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Name:

Delaine Augustson - Averi Augustson

#13

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Because I have faith and trust in my school district and I know that they want the best and have the best interests for my children. → over

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

If it would be at the beginning of the school year, I would say Greenbush. But since we are already this far into the school year, my vote is to keep it in Middle River.

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

Yes.

River
over →

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Yes.

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1. Also we have the best teachers and education to offer my children. My child is special needs and has had a special education teacher ever since he started school. She & his teachers have been wonderful to work with and I would not want to disrupt this by switching to another school.
2. I asked Averil what his preference would be and he said that he wants to stay in Middle River since they already started the school year there.

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GB as Alex will be shortly be on alternating
Weeks between Tad & my home.

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Name:

Jodi Wahl

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

it's the district we ~~live~~ live in.

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

Greenbush

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

NO

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

yes

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#6

Name: Curt + Kelly Christianson

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Wanted to keep Ava in the same district
she has been going to.

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

No, Doesn't matter to us. Ava feels comfortable
at either place

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

Doesn't matter, ~~we~~ we care more about
her education than what building she is in.

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Yes

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#5

Name: Jessica Williams

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

We just recently moved to middle River.

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

I would prefer my daughter was in Middle River for the remainder of the year.

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

yes- it would be less confusing for the kids who have settled into a routine.

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

i do have another daughter who attends Greenbush, so yes i would keep them in the district.

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#4

Name: Patrick Just

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Both our children have friends here
and don't want to change

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

Greenbush only because both
parents work in Rosary and makes it closer
for appointments etc. Also, Ballyson Area
Middle River School District

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

Doesn't matter

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Yes

October 3, 2017

To: Tom Jerome, Sharon Schultz and the Greenbush Middle River School Board

From: Lisa Vacura

My decision to keep my daughter in the Greenbush Middle River School was one that was not easily made. Last Spring when the School Board made the decision to hold all the 4th grade classes in the Middle River campus, I seriously considered sending her to the Badger School. My decision to do this was because I could not see sending her 22 miles, 44 round trip, when there are 2 schools both within 7 miles from our house and also because I was frustrated with the school board's decision on the matter. I took the summer to think more about my decision and talked with several of her class mats parents before making the decision to keep her in the Greenbush Middle River School.

So why did I send her to Middle River? My reason was because of the friends that she has made in Greenbush and also considering the fact that both my boys made that same trip in 6th-8th grade and did just fine. When I talked with her about going to Badger she was very much in favor for it. However, she kept saying how much she would miss her friends. I just kept telling her she could make new friends and her cousins would be there too. As the summer went on I had not yet made a definite decision on where she would attend school that fall. I talked with several other parents and we all felt the same on the friendships that the kids have made and really didn't want to break them up. Never once did we talk about getting a better education at another school. Or, that the education system had failed our children.

So, as I thought about what school my daughter would be attending for the 2017-18 school year, I had to put my own selfish feelings about how this whole situation has been handled aside and do what was best for her. Yes, Middle River is farther away, but she will be with the students she is friends with and hopefully make some new ones. She has had to make some adjustments but seems to be dealing okay with everything. However, in Greenbush she had access to someone that helped her with vocabulary. She no longer receives that at the Middle River campus and is struggling with her language classes. I have to wonder how many other students are missing out on that help in learning as well. I don't know if that particular special education teacher is still with the school or not, or if it is a matter of not enough time for her to travel between campuses. The school board has already brought back to the Greenbush campus the 6th-8th grade, which in my opinion was a move in the right direction given our current financial situation. I also feel that my daughter, her class mates and under class mates are missing out on opportunities for learning by being the only students left in the Middle River Campus. But, no matter what decision the board makes on the 4th grade class, my daughter will continue to attend the Greenbush Middle River School. - Lisa Vacura

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#2

Name: Beito

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Other kids in mr

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

mr

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

yes

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

NO

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Name: Abbi & Tom Pittman, Quinn

#10

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Grew up going to Greenbush School, I believe the teachers + other staff members have the best interest of the kids at heart.

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

Greenbush

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

Greenbush

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

yes

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Name: Brenda Papquin / Mya Bennett

#9

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Siblings are in Greenbush

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

No

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Yes

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Name: Shauna & Cory Wimpfheimer "Zarryn"

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Because other siblings are in it too.
*(Good education, great teachers + classmates)

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

Greenbush

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?

IF can, (Get them back before, snow season.) NO

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

Yes / "Financially," is
MR school / even a thought,

after enrollment down. Don't make decisions
based solely on emotions, make good business/
financial decisions for the district. Thanks



Toni Jerome <tjerome@greenbush.k12.mn.us>

4th grade class survey

Tanya Glad <tanya.glad@yahoo.com>

Fri, Oct 6, 2017 at 10:06 AM

To: "tjerome@greenbush.k12.mn.us" <tjerome@greenbush.k12.mn.us>

Mr. Jerome –

Good morning!

Is it ok if I answer those survey questions about the 4th grade class in this email please?

1 – Why did we stay in GMR school district? We live in Greenbush. It makes sense for the kids to be in the GMR district.

2 – Site preference ... Greenbush

3 – Do we prefer to complete the school year in MR? Honestly, I would like to see the kids back in Greenbush before the snow flies.

4 – If the 4th grade relocated, would we continue to be enrolled in GMR? Yes, absolutely!

Any other questions, just let me know.

Thank you!

Tanya Glad

#12



Neil & Rachel Lund <nrlund@wiktel.com>
To: tjerome@greenbush.k12.mn.us

Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 7:44 PM

Good evening Tom. Here are our answers to the survey you sent out in the mail late last week.

1. Why did you choose to stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?

We are both alumni of the GMR school and feel that it offers great academic opportunities to our children.

2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)

Our preference is to come back to Greenbush.

3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River.

No, we want our son and his class to come back to Greenbush.

4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District.

Yes, we would keep him in the school district for this year but if the school board does not come to a conclusion and make a decision going forward for these buildings this school year, we are going to leave it up to our son to decide

where he wants to go in the future. It has been very hard on these 9 year old kids. I know it is not an easy or popular decision to close a school but there are just not enough kids and there are going to be less the longer it gets drug out.

It is not a Greenbush versus Middle River thing now or ever it is just a sign of the times and a business decision needs to be made now!!

Thanks for your time,

O'Neil & Rachel Lund



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#1

Name: Denise Andersen

1. Why did you choose stay with the Greenbush Middle River School District?
Choose to stay with Middle River. I work 2 blocks away, and as long as the school is open I will support it. At this point it is not necessarily the district but the individual school & staff.
2. Do you have a site preference for your child to attend 4th grade? (Greenbush or Middle River)
Our daughter is in 3rd grade. The kids are all settled in and seem to be doing great, why now! When you know all summer long enrollment was going to be down.
3. Would you prefer to complete the year in Middle River?
Yes, they are already settled in, why uproot them now just because you can. It will not just be one child you will need to find busing from MR for to
4. If 4th grade class is relocated to Greenbush, will you continue to be enrolled in the Greenbush Middle River School District?

It will be something Tad & I will need to discuss as Newfolden is closer for both of us during work hours. As the kids get older it would be easier for us to have the children at MCR for sporting events as Tad works right in Karlstad. However, we are both graduates of either BB or MR so it is something we'd need to discuss and see what works best for our given situation.