



Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD

Pre-Bond Community Survey

June 16, 2015

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The Board of Education and administration are seeking community input regarding the future of our school district. The Board of Education and administration have been discussing the possibility of proposing a Capital Project Bond Referendum to support the redesign and expansion of the music and art wing at Oyster Bay High School, which was built in the early 1960's.

This expansion would better accommodate current and future student enrollments, allow for greater flexibility to explore options for additional music and art curriculum and would restore three much needed instructional classrooms to the main building.

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The Capital Project Bond Referendum would support completing the installation of air conditioning in the high school auditorium and possibly installing air conditioning in the high school cafeteria. The plan *may* also include the installation of air conditioning in *one* common area at both James H. Vernon School and Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School.

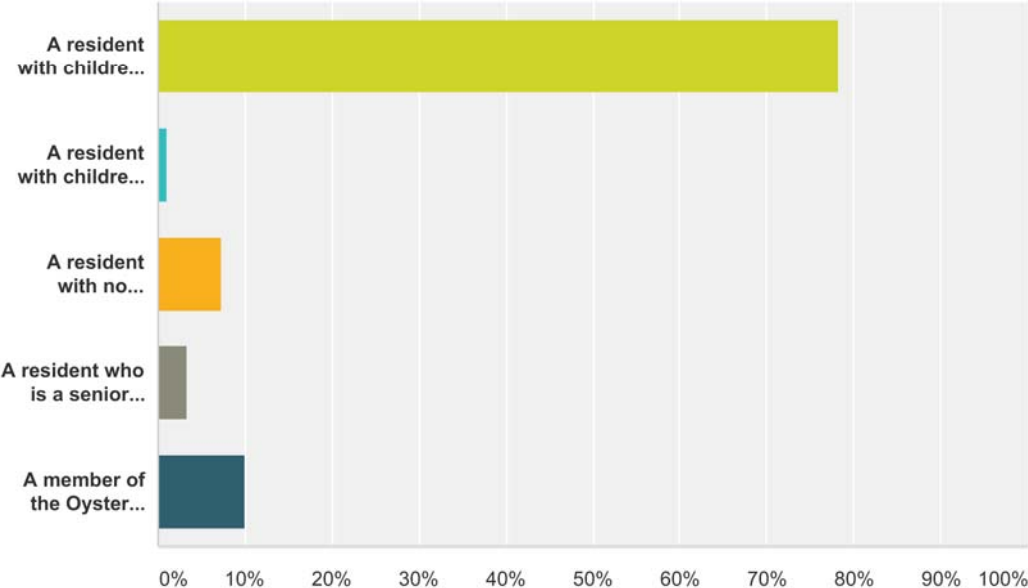
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The anticipated cost of the proposed Capital Project Bond Referendum would be approximately \$7.2 million. However, the district would be eligible to receive approximately 10 percent in New York State building aid, which would reduce the total cost to community residents.

The cost to the average homeowner would be approximately \$57 a year or approximately \$4.75 a month. Please note that these are estimates at this time and amounts are subject to change given market conditions and future pricing.

Q1 How would you BEST describe yourself? Please choose only ONE.

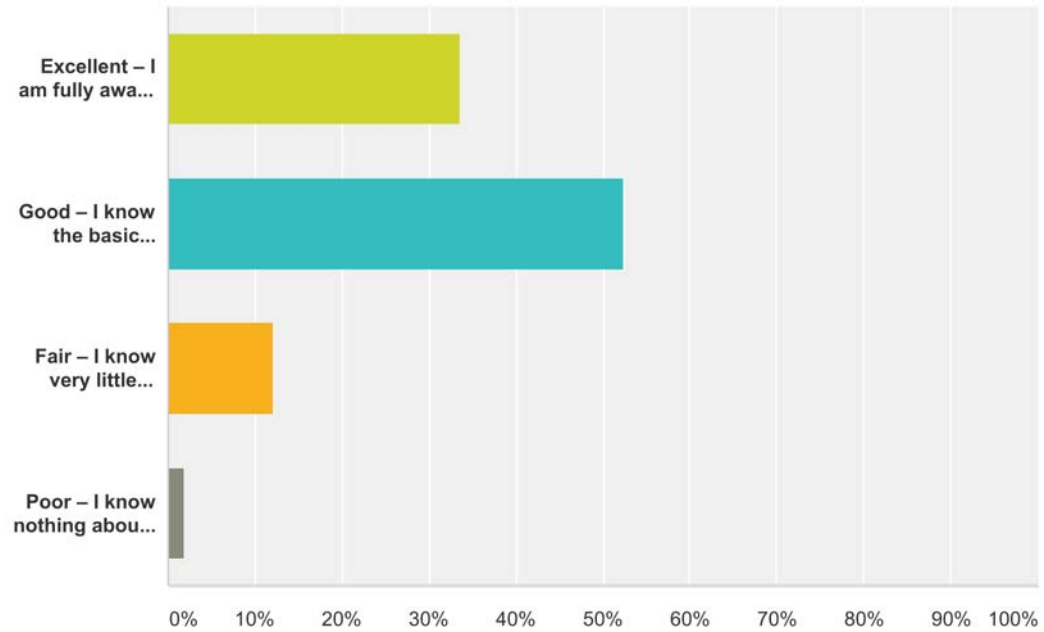
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Answer Choices	Responses	
A resident with children who attend Oyster Bay-East Norwich schools.	78.23%	212
A resident with children who attend private/parochial schools.	1.11%	3
A resident with no school-age children.	7.38%	20
A resident who is a senior citizen age 62 and over.	3.32%	9
A member of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich District staff.	9.96%	27
Total		271

