

**Dear Community Members, Families, and Staff:**

I am extremely proud to be a part of the Lewiston and Altura communities. For those of you I have not yet met, I began serving as our district's superintendent in July 2020. I have worked in education for many years, and it's clear to me that these communities are special. We work hard, we take care of one another, and we care about our schools.



At the same time, our district is determined to provide the very best education we can every day. To accomplish this, the School Board and I are in the process of developing a strategic plan that will guide our decisions and lay out our goals to ensure that we provide a quality education to all students.

**A successful strategic plan must include feedback from our community.** We would like to better understand your thoughts on what we are doing well, areas where we could improve, and where we should focus our planning over the next few years.

To collect your feedback, we are working with School Perceptions, an independent, education research firm. All survey data is returned to School Perceptions to protect your confidentiality.

**Please take a few minutes and complete this survey!**

**PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY IN ONE OF THE TWO FOLLOWING WAYS**

**Option 1: Online –**

Go to the survey website:

**[www.Feedback2000.com](http://www.Feedback2000.com)**

Enter your survey code:

**Option 2: Paper –** If you do not have internet access, please return the survey to any school office, or mail it to School Perceptions, PO Box 607, Slinger, WI 53086.

*Additional Surveys: The survey code can be used only once. To obtain additional surveys for other adults in your household, please call the District Office at 507.522.3230.*

*Para pedir una copia de esta encuesta en español, favor de llamar 507.522.3230.*

**Please complete the survey before February 28, 2022.**

Final survey results will be reported at a Board of Education meeting in March. They will also be available on the District's website at [www.lewalt.k12.mn.us](http://www.lewalt.k12.mn.us).

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!**

Sincerely,

**Gwen Carman**

*Superintendent*

*Lewiston-Altura Public Schools*

## Respondent Information

What is your age? ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65 or older

Do you live in the Lewiston-Altura School District? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In which city/village/township do you live?

- ☐ Altura ☐ Lewiston ☐ Rollingstone  
☐ Stockton ☐ Utica ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Do not live in the District

Do any adults in your household speak Spanish as their primary/first language? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you an employee of the District? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a child(ren) currently attending a school in the District? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a child(ren) younger than age 5? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please select any other relationships you have with the District. (Mark all that apply.)

- ☐ Alumni ☐ Businessowner ☐ Retired staff member/employee  
☐ Volunteer ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you like to receive school/district information? (Mark all that apply.)

- ☐ Board meetings (attending in-person) ☐ Board meetings (viewing online)  
☐ District mailings ☐ District/school website  
☐ Email ☐ Facebook  
☐ Parent/teacher organizations ☐ School newsletters  
☐ *The St. Charles Press & Lewiston Journal* ☐ TV/radio  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Overall Satisfaction

How is the District doing in each of the following areas? (Circle your response.)

Delivering a high-quality education	Great	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure/ no opinion
Keeping the public informed	Great	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure/ no opinion
Managing funds appropriately	Great	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure/ no opinion
Building pride in the community	Great	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure/ no opinion

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

- ☐ 0 ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10  
Extremely Unlikely Neutral Extremely Likely

What makes our school district unique and special?

## Strategic Planning

To continue the District's successes, we will develop a strategic plan that will be used to guide our decisions, both large and small. Your feedback will help us concentrate on maintaining what's going well and improving what isn't. Please indicate your level of agreement with each item below.

(Circle your response.)

Communications – “The District ...”					
Provides me with opportunities to offer feedback.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Communicates with me effectively.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Is transparent about their planning.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Provides me with the information to learn about what's going on at school.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Culture – “The District ...”					
Maintains a safe and secure campus.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Has the support of parents and the community.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Leadership – “The District ...”					
Administrators are leading our district effectively.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
School board is leading our district effectively.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Is heading in the right direction.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Academics & Development – “The District ...”					
Prepares students to be ready for college and careers.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Has high expectations for students.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Builds positive student character.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Support for Learning – “The District ...”					
Employs high-quality teachers/staff.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Partners with local businesses and community members.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Has up-to-date facilities, classrooms, and/or labs to support student learning.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion

All things considered, I am proud of our school district.

