

**Little Miami Local School District
Online Survey Results
November 1 - 8, 2016**

The following are the results of the online survey conducted from Tuesday, November 1, 2016 through Tuesday, November 08, 2016. The online survey was a follow-up to the Little Miami local School District Community Meeting held on November 1, 2016 which was part of the process to develop its Facility Master Plan. A total of 1,099 people completed the online version of the survey addressing a series of questions regarding academics, facilities, and other topics for Little Miami Schools. The questions were designed to collect and prioritize the community's desires for educating the children of the Little Miami Local School District.

Please note that the survey is not intended to be a scientific study. The results only represent the total number of attendee responses to each question. Some attendees choose not to respond to all questions. Therefore, the total number of responses varies by question. In addition, there are some questions involving prioritizing which allowed respondents to provide more than one response to a question. As a result, percentages for some questions may exceed one hundred percent.

1. Which of the following best describe your relationship to the Little Miami School District?
(multiple choice)

| Category | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Parent/Guardian of a current LMSD student | 895 | 82% |
| Parent/Guardian of a former LMSD student | 20 | 2% |
| Parent/Guardian of children currently enrolled in another school district | 7 | 1% |
| Parent/Guardian of children who did not attend Little Miami School District | 6 | 1% |
| Employee of LMSD | 95 | 9% |
| Parent/Guardian of current LMSD student and employee of LMSD | 26 | 2% |
| Parent/Guardian of former LMSD student and employee of Little Miami School District | 6 | 1% |
| Student | 6 | 1% |
| Interested resident | 26 | 2% |
| Other | 11 | 1% |
| Total | 1,098 | 102% |

2. What is your gender?

| Gender | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Male | 208 | 19% |
| Female | 866 | 79% |
| Prefer not to answer | 21 | 2% |
| Total | 1,095 | 100% |

3. What is your age group?

| Ages | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Less than 20 years old | 6 | 1% |
| 20 – 29 | 47 | 4% |
| 30 – 39 | 453 | 41% |
| 40 – 49 | 444 | 41% |
| 50 – 65 | 132 | 12% |
| Over 65 | 12 | 1% |
| Total | 1,094 | 100% |

4. How many children ages 5 to 18 do you have?

| Number of Children | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| One (1) | 300 | 27% |
| Two (2) | 445 | 41% |
| Three (3) | 181 | 17% |
| Four (4) | 37 | 3% |
| More than four (>4) | 17 | 2% |
| None | 114 | 10% |
| Total | 1,094 | 100% |

5. Select current grade levels of your children. (Select all that apply)

| Grade Level | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Pre-Kindergarten | 140 | 8% |
| Elementary (Grades 1-2, PK/K, 3 and 4) | 533 | 34% |
| Intermediate School (Grades 5-6) | 300 | 17% |
| Junior High School (Grades 7 and 8) | 259 | 15% |
| High School (Grades 9-12) | 352 | 20% |
| None | 97 | 6% |
| Total | 1,092* | 100% |

*The total of all responses is 1,731. Each respondent was allowed to select all that apply. The total number shown is the actual number of respondents.

6. Which of the following issues do you think should be the priority for LMSD to work on during the next 5 to 10 years?

| Grade Level | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Improve school facilities to enhance learning | 747 | 69% |
| Improving the financial position of the district via cost savings from more efficient operations | 245 | 23% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 89 | 8% |
| Total | 1,081 | 100% |

7. What is your overall opinion of the physical condition of Hamilton Maineville Elementary School?

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Excellent Condition | 7 | 1% |
| Good Condition | 212 | 21% |
| Fair Condition | 332 | 33% |
| Poor Condition | 77 | 8% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 380 | 38% |
| Total | 1,008 | 101% |

8. What is your overall opinion of the physical condition of Harlan Butlerville Elementary School?

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Excellent Condition | 8 | 1% |
| Good Condition | 104 | 10% |
| Fair Condition | 262 | 24% |
| Poor Condition | 91 | 8% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 627 | 57% |
| Total | 1,092 | 100% |

