



# Target Range School District - Community Engagement Project

## Supplementary Report: Community Online Survey

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### Background

This document serves as a supplement to a report M+R presented to the Target Range School District on Dec. 17.

The report presented on Dec. 17 included findings from an online community survey, conducted from Nov. 26 to Dec. 14, 2018, of registered voters in the Target Range School District. The survey was conducted using Survey Monkey and was promoted with two postcard mailings to each of the 3,000+ votes in the District along with digital advertisements targeted to the Target Range area. A total of 145 registered voters completed the survey. The findings from this survey were posted on the Target Range School District website on Dec. 20.

Also on Dec. 20, M+R re-posted the survey in order to provide voters with an additional opportunity to share their views. This extended opportunity to take the survey was promoted via the District website and via the Target Range Homeowner’s Association email list. A total of 29 additional registered voters took the survey between Dec. 20 and Jan. 31, when M+R closed it again.

In this supplementary report, M+R has combined the results of the initial and supplementary surveys. So, rather than results from 145 voters, we now have the results from 174.

The updated findings presented here affirm the priorities and trends identified by M+R in its Dec. 17 report to the school board. These results, along with the input we gathered through our community interviews with Target Range stakeholders and comments collected at two public meetings in the Target Range area provide solid evidence to support the Target Range School Board moving forward with preparation of a bond for improvements.

### Topline findings – supplemental report

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The updated results continue to show strong general support from improvements to the Target Range School building that would improve student learning and increase student safety.

Strongly Support	52.87%	92
Support	35.63%	62
Somewhat Oppose	6.90%	12
Strongly Oppose	4.60%	8
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

The updated numbers also continue to show good support after respondents answered questions regarding specific types of improvements and are presented with specific information regarding the tax impact of measures to fund improvements to the school building:

**Now that you've heard a little more detail about ways Target Range School could be improved, we want to know if you would be supportive of these changes. Would you support such improvements if they increased property taxes on a \$300,000 home by \$233 each year, or roughly \$19 per month?**

Strongly Support	26.90%	46
Support	38.60%	66
Somewhat Oppose	22.81%	39
Strongly Oppose	11.70%	20
	Answered	171
	Skipped	3

**We also want to know if you would support scaled-back improvements to the school if they resulted in paying somewhat less taxes. Would you support safety and education improvements to Target Range School if they increased property taxes on a \$300,000 home by \$145 each year, or roughly \$12 per month?**

Strongly Support	40.35%	69
Support	39.18%	67
Somewhat Oppose	12.28%	21
Strongly Oppose	8.19%	14
	Answered	171
	Skipped	3

## Priorities

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In terms of specific improvements to the building, the updated numbers were very similar to those in the Dec. 17 survey report, with safety and STEM improvements identified as top priorities.

Proposed Improvements	Strongly Support	Support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
Safety improvements	41.37%	47.70%	8.62%	2.29%
STEM facilities	41.95%	47.13%	6.90%	4.02%
Band/Orchestra facilities	36.41%	47.40%	9.83%	6.35%
Gym/cafeteria/multi-purpose	31.61%	43.69%	18.39%	6.32%
Open/Dynamic learning areas	30.10%	45.66%	16.76%	7.51%

<b>Outdoor learning areas</b>	30.06%	47.40%	16.18%	6.36%
<b>Parking area</b>	28.49%	37.21%	25.58%	8.72%
<b>Art facilities</b>	26.74%	44.80%	21.51%	6.98%
<b>Move school entry to current back of building</b>	21.46%	45.61%	25.73%	7.02%
<b>Improvements to make Little White School House safe to use</b>	22.41%	35.05%	20.68%	20.68%
<b>Outdoor sports/play facilities</b>	20.68%	42.52%	19.54%	8.04%
<b>Hallway widths</b>	13.95%	25.58%	44.78%	15.70%

## **Little White Schoolhouse**

The supplementary responses also indicate respondents are less likely to support a funding measure if it included money to restore the Little White Schoolhouse. However, the margin between those who are more likely/less likely narrowed, as demonstrated by these two tables:

Dec. 17 report results:

More likely	43.48%	60
Less likely	56.52%	78
	Answered	138
	Skipped	7

Supplementary results:

More likely	47.59%	79
Less likely	52.41%	87
	Answered	166
	Skipped	8

The complete results, with the additional responses added in, follows. [Comments from the 29 additional respondents appear in blue.](#)

## Complete Survey Results – supplemental report

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### Question: 1

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Are you registered to vote in the Target Range School District?

Yes	100.0%	174
No	0.0%	0
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

### Question 2:

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Do you vote in Target Range School Board elections?

Yes	82.18%	143
No	17.81%	31
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

### Question: 3

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How familiar are you with Target Range School?

Very familiar	51.72%	90
Familiar	31.03%	54
Somewhat familiar	13.22%	23
Not familiar at all	4.02%	7
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

### Question: 4

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How would you rate the quality of education provided by Target Range School?

Excellent	53.45%	93
Good	35.63%	62
Average	4.02%	7
Poor	0.57%	1
No opinion	6.32%	11
	Answered	174

	Skipped	0
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**Question 5:**

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**In your opinion, how does the quality of education provided by Target Range School compare to other schools in Missoula?**

Far better	22.81%	39
Better	53.80%	92
About the same	22.22%	38
Worse	1.17%	2
	Answered	171
	Skipped	3

**Question 6:**

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**Comments on education provided by Target Range School?**

