

Facility Survey Question Lists

The Morton School District 709 Facilities Committee wants your opinion. The committee is examining the condition of all schools in the district and will provide to the school district recommendations for a long term plan to repair, renovate and replace aging schools in the district, many of them older than 30 years. As they draft this plan, this group of citizens and staff both needs and wants the opinions of community members about proposed projects for the first phase of this plan and projects being considered for the long-range plan. Please help them by taking a few minutes to complete this survey. All individual replies will be anonymous.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Taking into consideration everything you know about Morton School District 709, how would you rate the district overall?

Excellent **Good** **Fair** **Poor** **Not sure**

2. How would you rate Morton School District 709 on how it manages the money it receives?

Excellent **Good** **Fair** **Poor** **Not sure**

3. How would you rate the condition of Morton School District 709 buildings?

Excellent **Good** **Fair** **Poor** **Not sure**

4. The Facilities Committee is currently working to identify long-term facility needs. For the first phase of this plan, they are considering several options that might require the district to place a measure on a future ballot to fund renovation and additional teaching space at the elementary schools. Current estimates are that renovating and adding instructional space to the elementary schools would cost approximately \$16.8 million, which could increase the tax rate for schools by 45 cents per hundred and cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$150 a year. If an election were held today to upgrade the elementary schools at that cost would you favor or oppose the measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

5. The Facilities Committee is recommending the construction of a new high school and moving the junior high students into the current high school building in the next 10 to 15 years as the second phase of this long term plan. If you knew this \$16.8 million proposal addressing the elementary needs is the first phase of that long range facilities plan, would you favor or oppose this phase one measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

The next questions give additional facts about some of the projects proposed for the first phase of the facilities plan. Please help us measure how important each of these is to our community by indicating if the fact given is important enough to you to make you favor or oppose the potential \$16.8 million measure.

6. State law requires daily physical education for all students but Morton does not have adequate space for physical education and has been granted a six year waiver from the state for providing daily PE. Passage of this measure would allow Morton elementary schools to have daily PE classes for all students and avoid penalties from the state of Illinois. Does this fact cause you to favor or oppose the \$16.8 million measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

7. Because of the increasing requirements by federal law for small group instruction for targeted students, the district has to use hallways in order to provide adequate and appropriate programs. Does this fact cause you to favor or oppose the \$16.8 million measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

8. Passage of this \$16.8 million measure would save the district at least \$6 million in maintenance costs over the next 10 years for the elementary buildings. Does this make you favor or oppose the measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

9. Passage of this \$16.8 million measure would close Jefferson, the grade school that will require half of the estimated maintenance costs for the elementary buildings over the next 10 years. Does this make you favor or oppose the measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

10. This \$16.8 million measure would pay for replacing worn-out basic systems, such as roofs, electrical, heating and ventilation at the district's elementary schools. Does this make you favor or oppose the measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

11. If you knew community committees would continue to stay closely involved in carrying out this long-range facilities plan. Does this make you favor or oppose the \$16.8 million measure?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

18. Accommodate space needs at the elementary schools for the next 20 years.

Low **high**
1 **2** **3** **4**

19. After hearing the facts and projects under consideration by the Morton School District Facilities Committee, do you favor or oppose a \$16.8 million facilities measure which would renovate the district's elementary schools and increase the property tax rate for schools by 45 cents per hundred and cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$150 a year?

Favor **Oppose** **Not sure**

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

Please help us sort our survey responses by answering these questions

20. Are you : ____ Male ____ Female

21. Are you: 18-29 ____ 30-44 ____ 45-59 ____ 60+ ____

22. Did you vote in the last general election?

Yes No

23. Do you have any children attending Morton School District 709 living in your home?

Yes No

24. What is the nearest elementary school to your home?

____ Lincoln ____ Grundy ____ Jefferson ____ Brown

25. When was the last opportunity you had to visit one of our schools?

0-2 years 3-5 years 6-10 years longer than 10 years

26. The handout that was mailed to you included two possible options for facility improvements. At this point, do you

Prefer Option A Prefer Option B Have no preference

27. Additional comments about any part of the survey: