

**Little Miami Local Schools
Community Meeting
November 1, 2016
Survey Results**

The following are the results of the survey conducted at the Little Miami Local Schools Community Meeting led by Emersion and Fanning Howey on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. The School District convened the forum as part of the process to develop its Facility Master Plan. More than 50 people attended the Community Meeting. Using TurningPoint, an interactive software system, Community Forum attendees were asked a series of questions regarding academics, facilities, and other topics for Little Miami Local Schools. The questions were designed to collect and prioritize the community's desires for educating the children of Little Miami. Each attendee was given a "clicker," which allowed them to respond individually and anonymously to each question.

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	22	49%
Parent/Guardian of a former LMSD student	3	7%
Parent/Guardian of children currently enrolled in another school district	0	0%
Parent/Guardian of children who did not attend Little Miami School District	1	2%
Employee of LMSD	9	20%
Parent/Guardian of current LMSD student and employee of LMSD	3	7%
Parent/Guardian of former LMSD student and employee of Little Miami School District	3	7%
Student	0	0%
Interested resident	3	7%
Other	1	2%
Total	45	101%

2. What is your gender?

Gender	Response Number	Percentage of Total
Male	14	30%
Female	32	68%
Prefer not to answer	1	2%
Total	47	100%

3. What is your age group?

Ages	Response Number	Percentage of Total
Less than 20 years old	0	0%
20 – 29	3	6%
30 – 39	11	22%
40 – 49	20	39%
50 – 65	11	22%
Over 65	6	12%
Total	51	101%

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

Number of Children	Response Number	Percentage of Total
One (1)	8	16%
Two (2)	19	38%
Three (3)	3	6%
Four (4)	0	0%
More than four (>4)	1	2%
None	19	38%
Total	50	101%

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

Grade Level	Response Number	Percentage of Total
Pre-Kindergarten	4	6%
Elementary (Grades 1-2, PK/K, 3 and 4)	19	27%
Intermediate School (Grades 5-6)	11	15%
Junior High School (Grades 7 and 8)	6	8%
High School (Grades 9-12)	11	15%
None	21	29%
Total	72	100%

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	36	77%
Improving the financial position of the district via cost savings from more efficient operations	7	15%
No Opinion/Don't Know	4	9%
Total	72	101%

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	0	0%
Good Condition	6	13%
Fair Condition	22	46%
Poor Condition	13	27%
No Opinion/Don't Know	7	15%
Total	48	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	0	0%
Good Condition	2	4%
Fair Condition	24	48%
Poor Condition	10	20%
No Opinion/Don't Know	14	28%
Total	50	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	2%
Good Condition	0	0%
Fair Condition	0	0%
Poor Condition	43	86%
No Opinion/Don't Know	6	12%
Total	50	101%

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

Physical Condition Rating	Response Number	Percentage of Total
Excellent Condition	2	4%
Good Condition	6	12%
Fair Condition	24	49%
Poor Condition	12	25%
No Opinion/Don't Know	5	10%
Total	49	101%

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	32	65%
Good Condition	13	27%
Fair Condition	0	0%
Poor Condition	0	0%
No Opinion/Don't Know	4	8%
Total	49	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	29	62%
Good Condition	10	21%
Fair Condition	0	0%
Poor Condition	0	0%
No Opinion/Don't Know	8	17%
Total	47	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	26	54%
Good Condition	17	36%
Fair Condition	3	6%
Poor Condition	0	0%
No Opinion/Don't Know	2	4%
Total	48	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	0	0%
Location	17	12%
Condition of the Building	10	7%
Education Program	45	33%
Administrators and Staff	23	17%
Sports/Athletic Programs/Facilities Safety	12	9%
Safety	22	16%
Overall Size of the School	9	7%
Total	138	101%

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	2	4%
Up to 1,200	2	4%
Up to 1,000	5	11%
Up to 800	13	28%
Up to 600	19	40%
Up to 400	5	11%
No Opinion/Don't Know	1	2%
Total	47	101%

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	1	2%
Up to 1,800	1	2%
Up to 1,500	0	0%
Up to 1,200	12	24%
Up to 1,000	15	30%
Up to 800	20	40%
No Opinion/Don't Know	1	2%
Total	50	100%

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	4	8%
5	5	10%
4	21	41%
3	17	33%
No Opinion/Don't Know	4	8%
Total	51	100%

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	29	58%
Important	16	32%
Less Important	3	6%
Not Important	1	2%
No Opinion/Don't Know	1	2%
Total	50	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.	24	49%
LMSD should build a second high school when the existing high school is at full capacity.	18	37%
No Opinion/Don't Know	7	14%
Total	49	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	4	8%
Up to 2,400	3	6%
Up to 2,100	11	22%
Up to 1,800	8	16%
Up to 1,500	18	36%
Up to 1,200	3	6%
No Opinion/Don't Know	3	6%
Total	50	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	25	18%
Superb academic programs	47	33%
Student enrollment at individual school buildings	3	2%
Family like environment, everyone knows each other	27	19%
Greater opportunity for students to play sports and be involved in other extracurricular activities	23	16%
Physical condition of school facilities	17	12%
Total	142	100%

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	44	90%
No	3	6%
No Opinion/Don't Know	2	4%
Total	49	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	9	18%
Number of students enrolled versus the capacity of the school	22	45%
Lack of 21st Century educational facilities to support current education, teaching, and learning methods	16	33%
Improve the building's efficiency and operation cost	2	4%
Total	49	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	3	6%
Classrooms and other spaces are too small	7	14%
Site cannot accommodate an addition	5	10%
There is inadequate space for athletic and physical education offerings	0	0%
Building does not provide students with an environment that supports current educational best practices	15	31%
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	18	37%
All of the above	1	2%
Total	49	100%

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.)	9	18%
Lease Space	22	45%
Modulars	16	33%
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.)	2	4%
Total	49	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	0	0%
31 – 35	0	0%
26 – 30	7	15%
20 - 25	40	83%
No Opinion/Don't Know	1	2%
Total	48	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	1	2%
31 – 35	9	18%
26 – 30	25	50%
20 - 25	15	30%
No Opinion/Don't Know	0	0%
Total	50	100%

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	22	14%
My children/students	14	9%
Electronic/Online Newsletters	18	11%
Parent meetings/events at school	14	9%
District Website	27	17%
School Administrator	14	9%
School Employees	12	8%
Social Media	21	13%
School Board Meetings	8	5%
Postcard/Mailings	7	4%
Total	157	99%