# **Overview of Referendum Survey Results**

#### Mountain Lakes Public School District: September 2016

### **About the Respondents**

- 400 individual responses: 56% with students in the school and 44% without
- 70% were familiar with the Referendum Proposal before they took the survey
- In the open comment sections:
  - The majority of respondents believe in alternate funding and shared services to offset costs
  - Many shared concerns about the current tax rate and adding to that burden
  - There was a strong belief that Briarcliff needs upgrades (historic registry concerns)
  - While many respondents philosophically supported aspects of the proposal, there was a general

feeling that the prices associated with the projects were high, excessive, and "too much money"

### School Level Priorities (%who ranked the item as 5 or 4)

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Wildwood	
Front Entrance/Security	50.5%
Band Room	49.3%
Expansion of Cafeteria	46%
Kitchen Upgrades	41%
Band & Art Room	35.4%
Wheel Security Upgrades	33.4%
Renovated Media Center	28.2%
Outdoor Learning Center	27.1%

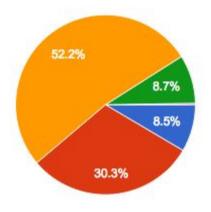
Briarcliff		
Relocate Main Office	66.7%	
Expansion of Cafeteria	58.3%	
Auditorium Upgrades	53%	
Maker Space	50.9%	
Locker Room	49.2.%	
Kitchen	44%	
TV Studio	43.1%	
Choir Room	42.3%	
Art Room	40.9%	

#### **High School**

Replace 4 Trailers (STEM)	68%
Renovate & Add 2 Classrooms	60.4%
Front Entrance Security	47%
Expansion of Cafeteria	46.2%
Auditorium Renovation	44.6%
12 New Classrooms/Offices	42.3%
Choir Room	36.9%
Health and Wellness Center	35.5%
Home Economics Room	31.2%
Parking Lot Renovations	28.9%
Mini Auditorium	27.9%
Seating for Auxiliary Gym	27%
Creation of Stagecraft Area	26.1%

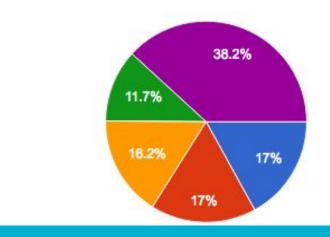
### After reviewing all the aspects of the Referendum Proposal which of the following best reflects your current feeling toward this proposal:

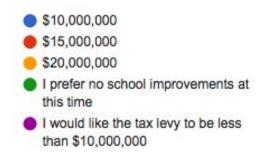
(389 responses)



- I believe all of the proposed items are necessary
- I believe most of the proposed items are necessary
- I think that the schools require some improvements but not to this extent
- At this point, I do not see the need for a Referendum Proposal.
- I believe all of the proposed items are necessary and a \$30,000,000 Refer...

#### What tax levy do you find most tolerable for school improvements? (377 responses)





## Next Steps:

Developing two cost effective proposals for the public vote in September 2017

