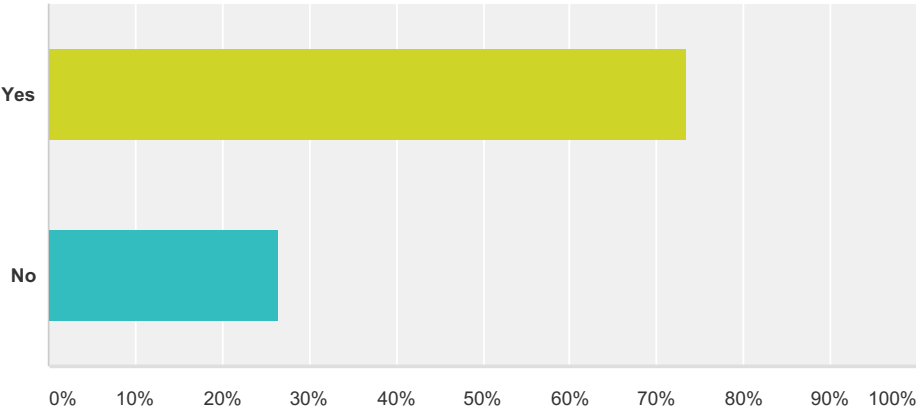


Q1 Do you currently have children attending ELPS?

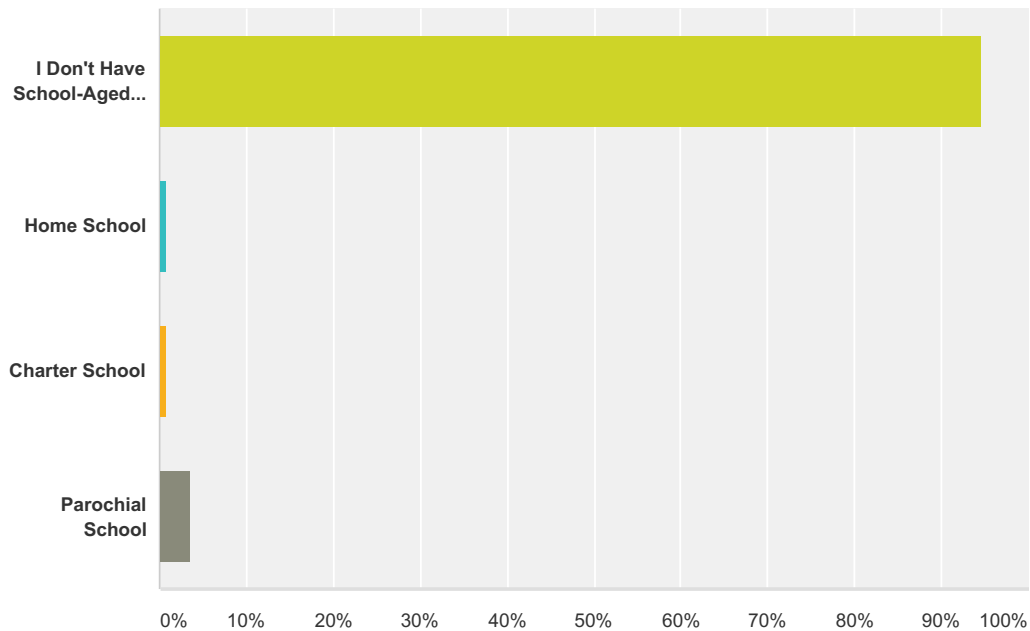
Answered: 1,017 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	73.55%	748
No	26.45%	269
Total		1,017

Q2 Where does your child(ren) attend school?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 794



Answer Choices	Responses
I Don't Have School-Aged Children	94.62% 211
Home School	0.90% 2
Charter School	0.90% 2
Parochial School	3.59% 8
Total Respondents: 223	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Haslett	11/4/2016 2:16 PM
2	Five attended ELPS , probably would not now	11/4/2016 12:58 PM
3	Apple Tree Preschool	11/4/2016 12:48 PM
4	My oldest is 3 years old. Not in school yet!	11/4/2016 12:34 PM
5	Montessori Radmoor (you're making me click on an option above, but there's no "private school" option)	11/2/2016 8:05 PM
6	We had three sons in ELPS; all have graduated.	10/25/2016 7:37 AM
7	I do have 3 grand daughters currently school of choice in EL	10/22/2016 8:05 AM
8	2 Adult children. Both were K-12 East Lansing students.	10/20/2016 3:01 PM
9	Haslett	10/19/2016 4:05 PM
10	graduates of ELPS	10/19/2016 3:22 PM
11	graduated	10/19/2016 1:56 PM
12	My children attended ELPS. They are now grown.	10/19/2016 10:53 AM

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13	Private: I tried to answer in this box, but it would not let me.	10/19/2016 9:32 AM
14	both graduated with honors in 2006	10/15/2016 1:28 PM
15	School of choice in Lansing	10/14/2016 11:12 PM
16	I dont have children	10/14/2016 8:50 AM
17	Will be Marble Elementary School	10/13/2016 7:52 AM
18	Both of our children are under 3 years old.	10/12/2016 2:30 PM
19	My daughter will be attending ELPS next year, she is 4 now	10/12/2016 11:41 AM
20	My son graduated from ELHS this past June.	10/11/2016 8:21 AM
21	I have pre-kindergarten children	10/10/2016 9:27 AM
22	Daycare	10/10/2016 8:21 AM
23	Okemos	10/9/2016 1:41 PM
24	Daughter will attend Glencairn next year	10/8/2016 8:48 PM
25	Preschool, will be entering Pinecrest in 2017	10/7/2016 8:18 PM

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Q3 What changes or programs would you like to see in order to consider ELPS?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 948

#	Responses	Date
1	Higher school rating. More acceptance of school of choice students	11/4/2016 2:16 PM
2	Quality NEIGHBORHOOD schools - with academic foundations PRIMARY	11/4/2016 12:58 PM
3	I would have loved for my son to be able to attend public preschool but despite qualifying for it, he did not get in because it was already full.	11/4/2016 12:48 PM
4	Less School of choice kids	11/4/2016 12:42 PM
5	Children attended ELPS	11/4/2016 11:04 AM
6	NA	11/3/2016 2:50 PM
7	Strong AP curriculum	11/3/2016 12:42 PM
8	a real STEAM school, not just scattered pieces	11/3/2016 9:41 AM
9	NA	11/2/2016 9:24 PM
10	lower teacher-student ratio, more interdisciplinary learning, more science, geography, & history for lower elementary, less emphasis scripted reading programs & standardized teaching preparation, a student-driven curriculum that includes differentiation	11/2/2016 8:05 PM
11	Strengthen what you already have by promoting TEACHER-driven initiatives. Teachers are the heart and soul of any school district. They're the educational professionals working with our children on a daily basis and, thus, the best resources for identifying areas of improvement and designing effective solutions. Likewise, don't waste precious general fund dollars (including savings from multiple years of employees' salary/benefits concessions) on misguided projects that will severely degrade the long-term finances and overall educational efficacy of this district. For example, insisting on re-opening an elementary school at all costs, even if undesired by the community at-large.	10/30/2016 3:31 PM
12	Our children graduated from ELPS	10/27/2016 1:34 PM
13	I am concerned about overcrowding of elementary schools to "save money." I don't see ELPS working for the betterment of students, but for the support of wealthy and vocal neighborhoods.	10/26/2016 8:41 AM
14	New elementary schools	10/25/2016 9:36 AM
15	N/A	10/23/2016 10:18 PM
16	vocational choices	10/23/2016 8:04 PM
17	Early childhood	10/20/2016 7:46 PM
18	Administrative cohesiveness	10/20/2016 4:12 PM
19	I would like to see ELPS hire candidates that are experienced and knowledgeable about teaching children of color. ELPS gives nothing but lip service when this issue is discussed. We are a diverse community and the school staff should match the student population.	10/20/2016 2:58 AM
20	NA	10/19/2016 10:52 PM
21	Public free preschool, STEAM magnet school	10/19/2016 9:20 PM
22	Broader focus on all students	10/19/2016 4:05 PM
23	When my daughter was school-aged I would like to have seen a Montessori option	10/19/2016 3:35 PM
24	n/a	10/19/2016 2:49 PM
25	more comprehensive plan that someone doesn't change their mind on one year later	10/19/2016 1:56 PM
26	More emphasis on math and language skills. Also basics like science and history. I taught at MSU for 32 years and these skills have uniformly declined during the time I observed students.	10/19/2016 10:39 AM
27	Increased academic rigor, fewer standardized tests.	10/19/2016 9:38 AM

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28	Re-opening our neighborhood school	10/19/2016 9:32 AM
29	n/a	10/18/2016 4:34 PM
30	ELPS are good	10/18/2016 10:53 AM
31	Younger kids start day first, older kids later.	10/17/2016 10:20 PM
32	NA	10/17/2016 8:46 PM
33	If I was in the position, I would like to see the districting of elementary schools be reasonable for traveling to/from school, and that grade and boundary changes stopped being changed. Never put a single grade in a school by itself, and leave the boundaries of whatever kind of school line-up is decided upon (i.e., K - 5 or K - 6, and 6 - 8 or 7 - 8 for line-up, and physical addresses/neighborhoods making up boundaries) ALONE. STOP CHANGING THEM BACK AND FORTH! Not much of a sense of community in these "community schools" can be developed if these continue to be switched back and forth every year or two (or at all).	10/17/2016 3:18 PM
34	Reopen Red Cedar school	10/17/2016 2:38 PM
35	higher enrollment	10/17/2016 2:01 PM
36	N/A	10/17/2016 8:23 AM
37	more classes or programs to help low achievers	10/15/2016 1:28 PM
38	Improved support of students who are struggling.	10/14/2016 11:12 PM
39	gifted and talented programs for extra stimulation	10/14/2016 11:36 AM
40	N/a	10/14/2016 8:50 AM
41	Stop closing and reopening schools in your district. The instability suggests poor management.	10/13/2016 9:35 PM
42	STEAM programs, International Baccalaureate program, early childhood development	10/13/2016 1:59 PM
43	Lower level of school of choice students	10/13/2016 11:47 AM
44	Preschool, magnet school/focused schools, balanced calendar	10/13/2016 10:00 AM
45	I would like to see more IT and integration of students to workplace experiences	10/13/2016 7:52 AM
46	much improved academics to be leading in the state once again	10/12/2016 6:17 PM
47	I would like to see significant academic improvement in state rankings. The % of school of choice is a concern due to the high property taxes in the area and the declining performance of the schools.	10/12/2016 2:30 PM
48	not familiar with current programs	10/12/2016 11:41 AM
49	preschool and language in elementary	10/11/2016 1:21 PM
50	ELPL needs to update existing buildings and focus on EL families; STOP revisiting the Red Cedar issue and STOP school of choice!!	10/10/2016 6:24 PM
51	Continue to fund technology.	10/10/2016 5:51 PM
52	Please resume educational programs at Red Cedar School. Preschool? Montessori? Traditional elementary?	10/10/2016 1:22 PM
53	Would like to see more physical activity and less homework	10/10/2016 9:27 AM
54	Reduce the number of non property tax paying students attending the ELPS. The state aid these stuents bring does cover the infrastucture costs of these added students	10/10/2016 7:56 AM
55	na	10/9/2016 10:15 PM
56	Gifted programs	10/9/2016 7:54 PM
57	n/a	10/9/2016 5:12 PM
58	Smaller class sizes; K-5 Montessori	10/9/2016 1:41 PM
59	I would like to see the board focusing on improving the current buildings and not reopen red cedar school. I think it promotes longterm stability for students and less turmoil in the community. In addition I think that class sizes need to be reevaluated and additional paraprofessionals hired to help teachers.	10/9/2016 10:32 AM
60	Open Red Cedar	10/8/2016 4:34 PM
61	Significant improvement in the Donley elementary school	10/8/2016 4:05 PM

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62	Languages	10/8/2016 12:55 PM
63	My children are all grown and all attended ELPS	10/8/2016 12:25 PM
64	Better facilities, smaller class sizes, a united, functional school board	10/8/2016 9:45 AM
65	Student performance to be in the top percentiles of the state.	10/7/2016 11:21 PM
66	ELPS seems wholly dedicated to the daily-changing fads of the religion of progressive secularism. As I don't share that religion, if we had children I would seek to educate them elsewhere.	10/7/2016 8:17 PM
67	More STEAM approaches at the elementary level. Especially engineering education	10/7/2016 4:07 PM
68	None	10/7/2016 3:18 PM
69	Updated technology, media, learning space & specialized resources for ESL and Special Needs students.	10/7/2016 12:52 PM

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Q4 Why did you choose to enroll your child(ren) elsewhere?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 962

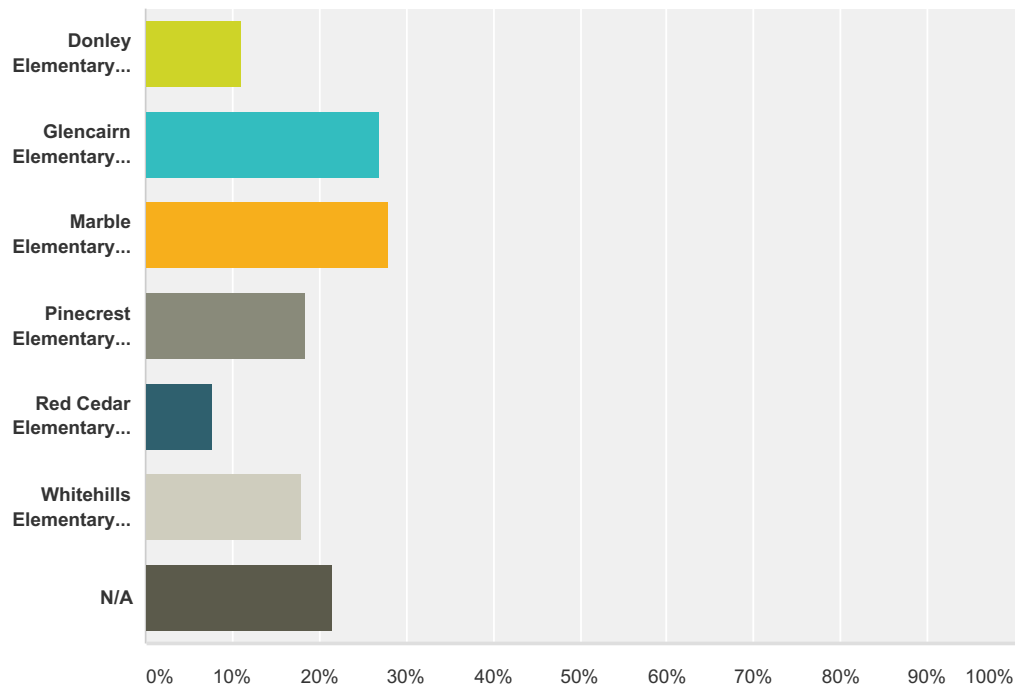
#	Responses	Date
1	Stronger school rating	11/4/2016 2:16 PM
2	I w I would likely move children and probably residence to less divisive community.	11/4/2016 12:58 PM
3	He did not get in because it was too full. (I check marked "parochial school" because it wouldn't let me continue to the next page without checking something even though I filled in the box)	11/4/2016 12:48 PM
4	NA	11/3/2016 2:50 PM
5	NA	11/2/2016 9:24 PM
6	see above	11/2/2016 8:05 PM
7	in the past, diversity	11/2/2016 7:52 PM
8	My wife and I purchased a home in East Lansing ten years ago primarily because we expected our future children to attend the great neighborhood schools here. We now have two children aged 3 1/2 years and 6 months, respectively. Instead of excitement about our oldest starting his first year in the ELPS soon, the misplaced priorities and flawed decision-making from the current school board have made us consider what was once unthinkable: utilizing school-of-choice to send him to an adjacent district whose elected leadership clearly values the education of ALL students and treats their staff and faculty with the respect concordant with their crucial role in our children's lives.	10/30/2016 3:31 PM
9	Our children graduated from ELPS	10/27/2016 1:34 PM
10	I don't believe ELPS is considering all children. Open enrollment benefits our students by bringing in money and providing diversity. I don't want my children attending overcrowded schools.	10/26/2016 8:41 AM
11	Did not.	10/25/2016 9:36 AM
12	N/A	10/23/2016 10:18 PM
13	my children attended E.Lan HS	10/23/2016 8:04 PM
14	Better reputation, unified goals, academic achievement	10/20/2016 4:12 PM
15	See above. Black children are treated very differently in ELPS, especially at Pinecrest. Pinecrest has suffered from an inexperienced administration for years. The staff should have been mixed up with the re configuration. Most of the teachers have no experience with students of color or students that come to school ready to learn. They do not work with kids who are performing above grade level.	10/20/2016 2:58 AM
16	NA	10/19/2016 10:52 PM
17	N/A	10/19/2016 9:20 PM
18	Better education	10/19/2016 4:05 PM
19	Wanted a Montessori education, concerned about bullying and large administration in public schools	10/19/2016 3:35 PM
20	n/a	10/19/2016 2:49 PM
21	After Kindergarten, my son did school of choice in OKemos - there was no plan for kids who could already read, etc.	10/19/2016 1:56 PM
22	Lived outside the district while children were school-aged	10/19/2016 12:36 PM
23	NA. Both my children were in the East Lansing schools.	10/19/2016 10:39 AM
24	no neighborhood school	10/19/2016 9:32 AM
25	n/a	10/18/2016 4:34 PM
26	I did not !	10/18/2016 10:53 AM
27	NA	10/17/2016 8:46 PM
28	Live elsewhere	10/17/2016 6:38 PM

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29	Mine have graduated, but if I were in the position again, community and strength and abilities of teachers and the administrators supporting them would be high on the list. We had some great ones throughout K - 12, and some lousy ones.	10/17/2016 3:18 PM
30	reputation	10/17/2016 2:01 PM
31	N/A	10/17/2016 8:23 AM
32	because of diversity and preforming arts programs	10/15/2016 1:28 PM
33	She was failing her classes, and we couldn't get the help she needed	10/14/2016 11:12 PM
34	N/a	10/14/2016 8:50 AM
35	n/a	10/13/2016 1:59 PM
36	Disruptive environment at ELPS from school of choice students	10/13/2016 11:47 AM
37	N/A	10/13/2016 7:52 AM
38	We are currently deciding between Okemos and East Lansing. All word of mouth and online searches unfortunately point us towards Okemos but we are hoping to hear/find better news. I am an ELHS alumni and would prefer to support this district and live in this community.	10/12/2016 2:30 PM
39	Will likely go with ELPS though my husband has considered Montessori for her	10/12/2016 11:41 AM
40	Still in day care	10/10/2016 9:27 AM
41	Both of our now adult children spent their entire K-12 years in the ELPS District	10/10/2016 7:56 AM
42	na	10/9/2016 10:15 PM
43	Did not feel like my child or thoughts mattered when we met with EL school personnel	10/9/2016 8:59 PM
44	n/a	10/9/2016 5:12 PM
45	Better central admin; smaller class sizes; Montessori program	10/9/2016 1:41 PM
46	Na	10/9/2016 10:32 AM
47	Not born yet! But I have heard not great things about Donley, so we are looking elsewhere for when we do have kids	10/8/2016 4:05 PM
48	My children are all grown and all attended ELPS	10/8/2016 12:25 PM
49	Child will start kindergarten in 2017	10/8/2016 9:45 AM
50	Our older son was in the first 6th grade class that returned to McDonald. We did not think the school or the faculty were prepared, we continued to hear negative things about the environment there, and didn't want our kids there.	10/8/2016 9:17 AM
51	Lack of cooperation between the school board, school administration, and the EL community only.	10/7/2016 11:21 PM
52	na	10/7/2016 4:07 PM
53	N/A	10/7/2016 3:18 PM
54	Our son attended ELPS from 1st - 12th grades. Pinecrest, Hannah, McDonald, and ELHS. We were generally pleased with the school system.	10/7/2016 2:38 PM
55	I didn't. All three of our children attended ELPS from kindergarten through 12th grade, & graduated.	10/7/2016 12:52 PM

Q5 Please select the building(s) which your child(ren) attend(s/ed).

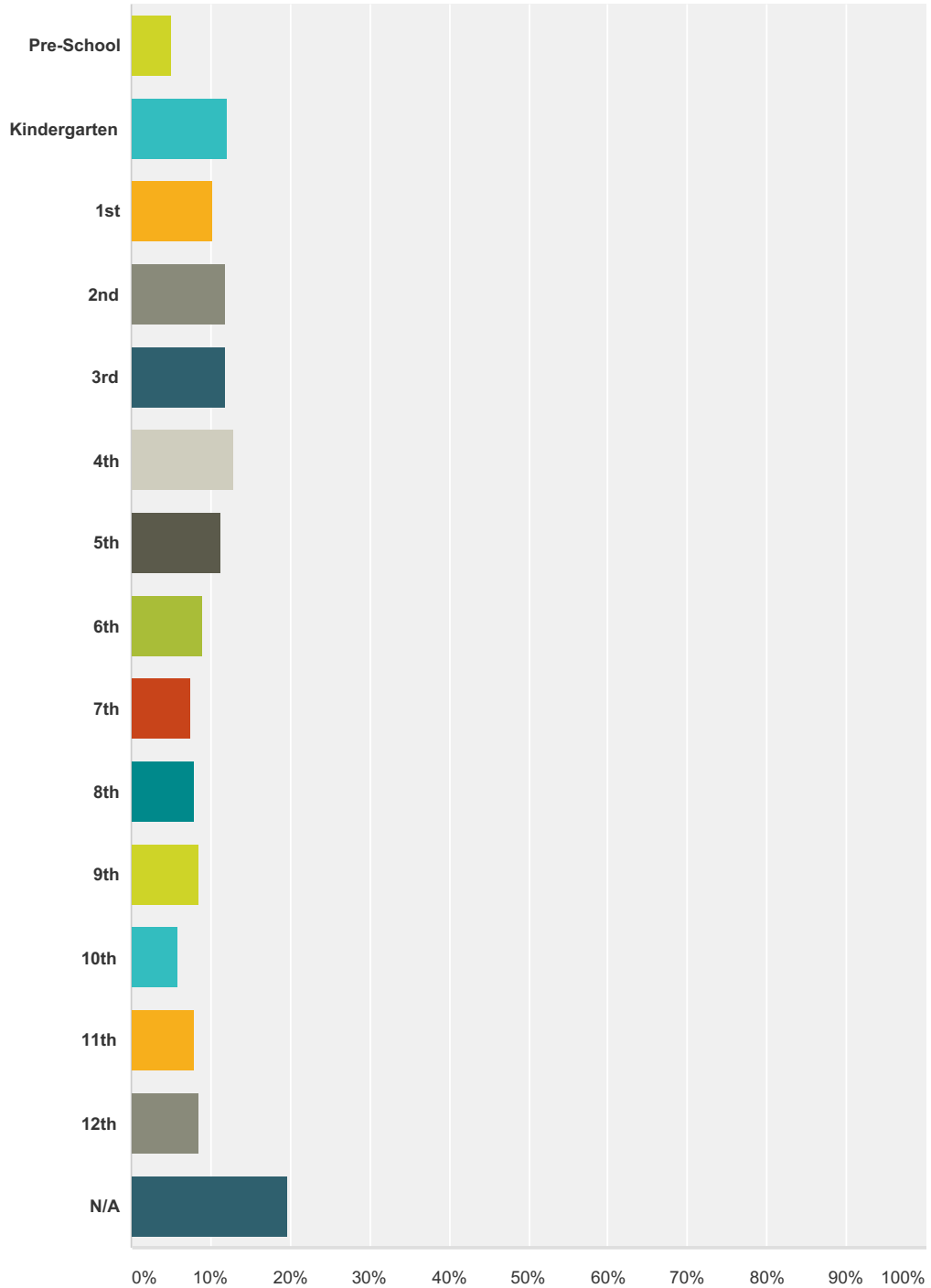
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Donley Elementary School	11.09%	103
Glencairn Elementary School	27.02%	251
Marble Elementary School	27.99%	260
Pinecrest Elementary School	18.41%	171
Red Cedar Elementary School (closed in 2014)	7.64%	71
Whitehills Elementary School	17.87%	166
N/A	21.42%	199
Total Respondents: 929		

Q6 Please select the grade(s) which your child(ren) will be in for the 2016-17 school year.

Answered: 929 Skipped: 88



Answer Choices	Responses
Pre-School	4.95% 46

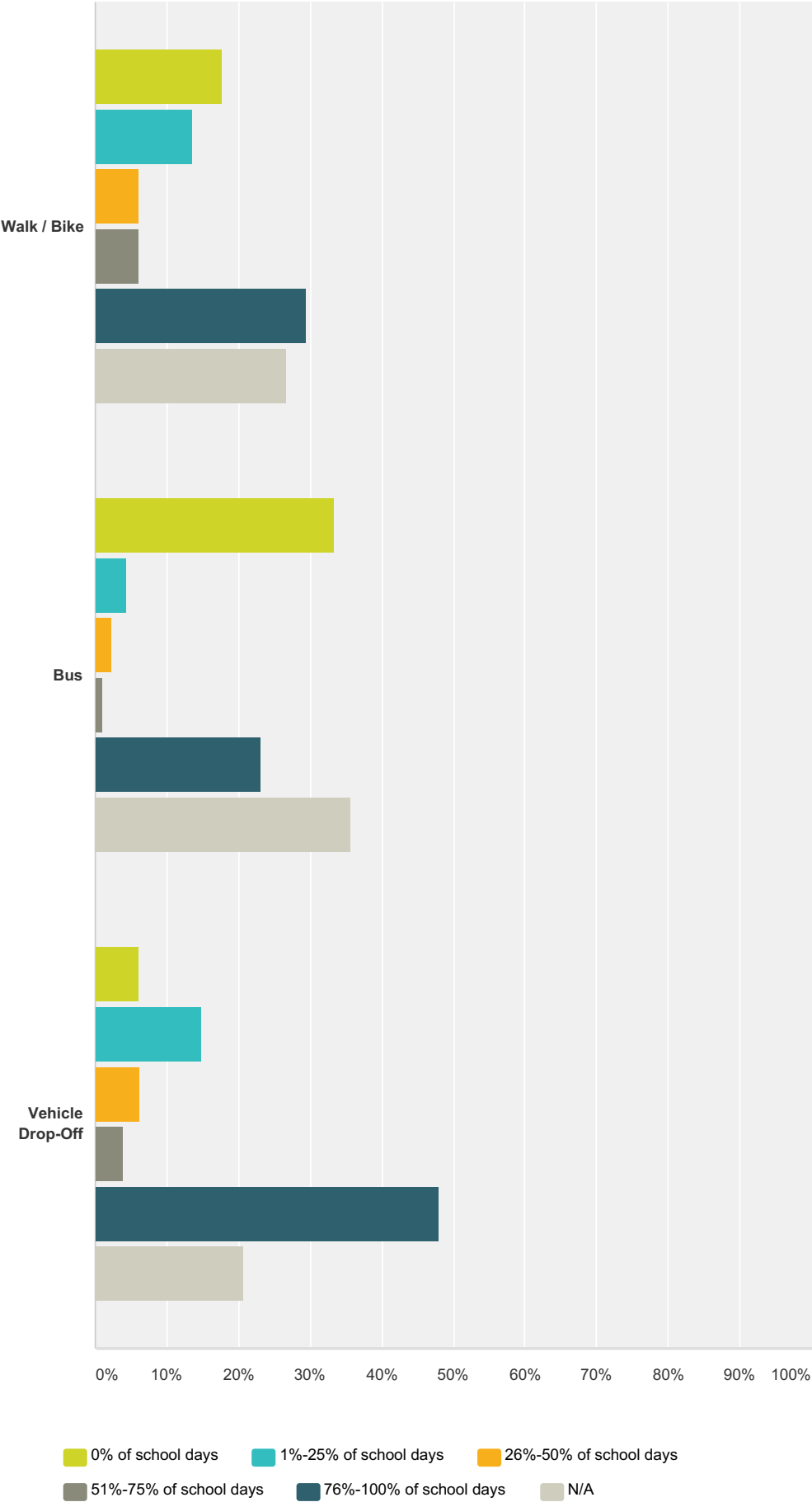
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Kindergarten	12.06%	112
1st	10.23%	95
2nd	11.95%	111
3rd	11.95%	111
4th	13.02%	121
5th	11.30%	105
6th	8.93%	83
7th	7.53%	70
8th	7.97%	74
9th	8.61%	80
10th	5.81%	54
11th	7.97%	74
12th	8.50%	79
N/A	19.59%	182
Total Respondents: 929		

Q7 How does your child(ren) get to school each morning?

Answered: 825 Skipped: 192

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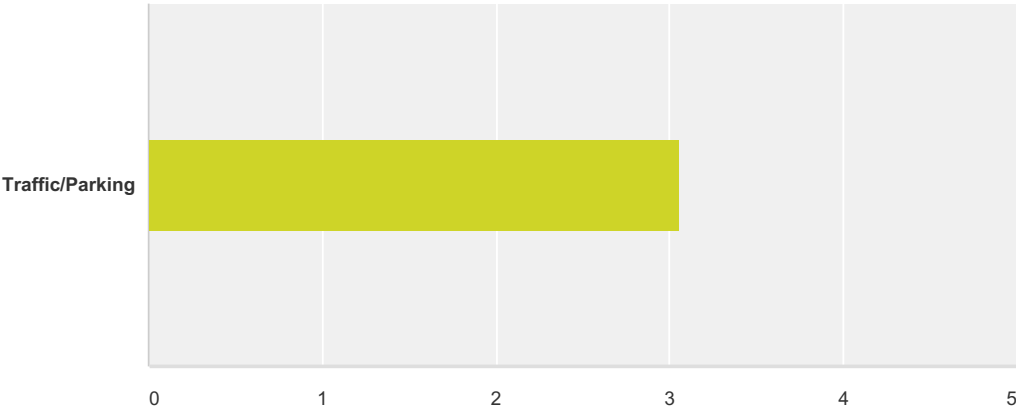


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	0% of school days	1%-25% of school days	26%-50% of school days	51%-75% of school days	76%-100% of school days	N/A	Total
Walk / Bike	17.75% 104	13.65% 80	6.14% 36	6.14% 36	29.52% 173	26.79% 157	586
Bus	33.46% 172	4.28% 22	2.33% 12	0.97% 5	23.15% 119	35.80% 184	514
Vehicle Drop-Off	6.15% 43	14.88% 104	6.29% 44	4.01% 28	48.07% 336	20.60% 144	699

Q8 Please rank traffic flow and parking during morning drop off.

Answered: 825 Skipped: 192

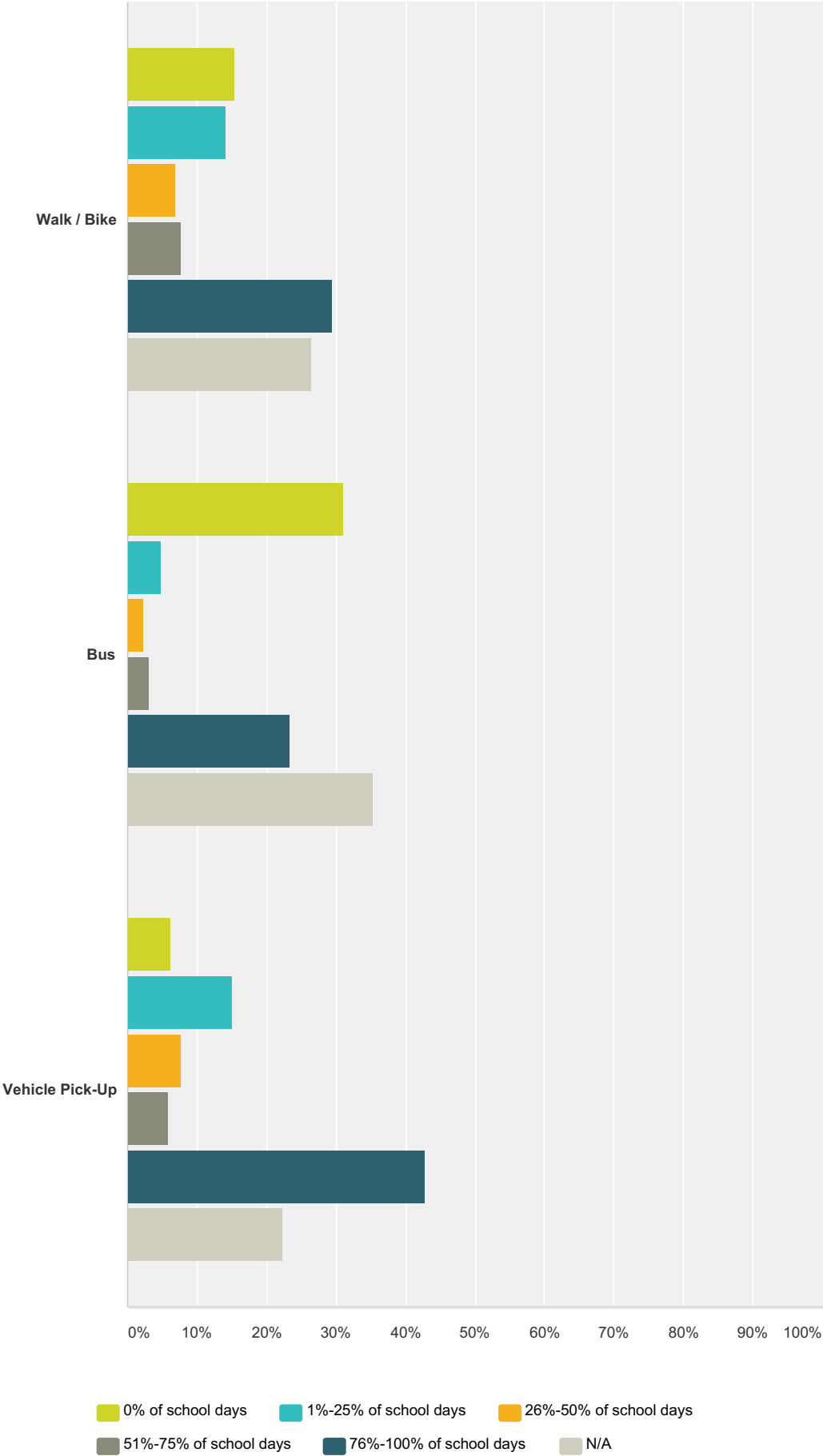


	1 - Unacceptable / Unsafe	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A or No Comment	Total	Weighted Average
Traffic/Parking	7.64% 63	15.52% 128	23.27% 192	20.00% 165	7.64% 63	25.94% 214	825	3.06

**Q9 How does your child(ren) leave school
each afternoon?**

Answered: 825 Skipped: 192

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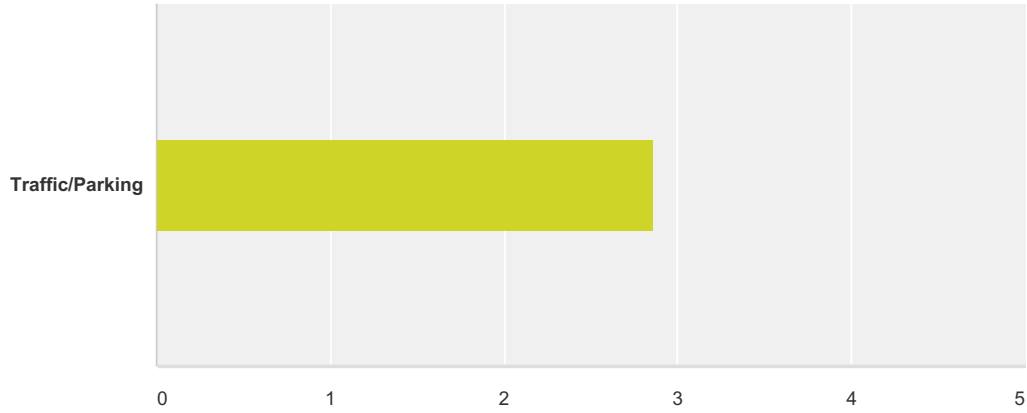


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	0% of school days	1%-25% of school days	26%-50% of school days	51%-75% of school days	76%-100% of school days	N/A	Total
Walk / Bike	15.42% 93	14.10% 85	6.80% 41	7.63% 46	29.52% 178	26.53% 160	603
Bus	31.12% 164	4.74% 25	2.28% 12	3.23% 17	23.34% 123	35.29% 186	527
Vehicle Pick-Up	6.22% 42	15.11% 102	7.70% 52	5.78% 39	42.81% 289	22.37% 151	675

Q10 Please rank traffic flow and parking during afternoon pick up.

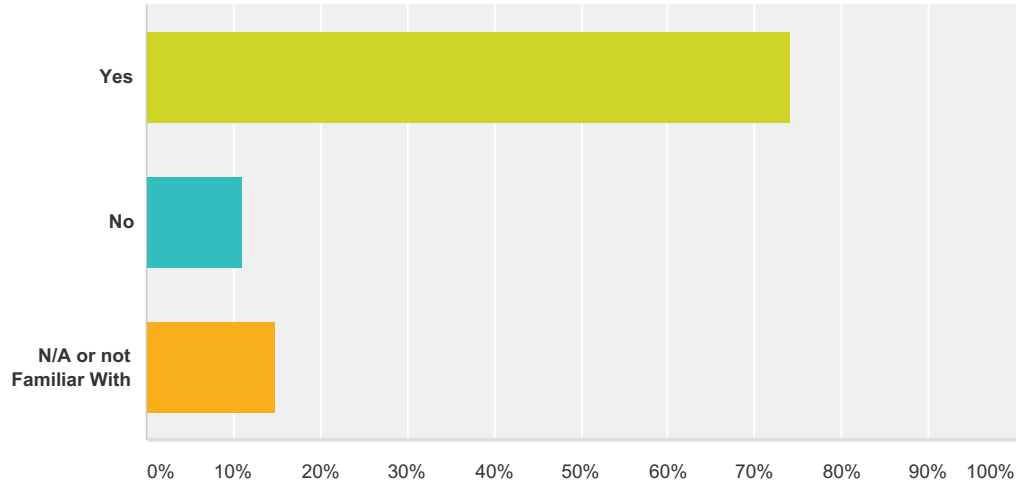
Answered: 825 Skipped: 192



	1 - Unacceptable / Unsafe	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A or No Comment	Total	Weighted Average
Traffic/Parking	9.94% 82	16.73% 138	19.76% 163	13.94% 115	6.67% 55	32.97% 272	825	2.86

Q11 Would you support site improvements in order to address pedestrian and vehicle traffic challenges?

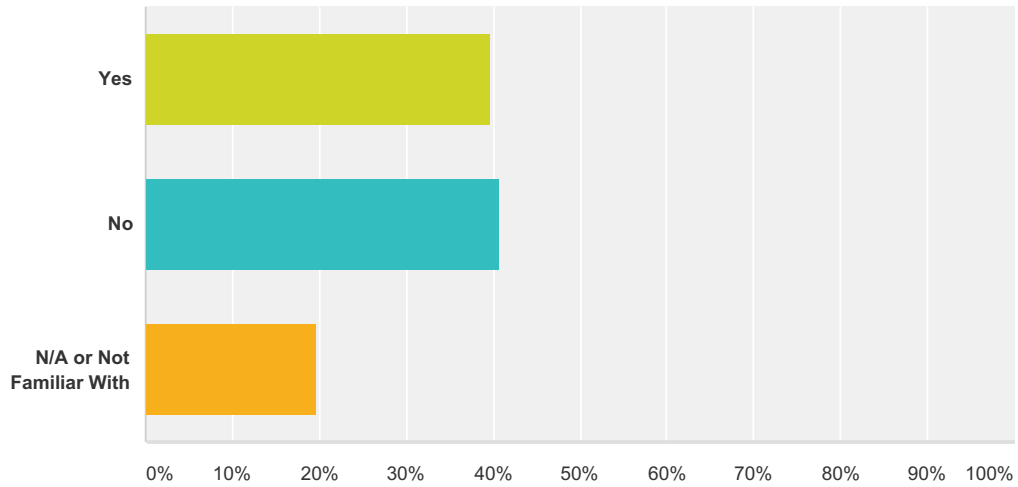
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	74.18%	612
No	11.03%	91
N/A or not Familiar With	14.79%	122
Total		825

Q12 Is there sufficient event parking?

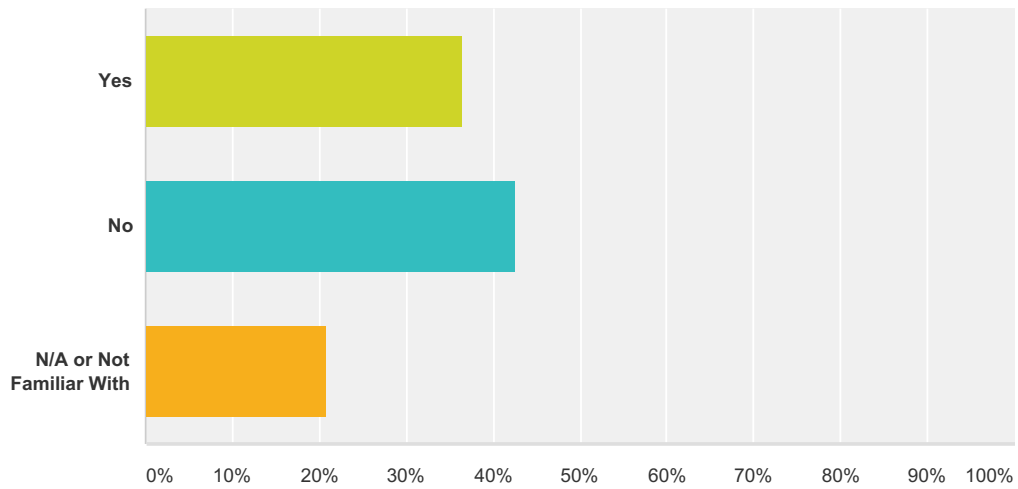
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	39.76%328
No	40.61%335
N/A or Not Familiar With	19.64%162
Total	825

Q13 Is there sufficient pickup/drop offparking?

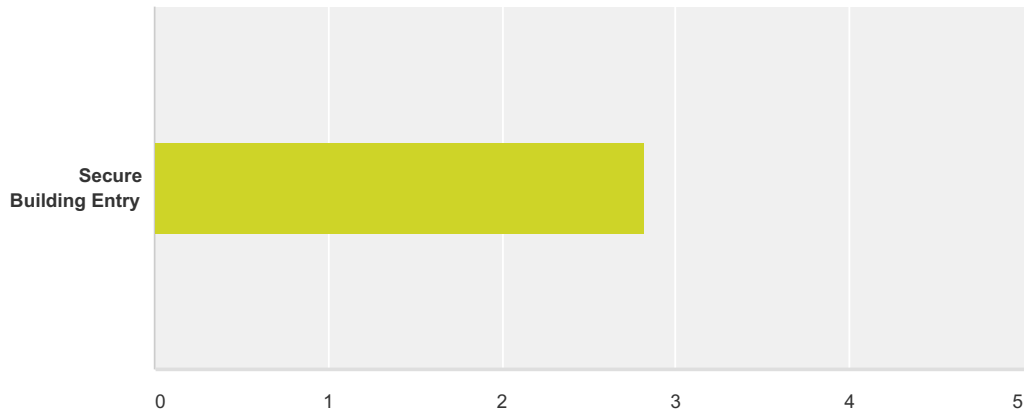
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	36.48%	301
No	42.67%	352
N/A or Not Familiar With	20.85%	172
Total		825

Q14 Rank the need for secure building entry at your child's school.

Answered: 825 Skipped: 192



	1 - Current Entry Acceptable	2	3	4	5 - Secure Entry Needed	N/A or No Comment	Total	Weighted Average
Secure Building Entry	29.21% 241	10.18% 84	12.85% 106	11.03% 91	21.21% 175	15.52% 128	825	2.82

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Q15 What is your biggest security concern?

Answered: 442 Skipped: 575

#	Responses	Date
1	Access to high school building is too easy.	11/4/2016 8:47 PM
2	The front doors are not locked during the day. Anyone can just walk into school.	11/4/2016 7:39 PM
3	None at this time	11/4/2016 7:00 PM
4	People can walk in and not check in at the office. Not secure at all.	11/4/2016 6:03 PM
5	Depressed child/child in crisis acting out	11/4/2016 5:55 PM
6	People can enter the buildings without the office being aware.	11/4/2016 4:12 PM
7	It's very easy for anyone to enter the building in the morning when children are entering and also during B&A after school.	11/4/2016 2:45 PM
8	There is no proof of identification requested for picking up a child early. I have picked up my child and was not asked to show proof of ID, despite not being familiar to office staff.	11/4/2016 2:35 PM
9	Making children hide in the building during lock down drills. This is just a procedure complaint and has nothing to do w/ facilities.	11/4/2016 1:57 PM
10	I think we all worry about a crazy person with a gun hurting our children and teachers/staff.	11/4/2016 1:09 PM
11	Forcing local young students to attend schools outside their neighborhood area.	11/4/2016 1:06 PM
12	MacDonald MS: Parents not pulling up at drop off. Parents not slowing down as children cross from parking lot to building. Glencairn: traffic backing up Harrison Rd. People leaving their parked cars in the pick up lane. Northlawn should be ONE WAY during pick up hours, the same as it is at Pinecrest. ELHS: there should be a sidewalk from Burcham Rd., down the entire drive to the night entrance. Forcing students to walk on that entrance road is SO DANGEROUS! In the fall it is dark, in the winter it is snowy.	11/4/2016 1:05 PM
13	The pick up and drop off at MMS is unsafe for all involved (cars, bikes, pedestrians). It's a shame that transportation issues were neither explored nor addressed when the decision was made to move 6th grade to MMS.	11/4/2016 12:58 PM
14	I am concerned that it is difficult for office staff to clearly see the main entrance to the school (this entrance is freely open throughout the day).	11/4/2016 12:56 PM
15	Shootings.	11/4/2016 12:50 PM
16	Usually the only unlocked door is the one by the main office. The main office doesn't always have a direct view of who is coming and going and is usually bustling in the morning and afternoon.	11/4/2016 12:50 PM
17	Don't have any.	11/4/2016 12:48 PM
18	Office easily bypassed.	11/4/2016 12:45 PM
19	Traffic on Harrison Road	11/4/2016 12:37 PM
20	Not overly concerned, but better entrances with more visibility would be helpful	11/4/2016 11:25 AM
21	Number of adults accessing the school via doors intended for student use during morning arrival.	11/3/2016 9:49 PM
22	N/A	11/3/2016 2:52 PM
23	Not a constant concern but in the back of my mind I worry that anybody could enter the school at any given time and not even be noticed immediately	11/3/2016 2:42 PM
24	Unauthorized people in the building. No way to know if someone entered that does not belong in the building.	11/3/2016 1:45 PM
25	Sidewalks are needed for pedestrians walking from Burcham into the high school from the main entrance. We need sidewalks on one side or the other or both sides of that driveway, either along the tennis courts or across the drive along the school property boundary. Our children walk to school and I do not want them following the path from Grove Street after dark.	11/3/2016 1:14 PM
26	Control over who is entering and exiting the building.	11/3/2016 9:53 AM
27	Aggressive, dysfunctional students.	11/3/2016 9:45 AM

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28	From what I've observed at the 4 different ELPS schools our children attend/have attended, it is fairly easy to just walk in to a school building. If one were then so inclined, bypassing the visitor registration at the main office would not pose a significant challenge. All of the families in the district seem to be very conscientious. I worry about those that have little to no vested interest in our district, school, and children.	11/3/2016 9:42 AM
29	Most of the elementary schools including Donley have guests walking past the office rather than traveling through the office before getting to classroom space. The point of contact by public should be direct rather than coming into a hall next to secretary and administrators office.	11/3/2016 9:36 AM
30	Anyone can walk in front door at Pinecrest, it's not monitored.	11/3/2016 9:13 AM
31	vehicle traffic and pedestrians	11/3/2016 9:08 AM
32	Both at Pinecrest and Glencairn - the offices are off to the side and although I always find the office and head there first - there is absolutely nothing stopping any random person from walking in and straight past the office without anyone knowing.	11/3/2016 8:43 AM
33	High school open campus. Should be closed during entire day.	11/3/2016 8:32 AM
34	Students with emotional or mental issues	11/3/2016 8:29 AM
35	None	11/2/2016 9:28 PM
36	Proper screening of visitors	11/2/2016 6:57 PM
37	The number of entrances to Donley are a security concern.	11/2/2016 10:56 AM
38	Easy entry	11/2/2016 6:08 AM
39	There is no one manning the school so anyone can walk right past the office.	11/1/2016 11:06 AM
40	none	10/31/2016 1:45 PM
41	None	10/30/2016 7:24 PM
42	Concerns about our children having to navigate the traffic congestion when walking to their school.	10/30/2016 3:37 PM
43	My student was scared of the closest stall in the bathroom by the lunchroom because it was dark.	10/30/2016 1:35 PM
44	Fire truck access at ELHS.	10/30/2016 1:16 PM
45	The gate to black top is broke, wind blows open, The door to kindergarten is normally stuck open rubs on cement.	10/30/2016 12:02 AM
46	High school entry not secure. Can enter building and avoid main office	10/28/2016 6:03 PM
47	High school entry is not secure. People can enter and avoid the main office.	10/28/2016 5:55 PM
48	The middle school is the only school that has a properly secure entrance. Other schools should be designed like MMS	10/28/2016 10:05 AM
49	Entrances other than the one by the office.	10/28/2016 7:00 AM
50	cyber	10/27/2016 5:24 PM
51	In the elementary schools. It appears that all visitors have to enter through the main building, which is a good idea, however, although that is the only entry, unfortunately, in today's environment we should likely consider adding a secured entry lobby. Visitors would need to wait for a school official to gain access beyond the full building	10/27/2016 1:39 PM
52	Locker room security. I think there should be a swipe system and athletes would get a card so it could be tracked if something is stolen during a specific time.	10/27/2016 11:34 AM
53	So many doors at high school that are easy to enter all day and night.	10/27/2016 11:32 AM
54	None	10/27/2016 11:30 AM
55	Crazy people doing crazy things.	10/27/2016 11:03 AM
56	None	10/27/2016 9:50 AM
57	Anyone could walk in the main door - the secretary can't possibly see all the people entering.	10/26/2016 9:44 AM
58	Car-pedestrian accidents	10/25/2016 9:59 PM
59	Buildings do not have secure entrances.	10/25/2016 8:13 PM
60	Transportation around MMS is a joke. Is a bond going to fix that?	10/25/2016 7:00 PM
61	Walking near the middle school in the morning is dangerous. When bring my kids to B&A, and have to walk them through the MMS drop off is a mess. A ridiculous mess.	10/25/2016 2:57 PM

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62	I really have little concern about building security.	10/25/2016 12:11 PM
63	Children leaving without school knowledge	10/25/2016 9:38 AM
64	Kids or others with guns entering the school and shooting people.	10/25/2016 7:50 AM
65	Elementary schools need security updates like the middle school. My kids walked to school almost every day when they attended Glencairn. Now my Senior drives she and my Freshman to school. Middle schooler takes the bus. If bike lanes were safer on Burcham would let my kids ride but too many student/ car accidents for me to be comfortable with my middle schooler riding Burcham until bike lane updates are done.	10/24/2016 9:03 PM
66	Don't have any.	10/23/2016 10:20 PM
67	visitor access	10/23/2016 8:08 PM
68	crossing the streets around school , the amount of parents pick up school of choice children increase they doesn't care for the security , blocking access to school.	10/23/2016 6:32 PM
69	It is important to assure only those who should have access to our schools are able to get in.	10/23/2016 6:19 PM
70	Lockdown before school hours-the procedure this school year (2016-2017) was not to standards. I have been a teacher in another district for 14 years & I was not pleased how the B&A staff was told to allow B&A parents & children in, yet the staff of the building could not get in using their key fobs. I do not feel this was safe!	10/23/2016 4:57 PM
71	Open access of offices to outside.	10/23/2016 3:25 PM
72	Bullying among students.	10/23/2016 2:16 PM
73	Anyone can walk right into the building, and we're expecting the school secretary or principal to stop unwanted entrants? This seems like an absurd system. I'd like to see something a little more rigorous. Swipe cards for parents, perhaps.	10/22/2016 10:52 PM
74	Building intruder/ active shooter.	10/22/2016 1:20 PM
75	no guns in public places	10/22/2016 8:13 AM
76	Drivers not stopping	10/21/2016 6:28 PM
77	I drive or bike in the area. Waiting for Marble cars park in the lot but also on both sides of Lexington. This isn't safe for anyone. Can cars only park on one side of Lexington or in the lot?	10/21/2016 4:56 PM
78	none	10/21/2016 4:17 AM
79	Entry during the school day. Anyone could walk in and go right past the office to the cafeteria or classrooms.	10/20/2016 9:39 PM
80	Knowing someone is at the helm leading in the decision making about the safety and welfare of children	10/20/2016 4:15 PM
81	Permitting parents to freely enter the school building in the morning seems counter to the goal of a locked down campus. I understand the need for this the first couple weeks of school and/or at times to address an issue with the teacher or principals office, but most parents are just walking kids to lockers which seems unnecessary and provides a security risk. It would be very difficult to monitor who enters and leaves with children in the current circumstance.	10/20/2016 3:14 PM
82	Propped doors at the high school	10/20/2016 10:45 AM
83	Even though all doors are locked except the door by the office, it still seems too easy for someone to just walk in the door and go where they please. There is only a sign asking them to sign in, which could be ignored, and the front office can't have their eyes on the door at all times.	10/19/2016 11:54 PM
84	Visibility of visitors to office staff, proximity of parking to major streets	10/19/2016 11:21 PM
85	Food safety, infection control, bullying, especially by principal and her staff.	10/19/2016 9:26 PM
86	Strangers entering the building.	10/19/2016 8:00 PM
87	Everyone understanding secure in place	10/19/2016 6:19 PM
88	Anyone can enter the schools at any time	10/19/2016 5:11 PM
89	People with weapons having access to buildings, children not properly supervised	10/19/2016 3:37 PM
90	No one being in the office and not seeing who enters the building	10/19/2016 2:21 PM
91	There are frequently cars racing through the neighborhoods to get their kids to school, especially on Winchester. I have frequently seen police patrol on Harrison, but not within the neighborhoods.	10/19/2016 2:07 PM
92	my son is no longer in East Lansing schools, college graduate	10/19/2016 1:58 PM

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93	Perhaps the fact that the sign-in process for visitors is slightly lax, but it doesn't concern me all too much.	10/19/2016 1:40 PM
94	Students bringing a weapon to school with the intent to use it.	10/19/2016 12:37 PM
95	At Glencairn- pick up should be in both lots- just on the side creates an unsafe backlog of cars on Harrison making it difficult for drivers- also cars are parked in north lawn across Harrison creating more backlog and unsafe walking conditions for kids	10/19/2016 12:18 PM
96	The "no gun zone" prohibition is a (political) joke, of course, and is not a serious security measure. I favor either armed police to deal with such a threat or some other rapid response means so that children are not victimized by violent people, whatever the means they use (guns, knives, etc.) to commit that violence.	10/19/2016 10:43 AM
97	Pedestrian and cyclist safety around MMS and Marble is unacceptable. It is a tragedy waiting to happen.	10/19/2016 10:05 AM
98	Unauthorized persons in the building and staff not having a way to stop them.	10/19/2016 9:44 AM
99	Turning schools into jails or something near to that. This is not good.	10/19/2016 9:40 AM
100	none	10/19/2016 9:35 AM
101	The middle school needs some supervision in the morning. Keeping the students outside does not absolve the district of the responsibility of the safety of students.	10/19/2016 9:26 AM
102	School doors are left unlocked	10/19/2016 8:25 AM
103	none	10/18/2016 11:35 PM
104	n/a	10/18/2016 4:36 PM
105	High-powered weapons. I don't see what the school can do about this.	10/18/2016 4:32 PM
106	I don't know much about how prepared Glencairn is for a security threat. I do feel the school is overcrowded which will only intensify a problem, should one occur.	10/18/2016 2:12 PM
107	my biggest concern is with drop off and pick up at glencairn, from which I live across the street. it is EXTREMELY hazardous with people parking on Harrison, complete obscuring neighborhood traffic views and the parents are very inconsiderate regarding sharing the road and moving forward. and children enter cars from the street where there is only 1 lane available for oncoming cars which cannot see because of the congestion.	10/18/2016 1:46 PM
108	No	10/17/2016 10:30 PM
109	Office staff do not have a clear vantage point. Access is still possible.	10/17/2016 9:36 PM
110	That the unexpected happen, a gunman or something not typical at EL. As things usually are, I'm not worried. It's that unexpected thing that is worrisome.	10/17/2016 4:05 PM
111	Computer hacking stealing family information	10/17/2016 2:27 PM
112	guns or weapons being brought to school	10/17/2016 11:40 AM
113	While parents/visitors are required to sign in so it is known who is in the building, there is little/no visible security at the school that would prevent someone intent on doing harm from walking right by the office and into the school at large. I suspect someone like this would not stop to sign in. I realize this is 1) An awful thing to have to worry about and 2) Very unlikely, statistically -- and yet, the concern is there.	10/17/2016 11:12 AM
114	You can walk into the high school and no one would notice. The visitors have no need to check in, despite the signs saying to do so. There is no protection from an active shooter entering the building.	10/17/2016 9:13 AM
115	The ability to just walk into the elementary schools.	10/16/2016 10:58 PM
116	None	10/16/2016 10:01 PM
117	Doors and windows are not secured. Entry into the building does not go into the office and anyone can sneak by. The secretaries need an alert button right next to them for easy access and classroom doors need a better way of being locked and secured.	10/16/2016 2:10 PM
118	Vehicles in proximity to school.	10/16/2016 1:25 PM
119	Too easy for people, unaffiliated with the school, to enter the building. The main office is too closed off - office staff cannot see who is entering the building.	10/16/2016 12:34 PM
120	Student Threat	10/16/2016 11:30 AM
121	Little to no security at MS and Elem schools	10/15/2016 1:34 PM

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122	Kids are not watched during pickup. My daughter's biological father is not to pick her up and I registered that with the school and stressed it. But they just wait in the front of the school and no one is paying attention. He could easily pick her up and no one would notice.	10/14/2016 5:49 PM
123	Strangers entering the building.	10/14/2016 4:25 PM
124	Students bringing weapons	10/14/2016 1:29 PM
125	stranger danger	10/14/2016 11:38 AM
126	I really don't have any specific security concerns. I feel my children are safe at school.	10/14/2016 10:27 AM
127	Traffic from Hagadorn. People are increasingly not paying attention during peak hours when students are crossing Hagadorn.	10/14/2016 8:51 AM
128	I'm not sure how secure the buildings are. I do agree that security is very important. Also educating the parents on where to find their kids in the event of crisis will be helpful. There should be a designated location.	10/13/2016 10:25 PM
129	Crazy people coming into the school and harming children. Anyone allowed in or near the school with any kind of weapon.	10/13/2016 8:54 PM
130	kids who are expelled still have come into the school	10/13/2016 3:34 PM
131	unmonitored entry points	10/13/2016 2:00 PM
132	One could walk in to the high school un noticed	10/13/2016 12:21 PM
133	School of choice students	10/13/2016 11:49 AM
134	I remember how they found a dead or unresponsive person at the school a couple years back. Are there cameras that monitor all of the outside spaces?	10/13/2016 11:23 AM
135	The playground perimeter is not secure at all. This could be improved with additional recess monitors as well as many improvements to the fencing around the site	10/13/2016 10:14 AM
136	These children making pranks go to far and almost hurting people	10/13/2016 9:39 AM
137	Outside entry of non-student, family, or facility entering the building without checks, monitoring, or awareness who will or will not do harm to the public in the schools.	10/13/2016 7:55 AM
138	Safety and security of my kid at school and on field trips.	10/13/2016 2:59 AM
139	I don't believe I have any serious concerns.	10/12/2016 11:53 PM
140	Anyone could walk in and not stop in the office.	10/12/2016 8:53 PM
141	people can enter and no may see them come in so they are free to roam until a person stops them and asks what is their business.	10/12/2016 6:52 PM
142	Glencairn is close to busy Saginaw street	10/12/2016 5:35 PM
143	To find the balance between drills and not de-sensitizing students so that if there is ever an emergency they will do what is needed instead of acting lackadaisical	10/12/2016 5:27 PM
144	People walking in off the street.	10/12/2016 4:56 PM
145	Weapons entering into the school buildings	10/12/2016 4:51 PM
146	My biggest security concern is picking up and dropping off when students are leaving early. Once, for example, I had to pick up my children for a medical appointment. I had communicated with both the teachers and the office staff. However, when I arrived to pick the children up. No one was in the office. I went to pick up one of my children from the classroom because we needed to go. My spouse stayed in the office. The principal then intervened and said she would call out to the playground area on the walkie talkie because our other child was at recess. No one responded outside, so I simply went to get him and we left. No one outside questioned my picking him up at all. Anyone could have come and taken any student from recess without any intervention. There simply is not enough supervision in the school building and it is very disconcerting.	10/12/2016 4:25 PM
147	Active shooter in school	10/12/2016 4:12 PM
148	Off site parking at the pavilion being used by the homeless.	10/12/2016 3:38 PM
149	The things we can't control. I think school is doing a good job.	10/12/2016 3:29 PM

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150	That we should have more bicycle racks at the elementary schools and the middle school. We are doing a disservice to elementary age students by not engaging them in safe bicycle practices. We should have bicycle safety instruction at the elementary schools so that we prepare our young people for a lifetime of safe, physical fitness and commuting as adults.	10/12/2016 3:21 PM
151	Overall, pickup/dropoff parking is sufficient. However, the utilization of the side parking lot for this effort seems incredibly unsafe to me, and there is always a back-up of cars. It seems that pick-up or drop-off from running cars should not be allowed, but rather, caregivers should be forced to park and meet children (or children instructed to walk to meet parents) unless the caregivers have a physical disability and are unable to get out of their cars.	10/12/2016 2:35 PM
152	Hope no gun or weapon in school!	10/12/2016 2:16 PM
153	You are supposed to stop at the office and sign in, but it is not enforced. I generally feel anyone could enter the building & roam about freely.	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
154	Too many doors to access buildings. How to monitor comings & goings of every visitor.	10/12/2016 1:30 PM
155	Don't have any	10/12/2016 1:29 PM
156	The balance between keeping students safe and continuing access for families.	10/12/2016 1:23 PM
157	some one get into the school	10/12/2016 12:40 PM
158	Over reaction from the school.	10/12/2016 12:09 PM
159	Burcham traffic is heavy and fast. Speeds often exceed the speed limit. Cars drive in the center lane, not just for turning. The bike lane is not respected by drivers. My kids are afraid to ride in the bike lane bc of this. Sidewalks are not the place for bikes, but my family does not feel comfortable riding in the bike lane bc of distracted/speeding/angry drivers.	10/12/2016 10:09 AM
160	The bus, the kids use inappropriate language and don't behave and is very unsafe. Our kid is afraid of ride the bus.	10/12/2016 9:49 AM
161	More a safety issue than one of security: the lack of shelter for students waiting outside before school.	10/12/2016 8:32 AM
162	That we waste money on a vestibule that could be used to improve the rest of the building.	10/12/2016 8:29 AM
163	Too many vehicles who do not obey pick up/drop off policies, and no supervision. I've seen Mr. Wells out directing drivers and students, but no other schools' principals or staff/volunteers at these areas.	10/11/2016 11:49 PM
164	Ease of entry and minimal playground supervision	10/11/2016 11:24 PM
165	Mad man shooting into school.	10/11/2016 10:35 PM
166	The front door is unlocked and there is a sign alerting people to sign in, but it is not always enforced and anyone can really walk in and go past the office without being confronted.	10/11/2016 10:25 PM
167	Traffic flow; mix of pedestrian and vehicle traffic	10/11/2016 9:58 PM
168	Unauthorized building entry	10/11/2016 9:12 PM
169	Predatory individuals entering the school.	10/11/2016 7:55 PM
170	Fighting Weapons	10/11/2016 7:28 PM
171	How the kids are trained to handle lock-downs	10/11/2016 7:02 PM
172	That someone could walk into the front door and go into a classroom and hurt the kids, like we see so often on the news. : (10/11/2016 6:57 PM
173	Visitor access to building. Seems to be okay.	10/11/2016 5:42 PM
174	The playground. I've been out there a few times and on the north side of the building, it's open and easily accessible which is concerning towards either my child leaving the playground unnoticed or unpleasant/unnecessary 'company' moving onto school grounds. I, also, haven't noticed any fences between the woods around the playground. As my child loves nature, I feel it needs to be addressed and rectified.	10/11/2016 5:07 PM
175	You can walk right past the Glencairn front office and into the school without anyone noticing or coming after you	10/11/2016 4:42 PM
176	It seems at any of the schools my child has attended despite only open doors being the main entrance you can walk in and go wherever you like in the school. There is no one that "checks" you in and if no one sees you you can just walk and do what you like.	10/11/2016 3:01 PM
177	Anybody is able to get inside.	10/11/2016 1:55 PM
178	Students knowing how to be proactive in potentially dangerous situations (i.e. being left behind in class).	10/11/2016 1:41 PM

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179	I would say accessibility is an equally big concern.	10/11/2016 1:40 PM
180	Anyone can enter any door. Kids inside open doors to strangers at any entrance door.	10/11/2016 1:39 PM
181	An active shooter entering the school	10/11/2016 12:29 PM
182	Cars flying through pick up/drop off areas	10/11/2016 12:19 PM
183	From my own experience I have had 3 people all on emergency contact form pick my children never once were they asked to show identification my children were called to the office and free to leave	10/11/2016 12:08 PM
184	unauthorized people coming into the school and/or contact with students on the playground	10/11/2016 12:04 PM
185	Do you have cameras on the areas that are difficult to monitor?	10/11/2016 11:58 AM
186	Other students.	10/11/2016 11:34 AM
187	I feel uncomfortable leaving my daughter outside of the building before school with no adults (only fifth grade safeties) present. I preferred out situation last year at Donley in which the doors were opened at 8:30 am and students were allowed to enter the building. Now, at Pinecrest, they are spread around the building and my daughter waits in a secluded area.	10/11/2016 11:31 AM
188	I am not concerned with security.	10/11/2016 11:02 AM
189	Security is not so much an issue as flow. Because my children walk or ride their bikes to school, I'll comment on that. It would be wonderful if the school would provide safe and easy bicycle parking for children and their parents. Can you put in some bike racks? It would not cost much, and it would make our lives much nicer. Right now we all lock our bikes to road signs in the grass. It is inconvenient. When the grass is dewy, their shoes get all wet walking through the grass to park their bikes, and then they have wet shoes and socks all day. And our bikes are getting all scratched up from rubbing on the poles. We love riding our bikes to school. It is super easy, and it is one less car in the parking lot. That is one reason we bought a house in the area: The children can ride bikes or walk preschool to 12th grade. I just wish we had a place to actually park our bikes at Marble. I or their Dad ride with them every time we ride to school or back home from school. Sometimes I park with them and walk them to their doors. Or when I am visiting Marble, I am on my bike. So we parents need places to park our bikes too.	10/11/2016 10:45 AM
190	The woods that abut the school grounds	10/11/2016 10:38 AM
191	Anyone could walk in the school and continue on right passed the office...	10/11/2016 10:32 AM
192	Playground supervision	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
193	None at this time.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
194	Shooter or something. Crazy people.	10/11/2016 10:14 AM
195	Ability for the public to access the playground while school is in session (kids are on the playground). Although as a community member, I like how the playground is accessible to the community out side of school hours.	10/11/2016 10:13 AM
196	That the lunchroom is so close to the entry of the building.	10/11/2016 10:08 AM
197	The concern I have is the front door is always open and I'm not sure if everyone who enters the building checks in at the main office.	10/11/2016 10:06 AM
198	My child is at B&A everyday - our drop off/pick times are different than most. It's a shame that wasn't a choice above.	10/11/2016 9:53 AM
199	A gun being brought into the school	10/11/2016 9:50 AM
200	Relatively lax monitoring at pick-up. I'm always amazed at how easy it would be for a young child to simply walk off alone.	10/11/2016 9:48 AM
201	Biking/walking to school and vehicular congestion. Decreasing congestion and encouraging more walking and biking.	10/11/2016 9:42 AM
202	Guns.	10/11/2016 9:38 AM
203	I can get in and walk around the building all by myself. If I can, others can.	10/11/2016 9:37 AM
204	Anyone can walk into the school, this is a safety concern.	10/11/2016 9:14 AM
205	None, really	10/11/2016 9:12 AM
206	Someone entering building that does not belong there	10/11/2016 9:05 AM
207	N/A	10/11/2016 8:58 AM

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208	During before school and after school care hours the doors are left unlocked and parents come and go with no clearance needed. Could a door code system be implemented? Anyone who wants to can walk into the building during these hours.	10/11/2016 8:56 AM
209	secured entrances; pedestrian and bicycle safety	10/11/2016 8:55 AM
210	Entry into the building at the elementary level	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
211	Ease in which individuals can enter the buildings and bypass the office as well as doors intentionally or unintentionally left open (kitchen? B&A?).	10/11/2016 8:49 AM
212	I have no concerns about security. East Lansing doesn't need the buzz in system as it makes kids feel like their school isn't safe when statistically, schools are safer than anywhere else.	10/11/2016 8:46 AM
213	Equal time between traffic via crosswalk between Marble and Eastminster and the fact that anyone can enter the building at any time. There should be more security at the main entrance.	10/11/2016 8:45 AM
214	Lake Lansing street access behind building	10/11/2016 8:42 AM
215	My son goes to After Care and there is nothing stopping anyone from signing him out and taking him home. We walk in, sign him out no questions asked. It seems like anyone he is willing to leave with can take him.	10/11/2016 8:39 AM
216	Effective response to student threats against other students	10/11/2016 8:38 AM
217	I do not have security concerns.	10/11/2016 8:35 AM
218	None at this time.	10/11/2016 8:33 AM
219	Strangers entering the building with out proper access permission, and not checking into the office.	10/11/2016 8:24 AM
220	Biggest security concern would be the children waiting outside in the morning unsupervised. I preferred when they were allowed to come in prior to the bell ringing and waiting in the gym.	10/11/2016 8:06 AM
221	With the location being near Harrison Road, the location of the school makes me a bit more concerned about access to outsiders.	10/11/2016 7:54 AM
222	Global warming, terrorism, public's accessibility to firearms without appropriate background checks.	10/11/2016 7:45 AM
223	The lack of separation between the playground and surrounding areas, i.e. The park off lake Lansing road that currently has a homeless man living in it.	10/11/2016 6:48 AM
224	Incredibly busy admin whose job is also to watch the main entrance	10/11/2016 5:43 AM
225	Building access to the public. Needs to be monitored closely.	10/11/2016 3:27 AM
226	Of course we all want our kids to be secure, but I am also concerned about over-reactions that make kids fearful, especially when they don't get information about what is going on (and often, about how low the risks to them are).	10/10/2016 11:53 PM
227	In this day and age Glencairn needs a safer and updated buffer zone near the entrance of the school.	10/10/2016 11:33 PM
228	Unsafe person entering building	10/10/2016 11:05 PM
229	Very busy, high speed roads right near the school	10/10/2016 11:04 PM
230	maybe the children will be hurt by the olders	10/10/2016 10:54 PM
231	no	10/10/2016 10:49 PM
232	No fence separating playground with city park area and woods - not safe as evidenced by the lockdown last week due to clown in the woods!!! The playground also backs up to a very busy portion of Lake Lansing; a fence is necessary!	10/10/2016 10:32 PM
233	Safety	10/10/2016 9:56 PM
234	None	10/10/2016 9:56 PM
235	The ability of strangers to get into building unnoticed, or child to get out unnoticed.	10/10/2016 9:53 PM
236	The front door to the school is not locked and there is no buzzer for entry. Sometimes the front desk in the office is left unattended for varying amounts of time, so there is no supervision of people entering and leaving the building.	10/10/2016 9:52 PM
237	Open campus at the high school. How can you keep track of who is even in the building?	10/10/2016 9:47 PM
238	The front door is unlocked all day, it could lead to anyone walking in and not checking into the office first.	10/10/2016 9:28 PM
239	That someone with ill intentions can walk into the building.	10/10/2016 9:28 PM
240	N/A	10/10/2016 9:17 PM

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241	Bullies and horribly behaved students.	10/10/2016 9:16 PM
242	none	10/10/2016 9:06 PM
243	Weapons	10/10/2016 9:03 PM
244	Each classroom does not have an auto lock	10/10/2016 8:48 PM
245	ISIS attack	10/10/2016 8:43 PM
246	I drop off my kid because once they get off the bus, they send the kids to the back of the school where there are no adults supervising them and any stranger may walk and pass by. We saw this happening when my kid was in Kindergarten. School should have a fence all around the playground so that no stranger might be able to pass by it.	10/10/2016 8:35 PM
247	Anyone walking into that school seeking to do harm at any time.	10/10/2016 8:28 PM
248	None	10/10/2016 8:23 PM
249	Unathorized entry-	10/10/2016 8:18 PM
250	No concerns. I think the schools do a good job.	10/10/2016 8:17 PM
251	Traffic during drop off/pick up	10/10/2016 8:17 PM
252	Doors should be locked	10/10/2016 8:06 PM
253	Open campus at lunch. Entrance/egress is not monitored. My child says it is easy for anyone to enter. The site lines of the entry prohibit anyone inside from being able to see who has entered.	10/10/2016 8:01 PM
254	To easy to walk into Pinecrest	10/10/2016 7:48 PM
255	Bullying	10/10/2016 7:48 PM
256	I have no concerns. The District is doing EVERYTHING they know to do and when and if a change needs to occur, I am certain it will occur immediately.	10/10/2016 7:47 PM
257	Overzealous police officers.	10/10/2016 7:46 PM
258	Need better security system with video. Secured building access. Alarmed doors esp for kindergarteners who have access to outer doors and can escape without any building notification.	10/10/2016 7:45 PM
259	The only dangerous point is when you enter elhs from Abbott Road and when I leave elhs and turning left to Abbott road	10/10/2016 7:32 PM
260	Safety on the bus	10/10/2016 7:25 PM
261	Lack of competence in the front office and principal positions	10/10/2016 7:22 PM
262	School shooting	10/10/2016 7:13 PM
263	Bullying - especially on buses. Some of the older kids use rude hand gestures, make homophobic comments, etc.	10/10/2016 7:12 PM
264	I do think that people should be directed through the office to gain entrance to the school. The office is very small and only accessible through the school.	10/10/2016 6:54 PM
265	Open doors that anyone can enter, concern about lone wolf attacks.	10/10/2016 6:46 PM
266	That anyone can walk in the front door, would be safer if you had to be buzzed in.	10/10/2016 6:45 PM
267	Unsecure entryway	10/10/2016 6:42 PM
268	If someone really wanted to cause harm they could go right through the office door and make their way through the school.	10/10/2016 6:42 PM
269	Traffic and location	10/10/2016 6:38 PM
270	After school pick up students at Pinecrest ,too many students come out at same door and time.	10/10/2016 6:32 PM
271	Entering elementary school buildings and checking in to the office prior is "on your honor". The buildings do not facilitate staff monitored entrance. If you choose to by pass the office it is very easy to enter any of the builds without being noticed. A secure "buzz in" model should be designed. Walk in any Waverly elementary school and try to get in the building. This isn't a new topic and has been brought up in facilities before. The meeting I was in attendance it was determined it would be to costly to redesign the entrance to the elementary buildings thus putting a price on children safety.	10/10/2016 6:30 PM
272	At Whitehills it is the proximity of the park located just north of the school and the ability for anyone to approach the playground from this park. Pick up and drop off parking and driving conditions are dangerous.	10/10/2016 6:18 PM

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273	Ability of how easy it is to enter school building throughout the day. No perimeter fencing or barriers around playground	10/10/2016 6:16 PM
274	intruders with guns, but also students who make threats (events in the last week or so)	10/10/2016 6:15 PM
275	Anybody walking in during the day	10/10/2016 6:14 PM
276	None	10/10/2016 6:07 PM
277	Just anyone can walk into Pinecrest or the high school unnoticed as I have done on many occasions.	10/10/2016 6:07 PM
278	None	10/10/2016 6:06 PM
279	People who are racist	10/10/2016 5:58 PM
280	While the front door is the only entrance, people can easily bypass it if they choose and office staff might not even see them due to poor visibility.	10/10/2016 5:57 PM
281	I think the school and staff do a wonderful job with safety and security, always putting the children first and keeping us informed of anything that happens.	10/10/2016 5:52 PM
282	That criminals have more rights than do law abiding citizens. A girls goes to school with 2 kitchen knives and a clown mask and chasing kids around and is not considered a threat. The running back on the football team is a conflicted felon with a po and failed 6 classes!! It is concerning to say the least.	10/10/2016 5:52 PM
283	Too much car traffic in front of the school is a hazard for kids walking/riding their bikes!!	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
284	Children lining up outside unsupervised at multiple doors around the building. Building close to road with no fence	10/10/2016 5:45 PM
285	There is no way to monitor who is coming into the school if they do not check into the office.	10/10/2016 5:44 PM
286	None. Schools are safe.	10/10/2016 5:44 PM
287	The building can be accessed through the main entrance without office staff being aware.	10/10/2016 5:44 PM
288	There is no key code governing entrance. Individuals can walk through both sets of entry doors and bypass the office pretty easily.	10/10/2016 5:42 PM
289	None	10/10/2016 5:38 PM
290	too many kids in school	10/10/2016 5:36 PM
291	Bullying	10/10/2016 5:36 PM
292	parking	10/10/2016 5:35 PM
293	Kids bringing weapons to school, bullying at school.	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
294	Parents get lock down, shelter in place and other alerts well after any threat. Many times my kids tell me a student was hit walking to school etc. and I never hear from the school. All alerts seem limited to only the buildings my child attends though we are a school community.	10/10/2016 5:23 PM
295	People who don't know the drop off and / or pick up procedures and thus cause problems during these times	10/10/2016 5:22 PM
296	Unlocked front doors that allow direct access into the school and classrooms. Little to no deterrent for someone looking to cause harm.	10/10/2016 5:18 PM
297	Weapons in the building	10/10/2016 5:18 PM
298	Continuing to make sure adults are helping monitor traffic, look it for kids etc	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
299	body hurting	10/10/2016 5:07 PM
300	Doors unlocked	10/10/2016 5:06 PM
301	There is no person immediately at the door to direct people to check into the office first.	10/10/2016 5:05 PM
302	ELPS does a very good job with student security	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
303	I am fairly comfortable with the current situation.	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
304	We need locked doors at ALL but one entry. That entry should have a buzzer/camera at worst and a magnetometer at best. A school shooting is just too big a threat and very common. It is the ELPS Board and Superintendent's job to protect ALL students.	10/10/2016 4:59 PM
305	N/A	10/10/2016 4:56 PM