Q2 How would you BEST describe your awareness of the conditions of our District's facilities?

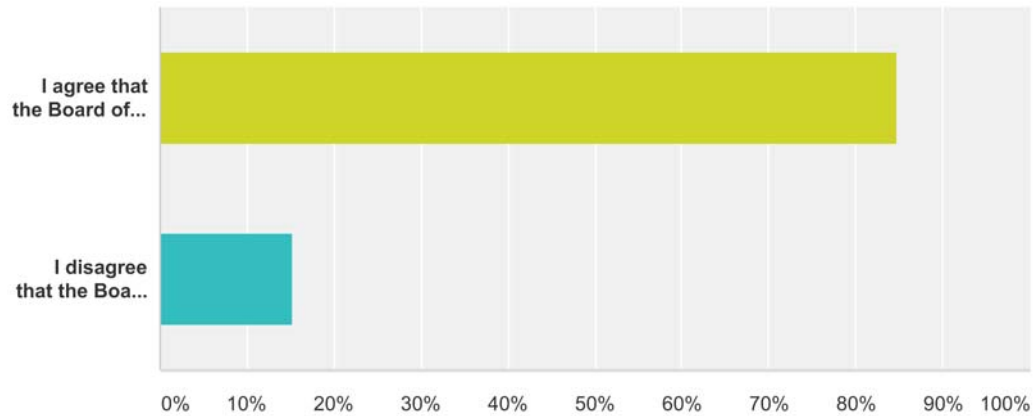
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Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent – I am fully aware of the conditions of our schools.	33.58% 91
Good – I know the basic facts, but not all the details about the conditions of our schools.	52.40% 142
Fair – I know very little about the conditions of our schools.	12.18% 33
Poor – I know nothing about the conditions of our schools.	1.85% 5
Total	271

Q3 Since the proposed work cannot be covered in the District's annual budget without causing the budget to exceed the NYS property tax levy cap, do you agree or disagree that the Board of Education should propose a Capital Project Bond Referendum for a community vote?

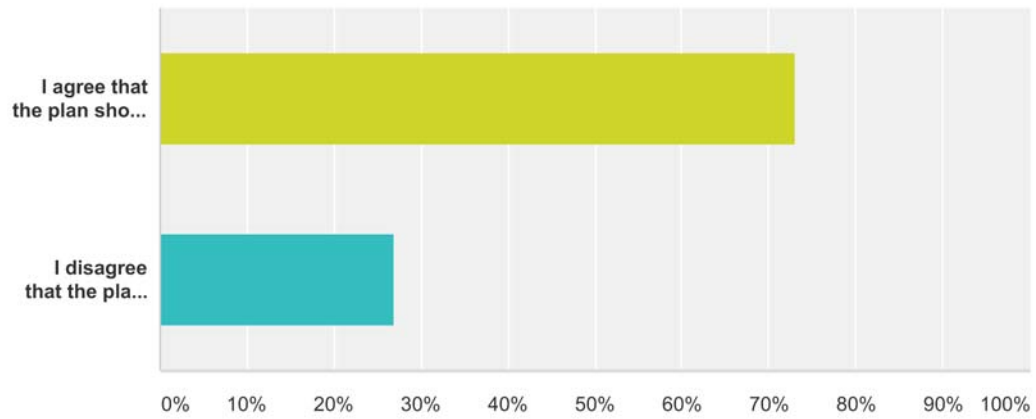
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Answer Choices	Responses	
I agree that the Board of Education should propose a bond referendum for a community vote.	84.70%	227
I disagree that the Board of Education should propose a bond referendum for a community vote.	15.30%	41
Total		268

Q4 Regarding the installation of air conditioning at the high school, please indicate whether or not you believe air conditioning should also be installed in the high school cafeteria.