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Not sure/  
no opinion

## Student Success

**We understand students needs to be successful in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Beyond these foundations, please select up to five areas you believe students need to be successful for life after high school.**

- ☐ Ability to speak more than one language.
- ☐ Appreciation for the fine arts (such as art, choir, band, theater, drama).
- ☐ Creativity and problem-solving skills.
- ☐ Effective use of technology.
- ☐ Leadership skills.
- ☐ Project-based/hands-on learning work skills.
- ☐ Readiness for the challenges of a job immediately after graduation.
- ☐ Readiness for the challenges of college and/or trade training.
- ☐ Respect for diversity.
- ☐ Socially, emotionally, and mentally healthy.
- ☐ Strong communication skills and ability to work well with others.
- ☐ Understanding of the importance of staying physically healthy.

**Are there other skills/areas you believe students need to be successful? If so, what are they?**

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## Future Priorities

Our school district received state and federal pandemic relief funding. There are requirements on how this money must be used.

- All funds must be spent by 2024.
- Some of the funds can only be used for specific purposes, such as cleaning supplies and equipment, additional staff time for extra cleaning, technology for remote learning, etc.
- Some of the funds must be used to meet students' academic needs.
- Some of the funds can be used as a district chooses.

**With all of this in mind, please choose up to five areas where you believe we should focus additional planning and resources.**

- ☐ Expand community/business partnerships for students (such as internships and job shadowing).
- ☐ Expand online/distance/virtual course offerings.
- ☐ Expand opportunities to earn college credits and certificates in high school.
- ☐ Expand programming for students in early childhood education.
- ☐ Expand services for English language learners.
- ☐ Expand services for students who have difficulties learning or who have fallen behind.
- ☐ Expand social/emotional/mental health support services for students.
- ☐ Improve communications with parents and community.
- ☐ Improve playgrounds for both school and community use.
- ☐ Improve school safety and security.
- ☐ Improve student transportation services.
- ☐ Improve the career and technical education ("shop") program.
- ☐ Improve the District's financial situation.
- ☐ Improve understanding of and support for diversity.
- ☐ Improve/expand athletics.
- ☐ Improve/expand fine arts (such as art, choir, band, theater, drama).
- ☐ Offer a wider range of courses for students at the high school level.
- ☐ Upgrade technology access and devices.

**Are there other planning priorities you believe we should focus on that are not listed here? If so, what are they?**

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**Please complete the questions below if you are a parent/guardian of a child(ren) currently enrolled in the Lewiston-Altura Public Schools or you are employed by the District.**

**Families & Staff Only**

**Culture – “The District ...”**

Creates a healthy and respectful school environment.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Disciplines students in a fair and consistent manner.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion

**Academics & Development – “The District ...”**

Provides students instruction that is both rigorous and relevant.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Challenges students who excel in the classroom.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Is meeting the needs of English Language Learners.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Encourages students at all ability levels to take advanced courses.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Provides students with adequate academic support during the school day when needed.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Offer students courses in high school that align with their college/career plans.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Ensures all students have access to technology.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Helps students effectively and appropriately use technology.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion
Provides enough social/emotional/mental health support.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/ no opinion

## Facility Planning

We need to address the financial challenge of declining enrollment, while also ensuring that our schools appropriately serve our students. To help, last year, we hired an outside firm to assess the conditions of our buildings' structures, systems, and classrooms. Some of the areas where we could focus our planning and resources are presented below.

**Please use this scale when responding to the following items.**

**Very important:** Address as soon as possible

**Important:** Address at some point in the future

**Not important:** Not a priority at this time

How important is each of the following projects to you?	
Create dedicated space for large-group performances, events, and plays.	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
Add space for indoor athletics and large-group events.	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
Update classrooms and labs that meet students' current educational needs	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
Provide more flexible spaces for small-group learning, instruction, and tutoring.	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not Important
Reduce the number of schools and consolidate operations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Important <input type="checkbox"/> Important <input type="checkbox"/> Not Important

**Are there other specific facility projects you would like us to consider as we begin planning?**

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***Thank you for your participation. We sincerely value your time and feedback!***

Lewiston-Altura Public Schools (ISD 857)  
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If you have questions about our planning process or this survey,  
please contact us at 507.522.3230.



***Please complete the survey before  
February 28, 2022.***

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