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306	All doors should be locked even the front door. Cameras installed and people buzzed in by office once person states why they are there and then they must go directly to office and show ID	10/10/2016 4:56 PM
307	Excellent	10/10/2016 4:54 PM
308	Front door has no security. Anyone can walk in the door and the office can not see who comes in.	10/10/2016 4:53 PM
309	Coming from the UK where every person must press an intercom and identify themselves before entering an elementary school. I find security lax here.	10/10/2016 4:53 PM
310	I don't really have any - there are always going to be things that are beyond one's control and bad things can happen, but I believe people are supervising and reacting in the best way possible to support our students.	10/10/2016 4:53 PM
311	None	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
312	Pedestrian safety. Many years ago a child was killed by a car near the entrance to the school. Traffic needs to be controlled better so children can safely bike and walk to school.	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
313	Unauthorized people being able to enter a building or even remove a child from the school.	10/10/2016 4:47 PM
314	Active shooter event	10/10/2016 4:44 PM
315	To easy to access building without having to encounter staff.	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
316	People are able to enter the main doors without being required to being forced to check in at the office.	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
317	I have none	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
318	Anyone can walk in the front door and go right into the school, easily bypassing the office	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
319	traffic on Harrison road	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
320	Lack of controlled entry points Lack of mass casualty kits pre positioned in schools Lack of vehicular barriers from roads Lack of emergency door stops, Kevlar white boards & active shooter training by staff & students	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
321	The children are left unsupervised in the morning before breakfast starts. Some parents have to be at work and have no choice but to drop the kids off by 7:20-7:30. After all the school shootings around the US, bullying and the recent event that took place last week at the school they need security for our kids to be safe. Plenty of people looking for jobs would love to help protect the kids in the schools. Any child can bring a weapon into the school or bus and no one would know if it was not reported.	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
322	Though only one door is open, it seems possible that people could enter and walk right past the office. A second set of locked doors would be helpful, making visitors/guests walk through the main office before entering the main school.	10/10/2016 4:35 PM
323	Weapons being brought into school.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
324	safety	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
325	I think that family members and children should have a key fob or something to enter and that the doors should be locked. I also think that the schools should be equipped with cameras at the entrances and on the playgrounds.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
326	Access to building without check-in. Easy to walk by office.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
327	We walk to school and my biggest concern is that many cars don't slow down and stop at the pedestrian crosswalk in spite of the presence of a crossing guard. It would seem that the crosswalk is simply street decoration for many drivers.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
328	The after school pickup line can extend well into Harrison and that makes traffic flow for everyone (not just school traffic) - especially pedestrians - unsafe.	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
329	None	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
330	Children bringing weapons to school, unbeknownst to others	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
331	None beyond normal "everywhere" concerns. This principal and building are highly effective.	10/10/2016 4:31 PM
332	This is a very confusing survey - I am asked to rank how safe I feel it is at the drop of my child - which child and which school?	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
333	No central control of doors. No cameras at doors.	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
334	Nighttime activities at the high school are a concern, both parking lots are not well lit at all.	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
335	None	10/10/2016 4:24 PM
336	Kids bringing weapons to school	10/10/2016 4:24 PM

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337	Bullying	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
338	Well - in this day and age it's people coming in and shooting up the school. It's gotten to the point where it can happen any time or anywhere and that's scary.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
339	None	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
340	1. Crazy people who should not be at the school gaining entry....but the risk of this is so low...that planning for it is a waste. 2. A kid bringing some type of weapon to school. However, I think this is best addressed through education (like the social skills curriculum that has been adopted) and anti-bullying campaigns. So I would rather that approach than making the school seem like a fortress.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
341	Adults in the building who have no reason to be inside or nearby.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
342	Other children with weapons	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
343	School shootings. Metal detector (used randomly) at door as a precaution and deterrance	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
344	Anyone can walk in the school. Sure there is a sign that says visitors should stop at the office but there is no enforcement of it.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
345	People (parents & students) thinking they are above the rules. Administrators, Security personnel & Board Members not using common sense.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
346	Individual enters school to attack kids. Also, the head injury group home is horrifying.	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
347	It is dangerous to be a pedestrian around Marble (and the Middle School).	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
348	Helicopter parents	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
349	Access from unauthorized visitors	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
350	Anyone can walk in and walk to the classroom	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
351	None	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
352	None	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
353	Aftercare	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
354	Office door is unlocked and persons who enter are screened only by the very busy secretary	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
355	Visibility of the main entrance by staff	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
356	My only concern would be ensuring there is an adult or two outside during morning drop off.	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
357	The kids leave campus between classes and during lunch.	10/10/2016 4:15 PM
358	N/A	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
359	After the email that we got last week about a 7th grader that wore a clown mask, and took 2 kitchen knives to school, well THAT is my main concern. My son reported that kids on the bus are loud, they use their hands (my son got punched on the face by one kid who wanted his spot), and they curse. My concern is what happens on the bus, and whether these violent acts can lead for kids in the future to do the same things that the 7th grader did and actually hurt our children.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
360	Weapons brought in by students.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
361	Playground access is open to anyone off the street	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
362	Strangers gettin access to the school or playground.	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
363	I think all doors should be locked, specifically the office entrance. Additionally, I was able to volunteer in the school for 3 years before I filled out a volunteer form. Not sure how I slipped through the cracks but I'm a big helper in the schools.	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
364	unlocked entrances are not monitored	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
365	The building does not feel secure at all.	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
366	Getting the doors locked in sufficient time.	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
367	People entering who shouldn't be there.	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
368	Unmentioned access at most entrances	10/10/2016 4:11 PM

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369	Too many people with guns and no need to register them. Also, support for mental health doesn't really seem that great. Of course, these are societal problems, not ELPS problems so ... what can you do.	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
370	I have no overwhelming concerns.	10/10/2016 4:10 PM
371	Student with a gun.	10/10/2016 4:10 PM
372	My biggest concern is that people can enter through the main building and bypass the office fairly easily. They are supposed to stop in but there's nothing to prevent them from walking straight in.	10/10/2016 1:22 PM
373	Sidewalks are not large enough at school and worried about a child being hit by a car.	10/10/2016 1:10 PM
374	Entry into the school.	10/10/2016 12:28 PM
375	Sandy Hook situation	10/10/2016 12:21 PM
376	Although visitors are supposed to sign in at the office when entering building, the secretary cannot enforce it, and is often busy doing other things, so potentially, anyone at any time could bypass office and head directly down hallway towards classrooms.	10/10/2016 11:12 AM
377	The front door of the school is too easy to just "walk in and walk on by" the school office. I have witnessed adults completely disregarding the need to sign in at the office on a weekly basis and it's far too easy for someone to gain access to our building without being noticed.	10/10/2016 11:08 AM
378	It is very easy to get in and out of Marble without being stopped. The school should be fully locked all day long.	10/10/2016 10:58 AM
379	The nature of an elementary building requires more openness than the middle & high school levels but the lack of security is frankly scary. The school secretary can't not be the the only eyes and ears for the entire building when she is expected to both the principal's assistant, school nurse, and everything else. This is a huge burden and absolutely unsustainable.	10/10/2016 10:42 AM
380	Shootings and/or bombs	10/10/2016 9:58 AM
381	Guns and weapons in school. Michigan's open carry law makes for a contentious atmosphere. Our district needs to be more vocal about us being a no weapon zone. We may also want to install metal detectors or have some type of screening for students and visitors. It feels awful to do that, but it's the era in which we live.	10/10/2016 9:38 AM
382	do not have one	10/10/2016 9:28 AM
383	Sight lines - I live close to the intersection of Hagadorn and Burcham, so we are impacted by the traffic from not only Marble but the middle school as well. The cars zoom through the intersection without taking a second look for the kids, even when those cars are being driven by parents. My son currently attends Eastminster and will be at Marble next year for kindergarten, and I am very concerned about his safety walking to school (even through we only live two blocks away). The biggest issue is the right-hand turns on that intersection - I've seen students nearly hit by cars because someone starts to turn without seeing that there is somebody in the crosswalk.	10/10/2016 8:51 AM
384	Entry into the building during the day.	10/10/2016 8:44 AM
385	Schools of choice students.	10/10/2016 8:00 AM
386	Complete lack of security at main entrance at Glencairn.	10/9/2016 11:02 PM
387	The exposure and safety of Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Scott as a first line of defense.	10/9/2016 10:18 PM
388	I don't have security concerns.	10/9/2016 10:17 PM
389	a sandy hook situation	10/9/2016 9:06 PM
390	Main Office staff cannot see people entering the building until after they have entered and passed office doors - too late to intervene in most cases by then if there is an intruder.	10/9/2016 8:27 PM
391	None	10/9/2016 8:17 PM
392	Children waiting outside in morning. Too many cars, not enough adults!	10/9/2016 7:23 PM
393	At the high school anyone could walk in and not be seen	10/9/2016 6:18 PM
394	Before and after care	10/9/2016 6:17 PM
395	An unbalanced and angry person arriving with a weapon.	10/9/2016 5:14 PM
396	Active shooter.	10/9/2016 5:11 PM
397	From a parents point of view, the principal and assistant principal are not visible outside or near the main entrance at drop off and pick up times. Presence is very important for reasons of safety.	10/9/2016 4:09 PM

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398	Increasing security reducing welcoming atmosphere.	10/9/2016 11:29 AM
399	For the most part, there is only one door open for the majority of the day. This makes me feel good about the safety of our students and staff. However, anyone can walk in that door at any times. I would like to see what other schools outside te isd trick are doing for the safety of their students. We CAN'T have another sandy hook	10/9/2016 10:21 AM
400	Too many people drive to school, which makes it unsafe for those parents and children, who commute by bike or on foot.	10/9/2016 9:19 AM
401	I am not very knowledgeable about what security exists, if any	10/9/2016 8:57 AM
402	At Macdonald it seems good. At the other elementary buildings there is not much security at all. I am not familiar with the high school yet.	10/9/2016 8:21 AM
403	I do not have security concerns.	10/9/2016 7:37 AM
404	The secretary cannot see who walks into the unlocked front doors.	10/8/2016 11:51 PM
405	Overspending by the local government; putting the city further and further in debt.	10/8/2016 11:28 PM
406	None	10/8/2016 11:17 PM
407	Entry points are easily left open and no immediate check in.	10/8/2016 9:40 PM
408	I am not concerned about security.	10/8/2016 9:33 PM
409	gun culture	10/8/2016 8:48 PM
410	None.	10/8/2016 8:42 PM
411	The office staff can not see people approaching the building from a distance. They can't see who is coming in until they have already come in the building.	10/8/2016 8:37 PM
412	Any one can walk in any time of day	10/8/2016 8:35 PM
413	Anyone can walk in the main entrance. It should be a buzz in system. We also allow a homeless man to live at the park. It's unacceptable.	10/8/2016 7:27 PM
414	That authorized people are in the building.	10/8/2016 4:39 PM
415	The safety of children on a bus. Someone could easily hijack a bus full of kids.	10/8/2016 4:38 PM
416	Unaware of any	10/8/2016 4:06 PM
417	none	10/8/2016 3:33 PM
418	Safety at pick-up. Kids are walking through the parking lot, cars park in the pick-up lane, so drivers have to pull around. No one is ever patrolling the parking lot telling people to move or directing traffic.	10/8/2016 2:38 PM
419	Emotionally impaired youth	10/8/2016 2:03 PM
420	People have the option of not stopping in the office although they are instructed to do so.	10/8/2016 1:21 PM
421	Individuals with guns	10/8/2016 12:58 PM
422	It appears anyone could walk right in to the school.	10/8/2016 12:29 PM
423	No further concerns at this time.	10/8/2016 11:15 AM
424	None	10/8/2016 10:58 AM
425	N/A	10/8/2016 10:49 AM
426	I think having only one entrance at the elementary schools open during the day works. Sometimes there isn't anyone alert to that entrance, though, so the mandatory sign in at the office would not necessarily note if someone came by without stopping.	10/8/2016 10:18 AM
427	making sure all the kids are able to learn in safe environment while still allowing parents and other support people access to the school building as needed.	10/8/2016 10:17 AM
428	Outside doors into each classroom.	10/8/2016 9:36 AM
429	Anyone can walk in the building without checking in. Doors get left open in the morning. Not all classroom doors are locked at all times.	10/8/2016 9:17 AM
430	Unsecured main door, entrants can bypass office, possibly with no one noticing	10/8/2016 9:13 AM
431	A more secure front door.	10/8/2016 8:50 AM

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432	The office needs to have the ability to buzz people in before they enter.	10/8/2016 8:39 AM
433	Crossing a busy street to get kids to the school from parking are, no actual "drop-off" location to speak of	10/8/2016 8:03 AM
434	That the administration becomes apathetic or lazy	10/7/2016 11:25 PM
435	School shootings	10/7/2016 8:22 PM
436	The front door remains open all day. While this is not a huge concern considering the surrounding area is safe, previous school shootings make it an issue.	10/7/2016 8:18 PM
437	Nothing preventing intruder at main door	10/7/2016 5:50 PM
438	Anyone is free to enter the building during drop off and pick up times. Anyone can be in the hallways and building without checking in. Adults are not accounted for during those times.	10/7/2016 4:52 PM
439	N/A	10/7/2016 4:08 PM
440	None	10/7/2016 3:20 PM
441	Many children have to cross the entrance to pick up at Marble, and right at the turn in off Hagadorn there are large bushes that obstruct view.	10/7/2016 3:18 PM
442	The fact that during lockdowns children hide instead of escaping the building	10/7/2016 11:50 AM

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Q16 Do you have any comments regarding safety and security?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 677

#	Responses	Date
1	None at this time	11/4/2016 7:00 PM
2	More social work/intervention specialists needed.	11/4/2016 5:55 PM
3	All children must be required to behave in a manner that protects the safety of adults and other students.	11/4/2016 5:30 PM
4	I think pick up and drop off is better at Glencairn than at Marble while we were there. Surprised you don't have question about B/A as that affects pick up and drop off. I pick up kids at 5:30 and never have any trouble with congestion or parking	11/4/2016 2:32 PM
5	I don't know why this is one of the first questions. Security is such a minor issue compared to updated classrooms and spaces.	11/4/2016 1:57 PM
6	I'm not sure what we can really do, reasonably, that won't scare the kids, but I think it's important to think about it.	11/4/2016 1:09 PM
7	No comment.	11/4/2016 1:06 PM
8	MacDonald MS: Parents not pulling up at drop off. Parents not slowing down as children cross from parking lot to building. Glencairn: traffic backing up Harrison Rd. People leaving their parked cars in the pick up lane. Northlawn should be ONE WAY during pick up hours, the same as it is at Pinecrest. ELHS: there should be a sidewalk from Burcham Rd., down the entire drive to the night entrance. Forcing students to walk on that entrance road is SO DANGEROUS! In the fall it is dark, in the winter it is snowy.	11/4/2016 1:05 PM
9	The non-secure entrances for the elementary schools is surprising in this day-and-age.	11/4/2016 12:58 PM
10	Overall, I feel that my child is safe and secure when at school.	11/4/2016 12:56 PM
11	no.	11/4/2016 12:50 PM
12	No.	11/4/2016 12:48 PM
13	N/a	11/4/2016 12:45 PM
14	We need a better solution for pick-up and more crossing guards.	11/4/2016 12:37 PM
15	Parking/traffic flow is a challenge in general but can be managed with care/attention. In other words, these challenges are not so overwhelming that they should drive decisions about completely rebuilding new buildings vs. gut-rehab and renovation.	11/4/2016 11:25 AM
16	More can be done to ensure the safety of our students and staff members.	11/3/2016 9:49 PM
17	N/A	11/3/2016 2:52 PM
18	I struggle with this, on one hand I like the sense of security that exists currently where we don't feel the need for keypads and locked buildings; on the other, it does terrify me to think that anybody could enter and not be stopped...	11/3/2016 2:42 PM
19	Yes, the lack of sidewalks along the busy entry to the high school is dangerous. The area is congested a lot of the time. My spouse and I walked it to a school function last night and were amazed that no sidewalks had been put in along the entry drive. The grass was wet and soggy. I hope the powers that be will make having sidewalks laid a priority. If the school has no money for sidewalks, maybe the parent council can work to raise the funds.	11/3/2016 1:14 PM
20	I thought security was adequate when my children attended ELPS. However, with the increased number of shooting incidents in our country, physical security must be a concern. As technology improvements are added to current infrastructure, it is important to address cyber security concerns.	11/3/2016 12:50 PM
21	Teach children to live with and adjust to risk. It is part of life. The world is not a padded place.	11/3/2016 9:45 AM
22	Please see #12 above.	11/3/2016 9:42 AM
23	The public should always need to make initial contact with office by having the walk in traffic initially needing to walk into main office before even coming into a hallway.	11/3/2016 9:36 AM
24	Security measures put in place at MacDonald are up to date, with only access being through main office. This should be consistent across buildings.	11/3/2016 9:13 AM

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25	I don't know if most students can't walk due to living so far away from the school or parents don't want to have their children ride the bus, but the drop off and pick up - when we do have to utilize it - at both Pinecrest and Glencairn are a mad house and very worrisome.	11/3/2016 8:43 AM
26	As a grandparent who picks children up I think the Marble across Burcham gets crowded and the one on Hagadorn is a mess until you learn to avoid it	11/2/2016 9:28 PM
27	It will always be a time bomb. It is a cat and mouse game. We can only try our best to discourage unwanted visitors.	11/2/2016 6:57 PM
28	The drop off and parking situation at the building is not safe for children.	11/2/2016 10:56 AM
29	Yes, it should be our number one priority.	11/1/2016 11:06 AM
30	none	10/31/2016 1:45 PM
31	We would wholeheartedly encourage and support projects that would improve the parking and traffic flow issues at the schools. Although we do not yet have children attending any ELPS schools, the issues are obvious to any resident passing by one of the schools at the beginning or end of the instructional day.	10/30/2016 3:37 PM
32	My student felt very safe.	10/30/2016 1:35 PM
33	For some reason, there is no after-hours enforcement of 'no parking' rules for the fire lanes around ELHS. The roadways needed for fire truck access are always full of parked cars. If I was fire marshal, I would tow about 20 cars on Day One.	10/30/2016 1:16 PM
34	The fence to a house that backs up to school blacktop is always falling down. The tar on blacktop is peeling up.	10/30/2016 12:02 AM
35	Parking lots are very unsafe! Too many cars driving where kids are walking	10/29/2016 9:04 PM
36	I understand traffic at HS and MMS with number of students but why is traffic so bad at Glencairn? More children getting dropped off than walk or bus to school?	10/28/2016 6:03 PM
37	I understand the morning traffic around high school and MMS but why is Glencairn so crowded? More kids dropped off then walking/bus?	10/28/2016 5:55 PM
38	Currently, my son walks home everyday. I drop him off early for Encore at 6:55A. We don't pick up/drop off due to traffic, but I don't know how bad it is, as I'm not there on a daily basis. The crosswalk at OldHickory on Burcham is somewhat better with new signage in the road, but remains hazardous. GLENCARIN pick up and drop off was EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND UNACCEPTABLE. My son attended for 5th/6th grade. I rarely attempted to pick up by the school. I would park in the neighborhood, and have him cross Harrison. The Harrison crosswalk is UNACCEPTABLE IN TERMS IF SAFETY.	10/28/2016 4:07 PM
39	see #15	10/27/2016 1:39 PM
40	Seems like it is being handled the best way possible currently. I feel safe sending my child to school and know they are being monitored throughout day at school.	10/27/2016 11:30 AM
41	I think you do a good job with the resources you have and I appreciate the updates and information you provide.	10/27/2016 11:03 AM
42	None	10/27/2016 9:50 AM
43	I would like to see better planned routes to school so that kids outside of walking distance can ride their bikes to school without having to deal with so much car traffic in front of the school. A paved path from the corner of Northgate and Lake Lansing to the east end of the Whitehills school building would help, as would a paved spur linking Whitehills Park to the Whitehills playground.	10/25/2016 9:59 PM
44	Please secure our buildings immediately.	10/25/2016 8:13 PM
45	I think there are safety and security issues at the building and involving cars, but I'm not thrilled that you are saying it requires a bond proposal to address safety issues.	10/25/2016 2:57 PM
46	I'd like any changes in policy or infrastructure to seriously consider pedestrians and bicyclists. Just a survey point: currently my kids walk or bike to school. When they attended Glencairn they often took the bus, which was a valuable resource. I didn't put the bus on because currently we don't use it.	10/25/2016 12:11 PM
47	The current system of car drop-off at the schools makes biking and walking less safe, especially at the Middle School and High School, where there are no crossing guards to maintain order.	10/25/2016 9:49 AM
48	Offices need to see incoming foot traffic.	10/25/2016 9:38 AM
49	I am not aware how secure the buildings are during the day. Obviously there should be a single entry with a camera.	10/25/2016 7:50 AM
50	Don't scare the kids.	10/23/2016 10:20 PM
51	exposure to vehicle traffic	10/23/2016 8:08 PM

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52	School district doesn't care about the security in ELHS	10/23/2016 6:32 PM
53	Same as above	10/23/2016 6:19 PM
54	See above	10/23/2016 4:57 PM
55	Would like to see a secured vestibule, locked with office able to admit people coming in.	10/23/2016 3:25 PM
56	So far my concerns about bullying have been met with appropriate responses.	10/23/2016 2:16 PM
57	While it appears that there are no pressing security concerns, I see daily the opportunity for foul play. I absolutely do not want to see our schools resemble prisons, some simple steps could be taken. Some sort of ID/swipe card to enter the building, for instance.	10/22/2016 10:52 PM
58	I believe safety and security are being managed sufficiently.	10/22/2016 1:20 PM
59	Crossing guards need to handle/coordinate drop-off circle as opposed to parents.	10/22/2016 12:12 PM
60	an atmosphere of armed guards does not lead to an enriched learning environment (I don't know if armed guards are stationed at the Middle or High Schools...but I hope not)	10/22/2016 8:13 AM
61	See above. Too much hassle and confusion for kids and adults.	10/21/2016 4:56 PM
62	no	10/21/2016 4:17 AM
63	More keycard entry needed. Cameras at each entry/exit door.	10/20/2016 9:39 PM
64	More security walk throughs	10/20/2016 10:45 AM
65	Adults can enter the school and spend time there, even though they shouldn't technically be there. A relative of my family was permitted by the office to spend time with my daughter at lunch and in class, without my permission, consent, or even being notified of it. The relative showed up at the school and was allowed entry by the office because they were listed as an emergency contact, which they are simply because they were our only relative in town. I would have preferred this individual not show up at school without my knowledge and spend time there when there is no reason for them to be there. Parents should have to give permission for this, or at least be called.	10/19/2016 11:54 PM
66	Pickup and dropoff should be away from major streets.	10/19/2016 11:21 PM
67	ELPS has been fortunate that a major incident has not occurred in any of our schools, but there are times when the main office can be unattended and that is the main security check for all elementary schools. Even though everyone is to sign in at the office, I would guess that there are parents who do not, so therefore anyone could easily get by the office.	10/19/2016 3:28 PM
68	traffic jams at glenclairn	10/19/2016 2:51 PM
69	I truly believe that Whitehills needs some type of fence around the playground. .with the city park and walking trails right next to the school I believe it is a risk and potentially unsafe area for children to be allowed to play right by the woods and walking trails.	10/19/2016 2:21 PM
70	none	10/19/2016 1:58 PM
71	Drivers are chaotic and pushy. The crossing guards are great at their job. But drivers are impatient and sometimes don't pay attention.	10/19/2016 1:40 PM
72	I worry about people parking on both sides of Blanchette drive during the morning and afternoon when kids are coming and going. It is very congested and seems unsafe.	10/19/2016 1:23 PM
73	Red Cedar School is probably the most secure and safe environment we have available to students because of it's location within a neighborhood and away from busy streets!	10/19/2016 11:36 AM
74	See above.	10/19/2016 10:43 AM
75	Until this survey, I have never seen any public mention of the topic of safety and security in our district.	10/19/2016 10:05 AM
76	All buildings have a policy to check in at the office but only MacDonald forces entry through the office - at least in my experience.	10/19/2016 9:44 AM
77	The anti-bike riding regulations are outdated, paternalistic nonsense. Fix this.	10/19/2016 9:40 AM
78	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send children to private schools. Then it asks me all kinds of questions about EL schools.	10/19/2016 9:35 AM
79	The district likes to pretend because they privatized the buses that safety Of the students is no longer their responsibility and regularly refuses to address issues and says from the supt office - it's not our problem, call Dean. It is still the responsibility of the district who pays Dean.	10/19/2016 9:26 AM

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80	Everyone should be buzzed in and checked in by front office	10/19/2016 8:25 AM
81	none	10/18/2016 11:35 PM
82	We love having the ELPD officers at the high school. Our son has spoken very highly of them.	10/18/2016 4:32 PM
83	I am happy to hear that safety drills are being conducted for school evacuation as well as lock downs. However, my son's class has 26 kindergartners. More than ideal. Does his teacher have assistance daily?	10/18/2016 2:12 PM
84	I am glad that this is a priority with the school board. unfortunately, it something we all have to be concerned about in this day and age.	10/18/2016 1:46 PM
85	No	10/18/2016 8:05 AM
86	No	10/17/2016 10:30 PM
87	Safety and security should be a priority.	10/17/2016 9:36 PM
88	No	10/17/2016 4:05 PM
89	Don't sell name lists!	10/17/2016 2:27 PM
90	Active shooting situations are becoming more and more common and I feel like the district has no protection or policy in place. Yes, we have drills to stay in place, but the teachers and administration should be trained on what to do within each classroom, depending on their location to an exit.	10/17/2016 9:13 AM
91	No	10/16/2016 10:01 PM
92	There needs to be a complete overhaul on our security measures of how our buildings are set up for entry. Classrooms also need to be better equipped with safer doors and ability for teachers to lock from the inside. We need to have a better protocol for what to do if there is an intruder vs. sit and wait. This is the first we have been told to think on our feet which is good, but we should have a plan in place, so we know where to go in the event we have to evacuate ourselves to protect our children. We need a proactive plan rather than wait for something to happen and then decide to make a better plan. But our entry into the building needs massive improvement and night time events call for a way to secure other parts of the building so guests cannot wander anywhere in our buildings.	10/16/2016 2:10 PM
93	I like how most of the classrooms have immediate access to the outside.	10/16/2016 12:34 PM
94	I am most concerned with student fighting, threats and behavior at both the middle and high school.	10/16/2016 11:30 AM
95	need more/better security at MS and elementary schools	10/15/2016 1:34 PM
96	If a student has any one listed as a no-go for pick up, they should be with a teacher who verifies that the right person is picking up the child.	10/14/2016 5:49 PM
97	At the preschool my daughter attended, no one could enter the building without the code or ringing the bell to enter. It may not be feasible with the size of the building, but I know I felt my daughter was safe	10/14/2016 4:25 PM
98	secure entry needed	10/14/2016 11:38 AM
99	Marble is a safe and secure school. The issue is mainly with cut through and commuter traffic on Hagadorn.	10/14/2016 8:51 AM
100	See above	10/13/2016 10:25 PM
101	The actual Marble lot (not Eastminster) is very insufficient. Take down the tennis court that no one uses. Most of the time I am unable to even park without waiting for the carpool line to keep scooting forward enough that I can get to a spot.	10/13/2016 10:12 PM
102	I will opt my child out of any safety demonstration on school grounds that involves a firearm.	10/13/2016 9:36 PM
103	none	10/13/2016 2:00 PM
104	The main entrance needs to be more secured and all doors should be locked for one way travel except for the main entrance.	10/13/2016 12:21 PM
105	Pick-up and drop-off is bad. There are too many cars and traffic backs up along Harrison Road. For the older kids it might be okay, but for my K student, it's a mess.	10/13/2016 11:23 AM
106	Have security check phones in morning and later to see if they have it in their locker if they brought it	10/13/2016 9:39 AM
107	If not already, have all entrance funneled to the front desk - exclusively. Other entrances should be security card entrance only.	10/13/2016 7:55 AM
108	Thanks for the safety and security measures currently put in place at the school. However, new measures to ensure a safer and more secured school environment and field trips are encouraged.	10/13/2016 2:59 AM

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109	all doors should be locked down and the main entrance buzzed open when the school person identifies who it is and if they have legit business	10/12/2016 6:52 PM
110	Gangs in middle school need to be addressed.	10/12/2016 6:18 PM
111	I wish Glencairn staff had the ability to request that people leave the grounds if they don't want them there	10/12/2016 5:35 PM
112	The security seems good so far. The communication of events, both drill and real is good.	10/12/2016 5:27 PM
113	We need more security in the middle school	10/12/2016 4:56 PM
114	Your best defense are the students. They have their ear to the ground.	10/12/2016 4:51 PM
115	In addition to the above, I am concerned about the number of students in classrooms and how that affects issues of safety and security. When there is one teacher with thirty students in a classroom, there is a high likelihood of safety/security problems because the teacher cannot possibly give attention to all students at all times.	10/12/2016 4:25 PM
116	I think the staff are doing a great job so far.	10/12/2016 3:38 PM
117	Personally don't believe police officers should be in the schools. Admin should deal with discipline problems and call the police if there is a safety concern.	10/12/2016 3:26 PM
118	If we are to put the health and safety of our students first then we need to emphasize, busing, walking and riding bicycles to school as the primary means of transportation. Cars are the riskiest mode of transportation to school. And, our district's case it compounded by volume and traffic patterns. We need to promote Safe Routes to Schools throughout the district.	10/12/2016 3:21 PM
119	No.	10/12/2016 2:35 PM
120	We have heard that there are many "fights" at McDonald Middle School. This is of course a very large concern.	10/12/2016 2:32 PM
121	Some extra monitoring is required provided too many incidents of gun violence are heard in schools. Sadly	10/12/2016 2:16 PM
122	I don't feel there is proper adult supervision at recess. Often times my daughter reports that no adult intervenes when incidences arise because there is only 1 adult supervising the entire playground.	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
123	Every visitor to every school building must check in and out of the office. How easy is it to just walk in a school building? How much training is office staff given with regards to school security?	10/12/2016 1:30 PM
124	A crosswalk in the center of a drop-off zone and the inability for cars to get across the crosswalk to pull all the way to the end of the drop off zone leaves cars hanging out in the road and people dropping off kids in unsafe areas. I see people daily drop off kids in the left turn lane up by the new John R St. crosswalk. I think a safety patrol that holds kids from crossing temporarily to move cars in and out, would take care of the problem. I also think that the district needs to work with the city or county to get the traffic light at Burcham and Hagadorn extended for Burcham left turns during the busy drop-off and pick-up times. With kids crossing and cars coming, sometimes only 1 car gets through the traffic light, backing up traffic into the drop-off/pick-up loop of MacDonald.	10/12/2016 1:29 PM
125	I would hate to see access being limited for security. Schools are still one of the safest places children can be.	10/12/2016 1:23 PM
126	no, the safety and security is good	10/12/2016 12:40 PM
127	The playground is too open. It could use a fence around certain area. Its almost in someone's back yard.	10/12/2016 12:31 PM
128	I think the school system has done an excellent job with lock-down preparedness and action. It is scary to think that we even have to plan for this kind of thing, but it is good to not ignore today's threats. It is important for the kids to understand the world they live in. Knowledge is power in this case as well. Naivete has never kept anyone safe, just unaware.	10/12/2016 10:09 AM
129	In 2012-13 there were 98,454 public schools in the United States. The number of those schools experiencing a violent attack that could have been prevented by security doors is infinitesimal. Try starting with inexpensive cameras to record students and who they enter and exit with. I suspect parental kidnapping is a much larger problem and is much less expensive to monitor and assist with.	10/12/2016 8:29 AM
130	I drop my kids off early and pick them both up after practice so traffice isn't a big issue. I would say that if there is an event at Macdonald it would be nice to have the gate open so there are two exits from the school as opposed to one. I went to Curriculum night and with only one exit it took me 40 min to leave.	10/12/2016 7:25 AM
131	Too many drivers dropping off/picking up causes a need for bigger lots, more staff or volunteers to supervise and safer procedures. In result of more money and funding needed. Since schools of choice are a big factor (students out of district cannot ride the bus) in this issue, I do hope much of those state funds will help alleviate the problems.	10/11/2016 11:49 PM
132	The kids currently have to cross the parking lot when walking to the building at Whitehills. This is unsafe	10/11/2016 11:24 PM
133	no	10/11/2016 11:01 PM

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134	None	10/11/2016 10:35 PM
135	I think during school hours even the main entrance should be locked and require identification for unlocked access for all visitors. Simply assuming that passing by the office is enough of a safety check is not enough.	10/11/2016 9:12 PM
136	I think kids should be allowed to ride their bikes to school. It is beyond me why we don't allow kids to do that, and provide for bike racks, etc. Every civilized nation has this sort of thing. Especially in this neighborhood, we ought to allow it. Thanks.	10/11/2016 6:57 PM
137	Not only do the adults driving need to be safer and more responsible but, so do the kids! Do you talk to them as much about crossing at crosswalks only, getting off there phones in the middle of the street, don't run across intersections with the assumption that all are aware of their sudden existence as much- as much as the drivers are lectured?	10/11/2016 5:39 PM
138	There is never a crossing guard before or after school for the middle school student on hagadorn and burcham	10/11/2016 5:19 PM
139	Not enough monitors at recess or at the beginning of school for drop off	10/11/2016 5:11 PM
140	See 12.	10/11/2016 4:42 PM
141	School of choice thugs and gangsters	10/11/2016 2:26 PM
142	I believe all teachers should be required to do head counts. My child was left behind twice in her classroom last year. I realize teachers can get comfortable with the surroundings of the school when everything is safe and no recent incidents but what about when it becomes unsafe (i.e. the clown and knife situation at the MacDonald M.S.)?	10/11/2016 1:41 PM
143	How is someone who uses a wheelchair supposed to get in to Marble Elementary? Hope and pray someone happens to be there to hold that heavy door? - Isn't there some kind of ADA violation there?	10/11/2016 1:40 PM
144	At High school and middle school there needs to be lights at entrances to school to control entrance/exit onto main roads. It is nearly impossible to exit with heavy traffic so people take more risks driving which puts students and others at risk.	10/11/2016 1:39 PM
145	Exposing our children to needless video violence via Rachel's challenge and principal/superintendent not following board policy to allow parents to preview videos...	10/11/2016 12:41 PM
146	I would prefer that there be a secure entry with a code that you have to use to get in, or talk with someone in the office. After care seems especially dangerous as no one is in the office.	10/11/2016 12:29 PM
147	Adult drivers.	10/11/2016 12:19 PM
148	Safety is my main concern with WhiteHills Elementry as far as releasing children to unfamiler people	10/11/2016 12:08 PM
149	Kids should be allowed to stay at school later, or arrive earlier. If security needs to stay longer for this, than they should. We should not push kids out the door as early as possible so security can leave and we don't need to pay them. Some students have no where to go. The school should be a safe place for students to stay after school until 5:30 or 6pm. Additionally, students should be able to arrive to school by 7am. Undue hardship is being placed on parents because of the time kids are arriving to school, or leaving.	10/11/2016 11:34 AM
150	It would help to allow the children into the building at 8:30.	10/11/2016 11:31 AM
151	Parents driving recklessly when picking up and dropping off their kids. The do not stop at stop signs and drive way to fast. We have an awesome crossing guard but the parents do not seem to think about other kids. I know we cant control the parents but this is my biggest concern.	10/11/2016 11:20 AM
152	I think a buzzer to go in main entry would be a good idea. That way no one can go in the school before being buzz in.	10/11/2016 11:04 AM
153	I think the safety and security of faculty, staff and students are taken very seriously in the ELPS district. I am unaware of any lapses regarding this issue.	10/11/2016 11:02 AM
154	I think the safety and security around Marble is pretty good. I really like the crossing guards that work on our route to Marble. They are so friendly and nice, and the consistency we have with them being the same each morning and afternoon adds to the feeling of safety and security, and adds to the sense of community. The crossing guards are one of the joys of ELPS. They are looking out for our kids 100%.	10/11/2016 10:45 AM
155	I think the school is a safe and secure place. I have not personally experienced anything that would make me think otherwise.	10/11/2016 10:38 AM
156	Should be more security at front entry. Sometimes, there is no one even at the desk in front office. At my child's previous school, the main door was locked during school hours and you had to be buzzed in (A LOT safer).	10/11/2016 10:32 AM
157	None at this time.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
158	Front door should be locked and people should have to be buzzed in. The office is right by the front door and can vet people before they enter the building or buzz them in.	10/11/2016 10:14 AM

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159	The entry points for morning line-up are on different sides of the school, out of sight of each other. Likewise, the places where different teachers release their students are on different sides of the school, out of sight of each other. Afternoon foot traffic is crazy, with students crossing through a crowd of waiting parents. Afternoon vehicle traffic is crazy, with a single line of stopped cars from Harrison back to Crouner at 3:38 PM. My 4th-grader went to Dimondale for 2nd grade. They had a courtyard with marked, numbered lines, one per class, for morning line-up. Something similar might help. For the afternoon, I know that there are parents who live within easy walking distance who drive to the school every day. As for me, I don't mind parking 500 feet away and giving my kids the extra exercise if it cuts down the time I'm idling in slow traffic and worried about running people over.	10/11/2016 10:13 AM
160	I'm glad that the police were brought in to deal with the recent incident involving kitchen knives. It was horrifying to receive that email notification. I hope the responsible student and the rest of the student body understands how serious it is.	10/11/2016 10:08 AM
161	The only concern I have is the recent information seen on the news regarding the 12 year old student with knives in her back pack and chasing kids at the bus stop. What measures are in place if this should happen at the elementary schools?	10/11/2016 10:06 AM
162	ELPS seems to take student safety and security very seriously.	10/11/2016 9:52 AM
163	Can never be too safe	10/11/2016 9:50 AM
164	The school should help children safely walk and bike to school by separating the vehicle traffic drop off/pick up from those walking/biking. Also by encouraging more walking and biking, there would be less congestion. There should be bike racks available to encourage neighborhood children to bike.	10/11/2016 9:42 AM
165	It makes me nervous that the front door is not locked.	10/11/2016 9:38 AM
166	N/A	10/11/2016 9:12 AM
167	No	10/11/2016 9:05 AM
168	N/A	10/11/2016 8:58 AM
169	There should regularly be more intruder lockdown drills and training for children and teachers in case of a threatening individual inside or outside of the building (much more likely than a fire hazard). There are great speakers I have seen that offer excellent consultation (i.e., Sandy Hook shooting mother).	10/11/2016 8:49 AM
170	I love that the school is using the Second Step problem solving curriculum as a tier one violence prevention measure. East Lansing schools definitely need PBIS to further promote safety.	10/11/2016 8:46 AM
171	It is extremely discomfoting as a parent to see that anyone could walk into the school at anytime.	10/11/2016 8:45 AM
172	see above	10/11/2016 8:39 AM
173	Parents who do vehicle pick-up and drop-off should not be allowed to drive through parking lots or expect to drop their kids near the doors. Drop-off sites on the far side of the campus would be safer and might even encourage more kids to bus or walk. (I checked vehicle drop-off because my son drives himself to school. He says the HS parking lot is swarming with parent drop-offs, and when I used to have to pick my kids up for dr. appointments and the like, the daily drivers took over the parking lots and roadways.)	10/11/2016 8:38 AM
174	no	10/11/2016 8:36 AM
175	Security is adequate at our schools. I do not want to see more money spent on this issue.	10/11/2016 8:35 AM
176	Not at this time.	10/11/2016 8:33 AM
177	My rankings of traffic in the above portion of the survey refer to Glencairn Elementary. The traffic backup on Northlawn affects residents as well as parents dropping off their kids.	10/11/2016 8:26 AM
178	I like the idea of a swipe card for security purposes. I have dealt with this at another facility, I was charged a deposit for 2 cards, then refunded when I returned them. For those who did not have them, a intercom system would be great for that.	10/11/2016 8:24 AM
179	The parent pick up/drop off line before and after school is not safe at all....I don't have any suggestions but it seems there has to be a better way.	10/11/2016 8:06 AM
180	Not at this time.	10/11/2016 7:54 AM
181	N/A	10/11/2016 7:45 AM
182	Aftercare program has to leave the cafeteria door to the outside unlocked and usually not monitored as they are in the gym or outside.	10/11/2016 5:43 AM
183	Lately with everything happening, the children are starting to worry about school safety.	10/11/2016 3:27 AM

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184	Especially for middle school and older, there should be more communication with the kids about incidents. In the past week there has been an incident both at the middle school (the clown incident) and a lock down at the high school, and the kids weren't given information about either, and rumors fly. My younger child, especially, wound up feeling scared about how to get home from school, based on complete lack of or mis-information about what had happened.	10/10/2016 11:53 PM
185	It is very hard to turn left out of the high school's front parking lot during the morning drop off time. It is not as bad in the afternoon. It would be good if this issue could be resolved.	10/10/2016 11:33 PM
186	install cameras at the classromms and the corridors	10/10/2016 10:54 PM
187	no	10/10/2016 10:49 PM
188	No fence separating playground with city park area and woods - not safe as evidenced by the lockdown last week due to clown in the woods!!! The playground also backs up to a very busy portion of Lake Lansing; a fence is necessary!	10/10/2016 10:32 PM
189	Need metal detector	10/10/2016 9:56 PM
190	The schools are safe	10/10/2016 9:56 PM
191	There is no way for the school to get a hold of a child on the playground if parents need to pick the child up for an appointment or family emergency. Parents are sent to the playground to pick up their own kids, which is dangerous because the playground monitors do not know all of the parents in the building, but they let parents pick kids up there during recess when needed without hearing from the office or having any kind of ID check first.	10/10/2016 9:52 PM
192	Would like it to be safer for foot and bicycle traffic in order to allow for healthy habits to form.	10/10/2016 9:28 PM
193	There is a lot of traffic at pickup and drop-off. I worry greatly about childrens' safety. We live just under a mile from the school and walking usually isn't an option. If we could be bused it would be a lot easier and safer.	10/10/2016 9:17 PM
194	My dissatisfaction with the ELPS district in terms of moving our school climate to a place where all students feel safe and valued. It is a horrible feeling to want to move out of a town where you've lived for 20 years -- where your husband grew up. There are a lot of problems and many of them have to do with 'old EL entitlement' and new EL. Please do something about it while you're creating more parking spaces..	10/10/2016 9:16 PM
195	I do not think security cameras should be used inside schools.	10/10/2016 9:06 PM
196	I certainly do.	10/10/2016 8:35 PM
197	No	10/10/2016 8:23 PM
198	Keep up the good work.	10/10/2016 8:17 PM
199	The traffic pattern at the Middle School is ridiculously unsafe. It's made worse when a crossing guard comes out and tries to keep parents from waiting in the middle turn lane. What would help a great deal would be having a couple more crossing guards out directing children. I would also suggest that you let parents line up on Burcham (on the school side of the road, heading east).	10/10/2016 8:17 PM
200	It does not seem to me to be a big issue. As far as I can tell, the schools appear to be doing a good job.	10/10/2016 8:08 PM
201	Just that the main door be locked with a buzzer entry	10/10/2016 8:06 PM
202	Safety good. Security good.	10/10/2016 7:48 PM
203	My sophomore came home from today's lock down bat crap crazy at the lack of information provided. He is at that point in his development where he needs to know as many facts as possible, as soon as possible to resolve things intellectually and emotionally. He reread emergency procedures in school all day long. This kid would really benefit from a debrief. Sadly, you would likely need the school attorney on hand to answer the legal questions he would come up with. I have great pity and empathy with what you are all facing these days in regard to security and threats. I am not your problem. I'll continue to talk him down as he continues to circle back to me all night to vent and complain. Please know,-- that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that you are doing all that you know and are able to do in each and every moment in every unique circumstance.	10/10/2016 7:47 PM
204	My children were in the building when a child was tasered by ELPD. That has left a permanent fear in them.	10/10/2016 7:46 PM
205	Other than what I explained above everything is perfect	10/10/2016 7:32 PM
206	No---it's fine.	10/10/2016 7:30 PM
207	I feel that my kids are not safe on the bus. I also have concerns with the recent events at the middle school and high school.	10/10/2016 7:25 PM
208	Having the sr and jr parking lots combined into general student parking makes the front (former sr) lot very unsafe-- that was a horrible decision.	10/10/2016 7:22 PM
209	I think the school is overall very safe.	10/10/2016 6:54 PM

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210	People DO NOT follow traffic arrows which causes problems for people who are trying to follow the arrows. Plus there is not enough parking so the lot is very congested and busy. That mixed with small children, people not following directions and people driving too quickly to beat the craziness is a bad combination	10/10/2016 6:48 PM
211	Exterior doors should be locked during the school day. Guests should be B Zeffirelli in thru security. The play ground area should also be fenced.	10/10/2016 6:46 PM
212	ELPS has chosen to close and keep closed a large, safe building embedded in a neighborhood with adequate drop-off and pick-up (Red Cedar) and NOT on an unsafe intersection. Harrison and Saginaw as well as Hagadorn and Burcham will always present major traffic dangers by the nature of the traffic flow, frequency and speed.	10/10/2016 6:38 PM
213	Separate students at different door.	10/10/2016 6:32 PM
214	The list is to long... The lack of progressive security in any building. Passive security cameras are for post event investigation and reactive. There isn't a building in the district I couldn't enter and walk freely through the halls on any given day... Test this with a non district affiliated person. Although probably deemed "unscientific" would not require hiring a consultant at a significant cost. Spend that money on design and remodeling. The facilities committee has talked about entrance security in the past and it has been documented that safety and security is not a priority do to cost of reinvention.	10/10/2016 6:30 PM
215	no.	10/10/2016 6:10 PM
216	No	10/10/2016 6:07 PM
217	We expect consistent reviews for changing environments, and for practical and prudent measures that afford safety without being a burden. Too much apparatus can be as concerning as an isolated incident.	10/10/2016 6:06 PM
218	I think one of the largest safety needs is drivers and pedestrians being aware of their surroundings and remembering to follow the rules (where to park, drive, etc.). Obviously the school was built when less people were driving to and from it, so I always take that into account when driving to and from school with my children.	10/10/2016 5:52 PM
219	Yes. East Lansing doesn't have a system for discipline. The leadership at most buildings is sub par. We need to have classrooms that are safe for the kids that are there to learn and act responsibly. Our resources and teaching hours are consumed with dealing with needy kids.	10/10/2016 5:52 PM
220	Pick up has too many vehicles parking where they are not allowed. Much of the problem is a result of too many school of choice children being admitted to the school.	10/10/2016 5:44 PM
221	No	10/10/2016 5:42 PM
222	No	10/10/2016 5:38 PM
223	There should be more teachers around for lunch and recess and there should be security on the bus!	10/10/2016 5:36 PM
224	none	10/10/2016 5:35 PM
225	No	10/10/2016 5:35 PM
226	Ensure teachers/facility are aware of what goes on outside of the classroom (recess, hallways, events).	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
227	We need a balance school should not be a military zone. hold our kids to high standards and they will meet them.	10/10/2016 5:23 PM
228	No	10/10/2016 5:22 PM
229	Our boys feel safe but as a parent I would like increased security	10/10/2016 5:18 PM
230	Only a comment that I'd like to see an adult near common entrances right up til final bell.	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
231	None	10/10/2016 5:07 PM
232	No	10/10/2016 5:05 PM
233	I would like there to be a way for students to safely bike and safely leave bikes parked/locked on school grounds.	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
234	Yes, put magnetometers at one door of each school. Parents WILL help fund. We find playground equipment and we will help with magnetometers. If we can't do that, lock all doors but one, install a camera and buzzer system. Secretary doesn't m ow you, you don't come in.	10/10/2016 4:59 PM
235	N/A	10/10/2016 4:56 PM
236	anyone can walk in the buildings and bypass the office. I see visitors walk around buildings without visitor passes and lds are not checked to verify they are who they say they are	10/10/2016 4:56 PM
237	No they are so wonderful ..	10/10/2016 4:54 PM

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238	I had concerns about proper adult supervision before and after school while my children where in the elementary schools.	10/10/2016 4:53 PM
239	No	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
240	1. A secure entrance where entrance that can be controlled by the receptionist, e..g people can be buzzed in. 2. Classrooms with secure doors that can be locked.	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
241	24hour camera surveillance of all areas of the schools with exception of locker rooms and restrooms should be maximized.	10/10/2016 4:44 PM
242	I have concerns regarding lockdown. My child notified me 10 minutes before I was notified by the school that the school had been placed in lockdown. My child also indicated there were concerns of a student with a gun, yet the teacher had left the classroom. It would be helpful for parents to understand generally lockdown procedures so reassurances can be given to concerned children.	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
243	The lunch workers are constantly on their phones on the playground rather than paying attention to the children.there have	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
244	No	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
245	Kids that bring knives to the school should be expelled.	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
246	police presence to support the solid work of the crossing guards would be most welcomed. The crossing guards work very hard to ensure the safety of the walking children and are routinely harassed by motorists, threatened by motorists (failing to stop, "rolling" stops, etc), and would benefit greatly from additional official presence. Pick-up is a nightmare with cars standing on Harrison road and non-school motorists angrily swerving around the line.	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
247	Needs to improve significantly	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
248	Bullying is such a huge issue in the world today and we need bigger and better security measures not to leave kids in a place where it could happen such as being unsupervised at any time period. The bus is a big place for these things to happen and what can the bus driver really do? It is so easy for anyone to bring a weapon on the bus or into the school and nowadays we need to take extra measures to prevent this from happening.	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
249	MacDonald is concern after school in parking lot. Many parents not following arrows on pavement. High school difficult to make a left from parking area many times of the day.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
250	I like that our school does not have any "extreme" security measures like logging visitor photos/IDs, locked waiting areas for visitors, etc. I do not like to live in fear nor do I want to foster that kind of culture for my kids.	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
251	Only with traffic	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
252	I have concerns about the Superintendent's judgement	10/10/2016 4:31 PM
253	This is a very confusing survey - I am asked to rank how safe I feel it is at the drop of my child - which child and which school?	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
254	None	10/10/2016 4:24 PM
255	Based on my childrens' experiences at Donley/Whitehills/MacDonald, bullying is not being effectively addressed by East Lansing schools.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
256	None-School seems very safe/secure.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
257	If children are expected to cross a parking lot there should be a crossing guard or safety at all times.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
258	We are happy with the level of safety. It is why we moved to east Lansing.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
259	There really is no safety or security at the school. Just signs which are nothing more than a false sense of security. Anyone can walk in the front door at any time and go right into the school.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
260	Guns should never be allowed in a school building.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
261	Neighborhood traffic enforcement along walking routes is non-existent. Stop sign and speed compliance along Hitching Post and Woodland Pass is unacceptable.	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
262	The lack of care for pedestrian and school traffic around MacDonald and Marble is a problem.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
263	I would really like if my kids could walk or bike to school by themselves, but the neighborhood culture is not very walking friendly, i.e. I think neighbors would call the police if they saw kids walking without an adult. I think they would be perfectly safe.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
264	Playscapes are too small making it unsafe for kids of all ages to play. Buildings are too easily accessible w/o checks.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM

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265	I appreciate that the office tries to remain vigilant, but at times there is nobody in the office or they are busy.	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
266	I appreciate that our schools don't have high levels of security. On another note, I would like the police to use secure in place (locked building and stay in classrooms, but can use bathroom and continue classroom events/lunch) as a first step instead of the level where children have to be in closets for extended periods of time.	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
267	No	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
268	My responses to the questions are as they apply to Donley	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
269	I feel that some parents do not exhibit safe practices when picking up children at the end of the school day.	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
270	Schools front doors are accessible anyone.	10/10/2016 4:15 PM
271	If there is security available why are they allowing the kids to leave campus while classes are in session? Why do I see kids smoking cigarettes and pot behind the school, library and wooded area?! The wooded area should be eliminated, completely stripped bare so the kids don't have an area to do drugs and have sex.	10/10/2016 4:15 PM
272	No	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
273	Again, kids bringing weapons to school and hurting other kids.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
274	Would like a more secure entrance.	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
275	All entries need to be improved. A system that depends on the school secretary to happen to be available, have a clear sight line and looking up is not a good one.	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
276	None	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
277	Seems vulnerable	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
278	Spend money on other stuff unless you can identify a clear threat.	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
279	Marble appears to do a good job.	10/10/2016 4:10 PM
280	Children south of Michigan Avenue need their own school!	10/10/2016 1:25 PM
281	Drop off is hard because you cannot get out the parking lot if you parked	10/10/2016 1:10 PM
282	The front doors are unlocked. We are newer to the district and have never had an elementary school that anyone could just walk in without buzzing the front desk.	10/10/2016 12:28 PM
283	I wonder if at some point all doors being locked at all times will become necessary. While part of me thinks it is, another part of me hates the necessity of such things, and so for that reason it's not something I've lobbied or pressed for.	10/10/2016 11:03 AM
284	There have been several incidents at ELPS. I am worried that people will only make security changes too late. I'd like to see a more proactive stance taken and communicated more clearly to parents.	10/10/2016 10:58 AM
285	I'd like the focus to be on securing our current buildings and the health & safety of the students we have now versus stretching our resources more thinly.	10/10/2016 10:42 AM
286	If our legislature continues to do nothing about gun control, we will need metal detectors at the high school and middle school.	10/10/2016 9:58 AM
287	The exit and entry at the high school is terrible. With the influx of school of choice students and increased traffic, the entry into the school should be improved with traffic lights or at the minimum improved signage. There is also no sidewalk for pedestrians entering the school on the tennis court side. I have seen many students walking on the grass, and sometimes even in the road when the grass is wet or covered with snow.	10/10/2016 9:38 AM
288	Overcrowded buses.	10/10/2016 9:02 AM
289	I think that if you have eyes on the doors (teachers, hall monitors, even parent volunteers on the lookout) that will be sufficient to help secure the buildings.	10/10/2016 8:51 AM
290	The front doors are unlocked and can be unsupervised during the day. There is no one/thing to force you to check in at the office before entering the building.	10/10/2016 8:44 AM
291	Close a school, and stop schools of choice.	10/10/2016 8:00 AM
292	Glencairn has no security.	10/9/2016 11:02 PM
293	I do appreciate that all exterior doors aside from the office door are locked at all times.	10/9/2016 10:18 PM
294	the recent technology bond has upgraded security at the schools. a school needs to balance the needs of access by parents to the school as well as a safe and secure environment for staff and students.	10/9/2016 9:06 PM

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295	Our morning crossing guard is amazing and has to deal with so much traffic along Harrison Road. We would love to get additional signage in the street, similar to what MMS received at the start of the school year.	10/9/2016 8:27 PM
296	Security is good	10/9/2016 8:17 PM
297	Too many people drive their kids to school rather than walk or bike.	10/9/2016 7:56 PM
298	No	10/9/2016 6:18 PM
299	Consistent training for B&A staff. Having responsible adults who check ID's and proper supervision. My husband and I on many occasions have come to get our son and the staff doesn't know where he is so we have to find him. Our ID's were never checked this year, nor his dad, who does not have primary custody, when he has picked him up.	10/9/2016 6:17 PM
300	These incidents are difficult to predict or contain.	10/9/2016 5:14 PM
301	Although my greatest concern is an active shooter situation, I'm also concerned about the danger of traffic near Glencairn.	10/9/2016 5:11 PM
302	A police officer needs to direct traffic on-site at the middle school at the point where kids cross the dropout/ pickup lane over to the parking lot. The presence of an officer is very important at such a large school with a lot of traffic. Also, remote drop off points at marble elementary and crossing guards at Burnham and hagadorn will help with safety and lessening traffic on-site at the middle school.	10/9/2016 4:09 PM
303	My concern is the people that park in the no parking zone and take their children into school. Then people have to reverse their cars so they can get around them. I almost hit someone doing this last year. It is so unsafe	10/9/2016 10:21 AM
304	Not at this time.	10/9/2016 9:28 AM
305	Too many people drive to school, which makes it unsafe for parents and children, who commute by bike or on foot. If you have to allow parents to drive, make them park at Eastminster and then walk the rest.	10/9/2016 9:19 AM
306	The crosswalk at the middle school on burcham needs a light. It is dangerous. Kids just step out in front of cars and sometimes you can't see them .	10/9/2016 8:57 AM
307	I have been satisfied with how the schools have handled security issues in the past, they have done the best with what they have.	10/9/2016 8:21 AM
308	Staff do a good job monitoring who is entering the school.	10/9/2016 7:37 AM
309	There are 2 parks that butt up to the playground. The playground has unclear/in fenced boundaries for children and the general public. As stated above the unlocked front door is visually blocked for any supervising office staff.	10/8/2016 11:51 PM
310	None	10/8/2016 11:17 PM
311	Classrooms unsecured doors, anyone can walk into the school.	10/8/2016 9:40 PM
312	I have always felt that my children are safe during the school day and when they attending the after school care programs.	10/8/2016 9:33 PM
313	We have problems with doors not automatically shutting after people have opened them - security risk.	10/8/2016 8:37 PM
314	It's not perfect, but it beats having to drive or bus my child all the way down to Red Cedar Elementary.	10/8/2016 8:35 PM
315	Yes	10/8/2016 7:27 PM
316	Biking to school at the elementary level should be allowed.	10/8/2016 5:30 PM
317	N/A	10/8/2016 4:06 PM
318	I do not like surveillance/security cameras inside school buildings.	10/8/2016 3:33 PM
319	My son has been physically beaten up on at least two occasions. While the situations were dealt with, it makes me wonder why no one was watching when these events happened in the first place. The after school program is also exceedingly dangerous, unsupervised and unprofessional. I had to pull my child out after only a few weeks. This makes it very hard for parents to find quality after-school care.	10/8/2016 2:38 PM
320	Internal negative culture is the biggest problem. Children who live in non-supportive environments bring a substantial amount of conflict and negative culture to the schools.	10/8/2016 2:03 PM
321	The question about dropoff/pickup neglects B/A children. My kids walk to school every morning. In the afternoon they walk when I am able to meet them at dismissal, and they are picked up in a car on afternoons they are in aftercare. There is never a problem with parking and space at that time in the evening.	10/8/2016 1:21 PM
322	Always be prepared and be sure all at schools have training	10/8/2016 12:58 PM
323	It should not be possible to just walk into the school building.	10/8/2016 12:29 PM

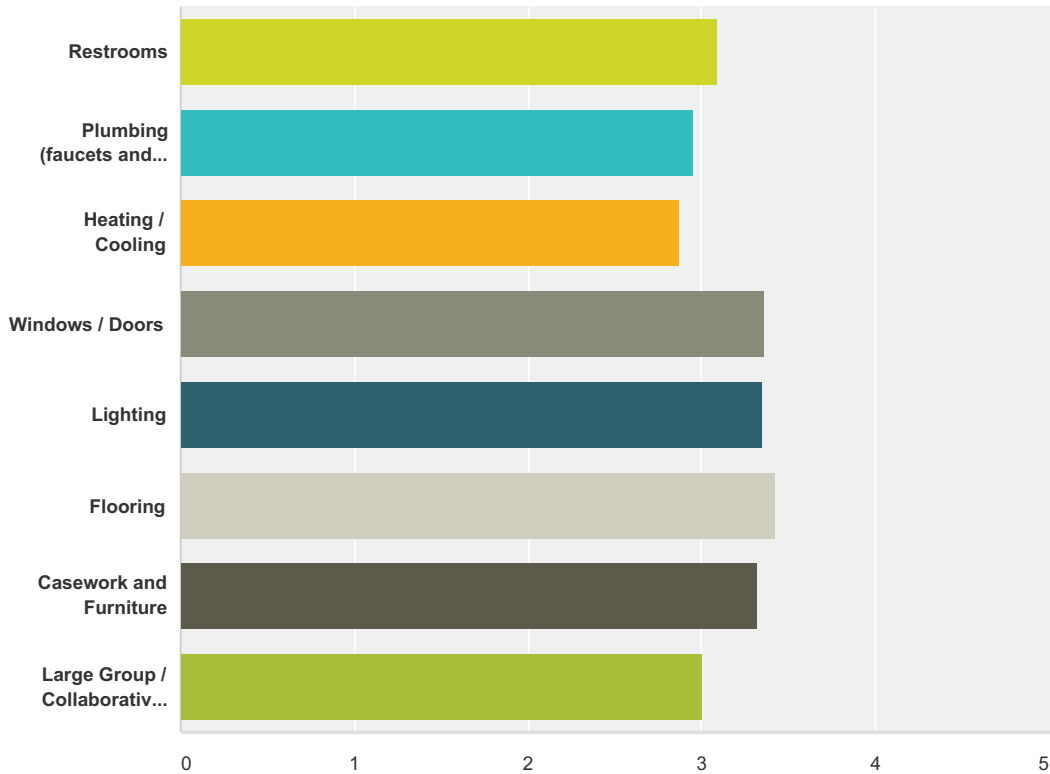
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324	East Lansing is a progressive community--one of the reasons we chose to live here and raise our daughter here. It is my opinion that as much security as can be anticipated given current threats are well planned for by the appropriate people in the public schools in cooperation with local defense.	10/8/2016 11:15 AM
325	No	10/8/2016 10:58 AM
326	No	10/8/2016 10:49 AM
327	We need to guard against being so focused on security for rare events that are horribly catastrophic but not really preventable without instituting extreme measures, and spend more of our time and effort and money on things like good school social workers (Libby Keenan at Marble being a role model) who know what's up with kids and families in a way that can help intervene / forewarn regarding concerns.	10/8/2016 10:18 AM
328	I think safety concerns were addressed well as part of the recent technology bond.	10/8/2016 10:17 AM
329	Locked entry doors, camera's installed	10/8/2016 9:36 AM
330	Please note: the above answers are for Glencairn school. The answers for Red Cedar or Pine Crest would have all been positive--parking and traffic flow were fine at those schools. My son walked to PineCrest. However Glencairn--both as a 5/6 building and as a k-5 school--always felt unsafe and inadequate to me in terms of traffic and parking.	10/8/2016 9:23 AM
331	During events at a school --- anyone can enter and attend the event.	10/8/2016 9:17 AM
332	Student body should be limited to EL population.	10/7/2016 11:25 PM
333	The understaffed building doors in the morning were kids are Running around all over the building with very little to no adult supervision.	10/7/2016 9:40 PM
334	Concerns and policies as regards safety and security should be data-driven, not media-driven.	10/7/2016 8:19 PM
335	Would love to see cameras or something in the hallways. Some doors in marble do not latch and could easily be opened from the outside.	10/7/2016 5:50 PM
336	Policies need to be looked at. Changes need to be made. More precautions need to be taken.	10/7/2016 4:52 PM
337	N/A	10/7/2016 4:08 PM
338	No	10/7/2016 3:20 PM
339	I wish there were an entrance/exit for Marble directly across from MacDonald, with a light and crosswalk. You'd have to take out a house to do that but I think it might help traffic flow for both schools.	10/7/2016 3:18 PM
340	I don't have a child at Glencairn, but I do drive southbound on Harrison, past Glencairn each morning. The drop-off arrangement there creates traffic tie-ups on Harrison, and is a safety problem for drivers. Cars waiting to drop off students back up onto Harrison and through-traffic is blocked. I have seen near-collisions as through-traffic drivers try to go around the cars stopped on Harrison, and I have seen it turn into a gridlock situation when there are both southbound and northbound cars sitting on Harrison, waiting to drop off students.	10/7/2016 2:47 PM

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Q17 Please rank:

Answered: 773 Skipped: 244



	1 - Unacceptable	2	3	4	5 - Excellent	N/A or No Comment	Total	Weighted Average
Restrooms	7.52% 57	13.19% 100	24.67% 187	22.82% 173	6.07% 46	25.73% 195	758	3.09
Plumbing (faucets and drinking fountains)	8.17% 63	18.81% 145	23.74% 183	18.81% 145	6.10% 47	24.38% 188	771	2.95
Heating / Cooling	10.92% 84	16.12% 124	22.11% 170	16.64% 128	6.11% 47	28.09% 216	769	2.87
Windows / Doors	2.61% 20	10.44% 80	26.37% 202	24.93% 191	8.49% 65	27.15% 208	766	3.36
Lighting	2.73% 21	12.37% 95	25.00% 192	26.30% 202	9.11% 70	24.48% 188	768	3.35
Flooring	2.99% 23	8.98% 69	26.69% 205	27.34% 210	9.64% 74	24.35% 187	768	3.42
Casework and Furniture	2.99% 23	11.05% 85	28.74% 221	22.89% 176	8.84% 68	25.49% 196	769	3.32
Large Group / Collaborative Instruction Spaces	9.03% 69	17.28% 132	21.20% 162	16.75% 128	9.82% 75	25.92% 198	764	3.01

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Q18 Do you have any comments regarding facilities and learning environments?

Answered: 350 Skipped: 667

#	Responses	Date
1	Science Night and Math Night Lunchroom gets loud.	11/4/2016 7:02 PM
2	Red Cedar should be sold and the money put into other facilities. The number of school of choice students needs to be reduced.	11/4/2016 5:56 PM
3	I have substituted and visited the elementary buildings. The rooms and meeting spaces are in line with midcentury educational philosophies.	11/4/2016 4:14 PM
4	Need more common areas. Please get climate control/heating and cooling for our kids and teachers	11/4/2016 2:33 PM
5	Building need upgrades to about everything	11/4/2016 2:30 PM
6	Not having a/c is a huge health concern especially with a longer year. Updates could definitely be used but the priority is more space that can be used for additional classrooms and a bigger lunchroom. Most of the time teachers have the horrible fluorescent lights off.	11/4/2016 2:00 PM
7	My daughter's classroom at Whitehills has had a heater that constantly makes a "plinking" noise. It's done this for years and it's very distracting. Things like this make the environment difficult to learn in, yet they are not fixed! Why?	11/4/2016 1:10 PM
8	The bathrooms were so foul at Marble my son refused to use them. They should be cleaned more during the day if it is such a problem.	11/4/2016 1:08 PM
9	The schools are definitely outdated. But it's difficult to say if the spaces would be overcrowded and poor for collaborative group instruction if the capacity of the building were respected. Of course any building will be overcrowded if no one bothers to consider how many students a building can actually hold.	11/4/2016 1:06 PM
10	The adult bathroom is great! I'm told that some stalls in the kids bathrooms are pretty dark. I am also told that there are certain drinking fountains with water that does not taste good, but others that are just fine. The lead levels coming from some faucets are a concern, but it would seem that would be best remediate by a faucet head filter that is replaced regularly and whose water quality is monitored regularly than by trying to figure out all the pipes that would need to be replaced to fix the problem. To a large extent, even though the building looks dated, it is in working order and kept very clean and neat. It can get hot in the classrooms during the early part of the school year (which is why I would not recommend starting before Labor day).	11/4/2016 12:59 PM
11	I believe that all the elementary buildings are dated and need to be updated.	11/4/2016 12:52 PM
12	My son does not attend public school.	11/4/2016 12:50 PM
13	School is crowded and dated but in reasonably well maintained condition.	11/4/2016 12:49 PM
14	Building is often very warm.	11/4/2016 12:46 PM
15	The classrooms are fine. The other rooms are severely restricted in space, especially the library/music room and the rooms for ELL and Title 1, speech therapy and social worker.	11/4/2016 12:38 PM
16	The layout and width of the hallways in the Glencairn building make moving through the hallways in the morning or afternoon nearly impossible. We need a music room. Kindergartener s have library on a cart and it is very difficult for the library specialist and music teacher to balance their work. Need additional classrooms so can add sections to alleviate class size issues when necessary. 26 kindergartners in a classroom is untenable even with the extraordinary teachers we have.	11/3/2016 2:53 PM
17	Seems a bit outdated and crammed (especially the front of the classrooms) but seems to work for the kids just fine	11/3/2016 2:42 PM
18	More up-to-date technology. The improvement and updating of technology is an ongoing need.	11/3/2016 1:16 PM
19	More room for shared learning opportunities and team work is a must in all buildings.	11/3/2016 12:52 PM
20	Most of my experience was from an inner-city school district in the 3rd largest city in the U.S. Thus, ELPS, from my perspective, is doing an exceptional job with the resources it currently has at its disposal. That said, I would wholeheartedly support an effort to put a millage on the ballot for improvements, up to and including complete rebuilding of currently used elementary buildings and complete sale of land and improvements of the currently vacant/unused building.	11/3/2016 9:45 AM

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21	The bathrooms at most of the schools are outdated, lightning and lunchroom facilities need improving, no colaberative work spaces exist.	11/3/2016 9:39 AM
22	Learning environments for large group/collaboration are nonexistent at Pinecrest.	11/3/2016 9:15 AM
23	The teachers are more important than the facilities.	11/3/2016 8:29 AM
24	What would "large group/collaborative instruction spaces" be used for? We have one reading interventionist at Whitehills and she has a room to work in. What constitutes a "large group?" Larger than our existing classes?	11/2/2016 11:45 PM
25	These are all old buildings. We need buildings designed for this and the future generations of students.	11/2/2016 6:59 PM
26	Donley and the other elementary buildings need significant upgrading to support learning for all students, particularly students with special needs.	11/2/2016 10:57 AM
27	The need for air conditioning. On hot days, the classrooms were sweltering, and the students were sweating. This is not conducive for learning and concentrating.	10/31/2016 1:47 PM
28	The elementary buildings clearly need structural and technological updates.	10/30/2016 3:38 PM
29	The bathroom nearest the lunchroom could use some more lights. Could use air-conditioning or window fans in the early fall and late spring.	10/30/2016 1:37 PM
30	Water quality is known issue, needs attention.	10/30/2016 1:17 PM
31	should have ceiling fans in cafeteria, screen door off kitchen. The PA system can not be heard/ understood all throughout the school and not on the blacktop. ceiling in girls bathroom by café has water damage. bottom of lockers at rusty. AC would be nice. allowing a recycling program in the lunch room. a garden onsite. Benches outside on playground side. better organization for visible lost and found items. bike racks on all four sides of the school. lines painted for soccer/football on grass. some girls toilet seats are chipped by gym. a window in the b&A room.	10/30/2016 12:13 AM
32	With class room sizes so big the rooms need more space to account for a variety of learning styles and lessons	10/29/2016 9:05 PM
33	The high school is very nice as is the middle school. GLENCARIN is the wits in the district and it is a shame that we make decisions for our children's education based on one communities concern for property values. I used to live in Glecargin so people speak freely to me thinking I am a GLENCARIN supporter. They care only about their own children and their own property values. It is shameful that Red Cedar was closed by a thinly veiled sham of walkability.	10/28/2016 4:12 PM
34	HS & MMS are good, elementary schools are not	10/28/2016 10:07 AM
35	These buildings are very old and need substantial improvements to ensure that the children of our children have high quality educational/learning facilities.	10/27/2016 1:41 PM
36	None	10/27/2016 11:31 AM
37	I do not have much data but the facility seems to be in good shape. I get no complaints coming home.	10/27/2016 11:04 AM
38	The halls are dim and aging. Lead levels in some rooms are worrying. Simply turning off faucets is not an acceptable alternative to re-plumbing the building. The new library furniture is very nice.	10/26/2016 9:46 AM
39	I believe that closing neighborhood schools have been a mistake.	10/26/2016 8:43 AM
40	I am most concerned about the air quality in our elementary schools.	10/26/2016 6:38 AM
41	We need to plan for energy efficiency, including air conditioning, so that we can reduce operating costs and use our schools year-round, whether because of a balanced calendar or for summer programs. The gym is a useful large group space, but it is full of hard surfaces and awful acoustics.	10/25/2016 10:05 PM
42	Bathrooms smell badly, windows do not always open and some do not have screens	10/25/2016 8:15 PM
43	The lobby at MMS, where they've overcrowded all the students and force them to wait in the morning, is too small. I'm guessing that no one bothered to forecast the numbers when you moved 6th grade? Brand new expensive school, and it's already overcrowded. Joke.	10/25/2016 7:02 PM
44	Sure, it would be nice to have a brand new building for my kids. But I think there are problems that have been ongoing, and they don't relate to the bond. Behavior issues and overcrowding aren't new--but building fancy new classrooms aren't the only way to address the problem (overfilling classrooms is one way). I guess what I'm saying is that I worry that you will build new buildings and we'll have the same problems,	10/25/2016 3:01 PM
45	These are old schools - a lot of good learning happens in them, sometimes possibly in spite of the infrastructure. At the same time, having new faucets or windows is an indirect and possibly difficult to quantify contribution to the education system. I'm not in a position to comment in any detail on facility quality - certainly some restrooms are very dated and I've heard complaints about temperatures.	10/25/2016 12:36 PM
46	Elementary schools are all old and over-crowded.	10/25/2016 9:51 AM

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47	Need more common space.	10/25/2016 9:38 AM
48	Elementary schools need more natural light and more flexible learning spaces. Safety upgrades. Please leave students in the 5 current k-5 locations which allow for the Least amount of K-5 busing and then revamp or build new buildings to meet our updated needs. Be environmentally friendly which may mean smaller footprint with more than one story building.	10/24/2016 9:09 PM
49	Moving from Red Cedar to Whitehills was a shock. Everything at Whitehills is so much smaller, from the gyms and cafeteria to the playground. The building works but keeping old buildings up and working has its challenges (I'm sure I don't know what most of those challenges are). The teachers that I have observed sharing teaching space do a good job with the space they have.	10/24/2016 6:13 PM
50	No	10/23/2016 10:20 PM
51	Red Cedar School is one of E Lansing's Best Facilities	10/23/2016 8:10 PM
52	they need to check the ceiling block in the area of the gym bathrooms they have spots of leaking, bathroom in poor conditions. at the ELHS	10/23/2016 6:34 PM
53	Our elementary facilities are aging and in serious need of updating.	10/23/2016 6:20 PM
54	No	10/23/2016 4:57 PM
55	Lack of air conditioning is a problem.	10/23/2016 2:20 PM
56	I am troubled by the lack of air conditioned spaces at Marble. Over a string of hot days at the start of school, I was appalled to find my young child swearing when I arrived. The cafeteria resembled a third-world sweatshop. These conditions cannot be conducive to good learning. The drinking fountains seem to need repair. Otherwise the school seems to be in decent shape given its age and budgetary constraints.	10/22/2016 10:56 PM
57	Acceptable considering the limited resources.	10/22/2016 1:24 PM
58	Less is more, our children do not learn better in a McMansion, they learn from dedicated well paid teachers.	10/22/2016 8:16 AM
59	The HS is wonderful. The elementary schools would benefit from a/c if the school year keeps extending into summer.	10/22/2016 6:34 AM
60	Open Red Cedar to allow more local schools and less busing. It over stressed and overloads and CREATES overcrowding.	10/21/2016 4:58 PM
61	I don't have enough experience inside the school to form an opinion on any of these	10/21/2016 4:18 AM
62	Bigger cafeteria and the students need a multipurpose room. Air conditioning also needed.	10/20/2016 9:41 PM
63	I can not comment on most of the facilities, they seem fine to me. I have however entered the bathroom when picking up my daughter from after care. The boys room is gross. smells like urine and has a general unclean feeling. I am sure with little boys and years and years smells just imbed themselves in tile and grout, but I think this has a negative effect on little kids who are already shy about bathroom stuff. If any improvements are made I would suggest updates to the bathroom	10/20/2016 3:16 PM
64	This survey does not apply to my situation because my children attended Red Cedar which is currently closed. Therefore I cannot assess any of the above features since I cannot get into what I consider our neighbor hood school. I think this is a huge problem with this survey--again we Red Cedar supporters are left out!	10/20/2016 2:40 PM
65	Facilities seem fine and children have not complained.	10/19/2016 11:55 PM
66	Glancairn is too crowded - building and playground - and subject to ground water intrusion.	10/19/2016 9:30 PM
67	I have only been in a few of the buildings a couple of times - Marble and Whitehills. My impression was how old and worn everything looked and how old the computers in the library were. The classroom facilities were no better. They looked crowded. If I had school age children I would go to Haslett or Okemos to a school like Bennett Woods or Wilkshire.	10/19/2016 8:04 PM
68	Buildings, especially Glencairn, too crowded	10/19/2016 3:38 PM
69	Air conditioning is a must for all elementary buildings. Fluorescent lighting fixtures need to be taken down and changed to prevent buzzing and pulsing light. Private instruction locations for one-on-one teaching are needed (not the hallway).	10/19/2016 3:32 PM
70	They need to be brought up to 21st century learning environments	10/19/2016 2:22 PM
71	My son attended 18 years ago.	10/19/2016 1:59 PM
72	I don't spend very much time in either school (Marble or MacDonald) so my knowledge of these issues is limited. They appear to be acceptable, although for the most part, I would say they are not extraordinary.	10/19/2016 1:31 PM
73	High school is fine- elementary needs work	10/19/2016 12:19 PM

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74	Red Cedar provides the best of all these items so it is totally ridiculous to consider not reopening this little gem or to build other facilities that provide the same as we already have here.	10/19/2016 11:38 AM
75	I feel like this survey is designed to elicit bond support, so you can say "Look how many citizens agree that our infrastructure is terrible!" Yes, the schools are old and outdated. Some are overcrowded. I also find this unfortunate but passing a bond and fixing the building goes only so far in addressing the many problems in the district. The building spaces would be less crowded if there were leadership around managing numbers of students being shoved in. I know there is this widespread belief that the condition of our buildings is a deterrent to families moving in, but recent house-buying trends suggest otherwise. Yeah, new buildings would be nice but I am concerned that it's a ruse to get more money, justify an increase in capacity (we built a huge new High School so now we have to import students to fill it!) at the elementary level. We already don't have enough students to justify the buildings we have, so why build newer ones on the same sites?	10/19/2016 10:11 AM
76	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send my children to private schools. Then it asks me questions about ELPS	10/19/2016 9:37 AM
77	The path on the practice football field up to the library needs the greenery cleared out for safety of people walking to school and more lighting. Many months of the year the path is very dark and unsafe.	10/19/2016 9:27 AM
78	They vary by building, more areas need to be updated	10/19/2016 8:26 AM
79	none	10/18/2016 11:36 PM
80	n/a	10/18/2016 4:36 PM
81	The best thing we can do for students is to have high quality, well-supported (financially and otherwise) teachers in classes that aren't too big.	10/18/2016 4:33 PM
82	there really aren't any large group collaborative spaces except the library which is always being used for library and computer purposes	10/18/2016 1:48 PM
83	No	10/18/2016 8:05 AM
84	No	10/17/2016 10:31 PM
85	Collaborative space is important but introverted students should all be considered in terms of quiet space. Furniture options should consider flexible seating.	10/17/2016 9:39 PM
86	It is important to have clean, safe, comfortable buildings that are not over crowded so children can learn to the best of their abilities. I think this is important to the community even those who do not have their own children as all children are our future.	10/17/2016 4:01 PM
87	I am concerned that Red Cedar isn't being rated fairly.	10/17/2016 2:43 PM
88	If you are going to year round schools which the superintendent seems to be hell bent to do...then you'll need to retrofit the elementary buildings with central air. Yes it would be much nicer to have new buildings but unfortunately not enough students end up leaving east lansing school district area after college. So they are emotionally attached to the outdated buildings.	10/17/2016 2:32 PM
89	All of my comments above relate to ELHS, where my son is currently. From memory, I think most of my responses would also apply to McDonald MS, although Donley Elementary less so.	10/17/2016 12:04 PM
90	I applaud the teachers for doing a very good job of utilizing the spaces available in a way that fits newer models of education. Also, it is hard as a parent (who is not in the school for any great length of time on a regular basis) to really assess the facilities and environments, other than on the surface quality and functionality.	10/17/2016 11:19 AM
91	My students would be better equipped to answer this question. I can say that we need to update our furniture in order to use current pedagogical methods like group work, etc.	10/17/2016 9:15 AM
92	You focus too much on spending money for new buildings instead of finding ways to use the current buildings the district owns. Learning is not based on the buildings; the teachers and curriculum are most important.	10/16/2016 10:04 PM
93	For dated schools the buildings have been maintained.	10/16/2016 10:02 PM
94	Red cedar facility is superior in terms of classroom size and outdoor space and setback from any major streets. It has had additions over the years not mentioned in your description of the age of the bldg.	10/16/2016 7:05 PM