9. What is your overall opinion of the physical condition of Morrow Elementary School?

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Excellent Condition | 1 | 0% |
| Good Condition | 18 | 2% |
| Fair Condition | 60 | 6% |
| Poor Condition | 551 | 50% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 464 | 42% |
| Total | 1,094 | 100% |

10. What is your overall opinion of the physical condition of Salem Elementary School?

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Excellent Condition | 15 | 1% |
| Good Condition | 319 | 29% |
| Fair Condition | 474 | 44% |
| Poor Condition | 116 | 11% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 168 | 15% |
| Total | 1,092 | 100% |

11. What is your overall opinion of the physical condition of Little Miami Intermediate School?

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Excellent Condition | 670 | 61% |
| Good Condition | 209 | 19% |
| Fair Condition | 12 | 1% |
| Poor Condition | 1 | 0% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 203 | 19% |
| Total | 1,095 | 100% |

12. What is your overall opinion of the physical condition of Little Miami Junior High School?

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Excellent Condition | 641 | 59% |
| Good Condition | 210 | 19% |
| Fair Condition | 11 | 1% |
| Poor Condition | 1 | 0% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 231 | 21% |
| Total | 1,094 | 100% |

13. What is your overall opinion of the physical condition of Little Miami High School?

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Excellent Condition | 638 | 58% |
| Good Condition | 275 | 25% |
| Fair Condition | 14 | 1% |
| Poor Condition | 0 | 0% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 161 | 16% |
| Total | 1,098 | 100% |

14. When choosing a school district for your child, which is most important? (Choose up to 3)

| Physical Condition Rating | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Start Time | 33 | 1% |
| Location | 208 | 7% |
| Condition of the Building | 169 | 6% |
| Education Program | 1,026 | 34% |
| Administrators and Staff | 630 | 21% |
| Sports/Athletic Programs/Facilities Safety | 192 | 6% |
| Safety | 528 | 18% |
| Overall Size of the School | 198 | 7% |
| Total | 1,094* | 100% |

*The total of all responses is 2,984. Each respondent was allowed to select 3 categories. The total number shown is the actual number of respondents.

15. In your opinion, what is the maximum number of students that should be enrolled in an elementary school? (up through 6th grade)

| Number of Students | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Up to 1,500 | 41 | 4% |
| Up to 1,200 | 59 | 5% |
| Up to 1,000 | 140 | 13% |
| Up to 800 | 166 | 15% |
| Up to 600 | 170 | 16% |
| Up to 400 | 78 | 7% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 435 | 40% |
| Total | 1,089 | 100% |

16. In your opinion, what is the maximum number of students that should be enrolled in a junior high school?

| Number of Students | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| More than 1,800 | 18 | 2% |
| Up to 1,800 | 51 | 5% |
| Up to 1,500 | 83 | 8% |
| Up to 1,200 | 129 | 12% |
| Up to 1,000 | 185 | 17% |
| Up to 800 | 216 | 20% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 406 | 37% |
| Total | 1,088 | 101% |

17. Currently, LMSD students may change schools 6 times before they graduate from high school. What is the maximum number of transitions that a student should have before graduating from high school?

| Number of School Changes | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 6 | 60 | 6% |
| 5 | 75 | 7% |
| 4 | 540 | 49% |
| 3 | 271 | 25% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 149 | 14% |
| Total | 1,095 | 101% |

18. How important is it to offer high school level credits to junior high students who are advanced in their academic studies?

| Level of Importance | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Very Important | 462 | 42% |
| Important | 461 | 42% |
| Less Important | 109 | 10% |
| Not Important | 46 | 4% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 18 | 2% |
| Total | 1,096 | 100% |

19. Which statement would you support for LMSD High School as enrollment increases?

| Level of Importance | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| LMSD should maintain 1 high school regardless of the number of students enrolled. | 503 | 46% |
| LMSD should build a second high school when the existing high school is at full capacity. | 426 | 43% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 122 | 11% |
| Total | 1,087 | 100% |

20. In your opinion, what is the maximum number of students that should be enrolled in a high school?

| Number of Students | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| More than (>) 2,400 | 64 | 6% |
| Up to 2,400 | 118 | 11% |
| Up to 2,100 | 143 | 13% |
| Up to 1,800 | 156 | 14% |
| Up to 1,500 | 149 | 14% |
| Up to 1,200 | 106 | 10% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 353 | 32% |
| Total | 1,089 | 100% |

21. What is important to you when choosing a school district for your family? (Select up to 3)

| Important When Choosing a School | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| Safety | 539 | 24% |
| Superb academic programs | 764 | 33% |
| Student enrollment at individual school buildings | 102 | 5% |
| Family like environment, everyone knows each other | 305 | 13% |
| Greater opportunity for students to play sports and be involved in other extracurricular activities | 344 | 15% |
| Physical condition of school facilities | 230 | 10% |
| Total | 842** | 100% |

**The total of all responses is 2,284. Each respondent was allowed to select 3 categories. The total number shown is the actual number of respondents.

22. Would you support investing in new schools knowing that long-term savings and operating costs will more than compensate for higher upfront costs?

| Investing in New Schools | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Yes | 843 | 77% |
| No | 109 | 10% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 139 | 13% |
| Total | 1,091 | 100% |

23. In your opinion, what is the most important reason to renovate a school?

| Reason to Renovate a School | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Physical condition of school | 254 | 23% |
| Number of students enrolled versus the capacity of the school | 291 | 27% |
| Lack of 21st Century educational facilities to support current education, teaching, and learning methods | 420 | 39% |
| Improve the building's efficiency and operation cost | 122 | 11% |
| Total | 1,087 | 100% |

24. At what point should a new school be considered?

| New School Consideration | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|
| The cost to renovate exceeds 66% (State Standard) of the cost to build new | 124 | 12% |
| Classrooms and other spaces are too small | 151 | 14% |
| Site cannot accommodate an addition | 108 | 10% |
| There is inadequate space for athletic and physical education offerings | 8 | 1% |
| Building does not provide students with an environment that supports current educational best practices | 405 | 38% |
| Return on investment analysis shows that it would be more cost effective to build new than to renovate the existing building over the anticipated life | 285 | 26% |
| Total | 1,081 | 101% |

25. What is your preference when Little Miami student enrollment exceeds building capacity prior to additions or new construction?

| Exceeding Capacity Options | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alternative Calendar (School would be in session year round. A portion of students would not be in attendance at any given time. Students would still attend the required number of hours, but would have "summer break" at varying times of the year.) | 171 | 16% |
| Lease Space | 334 | 31% |
| Modulars | 525 | 49% |
| Split Schedule (Using one building for two groups of students. For example, one group of students attends 6 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; a second group attends 1 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) | 46 | 4% |
| Total | 1,076 | 100% |

26. What is the maximum class size that is acceptable before building additional classroom space at the elementary grade level? (The state of Ohio mandates that elementary class sizes (K-4) are to be no more than 25:1. There are no mandates above K-4.)

| Number of Students | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 36 – 40 | 11 | 1% |
| 31 – 35 | 108 | 10% |
| 26 – 30 | 535 | 49% |
| 20 - 25 | 404 | 37% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 35 | 3% |
| Total | 1,093 | 100% |

27. What is the maximum class size that is acceptable before building additional classroom space at the secondary grade level?

| Number of Students | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 36 – 40 | 28 | 3% |
| 31 – 35 | 214 | 20% |
| 26 – 30 | 516 | 47% |
| 20 - 25 | 289 | 27% |
| No Opinion/Don't Know | 44 | 4% |
| Total | 1,091 | 101% |

28. Where do you get most of your information regarding the Little Miami School District? (Select all that apply)

| Obtain Information about LMSD | Response Number | Percentage of Total |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| Friends/Relatives/Parents/Word-of-Mouth | 433 | 14% |
| My children/students | 429 | 14% |
| Electronic/Online Newsletters | 542 | 17% |
| Parent meetings/events at school | 209 | 7% |
| District Website | 528 | 17% |
| School Administrator | 134 | 4% |
| School Employees | 216 | 7% |
| Social Media | 355 | 11% |
| School Board Meetings | 72 | 2% |
| Postcard/Mailings | 242 | 8% |
| Total | 843*** | 101% |

***The total of all responses is 3,160. Each respondent was allowed to select all that apply. The total number shown is the actual number of respondents.