

Facilities Facts

To help inform the Elmbrook community on high school facilities topics.

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Key Themes from October 2005 Community Survey

“The facilities problems at the high schools are not going to go away, and because of the age of the buildings, they’re not going to get any easier or less expensive to solve.”

*–Dr. Matt Gibson
Superintendent of Schools*

- High marks (85%) for the quality of education in the district and it is getting better.
- Single biggest problem in the district is high school facilities yet lack of understanding of specific facilities deficiencies.
- Taxes about right (58%) to too much (36%) for value received.
- Most support (31%) for renovation of both high schools estimated at \$94 million.
- 29% support for mechanical system replacements at both schools estimated at \$53 million over 25 years.
- 14% first response and 19% second response support for two new high schools estimated at \$118 million.
- 6% support for a new Central first and a new East five years later estimated to total \$130 million.
- 6% support for a new Central and extensive renovations of East estimated at \$108 million.
- 3% support for two new high schools on the Central site estimated at \$122 million.
- Biggest reasons for supportive responses to facilities improvement options were support education (18%), property values (15%), do it right (9%), and maintain standards (7%).
- Biggest reasons for non-supportive responses to facilities improvement options were not needed (35%), too much money (32%), and high taxes (21%).
- Most convincing arguments in favor of two new high schools were replacement of mechanical systems, safety and security, comparable high cost of long-term renovations, handicapped accessibility, and shortage of space for current educational programs.
- Most convincing arguments in opposition to two new high schools were lack of understanding of space shortages, timing of a tax increase, and quality of education in the existing facilities.
- 28% support for auditoriums being added to the high school plans.

Source: November 1, 2005 EPIC-MRA Executive Summary and Demographic Analysis, which is based on interviews of 404 registered voters in October 2005.

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