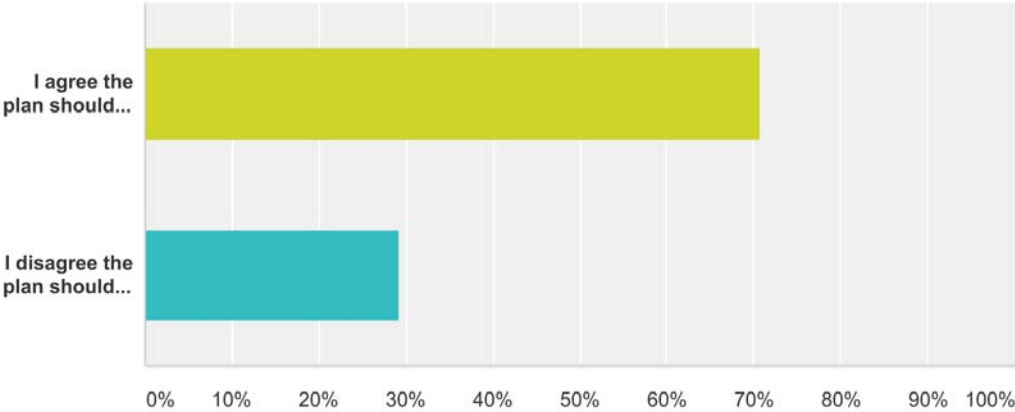
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Answer Choices	Responses	
I agree that the plan should include the installation of air conditioning in the high school cafeteria.	73.11%	193
I disagree that the plan should include the installation of air conditioning in the high school cafeteria.	26.89%	71
Total		264

Q5 Do you agree or disagree that the plan should include the installation of air conditioning in one common area in both James H. Vernon School and Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School?

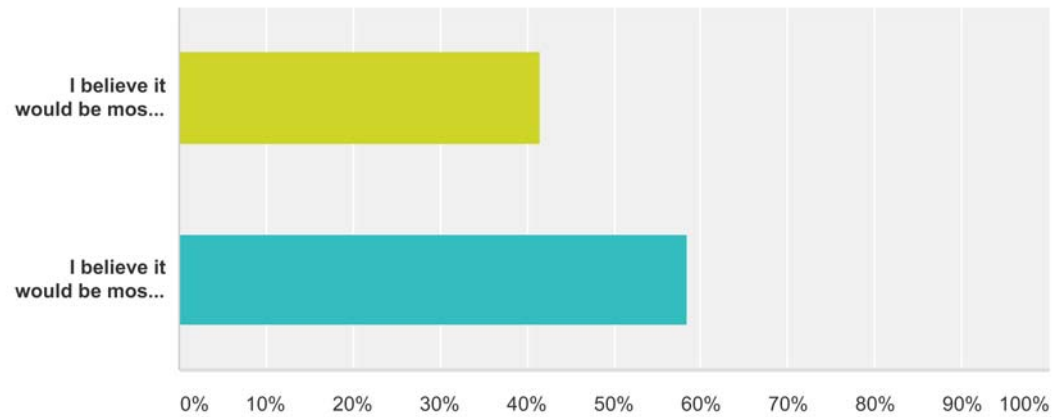
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Answer Choices	Responses
I agree the plan should include the installation of air conditioning in one common area in both James H. Vernon School and Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School.	70.72% 186
I disagree the plan should include the installation of air conditioning in one common area in both James H. Vernon School and Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School.	29.28% 77
Total	263

Q6 If you agree, where do you believe the installation would be most beneficial – the cafeteria or the gymnasium?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
I believe it would be most beneficial to install air conditioning in the cafeteria in both buildings.	41.55%	86
I believe it would be most beneficial to install air conditioning in the gymnasium in both buildings.	58.45%	121
Total		207

Q7 The Board of Education and administration want to ensure that the community is fully aware of any further discussions and plans regarding the proposed Capital Project Bond Referendum. Please indicate where you regularly get information about our schools. On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest, please grade the following sources of school district news.

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DISTRICT WEBSITE:

60% OF RESPONDENTS HAVE GIVEN THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE A FAVORABLE RATING FOR INFORMATION

DISTRICT MAILINGS AND DISTRICT WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS:

DISTRICT MAILINGS (48%) AND THE DISTRICT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER (47%) FOLLOWED CLOSELY BEHIND

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE MAJORITY OF THEIR DISTRICT INFORMATION FROM MATERIALS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT