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Lakeview Public Schools

Community Survey Report

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- Founded in **2002** to provide independent research
- Conducted over **3 million** staff, parent, and student, and community surveys for school improvement
- Helped more than **1,000** school districts navigate the strategic planning and referendum planning process

Survey Information

- April 14, 2025 survey deadline
- 395 respondents
 - 381 in 2020
- **34%** response rate
- +/- 5.03% statistical margin of error



What is your age?



S/P

Is your primary residence in the District?





In which municipality do you live?

City of Cottonwood City of Wood Lake Lucas Township Posen Township Sandnes Township Wood Lake Township Vallers Township Stanley Township Normania Township Sioux Agency Township Westerheim Township Fairview Township Minnesota Falls Township





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Do you own property within the District that is taxed as agricultural land?







Respondent Information

Are you an employee of Lakeview Public Schools?

Do you have children attending a school in the District?







75% School/District newsletters 51% 33% Facebook **49%** 31% School/District websites **62%** 25% Emails 82% 25% Marshall Independent 5% 13% 18% **Tri County News** 7% School Messenger 14% 7% Board meetings 13% **4**% Instagram 10% 3% Phone notifications 31% Non-Parents/Non-Staff **2%** X (formerly Twitter) 5% Parents Other 4%

How would you like to receive school/District information?

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Technology Funding Options

The debt from the bond referendum voters approved in 2000 will be paid off next year. This eliminates a portion of the District's annual debt payments from the budget, which creates an opportunity to replace those payments with funding to address operational needs through a **capital project (technology) levy**.

Among Minnesota school districts, 74% have secured voter-approved operational funding beyond what the state provides. Lakeview does not receive any additional voter-approved operational funding.

Three options were developed for community feedback:

Option 1 – \$300,000 annually to:

- ✓ Maintain existing technology infrastructure and update as necessary.
- ✓ Replace and maintain student and staff devices, including in computer labs.
- ✓ Update software as necessary to maintain strong security to protect student and staff data.
- Maintain Career and Technical Education (CTE or "shop") programs in business, family consumer science, and agriculture.



Technology Funding Options

Option 2 – \$425,000 annually to:

- ✓ Do everything in Option 1.
- Add a CTE program to teach construction (including cabinetry, metals, residential construction, plumbing, electrical, and manufacturing production).
- Purchase new CTE equipment for the woods and agriculture shops (including saws, sander, hydraulic press, and small engines).
- ✓ Update existing CTE equipment.

Option 3 – \$550,000 annually to:

- ✓ Do everything in Options 1 and 2.
- ✓ Purchase technology to support anatomy, biology, physiology, and animal science programs.
- Update family and consumer science equipment (including ovens, microwaves, and sewing equipment).





Funding Support

Please note: Property taxes for residential and commercial/industrial property owners would go down under Option 1 because of the expiring debt from the 2000 bond referendum. For Option 2, there would be no change in the property tax rate over the current level.

ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE						
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Option 1 \$300,000	Option 2 \$425,000	Option 3 \$550,000		
Residential Homestead/ HGA (House, garage, and 1 acre)	\$100,000	-\$7	\$0	\$6		
	\$150,000	-\$12	\$0	\$12		
	\$200,000	- \$18	\$0	\$17		
	\$250,000	-\$23	\$0	\$24		
	\$300,000	-\$28	\$0	\$29		
Commercial/Industrial	\$100,000	-\$15	\$0	\$15		
	\$250,000	-\$44	\$0	\$43		
Ag Homestead* (average value per acre of land and buildings)	\$7,000	\$0.49	\$0.85	\$1.21		
	\$8,000	\$0.56	\$0.97	\$1.38		
	\$9,000	\$0.63	\$1.09	\$1.55		
Ag Non-Homestead* (average value per acre of land and buildings)	\$7,000	\$0.99	\$1.70	\$2.42		
	\$8,000	\$1.13	\$1.94	\$2.76		
	\$9,000	\$1.27	\$2.19	\$3.11		



Referendum Support







■ Not sure/need more information

No referendum

Additional Analysis: Capital Technology Levy support



Weighted support for *Definitely yes and Probably yes:* \$550,000: 0.25 (47%) + 0.75 (26%) = 31.3% \$425,000: 0.25 (74%) + 0.75 (57%) = 61.3% \$300,000: 0.25 (84%) + 0.75 (73%) = 75.8%

How is the District doing in each of the following areas? Great = 4, Good = 3, Fair = 2, Poor = 1

ltem	Staff	Parents	Non-Parents/ Non-Staff
Delivering a high-quality education	3.42	3.06	3.14
Keeping the public informed	3.63	3.10	2.93
Managing funds appropriately	3.60	2.94	2.82
Building pride in the community	3.59	3.23	3.27



How is the District doing in each of the following areas? Great = 4, Good = 3, Fair = 2, Poor = 1

Item	Percent "Great" or "Good"	Average	Comparison Percentile
Delivering a high-quality education	83%	3.16	69 th
Keeping the public informed	81%	3.14	95 th
Managing funds appropriately	73%	3.03	88 th
Building pride in the community	86%	3.31	95 th

On a scale of 0 – 10, how likely would you be to recommend the District to a friend or family member?



Lakeview Score: 7.85

Comparison Score: 7.17

Comparison Percentile: 79th

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