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95	Our buildings are old and need updating. We have had lights catch on fire (2 in the last two years in my room) and the heating system blew. This took 3 days to repair because the part is so old it took time to get it here and then install it. We also had to wait for the financial director to come over and approve it before any work could be done. For 3 days, 60 students were crammed in the library, which was a challenge, and meant no other classes could go to the library. We also need some control within classrooms to regulate heating/cooling to a certain extent (ie. 3 degree range). Cooling systems also need to be in each room. It is nearly impossible to teach/learn when your room is 85-90 degrees. Whiteboards would be a nice touch since chalkboards are not in great conditions and whiteboards are a more current tool. Chairs are getting old and cracked, the bottoms are falling off and we just need new materials.	10/16/2016 2:15 PM
96	Modernization is in order. Getting our schools up to speed from a tech and facilities standpoint is a must	10/16/2016 1:28 PM
97	Uptake on Pinecrest seems to be good. I have not noticed any obvious issues with the facility.	10/16/2016 12:35 PM
98	These comments are for Marble & Glencairn. I feel the middle and high schools are in excellent condition.	10/16/2016 11:31 AM
99	elementary buildings need updating	10/15/2016 1:36 PM
100	Classrooms too small, not enough rooms in building. Portable used for learning.	10/15/2016 12:33 AM
101	We are new this year so I'm unfamiliar with much of the facilities. I do know the rooms are not air conditioned so it is quite hot in the classrooms.	10/14/2016 4:26 PM
102	The Elementary Buildings are too old.	10/14/2016 1:29 PM
103	updates needed	10/14/2016 11:38 AM
104	1) I entered no comment, as I understand it's an older building and despite that, my children are learning and excelling so I don't necessarily feel I need to pick on the facilities. Would new buildings be nice, well, yes, but I feel that teacher support should be #1. 2) It would be nice to have drinking fountains adapted to fill water bottles.	10/14/2016 10:31 AM
105	The facilities in my opinion are in good working order. Ive been to several other elementary buildings in EL, and they are in good repair as well. Yes more space would be great, but the real issue is overcrowding at all of the elementary schools.	10/14/2016 8:54 AM
106	My son complained several times about the classroom being very hot during the summer and struggling to focus as a result. Central air is needed. A fan will not cool a class of 26 students and a teacher.	10/13/2016 10:29 PM
107	Learning environments are too crowded (class sizes way too large for elementary success), should have a few small rooms available to pull kids out for intervention support. Special ed teachers should have paraprofessionals who work under them, as should RTI teachers. East Lansing does not seem to value this and it shows in their scores.	10/13/2016 10:16 PM
108	Need more space for special needs' therapy.	10/13/2016 7:15 PM
109	Access to natural light, and large collaborative instruction space would support various learning styles	10/13/2016 2:01 PM
110	Many of the elementary classrooms are too small when filled with nearly thirty kids and/or trying to accommodate for special needs students.	10/13/2016 1:01 PM
111	For the time I spend during conferences, the facilities seem very appropriate from all conditions.	10/13/2016 12:22 PM
112	Provide mixture of options for introverted children and extroverted children without the thinking that all children are extroverted. Maybe even consider the Quiet test of introvert or extrovert, but that seems to be also a silly idea (possibly). http://www.quietrev.com/the-introvert-test/	10/13/2016 8:00 AM
113	The facilities and learning environment are acceptable. However, improvements are encouraged.	10/13/2016 3:00 AM
114	I do not want my children to be moved for a third time during elementary school. So, please don't reconfigure again.	10/12/2016 8:55 PM
115	HS and MMS are good in this aspect but the elementary schools are deplorable not current not enough space drinking fountains dirty etc..	10/12/2016 6:54 PM
116	I really wish we had a separate music room and a bigger art room at Glencairn	10/12/2016 5:36 PM
117	The multi purpose/cafeteria is not the best arrangement. I would like to see them separate. My kids routinely say the cafeteria smells when they have events in there. When I visit, it also does smell a little. A lot of kids and a lot of food make it difficult to keep clean.	10/12/2016 5:28 PM
118	No	10/12/2016 4:57 PM
119	The bathrooms in Marble Elementary School are unacceptable.	10/12/2016 4:26 PM
120	Both parking areas needs to be resealed and relined. As well as adding additional spaces within the area that exists.	10/12/2016 3:40 PM
121	It is clear we have fallen behind in keeping our elementary buildings updated.	10/12/2016 3:30 PM

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122	The furniture at the high school is cheap and falls apart.	10/12/2016 3:26 PM
123	Glen cairn's parking lot is a bomb zone. I can't believe the shape and design of that parking lot. Obviously all lead plumbing fixtures must be removed and where needed replaced.	10/12/2016 3:23 PM
124	Same comment - we have heard from several parents that there are many groups of girls at McDonald Middle School who fight. This leads us to be concerned about physical safety.	10/12/2016 2:43 PM
125	Our facilities are quite out of date when compared to modern teaching methods. There is a clear lack of community learning spaces. Additionally, drinking fountains, food service area fixtures and associated plumbing should be replaced with modern lead-free equipment.	10/12/2016 2:37 PM
126	more small group instruction space . accordion wall needs upgrading - noise travels.	10/12/2016 1:34 PM
127	I think the most important things to update are the ones that contribute to teaching/learning.	10/12/2016 1:24 PM
128	It's been 10 years since I've been in any of the elementary schools - don't know the current environment	10/12/2016 1:06 PM
129	The building seems to be quite outdated and inadequate in terms of space to give students the type of learning environment necessary. The space is cramped, there are too many students in each class room, and very little activity space,	10/12/2016 10:16 AM
130	I support gender neutral bathrooms in all schools. Thank you for running the lead testing in the schools! This is an another example of knowledge is power. It's good to know where the problems are such that they can be fixed or a plan to fix them can be developed.	10/12/2016 10:12 AM
131	Donley is dated and its design reflects an educational model that was common when we were kids. It should be updated to facilitate modern teaching practices.	10/12/2016 8:34 AM
132	As the legislature mandates a longer school year, air conditioning is becoming an issue. It is also unacceptable that we have had to turn off faucets due to lead concerns.	10/12/2016 8:30 AM
133	we often attend concerts at the high school, and the auditorium, the halls, the restrooms, seem fine	10/12/2016 7:10 AM
134	Student numbers in the elementary classrooms are too big each year! Too cramped, unorganized and messy. Also, not enough time for teachers/staff to focus on important issues with so many children to attend too. It has worsened each year we have been in the district.	10/11/2016 11:57 PM
135	I defer to the teachers on this question. Focus investment in areas where teachers say the needs are.	10/11/2016 11:12 PM
136	Need for new/not renovated buildings	10/11/2016 11:01 PM
137	I think the question is why are students performing poorly ? Where is diversity being celebrated and seen as a strength ? What is the plan for such Esp Pinecrest	10/11/2016 10:37 PM
138	It quite old, but the teachers make do and are amazing working with what they have.	10/11/2016 10:26 PM
139	Classroom very hot. Cafeteria has multiple lights burnt out.	10/11/2016 9:14 PM
140	Old textbook replacement	10/11/2016 7:29 PM
141	Don't have enough experience, but they seem pretty well kept and fine to me. A teacher, staff or regular volunteer would know better.	10/11/2016 6:58 PM
142	Have not been at school long enough to observe.	10/11/2016 5:43 PM
143	I feel there should be a space strickly catering to children who stuggle emotionally or with integrating into a different classroom and routine. My child has these issues and it's frustrating for me as a mother knowing she has does well with certain methods and they aren't convenient or poddible with the current set up.	10/11/2016 5:10 PM
144	The cafeteria could use some sound absorbing renovations for the ceiling	10/11/2016 4:43 PM
145	The gym is always the go to for big events. The space doesn't always work. If the children are not allowed to wear marking shoes for gym, then we shouldn't be allowed to wear and tear the floor during the events.	10/11/2016 1:47 PM
146	Well, I'm not sure anything has been updated since the '50's at Marble, and at MacDonald, ...I suppose they have a nice "million-dollar-donut-hall" now? Which was a stupid use of money. So thanks for that.	10/11/2016 1:43 PM
147	I've worked in very old buildings and they function fine as long as they are maintained. Small investments over time keep the place working. The schools need some infrastructure upgrades and cosmetic enhancement but can probably still function well for many years to come.	10/11/2016 1:43 PM
148	Need for separate space - for interventionists, music, art	10/11/2016 1:25 PM
149	Less money on fancy atriums and more money on resources kids and teachers can use to enrich academics	10/11/2016 12:42 PM

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150	Seems old and run-down	10/11/2016 12:30 PM
151	I think there should be air conditioning. It's hard to learn when you are sweating profusely.	10/11/2016 12:06 PM
152	This is mostly concerning Pinecrest elementary	10/11/2016 11:59 AM
153	Our elementary buildings are an embarrassment. East Lansing has not kept up with the times. Neighboring school districts offer much more up-to-date facilities for their Elementary students. With two kids under age 5, we need to see significant changes in the schools or we will be moving before they start Elementary school.	10/11/2016 11:36 AM
154	I think the hallways and the lockers could be much improved. Kids are sharing lockers and they all seem to be different sizes and outdated. My son loves the learning environment but the school building itself could use some sprucing up.	10/11/2016 11:21 AM
155	The learning environments are dark and cramped. They do not allow for project-based and/or large group learning opportunities. The air quality is poor and not conducive to learning in the warm fall and spring/ summer months. The rest rooms are smelly and inappropriately sized for students and staff. There are not enough of them to accommodate the student body size. The classrooms are too small for the current number of students in each classroom. The water fountains in the classrooms are warm and uninviting to students. The furniture does not meet the current movement needs of children that are required to attend for long periods of time.	10/11/2016 11:20 AM
156	It's not state of the art, but I have no problems with any of the facilities and my children never have either.	10/11/2016 11:04 AM
157	No.	10/11/2016 11:02 AM
158	I have always felt that the classrooms at Marble do not have enough natural light. Most classrooms have very small or no windows. And the ones that do have windows have internal metal blinds that block most light. I think the children are used to it, but it is a bit of a shame.	10/11/2016 10:46 AM
159	Its a pretty nice little school. The hallways are narrow and crowded at times, and there could probably be some innovations with large collaborative spaces.	10/11/2016 10:40 AM
160	ELPS should put money into making playgrounds at all K-5 buildings comparable.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
161	There are other schools that appear to be in less than ideal conditions. Use of closets and storage rooms for learning may work (on occasion) for quiet or focused time, but it would be more ideal to use the space for actual storage so classrooms aren't as cluttered with materials and teachers have flexibility in how they set up/use the room.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
162	Outside of the building looks like parts are falling apart	10/11/2016 10:15 AM
163	As a kindergarten parent, I'm not very familiar with Glencairn or other elementary buildings, yet. I feel like the building is adequate but is dated. It would certainly benefit from updates and new fixtures. I would defer to the staff and teachers to have the best knowledge of the building and its needs.	10/11/2016 10:14 AM
164	I think Glencairn is an excellent school. All the staff is so friendly and helpful.	10/11/2016 10:08 AM
165	Elementary schools could use air conditioning and cosmetic upgrades.	10/11/2016 9:53 AM
166	I haven't spent much time inside the school so I can't judge. But from what I have seen superficially, it's not particularly worse than the school I attended myself.	10/11/2016 9:49 AM
167	The cafeteria/multi purpose room is very small, with low ceilings.	10/11/2016 9:44 AM
168	Not having AC at the start of school was hard on the kids (and teachers too). Whitehills strikes me as a very dark and closed space. I'd love to see more natural daylight in my child's learning environment.	10/11/2016 9:39 AM
169	Overall the building is dated and could use updates. Its unacceptable for the building not to have cooling. The first few weeks of school were miserable for the students. I don't see how they can be expected to learn and be productive in such an environment when its so hot. I think East Lansing can afford to provide cooling in the schools.	10/11/2016 9:17 AM
170	Nope	10/11/2016 9:13 AM
171	No	10/11/2016 9:07 AM
172	With as warm as some of the rooms get during the summer, it may be good to put AC in the main building.	10/11/2016 8:59 AM
173	I based these rankings above on the elementary schools they attended	10/11/2016 8:56 AM
174	Explore tinted windows for classrooms. More opportunities for OUTDOOR learning and natural spaces	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
175	I supported the bond proposal for the construction of 4 new elementary schools several years back, because pedagogy has changed significantly since those schools were built, and their spaces did not accommodate new forms of teaching and learning. They are obsolete both physically and in relation to current pedagogy.	10/11/2016 8:42 AM

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176	Existing elementary buildings all need improvement. High school and middle school are more than adequate. Of elementary buildings I have spent time in, Glencairn is most in need of help.	10/11/2016 8:37 AM
177	I would prefer to see more automation and less books and paper. With all the technology I would like to see some learning and instruction done via the internet. Perhaps consider giving instruction prior to the lesson so that students can be prepared to engage more during class time.	10/11/2016 8:35 AM
178	I am new to the school and have not been able to fully review the class rooms entirely and other facilities. But from what I see they are neat and clean.	10/11/2016 8:26 AM
179	I would defer to staff members who know the needs of the facilities best.	10/11/2016 7:56 AM
180	Worry about lead and previous high lead content yielding tests all the time. Shouldn't have this problem. Especially for the high taxes we pay to live in E.L.	10/11/2016 7:47 AM
181	The buildings need modernization. The lack of air conditioning is a definite issue.	10/11/2016 7:10 AM
182	Classes rooms are seriously overcrowded	10/11/2016 5:44 AM
183	No	10/11/2016 3:28 AM
184	In September and October in Michigan, my daughters are taking sweaters to school on beautiful days because the schools are being air-conditioned and it is too cold. It sounds like many other kids do too. I'd hope that an energy-conscious and responsible district could take a look at this issue. I understand there is need for air flow in the classrooms, but significant air conditioning in Michigan in September and October seems a bit ridiculous, and wasteful.	10/10/2016 11:56 PM
185	Classroom space, cafeteria, and hallway spaces are small/narrow.	10/10/2016 11:07 PM
186	let the parents know what the children's life at campus	10/10/2016 10:58 PM
187	no	10/10/2016 10:49 PM
188	Elementary schools need A/C.	10/10/2016 10:33 PM
189	The building seems unbearable for workers in early fall (so hot), but understand if central air doesn't make sense. Maybe there is a more affordable option?	10/10/2016 9:56 PM
190	The building as a whole, including learning environments feels old, tired, and drab. It's not a welcoming space for kids or one conducive to supporting engaged learning.	10/10/2016 9:53 PM
191	Lunch room has a very low ceiling making it very gloomy.	10/10/2016 9:29 PM
192	Elementary buildings are outdated and do not provide optimal learning environments.	10/10/2016 9:21 PM
193	The building always feels a bit old and shabby. The lunchroom seems small and it seems like the kids are often rushed at lunch, with waiting in line.	10/10/2016 9:18 PM
194	hostile school environment. Lame attempt to address bullying, mental health concerns and hateful and divisive behavior among students.	10/10/2016 9:18 PM
195	Everything seems to be in good working order.	10/10/2016 9:07 PM
196	Marble needs updates!!!!	10/10/2016 8:48 PM
197	All above answers were for Pinecrest Elementary which needs sooo many improvements in all areas!!	10/10/2016 8:39 PM
198	Satisfactory	10/10/2016 8:24 PM
199	If you're asking about elementary schools, I will say that Red Cedar had good facilities and learning environments. It would be better to re-open the school.	10/10/2016 8:18 PM
200	They all seem fine to me.	10/10/2016 8:09 PM
201	Good.	10/10/2016 7:49 PM
202	No.	10/10/2016 7:48 PM
203	Internal classrooms without natural light are energy depleters.	10/10/2016 7:46 PM
204	Everything is just on its last legs to the point of being unsafe. Lack of a/c is also an issue.	10/10/2016 7:46 PM
205	They have been doing the best they can given the limitations of the building. The lockers are too small for the kids to hang their coats in or put their boots in. There should be some outside learning spaces so that the kids can have lessons in a different environment. Perhaps an outdoor garden for lessons on nutrition etc.	10/10/2016 6:57 PM
206	Children should not drink water from the bathroom faucet	10/10/2016 6:55 PM

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207	Relative to other school districts the ELPS elementary facilities are ancient and need updates.	10/10/2016 6:49 PM
208	No	10/10/2016 6:43 PM
209	Lunchroom cold even in summer according to my son.	10/10/2016 6:37 PM
210	Air conditioning for elementary school classrooms. I visited a new school building in the thumb of Michigan and it was soooooo nice.	10/10/2016 6:33 PM
211	Facilities are outdated and badly needs renovation.	10/10/2016 6:25 PM
212	Whitehills was a 5/6 building and no consideration was made when it was converted back to a K-5 building. The playground and classrooms were not properly restructured.	10/10/2016 6:20 PM
213	Part of the building not accounted for in this list is location. The Glencairn building is in an ideal neighborhood location, which makes up for some of the deficiencies in the building itself.	10/10/2016 6:12 PM
214	Class sizes too large.	10/10/2016 6:11 PM
215	Smaller class sizes probably equals more classrooms, and I'd support cramped space to achieve.	10/10/2016 6:09 PM
216	Kids have said it is excessively hot in classrooms during end of summer due to lack of A/C	10/10/2016 6:05 PM
217	The janitorial service is a complete joke. They are either on their phones or smoking cigarettes. The schools in general need people who take pride in their job and we are 10,000 miles away from that. The schools are dirty. It is evident that nobody is running this business with any real commitment. But if you pay them more for doing less, that is what you get.	10/10/2016 5:56 PM
218	The facility is extremely outdated and very crowded. Instructional areas are not clearly defined within classrooms for large/small group instruction. I am an educator in another district ready to schools of choice my children OUT of ELPS due to facilities, security and curriculum concerns.	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
219	There is no air conditioning.	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
220	The school is overcrowded. The third grade should have three classes but there is not enough rooms to accommodate.	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
221	None	10/10/2016 5:42 PM
222	too small for over 200 kids	10/10/2016 5:37 PM
223	No	10/10/2016 5:36 PM
224	Bathrooms at Donley are disgusting, the library is too small and there is no large gathering spaces. Having a portable trailer at the school is also not appropriate, it looks like a mobile home community not a school.	10/10/2016 5:25 PM
225	I haven't been inside the building recently, but the chairs and tables (though functional) are outdated. But everything is still working and in fair condition in my opinion.	10/10/2016 5:23 PM
226	Restrooms are consistently dark and smelly. Entry and classroom doors need to be fully secured. Furniture is mismatched and old.	10/10/2016 5:20 PM
227	The high school is solid, just needs sprucing up	10/10/2016 5:20 PM
228	Personally, I would like to see the schools go back to individual desks where students learn at an early age, to begin self organization and personal space by can then unite for group lessons. Pinecrest seems well taken care of. A/C would be great but I understand that's a bit of a luxury in terms of actual cost to do, so that's fine.	10/10/2016 5:11 PM
229	None	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
230	Need ac	10/10/2016 5:07 PM
231	The building is acceptable but overcrowded and not ideal.	10/10/2016 5:01 PM
232	Yes, our kids deserve to have proper lighting and more comfortable chairs/tables to learn.	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
233	Learning environments and much of the furniture is from the 60's. Teachers have written grants/used pto money etc and tried their best to improve but it isn't consistent from class to class. Most buildings are not very inviting. Low ceilings and very institutional.	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
234	With as many students as are enrolled in Pinecrest, having restrooms with one or two stalls does not seem adequate.	10/10/2016 4:59 PM
235	The building is outdated and worn. Lockers are rusted out, bathrooms are dingy with sinks with cold water and faucets that are hard to turn on. Teachers do the best with what they have to make good learning environments after using their own money and furniture. There are NO collaborative spaces and every space/room is overcrowded and used.	10/10/2016 4:58 PM

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236	N/A	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
237	The elementary buildings are in need of being addressed. I anticipate that the people involved in the planning will be able to prioritize the needs.	10/10/2016 4:54 PM
238	Many rooms in Marble have little access to daylight/few windows. Worst is the lunch/multipurpose room and the gym with no windows at all.	10/10/2016 4:52 PM
239	The classroom space at Marble is absolutely insufficient to meet the needs of the growing population of students. With 1st and 3rd grade currently above class size caps, it is unacceptable that there is not a substantial effort being made to address this class size concern. Adding a paraprofessional does not deal with or solve the facility and learning environment issue.	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
240	No	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
241	the teachers and administration make the school, not the facility. Any shortcomings in the facility are well-handled by the amazing faculty and staff	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
242	For our tax base I am disappointed in the sub standard learning environment in EL	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
243	Donley could use updates!	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
244	I'm not too concerned about the facilities as long as they are safe. I would like to see investment in programming and teachers.	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
245	They are outdated, but not a big concern to me.	10/10/2016 4:35 PM
246	Classroom size is not sufficient for number of students per class. There should be AC in classrooms for days that temps exceed 80 degrees. Bathrooms are very smelly and gross. Marble teachers are amazing and do the best with what they have.	10/10/2016 4:35 PM
247	Elementary schools seem dim, dark spaces (in halls)	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
248	The state of the bathrooms at the end of the day, and the teachers' bathroom with its constantly running sink and dim lighting, always surprise me. The fixtures definitely need an upgrade. Overall the lighting in the school seems somewhat dim. And of course, our music teacher really needs his own room.	10/10/2016 4:33 PM
249	Girls restrooms need improvement for light above the stalls because it's difficult to see.	10/10/2016 4:33 PM
250	The elementary schools my children attended were fine. The middle and high school buildings are excellent.	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
251	AC units for the school. My kindergartner was so hot in class it prohibits him from concentrating on class work	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
252	I know that my child has been drinking, almost daily for the last three years, from a sink and faucet that had been CLOSED since MARCH of 2016. This is October 2016. The class pet died last spring!	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
253	The facility is old and needs refurbishment. You don't have appropriate rooms for ALL teachers.	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
254	The High School appears to be fine. Donley & Whitehills are in bad shape.	10/10/2016 4:24 PM
255	The lead in the water is a concern. Beyond that, yes it is an old building. Sure I would like a shiny new one...but my priority would be for substance above form. That is, I would rather directly support education/assistance, in the form of aids and resource teachers, for struggling schools and kids than spending money on a nice building.	10/10/2016 4:24 PM
256	The classrooms are too small especially for older grades and when class sizes are allowed to become too large it affects the ability to focus and learn (i.e. my daughter had 32 5th graders in her class last year and it was literally kids sitting on top of each other). The cafeteria is too small.	10/10/2016 4:24 PM
257	Rooms are very hot when it is sunny and warm outside. Overall, the building appears dated but everything seems to work fine.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
258	This whole exercise is headed down the path of year round school. Your elementary buildings are not ready for that sort of activity. No one learns in extreme heat/cold. Please just come out and say what you are after. Buildings that can support a year round calendar.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
259	The classrooms are too small for the number of children's desks required. Teachers have little space to store anything.	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
260	The teachers are more important than the facility. We should put money into teachers and materials rather than bricks and mortar.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
261	No issues.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM

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262	The McDonald Middle School morning drop off should be streamlined for the parking lot area. Right now you have one late of traffic going in. If one vehicle is slow unloading, this then creates a significant back up that often loops all the way around the parking lot. In addition, you have people that drop off further back, get frustrated with the delay, and pull around. This causes a dangerous issue as you have kids walking out between cars who have parked to let their children out. Also, you have vehicles who do not obey the one-way rule. Three suggestions: #1) Post one-way signs on the north side of the lot to force cars to the right and counter-clockwise loop. #2) Create a second loop by blocking off four parking spots two-thirds of the way down. This loop would be the inside loop. #3) Continue with the outside loop, but create a passenger crossing "stop" lane for the inside loop children to walk through the outside loop. This would create two drop off lines and double your capacity.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
263	Kids need to spend more time learning outdoors	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
264	Better temperature regulation is absolutely necessary. Also, the Marble kitchen is in dire need of an upgrade, and there is not sink for kids to wash their hands in the lunchroom.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
265	No	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
266	I feel like the school could use a splash of paint and some better lighting.	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
267	This is our first year at Donely, there are huge differences in terms of infrastructure with the previous school my son used to attend, Glencairn. Even when kids have a huge space in the playground, the furniture and school facilities are rather run down. The light is poor in the classrooms as well.	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
268	No	10/10/2016 4:15 PM
269	Ask the kids who go to the schools	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
270	The playground is still lacking, there needs to be efficient air conditioning, and the building needs to fully be renovated.	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
271	The school is so outdated. It really needs to be fixed up	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
272	The whole building feels worn, dirty and outdated.	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
273	Acceptable	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
274	Glencairn is in a great location but it could use some work. A lot of work.	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
275	no.	10/10/2016 4:10 PM
276	Why did you close Red Cedar School? It was the finest, most diverse school in the District.	10/10/2016 1:27 PM
277	The Donley classrooms that have moved to collaborative instruction space are very interesting. I'd like more information on how well these are working.	10/10/2016 1:23 PM
278	Building is old and needs much repair	10/10/2016 1:11 PM
279	My son is in a very small classroom with 30 total students. My too crowded. There is also no A/C in this particular classroom, therefore it is very warm in classroom on hot days.	10/10/2016 11:13 AM
280	My biggest concern lately with Glencairn bathrooms has been the smell (esp. from the boys'); not sure if it's something systemic (such as blocked or clogged vent stacks (?), or if it's simply an inadequate cleaning/maintenance issue...? I marked the plumbing 'Unacceptable' for the lead that's been discovered in some fixtures...	10/10/2016 11:06 AM
281	The materials in classrooms are old and out of date. Also, the materials are often not age appropriate. Children in kindergarten should not be playing with lego duplos. My child was often bored and as a result, found school less interesting.	10/10/2016 11:00 AM
282	Dooley is in pretty bad shape especially when compared to the middle & high schools. A LOT of the infrastructure (heating & cooling) needs to be addressed as well as creating modern places of learning for all of our students.	10/10/2016 10:44 AM
283	It's not that any of it is "unacceptable". I believe in making the best of what you have. But, things certainly could stand to be updated, and starting with Donley compared to the other elementary schools. It is disappointing how "far behind" Donley is.	10/10/2016 10:34 AM
284	Can we please make the pool area cooler? The high school pool is used constantly, both by ELHS students and by the community for rentals. It would be really nice if the humidity could be lower and it could be more pleasant in there.	10/10/2016 10:00 AM
285	Would like there to be classrooms that allow children to move around	10/10/2016 9:28 AM
286	Would like to see facility improvements to elementary schools.	10/10/2016 9:04 AM
287	I have only been in Marble a hand-full of times, but I have been fairly satisfied with what I've seen of the building so far. I will be able to give a stronger opinion next school year.	10/10/2016 8:52 AM

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288	The classrooms are too small which make it hard to break out into groups. Marble has little to no collaborative instruction spaces.	10/10/2016 8:51 AM
289	While it is nice to have the most modern educational facilities but there the fact that facilities may be old and outdated doesn't mean that good quality education can't take place in an older facility. It was never shown that students who attended Hannah suffered academically in relation to students who went to Macdonald.	10/10/2016 8:03 AM
290	Pinecrest does look quite outdated.	10/10/2016 8:00 AM
291	Glencairn needs more classroom space. There is no music room. There is no breakout space. There needs to be more classroom space to accommodate the ebb and flow of population growth in our various neighborhoods.	10/9/2016 11:06 PM
292	Perhaps if we had more learning spaces we could accommodate (yet still not afford) all the SOC students we're flooding in, in reasonably sized classes.	10/9/2016 10:21 PM
293	The facilities have been slowly degrading over the last 20 years. The buildings are suited for the kinds of educational experiences that were typical in the 40's, 50's and 60's.	10/9/2016 10:18 PM
294	the facilities are showing wear and tear. They are 50 plus years old and it shows. The newer additions are better but new is still 20 years ago.	10/9/2016 9:08 PM
295	Our experiences in Marble and Glencairn are the same and even from what I have seen in other elementary schools, the 2s and 3s I have ranked above would be for all of the schools. They are old buildings with old design/plans which have been neglected for years, only receiving upgrades when absolutely necessary.	10/9/2016 8:31 PM
296	The school is really fine as long as class sizes are kept under control. I don't see much need for large group / collaborative spaces in an elementary school.	10/9/2016 7:54 PM
297	I am unsure if these questions are aimed at my child's current building or others. In elementary all unsatisfactory	10/9/2016 6:19 PM
298	Lack of AC is incredibly uncomfortable when the rooms get to 83 degrees.	10/9/2016 6:19 PM
299	Very good shape.	10/9/2016 5:14 PM
300	Glencairn is extremely crowded.	10/9/2016 5:12 PM
301	I would love to see project areas where each grade level has classrooms surrounding a large group area. Take a look at the elementary buildings in Waverly.	10/9/2016 4:52 PM
302	Nothing seems to be LEED certified in any building. I don't know of any large study spaces besides the library.	10/9/2016 4:11 PM
303	The air quality of marble and glencairn need attention.	10/9/2016 1:27 PM
304	More classroom space is needed. 3rd grade at marble has too many students in each class.	10/9/2016 11:50 AM
305	School district should take advantage of energy efficiency upgrades during rehabilitation of buildings to reduce operating costs. This can be done through energy audits and thoughtful planning of renovation that will payback in less than 5 years and ultimately provide long term savings for the district large amounts of money and help fight climate change. There are special energy efficiency bonds available via the Michigan Agency for Energy that are available through Ingham County. Marysville School District recently used these bonds and are projected to save millions in utility bills over the lifetime of the equipment!!!!!!	10/9/2016 11:35 AM
306	I absolutely LOVE what the teachers at Donley have done with their classroom spaces. Making them more conducive to all students by taking away the chairs and desks and giving them higher standing desks, balls to sit on at tables and low tables so they can sit on the floor on cushions! The kids love the flexibility!	10/9/2016 10:24 AM
307	Since the survey does not let me go back, here my concern about safety: protect the students first and acknowledge that they are kids. Rather than calling the police over a clown mask and some kitchen knives, have a talk with the student. Don't send an email blast to all district parents about the incident and don't put it on the news. I understand that the helicopter parents might feel better, if you do this, but there was no need to know, and thereby the students' privacy was violated. The facilities and learning environments seem really great. I love the flexibility that the fourth grade Marble teachers bring to the students. My son loves the funky chairs in one of the classrooms.	10/9/2016 9:23 AM
308	The teachers would better be able to answer this, based on what they need.	10/9/2016 8:58 AM
309	The sinks, toilets, and drinking fountains leak. The hallway bathroom and classroom bathrooms have a urine and sewage smell. It smells like the toilets are leaking into the subfloor.	10/9/2016 8:30 AM
310	My kids both are in the newest building with an addition and renovations. It is wonderful! Previously my son would try not to use the bathroom at Glencairn because it was so "disgusting"--his words.	10/9/2016 8:25 AM
311	Classrooms need air conditioning The lunch room, and gym would benefit from air conditioning as well. That is my biggest concern with the facility so far.	10/9/2016 7:41 AM

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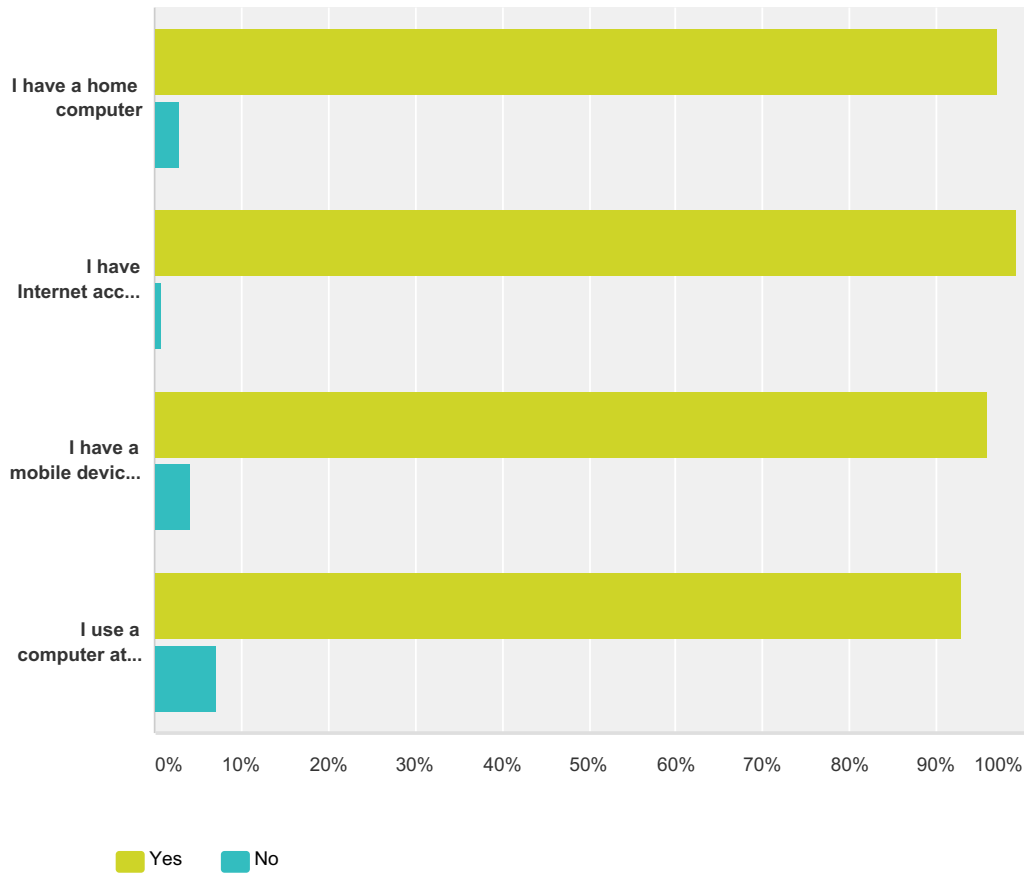
312	Glencairn is too small, lacks music room	10/9/2016 7:30 AM
313	The library, gym, and cafeteria are the only large group collaborative spaces available within the building. Lockers are rusted through (holes) and some are coming away from the walls. There are classes who must go to different hallways (out of sight of classroom teacher) to have a locker. Plumbing in the restroom is a concern. We still have faucets that must be held in order to keep the water running. There is a perpetual sewage smell in our middle set of restrooms. There is NO ADULT MALE RESTROOM. This is unacceptable.	10/8/2016 11:56 PM
314	Not conducive to collaborative learning, no common spaces for working, classrooms not large enough for student numbers.	10/8/2016 9:43 PM
315	Hallways can feel dark in the winter. Ceilings can feel low. Are the facilities amazing, no. Are the facilities adequate, yes. Can the facilities be improved, definitely. Improve lighting in bathrooms so that no stalls feel dark. Replace dark flooring and paneling to open up the existing spaces.	10/8/2016 9:36 PM
316	Although much of the space is clean, many items are "well used". In classroom shelving is old as are the materials. The teachers are very resourceful with use of space and materials	10/8/2016 9:26 PM
317	We are full. There is no space for pulling kids out of class for small group time.	10/8/2016 8:46 PM
318	It's not perfect, but it beats having to drive or bus my child all the way down to Red Cedar Elementary.	10/8/2016 8:35 PM
319	Infrastructure could certainly be updated.	10/8/2016 7:50 PM
320	When I asked my child's teacher what she needed for the classroom her answer was more space. Her class room is to small.	10/8/2016 7:29 PM
321	My children both attended Pinecrest and the bathrooms were especially in need of updating.	10/8/2016 6:10 PM
322	I have heard that lead has been found in the drinking water at Glencairn.	10/8/2016 4:42 PM
323	I want to make sure that all levels of education provide a challenging experience for our kids and are not solely focused on the lowest achievers	10/8/2016 4:08 PM
324	I feel that current facilities and learning environments are very good. I do not think that money should be invested in them at this time.	10/8/2016 3:34 PM
325	Air conditioning or at least fans are needed in elementary schools. Retro fitting gyms to be used as large group convening spaces would be nice.	10/8/2016 2:05 PM
326	I think that air conditioning and temperature control in all of the buildings is the most important thing for teachers and students. Clearly all plumbing needs to be updated.	10/8/2016 1:23 PM
327	I'd like to see a balanced calendar for the district but that would require air conditioning. Is a/c being considered for the rehabs of the elementary buildings?	10/8/2016 12:31 PM
328	These rankings are for elementary schools	10/8/2016 11:07 AM
329	Too small for the amount of kids you keep cramming into the school, constantly smells like urine, lockers all rusting out, looks awful.	10/8/2016 10:59 AM
330	No	10/8/2016 10:50 AM
331	We seem to be slightly tight for space at multiple buildings - Pinecrest and Marble, for example. We need to not overbuild, but adding a few more classrooms to the K-5 across the district seems needed, if we maintain the current schools of choice enrollment. MMS and ELHS seem to be fine.	10/8/2016 10:21 AM
332	Portable classrooms need to be removed from any building(s) that have them. They are an eyesore and bring down the overall appearance of the buildings. You have to physically leave the building creating a potential safety issue.	10/8/2016 10:20 AM
333	Again these comments were based on Glencairn, the last school both my kids attended. PineCrest and Red Cedar both had good space and were well-lighted. Glencairn was cramped and the hallways were dark. Both my kids complained about the temperature in the building.	10/8/2016 9:27 AM
334	I grew up going to Marble and there hasn't been any changes made to the building in 30 years. There are asbestos tiles. The air quality is dangerous. The parking lot is a mess before and after school. The plumbing obviously needs to be addressed.	10/8/2016 9:20 AM
335	Glencairn needs to be expanded, possibly up, to allow for a separate music room. Additional classrooms and office space would also be beneficial.	10/8/2016 9:15 AM
336	Lockers are in poor shape, as well as some of the environment/infrastructure is old. Donley is very clean, but the building does not have 21st century features in the building to make innovative learning environment.	10/8/2016 9:04 AM
337	The elementary buildings are out of date in many more ways than not.	10/8/2016 8:51 AM

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338	Need to be updated	10/8/2016 8:04 AM
339	Facilities must be limited to EL population only. Condensation will be required.	10/7/2016 11:26 PM
340	They are old, outdated and hinder 21st century learning.	10/7/2016 9:41 PM
341	I'd like the city to continue to address issues with lead in the school's water and test frequently to prevent this	10/7/2016 8:25 PM
342	The building is too small to meet all of the needs. I don't think it's acceptable that the music room and library need to share a space, and some staff members have their office in closets. The lack of AC on hot days makes it very difficult for teachers and students to teach and learn.	10/7/2016 8:20 PM
343	Exterior landscaping all of the buildings is neglected and awful looking. This does not set a good environment for the arrival and departure of students	10/7/2016 6:22 PM
344	The bathroom and pipes have been a concern at marble. With the extension in the school year the school tends to bake in warm weather making it unsafe for some students to attend. I had a friends son not be able to attend due to his heat induced asthma	10/7/2016 5:52 PM
345	Plan renovations to include individual and mall/large group instruction to include technology and engineering education problem solving activities with tools, materials and equipment.	10/7/2016 4:11 PM
346	I think the biggest need, at least at Marble which is the school I know best, is bathrooms, drinking fountains and the fact that the halls are just too narrow.	10/7/2016 3:24 PM
347	No	10/7/2016 3:21 PM
348	No improvements needed.	10/7/2016 2:25 PM
349	I haven't been any of the elementary buildings in many years now as our children graduated from ELHS in '09, '11, & '14. However, I live very close to Pinecrest, with out backyard facing the school & Henry Fine Park.	10/7/2016 12:56 PM
350	It would be nice to have more kinds of spaces and a bigger lunch room is needed	10/7/2016 11:51 AM

Q19 Please answer the following statements for you personally (adult) regarding technology.

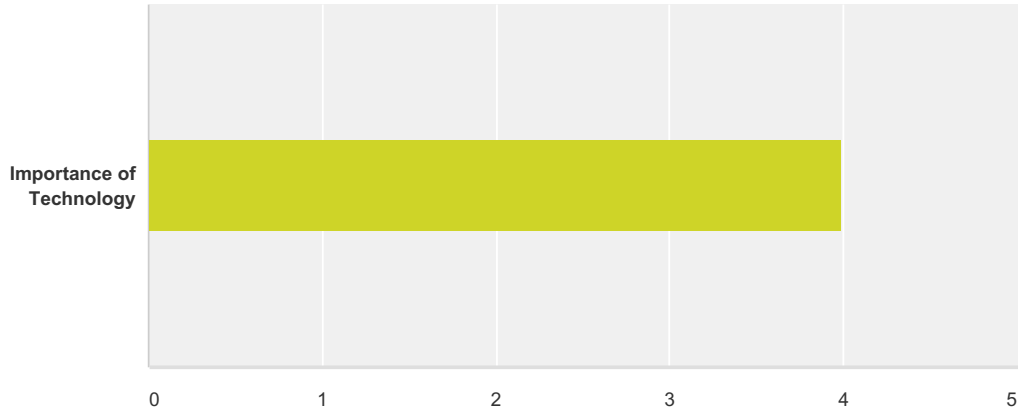
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	Yes	No	Total
I have a home computer	96.98% 738	3.02% 23	761
I have Internet access at home	99.08% 755	0.92% 7	762
I have a mobile device with Internet access	95.80% 730	4.20% 32	762
I use a computer at work	92.96% 700	7.04% 53	753

Q20 Please rank the importance of technology to the learning experience of students.

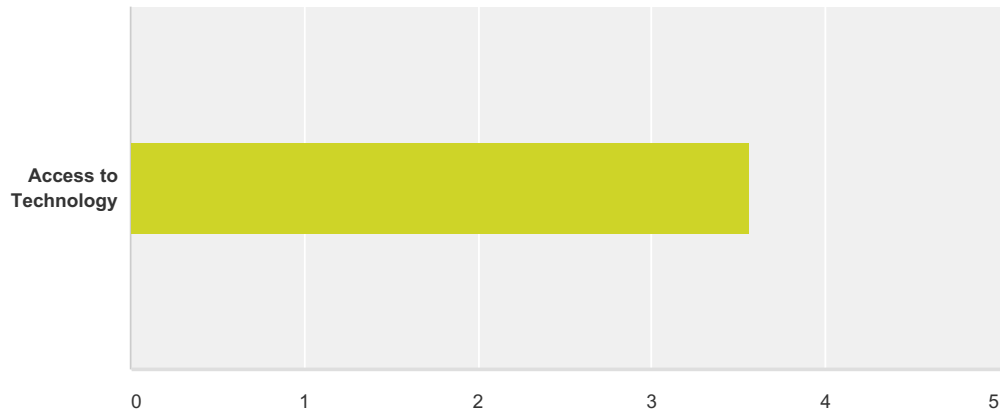
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	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not Important	N/A or I Don't Know	Total	Weighted Average
Importance of Technology	37.22% 284	32.24% 246	21.89% 167	6.16% 47	1.31% 10	1.18% 9	763	3.99

Q21 My student's access to technology in school is current, regular and adequate.

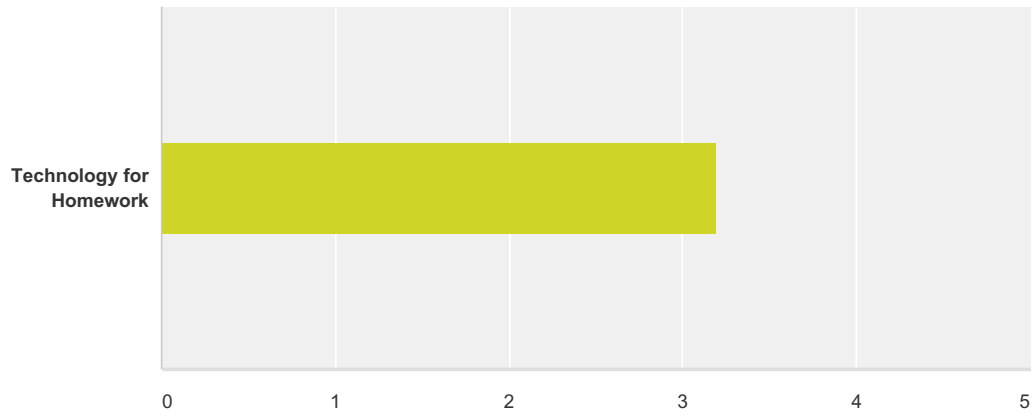
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or I Don't Know	Total	Weighted Average
Access to Technology	11.94% 91	34.38% 262	19.69% 150	8.66% 66	3.02% 23	22.31% 170	762	3.56

Q22 My child frequently uses technology for homework.

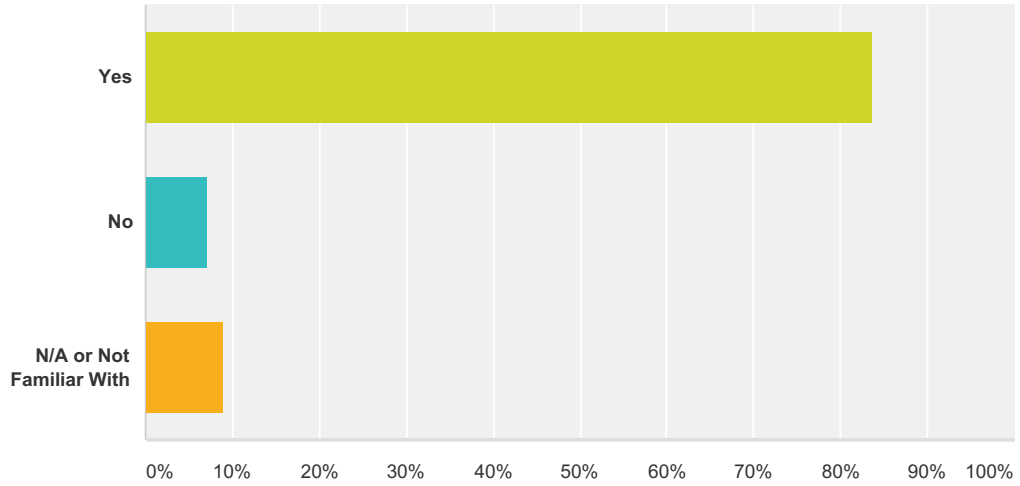
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or I Don't Know	Total	Weighted Average
Technology for Homework	12.32% 94	25.16% 192	16.25% 124	20.18% 154	7.21% 55	18.87% 144	763	3.19

Q23 Do you support the replacement of outdated computers and tablets to support the needs of curriculum?

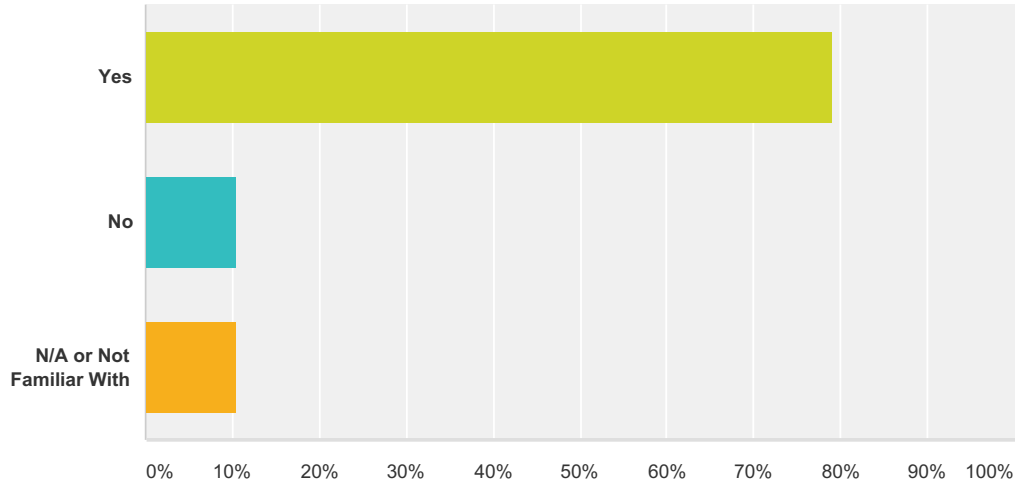
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	83.77%	640
No	7.20%	55
N/A or Not Familiar With	9.03%	69
Total		764

Q24 Do you support the purchase of additional computers and devices in order to increase student accessibility?

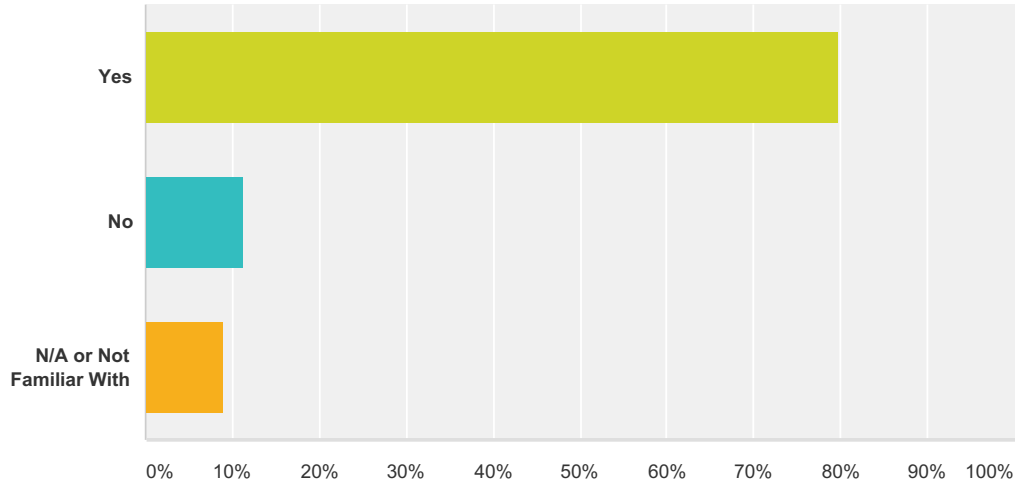
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.19%	605
No	10.47%	80
N/A or Not Familiar With	10.34%	79
Total		764

Q25 Do you support upgrading technology infrastructure in order to increase accessibility to WIFI?

Answered: 764 Skipped: 253



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.84%	610
No	11.26%	86
N/A or Not Familiar With	8.90%	68
Total		764

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Q26 Do you have any comments regarding educational technology?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 728

#	Responses	Date
1	We have way too much technology in the classroom. I'd like to see more teacher instruction and less computer and smart board driven instruction. I do not support the acquisition on more new technology. That's already been purchased with our last bond.	11/4/2016 7:41 PM
2	I have fallen off the EL Guest wi fi regularly.	11/4/2016 7:05 PM
3	The whole idea about the tech bond was that it would be renewed every five years providing a new inflow of cash to replace aging tech on a regular cycle. The tech bond should be renewed	11/4/2016 5:58 PM
4	Just passed a tech bond.	11/4/2016 5:32 PM
5	It is not enough to simply upgrade the computers. We need to be teaching our kids how to code. Right now. Coding is the foreign language that our kids need for the 21st century - particularly if we want to give kids the ability to change their socioeconomic status. Give them the ability to code, and they can get a good-paying job immediately.	11/4/2016 1:12 PM
6	The way some of these questions are worded are suspect and leading. Of course I support appropriate technology infrastructure. I also support having full credentialed librarians our elementary schools who can incorporate technology in the curriculum in intentional ways, but I don't see the district investing in such supports. Not when it's easier to just buy iPads. If the technology is adequately incorporated into a curriculum great: But don't just buy new technology.	11/4/2016 1:10 PM
7	It is embarrassing how behind the times we are in terms of technology in the classroom. We need to make huge strides to update what we offer our students.	11/4/2016 1:10 PM
8	I think technology access and wifi access is most important for the teachers in the elementary schools. I do not think that learning math on a computer is any better or easier than learning math using a pencil and paper. I would support adding touch typing to the curriculum so that all students learn how to type correctly and quickly. I would also support adding more sophisticated tech learning -- coding and app creation -- to the curriculum, but I think that would require hiring additional specials teachers because I do not think we can expect the teaching staff to be able to teach this type of technology.	11/4/2016 1:02 PM
9	I believe that technology is important but in moderation. I hate to see upcoming generations tuned out by technology	11/4/2016 12:54 PM
10	It's important to teach children how to use technology and so the most up to date types are what I would like for my son.	11/4/2016 12:52 PM
11	The range of different apps used by each teacher is somewhat overwhelming. I would appreciate it if apps used for communication were consistent grade to grade.	11/4/2016 12:51 PM
12	I'm concerned that we too often get enamored with the "shiny new" tech thing. Technology is needed but shouldn't be seen as a silver bullet that can overcome understaffing our classrooms.	11/4/2016 11:32 AM
13	Technology equipment needs to also include PD for teachers about current research & best practice around technology integration. More and/or better equipment alone isn't enough.	11/4/2016 10:30 AM
14	I think ELPS has done a good job of providing tech access to students. My children are fortunate enough to have access to tech and high speed internet at home. I support current levels of school tech, and additions/replacements where needed, so that children without access at home can stay on par with their peers.	11/3/2016 4:30 PM
15	Students should have access and learn to use current technologies.	11/3/2016 2:54 PM
16	Regarding question 22 - I don't think elementary school students need wifi at school if they have terminals they can access.	11/3/2016 2:43 PM
17	Teachers need to update their skills.	11/3/2016 1:47 PM
18	Buy the most up-to-date and secure equipment. No matter what we get, a few years time will render it obsolete, but maybe someday in the not-too-distant future, the need for frequent updates will subside.	11/3/2016 1:20 PM
19	Easy to use, when accessible, and network secure.	11/3/2016 12:54 PM
20	All six buildings should get same upgrades.	11/3/2016 9:47 AM
21	All of the above proposed improvement are very good ideas!	11/3/2016 9:46 AM

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22	Concerned that we are not seeing the full benefits of the funding we put forward in our taxes recently for technology. Seems like teaching staff could use more training on accessing such features as One drive. Also, teaching staff does seem to think every student has a computer at home. Not always the case and have expectations students should go to public library but often these students also have transportation challenges.	11/3/2016 9:46 AM
23	The problem with purchasing additional computers is space.	11/3/2016 9:17 AM
24	I think the teachers are doing great with what they have, but they could be much better supported.	11/3/2016 8:46 AM
25	Low-tech learning needs to stay at the core of the kids' experience, esp. at elem. level (I've answered the questions for the elem child in our family). Studies show that too much tech (even smallish amts) distract more than educate.	11/3/2016 1:27 AM
26	Not at the expense of hands on art and music and pe.	11/2/2016 9:30 PM
27	way overblown	11/2/2016 7:56 PM
28	I'm a resident of East Lansing but I teach middle school in a district north of here. As an educator who teaches language arts, computer classes, and advises the yearbook students, I understand the need for incorporating current technology in the classroom. I also have an issue with increasing the use of technology in the classroom. Although it is nice to have a set of chrome books in my classroom for the students to use when needed, they also serve as a huge distraction especially when we are living in a time where students are lacking basic writing skills because they've never had to sit down and hand write a report or an essay. I have a smart board in my classroom which I see as incredibly more beneficial to a classroom than a set of tablets or laptops. A smart board helps support classroom interactions and makes learning meaningful without the distractions of a tablet or laptop with wifi access. Incorporating technology has to be done wisely and not haphazardly just to have the newest and most popular technology in our schools.	11/2/2016 5:52 PM
29	Didn't we recently (last 3-4 years) pass a tech bond to address these issues?	10/31/2016 7:58 PM
30	At the high school, increasing the access to wi-fi will lead to more distractions in school with snapchat and such.	10/30/2016 1:39 PM
31	A replacement cycle for PCs needs to be a recurring part of the budget.	10/30/2016 1:18 PM
32	the wifi is almost non insistent at donley I can never use it for anything.	10/30/2016 12:15 AM
33	I am not in favor of elementary kids having their own tablets	10/29/2016 9:07 PM
34	Technology is not well used at the elementary level	10/28/2016 10:10 AM
35	Students should be issued a tablet, ipad or a computer through the district to use throughout the school year. Several other districts offer this to their students	10/27/2016 12:27 PM
36	Improve high school classes in area of computers and technology. Middle school classes are strong...need the next steps at high school level.	10/27/2016 11:35 AM
37	Again, I don't have much knowledge in this regard. But access and use of technology needs to be balanced as technology can be as much distraction as tool.	10/27/2016 11:06 AM
38	Wifi in the school is spotty. Probably doesn't matter for the elementary students, but frustrating for visiting parents.	10/26/2016 9:47 AM
39	Before purchasing new technology, having learning goals and objectives for the technology will be important. Additionally, please consider educational research and the link between technology use and learning	10/26/2016 8:45 AM
40	should not upgrade tech that promotes distracted use of WIFI for non-school social networking during classes.	10/26/2016 7:06 AM
41	I am very pleased with my child's understanding of current education technology. He regularly solves technology problems at our home. His teachers are doing a great job!	10/26/2016 6:40 AM
42	We don't need to chase the latest and greatest computing technology. Relatively inexpensive laptops and tablets can run anything we need. Prioritize durability and usability over processing power. The district should consider using free high-quality open-source software (e.g., LibreOffice instead of Microsoft Office) to save on software license fees.	10/25/2016 10:10 PM
43	We have to meet the needs of the future	10/25/2016 8:16 PM
44	My kids spend enough time on screens. They don't need to at school.	10/25/2016 7:03 PM
45	Having technology is fine, but should not be heavily relied upon. Kids need face-to-face time, and not MORE time sitting in front of a computer screen!	10/25/2016 4:30 PM
46	What kind of leading questions are you asking? Who is going to say no to "Do you support the replacement of outdated computers..." It makes me wonder what your angle is on this.	10/25/2016 3:03 PM
47	The key issue is, does technology use facilitate the educational mission? There is learning about technology, and learning with technology; any investments here should fit with the curriculum, given how quickly things become outdated.	10/25/2016 12:38 PM

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48	I think that if homework is going to include online assignments, then computers or tablets should be provided by the school. Not every family has access to these resources. Our family has had difficulties with incompatibility. Our home computers run on Linux, and the kids often need to use programs for homework that do not work well on non-Microsoft systems!	10/25/2016 9:54 AM
49	Need ongoing technology bond.	10/25/2016 9:40 AM
50	It's easy to say "yes" to these things but I think it does depend on the cost. Computers are typically outdated within a year or two of being purchased but if they still work, I don't think new computers and tablets every 2-3 years is a good use of funds if the existing equipment still works.	10/24/2016 6:15 PM
51	Should't replace face-to-face communication skills.	10/23/2016 10:22 PM
52	Class size is critical to all of our children. Overcrowding cannot be justified!	10/23/2016 8:13 PM
53	I do not want the ELPS to strive for one-to-one computers. The most important "part" of teaching is the personal interactions a child/learner has with her/his teacher. Technology is important - though not at all the most important part of learning!	10/23/2016 6:22 PM
54	Not as important in elementary buildings as in middle & high school.	10/23/2016 5:00 PM
55	Technology should not be the main focus or tool of education. Kids can't effectively use technology until they have other fundamental skills first.	10/23/2016 2:22 PM
56	I am utterly appalled that East Lansing allows kindergarteners to use iPads. The district leadership should know better than to use a toy and disguise it as "educational." Where is the research showing that the use of a tablet has any positive educational outcome for a kindergartner? And, given the addictive nature of these devices relative to brain development, it is outrageous that you would introduce these things to young children. They should not be available for young children, and, in their place, they should have free play time or outside time.	10/22/2016 11:01 PM
57	As long as it is used as a support tool, and not just for the sake of having more technology.	10/22/2016 1:29 PM
58	wireless WiFi hopefully will be city wide (nationwide)	10/22/2016 8:19 AM
59	In EL technology at home and internet is very common from what my neighbors and friends parents say.	10/21/2016 5:01 PM
60	no	10/21/2016 4:19 AM
61	There has been positive change the past few years here with the use of classroom iPads/tablets, please keep improving.	10/20/2016 9:42 PM
62	We strongly prefer LESS rather than more access to technology for elementary aged children.	10/20/2016 4:16 PM
63	No	10/19/2016 11:57 PM
64	Technology can be good and useful, but too often it is expected to replace standard face-to-face interaction. It also wastes time and does not encourage the development of longer attention spans. It is tempting and fancy, but in my own experience as a teacher does little to really improve learning	10/19/2016 3:40 PM
65	Although I don't believe all learning should or can be done through technology, I do believe that current technology should be available for students and teachers.	10/19/2016 3:35 PM
66	I work for Okemos schools, so familiar with their technology bond and plans.	10/19/2016 2:00 PM
67	My children are young enough that my concern about technology is the overreliance on it, and making sure that ed tech is intentional and not merely an attempt to blindly embrace what is shiny and new, but not needed.	10/19/2016 10:15 AM
68	It is grossly overrated and a distraction from learning. Books, chalkboards, overhead projectors, these are tools that have not ceased to be useful. They are less costly, have longer lifespans, and require little ongoing maintenance or tech support.	10/19/2016 9:42 AM
69	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send my children to private schools. Then it asks me questions about ELPS	10/19/2016 9:37 AM
70	The issue is the curriculum and technology. There is not requirement for technology certification so the classes become a throw away elective. In no grade is technology curriculum integrated so our students are prepared for the current work environment. Elps is still teaching the same core classes the same way they did in 1975. Look at a strong academic students schedule, it looks like it did decades ago. Technology needs to be integrated into the curriculum in all classes, not a hardware issue thrown at teachers.	10/19/2016 9:30 AM
71	none	10/18/2016 11:37 PM
72	i think we should be up to date with the current things in order for children to be able to compete in the current world.	10/18/2016 4:42 PM

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73	It's important. The kids need devices that are relevant to use. It is not everything, though. Spell check and calculators will never be an adequate substitute for sub-standard elementary education. A device will not substitute for adequate classroom space, supported teachers, and a good staff:student ratio.	10/18/2016 2:23 PM
74	the inequity among East Lansing school accessibility to computers and tablets is really shocking	10/18/2016 1:49 PM
75	No	10/18/2016 8:06 AM
76	No	10/17/2016 10:33 PM
77	Technology in elementary school should be secondary to the basics of reading, writing and math.	10/17/2016 4:03 PM
78	Technology is very important. using it intelligently is very difficult.	10/17/2016 2:52 PM
79	I think there are concerns about putting outside Wi-Fi towers and antennas too close to schools.	10/17/2016 2:48 PM
80	Thought you bonded for this already? What about sinking fund monies for this purpose?	10/17/2016 2:36 PM
81	I thought we passed a technology bond recently after the building bond was defeated. Where is that funding and why hasn't it been deployed?	10/17/2016 11:51 AM
82	While technology is needed and helpful and a great tool (especially in 6th grade and up), I'm pleased that there is limited technology used in the younger grades (K-5). These teachers do a great job of utilizing the available technology in a way that brings a little fun and excitement to the learning process, without relying on apps and games to do the work of teaching for them. Bravo!	10/17/2016 11:30 AM
83	I answered "Yes" to all of the above questions but I think each situation should be evaluated be looked at individually and balanced against other priorities.	10/16/2016 10:07 PM
84	I don't feel that using more technology is necessary in the education of my children.	10/16/2016 10:03 PM
85	It would be great if there was a device/child like many smaller districts nearby.	10/16/2016 2:16 PM
86	For East Lansing, tech should be the highest priority!	10/16/2016 1:33 PM
87	The kids will be working with technology for the rest of their lives. It is very important for them to become comfortable with technology and learn how to effectively use it.	10/16/2016 12:40 PM
88	make sure there is adequate technology and training for staff and students	10/15/2016 1:39 PM
89	Exposure to technology should be increased as appropriate to support the complexity of assignments. Unrestricted access to the internet should be reserved for high school or possibly middle school with appropriate supervision.	10/15/2016 11:04 AM
90	Teachers rely on technology too much. Kids should still need to write things out. Teachers do not check my kids spelling or grammar and this generation's written communication skills are showing that lack of focus in school.	10/14/2016 1:29 PM
91	so important! do it!	10/14/2016 11:39 AM
92	It is not my top priority that my children have the latest technology in elementary. they have access at home and the links provided from teachers are helpful that we can use at home. I think a satisfactory plan maybe to have access to them at school but not necessarily for every single student. We are trying to limit screen time--per AAP recommendations, so I don't like to see it used in school. Frankly, when you ask the pediatricians (AAP) if screen time at school is included in total daily screen time, they look at me funny and have no answer.	10/14/2016 10:34 AM
93	Technology should be used to augment the teacher's skills, not as a replacement. Teachers and technology would be much more effective with less students in each class.	10/14/2016 8:56 AM
94	I do feel my son used more technology at his previous school compared to this year at ELPS.	10/13/2016 10:32 PM
95	Do something different, go back to some books and get the cell phones out of the classrooms	10/13/2016 3:36 PM
96	guided use technology can be very instrumental to instruction so ensuring school staff knows how to use the technology is of great importance as well	10/13/2016 2:03 PM
97	No comments	10/13/2016 12:23 PM
98	To maintain a modern and exceptional school, the importance of advancement in technology in all ELPS schools should not just be thought of for student; rather, the parents. The families that move here are looking for the advancement of their child(ren) over other competition, and students with advanced experience in IT will do the best in this area and attract the families too.	10/13/2016 8:02 AM
99	The educational technology is acceptable. However, it could be upgraded, and more computers and devices could be purchase to increase accessibility for the students.	10/13/2016 3:02 AM
100	I feel wifi is not a necessary part of a good learning environment.	10/12/2016 11:59 PM

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101	we passed a bond already for technology but it didn't meet the needs and accomplish all we thought it would when we voted for it. So what happened? Voters may not pass another bond without a great explanation of why we didn't get all we thought we were to begin with	10/12/2016 6:56 PM
102	Not a paramount concern in terms of the other serious issues this district faces	10/12/2016 6:21 PM
103	I would like to make sure that wifi access is protected. I do not want to agree to purchase technology for its own sake. I think it would go along way to have concrete examples of how new tech will be used in classrooms and libraries for the future bond proposal	10/12/2016 5:31 PM
104	No	10/12/2016 5:00 PM
105	Can we allow students to bring in home devices for use during allotted learning periods? Would this make district devices available for students without?	10/12/2016 3:43 PM
106	I feel the ISD should take over technology at ELPS. The technology upgrades of recent years do not seem to be successful. Tech Director is not very knowledgeable about technology.	10/12/2016 3:28 PM
107	Believe that technology is highly overrated in terms of educational value and is largely pushed by large corporations who want to sell their product. We avoid screen time as much as possible at home and believe the best way for children to learn is through books and listening/interacting with excellent teachers and the support of their families and community.	10/12/2016 2:46 PM
108	As a parent, I would say that the use of technology in education, and its associated benefits, are not clear to me. I intuit that is necessary (simply because it is so prevalent in our culture). However, communication with the community as to the reasons why updated technologies are important for modern learning are a point of opportunity for the district.	10/12/2016 2:40 PM
109	Is important but doing math with the help of calculators should not be encouraged from elementary to high school	10/12/2016 2:19 PM
110	Focus technology upgrades on students grades 4 and up. Keyboarding instruction is essential. K-3 students should work with physical objects, not computer screens. Do not use computers as "pacifiers."	10/12/2016 1:40 PM
111	Be thoughtful about the technology choices. They need to be targeted. Getting iPads just to have them isn't justification for spending the money, but if there is a class that has a specific use for that kind of technology, then consider it. Keeping computers up-to-date is tough, because many times upgrading requires the purchase of new software too. The district needs a technology replacement plan, with a pre-determined useful life for the equipment. Replace when reasonable for full upgrades (hard and software).	10/12/2016 1:35 PM
112	I'm more concerned with making sure that students are not spending too much time learning from a screen, or using technology poorly, than I am with increasing access to technology.	10/12/2016 1:21 PM
113	I think internet safety is a very important piece of technology learning. Recent developments in the presidential race has brought inappropriate ideas and language to my children directly. They are interested and can find their way into plenty of confusing information on the internet starting from just plain curiosity. With that said, having increased wifi access also might bring an increased threat of hacking. I am not well informed on this aspect, but it something that worries me with technology.	10/12/2016 10:18 AM
114	none	10/12/2016 8:35 AM
115	Has technology actually been shown to increase learning? The key phrase you used was "to support the curriculum". Technology is expensive, and it's an ongoing cost. Are we actually seeing a benefit from its use?	10/12/2016 8:32 AM
116	For today's world, the STEM curriculum is very important	10/12/2016 7:12 AM
117	I do not agree with our children relying solely on the internet for answers, such as, "googling" answers for homework, papers, etc. I do agree with them learning applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc. and any research. In keeping current with technology, I believe it has to be evaluated year to year, as the area can drastically change. If smart boards, ipads and laptops are what the teachers need to adequately teach our children the required curriculum, then I would support it.	10/12/2016 12:10 AM
118	Wasn't the technology bond meant to address these issues?	10/11/2016 11:28 PM
119	please don't lose the people touch of instruction	10/11/2016 11:12 PM
120	Need new buildings in order to have state-of-the-art technology and it's connectivity	10/11/2016 11:03 PM
121	At this level paper and pen work great. I am not sure where the need for technology is applied in lower grades. I find it useful with special needs kids though.	10/11/2016 10:40 PM
122	A quality teacher is more important than quality technology.	10/11/2016 9:15 PM

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123	I feel the students spend too much time on devices, computers, screens, etc. They should spend more time with the physical world around them, and only occasional, concentrated time using computers. Computers and screens should not be ubiquitous. We know as adults how that causes problems, and we should be extremely careful with the introduction and use of technology.	10/11/2016 7:00 PM
124	Have not been at school long enough to evaluate.	10/11/2016 5:44 PM
125	Didn't you close Red Cedar so you could do all of this?	10/11/2016 5:41 PM
126	At the elementary stage before learning how to use computers they really should be learning how to read and do basic math and research. Like with books. Computers are less important than good teachers teaching these basic skills.	10/11/2016 4:44 PM
127	Children should be exposed to basic computer programing.	10/11/2016 3:33 PM
128	Although I agree the schools need upgrades, I don't think we need to go overboard and have dozens and dozens of new computers purchased for every classroom. The teachers need current computers for their use and a computer classroom for specific research and learning is fine but I don't want a computer replacing actual teacher instruction and interaction.	10/11/2016 1:47 PM
129	I could swear we just passed a tech bond. What happened with the nearly \$500,000.000 the BOE just allotted themselves to do whatever they wanted with Red Cedar?	10/11/2016 1:45 PM
130	Resources should be spent on all children, including those that need to be more academically challenged	10/11/2016 12:45 PM
131	Technology is a low concern for elementary students. I am more concerned with their safety and learning environment. For older students it is more relevant but I am not familiar with that situation.	10/11/2016 12:31 PM
132	Don't go nuts! Chromebook carts are probably enough to meet the needs. Replacing texts with digital texts does not work. I teach at a school that did this and its a disaster!	10/11/2016 12:01 PM
133	There should only be an investment in technology if the teachers are adequately trained to use the technology. Having tablets for students doesn't make any sense if the teachers are not trained on how to use them and implement their use in the classroom. Otherwise, it's a waste of money.	10/11/2016 11:38 AM
134	I don't think that kindergartners and 1st graders should be using tablets at school. There are so many studies available showing that screen time is damaging to children's developing brains. Isn't there a way to teach without the use of tablets?	10/11/2016 11:34 AM
135	I know using technology is important and can get some kids engaged but in elementary they need to work on reading, writing and arithmetic and part of that is learning to sit and work. Those are good life lessons and I want my son to learn this and not have every little thing be on a tablet and be a game. I do think it has its place as my son enjoys listening and following along on a tablet when learning to read, etc but should be done in moderation.	10/11/2016 11:24 AM
136	No.	10/11/2016 10:47 AM
137	There is virtually no evidence that increased use of technology improves K-12 learning outcomes. It will be important to have a rigorous discussion of this before spending additional money on technology that could be put to other uses-- assuming that ELPS intends to make evidence-based funding decisions.	10/11/2016 10:39 AM
138	I thought millage was passed to support technology. How is this money being used?	10/11/2016 10:28 AM
139	We don't need the newest gadgets or best products, we need accessibility. Students need enough time with technology to learn, explore and understand the plethora of uses as it relates to their age/grade.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
140	From my perspective, the important criterion for technology should not so much be that it's "new" as that it be reliable and provide meaningful learning opportunities. When I was in 4th / 5th grade we had a few Apple II or Commodore 64 computers in the classroom, I think I learned more from those than what an unsupervised kid will learn from a consumer-grade tablet and a few random apps. It makes sense that school-grade computers, high-quality educational software, appropriate security controls, and durable peripherals suited to constant use by energetic children might cost a little more.	10/11/2016 10:20 AM
141	I just want ALL children to have access to updated educational technology	10/11/2016 10:17 AM
142	I support the use of technology in the classroom as a learning resource/reference. However, I believe that the majority of learning should be done hands-on: through interacting with classmates and materials and experimenting. I don't believe every student needs an iPad in the classroom.	10/11/2016 10:15 AM
143	Our students need to remain up to date on current technology.	10/11/2016 10:09 AM
144	I'd rather have more time for physical activity than educational technology. It concerns me that indoor recess for my 5 year old includes watching a movie rather than playing actively in a gym or other open space.	10/11/2016 9:40 AM
145	As far as I know all of the students are using chrome books and tablets at the school. I wasn't aware of a shortage.	10/11/2016 9:19 AM

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146	The need for the most up-to-date technology is important	10/11/2016 9:09 AM
147	All for it so long as students are not allowed encouraged to bring or use personal electronic devices from home, which would be very distracting and present a challenge for those without.	10/11/2016 8:53 AM
148	Every child doesn't need a device/tablet as they're an educational distraction. However, the school could benefit from more ipad carts.	10/11/2016 8:49 AM
149	If teachers want access to more equipment, I say give it to them, but learning to use computers and software isn't difficult or something kids will only or could well learn from school. Computer equipment is made to become obsolete, and it is easily broken, so it isn't a good investment for a school. WiFi access seems to support distractions--like phones--rather than classroom work.	10/11/2016 8:43 AM
150	At least for the early ages I do not think it is appropriate to make emphasis on technology. Studies show that screentime in the evening might lead to sleeping issues. I do not like my 6 year old to have to do homework on a computer.	10/11/2016 8:41 AM
151	There needs to be more instruction, learning, in school and at home through the use of technology. I would like to see an option for more hybrid learning at ELPS so that students have the opportunity to complete courses in school as well as at home.	10/11/2016 8:39 AM
152	We already paid for a technology bond, yet our students lag behind other district which give kids their own devices. East Lansing is lagging in this are but I have already paid for it without tangible results and don't want to pay again.	10/11/2016 8:38 AM
153	I think that technology is a huge back bone to our society now days, and it is critical that the kids know how to use it. It seems it will only become more complex with new ideas and technical advances as they grow. It is integrated into many jobs and facilities.	10/11/2016 8:28 AM
154	Access to technology is important, but quality instruction should come first, so I would prefer prioritizing staff training and collaboration opportunities over technology.	10/11/2016 7:57 AM
155	Technology doesn't just mean computers. I am against screen time in schools at the elementary age.	10/11/2016 6:36 AM
156	no	10/10/2016 10:50 PM
157	Technology is necessary in the world we live in now, but there should be a balance so it's not all of an electronic device.	10/10/2016 10:35 PM
158	I thought we passed a technology bond a few years ago. What happened to that money?	10/10/2016 10:00 PM
159	I understand technology is important, but I think more creative outlets and additional learning opportunities (other languages?) would be much more valuable.	10/10/2016 9:59 PM
160	I think it's important for technology to be integrated in ways that are truly supportive of 21st Century curricular learning goals. For example, for kids to learn to do research on the internet, create digital and multimodal compositions, and things like that. Simply having "iPad time" to play games which are loosely related to education is not a worthwhile goal. In addition to investing in technology, the district should invest significant funds into supporting teachers in learning to use the technology in truly educational ways that add to instruction. Such supports for teacher learning should be ongoing, directly linked to the enhancing student learning of existing standards and curriculum, and connected to the daily work teachers already do.	10/10/2016 9:58 PM
161	I don't think that elementary students need the most up-to-date computers.	10/10/2016 9:19 PM
162	I prefer that my child do more reading from books & paper and work with a computer as little as possible. Homework involving a computer is always a disaster and must be supervised to insure he stays on task and doesn't mess around playing games, surfing or even worse screw around with administrative settings on the computer he is allowed to use. We share computers in our home. I know I sound like a Ludite, please know that is not the case. This sweet 10th grader has been reading Linux manuals & any other technical manual he can get his hands on since 2nd grade when he discovered the public library had a whole section of books dedicated to that subject. He was complaining about some failure of the ELPS User Login system last weekend,-- talking at length about how it would speed the student login by 5-10 minutes. He said that a lot of class time is wasted just waiting for the login to occur. When he explained it to me and we broke down the hours involved in fixing it (hundreds & hundreds) by the IT Dept. he shut up only because I showed how it did seem fiscally possible given the small IT Dept.	10/10/2016 9:11 PM
163	I do not think that education should be overly reliant on technology. Technology should not take the place of good quality instruction from teachers.	10/10/2016 9:08 PM
164	Technology should be one of many tools, but not the only tool.	10/10/2016 8:41 PM
165	I feel as a school district we are behind in the technology due to most other districts kids have their own devices/tablets for home and school use	10/10/2016 8:41 PM

