



Lakeview School District
Community Survey Comment Analysis
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The Comment Analysis Summary is intended to identify and represent the prevailing themes collected through the comments gathered in the community survey. A major theme is identified as a result of having multiple participants referencing similar issues or concerns. Supporting comments are included verbatim within each theme.

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Respondents are extremely satisfied with the work of the school district.

Lakeview does a phenomenal job with communication!

Lakeview does a great job of getting important information out on different platforms.

LakeView has always had a great communication to all us parents, LakeView is the best school my kids have ever gone to. we are very blessed to have teachers and their peers my children are happy.

The school's Facebook site is awesome!!! Very good info on there & always kept up to date!

Excellent education, kids are nit just a number, staff genuinely care about students and their success.

Safe, welcoming, small town friendly. I love that everyone know everyone and it feels like family!

ADMINISTRATION IS TOP NOTCH!

Positive atmosphere for most. Attitude is always upbeat. Caring staff. Excellent on safety & precautions.

Lakeview has the best staff and make students feel like family. All staff support students in a way other schools do not have the ability to.

Lakeview makes providing a positive, respectful, kind, caring environment for students, parents and staff a top priority.

I feel we have a great Administration Team and good staff that for the most part work well together. I love that the school is kept up well with fixing and repair on a timely schedule. We need to keep it looking good for years to come.

The atmosphere is one that makes my kids feel safe and welcomed.

The relationships of the student, students to teachers, and teachers. Lakeview is definitely a team, together as one!

Staff is very friendly and helpful. Communication between parents and staff is open.

We know our children are receiving a quality education!

what I liked best is all the personal attention the kids get helping my children to feel proud and excepted, and never feel left out. when one child is sitting alone the teachers and staff encourage peers to inderduce them self to new students to feel welcomed in the community.

I like the strong emphasis on academics over athletics.

Many people have done a very good job at Lakeview for several years now. I am proud and thankful that my children were able to be a part of this special place.

Respondents support maintaining the school, but want to ensure the money is spent wisely.

HVAC system creates many hot/cold spots. Would be nice to fix that.

Most of the ideas seems very understandable to be repaired but some not. Example locker rooms why and carpet/curtains why?

small price to pay for future of our kids

If we do not repair and update our building as needed it will only cost more. Along with that, a plan needs to be in place so that we are not caught off guard with an unplanned, very large, expense.

These are all repairs that I see that do need to be done. Nothing fancy or extra

Bettering our schools will better our community

Seems like there are a lot of things in the list above that are unnecessary.

Do maintenance that is needed vs items that are wanted

Some repairs will need to be done, but not all at once.

We have one of the nicest schools in the area, and we need to keep it that way.

The Lakeview School District could spend money more conservatively and realize that tax dollars should be used where they benefit the majority of students, aka not a turf football field.

Do what needs to be done not what you want. Needs vs. wants

It does seem that the timing for this is excellent

This is a definitely yes as long as there was not the 1.4 million turf project on it. That one might be a dealbreaker

Too many things in here that are not necessary.

The projects need to be looked over again, most of them are not necessary.

priorities are a little skewed but I'd still support. focus on kids education not the toys. fund some STEM classes and prepare for 4 year college/university.

Hard to justify approving a huge referendum without adding usable space.

Respondents identified many of the athletic projects as “wants” rather than “needs.”

This should not be all in one. I would suggest a couple of different things; 1: the boosters should be covering the athletic department requests. 2. separate the actual academic needs out from the athletic needs, the athletic needs are not a necessity nor should they be paid for by local businesses and farmers.

There is no reason to turf the football field and spend 1.4 million dollars for 4 home games.

The community should be told how a turf field would be used for so many different things year-round vs grass. Why is it better if it's still MN winter? Also, didn't we just add an entire new gymnasium, bringing the total to 3, for phy ed use and year-round practice/games? You've got so much more than most area schools, it's starting to get greedy to continue to ask for more and expect referendums to pass. If Lakeview wants to be a good steward of the citizens' tax dollars, use those dollars for things that actually matter, not for certain persons who think it would make Lakeview stand out to have a turf field. We already have an amazing complex that area schools must come to because we have a track and several ball fields.

