



Strategic Planning

Feedback from Community Survey and Community Forums

The following is information gathered from the Community Survey this past spring. One of the questions on the survey was to choose up to three items that would best improve our schools regarding facilities. Below is the list of items and how the community responded in regards to importance (total respondents 1,271):

1. Opening of currently closed facilities (Harcourt and/or Wyandotte Elementary) – to reduce average classroom size of elementary schools (49.96%)
2. Technology improvements and upgrades (35.01%)
3. Removal of portable classroom trailers at elementary schools (28.87%)
4. General improvements of school facilities (Heating/Cooling, Roofs, Exterior Upgrades and Repairs, General Renovations) (24.39%)
5. Update current classroom spaces (20.85%)
6. Improved Performing Arts instructional and performance spaces (19.28%)
7. Increase number of classroom spaces (17.70%)
8. Security improvements (17.55%)
9. Increase size/capacity of our school buildings (13.61%)
10. Physical Education and/or Athletic Space Improvements & Renovations (11.80%)
11. Expand parking (11.25%)

Below is a sampling of comments from the Community Survey and Community Forums Feedback Sessions regarding improvement of school facilities:

- Schools have a good reputation and are sought out.
- Nicely maintained buildings and grounds
- MSDWT helps home owners increase their investment in their home
- Class sizes too large
- Open closed facilities
- Technology upgrades
- Many of the facilities are in desperate need of updating and cleaning
- Overcrowding in elementary school buildings; we should not have portable classrooms
- Over-crowded schools and large class sizes (at least at the elementary level)
- There is a huge issue with traffic flow during drop off and pick up times.
- Classes are too large in some schools; teachers cannot be expected to manage 30+ kids in one classroom
- The enrollment increase and decrease in state funding are the biggest challenges.
- Class sizes, improve facilities
- Parking is too limited
- Keeping up with surrounding townships
- Aging buildings.
- Portable classrooms at the elementary schools should be removed
- Overcrowding and aging infrastructure

- Alternative education facilities
- Class sizes - way too high
- Trailer Free
- Renovate facilities
- Open closed facilities
- Technology upgrades
- Security is antiquated
- Open closed facilities
- Add a new elementary on the west side
- Rehabbing for more storage
- Smart spaces
- Fewer modular classrooms
- Flexible/multi-spaces
- Add spaces for special populations
- More natural light
- Investment in schools = return on home value
- Better airflow
- Reduce overcrowding
- Need more restrooms
- Enhance performing arts in schools, no performances in gyms
- Parking/traffic flow
- Update/expand plumbing
- Outdoor facilities – playgrounds
- Paint, flooring, new signs
- New classroom desks
- Auditoriums at all middle schools
- Cafeteria space is very problematic
- Bathrooms need to be renovated
- Increase technology
- Collaborative space areas for large group instruction
- Larger hallways
- Improved HVAC systems
- Improving what we do have and opening of closed schools
- Capacity
- Bring technology standards up to date at the buildings
- Bring in as much natural light as possible
- Really great cafeterias, less institutional looking
- Outdoor learning spaces/unused spaces

Additional information regarding feedback from the community can be found on the MSDWT district website under Strategic Plan.