

Sioux Falls School District Community Survey Results

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Survey Review: Limitations

Please note:

The following data are not based on a scientific sample.

Because we used a convenience sample, it would be methodologically inappropriate to conduct regression analysis or attempt to calculate error.

Survey Review: Methodology

The survey opened on June 11, 2018

- ❑ **The Sioux Falls School District, at the request of the Board of Education, surveyed the district community in an effort to engage stakeholders about possible solutions to the district's enrollment challenges.**
- ❑ **In early June, a postcard inviting recipients to take the survey was mailed to all community members, encouraging them to participate in an online survey.**
- ❑ **Parents were reminded of the survey via email and social media.**
- ❑ **Participants were asked to take the survey online at a special website for the survey.**
- ❑ **Paper copies of the survey were also available by request.**

The survey closed on June 24, 2018

Survey Review: Results

3,686 people completed the survey.

I will show the results for all respondents and for a comparison group. This comparison group includes respondents who 1) do not currently have children attending the district schools; 2) are residents of the district; 3) are not employees of the district; and 4) do not have children who are younger than school age.

The number of comparison-group respondents who completed the survey is 780.

Survey Review: Results

The results for the comparison group will be shown in parenthesis.

Questions that include an asterisk (*) must be answered for the respondent's survey to be accepted.

Survey Review: Results

What is your age?*

18 or under	0.5%	(1.3%)
19-25	1.9%	(2.4%)
26-34	15.4%	(10.8%)
35-44	38.0%	(5.9%)
45-54	23.0%	(13.5%)
55-64	11.1%	(26.9%)
Over 65	10.2%	(39.2%)

Survey Review: Results

Where do you reside?*

I live in Sioux Falls, within the Sioux Falls School District boundaries.	90.5%
I live in Sioux Falls but am assigned to another school district.	5.2%
I am not sure to which school district my address is assigned.	0.3%
I do not live in Sioux Falls but want to voice my opinion.	2.1%
Other.	1.8%

Survey Review: Results

How long have you lived in the school district?*

Less than 2 years	3.6%	(4.0%)
Between 2 and 5 years	11.9%	(10.9%)
Between 6 and 10 years	14.4%	(7.9%)
Between 11 and 20 years	27.1%	(14.2%)
Between 21 and 30 years	16.1%	(19.5%)
More than 30 years	22.3%	(43.5%)
I do not live in the district	4.7%	(0.0%)

Survey Review: Results

Please check all of the following that apply to you.*

I have school-aged children (as of the fall of 2018).	58.7%
I have preschool-aged children (as of the fall of 2018).	12.6%
I have children who currently attend or have attended a Sioux Falls School District school.	60.6%
I have school-aged children who are open-enrolled in the Sioux Falls School District (as of the fall of 2018).	12.0%
I have school-aged children who are open-enrolled in another school district (as of the fall of 2018).	1.3%
I have grandchildren who attend or who have attended a Sioux Falls School District school.	8.1%
I have attended a Sioux Falls School District school.	25.8%
I am a community member with no children who have attended a Sioux Falls School District School.	11.1%
I am an employee of the Sioux Falls School District.	20.2%
I am currently a student at a Sioux Falls School District school (as of the fall of 2018).	0.3%
Other	4.7%

Survey Review: Results

If you have school-aged children as of the fall of 2018, which schools will your children attend next fall?

(Select all that apply. If you do not have school-aged children, you may skip this question.)

Please see the report for the results for this question.

Survey Review: Results

Where do you get information about the Sioux Falls School District? (Select all that apply.)

Please see the report for the results for this question.

Survey Review: Results

I am satisfied with the Sioux Falls School District.

Strongly agree	23.9%	(24.0%)
Agree	59.9%	(51.1%)
Disagree	7.9%	(9.9%)
Strongly disagree	2.4%	(4.0%)
No opinion	5.9%	(11.0%)

Survey Review: Results

How would you describe the Sioux Falls School District to someone who is not familiar with it?

For this question, two themes seemed to emerge from the data...

- 1) The district is “large”.**
- 2) The district is “very good” or “excellent”.**

Survey Review: Results

How familiar are you with the district's facility needs and the process the School Board is using to find solutions?*

I am very well-informed. 27.2% (25.3%)

I have some familiarity with the needs and process. 57.6% (62.8%)

I have no knowledge of the needs and process. 15.2% (11.9%)

Survey Review: Results

I believe the district's most urgent facility needs must be addressed now.*

Strongly agree	70.4%	(54.1%)
Agree	24.6%	(32.7%)
Disagree	3.2%	(7.8%)
Strongly disagree	1.8%	(5.4%)

Survey Review: Results

I would vote “yes” on a referendum question if I felt it was the correct solution to address the district’s facility needs related to enrollment growth.*

Strongly agree	62.3%	(50.9%)
Agree	32.0%	(34.5%)
Disagree	3.3%	(8.1%)
Strongly disagree	2.4%	(6.5%)

Survey Review: Results

I would vote “yes” on a referendum question if I felt it was the correct solution to address necessary maintenance and updates.*

Strongly agree	58.0%	(48.7%)
Agree	35.9%	(38.2%)
Disagree	4.0%	(7.9%)
Strongly disagree	2.1%	(5.1%)

Survey Review: Results

I would vote “yes” on a referendum question if I felt it was the correct solution to ensure that schools have equitable, flexible learning spaces to meet instructional needs.*

Strongly agree	58.6%	(49.2%)
Agree	33.7%	(34.7%)
Disagree	5.1%	(9.6%)
Strongly disagree	2.6%	(6.4%)

Survey Review: Results

I would support the recommendations as outlined by the task force, assuming a cost of \$2 per month or \$24 per year on the average home in Sioux Falls (\$185,000 taxable valuation).

Strongly agree	58.2%	(47.3%)
Agree	30.6%	(28.2%)
Disagree	6.7%	(14.9%)
Strongly disagree	4.4%	(9.6%)

Survey Review: Results

I support the recommendations of the task force with the exception of (please explain below).

There were many different responses for this item, but no specific themes were obvious. Some respondents did mention the financial affects of the solution.

Survey Review: Results

Do you support building a high school on the land donated by Sanford Health, as described above?

Yes, build on the land donated by Sanford Health.

62.1% (57.1%)

The Sanford Health land is not my first choice, but I support the overall facility solution, as proposed by the task force.

28.4% (27.9%)

No. choose another location in the northwest quadrant.

9.5% (15.0%)

Survey Review: Results

Please use the space below to provide any additional information to the board as it considers solutions to address the district's facility needs.

Again, no strong themes emerged from the responses to this item, but among the comments, a minor theme related to the land donation was noticed.



Thank you

Any questions?