We feel we have the best extracurricular facilities in the whole area for a school our size. Thus the low ratings on some of the items listed.

Prioritize things that every student and community member benefits from versus just athletes who do not make up the majority of our student body or community. Turf for example seems like a want not a need. How often would PE really use it? How often would community really use it? It would mostly only benefit the football players which seems odd to me.

None of the above items listed are educating the Children. Most items listed are for the comfort of the fans. Turf on a Football field? Year-round practice in MN? Sounds like a very expensive project that won't get used much. What is the cost of the annual field maintenance?

Artificial turf on the football field in a school of 600-700 students in a town of 1,200 & 400 respectively. Really?! WOW. No offence but I think some folks are getting a little carried away. BTW, I am in the process of selling my house and I had always assumed "having a good school would help sell it" not my experience. Focus on highest quality education you can get and focus on getting kids to get additional schooling after graduating. Please.

Again, I have no issue at all supporting the academic needs of the school, however that does not include the athletic wants of the school, please separate these out for the level.

emphasis on academics vs. athletics

less focus on sports (more on arts & academia)

Respondents expressed concerns regarding the cost of some of the projects and how it may impact taxes.

This isn't the right time for a referendum. Covid-19 has taken a toll in many areas.

Check for rebates on the LED lighting project

I think your looking at just one piece of the tax equation on properties. If everything else stayed the same, it would be different story but ALL taxes continue to rise.

would want to see how much the taxes will go up on everything if the demarcates get in before I would spend more money on taxes. You end up making it sound like we would be paying no more tax on land than in 2017 but the truth is there is no free money and the government lower my land tax they have to raise tax somewhere else the government does not contribute anything they can only take from someone and give to another.

We would not be able to support all the items included therefore at this time we would vote no.

My vote depends n how much of the money is spent on athletic facilities.

I would definitely support everything but the turf football field. I would need to see further justification for that expense, and would like to see the tax impact that removing that \$1.4mm would have. That's over 10% of the project for something that would be used maybe 8 times per year between football games and track meets.

Live within the means of the community. We have had our taxes increased to many times for this school.

I do not agree to these improvements with the current pandemic.

I think we need to really need to look at these and the cost associated with them. Are these realistic - both from the project itself and the estimated costs? As a taxpayer, how much of my (and your) tax dollars should go to have a turf football field vs having good streets in Cottonwood that you and I drive on each day. We can have a really state of the art school with lots of goodies and a crappy looking community/city.

would not be for spending more money at this time tell after the election if decorates get in taxes will go sky high and we will not be able to afford to improve our School

Some respondents requested additional information throughout the survey.

In order to make an informed decision as to my vote, I would need to understand more details of what exactly is wrong or needs to be repaired for the above listed top priorities. Renovate the locker rooms? What is wrong with what is there? Do the showers not work or is this cosmetic changes so they look nicer? Replace the auditorium curtains? Really? When people have lost their jobs to COVID, we have the lowest commodity prices in sometime, and high unemployment, we are worried about the how the curtains in the auditorium look?

We would need much more information about the items in the base plan. We are not knowledgeable about the condition of some of the other items listed. If the roof heating and ventilation system, exterior repair and parking lot repair are needed that must be done.

You will need to have detailed presentations in many formats (public, web, videos, paper, etc) to justify it to many of the farmers in the region who have been hurt by COVID and by our current political direction (tariffs, losing share in China etc). It does need to be done so that we can maintain our great school

LED lights are efficient, but only if used all the time. Artificial turf has maintenance costs also. How much money? Turf has its disadvantages, too. Bleachers were the same on both sides were the same. Correct? Better bet is to fix main gym sound system.

Track surface? wasnt it just replaced a few years ago? it looks to be in good condition, especially when compared to other schools, i would rate that as the lowest on the list other than the bleachers.

Has anyone been in contact with the city and looked at what their future needs are going to look like? What does enrollment for the school look like in the next 5 to 10 years? What does the city population or pool of tax payers look like? Do kids from outside the district that come to our school help pay for these improvements or is it just put on the backs of a few? How do we compete in regards to teacher compensation? I would rather have great teachers that are well paid than supporting the increase that gives us a nice football field. Teachers provide the tools for life, not a "showcase" school...