**Theme: Praise for school, teachers, staff, structure**

- Very impressed and love the teachers!
- TR continues to hire and retain great educators
- My grandson just started a month ago but he is doing well and enjoys being able to join orchestra and chess club. He said he gets more individual attention than he got at Chief Charlo.
- Teachers are continuing their education by pursuing Master's Degrees. I'm happy to see them bringing exciting and fun activities to the classroom.
- Great teamwork among same grade teachers!
- Great staff and lots of potential!
- TR has a wonderful staff. They provide great resources for students with all emotional and educational needs.
- Great teachers!
- I am very pleased with the education my children receive at your school in fact I go quite a distance out of my way so that they can go to this school because of how good you are I am very appreciative of the professionalism and friendliness of the staff and absolutely recommend target range to other parents
- Amazing community feel of Target Range. Small school with great feel and education of our children
- Middle school is specifically exceptional, as are the extracurricular activities and teachers who are involved in both.
- I love that the children come first
- I am very pleased with the flexibility Target Range gives its teachers to teach their interests along with the standards.
- Love the kindergarten staff
- Community Oriented

- Our experience with the teachers so far has been phenomenal. They seem happy and are very supportive of the kids which creates a great learning environment.
- Good teacher-student ratio, lots of parent involvement.
- Teachers are creative, caring, and create magical experiences for learners that go beyond textbooks and testing.
- great
- We are very happy with the education provided at Target Range school.
- Our two daughters went to target range and we felt for the most part it was a good start in life
- It's been some time since our daughter attended, but it was fine then.
- Excellent
- I think TR has some of the best teachers I've ever met.
- Target range provides some great tech/science opportunities
- Target Range has an excellent administration that leads teachers with the best interest of students at the forefront of all things.
- Excellent
- I am so appreciative of the love, care, and education that Target Range provides my daughters!
- Excellent
- Great school and teachers!
- The kids enjoy the school activities and it's a small school therefore the children get mor individual help.
- Target Range School System is so unique. I have had as many as 8 grandchildren in this system and when a family can witness their children blossom, interact with others their age, excel in school and like going to school, I know it is a result of the district, faculty, teachers, paraeducators and volunteers dedication to create a family for all. Often I have witnessed the principal or assistant-principal giving kiddos high fives, skipping down the hall, or just sitting against the wall cause someone is having a bad day. This school is the best, one that all parents wished they had.
- We are the lucky ones.
- It's been great to see how much Target Range has improved under the leadership of Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Austin. My kids went to Target Range and I thought the education provided was as good as other schools.
- I love the k-8 school. I am not moving out of TR school district because I can't imagine my kids going anywhere else. My child is only 2 so I have some time before she will go there.
- A very positive environment. Teachers are invested in our children.
- I feel Target Range School puts the kids first.
- Awesome teachers and administration
- Above the norm
- Great
- A great education, possibly less options in curriculum more so the middle school.
- We are new to Target Range this school year, so far I have been VERY impressed with our experience so far
- Outstanding
- I am so thankful my daughter goes to target range. She is a first grader and currently in 2nd grade level, her teachers have been amazing thus far.

- Excellent
- The teachers are truly committed to their students and work hard to make sure they succeed.
- My husband and I love Target Range School. We are so very lucky to have found such a great school to send our children to.
- There are some excellent, dedicated teachers at TR. The years when you get one of them you know your child is going to have fun and learn a lot.
- Love that class sizes are smaller than other districts.
- Great staff and admin. Caring community of families
- Very good teachers
- Excellent so far!
- The staff is very supportive and encouraging of their students.
- I like the K-8, small school environment.
- More individualized instruction. Great staff
- I believe the teachers and staff at target range are dedicated to provide excellent education for our kids.
- The teachers and staff are second to none. Their passion for teaching and reaching our children is fantastic. I'm very proud to live and have my children attend school here
- Teachers seem happy and enjoy being at the school. Love all of the positive reinforcement for students. My child never seems to be bored with many different interesting learning opportunities. A stark contrast from the school he transferred from where he was bored all the time and teachers seemed unhappy.
- I have a child who is graduating this year and have attended for 8 years. We u totally had out child enrolled in a private school but switched to TR after interviews and attending classes. I continue to be very impressed and amazed at all that is offered. The quality and dedication of all the teachers and staff, through 8 years, has been so impressive. I'm forever grateful.
- Fantastic variety of extracurricular and in-school options. Intellectual rigor could be improved.
- I think Target Range offers better extracurricular opportunities including more academic programs (i.e. Geography and spelling bees, math counts, lego club, science Olympiad, etc) than surrounding districts. Due to a greater number of participants and more established programs, District 1 has better music programs. But, Target Range has made great gains in this area in the past several years and I'm happy to see that students can now participate in choir, band, and orchestra! It's also family-friendly in providing after care thru Boys and Girls club; before school library time, and supervision on the playground for siblings of older students from 3-3:30pm.
- Top notch
- Amazing teachers
- I am the parent of a 3rd-grader and a graduate of T.R. myself. I am very satisfied with what the education my son is getting. I earned my undergraduate degree at Washington University in St. Louis and my graduate degree at Sarah Lawrence College in New York. As I look back at my own T.R. education, I see my early arts education as the most valuable. When I was in school at T.R. in the 80s, we had some wonderful English and Art teachers (Ms. Kramer, Ms. Gogas, Mr. Woodward) who both challenged us and encouraged us and gave us plenty of time to work on creative projects. A strong art, music and writing curriculum is vital to education and young people becoming thoughtful, compassionate, creative thinkers. The arts encourage creativity that is then translated

later in life into many professions -- whether it is science, technology, or further arts study -- creative thinking and critical thinking are closely linked and integral to success in many fields. So I would just like to see continued and even increased attention to the arts. In addition, I would love to see an early language learning program, such as Spanish classes that begin in second or third grade and continue through eighth. Finally, I'd like to know more about how teachers encourage and develop independent learning in children. I struggle with getting my son to read and do homework at home, and I would love to have a better sense of how to encourage him without forcing him or battling him. It would be great to better understand how teachers encourage kids to world outside of school hours to become stronger readers. I think clear and direct expectations in this area might be helpful. For instance, if the teachers wants the child to do homework at a certain time and for a certain amount of after coming home, then I could tell my son that he is expected to do homework from 4-5 p.m. every night and it would come from both me and the school. Whatever guidance you can give us parents in getting kids to comply and, most importantly, to want to do homework, would be helpful.

