



PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Maine Township High School District 207

Your Input is Critical

Maine Township High School District 207 seeks your thoughts and recommendations on a funding proposal to address important renovations to our three high schools: Maine East, Maine West and Maine South.

We are asking if you will take a few minutes to fill out the attached survey. All surveys are anonymous and in no way will be associated with your name.

Please review the enclosed Fact Sheet before completing the mail survey.

A self-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please drop the survey in the mail or deliver it to the District's Administrative Office at 1177 South Dee Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068 by May 18, 2018.

Questions/Comments

If you have questions about this survey or the funding proposal, please contact:

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“ Thank you for participating in this important survey. Your input will shape how District 207 moves forward in extending the useful lives of our existing facilities, making our schools safer and more secure, improving ADA accessibility, and addressing other important capital facility needs. ”

– Dr. Ken Wallace
Superintendent
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Q5. Following are some of the arguments people have made in favor of the facility improvements and funding proposal being considered by District 207. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Not at All Convincing" and 5 being "Very Convincing," how would you rate each of the following arguments as a reason to vote FOR the proposal? (Please circle one number next to each item.)

| | Not At All Convincing | ←————→ | | | Very Convincing |
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| a) The last time voters in District 207 approved additional funding for building improvements was in 1967—51 years ago. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b) As borrowing and construction costs continue to rise, it's important to address facility improvements as soon as possible. The longer the District waits, the more it will cost. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c) The proposed safety and security improvements, including upgrades to front entrances, are critical. Keeping students, staff and teachers safe should be a top priority. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d) Improving access for students, teachers and visitors with disabilities is a fair and reasonable request. ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e) Improvements like replacing outdated electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems at the three high schools aren't luxuries, they're necessities. These improvements will save taxpayer monies by reducing costly emergency repairs and improving energy efficiencies. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f) It's much less expensive to renovate the three high schools than to replace them. This is a fiscally prudent approach. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g) Quality schools drive property values. This proposal will protect local property values that are so important to the financial health of many residents. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Q6. Following are some of the arguments people have made against the facility improvements being considered by District 207. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "Not at All Convincing" and 5 being "Very Convincing," how would you rate each of the following arguments as a reason to vote AGAINST the proposal? (Please circle one number next to each item.)

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| a) While it makes sense to provide equity across all three high schools, this current proposal is too ambitious. District 207 should downsize the bond measure and focus on its absolute highest priority needs like replacing outdated mechanical systems. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b) Illinois residents are already over-taxed, especially with the recent increase in state income taxes. The District is just going to have to live within its means. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c) Quality instruction is what drives quality schools, not the facilities. Much of what is proposed should be eliminated, especially improvements like a new fieldhouse and updated locker rooms. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d) District 207 should have been saving for the proposed improvements rather than asking for additional tax dollars. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e) The size of the tax impact will be a hardship on many seniors who are on a fixed income. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f) While it would be much more expensive, one or more of the Maine 207 schools should be leveled and replaced. Starting from scratch makes more sense than renovating the aging high schools. . | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g) The District should be putting more than \$45.7 million toward the projects. That's less than 20% of the total cost. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Q7. Schools often use the letter grades A, B, C, D or F to grade students. If you had the chance to grade District 207, what grade would you give the District?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- F
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Q8. How confident are you that District 207 is handling taxpayers' money wisely?

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