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166	In general, I support technology upgrades, but not at the expense of keeping Red Cedar closed and not at the expense of updating larger infrastructure issues.	10/10/2016 8:20 PM
167	I do not believe that additional technology enhances learning. It is very expensive with little empirical evidence of positive effects. My child does not need any additional screen time. You'll notice that the children of tech execs have zero tech at school, by choice. Spend the money on our teachers instead.	10/10/2016 8:16 PM
168	Technology for the students is less important than learning math, writing, et cetera. They get a lot of computers, phones, and other technology at home and from their friends, and do not need to be taught to use it at school. I have the notion that "technology" can easily become an end in itself. If resources are unlimited then, certainly, upgrade the computers and WiFi; if ELPS faces a choice between upgrading the computers and upgrading the physical plant of the schools (or some other school-related expenditure) then choose the other expenditure.	10/10/2016 8:14 PM
169	Old computers need to be upgraded.	10/10/2016 8:04 PM
170	Supported recent technology bond, so don't support additional resources at this time.	10/10/2016 8:02 PM
171	Good	10/10/2016 7:50 PM
172	I mean this: though I think excellent teaching and learning can occur without technology, I strongly support every effort to improve education for all students. Raise my taxes if need be. I support this.	10/10/2016 7:48 PM
173	Our current tech bond is great but need a plan beyond 2017 in place now to ensure a smooth transition.	10/10/2016 7:48 PM
174	Need to hire competent staff and enough of them to keep up	10/10/2016 7:25 PM
175	To remain on the cutting edge and keep students engaged we must keep up with current technology.	10/10/2016 7:23 PM
176	Technology is particularly important for students with special needs.	10/10/2016 7:13 PM
177	While technology is great, children should not have too much screen time, particularly in the younger grades.	10/10/2016 6:59 PM
178	Some technology at my child's age (6) is OK. Too much can be an issue	10/10/2016 6:51 PM
179	I am supportive of the use of technology that adds value to the lesson not just technology for tech sake and a replacement for solid instruction and support.	10/10/2016 6:42 PM
180	I WILL NOT support and will actively work against any bond issue as long as Red Cedar is still an agenda item for the school board!!	10/10/2016 6:26 PM
181	Technology does not replace good teaching!	10/10/2016 6:23 PM
182	I believe the kids shouldnt have to use them much unless they learn better with them	10/10/2016 6:22 PM
183	no.	10/10/2016 6:12 PM
184	The hardware and software is only 1/3 of the equation, must also train teachers for effective use, and allow students to explore and fail with the machines.	10/10/2016 6:11 PM
185	This is an important aspect of the children's future	10/10/2016 6:08 PM
186	Most schools in our state is 1-1 technology. We are stuck back in 2000. Okemos did it right. Our tech guys dropped the ball on the last bond.	10/10/2016 5:59 PM
187	Kid should learn information not how to use electronic devices. In my opinion that just distracts from true learning.	10/10/2016 5:50 PM
188	The answers for question 19 do not align with the question.	10/10/2016 5:49 PM
189	No	10/10/2016 5:43 PM
190	Students still need to write with pen and paper and learn from real teachers. Learning should not be out sourced to a computer. Our kids are too plugged in as is. There needs to be a balance.	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
191	No	10/10/2016 5:24 PM
192	I have a somewhat ambivalent attitude towards educational technology. It's necessary (especially for students who might not have access to computers at home). But I also feel that there can be a temptation to over-invest in the newest tech in ways that starves resources from other needs. In a world of flush budgets, I'd warmly support having the best tech for students and teachers. In our world of budget constraints, it's important to balance the value of tech against other things which might be squeezed out. The leading question about "outdated computers and tablets" made me a bit itchy. How do we define "outdated"? If it's "computers and tablets that can't fulfill an identified pedagogical goal or function reliably," then, yes, let's replace them. If it's "computers and tablets that are no longer the most current version," then let's not.	10/10/2016 5:24 PM
193	Technology is extremely important for our students future	10/10/2016 5:22 PM

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194	I would like to see ongoing, weekly use of technology.	10/10/2016 5:14 PM
195	None	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
196	I am an educational technology specialist myself, so I am a FIRM supporter of technology, but ONLY when it is objective driven and well researched. Tech for tech's sake is a waste of resources, time, and money.	10/10/2016 5:04 PM
197	We already passed a technology bond that was supposed to do many of these things. The plan and execution fell very short of what was promised. Unless something changes In leadership I can't support approving more money to be spent on technology.	10/10/2016 5:04 PM
198	Not proper for standardized testing. Kids and teachers say computers don't work much of time, my kids complain the computers are hard to use answering all the questions. Since standardized testing seems to be of utmost importance, make it easier and more user friendly.	10/10/2016 5:02 PM
199	N/A	10/10/2016 4:58 PM
200	I think providing our student with meaningful learning experiences that include the use of technology as appropriate is necessary in preparing them to move forward. To truly integrate technology there needs to be easy access. I also think staff need to be encouraged to use resources they have available to them - I don't quite understand why my child is still using a flash drive when the district has OneDrive.	10/10/2016 4:58 PM
201	EL School District should forge agreements with families to purchase or lease computer hardware and software, to increase access and compatibility; therefore, closing the gap on IT access issues. Partnerships with Apple, Dell, etc., would be valuable.	10/10/2016 4:58 PM
202	I have serious concerns about the regulation of student time on the internet and access to devices during school time. Many students have ample technology time outside of school and I strongly disagree with using more technology during instructional time. I would like to see the time and money put towards smaller group instruction to boost reading, writing, math skills and personalized instruction for those students who need it. This money could also be better spent on improving the space and facilities of our buildings. While not every child has access to the internet at home, I think that keyboarding skills are more important at the elementary level than access to one-on-one devices.	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
203	I don't know much about tech in schools.	10/10/2016 4:55 PM
204	While appropriate technology has its place in education, it's best to prioritize spending money on more teachers because class sizes in ELPS are too big!	10/10/2016 4:53 PM
205	No	10/10/2016 4:42 PM
206	a system-wide standardization on classroom support technology (for teacher-parent communication) would be most welcomed. We currently have two to five logins for each child for the various platforms used for different tasks.	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
207	STEAM Curriculum needs to be better integrated into all of the elementary schools & not just one location like the Red Cedarites have proposed	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
208	Many advances in technology for learning. Not a lot of application in classrooms by teachers. Need teacher training, as well as access for students.	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
209	Questions 20 and 21 are loaded. Who would say no to either. These are less effective for discerning opinion (so many dollars, these questions are offered in isolation of other priorities), than for running up uncritical large numbers. I question the motives here.	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
210	The use of technology at home hasn't been essential for school work up to this point. We would be open to it if needed.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
211	Make sure wifi and all related sharing of documents is secure and protected.	10/10/2016 4:30 PM
212	Although technology is important I do not like that you have to sign up for parent teacher conferences through a site, nor so I appreciate that the teachers rely on it so much that when students need help they refer them to a website instead of hands on help.	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
213	What is the bond running out for these sort of items? What do your teachers say about these questions? What has the district done to upgrade the technology skills of your staff to support using more technology in school? What about your building administrators, did they request this? Or is this just another board member whim?	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
214	My son (11th grade) reports some problems with accessing computer programs for some of his classes' assignments.	10/10/2016 4:26 PM
215	Again, the teachers, aids, and resource teachers are far more valuable, particularly for young students than technology. In an ideal world we could have it all, but I would like to see people emphasized above technology.	10/10/2016 4:26 PM
216	We are woefully behind other districts.	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
217	Most children have multiple options to access technology.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM

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218	This is very high priority	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
219	Technology is constantly changing--we would do better to teach our kids to be creative problem solvers and adaptable learners than to be constantly trying to provide the newest technology	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
220	I would like it implimented in a real world way. I don't want a lot of screen time, but understand the need for children to understand and use technology for the rest of their lives.	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
221	As I kindergarten parent, I am not sure what benefit WIFI provides at an elementary school. I would imagine it would be more of a distraction.	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
222	No	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
223	I don't believe that Wi-Fi should be universally available in the elementary school buildings for student access	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
224	No	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
225	Technology is important as long as it's used properly. We are not huge on social media	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
226	WiFi, phone signal strength is poor	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
227	Q22 adn Q23, would support but would need more justification than provided.	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
228	Do what's appropriate. Hard for me to know.	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
229	Technology is the future for these kids much more than any other experience.	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
230	All students need access in our growing digital world	10/10/2016 1:12 PM
231	I feel like the amount of technology required is possibly inversely proportional to the grade level. I.e., learning the basics in the lower grade requiring less, because it's perhaps more of a distraction than a help, at lower levels.	10/10/2016 11:11 AM
232	Technology access and infrastructures are important for students in all grades.	10/10/2016 11:01 AM
233	Our community is sharply divided in terms of those with resources and those without. I'd like to see resources directly to our students who lack the support at home receive priority in terms of technology upgrades & access.	10/10/2016 10:46 AM
234	Can we please "turn on" the wifi for the adults attending sporting events and other events at the school? Would love to tweet team scores out but twitter is blocked on wifi always, not just during the school day. Why is this necessary? Just turn off controls after 5 p.m. so that parents can upload pics of their kids playing volleyball, etc.	10/10/2016 10:02 AM
235	I think there is too much emphasis on technology. Technology is not the issue, creating a love for learning is the main thing schools should focus on.	10/10/2016 9:29 AM
236	I hope a millage increase is not necessary to increase technology. ELPS should be a public steward of our money, and properly save for technology improvements.	10/10/2016 8:02 AM
237	Didn't we JUST pass a tech bond?	10/9/2016 10:23 PM
238	While I am not positive, my children have only been out of the ELPS for 3 years and I can venture a guess that EL is quite antiquated regarding access to state of the art technology for both teachers and students.	10/9/2016 10:20 PM
239	Technology is a bit overrated in the elementary environment. Enhancements to technology should be in the realm of learning to utilize technology/basic coding and logic as opposed to a fancy way to do class work.	10/9/2016 10:20 PM
240	technology is ever changing and the students and staff need to have access to if not the cutting edge, then current technology in order to compete in today's society.	10/9/2016 9:11 PM
241	I don't see much need for huge amounts of technology at this level. K-5 need to learn to read and write and get the basics down first.	10/9/2016 7:57 PM
242	Technology is great. I do not trust the school district to allow training time for teachers to best utilize new technology (i reference SmartBoards and how no one uses them even to a fraction of their potential)	10/9/2016 7:12 PM
243	I support the purchases if they are made wisely. The last technology buy was used extremely poorly from what I was told by multiple IT people I am friends with	10/9/2016 6:22 PM
244	It's important to provide the current technology available to students in order to keep up with changing environments.	10/9/2016 6:22 PM
245	It's important but children must understand the basics first. Also, technology and software needs change so fast that the schools cannot possibly keep up: 3D printing, ArcGIS, etc	10/9/2016 5:16 PM
246	East Lansing should obtain city-wide ultra high speed internet infrastructure and make it available to residents for nominal cost.	10/9/2016 5:14 PM
247	Students should be able to checkout laptops and printers for the school year to use at home.	10/9/2016 4:12 PM

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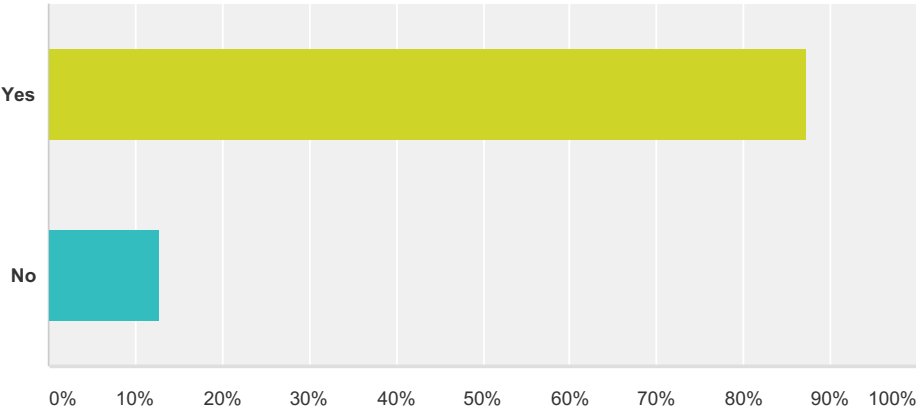
248	I do not think technology is as important as quality classroom instruction and hands on science, math, social science, reading, and writing activities. Investment in hands on learning and meaningful experiences is paramount in creating meaningful learners who are curious problem solvers.	10/9/2016 11:53 AM
249	It is important to upgrade technology but I don't want to see every child getting their own tablet like I believe some lkemos schools have. I don't think that is necessary	10/9/2016 11:38 AM
250	My feeling is that students education is best promoted with a large portion of time spent in stimulating rich environments. I understand that computers can bring new learning opportunities to children, but in the elementary level I prefer other teaching methods.	10/9/2016 10:40 AM
251	I think typing could be something that is taught to our students. Not sure if they teach in middle school but I think just using iPads and touch screen isn't helping them	10/9/2016 10:27 AM
252	I visit a lot of schools for my work and I see a lot of fancy computers and software that was purchased, but then never used. I am all for technology as long as it is actually being used for pedagogical purposes.	10/9/2016 9:24 AM
253	I would prefer the funding was focused more on structure and less on technology, because we had a bond focused on technology recently.	10/9/2016 8:34 AM
254	At my child's age, I'd prefer less technology anyway. They should have good wi fi at the school, though. How outdated is outdated? We don't need the latest device to benefit from technology.	10/9/2016 7:44 AM
255	Technology to support curriculum is great, but should not be a priorityover other curricular needs. Would prefer \$ to be spent on significantly smaller class sizes or daily foreign language instruction at elementary level.	10/9/2016 7:34 AM
256	Technology should not be something that classroom are needing to sign out. Technology should be assigned (daily access) to every classroom, if not every student.	10/8/2016 11:59 PM
257	Don't spend \$ we don't have for toys that students don't need!	10/8/2016 11:29 PM
258	In our ever changing and shifting global community, we not only need to be current, but we need to be forward thinking in our technological uses.	10/8/2016 9:46 PM
259	The survey was presented as being about elementary school structures, but this is about a content/subject area. Most of the time when my elementary age children talk about using technology, they are using it to play games. This is the same as it was when I was a kid in school, so, no judgement there. But, there is no need for the latest technology to play games for an hour once a week. When my middle school/high school children discuss computers, they often bring up the fact that the technology isn't working -- students can't log into the computers, the computers keep freezing up, there aren't enough computers. I honestly think that access to computers and technology becomes important in high school. The basics that children are taught in elementary school, and even in middle school, do not require sophisticated computers, devices or software to be learned. I think that computers/devices/software should be purchased to support curriculum needs. For instance, students in a modern drafting class should have access to computers and CADD (computer aided design and drafting) software. Students in a writing class where they are drafting/revising multiple essays a semester, should have access to computers and microsoft office or equivalent software. The students designing the yearbook should have access to adobe illustrator. I also feel that all teachers should have state of the art laptops or desktops purchased for them. However, I do not believe that elementary age kids need access to computers/devices to learn what they need to know.	10/8/2016 9:43 PM
260	Not as important as it is to hire more teachers and paraprofessionals.	10/8/2016 8:53 PM
261	Kids can pick up technology skills outside of school. Peer reviewed research has shown that screens in a classroom impede learning and retention. I support removing as many screens from the classroom as possible, as kids will get ample screen time elsewhere.	10/8/2016 8:52 PM
262	I think that everything is fairly current and upgraded as a result of our recent technology bond. I would support upgrades a few years from now, but not currently.	10/8/2016 8:48 PM
263	All of this technology should be part of a larger strategic plan that considers building needs.	10/8/2016 8:45 PM
264	Would like to see technology upgraded at the CURRENT five elementary schools.	10/8/2016 8:38 PM
265	I support "bring your own device." It is ridiculous to purchase new computers/tablets because they will be antiquated before you get them into service. Just buy a handful for the families that legitimately do not have the tech at home.	10/8/2016 8:30 PM
266	Answers to 23-25 are contingent on genuine need, not simply a reflexive urge for more/better.	10/8/2016 5:21 PM
267	Teachers often don't use the technology to keep records updated therefore the technology is not always being maximized.	10/8/2016 4:44 PM
268	Kids not only need iPads to play educational games, but they should be learning coding and applications as well.	10/8/2016 3:05 PM

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269	If we want to concentrate energy on using devices to learn, we may as well turn in to a home school program. Devices do not equate with 'better learning'. Devices are a convenience. EL citizens already pay a large amount of taxes for our schools' poor financial decisions. Let's focus on quality teaching. When my children come home and tell me they watch movies and tv shows instead of being taught, I hang my head in despair. What merit does watching CSI (a crime tv show) have for an expanding mind? Each year I watch as more and more resources are being dedicated to technology, yet little benefit has come.	10/8/2016 2:12 PM
270	While I think technology is important, I don't want it to substitute for teacher instruction and peer to peer opportunities. It should supplement.	10/8/2016 1:24 PM
271	The high school doesn't even have technology classes. This is embarrassing and shameful	10/8/2016 1:14 PM
272	Technology needs to be part of the curriculum	10/8/2016 12:59 PM
273	The wifi at Pinecrest has more dead spots than connectivity. Also, technology literacy is critically important for kids when they get out into the real world. Not everyone has the same connectivity at home. It would be great to see the City of EL apply for grants to provide connectivity for those that can't afford it.	10/8/2016 12:33 PM
274	Tech is important but so is curriculum, need more computer classes at middle and high school	10/8/2016 11:08 AM
275	No	10/8/2016 10:51 AM
276	Technology is not the sole point, in most cases, but a means to an end. I like how the district seems to get more tech engaged as you proceed through the grades - that seems well chosen. Helping the grade school teachers with choosing programs that can really help students feels important. And we have had the opportunity to meet Phil Booth from the IISD re assistive technology - I wish we had had that opportunity sooner. Being more willing and able to engage assistive tech (or using helpful reading learning programs, etc) for kids with special education needs could use some more buffing up. We really did not get much help on that for the first several years of clear need.	10/8/2016 10:25 AM
277	I think a one to one program could be beneficial to students in the district	10/8/2016 10:23 AM
278	Learning how to use a computer; set up an email account, send messages, use word documents is a lot more important than giving every kid a chrome book. I would know because I teach at the high school level & that's unfortunately what my district did.	10/8/2016 9:41 AM
279	I support this, but do not prefer the dependency this generation has on electronic devices and do not want to dismiss the importance of writing and interpersonal communication skills.	10/8/2016 9:30 AM
280	EL should be a leader in this category instead of being as far behind as we are.	10/8/2016 8:52 AM
281	Technology is overrated, especially at elementary level.	10/8/2016 8:06 AM
282	The administration (including the Board) has not shown its ability to control costs and make wise decisions. Therefore, even though the equipment may be needed, until a track record of prudent fiscal responsibility is demonstrated they should not be given additional fund. Thereby forcing consolidation and minimization of expenses.	10/7/2016 11:30 PM
283	I would like students to be actively engaged with technology, such as using an educational game rather than watching a movie about a subject	10/7/2016 8:28 PM
284	The school district should start living within the taxes that are provided rather than continually upgrading programs and buildings and asking for more taxes.	10/7/2016 6:24 PM
285	In a digital world using technology is a skill that needs to be taught. Learning on outdated systems effects longtime digital goals	10/7/2016 5:54 PM
286	Although tech is important, please, please don't replace outside time with all tech time. Really worried that they are going to be staring at the screens too much during the day. My 2nd grader already has 3-4 different web sites she's recommended to visit each week after school. Hard to say no to screen time when it's "homework". How about homework where she has to go outside for awhile and collect nature or observe weather?	10/7/2016 3:29 PM
287	No	10/7/2016 3:22 PM
288	I feel it is a crucial part of the school experience in preparing all students for higher education, skilled trade programs, certification programs, & 2 or 4 year college degrees. It is essential in preparing students for their future employment options.	10/7/2016 1:00 PM
289	I would like to see a way to give children access to technology and devices who may not have them at home	10/7/2016 11:52 AM

Q27 Do you live in the East Lansing Public Schools district?

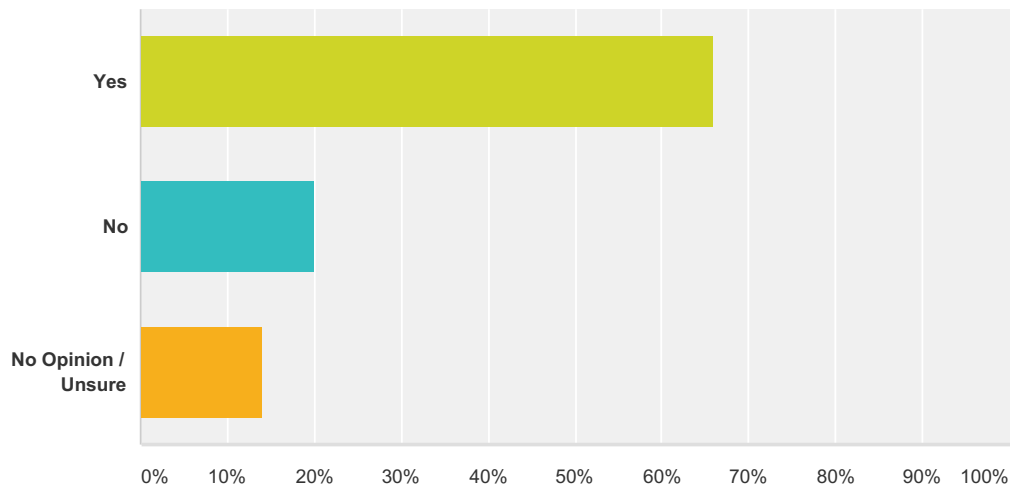
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	87.22%	655
No	12.78%	96
Total		751

Q28 Enrollment at ELPS has remained steady over the past ten years. This includes both resident and non-resident students (such as school of choice). Each year, ELPS has the option of accepting schools of choice students and has been doing so since the 1996/1997 school year, the year after the State of Michigan introduced the program. The number of schools of choice students at ELPS has grown and made up nearly 23% of our student body in Fall 2015, providing an additional \$5.9 million in state money, a source of funding which helps to maintain our current facilities and programs. Based on your experience and this information, do you support the acceptance of school of choice students?

Answered: 751 Skipped: 266



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	66.05% 496
No	19.97% 150
No Opinion / Unsure	13.98% 105
Total	751

#	Why or why not?	Date
1	Because the school of choice families that I know are committed to their children's education and future which benefit the education of other children in the school and the district.	11/4/2016 8:51 PM

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2	Help with diversity and gives parents choices to send their kids to some of the best schools!	11/4/2016 7:08 PM
3	We need limits though. We are not limitless. Classrooms have limits, our buildings have limits, our teachers have limits. Let provide exceptional education but remember we need limits to keep things exceptional.	11/4/2016 6:09 PM
4	It helps fill seats in the classrooms, it helps diversify our student body, and it helps students in less desirable school districts have access to quality education.	11/4/2016 5:48 PM
5	This is a poorly worded, misleading question. I support SOC to fill existing spots, not to create new classrooms or buildings. I do not believe the scare tactics that predict collapse in the event of a modified policy.	11/4/2016 5:40 PM
6	it adds more program choice for all students	11/4/2016 4:30 PM
7	It provides the numbers of students to allow for more variety of class types and program.	11/4/2016 4:17 PM
8	We are taking students and families from communities where schools could be made stronger if their residents attended.	11/4/2016 2:48 PM
9	Yes, but at a reasonable pace. It should not be more than the current percentage. SOC should balance classrooms not fill them completely	11/4/2016 2:36 PM
10	This is an unfair question. I like that parents have choice but the current practice of opening so many spots that they can't even be filled hurts the entire community. Lansing schools have been decimated and property values in EL suffer because there is no incentive to live here (which affects the amount if \$ the district receives). In theory I like the idea but instead of bringing diversity to our district it tends to bring those who can afford to transport their children to and from school at odd hours (many times wealthier people and/or households with a stay at home parent). The practice of creating entire classrooms of SOC instead of using it to balance resident class sizes has created class size disparity through the district and traffic problems. I'm not interested in paying money to create a lot more parking/ drop off improvements for residents of other cities to use. I am very interested in paying for a better learning environment for children. I don't feel this way myself but know that there is some tipping point w/ SOC enrollment where taxpayers in EL will decide they don't want to pay for a bond for non- resident children- I don't know what that point is though. In short, I wish there was a way to make sure SOC kids who are truly in need and would benefit from our school environment could attend without worrying about transportation, work schedules, etc.	11/4/2016 2:16 PM
11	I think the "policy" is poorly managed. I think there are certain leaders at the Board level who use SOC to buttress their "savior" complex, even though I have never seen evidence that SOC is used by a qualitatively diverse set of families. I think SOC is used as a political hot potato hide the fact that central admin is incapable of successfully forecasting population trends: though difficult, it's not impossible. I would love to see some actual data on the implications of SOC on actual outcomes: Not on budget, but on how SOC has influenced changes and outcomes in the schools.	11/4/2016 1:16 PM
12	We need to be putting a priority on reducing class sizes and updating our class offerings. Right now the middle school has too many kids, our elementary classrooms are bursting, and our teachers simply can not offer truly diversified curriculum with so many kids in the classroom. Let's stop bringing in so many students from other areas and get our own program back on track first.	11/4/2016 1:15 PM
13	I support it but i don't think we should do so at the cost of surrounding school systems. I do not think we should continue to increase the amount of students that we accept to fund our system bc we are really stealing students from our neighbors.	11/4/2016 1:13 PM
14	Obviously, our school district needs school of choice students to enable us to support our five K-5 elementary buildings (Donley, Marble, Pinecrest, Glencairn, Whitehills). However, I have concerns about adding too many school of choice students because our middle school and high school do not have the capacity to hold a large number of extra students. In fact, some of our elementary buildings (namely, Pinecrest and, maybe, Marble) are too full due to the addition of schools of choice students. Truly, the state of Michigan needs to consider alternative ways to fund schools as the current methods are not working well for the children of the state. I am interested in the 23% number listed here as other numbers I've seen suggest that we have about 30% school of choice students. From a fiscal standpoint, it is not a good idea to try to fill an elementary with schools of choice students because we may not be able to attract that many schools of choice students and because of the transience of the schools of choice student population.	11/4/2016 1:12 PM
15	I believe our numbers are way too high and it's too easy to balance the budget by taking on more students. In my opinion, the district does not follow these students to see what they actually cost our district in the long run.	11/4/2016 1:06 PM
16	We recently moved from Lansing to be within district but that's not a viable option for many families. If there are facilities to handle a greater number of students then we should strive to provide the best education for the greatest number of children no matter where they live.	11/4/2016 12:53 PM
17	If the parents want their children to come to ELPS, they should be able to send them, especially if they are located in a district with poor schooling.	11/4/2016 12:53 PM

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18	Families should have the ability to chose the schools that are best for their families. When we have open seats in classrooms, they should be made available to families outside the district.	11/4/2016 12:41 PM
19	This question is poorly structured. While we undoubtedly will continue to participate with SOC, the longer term goal should be to reduce our reliance on SOC students. And increasing SOC levels to try to justify opening additional buildings is a foolish proposition. Finally, the district needs to be more honest about the fact that SOC revenues do NOT support capital expenditures but at best help cover some ongoing maintenance costs.	11/4/2016 11:38 AM
20	Unsure. I have heard that it costs ELPS more than the \$5.9 Million to deliver services to SOC kids.	11/4/2016 11:09 AM
21	I love that our schools are more diverse because of the Schools of Choice program.	11/4/2016 10:32 AM
22	One of the most important things that ELPS teaches my children is inclusivity. We can't teach this to our children if we don't practice inclusivity as a community and as a regional partner and neighbor.	11/3/2016 4:36 PM
23	It provides additional \$ for the district and additional student perspectives.	11/3/2016 2:58 PM
24	If other parents want to drive their kids to what they feel is a better school it's ok though I'd prefer that more resources went to the schools that need them so this weren't the case.	11/3/2016 2:45 PM
25	Fill the classes. Fiscally important to have maximum enrollment.	11/3/2016 1:52 PM
26	Getting extra money is a fine goal. There is good reason why the state government pays all those millions, because having more students means more pressure on our infrastructure and greater needs for teachers and technology. So we spend more as we receive more.	11/3/2016 1:38 PM
27	They add to the diversity of the population. They help the district meet the numbers need to run a sting curriculum.	11/3/2016 1:01 PM
28	Schools of Choice allows ELPS to continue offering a varied curriculum for all levels of ability and progress. It also gives the district more diversity, a very important component in a child's education. It also offers a better educational experience to many students outside of ELPS area.	11/3/2016 10:12 AM
29	At a certain point in the area's history, there were no elementary school buildings. I believe that non-performing assets should be disposed of as quickly as possible. However, there seems to be a faction(s) in the community that believes otherwise (with both public and private investment/capital improvements). This, it seems to me, is absolutely absurd. To keep buildings just because some extra state money is coming in is somewhat ridiculous. Everyone deserves a quality education, but we're just barely making it living in-district, and that doesn't seem right to me.	11/3/2016 9:52 AM
30	Maintain enrollments, and help maintain neighborhood schools.	11/3/2016 9:48 AM
31	This is an excellent option for families wishing to have their child attend high performing schools, ONLY IF there is room in the classroom. If class size is unreasonably high, it doesn't make sense to devalue education for resident students by creating an environment where teachers have difficulty doing their job.	11/3/2016 9:27 AM
32	Adds diversity to the student body and increases utilization of buildings and facilities in a time of otherwise static/declining student numbers.	11/3/2016 9:11 AM
33	I am not totally against it, but I definitely think it shouldn't at 23% of the population and climbing. I very much believe in neighborhood schools and am sadly disappointed that my children can't walk to the elementary school that sits vacant right in our own neighborhood - especially witnessing the insane drop off and pick up and listening to stories from my oldest child that he can't play on most playground equipment because it's always crowded. We worked hard to find and buy a house in a community we love and trust and it is highly disappointing (and financially upsetting for the cost of living in East Lansing compared to elsewhere) to live so close to a school and not be able to have our children walk to it.	11/3/2016 9:00 AM
34	School of Choice has eroded real estate prices. New faculty hires to MSU with children do NOT move into the EL School district-They select Okemos or Williamston. This was not the case 20years ago. Quality of education in high school has been affected. Focus on education in district for tax paying residents, and stop the money grab. If selecting School of Choice-require an acceptable GPA, English proficiency, etc. Limit School of Choice to 10%. Large number of School of Choice in HS disruptive to the education process	11/3/2016 8:39 AM
35	For each schools of choice student added to East Lansing, less money is available for residents. This is because EL gets less money per schools of choice student than it spends. Also, discipline problems have invpreased since schools of choice has increased. Also, to the extent that schools of choice students have lower test scores than EL resident students, district scores and ranking are adversely affected.	11/3/2016 8:36 AM
36	Increased diversity of student body, fewer barriers to neighboring communities.	11/3/2016 1:28 AM
37	The statement "the number of schools of choice students at ELPS has grown" should read: "the current Board of Education majority voted to increase SOC slots to the highest amount available in five years." My children aren't seeing the benefit of the additional state money. Their building (Whitehills) was jammed full with a third kindergarten (a decision made the week before school started in 2015-2016) and a DK classroom.	11/2/2016 11:45 PM

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38	Increasing the number of school-of-choice ensures racial, socio-economic, & cultural diversity, which is important to our children's growth. One draw of ELPS school for us was the array of cultures, languages, and races at the schools.	11/2/2016 8:09 PM
39	Funding is a plus.	11/2/2016 8:03 PM
40	diversity	11/2/2016 7:57 PM
41	It is a good way to maintain the enrollment for the district.	11/2/2016 7:35 PM
42	I support the inclusion of schools of choice students. However, the currently proportion above 20% is a concern. I believe the large percentage impacts school districts surrounding East Lansing negatively and that the large percentage exaggerates the infrastructure needs for the district.	11/2/2016 11:04 AM
43	Taking away from the students who are in the district.	11/2/2016 6:15 AM
44	Yes, but better effort must be made to first serve those living in the community and to not overcrowd classrooms.	11/1/2016 1:33 PM
45	But we need limits.	11/1/2016 11:10 AM
46	overcrowding	10/31/2016 8:00 PM
47	School of choice is neither the problem nor the solution. If current staffing and infrastructure allows for it, then certainly spots may be offered to non-district students. However, if too many are offered, resulting in the need for hiring additional faculty and support staff, then school-of-choice can become very detrimental. Because school of choice is an entirely unpredictable and unknown quantity, enrollment numbers can fluctuate significantly and make it extremely challenging to appropriately and accurately predict staffing and budget needs for current and future years. The ELPS have probably already crossed the line of no-return, but it is imperative that they not become too reliant upon school of choice in order to maintain current programming.	10/30/2016 3:52 PM
48	I think it's important for kids who's parents work in EL and want to keep their students close. Also, it's good for kids who move to be able to keep attending the same school.	10/30/2016 1:43 PM
49	School of choice increases diversity, and supports the district financially.	10/30/2016 1:19 PM
50	brings in state funding and helps those looking for better education programs then what they might have in Lansing.	10/30/2016 12:18 AM
51	I am very happy to have many different kids at the school but I feel like class sizes are way too high. I am concerned about my child reading at grade level but with so many kids in the classroom there are a lot of distractions. My number one concern is lowering class sizes.	10/29/2016 9:11 PM
52	Provides diversity. Is a measure of the demand in the school system.	10/28/2016 6:08 PM
53	Small school districts are an inefficient way of educating our region's children. I would like to see students across the greater Lansing area have even more freedom to be educated in the environments that suit them best. Also, face it, ELPS needs the money.	10/28/2016 2:19 PM
54	If we didn't have SOC, we would be In worse financial shape, and we wouldn't be able to have as many options for programming especially at the HS level	10/28/2016 10:17 AM
55	SOC students should be used to balance resident classes. Most SOC students should be admitted the early elementary grades so they have the benefit of curricular continuity.	10/28/2016 9:23 AM
56	I think it is important to participate in Schools of Choice. I would not end participation altogether. But 23% is way too high, and it is unfair to the Lansing School District to poach so many of their students.	10/28/2016 7:03 AM
57	I don't like the idea of paying for infrastructure for students that don't reside here. The money that accompanies school of choice students does not cover these costs, so EL residents end up footing the bill for any building or technology upgrades. It might make more sense to downsize the district to the residential population and offer high quality programming on a smaller scale.	10/27/2016 5:42 PM
58	District needs the money. Schools of choice students need the academic environment. Increases diversity of school population.	10/27/2016 5:27 PM
59	My guess (which I could be wrong) is that although we generate an additional \$5.9 in state revenue from schools of choice, the cost to educate these children is more than the revenue we generate. That being said, it would seem that a significant benefit from having the schools of choice children attending our schools is that these students likely provide a more culturally diverse student body.	10/27/2016 1:48 PM
60	My son is currently a school of choice student.	10/27/2016 11:43 AM
61	Yes, just wish we didn't have to pay as local residents to send our student part time.	10/27/2016 11:38 AM
62	The diversity in our student body is an asset! Students from a diverse school tend to be better global citizens. I disagree with the zero-sum attitude of some parents.	10/27/2016 11:37 AM

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63	We were once a schools of choice family and decided to move into East Lansing to give our children better access to the community as their indepence grows. I think S of C make the community attractive to future residents.	10/27/2016 11:09 AM
64	If accepting SOC causes overcrowding in classrooms, there need to be lower limits set on SOC acceptance.	10/26/2016 9:50 AM
65	It provides diversity to our students, additional money for programs, and allows students to gain from educational offerings	10/26/2016 8:48 AM
66	but maintain lower student to teacher ratios.	10/26/2016 7:07 AM
67	I support SOC. I do not support building our future on SOC - I think it should fill gaps not be a large percentage of our schools.	10/26/2016 6:48 AM
68	I don't think this question has a simple yes/no answer. I support limited acceptance of school of choice students to fill openings in existing classrooms, not to open additional classrooms or buildings. We should not increase our percentage of school of choice students in the long run, and it might be better to decrease that percentage gradually.	10/25/2016 10:18 PM
69	Are we able to meet the needs of ALL students ELPS resident and/or non resident?	10/25/2016 8:18 PM
70	I think the overcrowding I see outweighs the advantages. I think it's poorly managed, and opening up the floodgates to any and all students doesn't serve the district.	10/25/2016 7:08 PM
71	The only reason enrollment has remained steady is because someone decided this is how many students we need, and when EL loses family, we'll just get students from somewhere else. Your numbers are very misleading. And why don't you discuss the subsidy for SOC students? They bring in \$5.9 million (of the \$X million that is spent educating them, since I read that ELPS spends more per pupil than is brought in).	10/25/2016 3:07 PM
72	From what I have heard, the financial contribution is helpful, and the physical presence of school of choice students contributes to diversity within the system.	10/25/2016 12:41 PM
73	Schools of choice both benefits the district financially and socially. It creates a more diverse community.	10/25/2016 9:57 AM
74	The student population at ELPS provides great instruction in all buildings. AP classes in the HS would be less, or less economical to provide, if we were smaller.	10/25/2016 9:42 AM
75	The students in the home district should be of primary concern when making building decisions. I'm not sure it's a good idea to keep growing the number of school of choice students. The district shouldn't be too reliant on these students for financial stability.	10/25/2016 7:42 AM
76	Not opposed but current level (23%) too high	10/24/2016 10:19 PM
77	Allowing some school of choice students is appropriate and a reality in Michigan. The question really is what percentage of SOC makes sense for a district. This is a delicate equation because decisions have implications. I would propose the BOE help clarify what the Implications are to the district for SOC at different percentages before asking people to answer this question. Ideally the SOC percentage would be lower than 23%. Best case to grow resident population and thereby shrink SOC without overall loss of students in district.	10/24/2016 9:19 PM
78	We are schools of choice and have appreciated the opportunity to bring our tax dollars into the district and allow our children to receive an education in a smaller community where the majority of families truly value education.	10/24/2016 6:20 PM
79	Provides needed income revenue. Reputation of good school system.	10/23/2016 10:24 PM
80	I believe SOC student enrollment is a complement to the E Lan school system	10/23/2016 8:18 PM
81	because most of the kid coming with poor preparation , in English , Math in general curriculum and the extra money they bring is to use to try to educated, and control the behavior of school of choice .	10/23/2016 6:38 PM
82	ELPS is responsible for Public education - that is for all children - district lines should not define the educational opportunity of a child in our country/state/metropolitan area	10/23/2016 6:24 PM
83	Good for student experiences	10/23/2016 5:02 PM
84	I support a MUCH more thoughtful acceptance. One much more cognizant of current overcrowding. One that limits the number much more then it has in the past. I also think we need to be better neighbors to Lansing and not adversely affect their enrollment as much as we have in the past.	10/23/2016 3:30 PM
85	Schools of choice is important for promoting access to quality education for a broader range of students. It is a good sign that other students _want_ to come to our schools.	10/23/2016 2:25 PM
86	SOC deprives other districts of their students and (much needed) revenue, adds to classroom sizes and crowding, and forces district residents to subsidize out-of-district students. And, your question betrays the motivation - it is a revenue producer. I get that state funding stinks and is inadequate, but such a large SOC enrollment is not something I favor, as a matter of principle.	10/22/2016 11:06 PM

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87	Adds to the school's diversity.	10/22/2016 1:36 PM
88	this report from me is based on my grand children attending EL via school of choice	10/22/2016 8:24 AM
89	We do not have the population in E.L. to support all the schools on our own, we need the outside students.	10/21/2016 6:31 PM
90	Funds from schools of choice are needed to keep EL quality. It offers more area kids better opportunities.	10/21/2016 5:04 PM
91	It is fine to have SOME Schools of Choice students in the district. Lately, the District has pushed its limits and accepted too MANY Schools of Choice students. This is UNACCEPTABLE has caused overcrowded classes, stressed teachers and little space for new district students during the year.	10/20/2016 9:53 PM
92	As long as it doesn't bump residents	10/20/2016 7:51 PM
93	It depends on current resident populations and projections. The community needs more information about how SoC enrollment decisions are made, and what current numbers are at each grade level.	10/20/2016 4:18 PM
94	I think the inclusion of children from other districts is a positive experience for both them and the local kids. There is probably a healthy balance, and I am not sure what that is, but ELPS seems to have a great district with great students and educators so you are doing something right.	10/20/2016 3:19 PM
95	Theses students bring diversity to our district and come because they want the kind of education EL offers. They should be considered an asset to our schools.	10/20/2016 2:44 PM
96	Schools of choice help our district stay competitive and current within the state, it also give us a chance to obtain and cultivate promising scholars and athletes that live outside the district.	10/20/2016 10:49 AM
97	Tax payers footing the bill for the "flavor of the day". Go to school in your own district, if your district lacks resources, quality staff and/or programs address that at your local district. Quit running from the problem.	10/20/2016 10:46 AM
98	EL needs to focus on the students that are here. The class sizes are way too big.	10/20/2016 3:02 AM
99	Parents have particular reasons for requesting school of choice, and I think it is good for those families to have the possibility if circumstances call for it.	10/20/2016 12:03 AM
100	This improves ten diversity and accessibility of East Lansing schools.	10/19/2016 9:33 PM
101	Not just to fill buildings or reopen Red Cedar.	10/19/2016 8:06 PM
102	ELPS for residents of East Lansing only!	10/19/2016 7:27 PM
103	Makes the school more diverse and gives families better options for their children's education	10/19/2016 6:53 PM
104	If we are adding school of choice students to our district to maintain the number of neighborhood schools we have or to bring in money, we may want to rethink this approach. Would it make more sense to have fewer elementary buildings that have updated facilities? However, if we reduce the number of elementary students, how does that effect programming at the secondary level? Do we lose the opportunity for AP classes and a variety of subject matter?	10/19/2016 3:45 PM
105	East Lansing needs the students, and they increase economic diversity	10/19/2016 3:41 PM
106	Only to support where we are short..not to over crowd or where we end up needing to have 3 sections of one grade in a building..they need to be spread out throughout the schools better.	10/19/2016 2:25 PM
107	I have heard from other parents that the class sizes are extremely large, which, if true, means that I do not support having school of choice students. My son's kindergarten class has 22 students, which is a great size. But when I hear about having 30+ students per class, that is not acceptable.	10/19/2016 2:11 PM
108	Classroom sizes are too large. If the money received for school of choice students were used to accommodate the increase in population, then I would support it. In my experience, my child has received a wonderful education. No complaints about his teachers or the tools used to educate my child. So, why are we so over crowded?	10/19/2016 1:50 PM
109	As long as the district has the space, I believe that anyone wishing to attend East Lansing Public Schools should be allowed to enter the lottery for a spot.	10/19/2016 12:42 PM
110	Support if classes are overcrowded but we don't get the full amount per student- \$700 less	10/19/2016 12:21 PM
111	My children graduated from ELHS in the 1990s (1991 and 1997). It have seen the reputation and quality of the district decline at the same rate that ELPS saw school of choice numbers go up. I do not think it is a coincidence that as we spread out the school resources beyond the children of East Lansing, that the quality of the education (and certainly the reputation) has declined.	10/19/2016 12:04 PM
112	Absolutely -- without SOC students, our district would be financially injured and our students would loose out on a much broader perspective with regard to cultures, lifestyles, financial status, etc.	10/19/2016 11:41 AM

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113	The problem of schools of choice comes up with the educational preparation and capabilities of those students who are from areas other than MSU. Curriculum is key, and providing challenging and skill enhancing education is what I would hope for for East Lansing schools. This may --- or may not -- be possible depending on the preparation of students entering the system from other districts.	10/19/2016 10:48 AM
114	I am bothered not by the presence of SOC students, but by the lack of management of SOC students. I am bothered that they are given priority choice for schools, even when those schools are overcrowded and satisfying those parent needs means putting children in classes that do not have space for them. I am bothered by the false narrative (and white guilt/savior complex) that SOC means EL is accepting downtrodden students who otherwise would be in inferior programs in Lansing, when the observable reality is that many (if not most) are the children of middle-class white folks who make the strategic economic decision to live in Lansing and send their kids to EL so they don't have to pay the taxes, often at the expense of Lansing schools and other neighboring communities. I'm bothered that this study is asking about traffic patterns around the schools as justification for building new buildings, when so many of those traffic problems are created by and exacerbated by SOC and the very poor performance of Dean transportation that causes more and more parents to drive their students instead of walk or bus. I think that since it initially started accepting SOC students into the district, a lack of intention, lack of leadership, and lack of vision at the board and central admin level has let the SOC numbers balloon high enough, and come to rely on those dollars, that there is a collective unwillingness to consider the actual value and impact of the program on the district. At any point did anyone actually say out loud, "Huh...maybe asking a city to build new buildings for students who don't live here might not be a great idea? If 1/4 of the students in five schools are out of district, seems like you could entirely do away with another school to "right size" the district?" In short, I am reluctant to support a bond to build fancy new buildings to solve the problems that a lack of management and poor communication has created. It would be more useful for school and board leadership to evidence a willingness to actually lead on and solve problems instead of blaming the buildings, all while holding their hands out. I'm tired of hearing that every problem will magically disappear if the bond passes. A "new" middle school only created new problems (overcrowding, traffic, etc.) I would expect the same of new elementary buildings.	10/19/2016 10:34 AM
115	The backbone of a school district should not be on the backs of the students of other residential cities. It is not a stable way to run a schoomdistiect and it undermines the districts bordering East Lansing. It is not a zero sum game. It's all interconnected. In addition, opening a 6th elementary based on increasing school of choice students makes no logical sense. Build a solid smaller school district. Focus on the classroom, the teachers, the curriculum, the leadership of the district.	10/19/2016 9:40 AM
116	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send my children to private schools. Then it asks me questions about ELPS	10/19/2016 9:38 AM
117	I chose to live in Lansing for several years while my daughter attended EL. I was happy to have that choice and happy that she could continue at EL uninterrupted. She had several friends that were also school of choice for different reasons.	10/19/2016 8:31 AM
118	Schools of Choice helps expose students who live in the district to a greater variety of people and also provides students in other areas the chance to get an excellent education in ELPS.	10/18/2016 4:35 PM
119	Diversity. Provides funding. Provides a good option to families that care about their child's education, but may not be able to afford living in this community. It is not enough to "take care of us" and ignore the plights of other communities. We have a wonderful school system. Let families that stress education and live across the EL border benefit. There is no better way to teach children to be world citizens that to expose them to staff and students that represent our beautiful melting pot.	10/18/2016 2:40 PM
120	it allows diversity within this system and for students from communities that are less diverse	10/18/2016 1:51 PM
121	No	10/17/2016 10:33 PM
122	The district should review the enrollment projections. The past couple of years, including this year, have demonstrated an increase in enrollment. I believe exercising the school of choice option is appropriate for the school district; however, the current approach is unacceptable and has led to accepting an entire class of school of choice. The "stuff the school" approach is not appropriate. The district should develop and implement a policy to address school of choice. District Administration and the BOE must consider the impacts of increased enrollment at each building. The district should remain focused on elevating the educational setting at the elementary level to encourage families to reside in East Lansing rather than turning to our neighbors as a go-to option. Finally, the additional revenue does not consider the city taxes used to support the remaining educational needs of SOC children. The state provide \$7800 per student but the cost is over \$10,000. The district needs to develop a policy to be fiscally responsible.	10/17/2016 9:58 PM
123	As long as there is space all students should be able to go to the best schools possible.	10/17/2016 4:04 PM

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124	Parents have the right to choose the best fit for their child's education and their family situation. for example, if a parent works at MSU it might be best to drop their child at an E.L. school coming and going to work. Also a parent in a neighboring district might find E.L. schools closer then their nearest Lansing school. Also, if a child needs to get away from bad influences in another school (bullying, etc) or wants better classes to take to help with their chances at getting into college they should be awarded tht opportunity.	10/17/2016 2:56 PM
125	If you are accepting schools of choice students for the sake of the money you are/have traveled down a dangerous path. Unfortunately this is exactly what I believe you have done. Now you are dependent upon the monies. You've loosened your standards for students to enter the ELPS via schools of choice so now you are stuck having to spend significant resources for special education or other supplemental learning to assist these children. This issue has ended up costing this district more money than they bring in as the state does not fund special education at a level necessary to meet the need.	10/17/2016 2:52 PM
126	I think its a win-win: for the students, it provides an option/access to high quality education, and for the district it provides additional resources.	10/17/2016 12:09 PM
127	My opinion is unsure because while I support the idea of Schools of Choice, the current "plan" (taking more and more each year) is not working. What I see is that each year the schools of choice numbers go up, and each year they do, we seem to struggle more with "what fits where" and full classrooms and overwhelmed teachers. This problem is solveable! If the high percentage of schools of choice students are creating such a burden on our teachers and administrators (either in sheer numbers or because of special needs) that we need extra paraprofessionals in half the classrooms, additional ESL or reading aids or other teaching staff at schools -- and if the additional funds the district recieves from the government will not cover all these extra costs -- then why not cut down on the number of new schools of choice students accepted? Why would we not strive to simply keep classrooms and schools at a managable size for our teachers, rather than stuff in as many students as possible, regardless of what it costs (in more ways than financially) our in-district students and families? I would give a qualified yes to schools of choice going forward, only under the premise that we lower the current percentage (of new SOC students accepted) to keep classrooms at a more reasonable size, and not overtax our principals and parapros. I also feel strongly that adding SOC spots should NOT be allowed to be used as a tool to re-structure the elementary schools again. While we all know the closing of Red Cedar is a driving issue for several school board members, the choices made on the future of all of our elementary schools should be made for the betterment of our existing school communities and those in the future, not the past.	10/17/2016 12:03 PM
128	I am fine with schools of choice students, unfortunately it appears that we have been increasing the number of slots in the elementary schools to create a crisis to support the reopening of Red Cedar. I am opposed to any increases at the grade school level until the existing 5 building are capable of handling the additional students.	10/17/2016 11:54 AM
129	I believe School of Choice is good because it supports a diverse student body and helps maintain appropriate enrollment numbers in the District.	10/17/2016 9:32 AM
130	This question is poorly phrased. Yes, I appreciate including school of choice students and support that effort. School of choice allows student from neighboring districts equal opportunities. However, I do not believe we should be admitting 23% school of choice students. At some point, we have to prioritize the tax paying families and the overcrowded classrooms are ridiculous, particularly for the younger children. We pay enormous taxes in this city and we expect to get the return on our investment in the way of a solid education for our children. Research proves that smaller class sizes are more effective in educating our students, and with 23% school of choice students, the classes are much too large. I understand we wouldn't be able to offer as many choices for our students because we wouldn't be getting as much funding, but I am content with that.	10/17/2016 9:24 AM
131	Classes should not get any bigger though	10/16/2016 11:01 PM
132	The percentage is too high. I know you have done this to maintain the revenues but you are not serving the East Lansing residents fairly. You are coming to us to pay for new facilities to educate students out of district. I object to that strategy of robbing the Lansing School District of their students to keep our district flush with cash.	10/16/2016 10:13 PM
133	I think it is a problem that the district RELIES on SOC funding instead of it being an "extra"	10/16/2016 10:06 PM
134	I do support school of choice students as long as it does not continue to impact the increase in number of students/classroom. In the past 3 years, numbers have increased about 24%/classroom. This causes greater needs in management and behavior, and less ability to reach at risk students. So by approving of SOC students, does not mean I approve of continue to pack the classroom and not hire more teachers. Smaller class sizes is needed to maintain/regain best practice to meet the growing needs of our students.	10/16/2016 2:21 PM
135	World class education should not be exclusive!	10/16/2016 1:37 PM
136	Yes, I support schools of choice kids. However, I don't think it should be more than 25% of the student body. Above that percentage, I would be concerned with classroom size and traffic issues during the morning and afternoon.	10/16/2016 12:45 PM
137	As long as school of choice students are not used to keep school open that cannot be support by resident population. When Red Cedar was open almost 70% of students were either PB or SOC. Not acceptable.	10/16/2016 11:33 AM

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138	Strong supporter of SOC and former SOC family. SOC allows access to quality educational choice for families regardless of housing location. SOC drives improvement in education too. SOC also brings in revenue for EL.	10/16/2016 7:04 AM
139	As long as it does not overload the classroom and that the guest student does not cause a social or academic problems	10/15/2016 1:44 PM
140	It's the right thing to do for the community, and in order to build a stronger program	10/15/2016 11:06 AM
141	It's fine, but there's starting to be too many students and parents that don't live in the district or pay for the bonds.	10/14/2016 1:29 PM
142	Marble 3rd grade has 30 students and 29 students. Totally too many! Why? because schools of choice students drive up the number of students in each class. I would support school of choice if classes were kept at 25 students or less. Students need lots of attention and variety of instruction.	10/14/2016 11:43 AM
143	No, our building is stretched to capacity already and if we allow more school of choice slots, it 1) takes away money from neighboring school districts--decreasing their school quality and in my opinion, we need to look at the wider picture of how it impacts our greater Lansing community and what we are doing to surrounding districts. 2) I have a feeling there will be a LOT of new kindergarteners for 2017-18 and what will we do with another 3 section grade if these are majority in-school/district children?	10/14/2016 10:44 AM
144	Nearly a quarter of our student population does not reside in East Lansing. This is a DIS service to the families who have made a conscious choice and effort to live IN East Lansing. This is one of the single biggest issues to why a bond will fail again! Why would EL tax payers shoulder additional debt when 1 in 4 kids don't live here? Is there something wrong with providing services to families who actually pay to live here? In 10 years the school board still doesn't understand that more does not equate to "better". Its time to actually put our kids and families who live and pay taxes here first in the schools. Maybe our kids would learn more if teachers had the number of students they are supposed to have, not 4 or 5 students over consistently year after year.	10/14/2016 9:18 AM
145	We are doing a school of choice this year. I think parents should have the right to place their kids in a district that they feel comfortable in.	10/13/2016 10:37 PM
146	This answer depends on how many SOC students are accepted. It is unacceptable to have a third grade class with 29 or 30 students. If some of those are SOC, that is not acceptable.	10/13/2016 10:28 PM
147	The classrooms sizes are ridiculously overcrowded, which negatively affects students' learning ability and potential. The priority should be giving in-district students the best possible education first.	10/13/2016 9:36 PM
148	I think all children deserve a good education and I do not understand why this cannot be offered in the district in which they live.. Unfortunately it seems that some school of choice children may have behavioral issues that degrade the classroom environment. This is unfair to the student body that lives within the district and the teachers who teach there.	10/13/2016 9:00 PM
149	Brings diversity and cash flow.	10/13/2016 4:07 PM
150	Many (not all) schools of choice students take advantage of all the "perks" such as community support, scholarships, etc. and they jump from school to school for sports, as its a "recruitment" system. When you have kids failing in classes but allowed to play a sports (and not pay to participate) many will continue to come as there is no accountability for them to do well academically. Set a higher grade point for academics and sports, that will slow down the students coming in to just "Play" and take advantage of the community support when they don't live here, and if they do come in, make it for academics not athletics (remember its "student/athlete NOT athlete/student!!) they will work hard & do well which will make E.L. schools more inviting for serious schools of choice students and be in more demand. When you take in students who have no interest in academics only extra curricular activity it brings the entire school down....	10/13/2016 4:03 PM
151	I have no issue with parents wanting to make a decision about what school might be best for their children. there are many reasons parents may choose the type of school their children attends. housing and school should not be tied to each other.	10/13/2016 2:17 PM
152	Elementary classes are too full!	10/13/2016 1:04 PM
153	I support the school of choice because it makes schools more competitive and should force the leadership of the school to put in place adequate measures to retain students.	10/13/2016 12:28 PM
154	E. Lansing taxpayers are funding the needs of school of choice student for technology bonds and infrastructure through milleages, thereby diluting the amount of funding for E. Lansing resident students.	10/13/2016 11:53 AM
155	school of choice has taken away the community feel of the school system. I am a strong believer that you should go to school where you live. I pay a lot of taxes to live in EAsT Lansing so my kids can go to East Lansing school system. I believe the core value of the school system has been decreased due to the growing school of choice population	10/13/2016 8:35 AM

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156	This is a topic I don't really have full understanding of, so I can't provide anything better than saying that the ELPS's were the reason why my wife and I decided to purchase our home when we were in the buying area of our lives. Now that we have our first kid, we are still eager to go to ELPS, and this attraction is likely equally important to those who can't live in EL but want to attend the schools. So, I am more ok with the idea than not but that is dependent on other data I am likely not aware of and can be influenced to be more positive or less.	10/13/2016 8:07 AM
157	It is more economical for students to attend the school where they are resident. This will reduce the number of school of choice students. In the end, the schools are running the same curriculum, and the state will not need additional funding of \$5.9m to maintain the facilities and programs. However, there might be some exceptions. These few exceptions could be considered, and will reduce the additional cost, because the number of school of choice students will be less.	10/13/2016 3:09 AM
158	Yes ,with a caveat. I see no reason to maintain the percentage of SOC students when we are experiencing over crowding at some elementary buildings	10/13/2016 12:06 AM
159	Poor wording for this question. I support schools of choice but feel the numbers should be less	10/12/2016 8:58 PM
160	Schools of choice should have a plan on how to distribute the children more effectively	10/12/2016 7:32 PM
161	I think the school of choice program is a good one but not to exceed 15% of the total population. If we are to continue with this growth rate our students in the district should get first choice of classes and schedules, sports etc.. Some are coming for academics some are coming for sports or programing but not at the expense of our own children. Also when issues arise quite often a school of choice child is involved or special needs are busting at the seam ST,PT OT etc and they are quick to discharge because of work load. A percentage of school of choice children are utilizing services our children need. Also they are not paying the taxes we are. We chose to live here and pay higher taxes because of the schools. It is not fair for others to benefit without paying the cost as well.	10/12/2016 7:16 PM
162	The program operates to the detriment of Lansing school system and is used by the ELPS district as a grab for dollars. School performance has eroded and property values decreased due to the excesses in play here.	10/12/2016 6:22 PM
163	It's fine to accept school of choice students as long as 1) it doesn't cause overcrowding in any one school or classroom, and 2) that the school board does not come to depend on that 5.9 million as a structural part of the budget. In other words, don't try to fix holes or shortfalls in the budget by admitting more school of choice kids. Instead, get your budget in order.	10/12/2016 5:41 PM
164	I think the district needs to give concrete examples of what the 5.9 million helps to pay to persuade voters to vote yes. It is also important to give concrete examples of what programs will possibly be cut if there is a drop in funding from schools of choice. I think there are many parents who do not understand the consequences of drastically limiting schools of choice kids. Provide scenarios at all levels of schooling so the voters understand possible consequences.	10/12/2016 5:37 PM
165	Allows any student the opportunities and advantages of an EL education regardless of living within the district.	10/12/2016 5:11 PM
166	Class sizes are already enormous. If we continue to accept schools of choice students, we need to have larger class sizes, more classrooms in buildings.	10/12/2016 4:28 PM
167	I support school of choice but not to the extent it has caused over crowding in the elementary schools.	10/12/2016 4:02 PM
168	I do not feel comfortable with this question. I support School of Choice filling out our classroom numbers in order to reach our full economic potential....(within reason) but not in order to maintain and keep buildings open. For example, a classroom in a building that has 17 students should have an opening of 5 spaces for school of choice if our class size goal is 22. BUT we shouldn't be using school of choice as a means to increase enrollment as a whole, open additional sections or just to collect more money. We should we working within our financial means. I would like to know what Okemos, Haslett and other surrounding schools percentage of school of choice students are. School of choice isn't bad if it is used in the right way. That perspective would help the community feel comfortable.	10/12/2016 3:48 PM
169	For ELSD, school of choice helps in increasing the socioeconomic and race diversity in our schools. It helps to provide a better reflection the world outside of East Lansing. I do believe school of choice takes students and money away from district that most likely need the numbers more than ELSD. I don't like the use of students as income generators. Do they represent eager young learners of dollar bills in our district's eyes? How many school of choice student's are enough 25%, 50%, 51%? I don't want to pay to build buildings to house more school of choice students. This would be a wise financial plan.	10/12/2016 3:36 PM
170	However, I feel that we need to limit the numbers as classrooms at all levels have too large of a students to teacher ratio.	10/12/2016 3:31 PM
171	There is an obvious correlation between the decline in ELPS academic reported performance and the increase in school of choice. In addition the abuse of this system to obtain state funding has led to obvious decline in the Lansing area school district - so the children in that district whose parents do not exercise this option suffer as well. Why would anyone pay EL taxes if they can live across the street.	10/12/2016 2:50 PM

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172	Because all children deserve the high level of public education that the children of East Lansing receive, and children shouldn't be forced to go to crummy, failing schools because they live within a low income zip code. That said, it is clear that we are suffering as a district due to SOC when you look at measures like class sizes.	10/12/2016 2:47 PM
173	I don't agree with schools of choice as I believe it greatly hinders and takes away resources from Lansing Public schools, but since it is allowed I agree that ELPS should participate.	10/12/2016 1:54 PM
174	I would continue to accept schools of choice students up to a 25% enrollment limit.	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
175	As a schools of choice family, we appreciate the opportunity to have a child in the district. Unfortunately, you did not accept our other child, so we are stuck with kids in two districts. Now that our oldest started high school in another district, we find it hard to move him. Please provided an opportunity for a family meeting, before you deny a out-of-district student who has been suspended. My son a year ahead in math in our district, gets good grades, and is not the discipline problem the district has made him out to be. He finishes his work early and has free time at the end of all of his classes. Free time means talk time with other friends who are done. All of his discipline problems are the result of teachers and school staff who cannot keep him engaged. That is why our younger son asked to leave our current district. The lack of a challenging curriculum has presented issues for both kids. I do believe though that as more families with kids move back into the E. Lansing community (mostly due to the baby boomers aging) that the district evaluate every year home many schools of choice to accept. If there were fewer kids who needed to be dropped off and picked up, many of the traffic issues could be resolved. Or offer transportation options, possibly at a cost, to families who have a parent employed along a current district bus route (like MSU).	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
176	It's a reality that the state of Michigan has supported. It does bring additional resources to our district schools. I think it's important to limit it to the current level.	10/12/2016 1:29 PM
177	This is too complex a question for a yes/no response. I support MINIMAL participation in SOC to balance class sizes WITHOUT INCREASING CLASS SIZES INAPPROPRIATELY as seems to currently be happening.	10/12/2016 1:24 PM
178	I think the Schools of Choice option adds to the richness of the EL community and it gives families that live outside the school boundaries an option to (in most cases) increase the educational opportunities for their kids. I do believe there is a balance to strike as well. I am not in favor of increasing the % of SOC kids. I still like the community school, versus the regional school, feel. I like that the kids we see in the schools are the same kids we see around town.	10/12/2016 10:27 AM
179	I do think we should accept school of choice students. Having a diverse student population is beneficial to all students in the area.	10/12/2016 10:20 AM
180	It makes the learning environment less rigorous for the students that want to learn and are up to the grade they belong to. Diversity is fine, but I haven't ever heard of a School district that benefits from school of choice	10/12/2016 9:53 AM
181	Students needs to be distributed equitably amongst the elementary schools. Pinecrest has WAY TOO MANY STUDENTS.	10/12/2016 8:35 AM
182	I would like to see fewer students so our classrooms could have a few less students. I think they are getting too big.	10/12/2016 7:36 AM
183	Allows EL to share, to date it does not seem burdensome. Our EL resident students benefit from the diverse student population.	10/12/2016 7:15 AM
184	But not to the point where we create crowded classrooms	10/11/2016 11:30 PM
185	Diversity, inclusion, fiscal responsibility	10/11/2016 11:19 PM
186	I have no problem with 10% or less School of Choice, but not 23%.	10/11/2016 11:05 PM
187	It doesnt matter. I want go quality education for my kids.EL is lagging behind and the issues aren't technology.	10/11/2016 10:45 PM
188	Yes, however, not at the expense of overcrowded classrooms just to have increased per pupil income. I believe all children have the right to attain an excellent education and some parents (with the ability to do so) seek out ELPS because their home school is not up to par. They deserve that right. But, if ELPS is going to accept them, they must do so with a clear understanding of how it will impact class size and school crowding. More strategic planning, less reactive response.	10/11/2016 10:35 PM
189	I think that having a fraction of schools of choice students is a good thing, but I think 23% is too large a fraction. We should design our schools primarily to serve our needs.	10/11/2016 10:06 PM
190	Increase student body divesity and steady source of funding.	10/11/2016 9:18 PM
191	I think the district should be right sized. In-district students should make up the vast majority of Students. Many School of Choice students aren't prepared to compete with the in-district students. That's not fair to the School of Choice students and it's not fair to the in-district student, whose school district has lost it's recognition as one of the best in the state and even recognition on a national scale.	10/11/2016 8:14 PM

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192	Schools of choice provide extra funding for the schools, provides an opportunity for a better education to students outside our district, and provides EL students to interact with other students from a wide variety of backgrounds and experience.	10/11/2016 8:00 PM
193	We are a school of choice family!	10/11/2016 7:04 PM
194	This question is way too vague to answer.	10/11/2016 7:02 PM
195	Diversity is good, in general, as long as there are adequate resources for dealing with the varying needs and capacities of students.	10/11/2016 7:02 PM
196	My kids are School of Choice kids. We love our home and our neighborhood, but our district is ...unappealing. We care about our kids education and social experiences. We are glad that we don't have to put up with what our district provides and are hopeful that the mass exodus of children from our home district will make them get their act together. So far, we're not seeing it. My kids are good, kind, well-behaved students. We hope that they add only positive things to ELPS. I hope we don't take what ELPS has to offer for granted.	10/11/2016 5:51 PM
197	Mixed view. I think students should have opportunity for quality education. But I feel more investment should be made in underperforming schools. We need to accept that education funding may not be spread equally among students. Some students and some districts need more.	10/11/2016 5:50 PM
198	I do support kids that wasn't a better education	10/11/2016 5:22 PM
199	It is not a yes/no issue. School of choice is necessary to fill small gaps not create large Class sizes or increase the need for more buildings	10/11/2016 5:17 PM
200	A child deserves to attend a school they and their parents feel comfortable in. Pinecrest has a small town school feel and it helps her with less students in her class than most schools we looked into and keeps her from being so overwhelmed.	10/11/2016 5:15 PM
201	I feel as though we should be careful in the students we allow into ELPS.	10/11/2016 5:06 PM
202	School of choice takes a lot of money away from Lansing schools. I'm not sure this is a good thing. Am pretty sure it's a bad thing. There needs to be greater equity in our school districts.	10/11/2016 4:46 PM
203	School of Choice kids can help balance the numbers of kids in classes to maximize efficiency of facilities across the district.	10/11/2016 3:35 PM
204	I am a parent of a schools of choice student. Although we lived in district for my first child's education and 4 of the 7 years of my second child. We moved out of district during the 4th year and it has been very important to us that she has been able to stay in East Lansing. I also believe that it helps bring state monies that might not otherwise be available.	10/11/2016 3:08 PM
205	Why import illiterate thugs and bullies?	10/11/2016 2:31 PM
206	I do support a percentage of school of choice students but would like to see some type of minimum qualifications/requirements so ELPS doesn't end up accepting kids that have been kicked out of other districts for problems.	10/11/2016 2:20 PM
207	It's a great opportunity for those located in underperforming school districts and it helps ELPS.	10/11/2016 1:59 PM
208	This is DEFINITELY not a "yes" or "no" question, and to pose it as such is an irresponsible and agenda-driven use of a community survey. ELPS does not receive an equal amount of money per SOC student as it costs per student. In-district families suffer when SOC is inflated for the sake of money, as do surrounding districts. To say ELPS is increasing SOC to provide a better education to disadvantaged families is an outright lie.	10/11/2016 1:54 PM
209	As long as EL has the facilities to accept the students and can maintain a high degree of quality in education, then allowing students from outside the district will help maintain programs.	10/11/2016 1:53 PM
210	I believe my kids are receiving a high level of curriculum in East Lansing and will be better prepared for college.	10/11/2016 1:52 PM
211	To maintain and enhance our current programs	10/11/2016 1:28 PM
212	Children should still have access to an excellent education even if parents aren't able to financially afford to live within the district.	10/11/2016 12:23 PM
213	Yes, to fill up existing classes (say you have 16 students and could teach up to 25) but not to the extent of 25% from out of district.	10/11/2016 12:13 PM
214	Until the DeVoss clowns in the legislature actually fund schools (never) or fix Prop. A. School districts must slit each others' throats. Or die.	10/11/2016 12:04 PM

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215	I believe you should pay the taxes for the schools you use. 23% of the parents are not in the school district to vote on bonds, which makes them harder to pass. Although there is more money from the state coming in, there are also added costs. What are the added costs? Are they more, or less, than the money coming in?	10/11/2016 11:45 AM
216	I think it is important to have a consistent number of kids in the district. I also think we have a very good educational experience here in EL, that is the reason I moved here, and I think the more students that can get access to quality education the better.	10/11/2016 11:30 AM
217	This question is misleading. It's much more complicated. I do NOT support the recent trend of of our BoE stuffing our buildings full with SOC students so that classrooms are beyond negotiated levels.	10/11/2016 11:10 AM
218	Everyone should have access to quality education.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
219	Exclusion is an unattractive quality in any community.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
220	I think the diversity they bring is great, but each and every one of them also brings a car to the parking lot. Reduce the school of choice students, and there will immediately be fewer cars. Also, if they really want to be in the ELPS, they will move to East Lansing (if ELPS is seen as selective and restricted), which will add to the EL tax base and also increase the number of children who can walk or ride bikes. Also, we have seen the burden that the school of choice children put on the EL Public Library. Because many of the school of choice children cannot go home until after 5 PM when their parents can pick them up, they go to the library. The library must provide services for them. But there is no increase in taxes for the library to create those services, because the families that create the need for the services do not live in East Lansing.	10/11/2016 11:04 AM
221	Children should have the opportunity to pursue the best education they can in the environment of their choosing. We are lucky to be in a district that can provide high quality education in decent facilities. If we can help others by merely opening our doors, we should.	10/11/2016 10:45 AM
222	It's an effective way to help close the opportunity gap for students who live in areas served by underfunded public schools.	10/11/2016 10:40 AM
223	I support schools of choice. However, the number should be limited so that it does not burden infrastructure and classroom size.	10/11/2016 10:31 AM
224	But not to balance a budget or at the expense of resident students. We need to make sure that students and teachers have all the resources they need to be successful.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
225	Because we are an out of district family and live right on the border of Lansing Township and East Lansing. The schools are better given the alternative.	10/11/2016 10:19 AM
226	I support the acceptance of school of choice students where/when there is adequate space in the classrooms and the number of residential students does not reach capacity.	10/11/2016 10:19 AM
227	I think parents look for a striving school district to send their children too and to work with teachers who care about their education. I support school of choice and the continuance process of checking into students school history and back ground as you are before accepting into the district.	10/11/2016 10:14 AM
228	Students who live in a school district that isn't as strong as EL should be given the chance to attend school in EL.	10/11/2016 10:13 AM
229	I support the acceptance of school of choice, however, we should only use it to fill vacant gaps that we have and not fill entire schools/classrooms/etc with students taking them away from our neighboring communities. We need to have a smarter policy with regards to our school of choice acceptance or we are going to out grow our "up-to-date" middle and high school and cause more issues with our finances. We cannot be greedy, and frankly, I disapprove of the way this question was worded making it specific to the money we receive for the school of choice students and not what this large percentage of students is doing to our infrastructure of our school system.	10/11/2016 9:59 AM
230	Our students have increased classroom size and less attention from teachers when we accept school of choice students. If people want to attend ELPS, they should move to East Lansing and pay the higher taxes to do so. School of choice students are receiving more educational benefit than residents of East Lansing.	10/11/2016 9:57 AM
231	ELPS seems to want to use schools of choice students to balance the books. I have seen the negative impact on the school academic and behavioral climate in the elementary schools.	10/11/2016 9:56 AM
232	However...rooms shouldn't be overloaded for school of choice students.	10/11/2016 9:55 AM
233	I do accept schools of choice students. They diversify our student body, and if we have room for them, we should accept them. But I strongly oppose the schools of choice system on ideological grounds. I would prefer to see more equal distribution of school funding across districts, and for funding to be de-linked from the home taxpayer base.	10/11/2016 9:52 AM
234	Yes, but it should be used to fill the gaps in classroom space, not to over stuff classrooms with children. Large classrooms can really hurt the learning environment. Schools need to have a few spaces in their classrooms to accommodate new in-district kids that recently move in, without that putting the class size over the max.	10/11/2016 9:50 AM

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235	Yes. Socio-economic diversity and cultural diversity is important to me. East Lansing is a relatively affluent community. It is better for our children to experience people with different economic and cultural backgrounds than to limit them to what they already know and experience at home.	10/11/2016 9:43 AM
236	We are a school of choice family. We have been trying to move into the district, but have been unable to sell our current home so far, and we greatly appreciate being allowed to be a part of ELPS already. We feel at home at Pinecrest, and are so pleased to be part of this amazing community, and do our best to take part and give back to it.	10/11/2016 9:26 AM
237	I hate to say this but in my experience accepting children from other districts always seem to have a negative affect on the school. There is usually more bullying, fighting and other problems that did not happen as often prior to schools accepting school of choice students.	10/11/2016 9:22 AM
238	We recently moved out of East Lansing and realize the importance of our child still attending East Lansing schools	10/11/2016 9:12 AM
239	Non-residents don't pay the high East Lansing taxes, yet gain the benefit of the EL schools. Also, already see a higher rate of "trouble" in school and most are non-residents.	10/11/2016 9:08 AM
240	The statement above is biased and leading though - about bringing in \$5.9M in state money. It does, but that is less than we get per pupil for resident kids. I ABSOLUTELY support having schools of choice in our district, but I think 23% of our student body is too high. It is taking away kids from neighboring district (particularly Lansing) that in turn is struggling, and being used to artificially maintain 5 (or recently even 6) elementary buildings. The reality is our resident enrollment has NOT been steady over the last decade, it has declined. That is why we are at 23% SOC. I don't think there is an ideal level per se (it will depend on enrollment year to year), but I think about 15-20% should be the max for SOC from a financial and social equity perspective.	10/11/2016 9:04 AM
241	East Lansing has a great reputation for our schools. Families who wish to send their children to our schools should be able to have the option, given that priority be given to residents first and then to outside community members.	10/11/2016 9:02 AM
242	The parent/community involvement I see when I regularly attend and volunteer for events comes from those that live in the community and provide direct support through a high tax base for living in the community. I want to know the children and where they are from, but that is next to impossible when 23% are from outside communities where parents for the most part are not or cannot be involved in the classroom learning activities. In addition, the elementary classrooms are overcrowded and extra funding doesn't help when kids are packed in classrooms.	10/11/2016 9:01 AM
243	N/A	10/11/2016 9:00 AM
244	They bring diversity to the district and also promote achievement for kids whose home schools are failing.	10/11/2016 8:50 AM
245	I think accepting them is good for the district, but we accept waaaaaaay too many. My kids' classrooms increased in size nearly 50% over the second half of their time in the district, and that negatively affected their education.	10/11/2016 8:49 AM
246	The plan destroys other school districts. You reference additional state funding but those funds are not 23% of the Budget, so you have increased school size disproportionately to funding.	10/11/2016 8:45 AM
247	I want our district to have a large enough student population to support a broad range of courses.	10/11/2016 8:44 AM
248	It offers my children the opportunity to a more challenging and more diverse education.	10/11/2016 8:42 AM
249	I have two children that are school of choice, and if you are serious about their education it is great to have the option to apply to another district that may be able to offer them more options and in my case also there is B&A available. To a working parent, that is a huge bonus. I was un-satisfied with what I was seeing in our own district, and them cutting certain curriculum that I find important, and for some necessary for kids to have. The atmosphere was not that positive, and I was not impressed with the treatment of students in the last year we attending the LSD.	10/11/2016 8:38 AM
250	It gives more children the opportunity for a better education.	10/11/2016 8:35 AM
251	I feel that SOC students provide welcome diversity to our community, along with the financial support they bring.	10/11/2016 8:31 AM
252	I support the inclusion of school of choice students, so long as class sizes remain appropriate. If admitting school of choice students drives up class sizes, than more staff would need to be hired so that the large class sizes do not interfere with the teacher's ability to meet the needs of students.	10/11/2016 8:01 AM
253	My son is receiving an excellent education and has many extracurricular activities available to him. His school has a wide range of ethnicity which will prepare him for the world after he graduates. The E. L. High School has an excellent teaching and administrative staff who care for the young adults and provide them with an excellent means to learn.	10/11/2016 7:42 AM
254	Any additional funds are great. It's unfortunate that it makes it harder to improve the districts these students come from. Our future leaders need the best education possible.	10/11/2016 7:17 AM
255	I don't know enough to speak on this except to say that there are far too many students in each class and I see my child struggling directly because of this. We are not school of choice, we are in the borders of Marble families.	10/11/2016 5:46 AM

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256	We started in the district as schools of choice and just recently bought a place in the district, so I'm obviously biased, but I think the schools of choice kids bring a lot to the district in terms of social, economic, cultural diversity. In addition, one of the reasons that we came to East Lansing via schools of choice from a small district was that a larger district could offer so many more opportunities to kids, and keeping enrollment up with SOC is one of the things that allows ELPS to keep doing that.	10/11/2016 12:01 AM
257	We need additional students to maintain enrollment levels and offer important programming. Contributions to the learning/educational community.	10/10/2016 11:14 PM
258	School of choice students should constitute a SMALL portion of the student population; we are overrun with school of choice students - who historically have much less parent participation in the classroom and school events. I firmly believe that school of choice should be offered but with much stricter limitations and cutoffs. School of choice students bring in LESS per student than if they were "in-district".	10/10/2016 10:46 PM
259	I support SOC but feel the number needs to be dialed down. Most classes are at or above and levels. Overcrowded classrooms a disservice to kids regardless of whether they live.	10/10/2016 10:30 PM
260	The statement above doesn't seem to have complete information. Are you saying we would have \$5.9 million less without schools of choice? What is the net? How much do those students cost? So long as non-residents aren't taking anything major away from residents I have no concerns, especially if it makes for more diverse environment.	10/10/2016 10:08 PM
261	The city of East Lansing has no additional land for building new housing. We also have an aging population that stay in their homes rather than move out of the district to allow younger families to move into the city. This is an issue the school board needs to think about with respect to putting money into building new schools when there is a higher percentage of school of choice students in the district. Why should we spend more money if there are less in district students.?	10/10/2016 10:07 PM
262	In general, I do support acceptance of schools of choice students. However, both of my children have been in classes with schools of choice students that have put class sizes over district contract limits for the grade level. This has happened repeatedly, and their current school is overcrowded with no room to add classes or otherwise expand. The number of schools of choice students admitted each year should decrease in light of the increasing enrollment trends, and future planning should allow an extra classroom per elementary school building to accommodate fluctuating class sizes. In addition, the district should plan to have reserve funds available to allow for the hiring of additional teachers as the first response to overcrowding and large class sizes beyond those anticipated. Hiring paraprofessionals should be a secondary option, but there should also be funding to allow for this in the event of especially large classes.	10/10/2016 10:04 PM
263	I don't have a huge problem with it from the East Lansing point of view, but it does appear to harm other areas such as Lansing.	10/10/2016 9:48 PM
264	My answer is actually "yes and no". It was fine to accept SOC students when the district was doing so to fill in available spaces in under-utilized classrooms and to avoid split-grade classes in the elementary schools. But for years now, as the need for complete replacement of our elementary buildings has become only more evident, the District's leadership (BOE and superintendents) have ramped up SOC admissions to maintain operational cash flows and to preserve staffing levels, rather than make any hard choices to "right size" staffing to match the diminished/flat numbers of in-district students. Asking district residents to fund the capital costs of buildings to house SOC students, whose families will not pay any of those bonding costs with their property taxes, seems pretty risky. Ignoring, or failing to mention this financial truth to district voters in any upcoming bond campaign, would be irresponsible. EL district voters might decide to buy more or bigger new elementary buildings to accommodate the 23-28% of SOC kids and families that are currently enrolled, but every voter should be fully informed that that's the plan that they're being asked to approve.	10/10/2016 9:39 PM
265	I don't want anyone to be excluded from getting a good education.	10/10/2016 9:32 PM
266	I get we need the money. I also know that I am sick and tired of the horrible treatment of kids and the cliques. If you can commit to working to create a better school climate/environment then sure -- Stop letting kids in just to play sports. It makes parents like me less likely to take you seriously when you ask my opinion about buying computers or other academic things....	10/10/2016 9:27 PM
267	I strongly believe that all neighborhood schools should be adequate to serve the children, lessening the need for school competition. If affluent students are choosing ELPS, their own school districts are suffering.	10/10/2016 9:20 PM
268	It fits with community values to provide educational opportunity to those who are deprived of them.	10/10/2016 9:10 PM
269	I feel that if a school of choice child is accepted into the district there should be some sort of tuition as they do not pay the taxes for our community going into the schools. Also, I feel that if a child is coming from a different district it is hard to create communitu development.	10/10/2016 8:49 PM
270	smart business decision based on your presentation of facts	10/10/2016 8:46 PM

