our schools I'm in.

★ 4.8 ★ 1.1

The fact this hasn't passed is outrageous. There are very few things more important than the quality of our children's education. We need to stop putting our schools on the back burner and realize how much our kids deserve a safe and comfortable learning environment.

★ 4.9 ★ 1.7

Side A/B Common (high)

What will the money be spent on specifically? To know where the money is going

★ 4.0 ★ 4.8

School safety and maintenance is vague and ambiguous. What exactly are the funds being used for?

Transparency of what the 5 million is being used for would sway more people to vote for the levy.

★ 4.1 ★ 4.5

Side B

Live within your budget! Money is way too tight at this time, listen to your tax base! They already turned down your past levy request.

★ 1.3 ★ 4.5

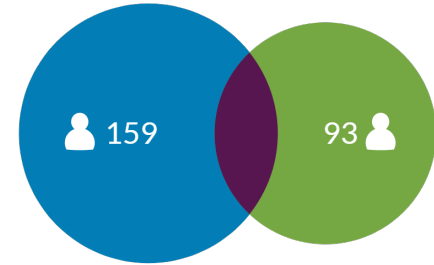
What happened to the extra money you received for COVID

★ 1.5 ★ 4.8



DIFFERENCES

Maintenance Been Deferred | Pass The Levy [159 | 93]



Side A

Last years levy failed due, not only to misinformation, but also due to actual **information**. Maintenance money shouldn't go towards pay raises for people in the DO.

★ 4.6 ★ 1.2

Exactly where would the funds go and who will have oversight before, during and after implementation? Too much improper use of public funds in the past and huge lack of transparency.

★ 4.7 ★ 1.9

Side A/B Common (high)

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★ 4.6 ★ 4.4

Side B

Why do we have to get 55%? Could we run a different thing for a simple majority? Last time we got more than 50% but the Levy didn't pass because it wasn't 55%.

★ 1.6 ★ 3.8

Maintenance and security are of utmost importance and need updated I believe voters need to know the impact on their property taxes, whatever it might be

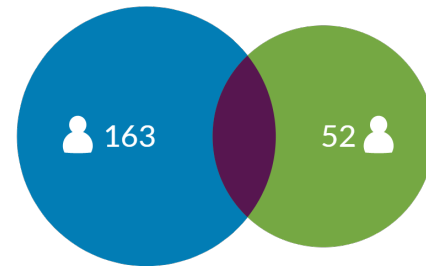
★ 2.6 ★ 4.5





DIFFERENCES

Maintenance, Maintain and Know [163 | 52]



Side A

I am all for maintaining and improving our schools

★ 4.6 ★ 1.3

As I remember, the last levy also provided teachers a pay raise. Will this one also do that? I do believe we should also be taking care of our schools Part of having safe schools is employing good teachers. Right now teachers to not make enough to live in this area.

★ 4.7 ★ 1.4

Side A/B Common (high)

What exactly will be improved People want to know this

★ 4.4 ★ 3.8

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★ 4.5 ★ 4.8

Side B

This group of participants rated Side A thoughts low. Review the common interest section to see thoughts that both groups rated high.



WRAP UP Next Steps



Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.