- Keep up the good work
- I believe the teachers and administration care deeply about children and I appreciate all of their hard work. I would love to see teachers integrating more active and hands on learning. I see to many virtual experiences.
- I believe the smaller class sizes have allowed for students to be provided with more individualized education.
- As a Target Range graduate, my husband and I opted to live in Target Range to provide the same quality of education to our children

#### **Theme: Positive reputation of school**

- I've never had any of my children go to target Range, but I've had many people comment on how much they like the school and also that it goes kindergarten through eighth grade.
- I don't have children in the school but I have grandchildren close to the district. They have not had a good experience in Missoula County Public Schools so I have spoken with my children about putting them in TR. I have spoken with parents that have children at TR and the comments are very positive
- We have two young children, not yet enrolled in school. We moved to this neighborhood in part due to the school districts reputation.

#### **Theme: Target Range prepares students well for high school**

- Our two boys went there and were way ahead of kids in high school who went elsewhere
- The proof is the quality/quantity of student knowledge once they arrive at an area High School.
- When you have colleagues from the high schools indicating they are typically "ahead of the norm" regardless of which area high school or catholic school - that is impressive.
- We have 3 children that attended Target Range. They were well prepared for high school and consequently excelled. They have since graduated from university and are successful adults.

#### **Theme: Concerns and Critical remarks**

- Too many kids, class size needs to be smaller.
- Not the best for special needs kids
- Lots of cliques when our kids attended. There were those who were in and those who were not in.
- More emphasis on STEM is needed. Encouraging students in the more formative years would help them to be more curious about the world.
- Some of the class rooms are small and have too much stuff in them. It's not a conducive learning environment
- My kids went there over 10 years ago. some of the teachers were AWESOME others were horrible and some were basic mediocre.
- I think the gifted program is less effective than the one offered at MCPS and other neighboring schools.
- Need to get rid of common core!
- Would love to see more art, as in actual art class for the elementary students as well as a foreign language.
- When I was growing up in Missoula, Target Range was known to be more educationally demanding but that edge has disappeared.
- We're homeschool parents and wish there was a greater level of support from the school.
- I believe the school has scored at or even below in some of the standardized tests from what I recall.
- The staff who educate the children, tend not to slow down with topics to make sure all students understand the topic being taught before moving on. If there are students who do need extra help, that isn't provided. They don't teach, just give the notes or answers to tests and quizzes. And just "pass" students. That's not how you educate children who need a little extra help.
- Our last child graduated from there in 2012, so I guess I am no longer as familiar with the school as I use to be. I hope the amount of bullying has diminished. I will do some research to get more current.
- Need to change the school crossing from the trail
- This is not a very specific question
- [Children in 6-8 grades are ahead of MCPS, but a bit behind Hell gate 6-8 grades](#)
- [Target Range is limited on space to truly provide and match the education provided at MCPS and Hellgate Elementary.](#)
- [The school provides free education for out of district students. This is wrong](#)
- [Better before, when it was a community school.](#)

### **Theme: General remarks**

- We would send our kids there vs Valley Christian if common core was dropped.
- Most knowledge I have on the quality of the school is by reputation
- We have a new Kindergartener so we are just being introduced to the system!
- Out of district students should be charged for attending Target Range School.
- my children were enrolled in the 80s during controversy surrounding the superintendent – this colored my opinions
- Our two children attended TR School over 20 years ago. What are the current student numbers? What are the forecasts? Is attendance increasing, declining, or flat? How many are out of district students for which we are providing (and paying for) facilities? Perhaps their parents should be

charged to help pay for your desired improvements. We have heard that is a concern of many district residents.

- All of our eight children have attended Target Range since Kindergarten and we still have four attending currently
- I don't like to compare. I can only speak for Target Range itself
- I have two kids at TR
- I am retired so have no kiddos in the school.

**Question 7:**

**Target Range School is gathering comments and ideas about improving the school building to better serve its students. In general, would you support improvements to the Target Range School building that improved learning areas and increased students' safety?**

Strongly Support	52.87%	92
Support	35.63%	62
Somewhat Oppose	6.90%	12
Strongly Oppose	4.60%	8
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

**Question 8:**

**Would you support such improvements if they increased property taxes on a \$300,000 home by \$233 each year, or roughly \$19 per month?**

Strongly Support	27.65%	47
Support	40.59%	69
Somewhat Oppose	18.82%	32
Strongly Oppose	12.94%	22
	Answered	170
	Skipped	4

**Question 9:**

**Now, some specific questions about potential improvements to Target Range School. The school's science rooms were built in the 1950s. Would you support upgrades that provide space for STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) labs and robotics programming?**

Strongly Support	41.95%	73
Support	47.13%	82

Somewhat Oppose	6.90%	12
Strongly Oppose	4.02%	7
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

**Question 10:**

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**Target Range School was built before it had band and orchestra programs. Currently, band and orchestra students crowd into small classrooms not intended for large numbers of kids. Would you support creating larger spaces for these programs?**

Strongly Support	36.41%	63
Support	47.40%	82
Somewhat Oppose	9.83%	17
Strongly Oppose	6.35%	11
	Answered	173
	Skipped	1

**Question 11:**

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**Target Range School was built before concerns such as intruders and school shootings. Would you support security upgrades that better protect children in the school?**

Strongly Support	41.37%	72
Support	47.70%	83
Somewhat Oppose	8.62%	15
Strongly Oppose	2.29%	4
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

**Question 12:**

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**Target Range offers more arts programs than many years ago. The existing art room includes an internal pottery kiln, which raises safety concerns. Would you support an updated, larger art room and space for an outdoor kiln?**

Strongly Support	26.74%	46
Support	44.80%	77
Somewhat Oppose	21.51%	37
Strongly Oppose	6.98%	12
	Answered	172

	Skipped	2
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**Question 13:**

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**Target Range School serves grades K-8. All grades use the same lunchroom, which also doubles as a gym. Would you support creating more gym/cafeteria/multi-purpose space in the school?**

Strongly Support	31.61%	55
Support	43.68%	76
Somewhat Oppose	18.39%	32
Strongly Oppose	6.32%	11
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

**Question 14:**

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**Would you support more gym/cafeteria/multi-purpose space if it allowed kids more time to eat and go outside for recess, and also provided a space where kids can be indoors during extreme cold weather or unsafe air due to wildfire smoke?**

Strongly Support	36.63%	63
Support	43.60%	75
Somewhat Oppose	14.53%	25
Strongly Oppose	5.23%	9
	Answered	172
	Skipped	2

**Question 15:**

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**Target Range doesn't have an auditorium for music concerts, holiday program and other events. Would you support more gym/cafeteria/multi-purpose space that also included a performance stage for such activities?**

Strongly Support	26.43%	46
Support	40.22%	70
Somewhat Oppose	24.14%	42
Strongly Oppose	9.20%	16
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

### Question 16:

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**Most of the classrooms in Target Range School were constructed nearly 60 years ago. Kids today learn in a broad range of settings - in groups and in spaces where they can be active, not just sit at a desk. Would you support creating open areas in the school where kids can learn in more collaborative and dynamic ways?**

Strongly Support	30.10%	52
Support	45.66%	79
Somewhat Oppose	16.76%	29
Strongly Oppose	7.51%	13
	Answered	173
	Skipped	1

### Question 17:

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**Comments on indoor learning areas?**

**Theme: Supportive of improvements**

- Great idea
- I would love if the old school house could be repurposed for band/orchestra
- The spaces are put to good use, but everything feels a little cramped
- I would also support redesigned work stations that allow kids to stand/move their bodies. New studies show that people shouldn't be sitting for that much time on a daily basis.
- I support the school district. Like any money/taxes, I just hope plans are well researched and provide support for the majority of students, whether my children fall in to that category or not.
- Large breakout spaces for grade-level or house meetings would be amazing. Flexing seating options and more "pod" shaped areas for more collaboration among teachers and students.
- I think more dynamic ways of teaching are long overdue
- I can definitely see that they are outdated.
- Always important
- Need more space, for computers etc.
- Need to update with the times
- I support anything to make learning fun for the kids and keep them wanting to go to school
- If the building needs to be upgraded to provide the best education for your kids, please do it.
- Needed
- The lunchroom and band rooms should be the priority if the school receives funding. They are by far the most cramped.
- Kids now day must have our support.
- Strongly support more time for kids to eat lunch and space for them to talk as they want without the sound getting too loud

- This is not rocket science. Clustering desks, allowing students to interact according to learning style preference are more important than, teaching group process--these are more important than fancy classrooms, tables, desks.
- I support the best for our children, always.
- Collaborative spaces, stand up learning options will support STEM, art, other proposed improvements.
- Do whatever is necessary
- We need more room for the arts and movement and creativity
- Target Range school indoor learning areas do need improvements.
- I strongly support improvements, however, I don't believe your numbers actually related to Target Range homes. Most homes are valued at well above \$300,000.

**Theme: Generally supportive of improvements**

- I actually think all of the things you are proposing our wonderful things. I'm just not sure that all of them need to happen at the same time. That way maybe people would be more likely to give money for the improvements if they are done over a longer period of time
- The classrooms at TR seem fine how they are. The teachers do everything they can to accommodate. I don't think indoor learning areas have a large impact on what/how teacher can teach with the exceptions of band, choir, science spaces. Those need to be updated
- stem classrooms are ok and larger cafeteria is fine. both seem like they could be accomplished for a lot cheaper than what you are proposing
- I'm saying "support" but would sure like to know more -- and would these new, expanded venues be available to the public?
- I know very little about indoor learning areas but I think an interactive learning environment would be very beneficial to the students.
- The kids education is not lacking at TR but any of these improvements listed would be nice.
- I support it, if it will be used daily
- Yes they are needed but should be cross utilized because those spaces can be left vacant for large amounts of time during the day

**Theme: Question the need**

- Common sense with spending, and perhaps reviewing other facilities to compare the actual construction and function benefits.
- I don't necessarily agree that an auditorium separate from the gymnasium is necessary. This can be a combination function area (always used to be) and saves a lot of money (and tax strain).
- Many generations of students have received excellent educations in standard classrooms , the quality of the teaching is far more important than the setting
- nice but not necessary
- Most of our school is adequate. Teachers and helpers are what makes a difference for kids to learn and mature
- I think the existing building is great.

### **Theme: Opposed to funding improved indoor learning areas**

- As long as you have one hundred fifty plus out of district kids enrolled in the school we pay for and they go without tuition I will strongly oppose any expansion of the school. When we last built onto the school we added additional class rooms for in district expansion. We have teachers and staff employed to support the out of district drop off students. Give us a break. I don't need additional taxes to support out of district kids. Not to mention the traffic jam you cause daily.
- A lot of things would be nice but taxpayers cannot afford more taxes.
- No more taxes!
- sick of taxes
- Use the space you already have
- You should recognize we are already paying a substantial amount in property taxes to support TR School and have paid it for many, many years. Your statements here are too general and you don't provide enough information to be meaningful so it's hard to choose an alternative. Give more information and define what your specific proposals are to "improve learning and safety". School has gone through several major remodels and expansions over the years with an entire new wing and two gyms as we recall. What is the current indoor gym space? Why isn't it enough? Can the current building space be remodeled/redesigned to meet any new needs? Misleading to suggest all the facilities are 60 years old.
- The open space thing is being over played and is trendy. Classrooms are still the most important learning environment. By adding open space you are requesting more square footage to do the same amount of work and is not efficient.
- It looks like the old days of learning are far superior to the current ways.
- [The only improvement I'd support is a better cafeteria. Send 187 out-of-district students home. Plenty of space for our own taxpayer-funded students. Overcrowded with out-of-district kids. Make it a K-5 school like District I. Use the space elsewhere like band etc. was taught after school. Computers were never in the science room. Outdoors is a great science place. Additions were added much later than 1950. Grants funded some technology. With no industries to support the school the burden is put directly on taxpayers, being the second-highest-taxed areas with school population. The administration should get a vote of no confidence from taxpayers. We are the largest farm operation in TR school district and have supported needed mill levies but this amount is insane.](#)

### **Theme: Concerns and Critical remarks**

- Building more purpose-specific space only creates more space that is seldom used, save for its intended purpose. More logical to me is to spend less money for larger footprint, and use lesser spending to make multi-purpose areas truly flexible, multi-purpose areas. A stage for performance? There are already MANY school stage venues, seldom used. Get creative with other schools, churches, public spaces and have musical and theatrical events in the spaces that already exist.
- The indoor learning area will have to be staffed and that comes with more monies that need to be brought in. If there was tuition for out of district students would that bring in the monies or cause our class rooms to lesson a bit and cause our class rooms to be more accommodating. This is a question for the board and staff to address.

- Indoor areas should be contained in the classroom layout to maximize the use of square footage "open space" is a waste of tax payer funds.....typically turns into unproductive space.....bullying havens!
- I do not believe the facilities are as old as you claim. More like 35 – 40
- The basics traditional reading, writing and math, along with tech., p.e. the arts and music with science and history are the main subjects to prepare children for the future. TR used to have a stage, it was barely used. we sold the huge drapes to another district years ago.
- Be careful with open learning spaces! It is more important to have large classrooms that provide for flexible grouping than to sacrifice that space in order to make open spaces for joint collaboration. This happened at Paxson School, and while the open space is used occasionally, it often sits vacant and can become a 'play area' for students with behavior issues. In the meantime, new classrooms are smaller and have little room for push-in support from special educators or volunteers or for creative activities. Open space located where classrooms pass through create a poor learning environment with a lot of distraction. If classrooms are built with windows looking into adjacent open learning places, as at Paxson School, students in classrooms are distracted by activity there. Open spaces must be designed carefully and located appropriately in the building to be effective. Creating more lunch room, multi-purpose room, and performance space could provide enough open/collaborative space. These should have a greater priority than open/collaborative space.
- I support thoughtful improvements. However, I would possibly visit some remodeled schools in Missoula and learn what works/doesn't work from their recent construction. For instance, Lowell school looks nice, but it is extremely loud inside and makes for a chaotic environment because of the raised ceilings and industrial exposed pipes/vents stylings. I think the top priority is making safety improvements to the school. I have noticed it is very easy for anyone to walk in and out without checking in with the office.
- I am not clear about the safety question and what kind of safety measures would be implemented. I would not want metal detectors or an overwhelming sense of "protection." i think that kind of environment feels less safe, less conducive to learning. I like the open, friendly feeling of our school.
- The school needs to charge tuition for out of district students
- If indoor learning areas would allow for actual educational areas, I would support. If just for the sake of a larger area to "wonder" not supported.

### **General remarks**

- Need to learn more
- Need to be very thoughtful of these spaces so they don't become unused blank areas
- Should have different teaching options for different learning strengths
- Not sure
- The sensory needs of many students should be taken into account, both those who need to move and blow off steam, but also those who need quiet.
- I think they are a vital part of learning.
- Are reached trained in the utilization of these areas if they are built?
- I don't feel strongly on this
- Some of the classrooms are fairly small with not a lot of storage space

- I think providing a therapy room for the therapist to provide quality care for children needing the services.

**Question 18:**

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**The outside of the school also is important to safety and education. Now, we want to ask some questions about the school grounds and parking lot. Outdoor space could be enhanced for learning activities. Would you support outdoor learning areas for students?**

Strongly Support	30.06%	52
Support	47.40%	82
Somewhat Oppose	16.18%	28
Strongly Oppose	6.36%	11
	Answered	173
	Skipped	1

**Question 19:**

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**Would you support connecting the neighborhood walking trail and creating a green space for community activities, such as the farmers market, at the current front of the school?**

Strongly Support	29.06%	50
Support	43.02%	74
Somewhat Oppose	19.77%	34
Strongly Oppose	8.14%	14
	Answered	172
	Skipped	2

**Question 20:**

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**Would you support creating a soccer field, improving the track and adding more accessible-for-all playground equipment to the school's outdoor areas?**

Strongly Support	20.69%	36
Support	47.13%	82
Somewhat Oppose	22.99%	40
Strongly Oppose	9.20%	16
	Answered	174
	Skipped	0

## Question 21:

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### Comments on outdoor features?

#### Theme: Supportive of improvements

- TRS has a great track. Definitely need improved soccer/football fields. Would love to see community integration of walk/bike path and farmers market.
- I think there is plenty of playground equipment, but improved sports fields are very much needed
- Outdoor learning classroom would be a huge benefit to the school. Most schools in the Missoula community have outdoor learning areas. It would be a wonderful addition.
- Would be very beneficial
- I support this fully
- TR school is blessed with a lot of outdoor space. I would love to see it put to more sensical use.
- Love the idea of outdoor classroom spaces. I really wish TR could access more of the Butte.
- Outdoor learning is a must!
- Students need to be outdoors as much as possible. I would stongly encourage anything that will do that.
- Needs improvement
- If it will be utilized, I will support it
- Need some updating
- Lots of garden in and around the school, this would provide for the neighborhood
- Target range needs an outdoor classroom space.
- All ideas are supported
- I dont necessarily support construction of new soccer fields, but the playground should include accessible equipment and an accessible surface.
- Upgrades needed
- I think they are just as important as the indoor spaces
- The kids of today must get outside more
- It would be nice to have more green space for the youngest kids
- TRS has a great track. Definitely need improved soccer/football fields. Would love to see community integration of walk/bike path and farmers market.
- I think there is plenty of playground equipment, but improved sports fields are very much needed
- Outdoor learning classroom would be a huge benefit to the school. Most schools in the Missoula community have outdoor learning areas. It would be a wonderful addition.
- Would be very beneficial
- Need to connect bike path on South ave to east end of school
- Support more learning space (gardens, etc) vs. more sports updates
- I support outdoor education as long as it can be safely monitored in the event of a lockdown situation.
- While improvements can and should be made, one of the best features is the simplicity and the fact that kids can go collect stocked from the trees and pebbles from the ground. I would like to see nature and open space preserved and enhanced as well. Maybe plant and interpret additional native

trees, shrubs, does, and grasses in back field area. Keep garden going (easy to say...maybe a retired person could help with garden).

- I like the idea of adding accessible for all equipment, but not replacing current equipment with it. Also, the track really needs replacing with better surface material.
- Outdoor classrooms and natural spaces MUST be considered. Our children need to be outside and active in order to be healthy.
- I would love to see improvements to the outdoor learning/playing areas.
- I would like to see this but it would not be in my top 10 priorities.

**Theme: Not necessary given the school's proximity to Fort Missoula Regional Park**

- Once again all of these things are wonderful but maybe could be done after some other priorities are taken care of
- With the regional park right down the road, surely that can be used.
- TR is located close to the new multi-million-dollar park. it should be beneficial and allow TR to not duplicate.
- Target Range school is less than 8 minutes from a 50-million-dollar sports park, taxpayers shouldn't be asked to spend on duplication
- Use the park that cost millions!
- Why in the world would Target Range build its own athletic fields when City of Missoula state of the art fields are located two hundred yards to the south?
- Why wouldn't you use the massive new athletic fields at the fort next door?
- Missoula County just built a beautiful parks and are complex a short distance from the school. Utilize that and spend \$\$ on academic improvements.
- Soccer fields close by to the east.
- Opposed to funding improvements to outdoor features
- not worth the money
- These are not school issues
- What they have is fine
- These kids have plenty of space to play
- sick of taxes
- I believe these are adequate. The teachers seem to use them very productively. I'd rather see money spent on teachers and helpers,
- Use the space you already have.
- I'd rather spend money on learning
- [Could we make better use of the new Fort soccer fields?](#)
- [We have so many soccer fields so close by and our playground equipment seems very good. I don't think we need to spend more on these things.](#)
- [With the Regional Park in close proximity, the addition of more soccer fields seems to be excessive](#)

**Theme: Concerns and Critical remarks**

- Target Range has great outdoors and exercise space in the new park adjacent to the school. Tax payers may not be enthusiastic about paying for duplicate areas.
- For athletic concerns particularly soccer we have new fields at the county park right down the road.
- Soccer fields are close by

- The city just went crazy with accessible playground equipment. If you add some, don't go nuts.
- What do you mean by "enhanced outdoor learning areas" and why should those involve costly improvements? Too vague. Connecting the trail system is fine and would eliminate having to go through the parking lot but it's not a huge problem right now to continue on the trail. Regarding "community activities", property owners should not be taxed to support facilities for a farmers market or other similar events. There are two wonderful farmers markets a short distance away in downtown Missoula already which don't seem to require enhanced areas, and there's a regional park just next door we already paid for and which provides huge spaces for any soccer or "community activities". Playground equipment seems fine now and in good repair.
- Playgrounds need constant update and should be figured into the regular budget.
- The front is already utilized for a farmers market. I support money going towards things we don't have.
- I live right by the school. You should be charging out of district students tuition
- No soccer fields – Fort Missoula has an abundance funded by taxpayers dollars. PTA in the past funded playground equipment. Do they know how to write grants?

**Theme: General remarks**

- Need more information.
- The current entry way to the playground for K-1 entry is unsafe: gate, ice.
- More parking is long overdue.
- Playgrounds should provide features for disabled kids
- I'm not familiar but assume the staff and board will responsibly update
- I feel that the inside needs to be fixed before the outside. Make a parent or tax payer group to put eyes into some of the planning and look at different ideas before jumping into one area and not addressing it all as one package.
- Space should be provided for children to play and not get muddy. Better use of existing space with maintenance adjustments.
- Outdoor gardens would be great
- You have a soccerfield
- The parking lots and pick up and drop off zones need to be upgraded too
- Parking!!!!
- The lines need to be adjusted in the parking lot. U can't park in all of the spaces
- While this is important, the sheer size of the schoolyard is also appealing.
- Larger parking area to pick up the kiddos

**Question 22:**

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**The school parking lot gets busy during pick-up and drop-off times. It's also busy during school programs and special events. Sometimes people park on neighboring streets. Do you think the school should expand its parking lot so there is more space during busy times?**

Strongly Support	28.49%	49
Support	37.21%	64

Somewhat Oppose	25.58%	44
Strongly Oppose	8.72%	15
	Answered	172
	Skipped	2

**Question 23:**

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**Would you support moving the school entry to the current back of the building in order to improve safety, improve parking and ease traffic congestion?**

Strongly Support	21.64%	37
Support	45.61%	78
Somewhat Oppose	25.73%	44
Strongly Oppose	7.02%	12
	Answered	171
	Skipped	3