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271	Why is this question being asked? It seems out of place in a survey seeking input on facilities. SOC is a tool to level off classroom sizes, but should not be a tool to replace hard financial decision-making. At nearly 25%, one needs to ask how much is enough? Assuming the vast majority of SOC come from the Lansing schools, what kind of an impact does this have on them? We need to consider the negative impact our ability to manage our fiscal house is having on Lansing schools.	10/10/2016 8:46 PM
272	My child is schools of choice	10/10/2016 8:31 PM
273	The foundation allowance is less than the amount of money the ELPS system spends on each school of choice attendee -- something like we spend 13,000 per student but receive \$8000 per student. The East Lansing residents are subsidizing nonresident attendees. I do not support this. This is not a net gain of money to the district.	10/10/2016 8:31 PM
274	I'm biased, as I have had 3 schools of choice children. My children are on the honor roll and one is attending Kalamazoo College. East Lansing schools have been very good for my children and my children reflect well on the district. Let me also say that schools of choice clearly provide a huge revenue to the district. Expanding their acceptance could only help the district.	10/10/2016 8:23 PM
275	Ok to supplement class size but should not be planned or expected.	10/10/2016 8:21 PM
276	They bring extra money to ELPS, they use existing resources that would otherwise be idle. They can get a better education here than in their home district, and the parents who send their children to a school of choice are exactly the sort who value education. We want them.	10/10/2016 8:16 PM
277	I only support school of choice to round out a classroom. If 1st grade has 10 kids overflowing into their own class, then add 10. Don't build classes for school of choice kids and then complain about space or put my kid in an overcrowded classroom. It isn't smart financially either.	10/10/2016 8:11 PM
278	Yes, I have chosen ELPS for my child.	10/10/2016 8:10 PM
279	However if you plan on asking a bond you need to find a way to get school of choice to help pay	10/10/2016 7:51 PM
280	Money good.	10/10/2016 7:51 PM
281	SOC kids have enriched my children's schooling experience. Their parents have been excellent partners in education and in the parent councils. Their presence enables us to provide adequate services and opportunities for our resident kids which would NOT be possible if they were not present.	10/10/2016 7:51 PM
282	We have no choice but to accept school of choice. MSU student off campus housing has taken away from single family housing within the districts lines. Without raising the school of choice numbers the East Lansing School District would be a financially ruined. The problem becomes the total disconnect with the school and the families. I don't live in the community I go to school in so why volunteer my time. They already have my money... Go talk to the Athletic Boosters. They live the dream every week...	10/10/2016 7:50 PM
283	I like it because I don't trust schools in my area and School of Choice was very helpful for me and my children	10/10/2016 7:38 PM
284	I feel that the students that are coming from different districts are causing more trouble	10/10/2016 7:28 PM
285	Parent participation declines have been drastic in that time frame	10/10/2016 7:27 PM
286	Students deserve options if they need to leave a school because of inadequate opportunity, bullying, etc.	10/10/2016 7:14 PM
287	the schools should operate as close to capacity as possible without jeopardizing the learning environment (is. Too many students per classroom and not enough teachers).	10/10/2016 7:03 PM
288	Supporting school of choice students means students in district have to be in larger classroom sizes, have less resources, they don't have enough seats on the school bus(because we live on the border so the school of choice students walk over to take the bus). Students that live in the district have to pay for extra curricular activities while school of choice students get grants	10/10/2016 7:01 PM
289	Class sizes are too large. I'd rather that high quality education be the primary focus, rather than maximizing the revenue.	10/10/2016 6:57 PM
290	It creates a good, diverse classroom and allows for extra learning experiences. We are very thankful to be accepted into East Lansing district	10/10/2016 6:54 PM
291	I do not believe school of choice is the right way to financially support the district and it negatively effects the districts that are losing the students.	10/10/2016 6:49 PM
292	If we want to maintain academic choice, multiple elementary buildings and sports at our current level then we depend on the revenue and numbers from SOC students. All of the data points to that SOC mirror our resident population demographically and I look to ELPS leadership to set the record straight with resident naysayers and stand up for SOC and not allow them to be treated as 2nd class citizens.	10/10/2016 6:46 PM

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293	Because ELPS can't provide enough high quality teachers.	10/10/2016 6:42 PM
294	Brett Geiger.	10/10/2016 6:38 PM
295	School of choice does NOTHING to improve public education in Michigan. Shame on ELPL for accepting these students, resulting in over crowded classrooms for ELPL students and a drain on the resources provided by EL taxpayers!	10/10/2016 6:28 PM
296	Yes, but with a strict cap on percentage of those accepted for enrollment. 23% seems very high even though neighboring districts take higher amounts. I firmly believe non-district families with students in ELPS should have to pay fees in lieu of the high property & school taxes residents are paying.	10/10/2016 6:20 PM
297	My understanding when we moved to the district and I have supported since, is the importance of neighborhood schools. That would be neighborhood schools, not invite the neighbors over.	10/10/2016 6:15 PM
298	School of choice students are a valuable addition to our school community. They increase the diversity of our school and provide helpful funding from the state.	10/10/2016 6:15 PM
299	To maximize classroom utilization and to grow diversity.	10/10/2016 6:13 PM
300	I do accept school of choice overall, but feel it should be at a lower percentage overall due to some classes being over crowded....	10/10/2016 6:12 PM
301	We will be moving out of district and will be utilizing this option!	10/10/2016 6:11 PM
302	School of choice is a good thing but stop letting in kids and families that behave poorly and have poor attendance, grades and a history of crime. There has to be some kind of criteria for school of choice families to meet.	10/10/2016 6:11 PM
303	I am in favor of school of choice only if it is used responsibly. The information above is misleading and should be clarified. While state money is received for school of choice children, no tax money is collected. So, the ~\$7800 in state money does not cover the full ~\$10000 spent per pupil. Therefore school of choice children cost more than they bring in.	10/10/2016 6:04 PM
304	Every child no matter of his/her background/living situation should have access to the same learning resources and those should not depend on the kid's residence.	10/10/2016 5:53 PM
305	Some SOC students in order to fill classes is fine. But, we should not be taking so many that it in our classes become crowded. The acceptance of SOC students should not be done at the hindrance of students and families that reside in EL.	10/10/2016 5:52 PM
306	Within defined limits schools of choice should be permissible but not at the sacrifice of class sizes which impact the learning of all students.	10/10/2016 5:51 PM
307	As a schools of choice family, I know the effort that is taken to get my children to and from school each day and to get them enrolled. We are very invested in East Lansing Schools, as are the other SOC families I know. We want the best education for our children and are willing to go out of our way to ensure they get it.	10/10/2016 5:49 PM
308	\$5.9 million	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
309	Lansing Public has a long way to go. Those kids should have options.	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
310	Yes because some kids can do really good outside of their neighborhood school. Others may just cause conflict	10/10/2016 5:39 PM
311	This question is poorly written and I worry about how you will interpret the responses. Do I support having some SOC kids at Leo's? Yes! Do I support having 23%? No.	10/10/2016 5:34 PM
312	We accept too many school of choice students. We are draining nearby districts of students to support themselves and that's wrong. The \$ school of choice students bring to the district is miscalculated. Many of these students need educational supports, special education and added disciplinary approaches. This is a net cost we need to factor in. The fact that you never dispel this argument with GPAs and test scores of school of choice students compared to in-district kids, leads me to believe school of choice kids these kids are a drain on resources.	10/10/2016 5:34 PM
313	Our boys are schools of choice students, we have been extremely happy with the opportunities Elps has afforded our kids, thank you.	10/10/2016 5:32 PM
314	We moved out of the district and are very happy to continue with going to Donley. It's a sensitive matter, but as long as classroom size are not getting unacceptable I think soc is a good thing.	10/10/2016 5:26 PM

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315	Yes but with much more limited numbers. First, continuing the policy of virtually uncapped SOC numbers is unfair and harmful to the Lansing schools as an at-risk district. Pulling this funding from the neighboring district should not be acceptable to us as a social justice-oriented community. Further, SOC policies do not allow for consistency in the education continuum for students. This pulls down scores in important state assessments for both the student and receiving district. The most successful students, and districts, are those in which students are part of a rigorous and strategic curriculum pre-K through graduation.	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
316	Because we keep balancing our budget on schools of choice. Our district and buildings are only so big. If the student population is decreasing then we lay off teachers and close buildings. We don't keep accepting more and more students from other districts. This not only hurts our district, but also effects the districts around us. Accepting k and 1 students only, or students who attended many years at EL then parents moved are the students that should be considered. With almost a 1/4 of our students coming from Lansing we are hurting the EL school district and the Lansing school district. Since no busing is provided for SOC students we now have more cars driving in and out of schools causing traffic and we have more students arriving late and leaving early which disrupts learning in the classes.	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
317	I do, because our sin was a benefit of this program. However I do not at the expense of the school or to suddenly make Red Cedar a need again. It was closed because there weren't the students and dollars to support, adding students to make a case for reopening is silly.	10/10/2016 5:17 PM
318	It's the right thing to do. It allows people access to better schools, even when they may not be able to afford to reside in the district. It offers all the children in the school a more diverse educational experience.	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
319	I support offering schools of choice, however I think that it needs to be limited and regulated with concern to our current space needs, especially at the elementary and middle school levels. If we don't have the space (as is the current situation in a couple of our elementary schools and possibly the middle school), then we should absolutely limit and cut back the amount of schools of choice students accepted. 23% is very high compared to neighboring districts and I believe that the quality of the safety and education of students should be prioritized over a perceived income from schools of choice students.	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
320	I know the district wants to believe that every SOC family is somehow a drain on the district, but as a SOC family I dare tell you that my children have scored proficient and advanced on all the state tests. We have also supported our schools financially (money for field trips, money to teachers to buy materials/supplies for the classroom, etc). We have also supported the school parent organizations through monetary contributions. Our children attend school on a regular basis and are on-time. We have supported our children with homework and learning. We find it offensive to hear how the School Board generalizes SOC students as a negative to the district. I do think the district needs to ensure a thoughtful approach in accepting SOC students - have a process that ensures you don't need to add sections or staff - this will support fiscal responsibility while benefitting from the added FTE. While I cannot pay taxes to support a bond in ELPS, I have voted yes to support bond issues in our resident district. We opted to attend ELPS over our resident district because we started school while living in temporary housing. Once we bought a house we decided it was best for our children to continue in the district where they started.	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
321	Yes, however there should be a minimum standard to meet in order to get into the school system.	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
322	But should not take so many students. The board is using / SOC students to fill rooms so Red Cedar can be opened. Not cool. SOC parents need to pay something in lieu of taxes. We pay incredibly high taxes for the privledge to attend ELPS. SOC get to attend and have no financial stake or responsibility.	10/10/2016 5:06 PM
323	YES, SUPPORT: School of choice students diversify the ethnic/class makeup of ELPS student body, that is a good thing. NO, DO NOT SUPPORT: You are accepting lots of school of choice students without a corresponding increase in teaching staff, which has led to overcrowded classrooms. Use some of the additional \$5.9 million to hire a few more teachers please.	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
324	Schools of choice was a republican pre-cursor to the whole Charter School issue. Unfortunately school districts were caught in the cross-fire of this debate and most were not ready for the type of students they received...including east lansing. This issue was sold to the public as a way to make school districts "better", to empower the parent/s. Now for the most part you get alot of district shopping going on...whether it be for sports programs or for educational specialty opportunities. The final by-product of this law is unfortunately some parents take this "empowerment" beyond reason and now know that districts like east lansing are chasing dollars. Maybe someday this legislation will be exposed for the fraud that it is and repealed.	10/10/2016 4:52 PM
325	I support parents having access to schools they feel are a better choice but this year whitehills seems to be just shy of crowded. So I feel it's kind of good and bad.	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
326	Our family experience is there was a overwhelmingly hi need of elementary and middle school teachers and staff to assist a few school of choice students with their needs. Believe 10-15% is enough. After that you lose community and resources to assist current in district kids with reaching their potential. I volunteered and assisted to try to help.	10/10/2016 4:49 PM

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327	You should have tried harder not to write such a slanted question. The issue is not if someone supports schools-of-choice, or even more inflammatory if someone "accepts schools of choice students" but rather: 1) is 23% is too much?; 2) what impact does ELPS's schools-of-choice policy have on neighboring districts?; 3) are we offering opportunities to students who truly don't have them in their home district or facilitating segregation by attracting families with means to transport their children to our district and leaving the neediest students behind in a financially distressed district?; 4) what does our school-of-choice policy do to incentivizing people to locate in the ELPS catchment?; 5) are we overly financially dependent on schools-of-choice?	10/10/2016 4:46 PM
328	the population of East Lansing is not incredibly diverse - while there may be a level of racial diversity or national origin diversity, there is generally not a wide socio-economic diversity at our school nor a wide diversity in the education level and education goals of the parents	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
329	Brings in more revenue for the district	10/10/2016 4:42 PM
330	Yes for increased diversity, but I do not support increased class size as a result!	10/10/2016 4:41 PM
331	As long as class sizes don't get over crowded.	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
332	The perimeter districts are killing Lansing School District. It will fail as a result of school of choice.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
333	Additional funding is great, but the facility is crowded. It is also nice to have school of choice students in attendance because it may increase the diversity within the student body...so I am torn as to whether it is good or bad.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
334	It creates challenges for the teachers trying to instruct so many students per class.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
335	I support this because I think that it benefits the schools financially and it is a good option for families from outside of the district who sometimes later choose to move to the district. I would prefer that the number was less than 20%.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
336	I answered no, because there was no option for a caveat. The problem is that we have become overly reliant on school of choice kids. Our taking revenue and talent out of Lansing schools is bad for Lansing. In addition, the numbers we are bringing in are creating crowding problems in our schools, and may be creating future problems for our middle school. Finally, although school of choice children help generate revenue they do so at a discounted rate relative to in district kids. For instance, while they make up 23% of our students, the 5.9 million they bring is only 15% of district expenditures (based on the 15-16 budget expenses of \$38,211,090). Further, I am not sure where this 5.9 million figure comes from, and I think looking at budget information online that the number may be high, overestimating the financial benefit. In short, however, I think we need to like more within our means, with a target of reducing class size rather than stuffing our schools with SOC kids.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
337	As long as it is allowed by law, I am comfortable with it. Particularly since EL schools are strong schools. However, I am not in agreement with this law. I would much rather see students attend their own schools, and have all schools in the state funded more appropriately to have adequate facilities, faculty, and staff support!	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
338	We are a school of choice family.	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
339	Studies have continually show that people who have an active interest in the community where they live and attend school, display a less violent and more cohesive environment for both the kids and parents.	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
340	I think School of Choice should be an option, but it has been mismanaged. The number of school of choice at Red Cedar makes closing that school an automatic issue over neighborhood schools. The extreme bias of a few board members on this has cost this district and continues to cost it in energy and time.	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
341	Within reason, I don't think classes should be overfilled just to get the money from a student outside the district.	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
342	Class sizes have become too large. Less resources available for students with additional needs.	10/10/2016 4:35 PM
343	I would opt for such services if I lived in neighboring districts. However, I do believe that the money credited to children is compromised when you consider that those children tend to need more services than children in district.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
344	Parents should always have a choice/voice in their child's education as long as they are able to provide transportation.	10/10/2016 4:33 PM
345	Yes to some degree. In district students should COME FIRST!!! Too many school of choice students are not in anyway funding their own pay-to-play so there is less funding for the in district students that want to participate.	10/10/2016 4:33 PM
346	At 40% of the population? As a Lansing School teacher, I know for a fact that behavior problems at our schools, or those who are avoiding IEPs or labels, do this by applying to East Lansing. I am saddened by this.	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
347	Shame on the author of this very misleading question. SOC should be a way to smooth out enrollment dips, not fill entire buildings. Perhaps in a follow up survey, you should ask a few other questions. For example: Is 23% too high, too little or just right? Or, should SOC be used to fill entire sections, classrooms or building? Maybe ask if we would support a bond for new buildings knowing one entire building would be comprised of SOC students if we put them in one building.	10/10/2016 4:32 PM

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348	Schools of choice should be an available alternative for parents and children. At the same time, my kids witnessed numerous disciplinary problems, mostly at MacDonald Middle School, but some at the High School, caused by schools of choice kids. So there needs to be more effective ways of screening out disciplinary problems to keep them from bouncing from school to school rather than facing the consequences of their actions and negatively affecting the learning environment for all students.	10/10/2016 4:30 PM
349	The classrooms are too large and children are not learning as they should. My granddaughter has 29 children in her 3rd grade. How are teachers supposed to teach that many children. The Governor has signed a law kids need to read before leaving 3rd grade. We need smaller classroom so teachers can give them initialized attention. The M-Step proves kids are now failing. I moved to East Lansing and am willing to pay the enormous taxes so my child will get a good education. I don't feel the taxes I pay for education should be used for children who do not pay taxes in East Lansing.	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
350	There are too many problems from SOC kids, especially at the H.S. The elementaries are stressed by too many kids/class.	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
351	Each choice student brings less money to the district than is spent on them. Hence, the amount of money available for teachers, instruction and materials per student is lower for each choice student attending EL public schools.	10/10/2016 4:26 PM
352	It adds diversity, economies of scale in classes, promotes competition and improvements in neighboring schools	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
353	I think we have decimated the Lansing School District	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
354	I think children from all walks of life should be entitled to the same level of education - not just dependent on where their parents can afford to live.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
355	I think kids from less fortunate districts should be able to a good school. I don't know the particulars, but I would assume that removing the students would create a financial hardship on the school district and negatively effect non-core education activities.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
356	I think all children have the right to a good and adequate education. Going to neighboring school districts can help with getting that education and I feel like today that school of choice is necessary, however,I believe that school of choice contributes to the fall of many other school districts such as Lansing School District.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
357	Yes, but based on availability. Also, school of choice interest and population should not be used to determine what schools close or stay open.	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
358	Everyone deserves a great educational experience. But, I would add that someone's past should be taken into consideration (I.E., academics, behavioral, etc.) East Lansing schools is a privilege; There should be some sort of standard, both academic and behavior-based.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
359	Because our district needs the money. I do not, however, support reopening Red Cedar if the majority of students attending will be School of Choice - that money should go towards our currently open elementary schools.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
360	If parents want children to attend EL schools, they should move to EL, pay taxes, etc., and become a part of the community. There are too many people who want the benefit of an EL education (and other districts) but don't want to contribute to the system through taxes, etc. At some level, the quality of education that my children receive is negatively impacted by resources being stretched to accommodate children who don't even live in our town. Other districts (e.g., Lansing) are also negatively impacted when students leave that district for EL, Holt, Grand Ledge, etc., further exacerbating the problem. I realize EL gets funding for out of district children, but it puts a strain on the system and reduces the quality of the educational experience.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
361	My son used go to Gelncairn, he started there since pre-school. Because the place we used to live at is closing we were forced to move. Now my son is going to a new school within the same school district. I applied for permeable boundary, but it was rejected. It is not only a matter of choosing schools, but how it affects our kids when leaving their friends, adjusting to a new school, new teachers, and school culture. YES, it is important to support school of choice.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
362	I appreciate the need for it. I also would like the schools to make sure that they account for students in the school district first before accepting additional students.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
363	I do not think the school of choice students are held to the same behavior standards (especially student athletes/eligibility).	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
364	If parents are able and willing to provide their own transportation then education should be made available to any student regardless of where they live.	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
365	My child is school of choice student. We live in the Lansing School District and were very unhappy with that setting. We are happy that our child is now part of the ELPS.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
366	I think we should limit the number of Schools of Choice students in the case where are classroom sizes get to big.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM

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367	I support school of choice and giving the student(s) a better education. I also think it depends on the track record of the student wanting to attend. Bad apples bring down the tree.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
368	does not reinforce community. removes opportunities for resident kids. 30% or higher of sports teams are SOC. Does not encourage people to move into the area.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
369	You need the students to support current facilities	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
370	That is a significant funding source and that is important.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
371	We need diversity. Not all neighborhoods provide that so it's worth finding ways to ensure it. That being said, it's also important that we balance diversity needs with other needs. Of course, once a kid is in our schools, we need to do what's needed.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
372	My kids are school of choice. It also aids in diversity, I feel.	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
373	In my opinion without vetting the SOC students the district is asking for problems.	10/10/2016 3:10 PM
374	School of choice when done correctly is a great help to the district. I do not believe it is being utilized correctly and ELPS should have a plan or guidelines set out for the public to know how they make their placement decisions.	10/10/2016 1:15 PM
375	I am accepting of soc but there is a limit. When you accept them at the elementary level, you need to continue accepting them throughout the remainder of their school career. This is causing the middle school and high school level classrooms to be cramped and for them to be hitting their limit per the contract. If an in district child would like to move classrooms due to a conflict but cannot because the other classes are not available due to the contractual limits, then there is a problem.	10/10/2016 12:48 PM
376	As a matter of social justice I support the idea of "right sizing the district" to live within our means rather than taking students from Lansing Schools and other under preferring districts thus eroding those communities even further. School of Choice is meant to even out and fill in small holes in enrollment. It is not meant to fill entire classrooms due to lack of planning & foresight by the district's board of education in regards to student enrollment. If surrounding districts (Okemos, Haslett) and districts all over the state can use models and data to form responsible SOC choice policies that work each year I am confused why East Lansing is not able to do so. We KNOW young families are moving the district and will be filling our buildings, so why do we continue to increase the number of SOC slots causing overcrowding and stretching our resources?	10/10/2016 11:38 AM
377	I believe school of choice students are a wonderful addition to our school system when used to FILL IN open spaces within our classrooms that are not currently filled by students within the district. However, I would like to see our district focus on lowering our class size maximums. Research consistently demonstrates that smaller class sizes are beneficial to student learning outcomes and increases the opportunity for differentiated learning. If the district lowers our class size maximums and then fills in any gaps with school of choice students, I absolutely support that. If they instead continue to go over our current class size maximums consistently, to the detriment of ALL of our children's learning outcomes, I am not in support of that.	10/10/2016 11:20 AM
378	The increase in SOC students has made space an issue at a number of the elementary schools, as well as the middle school. Resident students/families are having to accept the consequences (too many children in classrooms, crowded cafeteria, overworked teachers) when too many SOC students are allowed to enroll. SOC students bring in extra funding, yet for a teacher who is over the agreed upon cap number of students, there is no extra funding to help support them with a para-pro or the opening of another unit to help alleviate the burden. Why is this?	10/10/2016 11:18 AM
379	ELPS classes are overcrowded. We already pay a lot of money in taxes for access to these schools. If we cut back significantly on schools of choice students, classroom sizes would shrink (and they need to) and educational quality would go up. As an educator I know the body of research on the importance of class sizes. The current system isn't working. Even more important, where are teacher salary increases? If \$5.9 million is coming in to the system, where is it going? Invest in people, not in technology.	10/10/2016 11:14 AM
380	I accept the schools of choice children, but believe they should be limited in number. I am shocked we are at 23%! It is a financial issue. Schools of choice families should contribute to the costs of the better education.	10/10/2016 10:43 AM
381	If everyone is doing it, we have to too. But I would limit the numbers.	10/10/2016 10:04 AM

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382	School of choice is failed policy and destroys public schools. By accepting so many choice students, we are participating in the dismantling of a foundation that makes our communities strong, as well as contributing to socio-economic segregation. Lansing is on track to become a vibrant community, but by East Lansing being complicit in welcoming the students and families who have the economic resources to transport their kids here is leaving other students and families behind and increasing socio-economic segregation. In addition, East Lansing residents are taking on the burden of shouldering facilities costs for people who do not live in the district because of the way facilities and upgrades are funded. We should not be using choice students to provide the dollars to keep facilities open and right-size ourselves for our current population. 23% is too way too much. A better solution for our community is to work with the city to offer more affordable housing options for people who want to live in the district and go to EL public schools. Finally, the 23 percent of students who are transported to and from schools everyday contributes to traffic congestion and deterioration of roadways. We should not continue to increase the number of choice students in EL, but rather begin to taper and participate in healthier, more progressive ways to improve and strengthen public education.	10/10/2016 9:52 AM
383	I support the acceptance of SOC, but we need to do a concrete analysis of how many SOC should be admitted and how that will affect long term enrollment.	10/10/2016 9:30 AM
384	I support the acceptance of school of choice students, but not at the rate at which it is increasing. I might feel differently if the standard of education, learning experience, and teacher compensation was consistent and not declining. Between property taxes and the \$5.9 million increase in state funding, there should be no excuse for poorly stocked libraries, overcrowded buses, etc.	10/10/2016 9:20 AM
385	Yes, I support the acceptance of school of choice because it should allow ELPS to manage variation in class sizes at the elementary school level. However, I do not support SOC if the number of SOC in 1 building is equal to 1 whole class. If the SOC numbers start to do that, then the district needs to think about closing another building, preferably one with the lowest number of resident students.	10/10/2016 9:02 AM
386	I have absolutely no problem with bringing school-of-choice students into the EL public schools - I think it helps to provide diversity (both racial and socio-economic) as well as shoring up enrollment numbers.	10/10/2016 8:55 AM
387	I do not support school of choice students, because it puts too many children into the classroom, and takes away from the tax paying students who are residents. Although it may bring in additional 59.5 million per year, its not fiscally responsible to artificially keep student numbers up to maintain the status quo. Close an elementary school. Is it possible ELPS needs to keep accepting more and more students due to potential ELPS students leaving our district? Think of East Detroit and other districts in Metro Detroit. Eventually, we will reach a tipping point for ELPS and will no longer be desirable due to school of choice students. Our rankings have already declined, and we are now 45th in Michigan.	10/10/2016 8:14 AM
388	The percentage is far too high. The almost 30% of the students who are attending ELPS do not pay for the buildings and infrastructure of the district. Property tax payers have been and will be asked to fund extensive remodeling or rebuilding elementary schools for students whose families do not financially support our schools.	10/10/2016 8:11 AM
389	We should have a few out-of-district students. We should not have the equivalent of an entire elementary school full. We are decimating Lansing schools. Our current elementaries cannot accommodate the additional traffic. Our public library is overwhelmed with students waiting around for a ride in the afternoon. Now we are asking East Lansing taxpayers to pay to renovate a whole additional elementary building. This needs to be part of the discussion.	10/9/2016 11:14 PM
390	Because the money RECEIVED per SOC student is not equal to the money SPENT per student in district.	10/9/2016 10:30 PM
391	I absolutely support SOC students. They bring funds, ideas, intelligence, different perspectives and supportive parents. They are helping to keep our district alive and vibrant.	10/9/2016 10:25 PM
392	23% is too great a proportion of school of choice students. It makes it less like a community school and decreases support for bonds for school improvements. Some of the elementary schools are overcrowded and frankly if I had known that many SOC students were accepted I wouldn't have purchased a home in East Lansing where my taxes are so much higher than surrounding areas.	10/9/2016 10:14 PM
393	I strongly recommend that we limit new school of choice to k-2 students moving forward. This will insure that our students performance will be based upon our work and performance. It will also encourage families to move to East Lansing which will foster a closer community.	10/9/2016 9:58 PM
394	Schools of Choice allows the district to help maintain the current level of services. I think its acceptable to continue to accept students to help balance out grade levels. I have a problem when the current board majority thinks its okay to accept whole sections of students. This causes capacity problems at the middle school as well as causes financial distress for surrounding districts like the Lansing Public School district. I hope you will consider this as you move forward.	10/9/2016 9:28 PM

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395	While I support Schools of Choice in general I do not think that the district has an adequate grasp on increases in the in-district residential population. We have continued to fill entire classrooms or have a majority SoC students in some classrooms instead of just adding a few to fill out particular grades. By continuing to add SoC at the elementary level we are not addressing the overcrowding issue at MacDonald.	10/9/2016 8:39 PM
396	We have enough residents to support 4 elementary schools. SOC necessitates a 5th elementary. SOC do not pay any of the local taxes/bonds/millages necessary for improvements/facilities not covered by state funds.	10/9/2016 8:02 PM
397	This is an important issue - we should accept school of choice kids, but we need to be careful that class sizes remain under control and we need to find better ways of predicting in district classes so that we are not surprised when families move in to the area over the summer.	10/9/2016 8:01 PM
398	Not enough resources for current students.	10/9/2016 7:30 PM
399	Stop robbing other school districts of state funding in order to increase the enrollment of our schools.	10/9/2016 7:15 PM
400	Not at current levels. The funding only brings dollars per student. The parents don't pay taxes to support the schools.	10/9/2016 6:28 PM
401	The numbers have gotten too high. I am not totally against some school of choice but I feel it erodes neighboring districts communities.	10/9/2016 6:26 PM
402	Yes, I support school choice as current space allows But I oppose ELPS taking more than the current facilities can hold and then school officials trying to expand space! I also squirm about poaching students from Lansing. With school choice, I have come to oppose competition among the local schools and increasingly support regional programs that provide all children with a good and fair equal education.	10/9/2016 5:28 PM
403	Accepting school of choice students brings revenue into our district and improves diversity of our district, exposing our student body to people of varied socio-economic and racial backgrounds. This is beneficial for students in our district. Moreover, accepting school of choice students allows students in other districts to have access to a highly desirable district. Good students in other districts want to be able to attend schools in East Lansing.	10/9/2016 5:22 PM
404	To provide enrollment & funding to sustain programs ELPS had prior to resident enrollment falling sharply in the 80-90's.	10/9/2016 4:31 PM
405	We are schools of choice. We lived in east lansing during the elementary school years but had to move out of the district. It was important for our child to maintain the educational and social connection made in east lansing so we did the SOC program. During the time I helped bring in a \$4000 Grant to the district for health program, and our child is an above average/ advanced student . The district benefits from our presence as a SOC family and I am sure other families bring the same benefits to the district thru the SOC program.	10/9/2016 4:23 PM
406	EL needs to decide what size district they are going to be and figure out the number of SOC that will help them maintain their programs and the number of schools they should have. EL relies too much on SOC to maintain the 5 elementaries it has.	10/9/2016 1:44 PM
407	I accept school of choice students. I believe elementary buildings should be in neighborhoods where families live just as they are today and this should not change.	10/9/2016 1:35 PM
408	Yes, but the benefits of school of choice have not been spread equally throughout the district. Marble has classes that consistently stretch teaching and facility resources.	10/9/2016 11:55 AM
409	I think if done right with limitations it can work. We need to move forward and make good decisions and not debate issues.	10/9/2016 11:42 AM
410	I like the idea of schools of choice for EL, however it is ruining the Lansing School District. EL is taking students from Lansing and driving their district into a dismal situation.	10/9/2016 11:08 AM
411	I think it's good to have school of choice, as long as the resident students are able to have appropriate class sizes. Currently in many elementary classes there are 24-28 students. This affects children learning and stress on the teacher. I think how school of choice students are distributed in the district is important to look at, especially as the neighborhoods are changing and more families with school age kids move in.	10/9/2016 10:43 AM
412	I live in Lansing and sooooo glad that we can send our kids to a good school district where teachers care for their students and my kids feel safe.	10/9/2016 10:30 AM
413	School of choice students help us fill in classrooms and maintain the same # of students in each grade in each school.	10/9/2016 10:10 AM
414	The final cost of taking in the school of choice kids is quite often MORE than what we take in to have them! We are SO overloaded with school of choice! Let's take care of our children first instead of hurting ALL the children by having over loaded schools. It is absolutely out of control and unacceptable at this time.	10/9/2016 9:33 AM
415	As long as class sizes can be kept under 25. Current class sizes are too big.	10/9/2016 9:27 AM

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416	Opening our schools to SOC students is the reason our district has remained financially stable during very challenging times.	10/9/2016 8:42 AM
417	I do support it, but I think that often the kids who could benefit from it don't get to use it. Also, we often take the best students from neighboring districts like Lansing. I wonder if we are being good neighbors.	10/9/2016 8:36 AM
418	It helps with diversity. I think we have a great district, and if it helps the bottom line too, all the better.	10/9/2016 7:50 AM
419	Schoolsofchoice brings much-needed diversity to schools. If we support putting all (or vast majority) elementary SOC students in one school. Should be equally distributed	10/9/2016 7:38 AM
420	There must be more even distribution of schools of choice and special education students/services in our elementary buildings.	10/9/2016 12:09 AM
421	You say the revenue they bring in from the state, but leave off how much they cost in terms of increased demands on staff, buildings, etc.	10/8/2016 11:31 PM
422	We don't have enough children in district to support the current schools and programs.	10/8/2016 11:19 PM
423	Our classrooms are packed without the extra teacher support. Serve and take care of our kids first.	10/8/2016 10:19 PM
424	This question is poorly worded. Of course, I support accepting SOC students to enable us to continue operating schools. I also support accepting SOC and permeable boundary students to enable students who may have begun their education in the ELPS but have moved to a neighboring community to have continuity in their education by allowing them to stay at the school where they began their education. I do not support accepting SOC students to fill whole classrooms worth of students. I do not support accepting SOC students to enable the operation of innovative new educational programs at a single facility. I do not support accepting SOC students into over-capacity buildings/classrooms to balance or boost the budget.	10/8/2016 9:56 PM
425	Our classrooms are over crowded, we need to support our population first for this is our population that pays the taxes here.	10/8/2016 9:49 PM
426	I support school of choice but do not support the class size that comes as a result	10/8/2016 9:32 PM
427	I agree with school of choice to an extent. I do not believe in a number like 23% to prop up and "maintain our current facilities and programs" If the district can not "maintain our current facilities and programs" with a number closer to 10% than we should begin to discuss some form of contraction. Whether by design or just poor judgement this question should have allowed for degrees of agreement and disagreement. It is one of the least black and white issues in this survey and you have only allowed for a yes and no answer. My answer will now fall into your yes bucket although I only somewhat support school of choice. This is a major fail by your group, unless of course it was intentional.	10/8/2016 9:06 PM
428	It makes keeping 5 neighborhood schools possible and potentially increases diversity.	10/8/2016 8:59 PM
429	Yes but to a limit. We should not be straining our class sizes with school of choice students.	10/8/2016 8:53 PM
430	Only as infill. I think our current number (I heard 28%???) is too high.	10/8/2016 8:52 PM
431	You are hurting our community - taking kids from Lansing takes resources out of the hands of a district that needs resources.	10/8/2016 8:30 PM
432	I support not just for the finances but in terms of increasing the socioeconomic and racial diversity of the student body.	10/8/2016 7:52 PM
433	If you want to go to our schools, live in our neighborhoods. The school of choice families have no interest in volunteering in our schools and are not engaged parents. I moved into this neighborhood so my kids would be surrounded by kids whose parents are educated and value school.	10/8/2016 7:45 PM
434	We should not balance our district budget by accepting school of choice students. Nor should we be rebuilding schools to accommodate students that aren't in our district and whose parents won't be paying taxes for the facilities. ELPS will not encourage families to move in to East Lansing if they continue to increase school of choice numbers. There is no incentive to move into the district when they can get in by school of choice. With the current state of the district we will not be voting for a new bond. The school board needs to start listening to all of the constituents in the district and not the loud minority.	10/8/2016 6:29 PM
435	As long as SOC students do not overtax school capacity, they represent additional state support dollars at acceptable marginal cost.	10/8/2016 5:22 PM
436	I support some SOC to fill classroom gaps but do NOT support opening an entire school of SOC. We should not be opening a school in EL forcing closure of one in Lansing.	10/8/2016 5:08 PM
437	It diversifies the schools and keeps the funding strong.	10/8/2016 4:45 PM
438	Diversifies our schools, which is good for all kids.	10/8/2016 3:05 PM

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439	While I do appreciate that many disadvantaged youth may get a better education at EL, the problem I witness is the culture difference. This does not apply to all students obviously, but for the students who do have home cultures riddled with negative reinforcement, they present problems in our student's goals at an exponential amount. This is NOT an issue of race. This issue revolves around our schools having to do rearing of problematic children. If we accept school of choice children, at a MINIMUM we should have an onboarding training session that is mandatory. School of choice parents need to understand that if their child has a negative cultural background that does not coexist with our culture in East Lansing, then they may be asked to leave our school district. Excessive profanity and violence form our grade schools is ridiculous. Disrespecting staff and policies is equally troubling. Children who create outrageous problems which in turn, have no consequences, promotes other children to push limits and follow suit. Normally compliant children can also be faced with following suit to fill imagined survival and peer acceptance from these negative behavior children. All children should be nurtured, but we need real consequences.	10/8/2016 2:24 PM
440	Yes, I think that these kids add a tremendous amount to our East Lansing community. I think that if spaces are available then they should be offered to SOC kids. That said, I am worried about increasing the percentage beyond what we are currently accepting. First, I am worried about impact on Lansing schools in particular and the impact SOC has on their neighborhood schools. Second, I am worried about overcrowding at the middle school and high school. While individual elementary schools can handle the fluctuation of numbers, there is only one middle and high school and they seem to be very crowded at the present enrollment numbers.	10/8/2016 1:51 PM
441	Not sure anymore. I think it actually does more damage to surrounding districts, such as Lansing	10/8/2016 1:18 PM
442	School of choice students are fine as long as classroom size is maintained. Keep Red Cedar closed	10/8/2016 1:03 PM
443	If we do not and the enrollment levels drop we will not be able to offer many options at the middle and high school levels. Michigan's itty bitty school districts are anachronistic and unsustainable. Until the counties unify their districts the districts will continue to have funding problems. Schools of choice is not the solution, but for now it is the only thing that will keep EL schools from being too small to continue as a separate district.	10/8/2016 12:40 PM
444	ELPS is a great school system. School of choice keeps enrollment high.	10/8/2016 12:28 PM
445	I am hopeful that school of choice buttresses diversity among the students.	10/8/2016 11:19 AM
446	I think you accept too many schools of choice kids. We live in an area that is an East Lansing address but is Lansing Schools and were happy to be accepted as schools of choice. However, the number of spots you open is inconsiderate to the surrounding school districts. I think you need to work on keeping families already in district that are leaving or taking their kids to private/charter schools rather than pulling from other districts.	10/8/2016 11:13 AM
447	Good source of funding for our declining enrollment. Pleased that we can offer a great education to children outside our district.	10/8/2016 11:12 AM
448	Schools of choice is a reality established by the state we need to accept.	10/8/2016 11:11 AM
449	But not in the numbers or percentages being accepted now. 23% is way too high when we accept them even when we have no space. We then won't move them to a different school if the school they are in is over capacity. Presently being done VERY poorly.	10/8/2016 11:07 AM
450	Yes to fill and balance sections of students. I'm concerned when whole sections of students are brought into the district. We need to think about the impacts on the districts around us when setting schools of choice numbers.	10/8/2016 10:30 AM
451	While I haven't seen the numbers, anecdotally they continue to add to the diversity of the ELPS.	10/8/2016 10:28 AM
452	Bought in EL for the quality schools. My taxes should not be supporting students from other communities.	10/8/2016 10:20 AM
453	Some classes seem too big already. I also worry about the capacity of the middle school.	10/8/2016 9:52 AM
454	We are relying on outside district kids to pay our bills, that should be setting off warning bells. My taxes in this district are already too high & we keep decreasing the room in our classes because of more school of choice. I have a hard time voting to pass a bond so outside parents / students can benefit off of my hardship in paying ridiculously high taxes.	10/8/2016 9:49 AM
455	Red Cedar was home to many school of choice students. The families were very involved in the school community; they WANTED to be there. they added to the learning experience and school community.	10/8/2016 9:34 AM
456	I support limited school of choice enrollment to fill empty seats in existing classrooms. I'm not sure it is cost beneficial to add entire classrooms. I am also concerned about the impact of school of choice on the Lansing public school district.	10/8/2016 9:20 AM
457	Knowing my story and many others of school of choice parents. We are involved and bring support to the schools we are school of choice too. If there is capacity in the district it makes sense.	10/8/2016 9:14 AM
458	I find the information included in this question to be misleading and inaccurate.	10/8/2016 8:56 AM
459	I believe we should not accept to the point of overcrowding.	10/8/2016 8:41 AM

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460	I support schools of choice but only to the level that keeps our classrooms at adequate numbers. 22 kids in elementary classes is enough. Anything over is unacceptable learning environments.	10/8/2016 8:37 AM
461	I support it to a certain extent. Not to overcrowd as a way to open another building or to the detriment of in-district kids	10/8/2016 8:20 AM
462	Only to fill seats. I'm not in favor of expanding buildings or adding/enlarging schools to accept school of choice students. Ultimately, I would like to see EL schools filled with EL students, SOC should be used as a stop gap, not an opportunity "increase revenue" by ciphoning kids from surrounding communities.	10/8/2016 8:11 AM
463	East Lansing residents are not responsible for other districts. It is a poor decision to bring in students when the wealth within the district does not support its own.	10/7/2016 11:37 PM
464	I believe that SOC needs to be supplemental to a school budget and environment. It should not be used as a way to balance a budget. It has caused overcrowding and the Lack of overall space is hurting children.	10/7/2016 9:45 PM
465	I support school of choice as long as it does not lead to very crowded classrooms in a bid to accept more students to grab more funding. I'd like to see no more than 25 children per classroom, especially in the youngest grades.	10/7/2016 8:38 PM
466	Accepting these students adds to the diversity of the student body. At the same time, I think class size is a huge problem and concern, so perhaps limiting the number of school of choice students who are accepted would help with this. Although I think a better solution is to remodel/rebuild the schools to accommodate the number of students.	10/7/2016 8:23 PM
467	The idea that children should be forced to attend the school nearest their home is absurd. Apply that idea to anything besides K-12 education and it would appear immediately ridiculous.	10/7/2016 8:20 PM
468	I believe schools of choice is a positive thing for our district however I also think it is not being used effectively and in an equitable manner. Class sizes are not equal across the district and I think that should be taken in account in placing school of choice children. It is unfair when one school has a first grade class of 28 when another is at 20 in a different school.	10/7/2016 5:59 PM
469	Smaller class sizes are more important to student learning than any dollar sign amount you can collect for overcrowded classrooms. Data shows these students often bounce from school to school. It is also common that they are lacking skills due to the inconsistencies in their school environment and/or a move is being made due to behavioral trouble.	10/7/2016 5:03 PM
470	Yes, as long as there is adequate staff and resources, supported by tax paying residents, available to students who live within the district's boundaries.	10/7/2016 4:15 PM
471	Additional revenue	10/7/2016 3:26 PM
472	The budgetary benefits are clear, especially in terms of using SOC students to maintain level enrollments from year to year, and to use excess capacity school by school. I'm not sure 23% is the right number - if we're at that level consistently, it suggests to me that there is excess capacity and perhaps a school should be closed.	10/7/2016 3:00 PM
473	While I understand that accepting schools of choice students has helped keep enrollment numbers and funding up, I have some concerns. Specifically, I would like to see data regarding the number & % of schools of choice students who need & receive special education services, & how that affects district employment, expenses, & allocation of resources. Also, I'd like to see the same type of data related to discipline issues, parent participation in general, & specifically for parent-teacher conferences, special education meetings (504 & IEP), & any disciplinary meetings or plans. Our experience with school of choice students & their parents/guardians, especially at the elementary level, was not always positive, & negatively impacted our children's learning experiences in and out of the classrooms. I understand there are always "a few bad apples" that can negatively influence the overall experience. But, I can't help but ask is the additional revenue worth any possible additional costs that we may incur as a district, if we gain a disproportionate number of special needs or discipline problem students with the 23% of the district's students that are schools of choice. Having one of our children qualify for 504, & later, IEP support, & having friends with children also with special needs, I found the Special Education & Support services sorely lacking in the district. In fact, our experience was such that it was almost laughable that for all of the rankings and awards or recognitions the district received, the special education services were so lacking and deemed so poor, both by parents who had previously or later been in other school districts AND I had ELPS staff who'd worked elsewhere complain about how services & resources/programming for students & staff training was so bad & in some cases not even meeting legal, minimum standards. So, I would like to dio further info & data on these issues before giving a "yes" or "no" re: continuing forward with the acceptance of schools of choice students at such a high percentage, which I've read is much higher than our neighboring school districts of Haslett and Okemos.	10/7/2016 1:34 PM

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Q29 If your children currently attend, or graduated from ELPS, what qualities brought you to ELPS?

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#	Responses	Date
1	I graduated from the district in 1999!	11/4/2016 7:08 PM
2	We love the diversity.	11/4/2016 6:09 PM
3	Great academics. Truly open minded, non segmented student body. This decreased over the years as the district began to emphasize differences to which the kids had been oblivious or just did not seem important. The academic fell and divisions increased.	11/4/2016 5:40 PM
4	Living in East Lansing.	11/4/2016 2:48 PM
5	Diversity of the student body (racial/ethnic and household income) and commitment to strong educational outcomes.	11/4/2016 2:39 PM
6	Teachers and diversity of kids, neighborhood and walkable schools	11/4/2016 2:36 PM
7	Neighborhood schools is the biggest factor. My family is much more involved because of this. We are one of the only local districts that can offer this. I also appreciate the diversity here. EL is a very diverse city especially amongst the school population.	11/4/2016 2:16 PM
8	The schools had a good reputation from the 1990s, though by the time my children started school here, ELPS was more of a laughing stock than a respected district.	11/4/2016 1:16 PM
9	We had heard that it was a good school district when we moved here from out of state. Had I known then what I know now, we would have moved to Okemos.	11/4/2016 1:15 PM
10	The diversity of East Lansing and the opportunities of living near a college campus. The location of East Lansing in regards to the rest of the state.	11/4/2016 1:13 PM
11	We moved to East Lansing to be close to MSU and because we loved the neighborhood. The public schools seemed to be good enough so we did not consider the private school options in the area. We like being able to walk to school and to bike to work.	11/4/2016 1:12 PM
12	I have lived in East Lansing my whole life and love the community. Unfortunately, I am witnessing the rapid decline of the school district and the city.	11/4/2016 1:06 PM
13	Community spirit, engaged educators	11/4/2016 12:53 PM
14	location. I also attended ELPS when I was a kid.	11/4/2016 12:53 PM
15	Inclusivity/diversity	11/4/2016 12:48 PM
16	Diversity of student body and teaching staff, acceptance and tolerance of different lifestyles	11/4/2016 12:41 PM
17	One of the major draws for East Lansing was its general walkability. Not having to drive everywhere all the time is a substantial quality of life issue for my family.	11/4/2016 11:38 AM
18	Commitment to public education	11/4/2016 11:09 AM
19	Diversity of the student body. At the time we came, there were certified librarians in each building which was an ENORMOUS draw for us - research shows this increases student learning (as resulted in standardized test scores) and also improves teachers' abilities to better meet the needs of students.	11/4/2016 10:32 AM
20	Committed and talented faculty. Stability and structure for students.	11/3/2016 4:36 PM
21	School district has had a good reputation over the years. My daughter benefited from the diversity of Red Cedar EL. I am so sorry it has closed.	11/3/2016 2:58 PM
22	strength of the school district, desire to live in university community, access to university resources	11/3/2016 2:57 PM
23	Good level of education, multiculturalism (I personally LOVE the fact that there are so many bilingual kids, instructors and before/after care providers!)	11/3/2016 2:45 PM

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24	I thought they would get a better education than Lansing Schools. I was wrong. There is a lack of accountability and demonstrating competency at ELHS.	11/3/2016 1:52 PM
25	We live here.	11/3/2016 1:38 PM
26	Diversity, strong curriculum, MSU, engaging and well trained teachers and administrators who cared about kids and learning. Fostered support for an international and diverse population of children. Opportunity for all!	11/3/2016 1:01 PM
27	Proximity to MSU; a diverse and accepting neighborhood with a unique and welcoming school.	11/3/2016 10:12 AM
28	Great teachers. Great administration. Super schools.	11/3/2016 9:52 AM
29	We bought our home here before our children started school. See areas the district could improve but remain given our location to our elementary and the walkability this gave our family during the elementary years. We valued the walking distance to the school and that our child did not have to spend 40 minutes on a bus traveling back and forth from school.	11/3/2016 9:50 AM
30	Quality of teachers and curriculum	11/3/2016 9:48 AM
31	Excellent report card as a district, neighborhood schools, proximity to MSU.	11/3/2016 9:27 AM
32	1 graduated, 2 currently there. I love the diversity at the school, and have only met one teacher that wasn't extremely motivated about teaching. (Not naming names)	11/3/2016 9:13 AM
33	Quality of instruction and diversity of student body.	11/3/2016 9:11 AM
34	My husband and I are both from Michigan - born and raised. We moved down South for better work opportunities in 2009. When we started having children we knew we had to get back to Michigan. Being a teacher in the South I knew first hand the lack of resources and training and a lot of crazy things that happen in public schools - and we certainly couldn't afford private Kindergarten. Our family was back in Michigan and my husband went to several schools (being a foster youth) and eventually landed in East Lansing for high school. He always spoke highly of it and the community so we set our sights on returning here - although much has changed since 1999. Michigan is spotty with its schools and has much work to do so that all students - regardless of geographic location have access to up to date technology and well-trained teachers, support staff, and administration, but overall we feel it provides our children with better opportunities than where we were in the South.	11/3/2016 9:00 AM
35	None. Did not have another choice if wanting to play sports. MHSAA rule that have to sit out a semester in sports if you transfer.	11/3/2016 8:39 AM
36	High quality education as evidenced by the best test scores in the region. This has reversed in recent years as EL is no longer the best.	11/3/2016 8:36 AM
37	We were drawn to the city of East Lansing.	11/2/2016 11:45 PM
38	The ability for my son to walk to school and the diversity and welcoming attitude to appreciating differences at Red Cedar Elementary.	11/2/2016 9:32 PM
39	Live in EL.	11/2/2016 8:03 PM
40	diversity	11/2/2016 7:57 PM
41	High achieving and successful graduates. ELPS has have enough resources to prepare the students for college. This is a most important factor to attract new residents to the community.	11/2/2016 7:35 PM
42	Inclusion and support of special needs students Diversity of student population	11/2/2016 11:04 AM
43	High quality of education provided.	11/2/2016 6:15 AM
44	Test score	11/1/2016 6:14 PM
45	Diversity. Small classes. Walkable schools.	11/1/2016 1:33 PM
46	A solid education with well-rounded community and diversity. We waffled between EL and Okemos, but thought EL offered more diversity and opportunity with the University close.	11/1/2016 11:10 AM
47	class size, teachers, diversity	10/31/2016 8:00 PM
48	Access to wonderful schools with fabulous teachers/staff and resources for students with IEPs.	10/31/2016 11:41 AM
49	We are alumni	10/30/2016 7:31 PM
50	My children have not yet reached school age, but we chose to live here because of the top-notch teachers, wonderfully diverse student population and neighborhood schools.	10/30/2016 3:52 PM
51	We wanted to be near MSU and ended up living here.	10/30/2016 1:43 PM

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52	Reputation as a good district.	10/30/2016 1:19 PM
53	other family went though ELPS too	10/30/2016 12:18 AM
54	Strong Neighborhood school.	10/29/2016 9:11 PM
55	Cultural diversity of student. Number of opportunities to excel academically (AP offerings, test out options, student groups)	10/28/2016 6:08 PM
56	Commitment to the arts, diversity, and high academic standards	10/28/2016 4:14 PM
57	The diversity of the student population	10/28/2016 10:17 AM
58	We chose to purchase a home in EL when we moved to the area from out of state because we wanted our children to be educated in a university community. We liked the diversity of ELPS over Okemos. We also liked the location of the HS within the city where it is walkable and the center of activities.	10/28/2016 9:23 AM
59	Location, diversity, excellence.	10/28/2016 7:03 AM
60	Reputation of being a very good district that shared my values about education.	10/27/2016 5:42 PM
61	Academics and diversity and proximity to MSU	10/27/2016 5:27 PM
62	Quality of the curriculum, diversity of student body.	10/27/2016 4:04 PM
63	Family relocated due to career opportunity.	10/27/2016 1:48 PM
64	Academics, Extra Curricular Activities, Sports, Student demographics and diversity of the Student population	10/27/2016 12:31 PM
65	Diversity; excellent website that included loads of info on college prep; MySchoolData info was good; # of kids who went on to college after graduation; football program	10/27/2016 11:43 AM
66	1.) The faculty. 2.) The academic opportunities, including AP courses. 3.) Highly diverse student body.	10/27/2016 11:37 AM
67	The geography of the community, amenities, quality of education, and relationships.	10/27/2016 11:09 AM
68	Community and education	10/27/2016 9:52 AM
69	We moved into EL from Lansing before our oldest started kindergarten because we believed ELPS would provide a solid education.	10/26/2016 9:50 AM
70	We are still deciding on if our children will attend ELPS. We purchased a home for our children to walk to school, and Red Cedar was closed against the views of residents, key stakeholders, and the community. I don't trust ELPS to make balanced choices on behalf of students.	10/26/2016 8:48 AM
71	We moved to EL 7 years ago. I wanted a small neighborhood elementary schools so my child could get exercise before and after to school by walking, running, skateboarding, biking, whatever and would be ready to learn. Okemo's didn't offer that or I would have lived there and enrolling my child in that school district.	10/26/2016 6:48 AM
72	Good reputation of the district, although that reputation has deteriorated over the last few years.	10/25/2016 10:18 PM
73	I have colleagues who had good experiences attending ELPS in their hay day.	10/25/2016 7:08 PM
74	They used to have a good reputation when I was in school. When we decided to stay here after graduating from MSU, our realtor strongly encouraged us to live in Lansing and SOC to EL. We decided against it because it didn't seem right, but now that I see how the needs of SOC kids are placed at a high priority, I should have opted for the lower taxes and moved to Grosbeck.	10/25/2016 3:07 PM
75	We moved to the Lansing area for a job, and the chance to send our kids to ELPS was very important in determining where we lived. Education quality and diversity of the student population were the major factors. In general we've been very satisfied with the system.	10/25/2016 12:41 PM
76	MSU. My husband got a job at MSU, and we chose our neighborhood for convenience to campus. We stay because it is an excellent community.	10/25/2016 9:57 AM
77	Diversity and quality instruction.	10/25/2016 9:42 AM
78	Excellent schools and more diversity than other nearby districts. Close to MSU.	10/25/2016 7:42 AM
79	Diversity in the student population. Proximity to MSU. Quality of teacher reputation. Wide range of academic offerings including many AP offerings. Strong arts and music programming.	10/24/2016 9:19 PM
80	1) Location (we work at MSU so having the kids close to us is great) 2) The parents are great and sincerely care about both their children as well as their education. 3) High rating of the students in EL vs. other school systems in the state.	10/24/2016 6:20 PM
81	Knew it was a school system that was good.	10/23/2016 10:24 PM

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82	Proximity to MSU and a quality k-12 program	10/23/2016 8:18 PM
83	most of the school in a college town have a good curriculum and resources, ELPS is losing that no good curriculum in English , or Math.	10/23/2016 6:38 PM
84	We live here because our business is here an being MSU alumni, we love the community.	10/23/2016 6:24 PM
85	Child's dad, uncle, & aunt all went to ELPS. All had excellent experiences.	10/23/2016 5:02 PM
86	Schools, diversity, community feeling. High quality education, teachers, staff.	10/23/2016 3:30 PM
87	Good middle school & high-school performance, diversity of student body, nice neighborhood.	10/23/2016 2:25 PM
88	Good, stable community. Good schools. Good location.	10/22/2016 11:06 PM
89	High quality education with multicultural diversity.	10/22/2016 1:36 PM
90	Support for public education.	10/22/2016 12:15 PM
91	Two of my three children graduated from here. We purchased a home in the Bailey neighborhood where they were able to walk to Marble, MacDonald, HS & MSU. I still live here 30 yrs later. So, proximity as well as the caliber of the education.	10/22/2016 8:24 AM
92	The quality of the music programs, the diversity of the student body, the excellent education.	10/22/2016 6:43 AM
93	Teacher quality.	10/21/2016 6:31 PM
94	The quality of the EL schools. Mostly caring teachers. Quality of teachers and programs.	10/21/2016 5:04 PM
95	Quality education, educators' committment to kids and enthusiasm for their jobs, diversity, organization of youth sports and committment of coaches to the kids.	10/21/2016 11:08 AM
96	we live in the district	10/21/2016 4:20 AM
97	Good schools, good neighborhoods, close to Lansing and MSU, diversity	10/20/2016 9:53 PM
98	reputation, diversity, location.	10/20/2016 3:19 PM
99	Good ratings, good reputation, Red Cedar had the diversity of students which included many international students that we valued.	10/20/2016 2:44 PM
100	Home district	10/20/2016 10:49 AM
101	the diversity on the student population.	10/20/2016 3:02 AM
102	We went to MSU and liked the idea that our kids would have the opportunities that MSU could bring to them growing up. I like to see that ELPS and MSU partner in so many ways, from cultural programs to Honors Times Two, summer camps, etc.	10/20/2016 12:03 AM
103	Red cedar school, with its diversity and high educational expectations.	10/19/2016 9:33 PM
104	Excellent schools. My youngest daughter graduated from ELHS in 2013 when it was ranked # 7 in the state. Now it is not even in the 40. The demographics have not changed so what happened!!!!????? This makes me angry!!!!	10/19/2016 7:27 PM
105	Environment better suits my children's style of learning than other districts in the area	10/19/2016 6:53 PM
106	It was a good school with a diverse population.	10/19/2016 6:39 PM
107	Husband also attended ELPS. Quality education to allow for students ability to attend MSU.	10/19/2016 6:22 PM
108	School district reputation was excellent when my children attended, 1989-2006.	10/19/2016 5:14 PM
109	Thirty years ago when our children started at ELPS, we moved to East Lansing because we understood this was a very good district. We also chose this community because it was a university community which is a major draw in itself.	10/19/2016 3:45 PM
110	I live in East Lansing	10/19/2016 3:41 PM
111	The reputation of the school, the diversity of the school and the proximity to MSU and the opportunities that affords.	10/19/2016 2:11 PM
112	just based on where we lived, but we didn't continue due to lack of planning for gifted children. My son wasn't the only one - maybe one third of his classroom was ready for so much more.	10/19/2016 2:02 PM
113	A good education with a diverse student and faculty population	10/19/2016 1:50 PM
114	East Lansing has always had a good reputation for quality education. I also appreciate that there is a good mix in terms of ethnic and economic diversity.	10/19/2016 1:34 PM

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115	My husband was a cross country coach at a west Lansing high school and raved about the parent involvement and the approach the coaches took with the East Lansing student athletes. And he had the chance to see pretty much all in the mid-MI area. He said that of all the schools he came in contact with at the time (1995-2001) East Lansing was by far the most impressive. This is the primary reason we bought a home in EL.	10/19/2016 12:42 PM
116	Quality of schools when first enrolled- scores were highest around	10/19/2016 12:21 PM
117	East Lansing used to be a district that was the envy of many, with a good reputation around the state. And the community was always happy to support that. That is not the case now and I'm like many of my neighbors in questioning how much support I have for a district in decline.	10/19/2016 12:04 PM
118	Relatively high educational quality.	10/19/2016 10:48 AM
119	Walkable schools and an outdated (and, it turns out, inaccurate) reputation as a district that provides a progressive and innovative education.	10/19/2016 10:34 AM
120	My children were coming from rural school district with limited access to higher advanced classes. We came to Elps for the advanced classes and the enrichment opportunities. The teachers are fabulous on the whole. They are not compensated enough or allowed to participate in the visioning of the school district.	10/19/2016 9:40 AM
121	Originally, schools.	10/19/2016 9:38 AM
122	Diversity, connection and proximity to MSU, range and quality of programming, instruction, compassionate teachers and staff	10/19/2016 8:31 AM
123	quality of instruction, facilities & technology, special ed programs	10/19/2016 4:03 AM
124	n/a	10/18/2016 4:44 PM
125	Public, secular education with good teachers. We also appreciated that people here support public schools. We appreciate the economic and ethnic diversity of ELPS.	10/18/2016 4:35 PM
126	We moved to East Lansing because of the qualiity of the public school system. We also enjoy the diversity that comes with being close to the university. More culture, natural beauty, and community actives that in other areas of mid-Michigan.	10/18/2016 2:40 PM
127	diversity and a belief that the school would be responsive to family and student needs. that has not been my experience.	10/18/2016 1:51 PM
128	Friends	10/17/2016 10:33 PM
129	We wanted our children to go to a local, neighborhood school. We bought in a less expensive EL neighborhood and were able to meet this goal.	10/17/2016 9:58 PM
130	Good education, nurturing environment, opportunities for gifted students, music and art	10/17/2016 6:22 PM
131	The mix with foreign students attending the school in our neighborhood.	10/17/2016 2:56 PM
132	The formerly great academic programming. You've run off so many great teachers via forced retirement and replaced them in most cases with inexperienced and untested new prospective teachers. They come cheap and you can screw them out of health insurance coverage easily as they don't know any better. What we should be doing is identifying potential hires who have at least 5 years of classroom experience and who fit a particular mold of model teacher. You pay them appropriately and give them proper benefits then you are more likely to keep them. Unfortunately we pay our bean counters and other central office staff way more than necessary. Your priorities are sadly deficient.	10/17/2016 2:52 PM
133	Quality of instruction and cultural/ethnic diversity. We specifically chose to move to East Lansing almost 15 years ago because of this vs. other districts we considered, such as Okemos, Haslett, Dewitt, etc.	10/17/2016 12:09 PM
134	I was raised and educated in East Lansing. When I went to college and met others from many other districts across the state, I realized how much better prepared I was, not only for the work of college, but also for life beyond high school. I was better equipped to live within a very diverse community, and to make the adult decisions that we all begin to face as we leave home. I was more prepared for the responsibilities of living as an intelligent, thoughtful, contributing member of both the college community AND the larger community (city, state, US, global). And I wanted this for my kids. I wanted a stable, progressive, diverse, and academically advanced school system, that hired teachers and administrators with the same values and kept them by ensuring the teachers themselves felt valued. More than just a school system, I wanted my kids to be part of a community.	10/17/2016 12:03 PM
135	The well-rounded education. Diversity and inclusion and what I thought would be an association with MSU. That proved to be wrong, since there is no collaboration (or at least very little) between ELPS and MSU.	10/17/2016 9:24 AM
136	My district. Better education	10/16/2016 11:01 PM
137	My children did not attend ELPS.	10/16/2016 10:13 PM

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138	When we moved to the area in 2000 we chose EL for location, reputation of schools and diversity of the community.	10/16/2016 10:06 PM
139	Would have moved elsewhere after MSU graduation had it not been for the international mix at Red Cedar that reflected our values in terms of an educational experience for our three children.	10/16/2016 7:08 PM
140	Diversity. High quality academics with teachers who go beyond.	10/16/2016 2:21 PM
141	I love the diverse makeup of the students from a socioeconomic and racial background along with the instruction afford my child.	10/16/2016 1:37 PM
142	Moved to East Lansing from Lansing in 2015, so our child could start kindergarten. We believe the quality of the education is better in EL than in Lansing. We also liked the neighborhood school approach and were very happy to move into the Pinecrest neighborhood.	10/16/2016 12:45 PM
143	Walk-ability to schools, excellent education at elementary & high school, diversity	10/16/2016 11:33 AM
144	Quality education, diverse population, great teachers, happy kids!	10/16/2016 7:04 AM
145	diversity, performing arts and high standards	10/15/2016 1:44 PM
146	High quality education	10/15/2016 11:06 AM
147	Diversity and quality of education	10/14/2016 6:02 PM
148	I went through the East Lansing Public School system and thought it was a very good school system. I also like that we live in the neighborhood that her elementary school is in.	10/14/2016 4:29 PM
149	Promise of the best schools, which hasn't been entirely accurate.	10/14/2016 1:29 PM
150	Good schools, quality education, amazing fine arts programs.	10/14/2016 11:43 AM
151	The community and the schools. What keeps us here is the community and having schools within walking distace is really what is keeping us here.	10/14/2016 10:44 AM
152	11 years ago we made the choice to live close to Marble because it was Walkable. It was a school made up of neighborhood children. Sadly much of that has changed. There are parking issues because 1/4 of the kids have to be driven in everyday. Its not a neighborhood school any more. The middle school traffic is even worse.	10/14/2016 9:18 AM
153	We are doing school of choice in east Lansing mainly because of the diversity level. I need my kids to feel comfortable and find people they can relate to.	10/13/2016 10:37 PM
154	We live here and assumed the schools to be of very high quality. The staff is high quality, however, the services offered to students, such as RTI and Special Ed. are extremely minimal compared to other nearby districts. I believe Marble has one teacher who does both the jobs of RTI and Special Ed. for the entire Marble population. This is minimal compared to other nearby districts. We are very disappointed with class size, lack of parapro support, and intervention.	10/13/2016 10:28 PM
155	I live in East Lansing	10/13/2016 9:36 PM
156	ELPS used to be one of the best schools in the State. I would not choose to send my child to, I don't agree with any decisions the current Board of Education is making. I don't believe the children are receiving a quality education in the District. The other local schools, Haslett, Okemos and DeWitt I believe are far superior to East Lansing in many ways and would recommend those schools over East Lansing. My husband, myself and our children have all gone through the ELPS system and over the years I feel ELPS has lost the superior quality of education it once enjoyed.	10/13/2016 9:25 PM
157	Live in the district.	10/13/2016 9:00 PM
158	Diversity and college proximity.	10/13/2016 4:07 PM
159	Good nice clean community based school, good solid teachers (atleast there was, not many left now along with the community school feeling, which is gone)	10/13/2016 4:03 PM
160	n/a	10/13/2016 2:17 PM
161	Strong reputation, special education programs with more resources, diverse student body	10/13/2016 1:04 PM
162	The school reputation and scores amongst other schools	10/13/2016 12:28 PM
163	It used to be a good, safe school system. Not any more.	10/13/2016 11:53 AM
164	It has a small town feel, but the also many unique opportunities with the university across the street	10/13/2016 10:19 AM
165	The learning qualitys	10/13/2016 9:41 AM
166	Above comment pretty relates to this question.	10/13/2016 8:07 AM

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167	Good and quality education.	10/13/2016 3:09 AM
168	I live here and have my whole life.	10/13/2016 12:06 AM
169	Divorce	10/12/2016 10:10 PM
170	Community.	10/12/2016 8:58 PM
171	one graduated one still in district. The programming and quality of teachers the offering of programming music art theatre technology smaller class sizes which have gone away 33 or more kids in a class is ridiculous. closeness to our home of after school events and the diversity living in this city. My children have made friends with families that come from all over the world. The AP curriculum that is offered is wonderful. I have a child that needed special services and the wait at the catholic school was too long so we moved to the public school and were very pleased. Our intent was not to go to Catholic High School just till 8th grade but actually moved over for 4th grade	10/12/2016 7:16 PM
172	It used to be a nationally recognized school system. Now the reputation is poor. MSU directs its new employees to Okemos. That is a shame.	10/12/2016 6:22 PM
173	We live in East Lansing and wanted to live in East Lansing. The schools are excellent.	10/12/2016 5:41 PM
174	diversity first and foremost. My kid's classmates speak other languages and are exposed to different customs. This is good for building good citizens.	10/12/2016 5:37 PM
175	Student diversity. Id really like that same diversity reflected in the staff/faculty.	10/12/2016 5:11 PM
176	College minded, reading, math	10/12/2016 5:04 PM
177	Diversity	10/12/2016 4:02 PM
178	Location is why we bought our house. PRE CHILDREN. HOWEVER, we have had FABULOUS teacher experiences!!!! As my husband I and teach in other local school districts, we had thought to school of choice our children, BUT aside from POLITICS and BUILDING CHANGES, we have had great experiences and choose to stay as long as our experience from an educational perspective stays positive.	10/12/2016 3:48 PM
179	ELPS has had a good reputation of learning for as long as I have been asking.	10/12/2016 3:45 PM
180	We moved to East Lansing in 1999 because of the City, proximity to MSU and because Glencairn was three blocks away. When my son was to go to kindergarten, the District said no and sent my son to two miles away to Marble. Within five years of moving here we were betrayed by the District. Then when my now 12 year old daughter was in fourth grade they changed Glencairn back an elementary school. It seems as if we have no long range planning for our district. This makes for an unstable District.	10/12/2016 3:36 PM
181	My children graduated from ELPS. The diversity and quality of educators brought us to the district.	10/12/2016 3:31 PM
182	We are considering ELPS due to the great experience I had there 20 years ago. Sadly, it seems that the academic excellence and safe environment it once represented may not be available today.	10/12/2016 2:50 PM
183	A great reputation and learning environments, more diverse than Haslett and Okemos (though I wish it were more diverse), the fact that it is so close to the University (because it means unique access and resources), relatively safe.	10/12/2016 2:47 PM
184	Good academic standards, which still needs improvement in terms of how rigorously teachers teach the class. How structured they are and how much supplement materials are provided. Excellent music program and an active teacher. Sports program and opportunity and funding for after school social writing clubs. technology quality. School building quality. Science laboratories and equipment.	10/12/2016 2:32 PM
185	Close to MSU where both parents work, history of high quality education	10/12/2016 2:07 PM
186	Our three children graduated from ELPS. They attended here because we live in East Lansing. They all received an excellent education and were well prepared for college.	10/12/2016 1:56 PM
187	Diverse schools	10/12/2016 1:54 PM
188	ELPS instruction is adequate, not outstanding. ELPS Elementary schools were markedly less rigorous than Chicago suburbs (1990s). Parent support is needed.	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
189	More STEM options, strong high school, ability to take higher level courses to keep students challenged. We don't care if our son is the valedictorian, but we want him to have all of the same opportunities to succeed as the valedictorian. He could go to an ivy league school if he maintains his level of achievement. We are encouraging him to choose the courses he is most interested in and challenge himself. He is now a grade level ahead in math, like his brother.	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
190	The good reputation of the education here. The racial, religious, economic diversity of the population.	10/12/2016 1:29 PM

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191	expectation of high quality academic programs (which we no longer feel are being prioritized) and good neighborhoods/walkable to schools and work.	10/12/2016 1:24 PM
192	High quality education, robust music/arts program, great reputation, diversity	10/12/2016 1:07 PM
193	Diversity and good special education educators.	10/12/2016 12:12 PM
194	I work at MSU so living in EL was very convenient. The EL schools had high stats, according to word of mouth. So when we had kids, it was a good place to stay.	10/12/2016 10:27 AM
195	I live in the area and was attracted to the idea of a neighborhood school in which I could easily be active in all aspects of my child's educational experience.	10/12/2016 10:20 AM
196	We live in East Lansing	10/12/2016 9:53 AM
197	Great curriculum and academic standards. Extracurricular programs. Diverse community.	10/12/2016 8:42 AM
198	Diversity	10/12/2016 8:35 AM
199	Live in district.	10/12/2016 8:35 AM
200	Strong connection to MSU and high rankings compared to other area school districts	10/12/2016 8:25 AM
201	We have a long family history, my parents went to ELPS, my sister and I went to ELPS along with Aunts and Uncles my Grandmother was also principal at Red Cedar for years. We all had good experiences at ELPS so wanted my kids to attend as well.	10/12/2016 7:36 AM
202	We moved here in 1973 largely because of the schools. Our children and grandchild attended the schools. We are pleased with the opportunities the schools provide.	10/12/2016 7:15 AM
203	The pride, love and support of the community.	10/12/2016 12:22 AM
204	Diversity	10/11/2016 11:30 PM
205	I am a graduate of ELPS. Wanted my kids to have the same opportunity. Seems to have fallen a bit since the 80's/90's however.	10/11/2016 11:19 PM
206	proximity to MSU, its legacy/known history of providing high quality education for a college prep student	10/11/2016 11:05 PM
207	I liked the diversity and what meant for children of color whose parents are MSU students. As such the culture of learning and curiosity would be enhanced while diversity is a strength. Unfortunately it feels like that isn't appreciated or even encouraged.	10/11/2016 10:45 PM
208	We moved to EL when our oldest child was nearing kindergarten to ensure she would have a good education. We have been mostly satisfied, but not completely. I had hoped for smaller class sizes and more individualized attention. Classes are too big. And, with one child who has unique learning challenges, I wish the class sizes were smaller. Neighborhood--walkable--schools was a significant factor for purchasing a home in Bailey neighborhood.	10/11/2016 10:35 PM
209	Living in close proximity to walkable schools, and living close to my job.	10/11/2016 10:06 PM
210	Highly ranked schools, especially high school. Diversity of student body.	10/11/2016 9:18 PM
211	My Father went to EL, I attended EL Schools, My wife attended EL Schools, our children attended EL Schools. There were great teachers, manageable class sizes, and students of great intellect in every class.	10/11/2016 8:14 PM
212	We did not come to the area for the schools. The local Catholic school is too expensive.	10/11/2016 8:00 PM
213	Diversity and quality education	10/11/2016 7:31 PM
214	The quality and selection of programming	10/11/2016 7:04 PM
215	Better social environment than a very small school. In our neighborhood. Cheaper than private school.	10/11/2016 7:02 PM
216	Our neighborhood is made up of homeschool families or School of Choice families who chose ELPS.	10/11/2016 5:51 PM
217	Diversity at Donley	10/11/2016 5:50 PM
218	Ability to have diverse cultures, innovative learning and partnership with MSU, community strength. The latter three have greatly disappointed me in the last two years	10/11/2016 5:17 PM
219	Accessibility, higher than average school ranking	10/11/2016 5:15 PM
220	We live in the district.	10/11/2016 5:06 PM
221	Work at MSU	10/11/2016 4:46 PM
222	Balance of diversity paired with high academic achievement.	10/11/2016 3:35 PM

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223	It's diversity and it's reputation for quality education.	10/11/2016 3:08 PM
224	diversity curriculum	10/11/2016 2:52 PM
225	we love the community and diversity	10/11/2016 2:20 PM
226	High standards, emphasis on education.	10/11/2016 1:59 PM
227	Well, NOT the crap that's currently being pulled, that's for sure. ELPS seems to be under the misapprehension that we need to see how well teachers can perform with as little support as possible rather than focus on the needs of the students.	10/11/2016 1:54 PM
228	High quality education	10/11/2016 1:53 PM
229	The environment is different but in a good way. I want my children to experience everything they can and have access to as much as they can. I believe ELPS provides a lot of experience in success as well as consistently provide access to a number of resources that would otherwise be an out of pocket cost.	10/11/2016 1:52 PM
230	Moving here from out of state, school diversity and academic reputation made us settle in EL	10/11/2016 1:28 PM
231	Schools are highly ranked.	10/11/2016 12:32 PM
232	The different cultural backgrounds & attention to higher education.	10/11/2016 12:23 PM
233	Great schools, nice diverse community in which to live	10/11/2016 12:13 PM
234	Diversity and program options	10/11/2016 12:04 PM
235	We moved to East Lansing because of the school district, but we are now thinking about leaving because of the school district. We have a teenager and the experience with the schools and teachers has not been very impressive. Teachers have not been available for help, don't seem to read student homework, and rely on reputation, instead of hard work.	10/11/2016 11:45 AM
236	We both work in EL and think it is important to send our children to neighborhood public schools. In choosing between EL and Okemos, we chose EL because the schools have a good reputation but seem more diverse than the Okemos schools.	10/11/2016 11:38 AM
237	education, diversity, loved the fact that sports, theatre, band are all important and accepted	10/11/2016 11:30 AM
238	We moved to EL because we wanted to live in the city and have a walkable environment. We walk every single day.	10/11/2016 11:10 AM
239	Best school district in area.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
240	The opportunities available to students within the district is difficult to match elsewhere.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
241	Walkability--to work, to school	10/11/2016 11:04 AM
242	It is a good school system where parents are engaged and student:teacher ratios are not too bad. Access to student teachers from MSU as well as other cultural and educational resources from MSU are a big deal as well.	10/11/2016 10:45 AM
243	I work at MSU.	10/11/2016 10:31 AM
244	Location to resources (MSU and State Government), diversity, community feel, neighborhood schools, district size and good performance.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
245	Dedication to learning and devotion to teaching children appropriately. Great learning.	10/11/2016 10:19 AM
246	#1 - High performance ranking. #2 - Walkable schools	10/11/2016 10:19 AM
247	Diversity	10/11/2016 10:13 AM
248	We love the diversity of this school system and the community involvement. We chose to move to East Lansing because of these qualities and the teachers in the district. However, since moving here, I have been continuously concerned and embarrassed with how our Board of Education has chosen to spend their time discussing the opening of an already closed school instead of focusing on making our district better.	10/11/2016 9:59 AM
249	The high recommendation of the school system	10/11/2016 9:57 AM
250	The high quality families that live in the actual East Lansing district.	10/11/2016 9:56 AM
251	We live in the district.	10/11/2016 9:52 AM
252	The diversity of the school population - racial, ethnic, language, socioeconomic. The strong academic scores, even with a large number of lower income students	10/11/2016 9:50 AM
253	Neighborhood school	10/11/2016 9:46 AM