**Question 24:**

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**Comments on parking and traffic safety?**

**Theme: Supportive of parking and traffic safety improvements**

- I think parking and traffic safety is one of the most important things you can take care of. It seems like that is a problem at every school and if changing the entrance would help then I say that's a good idea
- Definitely beneficial to expand parking lot based on personal experience
- More parking...yes.
- need to have a safer traffic flow
- Entry to South Ave needs to be improved. This is the bottleneck.
- The current front entrance is a bit awkward. If done correctly, an entrance on the south side, if designed correctly, could be more efficient and safe.
- Definitely think for safety the parking lot needs to be addressed. However well paid teachers and education materials should come first.
- I have not had a problem with traffic, but safety would be a concern. I think the pick-up in the back could be safer. I like the K students being dropped off right by the playground. The back of the school is a scary drop off for littles and it's an easier transition for them to be dropped off in the front.
- The parking lot is so dangerous and next to impossible to back out of space
- Need more
- Really need parking space.
- The parking is a large problem and needs to be addressed.
- Every event there is over crowding for parking. There is a definite need for additional parking. Turn the basketball court and Gaga pit area into additional parking.

- Not enough parking, traffic flow lanes.
- The parking lot could definitely be improved. Make it larger and make the spaces already there big enough for an SUV to park there
- Please improve this issue! Whatever it takes. It is frustrating when dropping off and picking up.
- I am very supportive of changes to help prevent a violent intruder from accessing the building.
- Need better traffic control
- Polling area during elections should be accessed through separate entrance. General public should not be allowed in the same spaces as the children. more security barriers to protect kids and staff from active shooter.
- [This has been a concern of mine for some time.](#)

**Theme: Not a priority**

- I would prefer improvements that directly effect student learning over parking.
- The short amount of time during the day that traffic is heavy is not worth the expense of creating a new entrance, parking, drop off zone etc. It works as it is, not perfectly but adequately.
- Would support improvements to facility over parking
- It's not to bad except during concerts
- [Buses use to park on the side street, allowing K-5 to use front of school to pick up children, 6-8 were picked up in the back of school. staff parked in back of school only. leaving plenty of space in front for parents to park. there were no issues this way.](#)
- [I support classroom space before blacktop.](#)

**Theme: Oppose funding improvements to parking and traffic safety.**

- No more taxes!
- sick of taxes
- The crowded times are 2-3 times/ year -- not worth spending money to expand parking for heaven's sake.
- For the amount of time it's busy it's not necessary

**Theme: Concern and Critical remarks**

- Unless there is expansion into the track area, moving the school entrance to the back of the school is no better than the front. Poor traffic flow.
- Parking can be accommodated in the back of the complex without moving the entrance.
- You caused it!! See comments above
- More parking could be added in the back and keep the front free of drop off/ pick up traffic
- I believe your survey overstates a minor issues to try to get the public to agree to a massively expensive remodel of the school
- Rerouting the people and traffic flow can be done WITHOUT major investment. If that course was pursued, would move from "somewhat oppose" to "support."
- Loaded question with 3 separate issues
- Why are staff and teachers allowed to park in front of the school? Make a staff parking lot in the rear of the school. The staff all have keys to access the back doors. When i have to run into the school for a few minutes during the day I'm usually parked over by the track, while the teacher's cars sit in front of the school all day.

- There's already the option for the kids to be dropped off in the back. The Missoula County School district offered the parking across the street, why did Target Range not accept it? Now we have unsafe crossings on that side of the school. How would you expand parking, by taking away the current open fields? Or the old school house?
- Why can't this be handled through better parking management instead of more costly improvements? Seems like plenty of parking in back of the school and along the road to the gravel business. Why is parking on the neighborhood streets a problem? That's what happens with every other school in the Missoula area.
- While parking and traffic safety are important, to utilize additional funds to "move" the parking area seems excessive
- Don't take out front parking lot. Cars should only be able to turn right by the white school house. We spent years getting a right-hand turn away from Clements and South. Why not buy the old triangle they were to use for teacher parking? Making parking only in the rear is a security issue solving nothing but making a maze. Will just add congestion and not improve safety at all.

### Theme: General remarks

- People do not respect the no parking areas, a form of ticketing and fines should be implemented.
- Adults expect our children to follow the rules inside the school, but continue to disrespect the rules at the door.
- Should be able to park on street
- I don't drop off kids, so I have no opinion on where entrance should be
- Perhaps the field east of the school could be used for parking at those times
- I think the county should improve the road just east of the school
- We haven't experienced much of this problem since we walk to school.
- We are within 5 minutes walking distance, so probably don't put much stock in my traffic opinions.
- I notice several kids from the trailer court do not walk to the crossing zone. They cross illegally, and this causes congestion during busy times of the day
- Not really informed enough on this issue
- Add a traffic light for pedestrian/children crossing
- If the entrance is in the back it leaves a lot less eyes seeing what is going on. That is if something unsavory is going on it may take longer for help to be summoned.
- Doesn't seem all that bad.
- The parking lot redesign from several years ago is a mess. It clogs up 40th by putting incoming and outgoing traffic onto it. Moving the busses to 40th was a better design.
- Gets hectic during pick up and drop off
- These is a large change that would have to be done and then parents have to buy into it. What enforcement would that be?
- Worst in town!
- Would need more information about the proposed relocation for the entrance before committing support
- Building off street parking and drop off will only help congestion if improvements are made to exit and enter South Avenue. Once the new bridge is built, traffic may increase on South. Some kind of signal may be needed at beginning and end of the day for student safety.
- Keep in mind the possibility that there may be a future development of the Butte area with a marked increase of traffic. Also the neighborhood still is unaware of future consequences of the possibility of a new South Ave bridge.