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254	Diversity and a quality reputation, smaller size yet still a city.	10/11/2016 9:43 AM
255	Diversity; quality of education	10/11/2016 9:39 AM
256	All of the opportunities available, including excellent Title I services. And the community.	10/11/2016 9:26 AM
257	Recommendations from other parents. Reviews. Curriculum. Location.	10/11/2016 9:22 AM
258	Very well-rated schools in a good area	10/11/2016 9:17 AM
259	I myself graduated from East Lansing Public schools and realize the importance and quality of education there	10/11/2016 9:12 AM
260	strong academics, diversity of class offerings (including AP classes), community engagement	10/11/2016 9:04 AM
261	Strong commitment to Art, Music, Gym, Theater, Foreign Languages - all of the enrichment classes that other districts are dropping. The music program at ELPS is especially impressive. I love seeing students walking home carrying their instruments.	10/11/2016 9:02 AM
262	Michigan school rankings, where Marble does very well but the middle school and high school less so that Okemos, etc. which gives me pause. Also like the resources and link to the university resources.	10/11/2016 9:01 AM
263	Early Childhood Education program taught by Victoria Hall. She's dedicated to her kids, something that's hard to find.	10/11/2016 9:00 AM
264	We live in East Lansing and ELPS is our school district.	10/11/2016 8:54 AM
265	Emphasis on diversity and the arts. Nice blend of of high achievement and fun.	10/11/2016 8:50 AM
266	The tradition of support for the schools. We specifically chose to live in the district when we moved back to the area in 2001. Today it would not be our only choice but probably our third choice.	10/11/2016 8:49 AM
267	The curriculum and the test results.	10/11/2016 8:42 AM
268	Academic opportunities and diversity.	10/11/2016 8:39 AM
269	The wide range of options for the students, the quality of education, and the participation of the teachers and staff.	10/11/2016 8:38 AM
270	The best quality is the fact that teachers and administrators care about all the children in the district.	10/11/2016 8:35 AM
271	highest level education, tremendous arts program, active administration when problems arise.	10/11/2016 8:32 AM
272	In choosing between Okemos and East Lansing, we chose to relocate to East Lansing because of the more diverse student body (along with proximity to MSU and downtown EL).	10/11/2016 8:31 AM
273	The neighborhood schools	10/11/2016 8:30 AM
274	We wanted our children to be in an environment that supported diversity while holding students up to a rigorous academic program. We also wanted them to have access to a variety of resources and programs.	10/11/2016 8:01 AM
275	It's excellent educational reputation.	10/11/2016 7:42 AM
276	The opportunities for different activities and programs and also the diversity of the community.	10/11/2016 7:17 AM
277	Reputation of being a quality school district	10/11/2016 6:51 AM
278	School closest to us	10/11/2016 6:36 AM
279	Life circumstances.	10/11/2016 5:46 AM
280	The quality of the schools. Diversity	10/11/2016 3:31 AM
281	See above. 1) The quality of the schools relative to our home community; 2) The much great range of opportunities in classes, sports, arts, extra-curriculars, 3) The much greater social, cultural, economic diversity in the district	10/11/2016 12:01 AM
282	I wanted them to have a quality education with economic and ethnic diversity.	10/10/2016 11:33 PM
283	Excellent teachers and principals, Community focus, international presence, cultural and economic diversity.	10/10/2016 11:14 PM
284	no opinion	10/10/2016 10:51 PM
285	I was born and raised in East Lansing, attended East Lansing in conjunction with private school and love East Lansing. We enjoy the things E.L. has to offer because of the taxes we pay.	10/10/2016 10:46 PM
286	Teachers, walkability, diversity.	10/10/2016 10:30 PM
287	I grew up in East Lansing and had a great education here. But the district doesn't seem to be as on top as it used to be. I moved my family back here for a number of reasons, but if I was only looking at school quality I may have choose somewhere else. I do appreciate the districts diversity, and that historically a lot of creative thinkers are from the area. Also like the small community feel.	10/10/2016 10:08 PM

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288	The teachers and reputation of the district. I grew up in EL and went through East Lansing k-12.	10/10/2016 10:07 PM
289	Our decision to move to East Lansing had nothing to do with the school district. We moved here because we found a nice house in a quiet neighborhood that was close to MSU, where my husband and I both work.	10/10/2016 10:04 PM
290	Community schools near vital neighborhoods with parent support.	10/10/2016 9:59 PM
291	Close connection with MSU, highly qualified teachers, and contemporary teaching pedagogy. The diversity in student population is also important to us and why we selected to live in EL and have our son attend ELPS.	10/10/2016 9:47 PM
292	It's our home district.	10/10/2016 9:39 PM
293	The schools have good rankings. I love the diversity of Pinecrest's student body.	10/10/2016 9:32 PM
294	I wanted (economic, ethnic, etc.)diversity, high academic standards, and the music program. I am proud of our music program and some of the academics. Not sure why the school district continues to suffocate the fasted growing and highly regarded music program. That is enough to make me pull my kids and send them to Okemos.	10/10/2016 9:27 PM
295	We heard that the schools were good, and they seemed very diverse.	10/10/2016 9:20 PM
296	We moved to East Lansing to be close to MSU campus, downtown East Lansing, and downtown Lansing. Upon looking at area schools, we actually felt that Okemos, Haslett, and DeWitt had better schools than ELPS, though ELPS is also very good.	10/10/2016 9:11 PM
297	State rankings	10/10/2016 9:10 PM
298	Small town atmosphere/community which have both changed since we have moved to EL. I also feel the quality of education has diminished considerable due to the overcrowding of the classrooms and teachers are spending a majority of time disciplining children rather than teaching. Let's fill spots that we have with in district kids then only fill in spit with SOC kids if there is room. 29-30 kids in a small classroom is completely unacceptable.	10/10/2016 8:49 PM
299	I moved my family here for the quality of the education and the small neighborhood schools.	10/10/2016 8:46 PM
300	Mostly the safety Factor. But also the educational opportunities, extra-curricular opportunities, and the quality of students / families	10/10/2016 8:31 PM
301	Small local residential elementary schools. I am very concerned that ELPS school board is destroying this important quality of East Lansing.	10/10/2016 8:31 PM
302	Diversity (when Spartan Village and Red Cedar were open), high quality of academics, high quality of the arts programs.	10/10/2016 8:23 PM
303	Connection to msu	10/10/2016 8:11 PM
304	Diversity. Quality teaching/programming/community involvement.	10/10/2016 8:10 PM
305	Neighborhood school.	10/10/2016 8:05 PM
306	Quality education, wide variety of opportunities.	10/10/2016 7:51 PM
307	DIVERSITY.	10/10/2016 7:51 PM
308	We moved in the area long before we had kids. Although relocating in the area East Lansing was on our top 3 for school districts it really boiled down to NOT LANSING. As involved as I have been with the district for the past 18 years, not knowing then what I know now I don't think we would have picked East Lansing as the place to raise our children. For the most part the staff with the most student contact have been wonderful. The staff that don't have student contact in-lies most of the problem. I have zero confidence in the abilities of the current administration of the East Lansing School District.	10/10/2016 7:50 PM
309	Because my sibling used to go to the same school	10/10/2016 7:38 PM
310	Used to safety and education, I have been thinking about taking my students out of the ELPS	10/10/2016 7:28 PM
311	Reputation for quality and diversity	10/10/2016 7:27 PM
312	Diversity - both ethnic and socioeconomic.	10/10/2016 7:14 PM
313	The strength of the middle school curriculum.	10/10/2016 7:03 PM
314	More extra curricular activities	10/10/2016 7:01 PM
315	Former reputation of high quality education, however, I think the quality is trending downward.	10/10/2016 6:57 PM
316	One of the better graduation rates in the area, better test scores and good facilities.	10/10/2016 6:54 PM
317	Diversity, curriculum	10/10/2016 6:49 PM

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318	The diversity of the student population.	10/10/2016 6:37 PM
319	I dont like public lansing school district	10/10/2016 6:24 PM
320	We were drawn by the quality of curriculum and programs offered.	10/10/2016 6:22 PM
321	Diversity, strong family and school values, higher standards of academics, low crime/problems	10/10/2016 6:20 PM
322	Red Cedar Elementary brought us to ELPS. I appreciate the arts teachers at all three levels, especially band and orchestra. I appreciate the AP offerings. My children have received a quality education and have teachers who genuinely care about them. I feel the district keeps us well informed of local events that the kids can participate in and benefit from.	10/10/2016 6:19 PM
323	Diversity of student body	10/10/2016 6:17 PM
324	Good schools	10/10/2016 6:16 PM
325	Neighborhood schools, diversity, liberal open thinkers.	10/10/2016 6:15 PM
326	The educational excellence of the school system and the diversity of the student body.	10/10/2016 6:15 PM
327	The many departments of arts and how their importance is integrated into the curriculum.	10/10/2016 6:11 PM
328	Proud to be a Trojan but we need to step up our game big time. Our little one spent all summer long reading and getting ready to go to the next level. It's October 10th and there has been minimal reading in class. Is reading a priority?	10/10/2016 6:11 PM
329	education provided	10/10/2016 6:10 PM
330	The cultural diversity that the University brings.	10/10/2016 6:04 PM
331	Close to home. Academic community. Diversity and academic success.	10/10/2016 5:53 PM
332	Great school system and MSU.	10/10/2016 5:52 PM
333	We bought a home we liked that was convenient for work commute and close to family. We had no previous personal experience with ELPS and no particular desire to attend ELPS. It is a Class A school but falls short in many areas in our limited experience through Grade 2.	10/10/2016 5:51 PM
334	We love the diversity at Glencairn. It is extremely important to us that our children are surrounded by peers from different cultures and backgrounds.	10/10/2016 5:49 PM
335	Diversity first and foremost and a quality educational all-around experience	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
336	Diversity and a quality education!	10/10/2016 5:40 PM
337	The teaching seems to be way more advanced the the LSD	10/10/2016 5:39 PM
338	Walkable, neighborhood schools and diverse student body is what made us decide to move into the east Lansing school district when our kids were 2 & 4. We could have lived in any of the surrounding areas.	10/10/2016 5:34 PM
339	AP classes and diversity of students (international students).	10/10/2016 5:34 PM
340	Quality and variety of instruction and support of special education	10/10/2016 5:32 PM
341	Diversity, and the staff!!!	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
342	The qualities we considered for moving to this community were schools that were safe, provided high quality education, provided opportunities and a curriculum for students who are above average and a community that was Proud their teachers and schools.	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
343	Perception that quality of education was higher than LSD where we reside. Higher caliber of students. Diverse staff and classmates. Our son also went to daycare nearby his elementary so he was familiar with the area.	10/10/2016 5:17 PM
344	Diversity of languages and cultures.	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
345	The outstanding reputation and tradition of the music programs, diversity of the student population, and commitment to education is what keeps us in EL.	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
346	Ethnically diverse population and good academics.	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
347	I appreciate the diverse population and quite honestly, the location to our home.	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
348	Standards for teachers, Math and Science curriculum, Diverse student body, and Diverse school administration, Nat'l and State rankings, location in proximity to a major university.	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
349	Great teachers, good support staff, world-class education.	10/10/2016 5:06 PM

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350	Higher rankings in education	10/10/2016 5:03 PM
351	Diversity Education quality Parent and community involvement Location	10/10/2016 4:59 PM
352	We thought it would be a district with strong academic rigor.	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
353	I live in East Lansing.	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
354	We live in district	10/10/2016 4:56 PM
355	We were told the schools are good, my husband came to work in East Lansing.	10/10/2016 4:56 PM
356	The strength of the educators in the district and the way they worked together to create a 1st class educational opportunity for each and every child that wanted to take advantage of it. The parents were supportive of there kids but not at the expense of the respect they had for the educators. Today we have cheerleaders in "leadership" roles, whose only plan is to try to maintain the district standing so that they can continue to milk the district and enrich themselves. Then they'll job hop.	10/10/2016 4:52 PM
357	The academic program.	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
358	It is overall better quality than where we were. Better ratings from parents, a higher graduation rate. We like being in a college town.	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
359	The sense of community. The holistic approach to education and the inclusion of differently abled students in the general education setting.	10/10/2016 4:49 PM
360	Community and Diversity and academic excellence.	10/10/2016 4:49 PM
361	Excellent teachers, neighborhood schools, diversity	10/10/2016 4:46 PM
362	Good reputation	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
363	moved here for school at MSU, lucked in to being in the ELPS area (Glencairn neighborhood)	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
364	It's where we live	10/10/2016 4:42 PM
365	Diversity of students...excellent teachers	10/10/2016 4:41 PM
366	Good education.	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
367	It is our local school system (with a good reputation) and important for our child to get to know his fellow community members.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
368	Ethnic diversity and quality teachers	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
369	High academic standards, strong administration and a diverse student body.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
370	I work for MSU and I decided to locate in a house within walking distance of work. I am not a driver.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
371	The diversity of the student population relative to the other strong neighboring districts (like Hasslet and Okemos). The neighborhood feel of schools.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
372	Diversity, Academics	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
373	The diversity of the student body was a huge factor! We are also very fond of the music program (arts in general)	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
374	The high quantity of students from international/diverse backgrounds - we moved to the greater Lansing area from overseas, and wanted to continue a similar experience to what we'd had in the international schools. However, finding reasonable housing in East Lansing (factors including both cost and location away from MSU students) was not possible in light of our international move and lack of connections in the community. One day we may move to East Lansing because we intend to stay with the schools through high school graduation.	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
375	Higher test scores, and a better overall quality of education. Also, the high property tax rate offers better police, fire, and community.	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
376	MSU and proximity to the university community	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
377	Neighborhood schools. Diversity. Embracing a variety of opinions. Agreeing that disagreeing can happen respectfully.	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
378	Live in the district, former grad of ELHS. From the area and like the area.	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
379	The socio-economic diversity of the district in comparison to those quality schools surrounding us.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
380	Less negativity in school culture	10/10/2016 4:33 PM
381	The music programs in the middle schools and high schools are the reason we came to and remain in ELPS.	10/10/2016 4:32 PM

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382	I was born and raised in east Lansing and wanted my children the same education I received. But a lot has changed in the district and a lot more needs to be addressed to make it better.	10/10/2016 4:31 PM
383	Several online surveys that ranked ELPS one of the best school districts in the Lansing area. Diversity, the austistic support, and the classroom size were all perks. So was proximity to available housing. The neighborhood is great to raise kids in, and crime is of low concern to us.	10/10/2016 4:31 PM
384	The academics and the and the more opportunities you have	10/10/2016 4:30 PM
385	Quality education, 1st rate band & orchestra programs, convenient location to where we live.	10/10/2016 4:30 PM
386	I heard East Lansing had exceptional schools and was willing to move to the area even though the taxes are high so my child could get a good education.	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
387	Diversity within a generally economically stable population of individuals.	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
388	Neighborhood elementaries and a diverse student body with good schools without the over-competitive Okemos situation.	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
389	diversity, mix of incomes/races/cultures, strong teachers	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
390	I had a great experience there, the diversity and challenging curriculum in a safe environment	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
391	Neighborhood schools. High quality of education. Lack of discipline problems.	10/10/2016 4:26 PM
392	Rankings of the schools online, walkability, and word of mouth recommendations from friends/colleagues.	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
393	Diversity, excellent teachers who were committed to student success and facilitating learning	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
394	It's a good school with a diverse student body.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
395	His mother lived in the district and his half-sister attends the same elementary school.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
396	I went to ELPS my whole life.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
397	Having recently moved from a city in which many people rely on private education, what helps with my strong investment in the district is that the vast amount of families, regardless of ethnic or financial background opt into our public education system. I believe this en masse "opting in" makes a stronger community and , research has shown, offers a higher quality of education for all students.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
398	Diversity of students and cultures represented	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
399	Neighborhood elementary schools. Unfortunately, we never were able to enjoy this due to Glencairn shifting to 5th and 6th and then switch back once our kids were that age.	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
400	Academics and social environment.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
401	The cultural diversity and the social atmosphere.	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
402	The good school scores and rates of college graduates from that district.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
403	Schools, transportation to downtown Lansing, sidewalks, walkable neighborhood (schools were/are not a focus of that), sidewalks, some economic diversity in town.	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
404	Quality of education	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
405	diversity, well-rounded curriculum, strong visual arts program	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
406	Higher graduation rates, orchestra program, theater program, higher test scores	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
407	Quality of schools, teachers, and curriculum	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
408	We moved into the district by choice based on the area and the level of excellence that ELPS has always had.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
409	Data from the annual reports. My child was not receiving an adequate education in the Lansing School District.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
410	Education, community and one of the greatest educational programs anywhere.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
411	Wife was ELPS grad. Schools were high quality. Neighbor hoods were great. City was vibrant.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
412	I went through ELPS	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
413	Diversity, Good educational programs	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
414	Supposedly the quality of education. I have been disappointed with the number of poor teachers in East Lansing. For as much as we pay in property taxes, we are not getting value for what we pay.	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
415	Lived in east Lansing	10/10/2016 4:15 PM

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416	Quality of education and diversity of community and classmate.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
417	Good schools. Community schools.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
418	I love the diversity and walkability from our home to all of the schools my kids will attend.	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
419	Closeness to work with a great reputation.	10/10/2016 4:13 PM
420	Diversity, quality district.	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
421	Location	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
422	Red Cedar School!	10/10/2016 1:29 PM
423	I love our diverse school and the high quality of teaching.	10/10/2016 1:27 PM
424	Diversity, location, and programming	10/10/2016 1:15 PM
425	We had heard that the school district was great with all levels of students. Other districts that we were looking at had poor reviews for the middle of the road students. They excelled with the gifted and special needs but other children were feeling left behind. We were looking for a school district that cared about every student equally.	10/10/2016 12:48 PM
426	Location, Reputation	10/10/2016 12:24 PM
427	We sought an academically challenging supportive community that would expose our family to a wide range of socio ecumenic, racial and ethnically diverse group of students. After growing up in a very small rural school district exposure to kids from all walks of life, access to a university, and community that values education were the most important factors for us.	10/10/2016 11:38 AM
428	Diversity within our classrooms, proximity to MSU, etc.	10/10/2016 11:20 AM
429	Neighborhood schools, great teachers, proximity to MSU.	10/10/2016 11:18 AM
430	As an EL resident, I guess I've always considered ELPS 'good enough'. Versus some friends (also in EL) who school-of-choice elsewhere (such as Okemos).	10/10/2016 11:14 AM
431	The neighborhood, the proximity to MSU, and the reputation of the schools.	10/10/2016 11:14 AM
432	I have three children; two are graduates of the ELPS; one just started at MMS (went to Donley K-5). We started as a schools of choice family. I believe the EL public schools offer a solid academic program. Graduation rates are high, followed by high college enrollment. It is quite impressive. The quality of teachers is high. The community cares. It shows.	10/10/2016 10:43 AM
433	Live in school district	10/10/2016 10:04 AM
434	Great teachers, progressive curriculum, walkable community.	10/10/2016 9:52 AM
435	School system, strong community, access to campus (expertise, etc.), diversity.	10/10/2016 9:20 AM
436	We decided to buy a home in the EL school district close to Marble and the middle school because we wanted our children to be able to walk to their neighbourhood schools and because of the diversity in our neighbourhood (people from all different backgrounds and nations living together). We knew that EL had a very strong school district, and even though the taxes are higher in EL than in other cities, we felt that it was well worth the expense to give our children a good public education.	10/10/2016 8:55 AM
437	The high academic achievement and rankings. But now am second guessing because of the decline in rankings and continued increase of school of choice students. Please make ELPS the top district in the state again!	10/10/2016 8:14 AM
438	We believed that the ELPS would meet our needs and expectations.	10/10/2016 8:11 AM
439	The diversity of this community, the strong neighborhoods and the proximity to MSU brought us here.	10/9/2016 11:14 PM
440	The hopeful advantages of associating with MSU. We've frequently thought of finding the same qualities in neighboring districts after realizing the persistent struggles and personal agendas among ELBOE members.	10/9/2016 10:30 PM
441	My kids are third generation ELPS graduates. We are rooted in and supportive of the community -- broadly construed. It's one of the most interesting places in the U.S. You can get to know people from all over the world without having to go abroad.	10/9/2016 10:25 PM
442	ELPS had a great reputation as a quality school at the time.	10/9/2016 10:14 PM
443	The quality of the schools was the single most important reason to move to east Lansing which pre-dated school of choice.	10/9/2016 9:58 PM

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444	I am an alumnus of the ELPS and was proud of the education I received. I wanted this for my family as well. My wife and I were fortunate to purchase a home in the East Lansing school district and I was excited. Unfortunately, the district is not the same as the one I attended. It is my hope that the board focuses on making the district great. It seems to have been side tracked on Schools of Choice and facilities issues and not on the overall governance of the district.	10/9/2016 9:28 PM
445	Good schools	10/9/2016 8:02 PM
446	We wanted to be in a community where we could walk to school and also to the downtown and MSU. We value diversity.	10/9/2016 8:01 PM
447	Good schools, diverse population, great community	10/9/2016 7:30 PM
448	The reputation. If we had the choice now, we would choose a different district. Too many school of choice. Too much board shenanigans.	10/9/2016 7:15 PM
449	Great neighborhoods, historic academic record, diversity, professionalism of population.	10/9/2016 6:28 PM
450	Neighborhoods. Location to MSU and other surrounding areas. Easy access. Involved community. Schools.	10/9/2016 6:26 PM
451	Diversity.	10/9/2016 5:33 PM
452	Near a university.	10/9/2016 5:28 PM
453	High academic achievement. Great and dedicated teachers.	10/9/2016 5:22 PM
454	Family, quality of life	10/9/2016 4:31 PM
455	Diversity, resources, proximity to MSU.	10/9/2016 4:23 PM
456	Great teachers and diversity	10/9/2016 1:44 PM
457	i have been extremely happy with the teachers and the education we have recently ed to date!	10/9/2016 1:35 PM
458	Excellent school system, student empowerment.	10/9/2016 11:55 AM
459	Quality of life, open welcoming schools, dedicated teachers and parents. We moved from the west coast to East Lansing partly because of the quality of schools!	10/9/2016 11:42 AM
460	Na	10/9/2016 10:43 AM
461	Good schools, safe environments caring teachers friends in the district	10/9/2016 10:30 AM
462	Diversity in the student body, proximity to MSU. Walkable schools.	10/9/2016 10:10 AM
463	We live in and therefore pay EL taxes. We have wonderful teachers but an unfortunate current school board who do not look out for the best interest of our cities children. It's shameful.	10/9/2016 9:33 AM
464	Walking distance from home.	10/9/2016 9:27 AM
465	My son currently attends a high ranking college. He took ap courses while at East Lansing and he finished the majority of his freshman course work by taking the ap assessments. He is very well prepared. We took full advantage of all student programs offered to him.	10/9/2016 8:42 AM
466	We love being near the university, we love our neighborhood and our neighbors. East Lansing has had a history of being excellent in academics, those things all drew us in. The current craziness on the school board would have maybe been a deterrent. Tge way the community has been pitted against each other would have turned me off I think had we not been in the district already.	10/9/2016 8:36 AM
467	We are very happy with the teachers, their dedication, the community involvement, and sense of family. Our older son came here on schools of choice, before we moved here.	10/9/2016 7:50 AM
468	Diversity,especially international diversity of Red Cedar School	10/9/2016 7:38 AM
469	The diversity, the extra curricular and academic opportunities.	10/9/2016 12:09 AM
470	EXCEPTIONAL teachers.	10/8/2016 10:19 PM
471	Honestly, we moved to EL because of EL not because of the schools. Our research indicated that the schools were fine. It also indicated, through digging through news articles and online, that the school configuration(s) were contentious. Because we felt that EL was the right community, we decided to take a chance with the public schools. To be honest, we've not been disappointed. I think that our children are getting a good education. I do think that the building situation (continuing focus on school configuration(s)) is distracting. I would like it if ELPS would make an effort to maintain a system of walk-able neighborhood schools.	10/8/2016 9:56 PM
472	Proximity to my work.	10/8/2016 9:49 PM

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473	I went to East Lansing Schools K-12 and I am hoping for my children to have the same great experience.	10/8/2016 9:06 PM
474	We live here. We prefer public schools.	10/8/2016 8:59 PM
475	Walkability/neighborhood schools. We were told that we 'couldn't go wrong' with ELPS 10 years ago. I'm not sure I would tell others the same thing now.	10/8/2016 8:52 PM
476	The school is the only reason we moved into our neighborhood.	10/8/2016 7:45 PM
477	Diverse student body	10/8/2016 5:32 PM
478	Walkable community and proximity to MSU	10/8/2016 5:08 PM
479	The community at large not the schools alone.	10/8/2016 4:45 PM
480	We wanted to be near MSU and the downtown East Lansing area.	10/8/2016 3:37 PM
481	National High School rankings	10/8/2016 3:05 PM
482	Diversity. Community. Fairness.	10/8/2016 2:24 PM
483	We chose East Lansing because of the neighborhood schools and the diversity of the schools. Since we have been here, the teachers and the wonderful parent communities have been the reason that we have stayed.	10/8/2016 1:51 PM
484	Quality and reputation (10 years ago)	10/8/2016 1:18 PM
485	School reputation	10/8/2016 1:03 PM
486	The economic and ethnic diversity brought us to ELPS. We left Lansing just before the kids started school. We could have moved anywhere in the area. We chose EL because to us diversity is more important than who has the highest ranking.	10/8/2016 12:40 PM
487	School reputation, diversity, community	10/8/2016 12:28 PM
488	Excellence of curriculum, of facilities, of spirit and mind.	10/8/2016 11:19 AM
489	The quality of the high school, the rest of our neighborhood attends ELPS and all our children's friends go to school in EL,	10/8/2016 11:13 AM
490	Close to work (MSU). Outstanding reputation.	10/8/2016 11:12 AM
491	Reputation of the district, although that has slid over the years.	10/8/2016 11:11 AM
492	I spent all of my schooling in ELPS and know how great it can be.	10/8/2016 11:07 AM
493	I am an alumnus of the district and had a good experience with the district then. In hindsight, based on recent actions of the board since 2014, I would look at Okemos or Haslett as better school options.	10/8/2016 10:30 AM
494	Good education Diversity Focus on education but not necessarily as metric driven / high pressure focused / success or nothing (as Okemos might be, for example)	10/8/2016 10:28 AM
495	Reputation for high quality education and avoiding the "city school" problems	10/8/2016 10:20 AM
496	Teachers, academics, and diversity (in district kids)	10/8/2016 9:49 AM
497	Good schools, strong community, neighborhoods with sidewalks and walkable schools.	10/8/2016 9:20 AM
498	Diversity, both economically and ethic backgrounds. Commitment to excellence in education, and pro-education choices. And sense of community.	10/8/2016 9:14 AM
499	The perception of a world class education.	10/8/2016 8:56 AM
500	ELPS used to be one of the best districts around. It seems like ELPS is standing still or moving backward while surrounding districts continue to make advancements	10/8/2016 8:20 AM
501	Community, performing arts (music programs), diverse offerings at HS (AP)	10/8/2016 8:11 AM
502	It used to be pride. That has been diminishing for years. The education provided by the district always was average. It was the pride and challenge presented by the EL community that created exception schools in the past.	10/7/2016 11:37 PM
503	Diversity, strong sense of community, strong teachers, I had an excellent education here and I wanted that for my children.	10/7/2016 9:45 PM
504	Neighborhood school, diverse, warm and welcoming school community	10/7/2016 8:50 PM
505	Community-oriented, walkable schools, strong teachers, diverse student population	10/7/2016 8:23 PM
506	Diversity and academic excellence as well as close to my work site	10/7/2016 5:59 PM

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507	Proximity to MSU	10/7/2016 5:03 PM
508	Proximity to university and walkable neighborhood school.	10/7/2016 3:31 PM
509	My kids could walk to school. Excellent educational opportunity	10/7/2016 3:26 PM
510	Our son graduated from ELHS in 2000. We lived then, and continue to live in the city. EL schools seem to be high-quality, if not excellent. There was no reason to send our son elsewhere.	10/7/2016 3:00 PM
511	We purchased our first home in south Lansing. We started our family and had two pre-school aged & one on the way when we moved to EL. We looked at properties in several suburbs of Lansing, as we wanted better schools, community parks, programs & amenities. So, East Lansing ended up being the place where we found the right home, at the right price and time.	10/7/2016 1:34 PM

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Q30 Do you have any other comments regarding resident and schools of choice students?

Answered: 271 Skipped: 746

#	Responses	Date
1	N/A	11/4/2016 7:08 PM
2	While I strongly support accepting as many school of choice students as we can, I wonder if it might be helpful to re-draw some of the boundaries for who goes to which elementary school so the class sizes are a little more standard between all the schools. It doesn't seem very fair to the EL students who are put in overcrowded classrooms at Glencairn when we are taking in a lot of school of choice students at Pinecrest to fill the classrooms.	11/4/2016 5:48 PM
3	About the kids? No. They are pretty much just like the EL kids, demographically speaking. I do fear a tipping point as larger SOC numbers divide the part of the budget supported by property taxes. It can get difficult to ask residents to pay for non-resident students. Also, there has never been a seriously considered evaluation of SOC on academics. Some broad brush statements only.	11/4/2016 5:40 PM
4	It needs to be managed to balance class sizes across the district and not try to fill classes. SOC students should in most cases not be able to permeable boundary unless it is in the interest of the school.	11/4/2016 2:16 PM
5	I think I am similar to other families in saying it is not the SOC families themselves I generally oppose: It's the way that we see our schools getting more and more overcrowded and the district refusing to truly examine if SOC has an impact on it.	11/4/2016 1:16 PM
6	The school district should look to previous graduates like Nate Silver, and employ some Bayesian statistics and mathematical modeling to get a better handle on the fluctuations in student numbers in the various school boundary areas throughout the city. The district could go a long way toward solving its issues with overcrowding by doing better modeling of class size fluctuations. These types of models would also enable the district to make the best use of whatever dollars they may get from passing a new bond.	11/4/2016 1:12 PM
7	I am hopeful that there will be new school board members and they figure out how to stop reying so heavily on School of Choice kids for balancing the budget	11/4/2016 1:06 PM
8	no	11/4/2016 12:53 PM
9	Our SOC families at Glencairn are some of our most heavily involved in PTO and classroom volunteers. I am grateful for them every day.	11/4/2016 12:41 PM
10	School Board needs to let the professionals run the district. Micromanagement and meddling of School Board is hurting this community.	11/4/2016 11:09 AM
11	Current enrollment in SOC is at or slightly over what the District can reasonably handle. I would not support increases.	11/3/2016 9:24 PM
12	I have been saddened and dismayed by some of the negative portrayals of school of choice children by some members of the East Lansing community. I am happy that ELPS has continued to support and champion all of their students, no matter where they live. Please continue to advocate for all the children attending ELPS schools.	11/3/2016 4:36 PM
13	Continue to allow schools of choice. If needed reopen Red Cedar.	11/3/2016 2:58 PM
14	I believe schools of choice students and families enhance the learning community in East Lansing.	11/3/2016 2:57 PM
15	I wonder about the difference in test scores in comparison to before schools-of-choice and after schools-of-choice. Are schools-of-choice increasing the intellectual scores? One study finds that test scores do not improve with schools-of-choice: http://www.mlive.com/education/index.ssf/2016/04/study_schools_of_choice_dont_i.html "State Education Board President John Austin. "Cross-district choice is less about learning than about competing for students and money." If Austin is right, maybe not such a good reason to advocate for the policy.	11/3/2016 1:38 PM
16	As residents we valued school of choice kids.	11/3/2016 1:01 PM
17	Yes, but not for this survey.	11/3/2016 9:52 AM
18	I think there is an underlying issue of class size caps that parents aren't happy with, and teachers too. This directly impacts my thoughts about schools of choice.	11/3/2016 9:27 AM
19	None that differ from the previous comments.	11/3/2016 9:00 AM

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20	The balance is fine.	11/3/2016 1:28 AM
21	Bigger is not better. A reasonable amount of SOC slots is fine. More than that leads to what we have today: parents who move from district to district, not investing in ELPS (why should they? They can just move to a different school next year if they aren't happy), overcrowded classes and an excessive amount of cars in a parking lot designed for a neighborhood school.	11/2/2016 11:45 PM
22	No.	11/2/2016 8:03 PM
23	I see no difference between resident students and schools of choice students.	11/2/2016 7:57 PM
24	It is vital to the success of ELPS.	11/2/2016 7:35 PM
25	Number of school of choice too high. We need to be addressing needs of taxpaying citizens before opening up so many seats to schools of choice. It is not a community any more and the high taxes we pay are difficult to justify living here.	11/1/2016 11:10 AM
26	I think it should be limited if the number of students in the district increases class size/load to the extent that it takes away from education and productivity in scho	10/30/2016 7:31 PM
27	I think we shouldn't accept any more because we have some very crowded classrooms. We should still accept some but not quite so many.	10/30/2016 1:43 PM
28	I don't think school of choice students take anything away from EL students. They bring money to the district and because this was a choice, they are more likely to be motivated to succeed.	10/28/2016 2:19 PM
29	I have mixed feelings. In theory, I like the concept but in reality, my children's perceptions is that the SOC kids took more resources than the resident children. I like SOC but don't think it should be a quarter of the enrollment. Seems that we might be able to support some of the AP and advanced courses in other ways in collaboration with MSU and/or other Haslett and Okemos.	10/28/2016 9:23 AM
30	I strongly support school of choice. It provides opportunities to students who cannot afford to live within the ELPS district	10/27/2016 12:31 PM
31	See above about welcoming choice students, but charging a fee for those of us who already pay taxes.	10/27/2016 11:38 AM
32	It seems like the achievement gap requires more resources such as after-school on-campus mentoring and study programs utilizing EL and MSU volunteers.	10/27/2016 11:37 AM
33	I think we should welcome if we have the resources.	10/27/2016 11:09 AM
34	SOC drop-off/pick-up is probably contributing to the extreme congestion in the mornings/afternoons. If 23% of students are SOC (and thus not close enough to walk and not able to be picked up by bus), that creates a lot of traffic.	10/26/2016 9:50 AM
35	Not allowing school of choice students would be a mistake	10/26/2016 8:48 AM
36	I am ready for the BOE and this committee to establish a longer term strategy and move on. I'd like to have the leadership spend more time focusing on how to close the achievement gap and fix our districts science and math curriculum. I was very disappointed with my child's science test scores last year when every subject was above average to have the science score below average was disappointing.	10/26/2016 6:48 AM
37	23% is too high a number. Especially when Marble has HUGELY overcrowded classrooms.	10/25/2016 3:07 PM
38	Great balance. Adopt Board level SOC policy to be transparent to community.	10/25/2016 9:42 AM
39	No	10/23/2016 10:24 PM
40	No	10/23/2016 5:02 PM
41	We need to limit our numbers of SOC students.	10/23/2016 3:30 PM
42	Must maintain high quality education.	10/22/2016 1:36 PM
43	My daughter & family live in Lansing where the schools are inferior to EL. They live there because housing costs in EL are too high. We are very glad they are eligible and were accepted into ELPS.	10/22/2016 8:24 AM
44	no	10/21/2016 4:20 AM
45	Slow down on accepting so many Schools of Choice students. Some classes are overcrowded as a result. It is diluting the concept of strong neighborhood schools.	10/20/2016 9:53 PM
46	Having taught in the district, I know that the quality of students attracted to ELPS are excellent. Parents have to work hard to get their children here and want them in these schools because they value education.	10/19/2016 3:45 PM
47	It is a sign of the times.	10/19/2016 2:02 PM

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48	My children have quite a few friends who are schools of choice students. We are happy to have them here.	10/19/2016 1:34 PM
49	My children graduated from ELHS, but the one who lives locally sends his children to Okemos schools. While our schools have declined, theirs have grown stronger, and I think it's because they don't try to "save" everyone with resources that go down every year.	10/19/2016 12:04 PM
50	At what point will there be an open discussion about the capacity of the schools you are considering? Meaning, "When Donley was built, it's capacity was X. Now, it has X+Y enrollment. So we'll rebuild it with this	10/19/2016 10:34 AM
51	The district should plan for the resident students it has. A solid, talented staff, strong curriculum with innovation, downplay testing, allow and hire for critical thinking is the foundation of a good school district. Smaller and solid is better for the education of the children attending East Lansing schools.	10/19/2016 9:40 AM
52	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send my children to private schools. Then it asks me questions about ELPS	10/19/2016 9:38 AM
53	I am strongly in favor of having at least as many accepted as we do now	10/19/2016 8:31 AM
54	Take a few more school of choice students and reopen Red Cedar for elementary and pre-school. No elementary school on South side of town. So many reasons to open it for 2017-18 school year. RC is in a location that would benefit so many families who don't have personal transportation. The school is in good condition. Glencairn is already overcrowded. Next year will likely be worse. With the added family housing at Kalamazoo and Harrison, it is time to figure out how to make good use of RC school.	10/18/2016 2:40 PM
55	No	10/18/2016 8:07 AM
56	No	10/17/2016 10:33 PM
57	East Lansing needs the money and should support policies that promote integration with children of all income groups, colors, religions, ethnicities and be a leader in that type of educational opportunity.	10/17/2016 2:56 PM
58	Residents first! Schools of choice only if the applicants meet academic aptitudes set by the board at recommendation of the front line teachers and administrators.	10/17/2016 2:52 PM
59	Again, I feel strongly that we should not pursue higher SOC enrollment if this means crowded classrooms or the pressure to re-open a school that is not really needed (when considering resident student populations alone). The district needs to do a better job of gauging resident enrollment, and SOC numbers need to be managed in a more strategic and thoughtful way, not simply raised for the sake of those precious state dollars.	10/17/2016 12:03 PM
60	The District should implement preschool programs, and make good use of the Red Cedar School Building.	10/17/2016 9:32 AM
61	Class sizes must decrease for a quality education. It is not fair to students, or teachers who are burdened with so many requirements these days that they cannot do their jobs effectively. By reducing the % of school of choice students, we can get class sizes down to manageable numbers. It is also ridiculous to me that athletes are allowed to transfer schools because they like/dislike a coach, but that is another topic.	10/17/2016 9:24 AM
62	I think you need to look at either consolidating with neighboring districts or stand alone until the laws regarding debt service are changed.	10/16/2016 10:13 PM
63	If you continue to allow more students, you need to hire more teachers.	10/16/2016 2:21 PM
64	If we continue, let's limit class size to reasonable numbers.	10/14/2016 11:43 AM
65	We need to make sure that we take care of our in-school resident/district students as #1. We residents pay a healthy level of taxes here in EL and it doesn't sit well that we are still allowing too many soc children that are making our buildings cramped.	10/14/2016 10:44 AM
66	Put OUR kids and families first. If, after we know there are spots open in certain class rooms, THEN you give SOC families the option. Our community rightfully has the responsibility to educate our kids. We need to focus on our district first.	10/14/2016 9:18 AM
67	No	10/13/2016 10:37 PM
68	East Lansing should not accept SOC students when class sizes are as large as they are. East Lansing seems to think this is okay because the teachers get paid a little extra. This does nothing for the child who needs extra help.	10/13/2016 10:28 PM
69	I'm extremely frustrated to hear that ELPS is considering closing Glencairn school AGAIN. We just moved here and we were very excited that our now pre-school daughter would be able to walk to school. We will fight hard to keep our local school open.	10/13/2016 9:40 PM
70	It's also unfair to the Lansing School District who have had to close multiple schools due to East Lansing taking so many of their students. Our children's education should be more important than additional money.	10/13/2016 9:36 PM
71	No	10/13/2016 4:07 PM

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72	Tired of supporting students who do not want to do well academically, are disruptive or disrespectful & who take advantage of the "scholarships" (as they have a cell phone & a car) and then some (not all) do nothing but cause problems. And the percentage # of Schools of choice students always seems lower than what it really is, I say its 40% or more....	10/13/2016 4:03 PM
73	i do think that allowing families to make decisions about where their child should go to school is a personal choice and shouldn't be determined by where a student lives.	10/13/2016 2:17 PM
74	No.	10/13/2016 12:28 PM
75	Cut back or eliminate school of choice students.	10/13/2016 11:53 AM
76	At McDonald Middle School, that traffic flow is the absolute worse design I have ever seen and the flow should be made more simplistic by allowing traffic to flow from Burcham to Hagadorn and vis versa. Please open this up... Also, IT should be the top priority of your advancements as well as advance college opportunities. Either those opportunities be located to local, State, or National colleges and community colleges but this should be expanded. We should be focusing more on making nationally and internationally recognizable students coming from EL.	10/13/2016 8:07 AM
77	No.	10/13/2016 3:09 AM
78	I do wish Glencairn had Developmental Kindergarten	10/12/2016 10:10 PM
79	Please do not increase the number of SOC students	10/12/2016 8:58 PM
80	Parents of East Lansing School District children that live here and are not school of choice are not too happy with all the school of choice children that we have now. Very few school of choice parents participate in parent councils or assist with sporting programs, help with teacher luncheons etc... We know because we do! It not just about money its about stewardship of time and talent. Not everyone can give money but everyone needs to give of their time and talent. Also the drop off and pick up is overwhelming because most kids are driven to school now. This is do to school of choice, bus issues and bullying issues. At the MMS only 30 live close enough to walk. I also think we really need to look at disciplinary issues when allowing school of choice children in. I know some of these children were disruptive and problematic in their own schools and now are attending ours with some of the same problems. We know this because friends teach in other districts and now their problem becomes ours.	10/12/2016 7:16 PM
81	The proof is in the pudding - look at the data. Do we think this is working for local kids? No.	10/12/2016 6:22 PM
82	Once a school of choice kid is in, they should not be rejected to accommodate a permeable boundary kid or one that moved in the district real fast. We cannot afford to create a class system of kids that ranks their worth based on where they live.	10/12/2016 5:37 PM
83	My eldest son (class of '13) expressed that schools of choice kids were either athletes or trouble makers. I'm sure those are the ones that stood out to him. But I know two wonderful schools of choices families who've made wonderful, enriching contributions to the EL educational system in diverse ways unrelated to athletics or hooliganism.	10/12/2016 5:11 PM
84	Glad to be apart of this program because of this program my children are able to go to a school that fits their educational needs.	10/12/2016 5:04 PM
85	You must weigh where the money is coming in from vs what areas of education you are spending on and be sure the formula is working the way you'd like.	10/12/2016 3:48 PM
86	In five years I will have raised two children in ELPS. Despite instability of District decisions, my students will have received a very good education. But, neither were allowed to ride their bicycles to elementary school, and that is something that can be easily changed.	10/12/2016 3:36 PM
87	Schools of choice is a great program to foster diversity and help those in struggling school districts BUT having 25% of children from another school district erodes BOTH communities (the intake and the outtake) and is just an abuse of the system that sees children as extra dollars.	10/12/2016 2:50 PM
88	There has to be a point beyond which no more Schools of Choice students will be accepted. I would cap it at 25%. Adjust facilities accordingly.	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
89	Keep the STEM or even better STEAM course options!!!	10/12/2016 1:50 PM
90	Schools of choice is an important program to keep in place and possibly expand.	10/12/2016 12:12 PM
91	We were schools of choice parents until we moved in-district. We were grateful for the opportunity and I would not want to take that from other parents. We still need to do some leveling amongst schools and ensure that MacDonald can handle the number of students attending. I've heard that there isn't enough room in the cafeteria for all the students to sit for lunch. That isn't acceptable, if true.	10/12/2016 8:35 AM
92	I do not want to continue to live in East Lansing if the district continues with schools of choice. Rising enrollments for more funding do not equal solutions, only more problems.	10/12/2016 12:22 AM

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93	Don't create overcrowding, but remain welcoming.	10/11/2016 11:19 PM
94	Too many SOC students..	10/11/2016 11:05 PM
95	No	10/11/2016 10:45 PM
96	School of choice students should be tested to see if they are prepared to be a successful EL Student. Those passing the test(s) should be put in a lottery and accepted when their name is drawn.	10/11/2016 8:14 PM
97	Our kids have fit in without any problems.	10/11/2016 7:04 PM
98	no.	10/11/2016 7:02 PM
99	I am strongly against permeable boundaries for residents and especially for SOC. SOC were part of a lottery to be able to be in our district and should not move about. PB for residents greatly impacts elementary schools	10/11/2016 5:17 PM
100	I understand fully why it happens (I've worked in many Lansing schools), but I'm not sure it's the right solution to all of our schools' problems with funding.	10/11/2016 4:46 PM
101	Sometimes information regarding sports and extra curricular activities before the start of the school year seem to only be in the East Lansing area which is prohibitive to schools of choice students wanting to participate in these activities. Clubs and other things that are not well advertised out of the city boundaries make it restrictive to those that aren't in East Lansing to see signage.	10/11/2016 3:08 PM
102	Perhaps ELPS should concern itself with educating EL kids instead of importing gangsters to terrorize them.	10/11/2016 2:31 PM
103	I'm super curious to know how you plan to fit the current population of all 5 elementary schools into that middle school. The foresight on that one was brilliant.	10/11/2016 1:54 PM
104	At some point, enough is enough. Resident district children's needs should be paramount.	10/11/2016 12:13 PM
105	Resident students should NEVER have been forced to change schools to make room for SOC kids. Pinecrest forced to Whitehills. Hawks Nest is only important to you for tax revenue. You ignore our kids because you can. And stop the Red Cedar garbage. Just because some neighborhood activists hide behind a PAC doesn't make them right.	10/11/2016 12:04 PM
106	School of choice students should pay more for athletics and extra curricular activities than residents. Someone enjoying low taxes in Clinton County shouldn't get all the benefits of our schools without paying their fair share. School of choice spreads out the school community and therefore doesn't connect with the community and school ideal.	10/11/2016 11:45 AM
107	I think there should be a study done at the middle school and high school level to see what is the correct number of students per grade at those facilities. The middle school is crowded during lunch and the high school seems to be near capacity. We then should accept school of choice at all levels so that we are not overcrowded. I feel like we are (or are thinking of) accepting more elementary students bc we have the buildings than can be serviced at the upper levels and we are just cramming them in there. We should use school of choice to have a balanced budget for a set number of students so we can all work together. I feel like we are just taking as many elementary kids as we can get with no real plan for when they get in middle school when they are already eating lunch in the hallway and they will have no lockers at the high school.	10/11/2016 11:30 AM
108	Students with a history of behavior and learning challenges should not be accepted.	10/11/2016 11:22 AM
109	No.	10/11/2016 11:04 AM
110	Maybe there need to be some community conversations about the benefits of diversity (social, racial, gender, and economic) and how schools of choice make us a stronger community - if there are people that have an issue with schools of choice.	10/11/2016 10:45 AM
111	I think selection of schools of choice students should be based on academic merit.	10/11/2016 10:31 AM
112	Make sure the needs of the resident students and teachers are met.	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
113	None	10/11/2016 10:19 AM
114	No, but I would like to see better support for teachers that are near/at/over capacity. The kindergarten classrooms should both have full-time aides.	10/11/2016 10:19 AM
115	I would really like to see Mandarin added to the choices of languages being offered at both the middle school AND the high school!!!!!! We have such a rich community of Asian students at MSU and it's a shame not to take advantage of that. I understand having Spanish and French as these are both common languages throughout the world, but GERMAN is only useful in a handful of places. Our school is WAY behind in this regards as many schools, even HOLT, is now offering Mandarin!!! Please make this an option for our students!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	10/11/2016 10:13 AM
116	Our students have increased classroom size and less attention from teachers when we accept school of choice students. If people want to attend ELPS, they should move to East Lansing and pay the higher taxes to do so. School of choice students are receiving more educational benefit than residents of East Lansing.	10/11/2016 9:57 AM

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117	I do have to admit that I am frustrated that I pay reasonably high taxes to live in a nice school district while others can pay very low taxes and because ELPS wants to balance the budget allow many students in to the district.	10/11/2016 9:56 AM
118	In district moves also need to be looked at too. If committed to the neighborhood school model, this should be exception, not assume granted.	10/11/2016 9:50 AM
119	I'd like to see more schools of choice students.	10/11/2016 9:43 AM
120	Unfortunately not all schools are equal I think it's important for parents who care to get the quality education for the children	10/11/2016 9:12 AM
121	Schools of choice are a great tool to help balance out enrollment numbers year to year when you have fixed assets (buildings). It also adds to our district's diversity somewhat, which is also great. But it has been used as a tool to keep us from making hard choices about school closings and/or doubling down on how to attract families to our district. We need to either figure out how we are going to grow resident student numbers or we need to make some tough choices and stop robbing neighboring districts	10/11/2016 9:04 AM
122	I am all for diversity (having children with mixed race), but ultimately value the strength and loyalty of EL community residents first and foremost.	10/11/2016 9:01 AM
123	N/A	10/11/2016 9:00 AM
124	As a kid who was bused from school to school in the Lansing School District in the 70s, I know that being part of a large moving population makes outsiders. I don't think high numbers of choice kids are good for the choice kids either.	10/11/2016 8:49 AM
125	It is important for me that my children interact with diverse children and teachers	10/11/2016 8:43 AM
126	I would like to see more discussion, learning, and teaching about the various cultures represented throughout ELPS. Time should also be taken to celebrate Black History month as well as Latina, and Asian times of celebration.	10/11/2016 8:42 AM
127	I am satisfied with what I am seeing, I feel that ELPS has offered options to parents that are serious about kids education, and have appropriate guide lines in place for the school of choice program.	10/11/2016 8:38 AM
128	You need to crack down on drugs, it should not be hard to find out who deals on campus and get rid of them.	10/11/2016 8:32 AM
129	I would recommend it for any parents who want to have a choice for their child to receive the best possible education.	10/11/2016 7:42 AM
130	No	10/11/2016 5:46 AM
131	No	10/11/2016 3:31 AM
132	The residents also pay property taxes, that the schools of choice kids do not, and that's hard on the budget. On the other hand the schools of choice kids probably increase our diversity which is good. I wish there wasn't such a perceived disparity between education in Lansing and East Lansing.	10/10/2016 11:33 PM
133	no opinion	10/10/2016 10:51 PM
134	It has gotten out of control and we accept far too many school of choice students - they should NOT constitute a quarter of the school population. I know that my husband and I pay extremely high taxes - we moved to East Lansing BECAUSE of the school district and we pay taxes for our kids to attend. Pardon my strong feelings on this topic but I have had some very bad experiences with my son's class last year which was almost HALF school of choice.	10/10/2016 10:46 PM
135	Currently it appears the district is valuing SOC levels over satisfaction of actual in-district students and parents. I urge the district to put a 1yr moratorium on SOC and do an in-depth evaluation of in-district student numbers for the existing buildings.	10/10/2016 10:30 PM
136	Continuing to denude neighborhood schools in Lansing in order to keep our own neighborhood schools nicely filled is a practice we should be more deliberate about. Letting it continue as a default mechanism to avoid layoffs and to preserve a status quo for ourselves at the expense of community integrity for our immediately adjoining municipality, should be seen as the arguably reprehensible practice that it has become.	10/10/2016 9:39 PM
137	We are a school of choice family and I greatly appreciate the opportunity for my child to attend east Lansing schools. I hope that my younger son will have the same opportunity when he is a kindergartener in 4 years	10/10/2016 9:31 PM
138	Again, the sports thing. There is shady stuff happening and MHSAA rules have been broken. Other than that - there needs to be respect for the kids that come in to the district. It is like there is no attention paid to acknowledging there needs to be a better on-boarding process - give them support. Teach the kids that live in this district that they need to be nicer to those considered 'outsiders.'	10/10/2016 9:27 PM
139	I do not think that the enrollment of school of choice students should guide ELPS decisions.	10/10/2016 9:11 PM
140	See above. I am not against SOC but let's take care of in district kids before adding more kids just because of added money.	10/10/2016 8:49 PM

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141	The East Lansing schools should serve residents first as the primary funders of the schools.	10/10/2016 8:31 PM
142	Thank you for pointing out that schools of choice students provide revenue for programs that all ELPS students enjoy. I have overheard many negative comments/assertions about "all" SofC students being discipline problems or singlehandedly depressing test scores. Those statements are hurtful, patently false, and smack of racism.	10/10/2016 8:10 PM
143	I have zero problem with SOC students and I find it offensive that some in my community complain about SOC students as a euphemism when they really mean race. It is no longer socially acceptable to complain about race or social class, so they complain about SOC. Shame on them.	10/10/2016 7:51 PM
144	I value the contributions these students bring and the funds provide the opportunity to promote needed programming.	10/10/2016 7:50 PM
145	What our district needs is the high school to have an AstroTurf football field to better facilitate the needs of the district and community. Athletics is a draw to East Lansing. We need the facilities to support.	10/10/2016 7:50 PM
146	It would be nice of Lansing schools were much, much better so students didn't have to leave the district to get a quality education.	10/10/2016 7:14 PM
147	As long as no resident students are displaced, there is nothing wrong with accepting students from outside the district.	10/10/2016 7:03 PM
148	If ELPS does not decrease the number of school of choice students we will be moving out of this school district and doing of choice ourselves to save money on taxes. Also to give our kids a better education where there more resources available to them	10/10/2016 7:01 PM
149	I'm not opposed to accepting some schools of choice provided it doesn't create too large of class sizes, <=25 in elementary.	10/10/2016 6:57 PM
150	see above	10/10/2016 6:46 PM
151	I feel that schools of choice children are treated differently by some parents and staff. I send my son and daughter to ELPS despite working for Okemos Public Schools. I find it absurd that my children are not allowed to ride the bus to school when said bus is not full and the bus stop is in my neighborhood. For 5 years my daughter was told that as long as the bus was not full she could ride. This past year all that changed due to some parental involvement. I was disgusted to see that the School Board then decided to vote against all schools of choice kids and make it a policy that they can never ride the bus. As schools of choice parents we were never involved in this conversation. Many districts in the area actually encourage schools of choice kids to ride the bus. This helps to eliminate many of the problems that occur during drop off and pick up. The more students that ride the bus the less congested the parking lots will be. It is difficult for me to explain all of this to a 3rd grader when his friend just across the way rides the bus but he cannot. I do not want to use the word discrimination but I have no real choice. This dichotomy between schools of choice kids and in district kids has really made me second guess my decision to send my children to ELPS.	10/10/2016 6:37 PM
152	STOP accepting school of choice!!	10/10/2016 6:28 PM
153	Non district families should be on notice of not being able to attend ELPS when resident students within district provide adequate head count to fill classrooms. We need to focus on our own first and foremost.	10/10/2016 6:20 PM
154	My experience is that the schools of choice kids are wonderful children and they add to our community. However, that's not what I thought the district supported when we moved here. Choose one or the other and stick to it.	10/10/2016 6:15 PM
155	Adequate projections are crucial.	10/10/2016 6:13 PM
156	Yes, keep the students that want to give their best effort and kick out the kids that don't. No way resident kids should have their opportunities taken away because kids from other districts take up all the resources and teacher time with behavior issues and lack of parent support.	10/10/2016 6:11 PM
157	My experience at Pinecrest is the too many school of choice children are allowed in. The result is classrooms that exceed state numbers and a financial drain on the school district. In my opinion my childrens' education has been harmed by the excessive and irresponsible school of choice decisions.	10/10/2016 6:04 PM
158	Be smart and plan ahead.	10/10/2016 5:52 PM
159	Kindergarten classrooms seem to be increasingly stretched. Ratio is pushing the limit	10/10/2016 5:47 PM
160	No	10/10/2016 5:40 PM
161	I think we need to be very careful and take a long view when deciding whether or not to increase SOC numbers. I would like to keep schools open and improve them where the majority of East Lansing students live.	10/10/2016 5:34 PM
162	We need to build schools and infrastructure for our in district population. If our numbers fall from there then back fill with school of choice kids. NOT build for 25% more students than actually live here and stick residents with the tab. School of choice families will not pay for the building upgrades and technology enhancements - residents know this and your bond will fail and our in district kids will suffer for it.	10/10/2016 5:34 PM

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163	Elps should continue to offer schools of choice students the opportunity to attend	10/10/2016 5:32 PM
164	No	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
165	I don't see the a community that is proud of their school system anymore. I see a district that is divided. 75% of us are paying for a tech bond that is for 100% of the students. You are going to ask for more money to repair and update buildings and the school of choice parents will not be the ones helping to pay for this. i don't have he data for other services the district now has to provide, but I assume the dollar amount has gone up for special ed services. I also believe office referrals/detentions/suspensions have also risen. 10% or less is a good number if we are going to allow SOC. Not 1/4 of our students.	10/10/2016 5:26 PM
166	See prior note about Red Cedar scenario.	10/10/2016 5:17 PM
167	Obviously, there need to be reasonable limits on the numbers of school of choice students accepted, but a 23% rate seems reasonable. If research-supported studies find 23% is financially unsustainable, a slow and steady decrease back to 20% might be fiscally responsible. If, on the other hand, it turns out that, say, 25% would also be sustainable, I'd be OK with a slight increase, as well.	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
168	If there is such a high income from schools of choice students, it would benefit many of the students to have earlier access to GATE programming or something similar to challenge high achievers in the classrooms.	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
169	As of recent, we have started to regret our choice to keep our children in ELPS. The negative energy and time committed to the Red Cedar drama has impacted the culture of the district.	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
170	None	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
171	Not against them but stealing large numbers away from Lansing to jam our schools with kids so the board can open Red Cedar is a farce.	10/10/2016 5:06 PM
172	I want to emphasize that you need to hire extra teachers with some of the school of choice money. It is a big mistake to bring in so many school of choice students without a corresponding increase in teaching staff, which has led to overcrowded classrooms. Before I can support a bond for technology or buildings, I want to see funds spent on more teachers first.	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
173	If you want to raise the test scores of the kids...either teach completely to the test and forgo real education or require on a yearly basis that parents sign a code of conduct contract which outlines parental responsibility to get to know and respect the classroom educators, set aside home study time, be responsible for their student coming to school with the attitude that they will put forth their best effort every day!	10/10/2016 4:52 PM
174	No	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
175	Unless we want to shrink the number of schools, or reduce the size of the middle and high school, this isn't really a question.	10/10/2016 4:50 PM
176	there are trade offs because I know school of choice parents want the best for their children but do in district parents get a voice too?	10/10/2016 4:49 PM
177	We have amazing diversity in East Lansing among the resident population. My children have friends who are both resident and SOC but I would not say any of the SOC families are among those that are low-income or racially/ethnically diverse. I think our SOC policy is allowing middle and upper-class families in Lansing the opportunity to flee Lansing Public Schools and stay in their homes with lower taxes.	10/10/2016 4:46 PM
178	No	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
179	I strongly support the district continuing to accept school of choice students	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
180	Need to continue with the re purposing of the Red Cedar building & stop wasting time & taxpayer funds considering re-opening the school	10/10/2016 4:42 PM
181	Don't think it is fair I pay to educate School of Choice kids.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
182	Resident students parents seem MUCH more involved in all school issues and events. Parent involvement seems key to the success of our schools and students.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
183	It would be nice if there was something we could do for transportation for school of choice students. The parents have to sacrifice a lot just to ensure our kids receive good education.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
184	See above. The bottom line, we should reduce our reliance of school of choice kids, and reduce the crowding in our schools. The board seems to instead, want to increase SOC to justify opening a building we don't need and can't afford on our own. It is the wrong approach.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM

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185	I wish that schools of choice didn't have to exist - that the depressed communities in our area could be put back on track more swiftly - but perhaps selfishly I am not willing to make my children be the guinea pigs while this is in progress. We need critical mass, and I have not seen that happening yet.	10/10/2016 4:38 PM
186	The assumption that a neighborhood school cannot be diverse carries an implicit bias in and of itself and is disheartening...	10/10/2016 4:37 PM
187	No	10/10/2016 4:33 PM
188	As stated above, SOC should be a way to smooth out enrollment dips, not fill entire sections, classes or buildings. Once SOC children are here, they are our kids and we educated them just like every other child. However, I remain concerned about the impact our reliance on SOC has on Lansing Schools. As the set up for this question is supposed to lead one to conclude that ELPS can't lose afford \$5.9 million, what about Lansing Schools? If we can't afford it, surely they can't either. This school board and the school administrators need to have a real conversation about this with the community. Perhaps now is the time for us to ween ourselves off of SOC. When you have nearly 25% of your student body not residing in your district, something has gone awry.	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
189	My votes for school board candidates will be heavily influenced by those candidates who address the infrastructure needs rather than obsessing about the fate of Red Cedar Elementary.	10/10/2016 4:30 PM
190	I feel if school of choice student are allowed in East Lansing, their parents should have to pay high taxes like those of us living in East Lansing. I have to pay them why should their parents.	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
191	Living and dying by schools of choice is poor policy. We pay significant taxes to live in this district - schools of choice	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
192	I'm pretty sure the "Red Cedar" movement is behind a plan to pack the schools with SOC kids to cause over-crowding at Donley and elsewhere.	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
193	We should reduce the number and ratio of choice students to a maximum of 10 percent of the total.	10/10/2016 4:26 PM
194	class sizes need to stay as small as possible	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
195	I think that our School of Choice students, again, strengthen the diversity of our school community and, raise up the quality of education for all. Education is not just about academic achievement; it's also about becoming knowledgeable and learning to become invested in your community.	10/10/2016 4:23 PM
196	No	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
197	None	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
198	I welcome all students	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
199	No	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
200	With the multiple questions in regards to school of choice it seems this is more towards what people really think about schools choice being in your community.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
201	East Lansing is all old growth neighborhoods. Need to work with city council and school council to promote new families to move into area to increase our tax base our population etc. Schools of choice is a short term quick fix that is not a long term solution.	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
202	I think School of Choice increases the district diversity (particularly socio-economic and of color).	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
203	Fire the poor teachers. This should have been done long ago.	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
204	No.	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
205	No	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
206	Stop taxing me for school of choice kids.	10/10/2016 4:12 PM
207	Money isn't everything.	10/10/2016 3:10 PM
208	I think schools of choice students bring a lot to the school district. I understand it can be difficult to predict how many SoC children should be allowed in each year and that this can sometimes lead to larger class sizes. I think the main problem, however, lies with permeable boundaries which are at the root of large classroom problems.	10/10/2016 1:27 PM
209	Please look at class sizes across the board and make them more equitable. It is unfair to the teacher and my child that her 1st class has the highest number of children in it when other classes have at least 4 children less.	10/10/2016 1:15 PM
210	How much in state money is for facilities and programs and how much is for instruction? Any bond that you propose to the residents of East Lansing would be for facilities and programs. How are the soc children contributing in comparison to the residents?	10/10/2016 12:48 PM

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211	I support accepting school of choice children as long as pupils per classroom levels remain at an acceptable level as defined by educational research.	10/10/2016 12:24 PM
212	I understand and support the minimal use of SOC, but would REALLY like to see an actual articulated multi year plan re: enrollment projections by ELPS. I recognize the argument that these numbers are only in the future. Yet somehow other districts manage to do it and have vibrant districts that don't rob their neighboring less fortunate districts of students who have involved parents & supports to allow them to be SOC families. We need to encourage people to continue to move into the district.	10/10/2016 11:38 AM
213	I have other friends very down on school-of-choice children entering the district, when it results in large class sizes. Which guess I agree with, to a certain extent. I think there are other solutions, though (such as all teachers having aides).	10/10/2016 11:14 AM
214	The other issues I'd highlight related to schools of choice is 1. my child had very few students from our neighborhood in his classroom. It made it very difficult for to make friends the first year. During the second year, there are more neighborhood students in the class, and as a result, a whole group of friends was gained. The second issue is I don't see how teachers have been prepared to work with students from different backgrounds, experiences, and skillsets. I believe teachers need more support in these areas.	10/10/2016 11:14 AM
215	I believe in the Schools of Choice option, but I also believe there should be some level of financial participation by SOC families. I was a SOC family for one year, and felt guilty, using the wonderful resources with no contribution. We moved within the first year and have lived here ever since.	10/10/2016 10:43 AM
216	We can't keep increasing the number each year. I am happy to have schools of choice students but there needs to be a cap.	10/10/2016 10:04 AM
217	I would strongly urge East Lansing to taper the number of choice students and to participate in more progressive means of strengthening public education. School of choice is destructive policy and will eventually contribute to the dismantling of public education.	10/10/2016 9:52 AM
218	I want to see someone do an analysis of student projections...how many are residents, how many SOC are needed, what are the finances of the schools...I have yet to see any data analysis.	10/10/2016 9:30 AM
219	I believe there needs to be more oversight and procedures related to how SOC students are allocated to buildings. Here are some of my questions: How can Marble be over capacity in 1st grade (26 in each class for a total of 52 students), when Donley has 35 kids split between 2 classes (average of 17.5 students in each class) and Whitehills has 54 kids in 3 classes (average of 18 students in each class). That means Marble has 8-9 more kids in their classrooms compared to Donley and Whitehills. How is that equitable? Especially since the 1st grade class at Marble has 4 SOC kids in the grade. There were no new SOC this year for 1st grade at Marble but why were those SOC allowed in the first place during the kindergarten year? Marble 2015-2016 kindergarten classes had 24 students each and Whitehills had 3 sections with an average class size of 18 and Donley had 2 sections with an average class size of 19. 2 - In 2014-2015, Marble's 1st grade class had 54 resident students in it but it was kept at 2 sections. Whitehills this year has 54 students in 3 sections. Why did they break the Whitehills group into 3 sections but didn't do the same for Marble considering at the time, Marble had an empty classroom that could have been used for that 3rd section? 3 - How can Marble be over capacity in 3rd grade (29/30 in each class for a total of 59 students), when Donley has 41 kids split between 2 classes and Whitehills has 62 kids in 3 classes. Whitehills has over 26 non-residents in its 3rd grade class. Why wasn't Marble allocate some of those students to make a 3rd section seem reasonable? It seems like Marble is repeatedly penalized and not provided the 3rd section when over capacity. 4 - The 4th grade class at Marble is not overcapacity; however, it does have 12 more students compared to Donley's 4th grade classes. There are 10 non-residents in 4th grade at Marble. Why are the NR students not moved to another building to allow class sizes among buildings to not have such a large disparity. 1) What is the policy/decision-making at the central level to manage class sizes across the district, and what efforts are made to seek something that resembles equitable class sizes between buildings? 2) Who makes decisions about when to open additional sections? (ie. 1st grade this year: Marble, 52 students=2 classes; Whitehills, 54 students=3 classes). What criteria are considered, and on what timeline? 3) What is the formal policy in assigning SOC and PB placements when students first arrive in the ELPS system? What happens if a student/family prefers a building that is historically at, or over, capacity, or is trending that way in several grades? 4) What other formal policies are in place to either proactively manage class sizes across the district, policies that are "triggered" (i.e., parapro) when a class goes over cap, additional resources that are "triggered" by policy when a school is at or over capacity at several grade levels? Who monitors this?	10/10/2016 9:02 AM
220	Please stop school of choice students! Close an elementary school. We should not artificially inflate our numbers to keep schools open. I am nervous for our precarious future.	10/10/2016 8:14 AM
221	Only that this Board seems to forget that after swamping the elementary schools with SOC, they all still have to squeeze into one Middle School.	10/9/2016 10:30 PM
222	Advertise ... advertise ... advertise the things that are unique and special about the district. Strengthen what is weak, raise the bar on what's already good.	10/9/2016 10:25 PM

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223	I support schools of choice to fill in existing gaps in classroom capacity. I do not support adding classes or buildings/additions to support additional schools of choice enrollees.	10/9/2016 10:23 PM
224	There needs to be a blend of both schools of choice of students and resident students and all students should feel welcome. I really think the ELPS should mimic the diversity of East Lansing with the student body as well. SoC may allow us to do that.	10/9/2016 9:28 PM
225	The number of SOC's accepted for any school should be considered after the needs of district residents in the local neighborhoods are met.	10/9/2016 8:02 PM
226	Please annex entire Hawk Nest neighborhood into ELPS. Our neighborhood is chopped up into different districts!	10/9/2016 7:30 PM
227	Eliminate school of choice.	10/9/2016 7:15 PM
228	School of choice is not bad as long it doesn't take away from the resident students and that the resident tax base it not required to bridge the gap created by high numbers of school of choice when they do not contribute to the tax base to support the school.	10/9/2016 6:28 PM
229	I think there are plenty of inexpensive housing options (apartments and variety of homes) that would enable families to move here if they really wanted their kids in our schools. We should absolutely not reopen a closed elementary and fill with more school of choice.	10/9/2016 6:26 PM
230	The fertility rate is declining in educated communities throughout the United States. Immigration is the key contributor to population increases. More young adults oppose having children due to job insecurity, climate change, lack of social supports, rigid school programs that label children, and demands to medicate children for what was once considered typical child behavior. It is risky to use past data and assumptions for population projections, and East Lansing and other districts - especially in areas with high levels of education - should simply prepare for smaller school populations. http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/prepare-21st-century-exodus-migrants I support diverse schools, but I also support small neighborhood schools and small class sizes, no more than 18 students, especially for elementary students and high-level classes like calculus. http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/prepare-21st-century-exodus-migrants	10/9/2016 5:28 PM
231	We should consider bringing additional school of choice students, not fewer.	10/9/2016 5:22 PM
232	The SOC students must be treated equally and with respect. The volume of SOC students must be managed carefully to maximize funding without causing over crowding, and minimizing significant new bond debt for their proportional space.	10/9/2016 4:31 PM
233	The root of class size and other problems is not SOC. It is the rotten decision making by past BOE's. Closing schools , adding on to schools and reconfiguring schools in a very haphazard way has led to today's issues. It is a shame. In fact, Survey question #25 is a poorly written 'piece of crap' leading question. Who wrote it? They should be ashamed.	10/9/2016 4:23 PM
234	The community needs to E educated in why EL takes SOC and what their district would look like w/o them. I don't know that some realize you can't have your 5 walkable elementaries and your programs -fine arts, AP, etc- at the HS without SOC.	10/9/2016 1:44 PM
235	School of choice should continue to be used if there is an unusual low number of students in a grade but should not be used as an income generator if classrooms are full. School of choice should not be used to open a building.	10/9/2016 1:35 PM
236	Na	10/9/2016 10:43 AM
237	We need to lower the numbers and stop listening to some current board members who clearly lack basic math skills.	10/9/2016 9:33 AM
238	I believe in equal access, which means that children from outside the district should have access to the wonderful schools in our district.	10/9/2016 9:27 AM
239	If we decrease the amount of school of choice students we loose the ability to maintain our current school structure. We break apart friendships for students. We lose some of the amazing staff East Lansing has recruited and hired. Our district is fortunate to have the best teachers around. I personally, don't want to loose that.	10/9/2016 8:42 AM
240	Residents should get first opportunity of course, but then open it up, at a level the district finds reasonable. I am very concerned about class size though, and we need more teachers so we can better serve all our students.	10/9/2016 7:50 AM
241	I support the idea of schools of choice. However, it is difficult for me to except that it is financially beneficial to us when classroom and building populations have been pushed to extremes. Pinecrest is overcrowded. The influx of schools of choice students has reduced the quality of attention and space that tax paying families moved into East Lansing for. I am also concerned that we are excepting so many students with such intense needs that they are using critical (and expensive) supports.	10/9/2016 12:09 AM
242	If it saves money, then go for it. If it doesn't, then don't.	10/8/2016 11:31 PM

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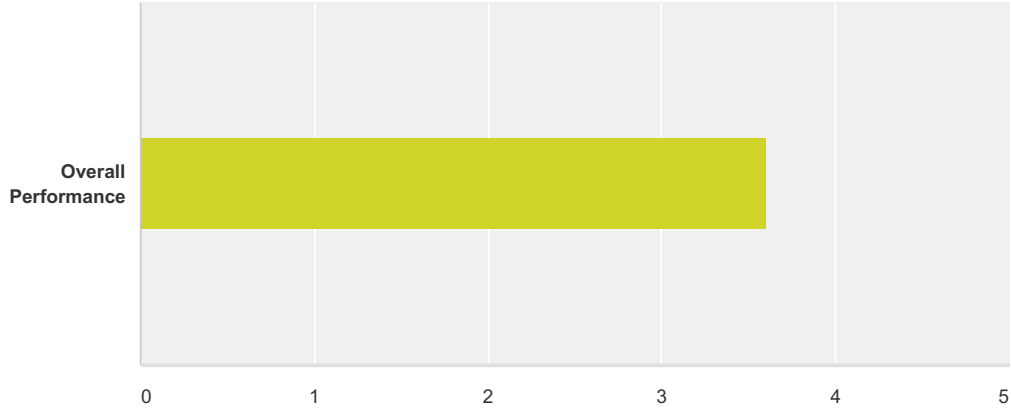
243	I think that state funding drives this issue. Schools get money based on the students attending. If there are not enough residents to fill a school in a financially viable way, then the district has to make a choice -- close a school or add SOC students. Without knowing the numbers or the budget situation, this is not an issue that a random person can address in a relevant way. It would make sense to continue to operate the schools you have if you can balance the budget and not over-crowd classrooms/buildings with SOC students.	10/8/2016 9:56 PM
244	Serve our population first, or we will begin to leave for other schools.	10/8/2016 9:49 PM
245	Would like to see lower class sizes	10/8/2016 9:32 PM
246	Change question 25 to a weighted answer instead of yes and no and I may value the results of this survey.	10/8/2016 9:06 PM
247	1. The number has to be limited, so that school of choice students do not cause overcrowding. The overall number of students per class has to be decided according to educational criteria and should condition the number of school of choice students accepted. 2. We should not contribute to the decay of Lansing schools. 3. This should not mean tax avoidance by well to do school of choice families and lack of tax revenue for our schools.	10/8/2016 8:59 PM
248	If ELPS works with the city, we can work to increase our resident population. It is increasing now. I would rather focus on that than continue to increase/rely on SOC.	10/8/2016 8:52 PM
249	The board could care less about our opinion on the matter. School of choice removes the incentive for families to buy in EL. My kids are entitled to be surrounded by the students I choose. My husband and I worked hard and funded both of our masters degrees after serving in the military so we could provide the best education for our kids. We pay a mortgage payment every month to a graduate school loan. We worked hard and nothing was handed to us from our families. we have made sacrifices in our lives because we value education. The world is not fair sometimes, my kids should not have to suffer because other families can't get their act together. I want my kids surrounded by kids who come from homes with educated parents. Call it what you want- some of the board calls it elitist and racist. We don't see it that way.	10/8/2016 7:45 PM
250	School of choice numbers need to be reduced. Our schools are overcrowded and teachers are burned out!	10/8/2016 6:29 PM
251	We should not be opening a school in EL forcing closure of one in Lansing.	10/8/2016 5:08 PM
252	Support them and take care of them because once they enroll in our schools they belong to us.	10/8/2016 4:45 PM
253	I do not think the ELPS should base its decisions on school of choice students.	10/8/2016 3:37 PM
254	The proponents of schools of choice tend to turn the subject in to a race conflict. This is a socio-economic issue. This is a matter of respecting other cultures and assimilating at the same time to East Lansing culture.	10/8/2016 2:24 PM
255	Schools of choice have helped the district, but they cannot be seen as the future of the district. There must be a stable resident population and SOC should only supplement.	10/8/2016 1:51 PM
256	I think the district really needs to rethink this.	10/8/2016 1:18 PM
257	Keep Red Cedar closed. That decision has been made	10/8/2016 1:03 PM
258	If we accept SoC students, we MUST treat them as students, not second-class citizens. Once they are here, they are family. It should not be an us/them treatment of students.	10/8/2016 12:40 PM
259	I live in the Hawk's Nest neighborhood and I believe you should let schools of choice students in this neighborhood ride the bus to school and home if there is space. We are unhappy that our children were allowed to ride every year (one of my children is in 7th grade and rode the bus with no problems from Kindergarten until 6th grade) and this year we were told they can not ride the bus. If the bus is not over crowded, this should not be an issue. I have talked to parents in surrounding districts and they allow schools of children on the bus as long as the parent gets the child to a pre-set bus stop. We are not asking you to create another stop or to over crowd the bus. If the bus is truly overcrowded, I am more than happy to provide the transportation. Many of my neighbors who are also schools of choice feel the same way. Little things like this are what keeps parents happy and give good feedback about the district. Another suggestion would be for you to annex the portion of Hawk's Nest that is Lansing Schools into your district. This is a growing neighborhood and would help with your enrollment. I feel a lot more houses would be built with young families in them if the school district was East Lansing.	10/8/2016 11:13 AM
260	The unfortunate part is that it seems like out of district parents are not engaged with the school board issues or much volunteerism in the schools, not sure how that can be changed.	10/8/2016 11:11 AM
261	Presently it feels like SOC kids are being treated better than resident kids. Our board constantly looks out for their interests assuming resident kids have the most involved parents when that isn't always true. It would be nice to feel like my kids were just as important. Again, very poor planning from the board makes me distrustful.	10/8/2016 11:07 AM
262	No	10/8/2016 10:30 AM

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263	I have been opposed to schools of choice students since it started - I bought in EL to avoid the problems that occur in the city schools. I would prefer the district to be a smaller size than to allow schools of choice students. Allowing them in has taken away from the "community" of East Lansing and has made it another city school.	10/8/2016 10:20 AM
264	Stop increasing the size of classes by allowing more school of choice students BUT refuse to hire more teachers.	10/8/2016 9:49 AM
265	my fear is that the bond will fail if this section or your survey is not handled properly. Being force fed leading information is a sure fire way to defeat the bond.	10/8/2016 8:56 AM
266	Look seriously at permeable boundries. If our schools are supposed to be supported by the surrounding neighborhoods, it can't happen when people are using permeable boundaries to go to a different school in the district	10/8/2016 8:20 AM
267	Ultimately, schools are about community.	10/8/2016 8:11 AM
268	School of Choice students should be excepted only to fill out a partially filled classroom. All other expenses should be cut to align with that level of revenue. Including salaries and benefits. EL will still be able to attract good personnel because of its intangibles. It does not require large salaries. Cut staff starting at the top.	10/7/2016 11:37 PM
269	Leave the students in their neighborhood school. Save money on the ridiculous busing.	10/7/2016 3:26 PM
270	I don't know what the process is for selecting SOC students. I hope that there is an admissions process that makes certain SOC students are grade-level ready to take classes with their resident peers.	10/7/2016 3:00 PM
271	We have lived in East Lansing since 1995, had three children go through the schools and paid the exhorbitantly high property taxes. And at this point in my life, I am tired of paying so much for city and school district programs directly with usage/pay to play fees, etc., and indirectly through some of the highest property taxes in Michigan. And non-residents get the same access for either no additional direct cost, or minimal (few dollars) additional per visit or class fees & none of the property tax burden.	10/7/2016 1:34 PM

Q31 Based on your experience, please rate the district's overall performance in regard to quality of education and programs.

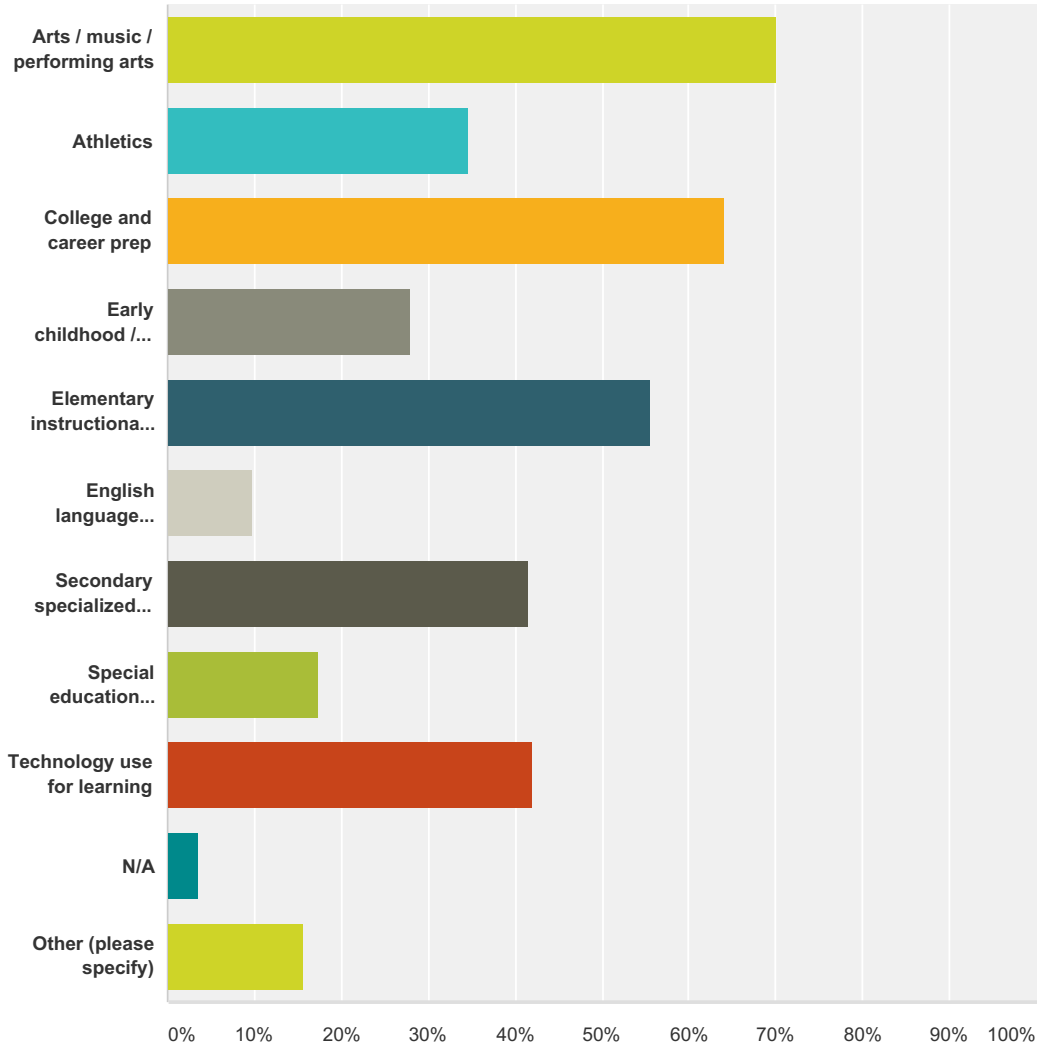
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	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A or I Don't Know	Total	Weighted Average
Overall Performance	11.62% 83	46.64% 333	26.89% 192	8.12% 58	2.10% 15	4.62% 33	714	3.60

Q32 Which current programs are most important to your family? (check all that apply)

Answered: 723 Skipped: 294



Answer Choices	Responses	
Arts / music / performing arts	70.12%	507
Athletics	34.58%	250
College and career prep	64.18%	464
Early childhood / preschool	27.94%	202
Elementary instructional programs	55.46%	401
English language learners (ELL)	9.82%	71
Secondary specialized programs (such as Advanced Placement (AP) courses); please specify in the box below	41.49%	300
Special education programming	17.29%	125

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Technology use for learning	41.91%	303
N/A	3.60%	26
Other (please specify)	15.63%	113
Total Respondents: 723		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	honestly, I just want my kids to get a solid educational foundation and have access to art, music, and physical education	11/4/2016 1:19 PM
2	The ability to offer opportunities to advanced children.	11/4/2016 1:18 PM
3	Community involvement	11/4/2016 12:55 PM
4	Speech therapy	11/4/2016 12:43 PM
5	Kids have graduated	11/4/2016 11:12 AM
6	Honors X2 collaboration with MSU Honors College, Science night events with MSU faculty and students	11/3/2016 3:01 PM
7	Instilling multiculturalism	11/3/2016 2:46 PM
8	Programs are in the works that will enhance the learning of students though personal instruction through use of algorithms. The student gets instant feedback. I see this as the wave of the future for our schools.	11/3/2016 1:46 PM
9	Like the Pre-AP. offerings at the high school, need more emphasis at lower grades on STEM.	11/3/2016 10:05 AM
10	foreign/modern languages	11/3/2016 9:54 AM
11	Science programming at the elementary level	11/2/2016 11:06 AM
12	Any advanced/honors courses that provide rigorous and enriching academic opportunities for students.	10/30/2016 4:16 PM
13	Any AP courses that provide opportunity to get college credit, especially in STEM and gen ed courses	10/28/2016 6:14 PM
14	AP	10/28/2016 7:06 AM
15	Healthy Living, Nutritional Education, Physical Education	10/27/2016 1:52 PM
16	AP courses are important (though our children are not yet old enough)	10/26/2016 9:53 AM
17	Social worker	10/25/2016 10:30 PM
18	My children are young and not ELL.	10/25/2016 3:09 PM
19	AP Courses. Performing arts are also a fantastic resource.	10/25/2016 12:44 PM
20	AP classes, GATE programs with MSU, and dual enrollment options	10/25/2016 10:01 AM
21	AP classes are critical.	10/25/2016 9:44 AM
22	AP courses are very important	10/25/2016 7:45 AM
23	We need to extend Spanish offerings to include the second AP Spanish class so kids who start language in 7th grade do not have a gap year before college.	10/24/2016 9:37 PM
24	vocational choices	10/23/2016 8:23 PM
25	Science, mathematics, AP courses	10/23/2016 2:31 PM
26	Gifted and Talented or lack thereof	10/22/2016 12:17 PM
27	French six would be a wonderful option for our students.	10/22/2016 6:44 AM
28	I	10/20/2016 9:19 PM
29	Career prep for Trades	10/20/2016 10:48 AM
30	We love Honors Times Two and how teachers strive to challenge advanced students.	10/20/2016 12:08 AM
31	Foreign languages	10/19/2016 6:50 PM
32	programs for high achieving students	10/19/2016 2:04 PM
33	V	10/19/2016 9:46 AM

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34	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send my children to private schools. Then it asks me questions about ELPS	10/19/2016 9:41 AM
35	My daughter took US history, English, Calc, chemistry	10/19/2016 8:34 AM
36	Integration!!	10/17/2016 3:00 PM
37	AP	10/17/2016 12:01 PM
38	accelerated learning opportunities. Prevent boredom.l	10/14/2016 11:46 AM
39	RTI	10/13/2016 10:32 PM
40	world language instruction	10/12/2016 4:30 PM
41	AP and language	10/12/2016 4:08 PM
42	Honors and/or Advanced Placement options, moreover, programs that allow more individualized learning paths based on ability	10/12/2016 2:51 PM
43	programs to challenge high performing elementary students	10/12/2016 1:26 PM
44	It is very encouraging that Marble started a social/emotional portion to their programming!!!!!!	10/12/2016 10:32 AM
45	Biology, Math, Chemistry, USA History	10/12/2016 9:55 AM
46	All of these are important. Must balance needs.	10/11/2016 11:24 PM
47	Need foreign language taught at elementary level to be cutting edge	10/11/2016 11:09 PM
48	good teaching science and hands on learning . after achool clubs or such to harness curiosity at such ages.	10/11/2016 10:50 PM
49	foreign languages	10/11/2016 10:11 PM
50	Would like to see attention training resources (e.g. mindfulness)	10/11/2016 7:05 PM
51	well rounded student who can work with others and cares about all students to get him ready for real life	10/11/2016 11:34 AM
52	The available AP courses have greatly benefited my children.	10/11/2016 11:10 AM
53	Physical Education and Sports	10/11/2016 11:05 AM
54	More advanced learning opportunities for elementary aged children.	10/11/2016 9:53 AM
55	Elementary second language (Spanish or Chinese)	10/11/2016 9:47 AM
56	AP	10/11/2016 8:57 AM
57	pre-AP and APOptions	10/11/2016 8:52 AM
58	Leadership and Public Speaking (Dale Carnegie Course), Community Service Opportunities	10/11/2016 8:50 AM
59	More opportunities to learn other languages	10/10/2016 10:59 PM
60	teach good citizenship.	10/10/2016 9:30 PM
61	Advanced classes for college.	10/10/2016 8:35 PM
62	AP courses	10/10/2016 8:27 PM
63	Greater commitment to helping high performing students understand and take advantage of AP, Dual Enrollment and other opportunities.	10/10/2016 8:23 PM
64	Band and orchestra program is the only area where EL stands out. Should receive additional staff and funding, be used as a magnet.	10/10/2016 8:09 PM
65	The counseling, guidance office as well as the registrar office needs to be retooled. We almost pulled two of our children out of the district because of the incompetence in those offices. The secretary saved the day!!!	10/10/2016 8:00 PM
66	MORE emphasis on teaching about understanding across different identities would be both wonderful and necessary!	10/10/2016 7:54 PM
67	Diversity and social justice.	10/10/2016 7:53 PM
68	Ok	10/10/2016 7:25 PM
69	Opportunities to be creative independently	10/10/2016 7:16 PM

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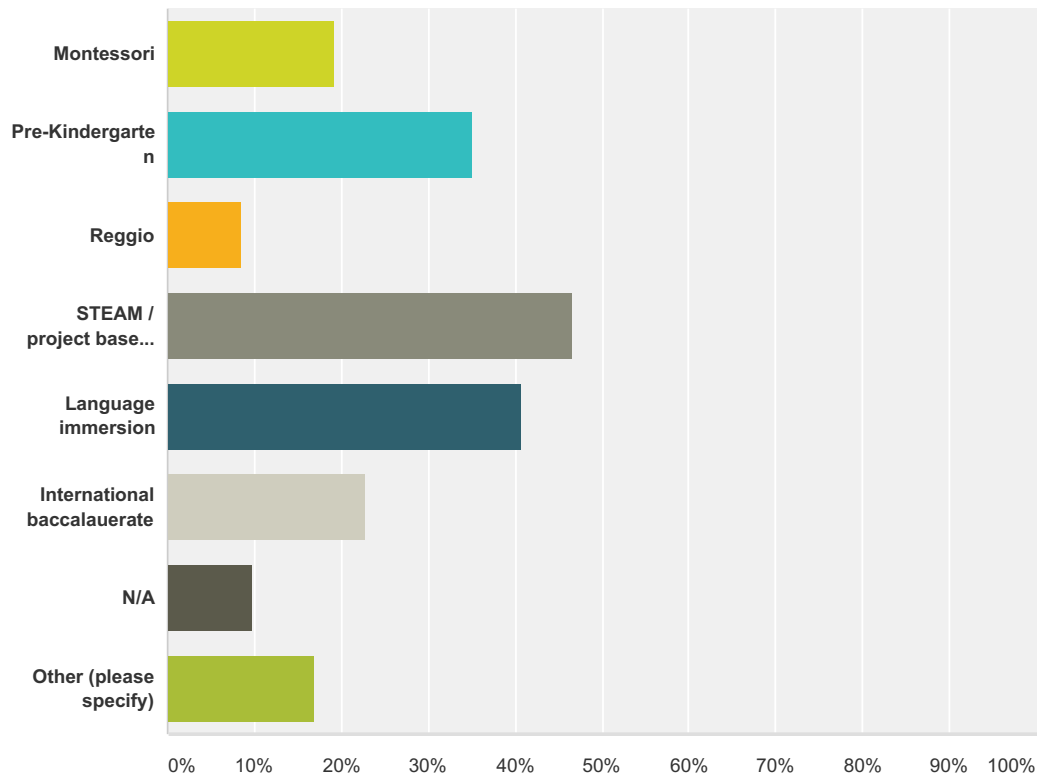
70	All	10/10/2016 6:24 PM
71	Science.	10/10/2016 6:23 PM
72	Routine and regular excellent and inspired instruction, with more teachers and assistants helping all children.	10/10/2016 6:15 PM
73	high achieving classes beyond what is required for graduation	10/10/2016 5:55 PM
74	AP classes	10/10/2016 5:49 PM
75	AP courses, STEM opportunities and creative technology curriculum.	10/10/2016 5:38 PM
76	foreign language immersion at early grade levels	10/10/2016 5:28 PM
77	Offering Japanese language	10/10/2016 5:10 PM
78	AP, HONORS	10/10/2016 4:59 PM
79	Basic study skills / Basic social skills (e.g. anti bullying, diversity)	10/10/2016 4:59 PM
80	dual-credit and early college enrollment programs	10/10/2016 4:45 PM
81	Recognition of student cultural/economic diversity	10/10/2016 4:41 PM
82	Get back to basics - to many students are graduating that can't even cook, balance a check book, or even mend a piece of clothing	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
83	All AP classes	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
84	AP classes	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
85	Gifted and talented.	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
86	AP courses for college prep	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
87	AP Courses	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
88	Math and Science focus.	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
89	My children are high achievers and I wish EL had more of a track for them.	10/10/2016 1:16 PM
90	STEAM	10/10/2016 11:29 AM
91	There is literally nothing for advanced students until you hit high school with AP	10/10/2016 10:07 AM
92	We need to support struggling students better.	10/9/2016 11:20 PM
93	Clubs in the high school are very important	10/9/2016 10:28 PM
94	AP classes. I also had a child in special ed	10/9/2016 6:32 PM
95	STEM topics at all levels	10/9/2016 5:34 PM
96	Language instruction	10/9/2016 9:29 AM
97	Better services for ADHD or other LD students who do not qualify for Special Ed, Smaller class size, daily elementary foreign language instruction	10/9/2016 7:45 AM
98	before and after school care programs	10/8/2016 10:01 PM
99	Foreign Language	10/8/2016 9:14 PM
100	Waiting to begin foreign language until middle school is ridiculous.	10/8/2016 8:30 PM
101	We need gifted programs at lower levels	10/8/2016 7:48 PM
102	Accelerated programs at middle school	10/8/2016 5:37 PM
103	Including Special Education kids in mainstream programming with support as much as possible	10/8/2016 4:51 PM
104	Lets fund science as much as sports!	10/8/2016 2:27 PM
105	Absolutely no options at the high school. Please change this! Also, they need earlier language programs	10/8/2016 1:21 PM
106	It would be good to see more foreign language offerings	10/8/2016 12:46 PM
107	AP Computer Science!	10/8/2016 11:21 AM
108	Computer science and advanced course related to engineering	10/8/2016 11:15 AM

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109	AP courses	10/8/2016 10:34 AM
110	Extension learners are often not addressed	10/8/2016 8:22 AM
111	Steam, Ap classes, courses for college credit, and language immersion	10/7/2016 6:04 PM
112	K-12 Technology and Engineering Education programming for complete technological literacy.	10/7/2016 4:19 PM
113	Gifted education - sorely lacking at ELPS, especially at the elementary level.	10/7/2016 2:31 PM

Q33 What programs would you like ELPS to add? (check all that apply)

Answered: 664 Skipped: 353



Answer Choices	Responses
Montessori	19.28% 128
Pre-Kindergarten	35.09% 233
Reggio	8.58% 57
STEAM / project based learning	46.54% 309
Language immersion	40.66% 270
International baccalaurate	22.74% 151
N/A	9.79% 65
Other (please specify)	16.87% 112
Total Respondents: 664	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Languages starting in Elementary education. Spanish in the Elementary.	11/4/2016 6:16 PM
2	elementary language.	11/4/2016 5:44 PM
3	K	11/4/2016 2:38 PM
4	A truly progressive curriculum. A lab school with MSU.	11/4/2016 1:20 PM

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5	Coding & technology classes in the high school ASAP.	11/4/2016 1:18 PM
6	bring back certified librarians at all schools!	11/4/2016 10:34 AM
7	additional gifted and talented options at elementary and middle school level, not necessarily running through the university.	11/3/2016 3:01 PM
8	How do you expect to pay for these suggestions	11/3/2016 11:23 AM
9	Additional mental health supports	11/2/2016 11:06 AM
10	Rather work on quality of current education	11/1/2016 11:13 AM
11	technology	10/31/2016 8:03 PM
12	Early morning strings (was offered for a number of years)	10/30/2016 7:34 PM
13	All of these programs would be wonderful, but the scarcity of general fund dollars (and the inability of local communities to provide them, even if they wanted to) make most of these suggestions purely "pie in the sky" ideas. Maintain a well-rounded (not JUST math and natural science) curriculum, allow the creativity and ingenuity of your education professionals to guide improvements, and tap into the unique opportunities surely available to a district located next to a leading research university. Perhaps easier said than done, but move forward thus and the ELPS will inevitably be a top-notch school district.	10/30/2016 4:16 PM
14	IB makes sense in a university community. With faculty sabbaticals, it is a wonderful option to be able to have both for MSU faculty going to other communities and for faculty coming to MSU for sabbatical.	10/28/2016 9:32 AM
15	Gifted and talented	10/28/2016 7:06 AM
16	Healthy Living, Nutritional Education, Physical Education	10/27/2016 1:52 PM
17	More opportunities for at-risk students...	10/27/2016 11:43 AM
18	elementary world language programming - not immersion classes necessarily, but at least one or two languages at elementary	10/26/2016 9:53 AM
19	Bring red cedar back as an elementary	10/26/2016 8:51 AM
20	I would like to see MMS offer athletics and language for 6th graders - seems so focused on 7th & 8th	10/26/2016 6:53 AM
21	Foreign language in elementary school (not necessarily immersion)	10/25/2016 10:30 PM
22	Don't add programs until you can do well with what you already have	10/25/2016 8:20 PM
23	I'd like them too add better differentiated instruction.	10/25/2016 3:09 PM
24	Steam for all kids not a magnet school.	10/24/2016 9:37 PM
25	Any of the above that can be afforded - the most important is the one that reaches the most broadly	10/23/2016 6:27 PM
26	Gifted and Talented	10/22/2016 12:17 PM
27	Language at the elementary level and language past the current AP ones offered, ie French 6.	10/22/2016 6:44 AM
28	I think they need to get stuff under control before adding. My kids got a great education, even if it was before all of these "fancy" programs. Now, ELPS is neither fancy or high-quality.	10/19/2016 12:06 PM
29	I think the ship has passed for us to be a leader on innovative programming. If anything, our best shot would be to give up trying to innovate, in instead provide leadership on providing leadership against testing culture, reinvesting in teachers making decisions for themselves about what works for their classes, etc. Doing less would be the most radical thing we could do at this point.	10/19/2016 10:39 AM
30	Integrate technology throughout the curriculum.	10/19/2016 9:46 AM
31	Neighborhood school	10/19/2016 9:41 AM
32	Much more serious and personalized college advising.	10/18/2016 4:37 PM
33	None! Focus on raising the level of your current academic programming. Maybe it's elements of all of the above but do not put all your eggs into one basket.	10/17/2016 2:59 PM
34	Programs for advanced students at the elementary and middle school level.	10/16/2016 10:08 PM
35	infant and toddler thru pre-K	10/16/2016 2:25 PM
36	accelerated learning for gifted and talented	10/14/2016 11:46 AM

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37	STEAM, but not at only one school. Curriculum based.	10/14/2016 10:47 AM
38	STEAM as a creative art (special), not a whole school program.	10/13/2016 10:32 PM
39	tutoring	10/13/2016 4:06 PM
40	Please define above. I'm aware of Montessori, but unfamiliar with STEAM or Reggio	10/12/2016 5:17 PM
41	earlier and higher quality world language instruction	10/12/2016 4:30 PM
42	STEAM is just acronym describing what should already be being taught in our schools.	10/12/2016 3:39 PM
43	You need to explain what Reggio is, never heard of it before.	10/12/2016 1:55 PM
44	Some type of gifted and talented program	10/12/2016 10:24 AM
45	foreign language should be taught at elementary level to be competitive with Okemos, Haslett, Dewitt, etc.	10/11/2016 11:09 PM
46	solid academics	10/11/2016 10:50 PM
47	You don't	10/11/2016 9:56 PM
48	Program for gifted elementary students	10/11/2016 9:21 PM
49	Basis Schools (See Scottsdale AZ)	10/11/2016 8:17 PM
50	Too vague to answer	10/11/2016 7:04 PM
51	So thankful Tracey Barton has taken the initiative to bring project based learning to our school, knowing for our kids it will be amazing	10/11/2016 5:21 PM
52	Year Round Calendar	10/11/2016 3:41 PM
53	Maybe hire at least one competent science teacher	10/11/2016 2:34 PM
54	I don't like specialized programs, I prefer the broader generalized education which allows students to experience many avenues before committing to a particular path.	10/11/2016 1:57 PM
55	I think our technology course offerings at the high school need to be updated. The middle school has better and more technology classes like video production than at the high school	10/11/2016 11:34 AM
56	See previous comments about adding Mandarin language classes!!!!!!	10/11/2016 10:15 AM
57	Focus on improving the quality of programs in place.	10/11/2016 10:00 AM
58	I would really REALLY love language immersion programs or just some opportunities in early elementary to learn a second language	10/11/2016 9:47 AM
59	Theme-based programs are faddish and unsupportable. I'd love to see EL continue to focus on educating kids rather than attempt to attract constituencies of new choice parents with most of these things.	10/11/2016 8:57 AM
60	More foreign languages incl. Chinese, Arabic	10/11/2016 8:41 AM
61	I think one of the districts greatest weaknesses, especially compared to other districts of similar caliber, is that there is so little teaching of foreign languages in early years -- almost non-existent.	10/11/2016 12:06 AM
62	Elem. schools should teach more grammar, science, and history.	10/10/2016 11:55 PM
63	Only what they can afford to offer w/o detracting from other classrooms and schools. Improve what we have going or have had to let go first and then add.	10/10/2016 8:14 PM
64	We can't manage the programs we current have why would we want to add more? Yes, I just answered a question with a question...	10/10/2016 8:00 PM
65	We know that early pre school improves educational outcomes. We should do the right thing and offer quality pre-K programming for our kids.	10/10/2016 7:54 PM
66	All or any of these!	10/10/2016 7:53 PM
67	Any other choice	10/10/2016 6:48 PM
68	I do not like the Connected Math Project used in the middle school	10/10/2016 6:42 PM
69	Focus on doing things right, not doing more!	10/10/2016 6:30 PM
70	elementary-level foreign language immersion	10/10/2016 5:28 PM
71	I think you make great what you already have!	10/10/2016 5:11 PM

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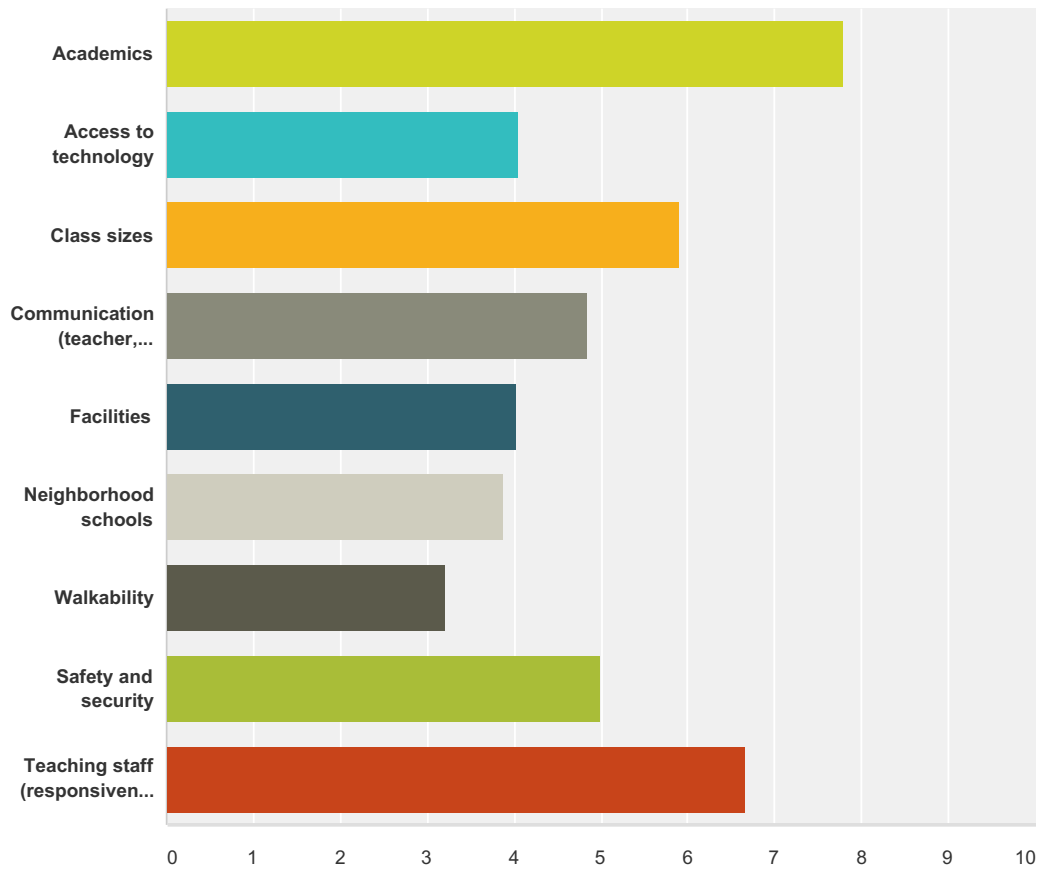
72	Language immersion is vital. We are one of only district to not have it. Embarrassing! We are a Big Ten University town.	10/10/2016 5:08 PM
73	Year round	10/10/2016 5:07 PM
74	None! Get your current house in order before you go out chasing more schools of choice money!	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
75	Partnership with MSU on high academic clubs	10/10/2016 4:52 PM
76	Foreign language at elem and middle school, but not immersion	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
77	Cursive handwriting and reading	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
78	Any language at the elementary level, not just immersion	10/10/2016 4:41 PM
79	None of above	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
80	Offer Chinese	10/10/2016 4:32 PM
81	AP computer science	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
82	Environmental school	10/10/2016 4:28 PM
83	I would like to see a language option provided in elementary school. With technology the world is becoming a smaller place quickly. Even if only 1 language is offered, the core thinking process of a second language applies to other languages.	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
84	All school should be STEAM	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
85	More programs and opportunities for Gifted and talented.	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
86	Early gifted child program	10/10/2016 4:20 PM
87	None	10/10/2016 4:18 PM
88	More of it.	10/10/2016 4:17 PM
89	Incorporate mental health. Explore out-of-the-box options for learning.	10/10/2016 1:32 PM
90	Or really any language in lower grades; wouldn't even need to be 'immersion'...	10/10/2016 11:17 AM
91	Offer more languages--for instance Chinese	10/10/2016 10:07 AM
92	All of these programs have value. I would recommend if one is chosen, that it brought on board with intention and focus so that ELPS doesn't try to do too many things.	10/9/2016 10:28 PM
93	Would rather see the district focus on scores of kids in underperforming schools.	10/9/2016 8:04 PM
94	So much more could be done through extracurricular activities like science fairs, history fairs, math competitions, and more - with more connections with the university.	10/9/2016 5:34 PM
95	Language	10/9/2016 12:00 PM
96	hands on field trips, more electives at the high school	10/9/2016 11:14 AM
97	None of the above. I think they should focus on making what they have in K-12 excellent!!	10/9/2016 10:33 AM
98	Not language immersion, but daily Spanish instructional elem level	10/9/2016 7:45 AM
99	None	10/8/2016 11:34 PM
100	the community has a need for center-based infant and young child care -- not sure that is in the scope of a school district. It clearly wasn't in the scope of a park district.	10/8/2016 10:01 PM
101	At ALL current elementary schools.	10/8/2016 9:14 PM
102	It is called 'Reggio Emilia' not 'Reggio'	10/8/2016 8:58 PM
103	Gifted programs in elementary school	10/8/2016 7:48 PM
104	Gifted education at primary and middle school	10/8/2016 5:37 PM
105	Language as part of elementary and middle school curriculum	10/8/2016 5:11 PM
106	Nature based education - programs with more science/math/humanities taught in the outdoors environment	10/8/2016 10:34 AM
107	Spanish as an elementary "special", not necessarily immersion.	10/8/2016 9:23 AM
108	We need a birth-pre k program - including Headstart, tuition based programming and more sections of GRSP.	10/7/2016 9:48 PM

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109	We have had an extremely positive experience in a preschool based largely on Reggio Emilia philosophies	10/7/2016 8:42 PM
110	Only if current money is available.	10/7/2016 6:28 PM
111	A partnership with Lcc to take college courses	10/7/2016 6:04 PM
112	Language learning starting much earlier	10/7/2016 4:06 PM

Q34 Which qualities are the most important to you and your family? (please rank)

Answered: 694 Skipped: 323



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Score
Academics	56.20% 367	18.38% 120	9.49% 62	4.75% 31	2.91% 19	1.23% 8	1.07% 7	1.23% 8	4.75% 31	653	7.78
Access to technology	1.26% 8	4.25% 27	9.12% 58	11.16% 71	17.45% 111	15.72% 100	13.68% 87	10.53% 67	16.82% 107	636	4.05
Class sizes	5.44% 35	20.37% 131	20.37% 131	16.64% 107	12.60% 81	9.95% 64	7.31% 47	4.67% 30	2.64% 17	643	5.91
Communication (teacher, building and district)	0.79% 5	5.72% 36	14.31% 90	18.44% 116	17.33% 109	19.08% 120	13.35% 84	7.31% 46	3.66% 23	629	4.85
Facilities	0.47% 3	2.65% 17	5.77% 37	10.61% 68	19.66% 126	18.88% 121	22.78% 146	11.08% 71	8.11% 52	641	4.02
Neighborhood schools	5.13% 33	9.02% 58	6.69% 43	7.62% 49	7.93% 51	8.40% 54	10.42% 67	28.46% 183	16.33% 105	643	3.89
Walkability	5.12% 33	3.88% 25	5.58% 36	6.82% 44	5.58% 36	8.68% 56	9.61% 62	18.76% 121	35.97% 232	645	3.22
Safety and security	11.78% 76	8.06% 52	10.85% 70	12.71% 82	11.47% 74	10.08% 65	15.50% 100	12.09% 78	7.44% 48	645	4.99
Teaching staff (responsiveness, organization, engagement)	16.54% 111	28.61% 192	18.93% 127	12.52% 84	6.86% 46	6.56% 44	3.43% 23	3.28% 22	3.28% 22	671	6.66

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Q35 Any additional qualities that are not included in the list above?

Answered: 181 Skipped: 836

#	Responses	Date
1	New water pipes and updated faucets as part of facility standards	11/4/2016 8:54 PM
2	Curricular diversity	11/4/2016 7:44 PM
3	Teaching the fundamentals of education. Reading, math, science, social studies, art and music.	11/4/2016 5:44 PM
4	Not sure why neighborhood and walkability were separated	11/4/2016 2:38 PM
5	Although it will always happen for some kids (such as Spartan Village residents who have always been bused due to train tracks) I believe the number of children who are bused should stay as low as possible and bus rides as short as possible, such as the current 10-15 min for SV. Busing is a waste of money that will never reach the classroom but more importantly a waste of time for children. Before redistricting children in my neighborhood had a 50 min bus ride one way. If a child is struggling or not getting enough sleep that extra time is devastating. Parents cannot be as involved in their school. A board member's idea to have all ELL Westside students go to Red Cedar upsets me. It seems an awful lot like segregation. Selfishly, I don't want my child to lose her best friends. Children who speak other languages are so important to the rest of the school population and they bring so much. Many of the ELL students live in neighborhoods near current schools and then would have to spent time on the bus and without their neighborhood friends. Parents would have to choose between a school near them and their child's friends or having their child receive services. I think about the autistic child I know who has become comfortable in his current school but also receives ELL services- what will the unnecessary change do to him? ELL students learn from native English speakers and we all learn from them. The answer is not to bus them all off somewhere but to build schools with appropriate space and learning environments for them where they are. This goes for all children.	11/4/2016 2:34 PM
6	Having excellent teaching staff and enough teaching staff is really the most important thing for a school. As a comment for the question below, the city of EL needs more infant - preschool care centers. The closure of Bailey left a large void in the number of slots for infants in quality child care centers. Even before Bailey closed, the competition for those slots was stiff. Truly, I think MSU should step up with on-campus full-day child care centers, but it would seem the school district could help fill this void due to owning property near MSU where such programs could be housed. Most graduate students are just starting their families and have infants through preschool age children. Most junior faculty are just starting their families and have infants through preschool age children. Having infants near their mothers would improve breastfeeding and ease of taking them to their multiple first year appointments.	11/4/2016 1:19 PM
7	The "feel" of a district is not quantifiable, but I would like our district to feel unified again. There has been far too much "us against them" and awful name-calling. It has to stop. And the Board models the behavior for the rest of the district, so please be part of the solution.	11/4/2016 1:18 PM
8	I'm not opposed to specialized programs (e.g. STEAM, etc) but those should only be considered once we get the basic fundamentals right. Focus on smaller class sizes, adequate teaching staff, etc. is much more important than chasing the latest education fad.	11/4/2016 11:42 AM
9	Diversity of both students and teachers.	11/4/2016 10:34 AM
10	Student mastery. The schools pass students that should not pass a course. You look good statistically on the graduation rate but the students are harmed in the long run.	11/3/2016 1:57 PM
11	Not that I can think of right now.	11/3/2016 1:46 PM
12	Diversity. Engaged learning.	11/3/2016 1:06 PM
13	Administration, counselor and most teachers (one horrible, lots of absences from some teachers) are organized and committed	11/3/2016 11:23 AM
14	More open communication with staff, small district should equal quality communication, administrators seem to want to keep distant from parent concerns. Principal and assistant principals not visible at high school functions such as orientation held in March for new parents. Only saw school counselors. Not impressed.	11/3/2016 10:05 AM
15	Ok, this is an unfair ranking question-- they are all equally important.	11/3/2016 9:29 AM
16	Just a note that walk-ability isn't as high because I consider having neighborhood schools as also having better walk-ability.	11/3/2016 9:05 AM

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17	Arts focus	11/2/2016 9:35 PM
18	I am using 1 as the highest rank.	11/2/2016 7:39 PM
19	How about a sense of community? You don't get there by having neighborhood schools. You get there by having district administration and high school administration that actually care about the students and the families and want to make this a community.	11/1/2016 11:13 AM
20	I am very uncomfortable being required to rank the above qualities in such a way, as it misleadingly presents the qualities on the bottom as possibly being unimportant to my family. I feel that all of them are important qualities that should be a high priority component of the ELPS.	10/30/2016 4:16 PM
21	Diverse	10/30/2016 1:46 PM
22	Diversity: exposure to fellow students (and staff) from a wide range of racial, ethnic, religious, and class groups is a key to becoming a responsible adult later.	10/30/2016 1:23 PM
23	Diversity in teaching staff and administrators that reflects diversity of the student population.	10/28/2016 2:22 PM
24	diversity	10/28/2016 9:50 AM
25	Ability for students to interact with each other during recess and lunch. Nutritious food availability. Intergenerational programming where older adults are encouraged to volunteer in the schools, mentor students and teachers, provide enrichment opportunities such as gardening.	10/28/2016 9:32 AM
26	Classroom management was a primary reason we moved out of the former district and have been very happy with at ELHS.	10/27/2016 11:45 AM
27	Get rid of Coby,,,he is the most disengaged principal I have ever seen.	10/27/2016 11:43 AM
28	Inclusion, celebration of diversity, cross-cultural communication and acceptance, LGBT acceptance	10/26/2016 9:53 AM
29	Bike to school (goes with walkability)	10/25/2016 10:30 PM
30	A liberal education.	10/25/2016 7:09 PM
31	East Lansing has the shreds of a decent reputation, so we could probably continue to recruit good teachers. Now if only we could recruit families to choose to move into the community, instead of asking resident families to bear more and more burden to serve SOC families.	10/25/2016 3:09 PM
32	Richness of student population. Being a City of Education and Arts.	10/25/2016 9:44 AM
33	Above are priorities for elementary schools. smaller classes k-3 (17-20 kids per class). Great teachers who promote a strong vibrant connected school community with a supportive culture. New updated elementary buildings are necessary and important but will never help our kids as much as the people within the buildings. As little elementary busing as possible while maintaining large enough schools for a minimum of 2 sections per grade, a principal for every elementary building and would love to get back to having a full time social worker in every elementary building who can provide services to general education students in addition to special education students. A little prevention and connection in elementary school goes a long way to support success of our students.	10/24/2016 9:37 PM
34	Ensure student success in academic mastery. Provide more career development programs for students to have an idea of their skills and talents and how they fit into the work world.	10/23/2016 10:27 PM
35	No	10/23/2016 5:06 PM
36	Strong, clear, and consistent anti-bullying rules, enforcement, and communication.	10/22/2016 11:10 PM
37	no	10/21/2016 4:22 AM
38	All of the above qualities are important--to rank them is not the way to assess what is important.	10/20/2016 2:51 PM
39	Updated athletic facilities	10/20/2016 10:51 AM
40	The arts!!!	10/19/2016 7:29 PM
41	Surprisingly in a questionnaire written by educators, It is not specified in the above list whether 1 is most important or 9 is most important. I have filled out my answers with 1 as most important	10/19/2016 3:44 PM
42	awareness and response to where kids are academically	10/19/2016 2:04 PM
43	1 is most important. Safety and security could probably be higher in the ranking. It is very important, however, I expect it to be more of a given based on where we live -- a largely suburban, university environment.	10/19/2016 1:38 PM
44	All crucial- can't rank	10/19/2016 12:35 PM

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45	Teacher competence. Unionization makes it impossible to remove incompetent teachers, but the district seems committed to the union and its policies.	10/19/2016 10:50 AM
46	We have amazing teachers, and I would love to see them empowered with resources and let them loose with their creativity to innovate. That would elicit powerful results for teachers and students.	10/19/2016 10:39 AM
47	Visionary leadership for the administration. Hire talented people at all levels. A school board that knows how to govern and not day to day run a school district. Hire comment leaders with skill sets, curriculum director, administrators, teachers.	10/19/2016 9:46 AM
48	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send my children to private schools. Then it asks me questions about ELPS	10/19/2016 9:41 AM
49	Compassionate staff, diversity aware staff and student population	10/19/2016 8:34 AM
50	none	10/18/2016 11:40 PM
51	special ed and student to teacher ratio.	10/18/2016 4:49 PM
52	The administration under Dr. Thompson has not been very accessible to parents.	10/18/2016 4:37 PM
53	Challenging each child. Teaching them resilience, problem solving, struggle as a good and necessary part of life. Teaching kids so that they have building blocks to use, as opposed to teaching for short term success on too numerous assessment tests.	10/18/2016 2:50 PM
54	No	10/17/2016 10:34 PM
55	Strong curriculum. Well trained teachers.	10/17/2016 8:52 PM
56	Fairness in messaging sent out to parents.	10/17/2016 3:00 PM
57	Make an educational plan based on the input of your front line educational staff and with buy in of your public, and quit bringing in the expert of the day. Make a plan, stick to it, make changes (with front line staff input) when necessary	10/17/2016 2:59 PM
58	School administration / Community building within a school. I would rate this in the top 5.	10/17/2016 12:07 PM
59	Wouldn't better facilities help to upgrade some of the technology needs?	10/17/2016 12:01 PM
60	A diverse population. To me, that is important in recognizing and appreciating differences and valuing everyone for their contributions.	10/17/2016 9:27 AM
61	Strong leadership. A leader who knows the staff and community. A board who looks to its teaching staff for insight and respects what those individuals bring to the table.	10/16/2016 2:25 PM
62	Soft skills such as emotional intelligence, empathy, interpersonal communication, etc. Also life skills that go beyond academics such as applying for a job, dressing appropriately, voting, pumping gas, buying a house or car, creating a budget, doing your taxes, etc.	10/15/2016 11:12 AM
63	Diversity	10/14/2016 6:05 PM
64	fine arts! accelerated learning opportunities	10/14/2016 11:46 AM
65	I believe that neighborhood schools and walkability are one in the same and that the above list is NOT mutually exclusive, but can be integrated together. I see it more of a list of priorities of where to invest resources.	10/14/2016 10:47 AM
66	Special education services	10/13/2016 9:43 PM
67	Having a school with a balanced (year round) system. EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!	10/13/2016 9:02 PM
68	Diversity	10/13/2016 2:21 PM
69	N/A	10/13/2016 8:09 AM
70	No.	10/13/2016 3:12 AM
71	No	10/12/2016 9:01 PM
72	higher pay for teachers	10/12/2016 5:40 PM
73	I think many of these things are equally important. I don't think it is appropriate to expect us to rate them.	10/12/2016 4:08 PM
74	Educational opportunities. the arts & explore options like STEAM	10/12/2016 3:51 PM
75	Ability to safely bicycle to elementary schools.	10/12/2016 3:39 PM
76	Academics academics academics!!!	10/12/2016 2:52 PM

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77	Community—including ways to incorporate SOC families into the ELPS "community." I think "neighborhoods" have moved into that, with this new system.	10/12/2016 2:51 PM
78	These ratings need to be split into two categories: direct education and indirect. It's hard to rank safety low on the priority list, but with the options, it was hard to move it up.	10/12/2016 1:55 PM
79	extra curricular academic programming	10/12/2016 1:26 PM
80	Arts/music, diversity	10/12/2016 1:09 PM
81	The ranking above was HARD! I am not sure I can say I would answer the same way next week.	10/12/2016 10:32 AM
82	teacher optimism	10/12/2016 7:18 AM
83	Drinking water quality. We are not a third world country. The lead levels need to be 0 for all children, and they should not be denied healthy water to drink at school. I would pay even higher taxes than we already do here in East Lansing to assure the water is safe.	10/12/2016 12:30 AM
84	Diversity, achievement	10/11/2016 11:24 PM
85	None .	10/11/2016 10:50 PM
86	Paying the teachers well enough.	10/11/2016 4:48 PM
87	Teacher support?	10/11/2016 1:56 PM
88	Since the insanity of not building a new Elementary continues (and the Northern Tier will not EVER be a walk able area) Just stop with the Red Cedar silliness	10/11/2016 12:07 PM
89	Caring for all students, learning to be a caring member of society who helps others	10/11/2016 11:34 AM
90	Diversity (both class, race, gender)	10/11/2016 11:33 AM
91	No.	10/11/2016 11:05 AM
92	Playgrounds which are important for physical fitness and socialization.	10/11/2016 10:36 AM
93	Additional resources for support of students and teachers (math, reading, language, etc.)	10/11/2016 10:23 AM
94	-	10/11/2016 9:57 AM
95	It's striking that this list does not include anything related to ethics, the building of community or a school-home-community 'family'. I don't just want my child to be safe and get an academic education. I want him to also be exposed, at elementary level, to an environment that promotes respect, caring, diversity and community.	10/11/2016 9:56 AM
96	These items are all closely related and nearly equally important so I hate to be asked to rank them.	10/11/2016 9:56 AM
97	All of those things are important and need to build off of each other.	10/11/2016 9:53 AM
98	More natural outdoor educational and learning activities/opportunities	10/11/2016 9:07 AM
99	EL residents have been willing to pay very high taxes to support services--particularly the schools--but I think there is an increasing backlash at gimmicky spending (like language immersion) and tone-deaf decisions (closing Red Cedar, keeping Glencairn open).	10/11/2016 8:57 AM
100	I prioritize the capacity of our schools to effectively nurture different kinds of learners with different needs. I believe this is best accomplished with facilities that allow for large enough numbers of students for administrators to create cost-effective programming to meet their different needs.	10/11/2016 8:52 AM
101	Diversity of Teaching staff and Administrators. There is not any diversity.	10/11/2016 8:50 AM
102	The diversity of the student body is very important to me. I would rank it at 3rd or 4th in the above list. Also, meeting the needs of all students, including LGBTQ students, at-risk students, and special ed students. (Surprised none of these goals were presented as options.)	10/11/2016 8:38 AM
103	I can't even finish the above, it's sickening to rate these. EVERY ONE OF THESE THINGS IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT	10/11/2016 5:49 AM
104	Diversity of offerings and opportunities -- arts, languages, sciences, sports, etc.	10/11/2016 12:06 AM
105	Honors and enrichment programs for elementary schools.	10/10/2016 11:35 PM
106	no	10/10/2016 10:53 PM
107	Engaged school leadership. A reasonable school board.	10/10/2016 10:35 PM
108	No drugs, teacher mentoring, work to prevent peer pressure	10/10/2016 10:11 PM

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109	While I ranked class size as #5 above, I would note that it impacts many of the other items, including those I ranked as #1-4. Class size impacts teaching staff, safety and security, communication (especially that of the teacher), and academic learning. This is a really important issue that is being overlooked in our district in the grades where it matters most!	10/10/2016 10:08 PM
110	Parental engagement in student's academic success.	10/10/2016 10:03 PM
111	Na	10/10/2016 9:33 PM
112	yes. building students with character that are curious.	10/10/2016 9:30 PM
113	Arts Education	10/10/2016 9:22 PM
114	Highly ranked school district Progressive community International/diverse student population	10/10/2016 9:15 PM
115	So hard to rate as they are all equally important	10/10/2016 9:07 PM
116	Walkability is really important for k through 5 schools.	10/10/2016 8:35 PM
117	Ratio of teachers to students. This is not the same as class size. Teachers need more support in the classroom (para-pros, etc.), especially to help with the number of 504 plans currently in existence. Even having high school or college students help with grading would probably be a big help.	10/10/2016 8:27 PM
118	Athletics and other extra-curricular activities are very important to a well-rounded human.	10/10/2016 8:19 PM
119	Better athletic facilities...	10/10/2016 8:00 PM
120	Yes - I would like specific instruction that capitalizes on our diverse community and teaches our students how to understand people who are different than they are.	10/10/2016 7:54 PM
121	Culturally responsive pedagogy and school leadership.	10/10/2016 7:53 PM
122	No	10/10/2016 7:25 PM
123	Anti-bullying programs	10/10/2016 7:16 PM
124	Neighboring school districts have much more economical pay to play policies. ELPS is excessively expensive for athletic participation.	10/10/2016 7:02 PM
125	Keep our schools clean. Take pride in our buildings. Clean, clutter free, organized and bright!	10/10/2016 6:14 PM
126	Quality curriculum development- our child is on her third math program in three years. Quality professional development- invest in your teachers so they can invest in our children.	10/10/2016 5:54 PM
127	Elementary specials areas should not be reduced. All arts programming district-wide should be supported through scheduling and funding.	10/10/2016 5:17 PM
128	Required Teaching credentials, for teachers and coaches.	10/10/2016 5:13 PM
129	Parental responsibility for their students and their own actions relating to the kids education.	10/10/2016 4:57 PM
130	No	10/10/2016 4:55 PM
131	Administration - responsive to both teaching staff and families	10/10/2016 4:51 PM
132	Accessibility	10/10/2016 4:46 PM
133	All above are important	10/10/2016 4:45 PM
134	"School as community" ie. opportunities to interact with other families is important to us.	10/10/2016 4:42 PM
135	Question #31 is poorly-designed. I assume 1 means MOST important?	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
136	Teachers and leadership are THE most important. Glencairn's principal is an example of a leader that I could see as a SUPERINTENDENT that would truly embrace diversity, not "diversity as cause."	10/10/2016 4:40 PM
137	Diversity/inclusion in staff administration and student body	10/10/2016 4:36 PM
138	None	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
139	Outcome measures and school rankings.	10/10/2016 4:29 PM
140	Arts education	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
141	Dress code being enforced properly. Females should not wear anything three inches above the knee. During concerts females should wear pants so the audience is not having to see up their short skirts and butt cheeks exposed when bending.	10/10/2016 4:27 PM

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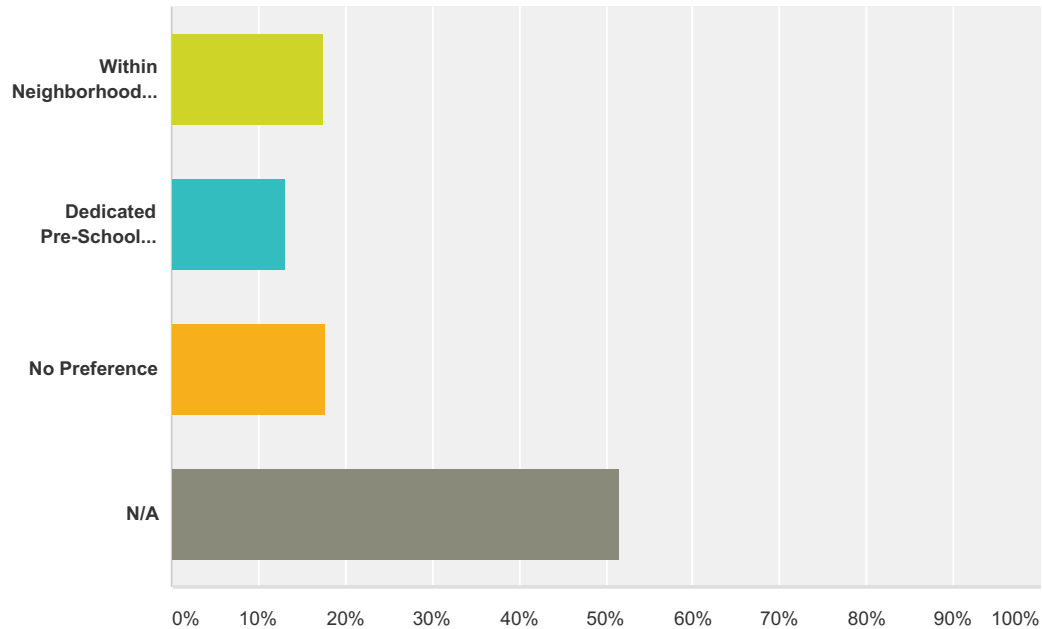
142	Adequate support for teachers	10/10/2016 4:25 PM
143	No	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
144	Most of the above items are even. It is not informative to have to rank them. It implies the number 9 is not important.	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
145	No	10/10/2016 4:21 PM
146	"Organization" in teaching staff is less important to me than creativity and ability to engage with the students.	10/10/2016 1:32 PM
147	Honestly, this is a poorly designed survey. Forcing me to rate in order of importance... what if things are of equal importance to me? Also, which is best? 1 or 9?	10/10/2016 11:29 AM
148	Well, it's kind of a red herring having teaching separate from class size--that is inherent that the teacher must have a manageable number of students to be effective.	10/10/2016 10:07 AM
149	Arts!	10/10/2016 9:59 AM
150	Inclusion	10/9/2016 11:20 PM
151	How about supporting teachers? They're the ones who are with our kids all. day. long. Shouldn't they have whatever it is they need to do what they need to do?	10/9/2016 10:34 PM
152	Innovative and progressive approaches	10/9/2016 10:18 PM
153	It is difficult to rank these qualities, they are all equally important. While we clearly cannot have schools in every neighborhood, I want to acknowledge that our current configuration allows the district to maximize walkability for nearly all neighborhoods.	10/9/2016 8:47 PM
154	Access to special ed services	10/9/2016 7:33 PM
155	Special education services. 1 in 48 boys are labeled on the autism spectrum. Our district must continue to be prepared to mainstream these children with teachers prepared to do so an appropriate supports to guide them. This will help prepare them for adulthood and become less dependent on government services	10/9/2016 6:32 PM
156	Diversity, community-building, anti-bullying	10/9/2016 5:36 PM
157	Of course, many of these features overlap - walk-ability and neighborhood schools, safety and facilities. I also believe if one has excellent and energetic teachers, then the academics naturally follow.	10/9/2016 5:34 PM
158	I don't think ranking the items in question 31 is appropriate. Most are highly important. A ranking falsely suggests some are less important than I feel they are.	10/9/2016 5:27 PM
159	A principal and assistant principal who are considerate of students and families. This is NOT the case at the middle school. Martin and Atkinson are extremely inconsiderate at every level. So much so, that they have a "vote of no confidence" from us in any situation. So much so that I never want my daughter to be alone with them.	10/9/2016 4:28 PM
160	The third grade class size is of major concern, however once that is within acceptable range with a long term plan it will be of no concern. I am concerned that elementary students are still given homework despite research showing it is not useful, and I would like to see a non-English language component to the elementary education. Technology is imlortant, but not at the cost of fundamental education and hands on experiences that spark curiosity.	10/9/2016 12:00 PM
161	This is specially for me. If is lived in the district, then neighborhood schools and walk ability would be much higher, especially for those higher populated neighborhoods. It was hard to rank because ALL of these are important to me for my children.	10/9/2016 10:36 AM
162	That teachers are adequately paid and recognized!	10/9/2016 9:29 AM
163	This was difficult to rank. I think that staff, class size, and facility all would all be related. It's difficult to teach and be comfortable in outdated, overcrowded spaces.	10/9/2016 8:41 AM
164	Services for students who qualify fir 594 accommodations but not Special Ed services	10/9/2016 7:45 AM
165	Efficiency (not wasting taxpayer money). Plus, the question below is a false dichotomy with no option to say that the city shouldn't be responsible for pre-school.	10/8/2016 11:34 PM
166	Great outdoor spaces with room to explore nature that isn't asphalt/playground/sport field. Outdoor space in which to be creative.	10/8/2016 10:01 PM
167	Putting Red Cedar behind us and focusing our limited resources on the schools that make sense geographically to our district.	10/8/2016 9:14 PM
168	Question 31 is ridiculous, also, walkability and neighborhood schools are the same thing.	10/8/2016 8:58 PM

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169	ELPS targets education toward the least-common-denominator students rather than providing enough opportunity to reach their full potential.	10/8/2016 8:30 PM
170	Diversity.	10/8/2016 7:54 PM
171	Adequate exercise/physical education	10/8/2016 5:25 PM
172	Repect	10/8/2016 2:27 PM
173	Very difficult to rank these. All extremely important	10/8/2016 1:21 PM
174	No, but the concept of "neighborhood schools" always offends me in EL because of the economic segregation of the neighborhoods here. That coupled with walkability for those with money while requiring those with less to drive their kids or take the bus is just wrong.	10/8/2016 12:46 PM
175	Walkability is nice but impact overstated by supporters. Just look at the % of students driven to school or who take the bus, FAR outweighs the # that walk. Right size the district for optimal class size.	10/8/2016 11:15 AM
176	Adequate outdoor space well maintained for active play and continued appropriate athletic facilities to encourage physical activity	10/8/2016 10:34 AM
177	Outdoor environment, like gardens, and structure for outdoor learning year round.	10/8/2016 9:20 AM
178	Ranking a list in which everything is important is potentially misleading.	10/8/2016 8:59 AM
179	Athletics and activities such as band and plays.	10/7/2016 11:41 PM
180	Landscaping of exterior of buildings is awful and does not set a positive environment when students arrive and depart.	10/7/2016 6:28 PM
181	Programming for the increased student diversity, with adequate curriculum, staff, resources & support for special needs & ESL students. Also, more focus on alternative learning styles & teacher training to accommodate through varied forms of instruction & assessment.	10/7/2016 1:39 PM

Q36 If you have pre-school aged children, would you prefer a pre-school that is housed within a neighborhood elementary school, or a dedicated pre-school center?

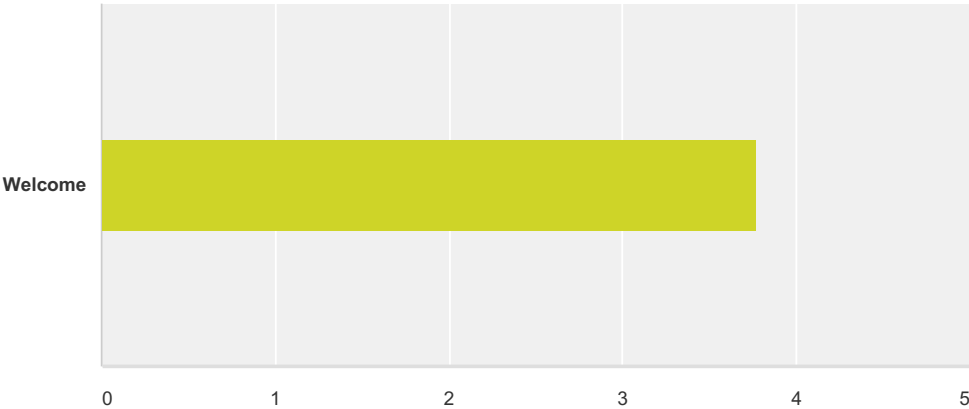
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Within Neighborhood Elementary School	17.61%	128
Dedicated Pre-School Center	13.07%	95
No Preference	17.74%	129
N/A	51.58%	375
Total		727

Q37 How welcome do you feel when attending functions at ELPS buildings?

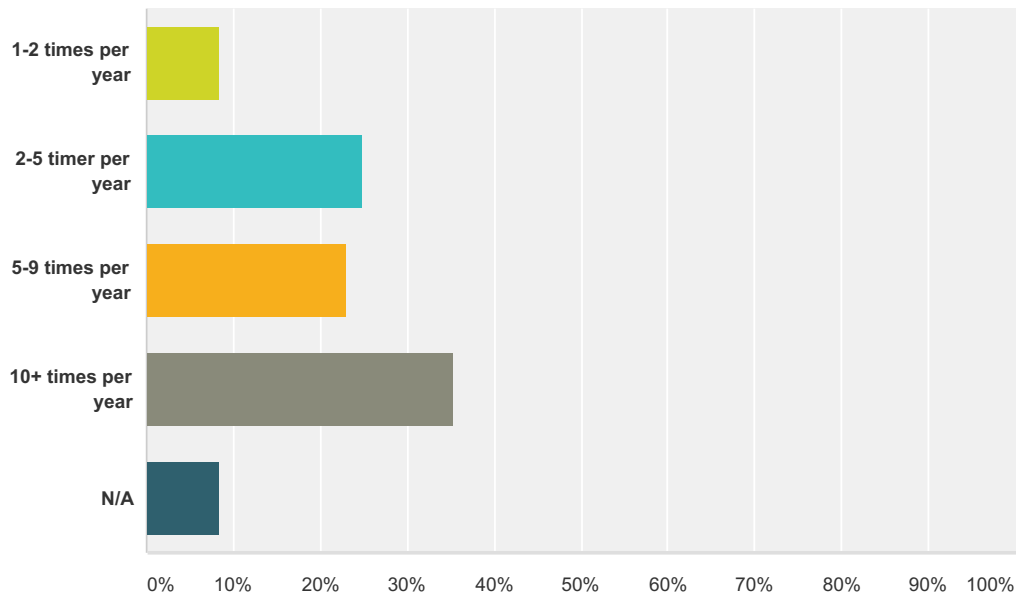
Answered: 715 Skipped: 302



	Extremely welcomed	Very welcomed	Moderately welcomed	Slightly welcomed	Not welcomed	N/A or I Don't Know	Total	Weighted Average
Welcome	20.28% 145	41.54% 297	22.38% 160	6.29% 45	2.38% 17	7.13% 51	715	3.77

Q38 How often do you attend functions at ELPS facilities?

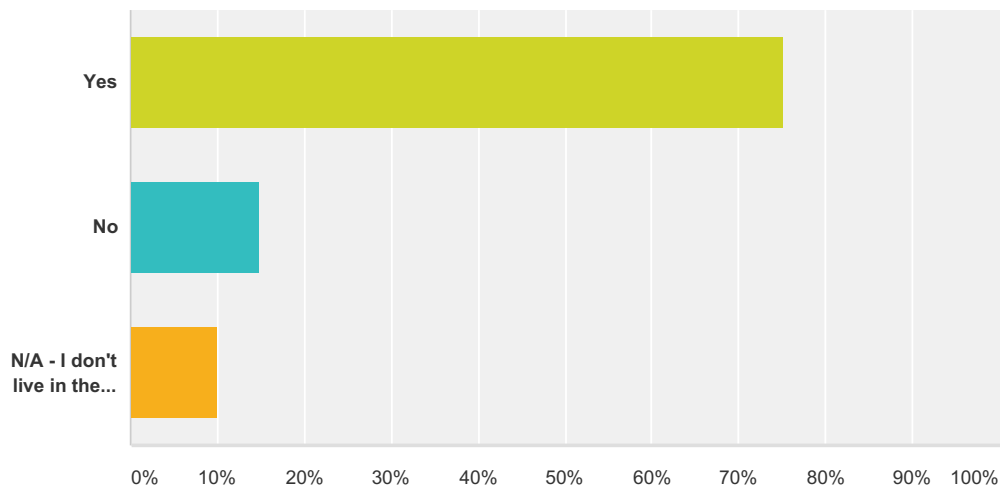
Answered: 724 Skipped: 293



Answer Choices	Responses	
1-2 times per year	8.29%	60
2-5 timer per year	24.86%	180
5-9 times per year	23.07%	167
10+ times per year	35.36%	256
N/A	8.43%	61
Total		724

Q39 The Board of Education is studying the possibility of a school bond proposal in order to address district needs. No decision has been made and no financial amount has been determined. A bond proposal allows the voters of a school district to authorize the public school district to borrow money for capital expenditures by selling bonds. Proceeds can be invested in new construction, additions, remodeling, site improvements, athletic facilities, playgrounds, furnishings, equipment and technology. Funds generated by a bond issue cannot be used for district employee salaries. Having given some thought to our district's elementary facilities as you responded to these questions, would you generally tend to vote yes and support a bond proposal to improve our elementary facilities?

Answered: 698 Skipped: 319



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	75.07%	524
No	14.90%	104
N/A - I don't live in the ELPS District	10.03%	70
Total		698

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#	Comments:	Date
1	Please make equitable changes in the district and do not favor one school over another	11/4/2016 7:45 PM
2	Not interesting in huge sums to make it easier to drop off kids- want the money to go to the actual buildings and playgrounds.	11/4/2016 2:35 PM
3	I do not think our school can adequately fill five elementary school buildings, and I know there will be pressure to build five new, larger buildings (and then the resultant pressure to expand SOC to fill those). Unless someone can explicitly discuss the capacity the district plans to build for, I won't support a bond. Otherwise, we'll be closing a brand new school in a few years, when people start to realize (as we did with Red Cedar) that there was a school boasting very small classes and serving primarily non-residents (must have been nice to enjoy that private-school feeling while the rest of us were packed like sardines). If the bond is conservative in rebuilding only the schools that legitimately prove a need for larger capacity, then I may support it. But building all new just to appear "fair" is ridiculous.	11/4/2016 1:24 PM
4	I think it's important to note that passing a bond would help with freeing up funds for employee salaries because the bond money could cover costs that are currently coming out of the general fund.	11/4/2016 1:20 PM
5	Until I believe that the board will use the money responsibly, I will not support it. I need to know that we are going to start focusing on things that matter and stop with the ridiculousness of the past five years. And don't bond for too much. An enormous bond will never pass.	11/4/2016 1:20 PM
6	As long as it's not just going to the football team and it includes the interests of ALL the students, I'm happy with it.	11/4/2016 1:00 PM
7	The improvements are much needed.	11/4/2016 12:44 PM
8	But this is not an unmitigated impulse. A bond must be responsible and not overbuild or invest in unproven "ideas" or "wishes" for surplus properties.	11/4/2016 11:45 AM
9	Must be spent based on need and numbers not narrow political agenda of School Board members. Reopening Red Cedar will kill the bond proposal.	11/4/2016 11:14 AM
10	Enrollment numbers across MI are decreasing. Bon issue not justified. Eliminate those safety on intersections that really do nothing for starters	11/3/2016 11:24 AM
11	Only will consider voting "yes" if we consider importants of Green space for our children to play. Only will vote if thoughtful discussions occur with community involvement with responsible financial decision making. Thoughtful approach to remodeling or construction, not shuttleing our children around as a result of construction. Our kids have been moved way too much over the past few years. Stability is important in the learning process.	11/3/2016 10:11 AM
12	Yes!!!	11/3/2016 9:54 AM
13	Conditional yes, depends on cost and academic emphasis	11/3/2016 9:52 AM
14	If the current Board majority remains after the election, I will be voting no on any bond proposal.	11/2/2016 11:45 PM
15	If they open Red Cedar School, yes; otherwise, no	11/2/2016 8:00 PM
16	Quality schools are keys to the future of the community. I have never heard of desirable communities with bad schools.	11/2/2016 7:42 PM
17	My answer to this is largely based on what issues the bond would cover. ELPS seems to be tackling several broad areas. If the schools are in need of physical updates and repairs I'm more likely to vote yes. As an educator who works in a high poverty/ low income district, I will find it hard to vote yes for technology upgrades and purchases because we manage to provide a great education for our students with what we have. We currently have a bond going on the November ballot and all the areas the bond is aiming to address are concerns over building repairs and student safety, which I feel is the should be the utmost importance for any school.	11/2/2016 5:58 PM
18	Yes, provided it focuses on the currently open elementary schools and not Red Cedar.	11/1/2016 1:36 PM
19	However, I don't trust the current administration to manage these funds appropriately.	11/1/2016 11:13 AM
20	Absolutely. Renovation of the elementary facilities is clearly necessary and we would gladly invest in the improved education of current and future ELPS students.	10/30/2016 4:18 PM
21	Unless it's ridiculously over building for things we don't need.	10/30/2016 1:48 PM
22	With consideration for best use of all buildings including Red Cedar.	10/28/2016 2:23 PM
23	If I did live in the district, I would just as I did support it in the Lansing district.	10/27/2016 11:47 AM
24	Not without Red Cedar being reopened as a elementary building and not as an only preschool building	10/26/2016 8:52 AM

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25	I would vote yes if I knew how the funds were going to be spent. This funny business of opening and closing Red Cedar is not going to help our community pass a bond. The school was closed. Almost 25% of the student population is SOC. Invest the Bond monies in the elementary schools and attract some new families to our community before we lose more to Okemos for rankings or Hassett for lower taxes and newer facilities or DeWitt with a BOE which has a Strategic Plan. Our elementary schools need better quality (among other things obviously) but the air should be a health and learning issue.	10/26/2016 6:58 AM
26	The proposal needs to be clearly communicated and carefully planned for the long term (~50 years).	10/25/2016 10:34 PM
27	I'd want to see a transparent process with a clear link between facility investment and ELPS goals.	10/25/2016 12:59 PM
28	In general, I support money for schools, BUT I absolutely DID NOT support the last millage for school funding because I was very displeased with the decision to close Red Cedar School, despite the community's strong opinion that the school should remain open. I was also VERY displeased with the decision to move 6th grade to the Middle School, and continue to feel that this choice was premature, at least, and a mistake at worst. The traffic situation at the middle school is HORRIBLE, and unsafe. I do not like the way the school board strong arms the community into funding only certain schools, by closing Red Cedar and thus creating severe over-crowding in the remaining schools. So, my support of any future funding is reserved support, at best.	10/25/2016 10:08 AM
29	You didn't provide an "undecided" option	10/24/2016 10:23 PM
30	Depends on proposal and costs	10/23/2016 10:28 PM
31	need more info	10/23/2016 8:24 PM
32	school of choice need to bring mony to improve schools in ELPS , why residents need to pay extra in taxes for repair schools?	10/23/2016 6:42 PM
33	Please, let's get a bond proposal. Very unfortunate that the past one became imbedded in politics of RC closing and people voted on that instead of the actual bond and did not pass.	10/23/2016 3:34 PM
34	I would rather wait until it can be combined with a millage that would increase wages and staff	10/22/2016 8:34 AM
35	Pay so much already.	10/21/2016 5:08 PM
36	It will depend on whether Red Cedar is going to be opened in some capacity. If opened, I'll support the bond issue. If not, I will not.	10/20/2016 5:10 PM
37	Yes, but NOT to fund reopening a sixth elementary school.	10/20/2016 4:23 PM
38	Especially if they put a clause in to update athletic facilities	10/20/2016 10:52 AM
39	Yes, I am in favor; however I am not in favor of a recent idea I have heard from school board candidates regarding the possibility of tearing down schools and rebuilding from scratch. I feel this would be too disruptive and stressful for young students who rely on the feeling of community and stability, if they were to be displaced during construction. I realize this is just a rumor, but wanted to share my concerns.	10/20/2016 12:13 AM
40	I normally vote yes, but the fact that some of the Board Members were urging people to vote no last time when more money could have been raised, gives me pause this time.	10/19/2016 8:10 PM
41	We need to improve our elementary schools	10/19/2016 7:30 PM
42	I feel the current board is not responsible in the decisions that need to be made. I await the new members to determine responsible decision making.	10/19/2016 5:17 PM
43	I will not support raising money for schools, which are concentrated in wealthy white neighborhoods, while Red Cedar remains closed	10/19/2016 3:45 PM
44	It really depends on the complete planning process to avoid Red Cedar fiasco.	10/19/2016 2:05 PM
45	Although my daughter is nearing graduation, my family and I will always invest in East Lansing public schools because it's the foundation for the community!	10/19/2016 12:45 PM
46	I'm not going to vote to build new schools for students who don't live in East Lansing, especially with the chaos at the board and the reputation of our district.	10/19/2016 12:09 PM
47	Unless the district intends to utilize a very appropriate facility already in its possession, I will not support such a bond and will work to have it defeated.	10/19/2016 11:45 AM
48	The problem isn't money. It's the priorities money is used for.	10/19/2016 10:51 AM
49	I don't trust the leadership to make sound financial decisions about the infrastructure because of a lack of vision and intentionality. I distrust this "build it and they will come" idea, and forsee rebuilding 5-6 new buildings only to have to abandon 1 or 2 more in the coming years to accept the reality that we can't support that many buildings.	10/19/2016 10:41 AM

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50	re-open red cedar school	10/19/2016 10:17 AM
51	If the bond has 5 elementary schools, I will vote yes. If the bond has 6 elementaries, I will vote no. It is financially irresponsible for the size and the student population we have.	10/19/2016 9:51 AM
52	This survey makes no sense. I indicated that I send my children to private schools. Then it asks me questions about ELPS	10/19/2016 9:42 AM
53	I can not say at this time, I would need to know how Red Cedar would be included	10/19/2016 8:35 AM
54	This question is definitely cart before the horse.	10/18/2016 4:38 PM
55	through family members who are EL residents, i would not support building new buildings but would support upgrading existing buildings	10/18/2016 1:54 PM
56	As someone who no longer has a student in the ELPS, I think more communication is needed. My answer is maybe. I haven't heard a peep out of the new Superintendent. Seems there isn't a lot of communication in the larger community.	10/17/2016 8:54 PM
57	I would rather a switch with City of E.L. be utilized as was explained by Mike Conley	10/17/2016 3:03 PM
58	You'll need to sell the needs before you vote on the bonding...make sure you show a financial need only after looking at every other potential way to make the plan happen. Otherwise the bond issue dies before it even has a chance to live!	10/17/2016 3:02 PM
59	I would want a better explanation of the technology peice as that was recently voted on and approved. I would also not like to expand our on going operating expenses by opening Red Cedar - any upgrades should occur at the 5 grade schools that are open. this school board has spent too much time trying to figure out how to reopen the Red Cedar building and not enough time on the many other issues that this district faces like competing with the surrounding districts for teachers and other resources.	10/17/2016 12:04 PM
60	Provided we have transparency with the use of the money. I have not been impressed with our Board or administration in this regard. Get it together and quit bickering over issues and get on the same page regarding the students' education!	10/17/2016 9:29 AM
61	This question is impossible to answer without seeing the bond proposal	10/16/2016 10:10 PM
62	Depends on what the bond will fund.	10/16/2016 7:09 PM
63	We have a revolving door of board members over the past 10 years and it seems that they cannot move past the old hangups, especially around Red Cedar, regardless of the people on the board. It's time to move forward, or I'm moving out.	10/14/2016 1:32 PM
64	schools are the foundation!	10/14/2016 11:47 AM
65	The Board has the authority to make a difference in the size of class rooms through reducing SOC enrollments. Once done I'd be happy to pay more knowing that Families who have made the choice to live here will reap the benefits.	10/14/2016 9:25 AM
66	As long as the district stops shoving school-of-choice students into already full classrooms.	10/13/2016 9:49 PM
67	I would not vote yes with the current Board of Education, they are an embarrassment.	10/13/2016 9:24 PM
68	And if you are schools of choice and don't live in the district why wouldn't you say yes.....you don't have to pay. Another downfall of schools of choice	10/13/2016 9:03 PM
69	put the money into teachers and academics	10/13/2016 5:58 PM
70	But I pay too much in property taxes as it is.	10/13/2016 4:11 PM
71	As long as red cedar was reopening	10/13/2016 10:05 AM
72	Really think on this - are people going to reject since we are already taxed pretty high? Are there other areas we can make this work without more budget increases?	10/13/2016 8:10 AM
73	Yes I support a bond but not with the current Board	10/12/2016 9:02 PM
74	Not at this time. I would need to see some very specific goals with outcomes and especially not for athletic facilities, libraries and technology possibly and safety security	10/12/2016 7:23 PM
75	Focus on academics.	10/12/2016 6:23 PM
76	As long as it's clear what the bond is for and there is convincing evidence that a real needs assessment has been done.	10/12/2016 5:45 PM

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77	More thought must be given to the proposal. I thought the last one was rushed. All elementary buildings including Red Cedar must be part of the Bond.	10/12/2016 5:41 PM
78	As long as the board works together and is not motivated by the sole purpose to open Red Cedar back up. I am not opposed to using the Red Cedar facility but there has to be enrollment to support it and something very innovative (more innovative than STEAM) in order for me to support.	10/12/2016 4:11 PM
79	I want to maintain a healthy rainy day fund, improve existing elem. buildings and not focus on adding new or opening red cedar until we get these items taken care of first. Red cedar is such a stressful topic I would promote putting anything with red cedar as a separate item. In other words, a bond with improvements to existing buildings with an option to spend money on red cedar as a separate item.	10/12/2016 3:56 PM
80	I have a need to look at all the factors before committing to a bond.	10/12/2016 3:50 PM
81	I would not vote yes on a tech bond, as the last tech bond was not handled well by the tech department.	10/12/2016 3:35 PM
82	Undecided	10/12/2016 3:17 PM
83	Our schools are one of our community's most prized assets. If we let them falter, our town will suffer in numerous ways.	10/12/2016 2:52 PM
84	While I don't live in the ELPS District, we are considering moving there, and learning of another tax increase would not be an incentive to buy a house in this area.	10/12/2016 2:52 PM
85	Yes, but swing big. The schools are all fifty years old...and the model of neighborhood schools might be outdated.	10/12/2016 8:38 AM
86	would depend on what money was for	10/12/2016 7:36 AM
87	Because it would be based on the funding from schools of choice, which I do not support.	10/12/2016 12:33 AM
88	I want to hear about academics, how to handle absenteeism and a more robust teaching and choice of teachers. more diversity in staff to represent more groups.	10/11/2016 10:52 PM
89	We need a smart bond proposal.	10/11/2016 10:12 PM
90	How can you ask taxpayers agree to a bond issue without the specifics? Planned improvements in detail and the cost of those improvements in detail. That is a must if the Board expects support for the Bond Issue. The BOE does not a a very good reputation when it comes to common sense and transparency	10/11/2016 8:22 PM
91	I don't see that much is needed for Glencairn, but I don't spend much time at the school, so you'd better ask the teachers and staff. They would know best. Then they can share with the parents.	10/11/2016 7:06 PM
92	If it was financially sound. The last one was building school capacity that was too big.	10/11/2016 7:05 PM
93	The community needs to see data in support of where is to be used. IE not just throwing money at Red Cedar because board members feel it should be open.	10/11/2016 3:43 PM
94	Again, to ask this as a yes or no question is misleading. The answer greatly depends upon who is sitting on the Board and whether they are trustworthy. Kath, Nell, & Erin are absolutely NOT Board members I would trust with a bond.	10/11/2016 2:00 PM
95	Depends how money will be spent. Willing to spend money but it has to be allocated reasonably	10/11/2016 12:50 PM
96	The East Lansing residents already pay a steep amount and changes should be made within that budget.	10/11/2016 12:25 PM
97	Sell or tear down Glencairn and Pinecrest. Then build a brand new building on the Pinecrest site.	10/11/2016 12:08 PM
98	New facilities are badly needed at the Elementary level.	10/11/2016 11:48 AM
99	Lets move past the fighting of what schools should be opened. We already spent several years on this and move towards improving the schools that are open and improving them so that kids having a safe and appropriate learning environment	10/11/2016 11:37 AM
100	I will NOT support any bond that re-opens Red Cedar	10/11/2016 11:14 AM
101	More important than technology for the elementary children is class size. 30 in a class is way too big. I would rather have no tech and a class size of 18 or 22 than a big class with tech.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
102	I would not support the bond if it was used primarily for technology, as is there is no evidence that connects technology use to improved k-12 learning outcomes. I would support the bond if it was intended to fund any of the other initiatives listed above	10/11/2016 10:44 AM
103	possibly	10/11/2016 10:24 AM
104	as long as there is a WELL THOUGHT OUT plan	10/11/2016 10:03 AM
105	But the cost needs to be considered.	10/11/2016 9:55 AM

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106	Absolutely	10/11/2016 9:47 AM
107	I would vote yes if able, and I have encouraged my family members who live in the District to vote yes.	10/11/2016 9:29 AM
108	If it were targeted and done in conjunction with a strategic plan for the district. If it is a bond for continuing to invest in all 5 (and especially 6 - including our current unused building), then I wouldn't vote for it. I would need to see a district plan for addressing the highest priority needs schools in terms of facilities (which, after being in many of them I would say is Donley and Pinecrest), and realistic projections of school populations that don't include renovating all buildings when 1/4 of our district are non-residents	10/11/2016 9:09 AM
109	I never would have considered "No" before, but I might if this wasn't focused on a reasonable sustainable goal--so, if it was targeted to buying computers rather than improving environments, and if it was another bid to keep Glencairn open at the expense of less well-connected neighborhoods with larger school-aged populations.	10/11/2016 9:00 AM
110	I support improvements to our school facilities. I do not believe that tiny neighborhood schools would adequately meet our students' needs, however. Having one class per grade allows no flexibility to match teaching and learning styles, to give just one example. So my vote will depend on the content of the bond proposal.	10/11/2016 8:55 AM
111	I vote yes in my current district for improvements	10/11/2016 8:51 AM
112	As long as we are improving existing buildings and not expanding into reopening shuttered facilities or adding additional school of choice vouchers	10/11/2016 8:48 AM
113	I would support a modest bond. Key word: modest.	10/11/2016 8:42 AM
114	I don't know other elementaries, but Glencairn facilities were inadequate in several respects. I think the best solution would be to move back to Red Cedar, where facilities were better, but one way or another, facilities there need improvement/expansion to meet needs.	10/11/2016 12:08 AM
115	Improve existing facilities. No Red Cedar reopening.	10/10/2016 10:37 PM
116	Absolutely! Many of the components of the schools being reviewed and considered are long overdue for updating for many reasons!	10/10/2016 10:09 PM
117	For the right plan that produces the buildings that we need, not for a plan that parses out some number of scheckles to make every existing structure modestly better.	10/10/2016 9:48 PM
118	I don't know how how much that will cost	10/10/2016 9:17 PM
119	I feel that district facilities are in good shape.	10/10/2016 9:14 PM
120	Our K-5 buildings need to be updated/rebuilt and I hope the board moves forward with a reasonable proposal. However, I worry that the board is to fixated on Red Cedar and that community is divided. As a homeowner, I am not sure I can support raising my taxes if we rebuild 6 buildings knowing that we don't need that much capacity. I hope the board realizes that negative impact their SOC decisions have on Lansing schools. With nearly 25% SOC enrollment, it will be easy for naysayers to attack a proposal that builds in excess capacity for the purpose of simply having a school in Flower Pot. It is sad that after 5 years our community is still debating the decision to close an elementary. Sadly, it appears that much of this is fueled by the board. I really hope they see my comments and take them to heart. I want to vote for a bond, but I don't want to build capacity we don't need. Maybe we need to view this as a way to finally rightsize our district.	10/10/2016 9:02 PM
121	Last time when the addition to the middle school bond was defeated, the board curuclated another "technology bond" and then did the addition to the middle school anyway. The Board does not listen to the community direction on use of bond funds. They do whatever the heck they want to do regardless. This ended my support for school bonds.	10/10/2016 8:37 PM
122	Would like to support teachers via salary increases	10/10/2016 8:29 PM
123	As a school of choice parent, I would be happy to provide some kind of donation, if folks in the district vote for a school bond of which I approve.	10/10/2016 8:28 PM
124	Proposed expenditures listed in this question are too broad to gain my support. I need detail on proposed expenditures before I can support this. Not necessarily opposed, but need more information.	10/10/2016 8:25 PM
125	But not just for more computers	10/10/2016 8:21 PM
126	My "yes" is qualified by the fact that ELPS seems to have made a mess of the Red Cedar episode.	10/10/2016 8:20 PM
127	Incorporate a program the would get rid of the "pay to participate" fee and I'll support what ever you come up with 110%. It took over 5 years to finally build the maintenance building that was approved by the voters. What concordance do we have that this bond will be used for it's intended purpose or put on hold for 5 years and spent in other ways... Lots of history of misappropriating funds and mismanagement of money with tax payers dollars. I truly wish you well.	10/10/2016 8:12 PM

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128	Must be a very well crafted proposal with \$\$ clearly justified.	10/10/2016 8:11 PM
129	I will only vote yes for a well defined and fiscally responsible bond proposal.	10/10/2016 7:56 PM
130	I always vote yes on bonds of this type	10/10/2016 7:16 PM
131	Only if the bond would benefit IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS	10/10/2016 7:08 PM
132	I don't want to pay for new facilities for schools of choice. Tax paying residents should not have to subsidize non-residents.	10/10/2016 7:05 PM
133	My neighborhood is trying to get annexed into the ELPS District. If it does then I would vote yes.	10/10/2016 6:43 PM
134	Only if fiscally responsible. I will not support reopening any schools or massive expansion of currently open facilities or parking lots.	10/10/2016 6:33 PM
135	Never unless the Board stops their ridiculous focus on Red Cedar and focuese on ALL the children in EL!	10/10/2016 6:32 PM
136	If you size the bond for 25% school of choice kids I am not sure I would support the bond unless costs could be passed onto those families too.	10/10/2016 5:37 PM
137	Yes, but only if there is a strategic plan that does not center solely around the jaded desire of a few to keep Red Cedar school open. The plan must be realistic and based on the current needs of the current East Lansing RESIDENT community.	10/10/2016 5:30 PM
138	If we decrease the amount of SOC then I would consider. But why should I pay more when 1/4 of the students parents can't vote on it or have to pay for it.	10/10/2016 5:30 PM
139	If I did, I would support it	10/10/2016 5:21 PM
140	Whole-heartedly.	10/10/2016 5:18 PM
141	I would support an fee/donation as commitment for school of choice families.	10/10/2016 5:17 PM
142	If done well and if we keep people like Mike Conlin from getting MSU to vote against it. Would not support opening Red Cedar if bond fails.	10/10/2016 5:09 PM
143	IT DEPENDS: if the process is run in the un-transparent way it was as last time, then no. A transparent process (where you have a neutral third party leading it, not the architect who stands to gain from this) and a commitment first to more teachers would make me vote yes.	10/10/2016 5:01 PM
144	When I did live in-district my vote was YES	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
145	Always supportive, but I would strongly suggest that you get your own house in order...stop the petty "we want Red Cedar back BS". The minute voters smell a rat they will kill it!	10/10/2016 5:00 PM
146	The bond language will need to be explicit with buildings to be included in the work named and strict timelines. I won't support any bond that expends dollars on buildings that have no viable use.	10/10/2016 4:56 PM
147	No sure	10/10/2016 4:53 PM
148	As long as Red Cedar reopening is not a condition of the proposal	10/10/2016 4:45 PM
149	In general I am supportive of an educational bond. However, I have little confidence in the current board to use that money wisely to benefit all our kids. Given the lack of trust in the current board, I think a bond might be difficult to pass.	10/10/2016 4:45 PM
150	Yes, I would support as long as the issues of "redistricting" do not come up again. There has to be TRANSPARENCY. Red Cedar remains closed unless the numbers and budget say that it is needed and can function IN ADDITION and not in replacement of any existing building. IF this bond is TRULY about renovating the current functioning buildings, then yes. If this is a secret agenda item to reopen Red Cedar, then no.	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
151	I would support a bond that would improve the schools that are currently operating. I would not support a bond that would include funding for opening Red Cedar, as the population of that area does not support the need for such investment.	10/10/2016 4:43 PM
152	Yes! We want to support a thoughtful, measured bond to improve the K-5 buildings for all of our students. We are all hopeful that any proposal that moves forward will be broadly embraced by parents in the district. I hope the committee and board engage broad cross-sections of the community to gather input and support. We can't have another failed bond due to a community divided over one building.	10/10/2016 4:39 PM
153	I'll especially support a bond proposal that addresses the critical infrastructure needs at the elementary schools.	10/10/2016 4:34 PM
154	As long as the current configuration of schools is unchanged	10/10/2016 4:30 PM

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155	New plumbing	10/10/2016 4:27 PM
156	Not until the Board has a long term plan that does not flip flop back and forth every other year.	10/10/2016 4:26 PM
157	It would need to be justifiable but yes.	10/10/2016 4:22 PM
158	But you have to show you're using the money well; not just trying to re-open a school that doesn't make geographic sense.	10/10/2016 4:19 PM
159	Live within your means, just like I do.	10/10/2016 4:16 PM
160	Not for facilities	10/10/2016 4:14 PM
161	Only if Red Cedar School is reopened. Otherwise my answer is "no."	10/10/2016 1:33 PM
162	The schools need renovations to make them up to standards. If money is allocated correctly I believe EL will flourish as a community. Bringing past changes just furthers divides our community and we need to get a plan and move forward. Living in the area all of my life East Lansing schools were always a sought after place to go. Now we are not because of the lack of innovation and buildings in such disrepair.	10/10/2016 1:18 PM
163	I would love for my children to be in a top notch school district. However, since moving here, I've heard nothing but negative news from or about the current school board. Until I can better understand what their real agenda is (aside from making us feel guilty for having moved into the Whitehills neighborhood), I will not support anything that they propose. As a new resident, I am questioning our choice to move into the elps district and that should speak volumes to the current school board. I am already tired of their petty fights.	10/10/2016 1:00 PM
164	I don't think spending money on facilities should be our greatest concern. I think investing in teachers is more important. I also think schools of choice is creating a bigger problem in the district that should be addressed first. Opening up another school or building new schools doesn't address the core issues that are problematic in ELPS right now.	10/10/2016 11:31 AM
165	I have never voted against a bond proposal but may this time simply because of the increasing number of choice students we are accepting. My perception is that our school board and administration is increasing the number of choice students to make an argument for reopening Red Cedar--which would not be necessary if we were right-sized for our community. It is counter-intuitive to create schools to educate students from other districts. If we are a regional school, we should say so and find equitable funding mechanisms for everyone who attends.	10/10/2016 10:00 AM
166	It really depends. But...ELPS should have been fiscally responsible and saving for improvements. I'd hate to add to our debt obligations due to ELPS not adequately saving.	10/10/2016 8:17 AM
167	I would vote yes, depending on the Board members elected and how reliable, informed and useful I find their plan to be.	10/9/2016 10:36 PM
168	It would depend on the focus. Money to maintain the status quo...I would not vote for. Money to boost us forward, I would.	10/9/2016 10:29 PM
169	Not with the current board make up and the current board leadership.	10/9/2016 10:06 PM
170	Not until the SOC issue has been resolved.	10/9/2016 8:06 PM
171	If board members who want to re-open red cedar as anything but a pre-k learning center, I will vote NO on the bond, and actively encourage and lobby others to do the same.	10/9/2016 7:18 PM
172	As long as it is used for existing school's improvements and not for opening new buildings.	10/9/2016 6:41 PM
173	Need more information on funding for public preschool, the challenges, legal implications and more.	10/9/2016 5:39 PM
174	It depends on how the funds are to be used.	10/9/2016 5:29 PM
175	I feel strongly that the community needs to vote on the bond without having it attached to any other topics (ie, not bond and reopening red cedar). Each idea should stand alone	10/9/2016 10:48 AM
176	But I would if I did!	10/9/2016 10:37 AM
177	IF the bond is fiscally responsible - builds an appropriate sized capacity.	10/9/2016 10:34 AM
178	I am not allowed to vote.	10/9/2016 9:30 AM
179	I hope our community can finally come together to support our students!	10/9/2016 8:42 AM
180	Athletic facilities are no longer meeting the community needs. The MMS pool was closed, leaving only one pool in the district, and it is too deep to be an effective teaching pool for elementary students. Insufficient locker room space at high school causes the HS pool to be closed even when there is no pool event.	10/9/2016 7:49 AM
181	If you pass a bond, I will move my family out of ELPS.	10/8/2016 11:35 PM

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182	although you say that the bond doesn't support teachers salaries, by freeing up money from the general fund, in essence, the bond can support additional teaching/paraprofessional staff.	10/8/2016 10:02 PM
183	If the school board majority is made up of the same pro Red Cedar group after the November election I would oppose any bond proposed. I simply don't trust their lack of sound financial judgment.	10/8/2016 9:19 PM
184	This is long overdue. When I go from an elementary building to MMS or ELHS, I feel like I have gone to a new school district. Our teachers/staff/students deserve better facilities!	10/8/2016 9:01 PM
185	If you propose to change school configuration, I vote NO. If you vote to improve current schools, I vote YES.	10/8/2016 8:31 PM
186	A large percentage of our students are school of choice and we will not pay for a bond to accommodate students whose parents will not be contributing financially.	10/8/2016 6:31 PM
187	If genuine need were documented, I would say yes. So far, it sounds speculative.	10/8/2016 5:26 PM
188	However, I would expect a solid financially sustainable plan and focus on our current EL students' needs.	10/8/2016 5:13 PM
189	I think money would be better spent on funding middle school athletics, as well as field trips and enrichment opportunities for all grades.	10/8/2016 3:40 PM
190	I think we desperately need a bond, but I am worried about the present views of the majority of the board and am concerned the committee is not hearing many of the concerns of the community. I feel that the Board has been distracted and was the reason that we seriously contemplated leaving the district this year. For the last 10 months, it has not been responsive to community needs. I want the contentiousness to end.	10/8/2016 1:58 PM
191	Not sure. Depends what board brings forward	10/8/2016 1:22 PM
192	It would very much depend on what the bond was seeking. The last one was ridiculous because it proposed to mostly demolish the schools and rebuild them wholesale. That was not a wise use of money. This bond proposal will need to be wiser.	10/8/2016 12:48 PM
193	As long as the plan makes long term sense for the needs of the district.	10/8/2016 11:16 AM
194	Based on what the money is generated for. Facility upgrades to the elementary are necessary.	10/8/2016 9:57 AM
195	The elementary schools are in desperate need!	10/7/2016 8:26 PM
196	As I said, ELPS is too often an evangelist for beliefs about the world I think are false. Why would I want to give them more money?	10/7/2016 8:23 PM
197	The school district should start living within the taxes that are provided rather than continually upgrading programs and buildings and asking for more taxes.	10/7/2016 6:28 PM
198	I am generally supportive of proposals to improve our local public schools. That said, I expect the City and the School Board to be good stewards of my tax dollars. I will be most supportive of investments that improve educational outcomes in terms of graduates' preparedness for good jobs and/or higher education. I am generally supportive of the arts and of athletics (I was an athlete in high school), but these are not my highest priorities. If a bond proposal is put forth, I would hope to see details of how the proceeds would be used to advance educational outcomes.	10/7/2016 3:16 PM
199	For the betterment of facilities & programs for the students. But, I would like more transparency in the process and access to info/data to see how funds have been used recently in other renovations and upgrades, with analysis of the effectiveness of the work completed.	10/7/2016 1:43 PM

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Q40 What is the best thing about East Lansing Public Schools?

Answered: 225 Skipped: 792

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1	Music program, offering of AP courses	11/4/2016 8:55 PM
2	Community	11/4/2016 7:47 PM
3	The family village feel!	11/4/2016 7:13 PM
4	Teachers	11/4/2016 6:02 PM
5	They are not Lansing. Some excellent teachers.	11/4/2016 5:49 PM
6	The diversity and the commitment to education and the arts	11/4/2016 2:45 PM
7	The teachers and kids	11/4/2016 2:39 PM
8	Teachers, quality education, diversity in all schools	11/4/2016 2:37 PM
9	The teachers and the dedication of the families.	11/4/2016 1:28 PM
10	The teachers!	11/4/2016 1:22 PM
11	The band program. Hands down.	11/4/2016 1:21 PM
12	The student body...the students are amazing and impress me all the time with what they accomplish. I love the diversity and even if everyone doesn't embrace it, I think the majority of them do. The teachers and support staff obviously love what they do and are tremendous.	11/4/2016 1:19 PM
13	Diversity, quality teachers, supportive environment, not living in the past.	11/4/2016 1:02 PM
14	Teacher's who are inspired and connected to their students	11/4/2016 12:57 PM
15	The excellent teaching staff and diversity of student body	11/4/2016 12:45 PM
16	Our teachers and staff, involved and dedicated parents.	11/4/2016 11:49 AM
17	Providing quality education	11/4/2016 11:16 AM
18	The teachers.	11/4/2016 10:36 AM
19	The outstanding teaching staff.	11/3/2016 9:28 PM
20	Overall academic offerings that includes the arts.	11/3/2016 3:10 PM
21	teachers	11/3/2016 3:03 PM
22	The perception of excellence.	11/3/2016 1:59 PM
23	Academic stimulation of students.	11/3/2016 1:49 PM
24	Inclusiveness.	11/3/2016 1:14 PM
25	Walkability to most schools, technology bond that can provide opportunity, relationship with MSU with interns in classrooms.	11/3/2016 10:26 AM
26	Proximity to MSU, ability to collaborate with researchers to offer the most current educational programs, to allow our students to get involved at MSU with fields of study that interest them.	11/3/2016 10:24 AM
27	Teachers.	11/3/2016 9:56 AM
28	High Quality and Dedication of Teachers	11/3/2016 9:54 AM
29	Academic success of ELPS graduates.	11/3/2016 9:35 AM
30	The teachers	11/3/2016 9:15 AM
31	Focus on academic achievement	11/3/2016 9:14 AM

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32	The caring and effective teachers that we have encountered so far and hope our children continue experience kind and caring teachers as they grow older.	11/3/2016 9:10 AM
33	Students and teachers	11/3/2016 8:41 AM
34	Our diversity and the sense of community in our buildings.	11/2/2016 11:45 PM
35	Wonderful staff	11/2/2016 10:30 PM
36	It serves a diverse academic community	11/2/2016 9:37 PM
37	the students	11/2/2016 8:03 PM
38	Medium in size, diversity, parents demanding good education for their children	11/2/2016 7:47 PM
39	The diversity, the access it has to the surrounding area, and the ability to offer great opportunities for all of its students.	11/2/2016 5:59 PM
40	Diversity of the student body and teaching and administrative teams	11/2/2016 11:07 AM
41	Quality of education and teachers	11/2/2016 6:19 AM
42	Small class room & friendly staffs	11/1/2016 6:18 PM
43	Teaching staff	11/1/2016 1:38 PM
44	It was that the school district created community for all families here. The teachers cared and worked hard. Now, I feel like over the past 3-4 years, the quality of education has diminished and there is no sense of community. This begins from the administration on down.	11/1/2016 11:19 AM
45	Great teachers and staff, academic rigor, neighborhood schools, diverse student body	10/30/2016 4:29 PM
46	My student loves how many options there are. We love the music programs and the sports and language availability. We love the teachers too.	10/30/2016 1:54 PM
47	Academic strengths in the classroom, which reflects teacher corps, technology, labs and a culture that makes this a priority.	10/30/2016 1:28 PM
48	The teachers	10/30/2016 12:25 AM
49	Strong community involvement	10/29/2016 9:15 PM
50	Diversity	10/28/2016 6:18 PM
51	Teachers and students	10/28/2016 4:18 PM
52	Good eduactaon	10/28/2016 3:07 PM
53	Legacy of high standards and excellent education.	10/28/2016 2:28 PM
54	The diversity	10/28/2016 10:22 AM
55	High academic standards	10/28/2016 9:51 AM
56	The involvement of parents strengthens the programming and assists school personnel to achieve their educational goals.	10/28/2016 9:40 AM
57	Excellent teachers.	10/28/2016 7:11 AM
58	Diversity and learning opportunities. Dedicated teachers.	10/27/2016 5:49 PM
59	ELPS provides a high quality education for students	10/27/2016 1:56 PM
60	Diverse student population and the academic offereings	10/27/2016 12:33 PM
61	Facility, classroom management	10/27/2016 11:48 AM
62	The teachers, parents, and students!	10/27/2016 11:44 AM
63	Great variety of families who care about their kids.	10/27/2016 11:43 AM
64	Quality of education provided and community feel.	10/27/2016 11:25 AM
65	Academic opportunities	10/27/2016 9:57 AM
66	Teachers who care about students.	10/26/2016 9:54 AM
67	The best thing WAS neighborhood schools, diversity of students, and walkability for our students to be a part of the community.	10/26/2016 8:53 AM

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68	The teachers - hands down. We've had fabulous teachers.	10/26/2016 7:00 AM
69	good teachers and staff (we must treat them well and pay competitively in order to retain them)	10/25/2016 10:50 PM
70	Location to Michigan State University	10/25/2016 8:27 PM
71	Great teachers.	10/25/2016 7:13 PM
72	I've really enjoyed interacting with teachers over the years, and feel that most of them are tremendously committed to educating our kids.	10/25/2016 5:00 PM
73	Being able to walk to school	10/25/2016 3:12 PM
74	The teachers.	10/25/2016 10:13 AM
75	Diversity of students and quality of professionals.	10/25/2016 9:46 AM
76	Neighborhood schools; high-quality teachers; excellent arts and music programs; diversity; strong academics	10/25/2016 7:47 AM
77	Student body and teaching staff.	10/24/2016 9:45 PM
78	The diversity of the student body in providing life lessons about getting along with others.	10/23/2016 10:29 PM
79	Now nothing	10/23/2016 6:45 PM
80	The students and the teachers	10/23/2016 6:27 PM
81	Many elem buildings & ability to come together in middle school & HS.	10/23/2016 5:08 PM
82	The people--staff, parents and students. Great community.	10/23/2016 3:40 PM
83	Diversity, strong performance at high-school level	10/23/2016 2:32 PM
84	The teachers.	10/22/2016 11:17 PM
85	Located in a pleasant, well educated, multicultural, and diverse community.	10/22/2016 1:55 PM
86	Teachers	10/22/2016 12:17 PM
87	diversity and teaching stff	10/22/2016 8:36 AM
88	The teachers.	10/22/2016 6:45 AM
89	The teachers-caring, responsive, innovative	10/21/2016 6:40 PM
90	Quality education	10/21/2016 5:09 PM
91	Teachers	10/21/2016 11:11 AM
92	dedicated, excellent teachers	10/21/2016 4:25 AM
93	The teachers and staff.	10/20/2016 10:05 PM
94	The diverse student population. The teaching staff.	10/20/2016 5:11 PM
95	Community involvement.	10/20/2016 4:26 PM
96	Smart kids	10/20/2016 3:07 PM
97	Their relationshi with MSU and the community. Parents seem very involved. I also appreciate the neighborhood schools. It is so important to us that we live close to school and can walk.	10/20/2016 12:17 AM
98	Diversity and neighborhood schools	10/19/2016 9:37 PM
99	Students and teachers.	10/19/2016 8:13 PM
100	Tradition of excellence at least until a few years ago.	10/19/2016 7:32 PM
101	Very comfortable and safe environment for my kids	10/19/2016 6:57 PM
102	There are a lot of really intelligent people with opinions that should be considered. They generally want what is best practice for their children.	10/19/2016 5:21 PM
103	The faculty	10/19/2016 3:57 PM
104	International students, educated and caring parents and families	10/19/2016 3:48 PM
105	history of schools and people that have come before	10/19/2016 2:07 PM
106	Education. Diversity and wonderful teachers	10/19/2016 1:56 PM

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107	The teachers and school staff!	10/19/2016 1:41 PM
108	The diversity of students.	10/19/2016 1:28 PM
109	Teachers - over the years, we've had amazing teachers in our daughter's life. We are very fortunate for this and never take it for granted.	10/19/2016 12:47 PM
110	Teachers	10/19/2016 12:38 PM
111	Seeing students walking to schools.	10/19/2016 12:11 PM
112	Relatively small class sizes.	10/19/2016 10:52 AM
113	The teachers, and walkable schools for those who make the choice to attend their assigned school.	10/19/2016 10:44 AM
114	The community support. The challenge is the cutest. School board is on a personal mission and can not handle any sort of intellectual debate about the future of the school district than the vision they have. The vision the current school board members are intent on looking backwards at what they see as righting a wrong instead of what the students of today need for the future. It taints all decisions that are made. It taints their interactions with the community. The community involvement is an strength, and schools not be treated as an annoyance. The board needs to be taught how to handle conflict. It is not a negative process, it is called democracy.	10/19/2016 9:58 AM
115	Neighborhood schools.	10/19/2016 9:46 AM
116	Nothing	10/19/2016 9:43 AM
117	Diversity	10/19/2016 8:38 AM
118	I don't really know any more	10/19/2016 4:06 AM
119	The student diversity, as well as the access to many great programs and organizations within the district.	10/18/2016 11:42 PM
120	The teachers.	10/18/2016 4:38 PM
121	From what I have seen, great principal and teachers.	10/18/2016 2:57 PM
122	Friends	10/17/2016 10:35 PM
123	The teachers. They are wonderful!	10/17/2016 10:05 PM
124	Generally good reputation, but there has been a change in administration and people have left, so honesty, I don't know where we stand any longer.	10/17/2016 8:55 PM
125	The front line educators especially those with over 5 years of experience.	10/17/2016 3:14 PM
126	It was neighborhood schools...	10/17/2016 3:07 PM
127	Parent involvement, quality of instruction.	10/17/2016 12:28 PM
128	Academics, community, teachers	10/17/2016 12:14 PM
129	It has walkable grade schools and a good community.	10/17/2016 12:05 PM
130	We have a lot of expertise and families that care about the students' education. We have a diverse socio-economic and cultural population that we value as a family.	10/17/2016 9:40 AM
131	The faculty	10/17/2016 9:38 AM
132	Academics, diversity & extra-curricular activities	10/16/2016 11:09 PM
133	The reputation of serving the community well.	10/16/2016 10:24 PM
134	Good teachers	10/16/2016 10:16 PM
135	Wonderful teachers	10/16/2016 7:12 PM
136	The staff and students	10/16/2016 2:29 PM
137	Quality of education	10/16/2016 12:51 PM
138	Teachers	10/16/2016 7:09 AM
139	Diversity	10/15/2016 1:57 PM
140	The quality of education	10/15/2016 11:16 AM
141	Teachers	10/15/2016 12:38 AM
142	The students.	10/14/2016 1:37 PM

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143	School climate, momentum toward achievement, fine arts programs, especially music	10/14/2016 11:51 AM
144	Teachers.	10/14/2016 10:50 AM
145	Schools are correctly placed to serve the population that actually lives here, within the district and within the City. They were constructed where they are to serve the residents who pay to live here.	10/14/2016 9:35 AM
146	academics, sports and extra activities available	10/14/2016 8:22 AM
147	Diversity	10/13/2016 10:45 PM
148	Diversity, great teachers	10/13/2016 10:42 PM
149	Dedicated teachers	10/13/2016 10:19 PM
150	Nothing at this time	10/13/2016 9:23 PM
151	The dedication of the teachers.	10/13/2016 9:04 PM
152	Diversity, teachers.	10/13/2016 4:11 PM
153	the teaching staff and their dedication to students	10/13/2016 2:30 PM
154	Special education programming	10/13/2016 1:07 PM
155	The current configuration of schools that supports the fewest transitions.	10/13/2016 11:56 AM
156	The teaching staff	10/13/2016 10:25 AM
157	Schools, police, and community.	10/13/2016 8:11 AM
158	the teachers	10/13/2016 5:18 AM
159	Quality education	10/13/2016 3:15 AM
160	Integration of people from all over the world.	10/12/2016 10:13 PM
161	Kids and teachers	10/12/2016 9:07 PM
162	Academics and music programming is one of the best things. Teachers who are enthusiastic and committed about 75% some need to retire or be forced out.	10/12/2016 7:29 PM
163	The potential to be what they used to be.	10/12/2016 6:24 PM
164	The teachers	10/12/2016 5:46 PM
165	Diversity	10/12/2016 5:42 PM
166	Honoring and appreciating student diversity. Love the high school bathroom signs.	10/12/2016 5:19 PM
167	teachers	10/12/2016 4:32 PM
168	the students	10/12/2016 4:14 PM
169	TEACHERS	10/12/2016 3:58 PM
170	To date the staff we have had to interact with has been phenomenal.	10/12/2016 3:51 PM
171	Diversity of student body.	10/12/2016 3:40 PM
172	Diverse student body.	10/12/2016 3:36 PM
173	In my experience, it was a terrific academic environment with a diverse array of students from around the world AND from different economic backgrounds. Good sportsmanship and interesting learning environment.	10/12/2016 2:56 PM
174	Overall, we have a very engaged community and our access to the University grants us privilege.	10/12/2016 2:54 PM
175	Balanced across academic and sports	10/12/2016 2:42 PM
176	walkable neighborhood schools	10/12/2016 2:13 PM
177	Students tend to be very accepting of others' differences. It is not super competitive and there are not a lot of bullies. Special needs children are welcomed in the classroom.	10/12/2016 2:03 PM
178	Diversity, both racial and economic	10/12/2016 2:01 PM
179	Academic options	10/12/2016 1:57 PM
180	Staff, diversity of student body, strong academics.	10/12/2016 1:38 PM

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181	Excellent education and prep for college/life	10/12/2016 1:11 PM
182	diversity, good teachers	10/12/2016 12:50 PM
183	I like the diversity in the schools. The staff is friendly and well-educated for the most part on how to properly handle special needs children.	10/12/2016 12:18 PM
184	High academic achievement (stats). But really, the thing that keeps us here is that we feel welcomed, the staff are friendly, the kids feel important, the kids are learning.	10/12/2016 10:38 AM
185	Quality of education	10/12/2016 9:57 AM
186	Academic Standards/ Extracurricular programs.	10/12/2016 8:47 AM
187	Diversity	10/12/2016 8:38 AM
188	I have had good experiences at all the schools my kids have attended, Marble, Macdonald and the High school. I have loved every teacher they have had and it was nice to not have to worry about what teacher they got since they were all good.	10/12/2016 7:37 AM
189	The pride, spirit and diversity of families in our community!	10/12/2016 12:34 AM
190	Excellent, educated parents. Diversity, location	10/11/2016 11:39 PM
191	The kids	10/11/2016 11:26 PM
192	great teachers	10/11/2016 11:14 PM
193	Smaller graduating classes; like our size versus Okemos, Holt and even Dewitt now	10/11/2016 11:14 PM
194	Its a great area but need more diversity and programs that cater to kids.I love the music acting performing program at Pinecrest. I thin k Glencarin is really cool sch and teacjers and parents work together. It feels very inclusive there and they are all pulling in same direction. Pinecrest not sure what is going on there and feels unwelcome and not organized.	10/11/2016 10:58 PM
195	TEACHERS	10/11/2016 10:39 PM
196	The teachers, no question. Another quality is that we have neighborhood schools for the most part.	10/11/2016 10:16 PM
197	Teachers and Diversity	10/11/2016 9:57 PM
198	The in-district students	10/11/2016 8:24 PM
199	Supportive	10/11/2016 7:34 PM
200	Good schools, as far as I know.	10/11/2016 7:08 PM
201	Still new	10/11/2016 5:58 PM
202	Our teachers	10/11/2016 5:30 PM
203	Ease of communication between parents and staff.	10/11/2016 5:20 PM
204	Quality of education and the teaching staff.	10/11/2016 5:09 PM
205	The teachers. And the students.	10/11/2016 4:52 PM
206	Very neighborhood centered with great teachers and great academic rigor.	10/11/2016 3:49 PM
207	The teachers. by far.	10/11/2016 2:04 PM
208	The potential it has to become a family of schools in East Lansing.	10/11/2016 2:00 PM
209	A diverse district that strives to educate ALL students regardless of needs and language	10/11/2016 1:36 PM
210	Highly ranked, teachers seem engaged and well-trained, schools seem safe, more diverse than other equally ranked schools	10/11/2016 12:34 PM
211	great well-rounded academics	10/11/2016 12:21 PM
212	Diversity	10/11/2016 12:10 PM
213	Diversity	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
214	Teachers and knowing daughter is getting good education in safe environment.	10/11/2016 11:44 AM
215	Community, caring teachers, students	10/11/2016 11:41 AM
216	Walkable, neighborhood schools.	10/11/2016 11:17 AM

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217	The attention given to the students' academic success is outstanding.	10/11/2016 11:15 AM
218	Academic activities	10/11/2016 11:10 AM
219	We have been very impressed with each of our son's three teachers at Marble.	10/11/2016 11:10 AM
220	Walkability, sense of community, good teachers.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
221	The teachers are the best!	10/11/2016 10:49 AM
222	The teachers	10/11/2016 10:48 AM
223	Families who support their children.	10/11/2016 10:38 AM
224	Very welcoming and friendly staff	10/11/2016 10:35 AM
225	Community and parent involvement	10/11/2016 10:26 AM

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Q41 If you could change one thing about East Lansing Public Schools, what would it be?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Reproductive Health should be revamped	11/4/2016 8:55 PM
2	Add a language immersion or IB program in elementary.	11/4/2016 7:47 PM
3	None at this time	11/4/2016 7:13 PM
4	The board is way too strong and not focused on student learning and achievement.	11/4/2016 6:17 PM
5	Re open red cedar	11/4/2016 6:02 PM
6	More emphasis on teaching.	11/4/2016 5:49 PM
7	We need a more diverse teaching staff.	11/4/2016 2:50 PM
8	Connect students to volunteer opportunities in the community.	11/4/2016 2:45 PM
9	The board majority	11/4/2016 2:39 PM
10	Better elementary buildings where residents live not just where we own property.	11/4/2016 2:37 PM
11	More stable, effective, and transparent leadership, especially at the central district level.	11/4/2016 1:28 PM
12	Hire more teachers and paraprofessionals!	11/4/2016 1:22 PM
13	I would start offering technology and coding classes immediately.	11/4/2016 1:21 PM
14	That the teachers are paid what the parents feel they are valued for.	11/4/2016 1:19 PM
15	More spaces available for preschoolers to attend, tuition free.	11/4/2016 1:02 PM
16	Smaller class sizes	11/4/2016 12:57 PM
17	Reopen Red Cedar Elementary	11/4/2016 12:45 PM
18	We need a forward thinking board that stops re-litigating past controversies. We need to come to grips with how the community has changed rather than trying to fight long term demographic and economic trends beyond the control of the district.	11/4/2016 11:49 AM
19	Get rid of the School Board and let the professionals run the District	11/4/2016 11:16 AM
20	Lower class sizes.	11/4/2016 10:36 AM
21	Modernize elementary facilities.	11/3/2016 9:28 PM
22	Later start times for middle school and high school.	11/3/2016 4:49 PM
23	A school board that listens to the community. The closing of Red Cedar was against the recommendation of the city council, consultants related to building future, President of MSU and neighbor groups.	11/3/2016 3:10 PM
24	Class sizes, approach to gifted and talented education	11/3/2016 3:03 PM
25	Student accountability. Student competency.	11/3/2016 1:59 PM
26	I would fix the buildings and update technology.	11/3/2016 1:49 PM
27	Open Red Cedar School and support the Southern part of the district. Promote equality and equity in the school district.	11/3/2016 1:14 PM
28	Decrease school of choice enrollment. Require standards for School of Choice	11/3/2016 11:25 AM
29	A warmer relationship between teaching staff, administrators, students and parents. For being such a small district the environment seems somewhat sterile and unwelcoming by those in administrative roles. Our children seem to just be another number.	11/3/2016 10:26 AM

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30	To teach our students to embrace diversity. To accept and learn from people of other cultures and colors. To make them into responsible world citizens.	11/3/2016 10:24 AM
31	Have the non-performing asset whiners move out of district and let ELPS shine like we all know that it can.	11/3/2016 9:56 AM
32	Put at least one school south of Burcham	11/3/2016 9:54 AM
33	Update elementary facilities.	11/3/2016 9:35 AM
34	ELHS school colors	11/3/2016 9:15 AM
35	Smaller class size	11/3/2016 9:14 AM
36	Open Red Cedar and update all the elementary facilities.	11/3/2016 9:10 AM
37	Focus on teaching and learning not facilities and bond issues.	11/3/2016 8:41 AM
38	To move past the closure of Red Cedar Elementary and focus on improving services in the existing elementary buildings.	11/2/2016 11:45 PM
39	High school should start latest. Follow the research.	11/2/2016 10:30 PM
40	It would re-open Red Cedar Elementary and reinstate its exceptionally successful programs	11/2/2016 9:37 PM
41	more small neighborhood schools	11/2/2016 8:03 PM
42	More space for classrooms and re-open Red Cedar	11/2/2016 7:47 PM
43	Better strategic planning in decision making about critical issues like mental health supports, auxiliary programming, finances, and infrastructure needs.	11/2/2016 11:07 AM
44	School Counselor have more communication with student's teacher so they can help to place the student in the right class and path to success	11/1/2016 6:18 PM
45	The school board. Needs more transparency, more cohesiveness and budget-minded approach.	11/1/2016 1:38 PM
46	Get new administrators who are community members and care about our students and who are dedicated to helping them develop into young adults. There needs to be attention to details. Over the last several years, the quality of education has diminished, the morale is at an all time low, and I'm glad my kids will soon graduate and be done with it.	11/1/2016 11:19 AM
47	My "outsider" perception is that the major programmatic/structural changes being proposed lately are dictates from above, predominantly from school board members. I would turn that hierarchical decision-making upside-down and look towards the teachers and support staff as the primary drivers of change in the district.	10/30/2016 4:29 PM
48	I would add more noncompetitive/intramural sports for kids who want to be involved and have fun but aren't necessarily any good.	10/30/2016 1:54 PM
49	Stop obsessing about the f-ing Red Cedar site, which has poisoned discourse, elections and planning for too long.	10/30/2016 1:28 PM
50	evaluate all staff on a regular bases.	10/30/2016 12:25 AM
51	Smaller class sizes	10/29/2016 9:15 PM
52	Improve collaboration with MSU	10/28/2016 6:18 PM
53	More rigorous academics in elementary and smaller class sizes in elementary	10/28/2016 4:18 PM
54	Get real about racial and ethnic diversity.	10/28/2016 2:28 PM
55	Better communication	10/28/2016 10:22 AM
56	Increase the diversity of the faculty and staff to more closely match the diversity of the student body and their families	10/28/2016 9:51 AM
57	Be able to hire quality teachers and staff by not being forced to retain weak teachers. Less reliance on using videos in lieu of instruction.	10/28/2016 9:40 AM
58	One half of the school board	10/28/2016 7:11 AM
59	High school parking fee should be eliminated.	10/27/2016 11:48 AM
60	Get rid of Coby	10/27/2016 11:44 AM
61	Less focus on the financial bottom line, more on the overall benefit to student population and long term answers.	10/27/2016 11:43 AM
62	The administration and half the teachers	10/27/2016 11:32 AM

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63	Additional support for the emotional challenges our kids face. As they age, more emphasis is placed on their relationship in school and their struggles are not always confined to the home. For example my daughter has anxiety and she mentioned that she wishes there was a panic room in the school where she could go to claim herself down. My other daughter shies away from getting too involved at school, some encouragement to get involved would be welcome.	10/27/2016 11:25 AM
64	Improved communication at all levels - district, school, and classroom.	10/26/2016 9:54 AM
65	That the district could be trusted	10/26/2016 8:53 AM
66	Updated neighborhood elementary schools.	10/26/2016 7:00 AM
67	more individual help for students having difficulty (social work, poverty mitigation, special needs)	10/25/2016 10:50 PM
68	I wish our school board would be more focused on student achievement. This current board seems very focused on personal agendas and that is harmful and decisive. I wonder if our school board has attended appropriate trainings as offered by MSBO - that would help them to be better board members. The board, in my opinion, is dysfunctional at best. It will be hard to vote for a bond with this current board at the helm.	10/25/2016 8:27 PM
69	Leadership.	10/25/2016 7:13 PM
70	The overwhelming number of parents who drive their kids to and from school. I was shocked by this, especially since very few parts of town are more than a mile from a school (not counting the northern tier and, now, the area around Spartan and Red Cedar. Not sure what the District can do about this, but the pollution, congestion, and hazard are all issues.	10/25/2016 5:00 PM
71	The board of education doesn't seem to care about the EL families who have chosen to live here. Those of us who live here permanently seem to be the least important--at least compared to SOC and international families who are only here for the time being.	10/25/2016 3:12 PM
72	I would never have closed Red Cedar Elementary School.	10/25/2016 10:13 AM
73	Eliminate the divide with the University.	10/25/2016 9:46 AM
74	Maintain strong support for arts and music.	10/25/2016 7:47 AM
75	School board drama	10/24/2016 10:23 PM
76	Change in culture. Politics of "us versus them" which have developed over the last several years related to BOE. We need to move past old debates and "slates" of candidates. focus on commonalities, joint priorities, developing collaborative working relationships. Get egos out Of the way and just focus on getting the work done.	10/24/2016 9:45 PM
77	Not sure.	10/23/2016 10:29 PM
78	curriculum should include a standard and a vocational choice --- All students are not college prep and should not be discriminated	10/23/2016 8:30 PM
79	administration above the principals , now how to handle the money to improve the education	10/23/2016 6:45 PM
80	Nothing	10/23/2016 5:08 PM
81	More appropriate school board--one that oversees policies and makes decisions based on what's best for district, and not private agenda/emotions. One that does not micro manage, as our current board does.	10/23/2016 3:40 PM
82	Improve performance at Donley	10/23/2016 2:32 PM
83	Just one? I'd get rid of technology before middle school. There is no benefit and a lot of risk.	10/22/2016 11:17 PM
84	Better understanding of what special education entails, and the requirements of special needs students by teachers and principals.	10/22/2016 1:55 PM
85	Need for Gifted and Talented programs.	10/22/2016 12:17 PM
86	add one or more foreign languages in early childhood education and continue it thru HS	10/22/2016 8:36 AM
87	Make it year round, like Horizon in Holt SD	10/22/2016 6:45 AM
88	The start times. All the schools start too early in the day., but the High School is especially ridiculous. Studies have shown students do better with a later start.	10/21/2016 6:40 PM
89	Open another elementary	10/21/2016 5:09 PM
90	Update facilities	10/21/2016 11:11 AM
91	Improve educational services for kids with special needs. The attitude of the special ed leadership and the level of support for children with special needs desperately needs improvement	10/21/2016 4:25 AM

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92	Smaller classes, more paraprofessional support in classrooms.	10/20/2016 10:05 PM
93	Reopen Red Cedar School in some capacity.	10/20/2016 5:11 PM
94	More outdoor recess time for young children.	10/20/2016 4:26 PM
95	I wish they would start a little earlier to better reflect the life of working parents.	10/20/2016 3:24 PM
96	REDUCE class size	10/20/2016 3:07 PM
97	Parking lots, drop-off / pick-up flow, etc. This is usually a big issue on bad weather days.	10/20/2016 12:17 AM
98	More elementaries, magnet schools.	10/19/2016 9:37 PM
99	I would like to see Board Members who get along and are all on the same page. More could be accomplished.	10/19/2016 8:13 PM
100	The school board which has taken it eye off its most important responsibility: school quality....not personal agendas.	10/19/2016 7:32 PM
101	More accurate communication between school and parents	10/19/2016 6:57 PM
102	Upper administration should be more supportive of their building level administrators. They tend to be punitive, not encouraging innovation.	10/19/2016 5:21 PM
103	Improve the elementary facilities	10/19/2016 3:57 PM
104	Believe in neighborhood schools and act on it. Reopen Red Cedar.	10/19/2016 3:48 PM
105	Common core atandards	10/19/2016 2:31 PM
106	indecisiveness on future plans, and changing thoughts mid-stream	10/19/2016 2:07 PM
107	Smaller class size	10/19/2016 1:56 PM
108	The divisiveness on the School Board, and how that nastiness has spilled out into the wider community.	10/19/2016 1:41 PM
109	To be more proactive, not punitive in dealing with problem students (don't know if it's still this way).	10/19/2016 1:28 PM
110	The elementary facilities are very old, outdated and no longer serve as a way to recruit families to move to East Lansing.	10/19/2016 12:47 PM
111	Board looking so incompetent- more focus on mental health	10/19/2016 12:38 PM
112	I feel sad that children in East Lansing don't have the same quality education that my children received. I know the young families in my neighborhood are paying a lot of money and working very hard, and it's sad to see how little they get in return, compared to what we had when I was raising children.	10/19/2016 12:11 PM
113	Reopen the one and only elementary school that is within reasonable distance for many of this city's families -- closing Red Cedar when it is the only school on this side of town was an unreasoned and unexplainable move by the ELPS and should be corrected at once!	10/19/2016 11:46 AM
114	A real and effective process for more speedily removing incompetent teachers.	10/19/2016 10:52 AM
115	Make it an actual progressive leader in public education. Get rid of this annoying inferiority complex with Okemos--they will always have "better" scores, "better" programs, "better" (more stable, larger staffs) leadership. Let them: we can be leaders in other ways because the current state of public education has challenges. Let's actually become a progressive "lab" district.	10/19/2016 10:44 AM
116	A functioning school board member and hire talented, visionary administration and then let them do their jobs with policy support. Our system is not functioning effectively.	10/19/2016 9:58 AM
117	Less fixation on technology, more fixation on traditional educational methods.	10/19/2016 9:46 AM
118	Neighborhood school	10/19/2016 9:43 AM
119	Divisiveness	10/19/2016 8:38 AM
120	more communication with non-parent community	10/19/2016 4:06 AM
121	The amount of crackdown on middle schoolers.	10/18/2016 11:42 PM
122	The superintendent. She is not a strong leader and is inadequately engaged with the public.	10/18/2016 4:38 PM
123	Reopen Red Cedar	10/18/2016 2:57 PM
124	stop changing elementary principals every 2 years and let them get to really know their school and the school to really know them.	10/18/2016 1:56 PM
125	The closure of Red Cedar elementary was an embarrassment to the district and should be re-opened.	10/18/2016 12:05 AM

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126	No	10/17/2016 10:35 PM
127	Written policies to address SOC goals and implementation.	10/17/2016 10:05 PM
128	Better communication with the larger community.	10/17/2016 8:55 PM
129	More top ranked sports program coaches. You want to bring people into the district hire a great coaches! When one is not winning and/or building a district wide (elementary through High school) program you lose people to parochial schools and other districts. The academic programming would come along nicely if the state wasn't mandating new requirements every year. It also doesn't help that the board and central administration is constantly changing programming seemingly every time some new showy vendor comes in and buys them a junket to St. Somewhere Island.	10/17/2016 3:14 PM
130	Reopen Red Cedar	10/17/2016 3:07 PM
131	More teacher reading of student's writing.	10/17/2016 3:00 PM
132	Although the performing arts are valued @ELHS, I feel that they are generally given secondary importance in terms of resources provided vs. athletic teams, and football/basketball, in particular. The annual activity fee, which is substantial, should cover participation in school plays, etc., as well as in athletics. Likewise, even within the athletic dept., it appears as though football and basketball are given disproportionate resources relative to other sports, e.g., tennis. For example, when the tennis team did well enough at the state tournament to stay over for a second day, all team members were not provided with a room to stay over at the site in Holland. I suspect that would not have been the case with the football or basketball teams in a similar situation. Not a big deal - just some constructive feedback.	10/17/2016 12:28 PM
133	Current school board and administration appear to have no long term plan and no data or projections to build one. This has resulted in several poorly thought out proposals thrown out by individuals with specific personal agendas, and even attempts to make sweeping changes without community input. I would like to see both a five-year and ten-year plan for each school type (elementary, middle, high school) that allows current and future residents to understand where we're going and why, and will allow the board and administration to make better decisions for the long-term success of the district.	10/17/2016 12:14 PM
134	the school board make up	10/17/2016 12:05 PM
135	I would recreate the sense of community we used to have here. The sense of community begins with the Board , the Superintendent, and the High School administration, and it trickles down to the elementary schools. trickles do	10/17/2016 9:40 AM
136	Add one more neighborhood school by reopening Red Cedarh	10/17/2016 9:38 AM
137	The idea that they must maintain a large budget.	10/16/2016 10:24 PM
138	Offer programs to challenge and engage advanced students at the elementary and middle school level. This is non existent right now - makes extra work for teachers, is a disservice to these students due to not having been challenged until high school or college and costs parents money if they want to provide additional extracurricular activities.	10/16/2016 10:16 PM
139	Re-open Red Cedar for all the MSU families at 1855 Place And/or as a pre-school which I EL families need.	10/16/2016 7:12 PM
140	Tough to choose one: security	10/16/2016 2:29 PM
141	More funding for elementary schools	10/16/2016 12:51 PM
142	Ensure adequate funding to provide a quality education for ALL students in the district.	10/16/2016 7:09 AM
143	more intramural activities at all levels	10/15/2016 1:57 PM
144	Improve the platforms that support parent-teacher interactions. Giant email lists and bizarre online tools are not appropriate for a district this well resourced.	10/15/2016 11:16 AM
145	Re-open Red Cedar	10/15/2016 12:38 AM
146	I'd like more uniform communication standards with teachers. I appreciate that some teachers go above and beyond, but my daughter's teacher is silent. I have to rely on my special needs daughter for announcements, homework, etc and it leaves a lot to be desired.	10/14/2016 6:07 PM
147	The teachers. If you put all of the Lansing public school teachers in East Lansing our test scores would go up and our children would be more successful. EL teachers have things easy and my experience has shown me that they don't work very hard. The Lansing teachers work much, much harder, and are more accessible and available for the students and teachers, but they just don't have the kids that EL has. EL has the children of professors, doctors, lobbyists, lawyers, business owners, basically people who stay on top of their kids education and care. Some of the teachers act like they are teaching in a third world country.	10/14/2016 1:37 PM
148	reduce class size, accelerated learning opportunities (2 things!)	10/14/2016 11:51 AM
149	Board--too much volatility, kids needs are getting lost in the fight over specific members agendas.	10/14/2016 10:50 AM

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150	Abolish SOC. Get class room sizes down to a manageable level for our teachers. Potentially watch our testing scores go up. Have our own kids utilize the facilities we have paid for and provided.	10/14/2016 9:35 AM
151	pushing of the liberal agenda into the public schools.	10/14/2016 8:22 AM
152	School open house to be held a week or two before school starts to ensure smooth transition	10/13/2016 10:45 PM
153	Reduce class size so the needs of "borderline" students can be noticed and met. This is crucial in elementary school, especially reading and math.	10/13/2016 10:42 PM
154	Schools of choice and overcrowded classrooms. My son has 30 kids in his third grade class which is inexcusable.	10/13/2016 10:19 PM
155	Stop closing and reopening neighborhood schools, and especially let go of the myopic focus on closing Glencairn. We haven't lived here for very long but the appeal of a neighborhood school was a big part of choosing to live in EL, and it's truly bizarre that the school board continues these quixotic efforts after years and years of opposition. Glencairn parents want Glencairn school for their kids.	10/13/2016 9:54 PM
156	I would do away with all the political correctness, diversity and the current Board of Education.	10/13/2016 9:23 PM
157	Balanced schedule for all grades	10/13/2016 9:04 PM
158	that administration and school board not limit the possibilities of the district and educate community members who seem to hold the district back.	10/13/2016 2:30 PM
159	Language immersion options	10/13/2016 1:07 PM
160	Reopen Red cedar	10/13/2016 12:12 PM
161	Eliminate or reduce school of choice students, thereby substantially reducing the need for additional spending on infrastructure and technology.	10/13/2016 11:56 AM
162	I would like to see better (more healthy) lunch program. That as well as more emphasis on a pre-k program.	10/13/2016 10:25 AM
163	Attitudes towards more underprivileged students/families.	10/13/2016 10:05 AM
164	Seriously, that McDonald driving is absolutely terrible!	10/13/2016 8:11 AM
165	More innovative curriculum that is more project based	10/13/2016 5:18 AM
166	I don't know yet. Anything that might need to be changed depends on the staff and students' needs.	10/13/2016 3:15 AM
167	I would make the school day longer so I don't need to have paid child care before and after.	10/12/2016 10:13 PM
168	The School Board is an embarrassment.	10/12/2016 9:07 PM
169	Administration I have not seen any improvements in the district since we hired a new superintendent or new principals in several schools. Ridiculous that after school started all schedules had to be changed in the MMS because we were not meeting the new requirements of the state really? what a joke.	10/12/2016 7:29 PM
170	I would make them focus on academic excellence once again. I would have them be leaders in the state and nation. I would have them be an attraction to new families.	10/12/2016 6:24 PM
171	I wish the school board was more functional and more responsive to the wishes of their constituents and not driven by ideology and personal politics.	10/12/2016 5:46 PM
172	More open about the budget. Clear examples of what are baseline budget is with only in district students and then with schools of choice. Voters do not understand how much programs cost.	10/12/2016 5:42 PM
173	Add staff/teacher diversity to match student diversity.	10/12/2016 5:19 PM
174	fiscal management	10/12/2016 4:32 PM
175	That some board members act more collaboratively and stop being so decisive and rude. The curriculum needs overhauls to support more in class direct instruction vs. piling on the homework.	10/12/2016 4:14 PM
176	POLITICS AND AGENDAS	10/12/2016 3:58 PM
177	Better financial oversight concerning monies and materials	10/12/2016 3:51 PM
178	Allow elementary students, parents and staff to ride their bicycles and store them safely at elementary schools.	10/12/2016 3:40 PM
179	A more diverse staff/faculty.	10/12/2016 3:36 PM
180	I would like them to be competitive with Okemos and other leading Michigan public schools once more, both academically and athletically.	10/12/2016 2:56 PM
181	Increased diversity, increased individualized learning paths (based on ability).	10/12/2016 2:54 PM

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182	discrimination of students in sport/tournament participation	10/12/2016 2:42 PM
183	get a new school board that stops trying to undo the past based on personal preferences and works to improve current facilities	10/12/2016 2:13 PM
184	Adding more challenging, rigorous instruction for those who need it. Smaller class sizes could help, or add an instructional aide in each elementary class.	10/12/2016 2:03 PM
185	Favoritism is largely at play when making class assignments at the elementary level. PTO parents get the first choice of teachers and decisions about which children are in class together and the other parents get very little say.	10/12/2016 2:01 PM
186	Lack of transportation options for out of district families who work in district.	10/12/2016 1:57 PM
187	Improve parking, drop off/pick up at Marble.	10/12/2016 1:38 PM
188	Recognition that the basic needs of high achieving students are not being met, except through ad hoc parent investment.	10/12/2016 1:28 PM
189	Less bullying	10/12/2016 1:11 PM
190	class size	10/12/2016 12:50 PM
191	The bullying. I know more pre-teens and teens that have left the school due to bullying and the school, teachers, seemingly has done nothing about it. In the last year, I know 6 different students that left because they couldn't take it. That is a lot to me and seriously needs to be addressed. The safety is such a concern to the schools, emotional safety should be at the top of that list. I already plan on taking my child out of ELPS when the time is right, I will not tolerate any bullying.	10/12/2016 12:18 PM
192	More emphasis that all subjects are connected. Marble teachers do an EXCELLENT job at bringing these things full circle. Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Bain, and more recently Mrs. Arceo bring typical classroom topics into their subjects. This really enhances the kids retention of those pieces and helps them see how everything is interconnected. I am SO impressed by these 3 ladies. We are very lucky to have had our kids learn from them.	10/12/2016 10:38 AM
193	Not School of choice	10/12/2016 9:57 AM
194	All the pay to play fees	10/12/2016 8:47 AM
195	Overcrowding	10/12/2016 8:38 AM
196	No more schools of choice. Smaller class sizes. More teacher evaluations.	10/12/2016 12:34 AM
197	The divisiveness on the school board	10/11/2016 11:39 PM
198	Old elementary buildings	10/11/2016 11:26 PM
199	Too liberal	10/11/2016 11:14 PM
200	I want diversity celebrated and teaching staff that is more diverse . Want some blue ribbon schools here too..	10/11/2016 10:58 PM
201	class size	10/11/2016 10:39 PM
202	Better promote walking and biking to schools and implement a program that supports this by safety education and infrastructure improvements, starting at the elementary schools.	10/11/2016 10:16 PM
203	Better Facilities	10/11/2016 9:57 PM
204	Right size the district.	10/11/2016 8:24 PM
205	Smaller classes	10/11/2016 7:34 PM
206	Less emphasis on technology, and maybe more Montessori oriented.	10/11/2016 7:08 PM
207	There must be long range strategic planning going forward. It is this absence of such planning that causes every issue to be about all issues.	10/11/2016 7:06 PM
208	As a contractor who helped MDE promote school nutrition, I am extremely disappointed to discover my son only gets 20 minutes to eat. I spent a lot of time trying to make people aware that proper nutrition and not being hungry is integral to learning only to find it is only marginally implemented. Teaching to the state tests cannot be so important that 10 more minutes to eat is unreasonable.	10/11/2016 5:58 PM
209	Elementary schools as a source of community infighting. We are all EL. I am tired of it	10/11/2016 5:30 PM
210	More staff to aid with children while on recess or during intense emotional moments	10/11/2016 5:20 PM
211	Cost of athletic participation.	10/11/2016 5:09 PM
212	They would all have a Lorraine Ware at their helm	10/11/2016 4:52 PM

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213	Board and administration must learn to lead, communicate direction to the teachers and community using data and thought. Then implement and follow through on plans. There has been too much direction change and lack of follow through in recent years.	10/11/2016 3:49 PM
214	Importing gangsters from Lansing	10/11/2016 2:35 PM
215	The Board Members. -Except two.	10/11/2016 2:04 PM
216	Diversity and inclusion.	10/11/2016 2:00 PM
217	The perception of neighborhood schools - that location is more important than adequate facilities.	10/11/2016 1:36 PM
218	rely less financially on extra funding school of choice students bring to the table	10/11/2016 12:21 PM
219	elementary facilities, classroom sizes (number of students), access to special education/ intervention services in reading, writing and math for all students identified as needing it.	10/11/2016 12:15 PM
220	The helicopter parents and their sense of privilege.	10/11/2016 12:10 PM
221	Make teachers accountable. We've run into teachers who leave early, don't offer help after school. The excel period has basically allowed teachers to not offer help after school. Every year, we go to parent teacher conferences and every teacher says that our child should go to excel. Our kid has 6 classes, that means going to one excel period per month (because the school has around a week off each month), maybe twice a month for a couple of classes. That is not enough for some students. The teachers seem to have it easy. We found more help going to teachers from Lansing schools. That's an embarrassment. We had faculty from the MSU Dept. of Education help our kid and they laughed at the way our teachers are doing things.	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
222	Make preschool available to all who need it.	10/11/2016 11:44 AM
223	Lets stop fighting about Red Cedar. This was a decision made 2 superintendents ago and spent thousands of dollars on researching and implementing. MOVE ON and make a difference with the schools and the students we have	10/11/2016 11:41 AM
224	Infighting and polarization between families	10/11/2016 11:34 AM
225	School Board focusing on Red Cedar when there are so may other issues that need to be addressed.	10/11/2016 11:17 AM
226	When your child plays only one sport, the pay to play fee is rather high.	10/11/2016 11:15 AM
227	Elementary school gifted and talented program	10/11/2016 11:10 AM
228	Less screen time. Even as a second grader our son spends a considerable amount of each school day watching videos or working on a computer or tablet. The best research we have from the last decade strongly suggests that none of this improves learning at all. It would be nice if the school district set policies to keep screen time to a minimum, especially for K-5 students.	10/11/2016 11:10 AM
229	Bike racks at the elementary schools.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
230	Nothing	10/11/2016 10:49 AM
231	Longer lunches	10/11/2016 10:48 AM
232	Stop rearranging schools.	10/11/2016 10:38 AM
233	Security	10/11/2016 10:35 AM
234	Additional resources for teachers and students	10/11/2016 10:26 AM

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Q42 Please provide any additional thoughts regarding East Lansing Public Schools.

Answered: 131 Skipped: 886

#	Responses	Date
1	Upgrading the school buildings in the absence of changes in the curriculum is not sufficient to make this school district great or even comparable to other neighboring districts.	11/4/2016 7:47 PM
2	N/A	11/4/2016 7:13 PM
3	The ugliness needs to stop. We want to hear about teaching, learning, arts, etc., not individual agendas or social issues. Also, please check all communications for correct writing and spelling. More transparency and accessibility . Definite appearance of a narrow path to access for people and b information.	11/4/2016 5:49 PM
4	Neighborhood walkable s hooks are a great asset to this community. Please don't endanger this bond by insisting an unnecessary school is included.	11/4/2016 2:37 PM
5	I am committed to ELPS because I am philosophically supportive of public schools in my community. But it's increasingly difficult to sell new colleagues on ELPS, especially when it's so easy to live elsewhere for taxes and send kids here, or live in Okemos and enjoy stable and proven educational opportunities.	11/4/2016 1:28 PM
6	Overall, I am very happy with our experiences in the East Lansing Public Schools.	11/4/2016 1:22 PM
7	We have an incredibly intelligent, resource-rich community. There is no excuse for us to not leverage these resources to our benefit.	11/4/2016 1:21 PM
8	Let's move on from the re-opening of the Red Cedar Elementary School issue. It continues to tear our neighbor hoods apart. MOVE ON.	11/4/2016 1:19 PM
9	There really needs to be more preschool options for families who can't afford to pay hundreds of dollars a week to send their kid to a private school.	11/4/2016 1:02 PM
10	This is our first year. So far so good.	11/4/2016 12:57 PM
11	I would also like to see more activities to involve all elementary school families instead of seeing all the divisions between them.	11/4/2016 12:45 PM
12	School Board is dividing this community and painting the District in a bad light compared to neighboring districts	11/4/2016 11:16 AM
13	The District is right-sized with five elementary schools at maximum. I would be adamantly opposed to reconfiguring the district by opening a sixth (i.e., reopening Red Cedar).	11/3/2016 9:28 PM
14	Please start researching how later start times for middle school and high school students could be incorporated into the district's schedule. The research is clear that older students benefit from later start times. I am already worrying about the effects that such an early start time will have on my children as they move up through the ELPS system.	11/3/2016 4:49 PM
15	The contrast of schools in the 1950s and 21st was well put on the post card sent to residents. Since my daughter has graduated I was pleased to see the 21st century model. I hope that is what I would see if I visited all the schools today. If not, please move in that direction. ??	11/3/2016 3:10 PM
16	Add sidewalks to H.S. entry along Burcham.	11/3/2016 1:49 PM
17	Continue support for strong academic programs. Encourage understanding of diversity. Kids and parents come in all different shapes and sizes with a whole host of interests. One size does not fit all.	11/3/2016 1:14 PM
18	Teaching staff could give students more advance notice in the higher grades about tests and large assignments. A two week schedule of activities outlined would be helpful. Reminder to teaching staff that as they have responsibilities after school so do families. No issue with homework just would like more communication especially at middle and high school level about required work. Allows families to plan out their week knowing expectations ahead of time. More options for electronic access to textbooks. Why are our kids weighted down with such heavy books? Look into ways to challenge our more advanced students instead pulling the Achievement Gap up from the bottom and holding our advanced learners back to close the gap.	11/3/2016 10:26 AM
19	Guerrant. Henderson. Martin.	11/3/2016 9:56 AM
20	Superintendent and administration should always remember they are hired by the Board, and report to it, on behalf of the community	11/3/2016 9:54 AM

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21	We have lived in this district for 10 years, with kids attending for all of these years, and the only issue we've had is an unreasonably large class size at 5th grade. In general, we've been very pleased with the quality of education, but feel that the facilities seem extremely outdated, in even did so ten years ago.	11/3/2016 9:35 AM
22	Renovation of aging elementary schools is important	11/3/2016 9:14 AM
23	I hope the middle and high school teachers are as connected and caring of students as the elementary teachers have been.	11/3/2016 9:10 AM
24	Thank you for conducting this survey.	11/3/2016 8:41 AM
25	Both of my children have and have had IEPs and they are testing in the red on their screenings for math. At our conference my younger child's teacher said she and other staff have "begged" for a math interventionist to be hired. In 2014, my older child had an excellent, former Red Cedar teacher for third grade. At our first conference she told us "this is the largest class I've ever taught by far." That was amazing to hear because at 26 children, it was the smallest class my child had ever been in. (previously attended Donley). Throughout the school year she expressed how glaring the differences were between the other elementary schools and Red Cedar--students and staff at Red Cedar enjoyed an amazing environment, with support services and very small class sizes. No one doubts that it was an amazing school; the reality is that the majority of our district resident students live north of Michigan Avenue. No amount of children moving into married housing at MSU will change that fact.	11/2/2016 11:45 PM
26	We need to get beyond the influence of property owners and put the best interests of students first	11/2/2016 9:37 PM
27	I think that neighborhood schools are incredibly desirable and beneficial to ALL residents in a neighborhood. I think that should be the number one priority of the school district, and all financial decisions should be predicated on having all the six elementary schools operating, even if it means sacrificing other things like sports and technology..	11/2/2016 8:03 PM
28	With all the space problems among the elementary schools, it is still beyond me why Red Cedar was close. It seems to be totally short-sighted 5 years later.	11/2/2016 7:47 PM
29	More communication	11/1/2016 6:18 PM
30	Continuing to further the agenda of reopening Red Cedar will further divide the community. Please focus on the amazing walkable schools we have.	11/1/2016 1:38 PM
31	Here is a perfect example of our district. Today, mass email mailed out from ELHS reminding parents of Distinguished Scholar ceremony tonight and if your child was involved, you should've gotten a letter in the mail. Really? I called to inquire and was told that both my children were involved, but something happened where letters were not sent. Really? It's beyond disappointing. It's a skit on Saturday Night Live. The kids with the top honors failed to be invited by the administration who couldn't get it right to send the letters out on time. Maybe if the top honors students were running the school things would be different. Sad indeed.	11/1/2016 11:19 AM
32	Additional preschool programs should be added.	10/31/2016 1:50 PM
33	Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and please continue to involve and engage the community. There is no such thing as too much transparency when planning and making decisions that affect the foundation of democracy, which is the education of its youth. If the goal of any district initiative is not first and foremost to improve the education of all students, then that initiative is misguided.	10/30/2016 4:29 PM
34	The corps of veteran teachers at ELHS is beginning to retire. It is extremely important to replace them with committed replacements who will learn rapidly, fit into the culture, and stay for long careers.	10/30/2016 1:28 PM
35	behavioralists, nurse, counselors are needed more.	10/30/2016 12:25 AM
36	new facilities are nice but at the expense of programming and teacher support.	10/28/2016 6:18 PM
37	I love EL commitment to the arts	10/28/2016 4:18 PM
38	I am impressed with the superintendent and her vision for ELPS. I am mostly impressed by the quality of education provided by ELPS. I continue to be horrified by the entitled, me-first NIMBY-ism of the parents in this district, their contentiousness, and their lack of concern for children who don't live in their specific neighborhood. What happened in this community over Red Cedar was appalling to me as a newer resident, with no kids in the system--no "dog in that hunt." I'm sure this next go-round will generate more of the same selfish obstructionism.	10/28/2016 2:28 PM
39	Decisions need to be based on the long term benefits to the entire community not just one or two neighborhoods with deep pockets	10/28/2016 10:22 AM
40	Make more use of proximity to MSU	10/28/2016 9:51 AM
41	I was generally pleased with my children's education, however, during the 2001-2016 period they were in ELPS, there was much upheaval that was detrimental, especially for students who needed more attention from teachers and staff. Our district needs stability and forward planning. Dr. Thompson has taken on a Herculean task and I believe she is up to the challenge if she has support of the board and the community.	10/28/2016 9:40 AM

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42	Red Cedar should be used as a school and Glencairn should be closed. That is the least attractive building in the district for safety and space. The first study regarding this said as much but, it was ignored.	10/27/2016 5:49 PM
43	When planning for renovation of the elementary school facilities, please give consideration to not just the building including but not limited to appropriate accessibility, improved grounds and landscaping, improved playgrounds and athletic fields	10/27/2016 1:56 PM
44	Love PowerSchool and online conference registration.	10/27/2016 11:48 AM
45	Keep up the good work!!!	10/27/2016 11:44 AM
46	It's very frustrating. I feel most of the administration and about half the teachers are just going through the motions and aren't really interested in educating children. They seem more focused on moving pile of paper A from one side of the desk to the other. Every time I have to speak to someone about my children and their education I end up being treated as an intrusion and inconvenience.	10/27/2016 11:32 AM
47	We like it here.	10/27/2016 11:25 AM
48	Please make decisions for all students	10/26/2016 8:53 AM
49	We have strong community involvement. Thank you for volunteering your time.	10/26/2016 7:00 AM
50	I think we need a bond to update our elementary schools, but trust between the community in the board has been damaged, and the bond needs to be very carefully planned and openly communicated in order to pass.	10/25/2016 10:50 PM
51	Be transparent with the community.	10/25/2016 8:27 PM
52	There are plenty of good options for preschools in EL (Abott, People's Church). I don't agree that a publicly funded preschool is that important to bring to the district, unless it's just to get SOC families hooked in earlier, which means that we are still paying for non-EL families. I'm getting tired of it.	10/25/2016 3:12 PM
53	I love this community and our schools. I would like to see the school board take community opinion into consideration when making changes. And I would like these choices to benefit ALL children, and not just those in wealthier and more politically powerful neighborhoods. I don't think that this has been the case in recent years.	10/25/2016 10:13 AM
54	Need new elementary buildings.	10/25/2016 9:46 AM
55	Was glad that my children attended.	10/23/2016 10:29 PM
56	East Lansing is teaching a very poor level English at Middle and High School level	10/23/2016 6:45 PM
57	NA	10/23/2016 5:08 PM
58	School lunches could be healthier. Many of the options seem to consist of questionable nutritional value. The teachers need more and consistent assistance. The rooms could be better organized to minimize visual clutter and provide a less chaotic environment. Communication could be better from the district and school, especially for incoming parents - parent "info" night was a huge waste of time. Nothing of value was communicated and the B&A people were not at their table. The district should have dedicated staff running social media, and not rely on inconsistent parent volunteers.	10/22/2016 11:17 PM
59	Good but could be improved.	10/22/2016 1:55 PM
60	I think the ELPS should convert to a year-round system (2 months of instruction, one month break). The current academic year is a relic of a more agricultural age, and there is no reason to continue to follow it, outside of inertia. Also, don't open Red Cedar. It was a mistake to close it, but it would just compound the error to try and open it back up.	10/21/2016 6:40 PM
61	Overall positive experience	10/21/2016 11:11 AM
62	Slow down on Schools of Choice enrollment.	10/20/2016 10:05 PM
63	We would be pleased to see changes made based on current research about child and teen development, such as: later school start times, more outdoor recess time, less technology use, and less homework. Thank you for your consideration.	10/20/2016 4:26 PM
64	The budget personnel have too much authority. Accounting is not transparent.	10/20/2016 3:07 PM
65	Overall a very positive, supportive experience. Teachers are phenomenal and truly care.	10/20/2016 12:17 AM
66	What happened to the quality of ELHS?!! How did it change so quickly in just a few years? This is unacceptable.	10/19/2016 7:32 PM
67	My dream for ELPS is that all the adults are working together to be certain the children are nurtured and educated in a safe and comfortable environment.	10/19/2016 3:57 PM

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68	The action to close Red Cedar was based on irrational fears and an us-versus-them attitude in wealthier communities such as Glencairn. This is shameful. Red Cedar was the most diverse school in East Lansing and very high-performing. Unreasonable fears and the pitting of neighborhoods against each other led to a very poor decision. ELPS should support neighborhoods, not ruin them.	10/19/2016 3:48 PM
69	great potential if they don't get in their own way	10/19/2016 2:07 PM
70	We are an extremely happy ELPS family! There's no other place I would rather my children be educated.	10/19/2016 1:41 PM
71	I've lived in East Lansing since 1995, and I would not choose to send my daughter to any other school district. Period. I absolutely love the city and the public school system. For us, it is second to none!	10/19/2016 12:47 PM
72	I will not support a bond unless the schools of choice numbers get under control.	10/19/2016 12:11 PM
73	The teachers' voices about how to most effectively teach needs to be integrated into the school district process. The front lines needs to be allowed to innovate. Freedom to teach creates an academically diverse and strong system. The education of our children and the future of our country depends on the local school districts learning how to effectively strengthen our communities and educate our citizens.	10/19/2016 9:58 AM
74	You should take more guidance from educated people and less from educrats and product/service vendors.	10/19/2016 9:46 AM
75	Re-open neighborhood school.	10/19/2016 9:43 AM
76	We had a really great program at Red Cedar for years, we still suffer from having closed that building. I want to see some type of programming there. I want to see concern for all students.	10/19/2016 8:38 AM
77	none	10/18/2016 11:42 PM
78	NA	10/18/2016 2:57 PM
79	make an overall plan for the district and discontinue the constant closing/opening/restructuring of schools cycle we are in.	10/18/2016 1:56 PM
80	No	10/17/2016 10:35 PM
81	Next time there are issues involving which schools to open or close I think it would be better handled by having groups or representatives from each school talk face to face with each other and not have to contend with each other at a large school board meeting. I think it would be much less competitive and the community might better reach a consensus which can latter be brought to the school board.	10/17/2016 3:07 PM
82	I have been a resident for over 18 years and have seen and participated in many transitions and ad hoc committees over the years, as well as parent councils for all schools and the district. I have never seen the school district get to the low point in which we find ourselves. There is no sense of community any more, the Board bickers between themselves and there are personal attacks in various factions, the principal at the high school seems to dislike children, in general, or maybe just East Lansing students, and does not seem to care about all of them. While I don't agree with all the decisions the superintendent has made, she seems checked out. The administration used to care about each student and tried to make efforts to guide them and serve as role models for them through adolescence. You are the extensions of parents for 7 hours a day. You set the tone for the district. Thank goodness for our teachers, since many of them still believe in a sense of community and help guide students. But for those teachers, we'd be long gone from this district. The rapid decline in the administration is more than disappointing, it is a disservice to residents and their children.	10/17/2016 9:40 AM
83	I wish something could be done to reduce the strident bullying of some Glencairn School parents whenever any possible use of Red Cedar School is mentioned.	10/17/2016 9:38 AM
84	Refocus on the EL community's children or start negotiations to consolidate into a bigger district.	10/16/2016 10:24 PM
85	Middle school busses are inadequate, unsafe and overcrowded. The lack of safety training for bus riders is a huge liability to the district. Drivers have no clue who is or isn't supposed to be on the busses. Additionally the lack of equipment for middle school recess is unfathomable, especially considering the amount of childhood obesity in our country.	10/16/2016 10:16 PM
86	Some trust needs to be rebuilt. I would love to see Red Cedar become an Early Childhood Center that starts with Infants and Toddlers. This can truly help close an achievement gap if those children are taught by educational professionals. There is funding to help our low-income families; we need to start there.	10/16/2016 2:29 PM
87	We are very happy to be in East Lansing and look forward to raising our child here!	10/16/2016 12:51 PM
88	ELPS was very good for preparing our children after high school	10/15/2016 1:57 PM
89	Not bad at all. Continue your efforts to improve.	10/15/2016 11:16 AM

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90	My kid doesn't have a book in some classes and the teachers expect them to just look things up online. Not everyone has internet at home and not everyone in EL is rich. Give my kid a math book so I can help him with his homework, not a packet of papers.	10/14/2016 1:37 PM
91	Keep up the good work, fix what needs repair, keep what is working.	10/14/2016 11:51 AM
92	We need to look forward and use REAL data about our community to come up with a long-term plan for our district. This is why my answer to #38. We are failing to support our teachers and we are not looking for long-term plans to be a strong, viable district in the next 10 years.	10/14/2016 10:50 AM
93	Once we can demonstrate our actual commitment to serving our residents first, a bond would be more likely to pass. Why we continue to pack our classrooms to over capacity when it can be avoided is beyond comprehension. Reopening Red Cedar is not the answer, it compounds the problem.	10/14/2016 9:35 AM
94	We thought East Lansing schools would be fantastic. We had high expectations. There are many things we like, but also many times we have been very disappointed. This is mostly due to the lack of services and parapro support provided to EL elementary students.	10/13/2016 10:42 PM
95	I feel that ELPS cares more about how much money they can get from students, rather than making sure they get the best education possible. I feel like the schools-of-choice students are used as cash cows by the district.	10/13/2016 10:19 PM
96	I'm suspicious of the push towards "STEAM." Science, tech, engineering, arts, and math? Why exclude languages, history, writing? This survey is poorly designed, and parents are aware of this. It's also very suspicious that similar questions were being asked in a telephone poll during the school board election. Don't doubt that parents know what's going on, or that we'll fight to keep our school open.	10/13/2016 9:54 PM
97	Need to focus on teacher support, teacher pay, and transition to a balance school schedule	10/13/2016 9:04 PM
98	have already provided them over the years to no avail...	10/13/2016 5:59 PM
99	Reopen Red cedar	10/13/2016 12:12 PM
100	Consider the McDonald driving.. I don't even have a kid in elementary school yet and I am already dreading this...	10/13/2016 8:11 AM
101	Great job!	10/13/2016 3:15 AM
102	Right now several members of the Board can only focus on Red Cedar. It's a building!!! The children from Red Cedar have the same staff and they all stayed together and They just moved to a different building. There are so many other issues that should be dealt with. If the Board can't get it together than a Bond won't pass and ultimately it's the kids and staff that suffer.	10/12/2016 9:07 PM
103	Why did most districts around us ask for a waiver in the days and hours of school and we did not. We are getting out so much later in June and yet we do not even have as much time off as other districts. This puts our students at a disadvantage for jobs , camps etc..	10/12/2016 7:29 PM
104	Focus on academics and safety.	10/12/2016 6:24 PM
105	WE HAVE NO LEADERSHIP (leadership shouldn't be coming from board members who feel they know best)	10/12/2016 3:58 PM
106	I have been dismayed to hear for years that the ELPS are in serious decline. Our dream is to move back to EL and raise our young children in an academically challenging and safe environment. It seems that the school system is too caught up in raising money from outside sources (on the backs of children) and on politically divisive movements. A quick Google search of ELPS will show you 10 stories about the sexual education issue rather than ELPS excelling in actually teaching its kids. The focus again needs to be on education vs applying any particular agenda on an entire community. The reason everyone is moving to Okemos is because they have better schools, plain and simple. We are hopeful that ELPS will prioritize academics once more and that will incentive us to make the investment in this community.	10/12/2016 2:56 PM
107	it seems students of color and of low financial status are barred from participating in school's athletic tournaments.some children are barred participating from an extended amount of time as compared to other White high socioeconomic students or my child's peers. This diminishes the student self-esteem and confidence despite the fact that the student could be a good performer and skilled. Also, participation disparity in tournaments has been found between students-of-color and students of foreign-born parents.	10/12/2016 2:42 PM
108	Adding in too many schools of choice students brings more problems than we need, i.e. transportation, parental communication. Our focus should be on resident students, & downsize if necessary.	10/12/2016 2:03 PM
109	Principal Barton (Donley) seems largely disengaged from the student body.	10/12/2016 2:01 PM
110	My children now attend Michigan State University. They received a wonderful education at ELPS. The teachers were top-notch and cared about the kids. The music program is phenomenal. Kudos to Dave Larzelere and Dave Rosin for what they have built.	10/12/2016 1:11 PM

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111	The bullying problem needs to be addressed more seriously. The drop out rate in result of being emotionally battered is not acceptable.	10/12/2016 12:18 PM
112	It would be extra nice if every year the teachers had a negotiated contract before they had to start teaching. It does not feel like a happy place, the negotiations. It would be nice to make that subject more win-win, as opposed to give-n-take.	10/12/2016 10:38 AM
113	Very pleased so far	10/12/2016 9:57 AM
114	Please address the MacDonald cafeteria crowding.	10/12/2016 8:38 AM
115	We need 4 new elementary buildings at Marble (with the acquisition of several small houses to move the school back off the road; Donley new building; Pinecrest new building; Whitehills new building with curriculum attached to nature area right beside it. Glencairn should become the Board office. Special programming/Senior Center/Preschool location/ or Montessori for Red Cedar site	10/11/2016 11:14 PM
116	Close Donley and Whitehills and build a new Whitehills school on the Donley site. Get some financially savey members on the board.	10/11/2016 8:24 PM
117	Thanks for all your hard work. We really appreciate it!	10/11/2016 7:08 PM
118	The fighting within our community is distressing. The lack of involvement MSU has with our district is distressing. The BOE using a board majority to guide their votes instead of the concerns of their majority in the community is distressing. The current climate in EL would have made it hard 4 years ago to move here.	10/11/2016 5:30 PM
119	Is important to spend the money on things that matter and that will last. Like teachers' salaries and good books. And air conditioning. New computers and the latest technologies are not always (often) the best place to put our money. I've seen too many smart boards used as poster boards over in Lansing.	10/11/2016 4:52 PM
120	Assuming a bond proposal is made, dollar breakdowns with support for why the amounts are needed and cost comparison results from other districts should be presented to the public to help build support on what money will be used for and why it is necessary. Many in the public have lost faith in the leadership and greater communication is necessary to rebuild trust and show a consistent direction of goals for the district.	10/11/2016 3:49 PM
121	I love our schools, but this was clearly a deliberately designed survey orchestrated to serve the purpose of a personal agenda.	10/11/2016 2:04 PM
122	The elementary facilities are in dire need of complete overhauls. Intervention and support services are badly needed to meet the diverse needs of the student body. The number of students in classrooms is too high for teachers to meet the highly diverse needs of the students. The achievement gap is not going to be resolved with the current classroom size situation and the lack of support/ intervention and special education services available to those in need.	10/11/2016 12:15 PM
123	If you are going to float a bond...do your homework. My taxes are already very high. Give me a good reason to raise them again!	10/11/2016 12:10 PM
124	We moved to East Lansing because of the school district, but we are now thinking about leaving because of the school district. We have a teenager and the experience with the schools and teachers has not been very impressive. Teachers have not been available for help, don't seem to read student homework, and rely on reputation, instead of hard work.	10/11/2016 11:53 AM
125	I LOVE this school district and moved here for this school district. I moved her because of the kids I know have grown up here and been successful not only in school but in life. I LOVE how this community thinks sports, arts, band, etc are all important and treats them as so. Lets come together and move forward with continuing this.	10/11/2016 11:41 AM
126	I have been asked about the district by friends with small children and my response is that the children are doing well because of parents in this district, not because the educational experience is great. Until this Board moves beyond Red Cedar (as in sells it and takes it off the table) it will not be giving attention to other things to make the district what it can be.	10/11/2016 11:17 AM
127	Keep up the good work. My family has considered moving, but we are committed to remain in the district until all of our children complete their educations here.	10/11/2016 11:15 AM
128	Our children are very happy. We are so happy with the academics and instruction they receive.	10/11/2016 11:07 AM
129	I love ELPS.	10/11/2016 10:49 AM
130	Focus on quality vs. quantity.	10/11/2016 10:38 AM
131	I appreciate what the teachers, administration and school board does to make the district the best possible place to learn and grow...it's a tough job. Thank you!	10/11/2016 10:26 AM