- I wish there was a solution or incentives get more kids biking and walking to school.
- The handicapped parking situation is out of control. Every morning people are pulling into the handicap spots dropping their kids off which blocks entry for those that are truly needing the handicap spots.
- I can't visualize how moving the entrance would help so I can't vote on it.
- Personal pickup/drop off of students should occur at a different location than the main entrance to the school
- Provide incentives for kids to use the bus too. So many parents drop kids off that could take the bus (including us).
- Need to change staff parking areas in order to accommodate the pickup drop off parking
- Cars should not be allowed to sit and idle in line at pick up time
- Not probably intent of survey, but the number of people parking in handicap and fire lane is egregious.
- Not sure, I would have to see designs to know if I oppose or support such a measure. Would moving the office to the back of the building mean more classrooms have windows facing the street. If so, I'm not sure this would improve safety.
- Parking and drop-off is a problem when the school is crowded. The back area where cars loop around at pick up time is the most dangerous because those backing out can't always see the people around them. Congestion at 3:30 is a real problem at this time too.
- I think it could help to stagger the students a bit more. 4th-8th all get out at the same time causing madness in the parking lot.
- If you did charge tuition that maybe you would have money to do other projects in the school or maybe the size of the school would decrease and you wouldn't have as much traffic concerns in the area with out of district people and their

**Question 25:**

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**While overcrowding is not an issue at Target Range School, students and staff say the school's hallways feel narrow and are busy between classes. Would you support improving the flow of students through the school by widening hallway widths?**

Strongly Support	13.95%	24
Support	25.58%	44
Somewhat Oppose	44.78%	77
Strongly Oppose	15.70%	27
	Answered	172
	Skipped	2

**Question 26:**

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**Comments on school hallways?**

**Theme: Support improving hallway widths**

- Bigger hallways will help keep kids safe and will allow for more open doors in classrooms
- Sure

- Fire hazard
- Could be wider
- School hallways without ventilation becomes a breeding ground for illness.
- Awful small

**Theme: Not a priority**

- While wider hallways would be great, I do not believe it is the best use of limited funding
- Other items seem to be more important.
- "Feel narrow and busy"? Seriously, are the widths of the hallways causing "traffic flow" and safety problems? Aren't there higher priority concerns at the school than the width of the halls?
- I've never walked through during transitions, but I'd rank this lower on the priority list.
- Not sure on this one. Doesn't really seem necessary
- I do not think that is a major issue at this time. But address it all at once and not piece-mealing everything together.
- I think this could be on the bottom of the needs list
- Not at the top of the needs list
- Cost too high for benefits
- Seems unnecessary
- Not priority
- At one time TR had almost 900 students, everyone got along
- As a parent of kids who went to overcrowded schools in a different state I love the feel of the hallways at TR, widening seems an unnecessary expense.
- I haven't thought that they are a problem.

**Theme: Oppose improving hallway widths**

- Hallways are fine the way they are.
- Waste of money and sounds VERY expensive to widen hallways without making classrooms smaller
- Ridiculous
- They work fine
- Really?
- No more taxes!
- Widening hallway widths is one of the stupidest ideas raised in this survey. Of course the hallways "feel" busy between classes. They're little people, for crying out loud. Is it too stressful on their little soon-to-be young-adult snowflake brains to mingle and bump and interact with their peers?
- sick of taxes
- Deal with it, kids!
- This is a solution looking for a problem.
- Improving the hallways to accommodate traffic flow also seems excessive.

**Theme: Critical remarks**

- I understand the need, but I wonder about what it will do to rooms if I start widening the hallways
- decreasing room size to accommodate larger hallways is not needed
- Expanding the hallways would only create another issue in the classrooms, in my opinion.

- If widening the halls took money or space from other improvements, it is not worth it.
- The expense to widening the hallways is too extensive. Maybe consider coming up with a different location for all of the lockers.
- Not at compromise of smaller classrooms
- I would support this if it didn't mean making classrooms smaller.
- If you did not have as many out of district students then possibly there would not be as much crowding in the hallways
- Problem solved: move 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade to District 1. We pay taxes for high schools why not middle school as well. Pre-school-5 would make it less congested and have two classrooms per grade. In-district kids with smaller class size until recent years is how TR was designed.

**Theme: General remarks**

- What is the goal? To grow the school and the enrollment?
- I believe overcrowding is an issue at this school.
- I don't feel like I have enough personal experience to comment or render opinion on this matter.
- Get the out of district out! Should improve the jammed Halls.
- Again survey trying to influence people to agree to remodeling
- I think the cubby/lockers could be improved vs. widening halls.
- I can see where this would be nice but would likely have a very high cost and wouldn't it shrink the classrooms?
- Physically not possible to expand?
- Don't think this is possible without making classrooms smaller.
- I don't see a problem but looking ahead is always good
- Hallways were plenty wide when I went there 40 years ago. This trend to add nonproductive square footage is costly with little or no return on investment.
- Not there enough to see this as a problem
- Single file
- When I attended the school the hallways were tight but not unmanageable.
- They're fine
- They seems to be areas of bottlenecks that should be reviewed.
- They need to be widened especially during transition times
- While that would be great that seems like a big expense when the academics and arts and parking could be focused on more?
- Grocery aisles and hallways at my work aren't getting any bigger. I'm sure mindfulness and awareness can solve this issue.
- It feels like you are building a whole new school at this point. In which case, you might as well widen hallways while you are at it.
- Again, not perfect but adequate. Use the crowded time to interact with students. It's only for a few minutes between classes, it's not an important focus for time and money
- No just change the time that the get out.
- They will always be too small. Provide other ways for kids to utilize lockers, etc. Of course, any addition to the old building should have wider hallways.
- How often is "sometimes"? Might this be handled through scheduling and/or adult hall monitors?

**Question 27:**

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**Now that you've heard a little more detail about ways Target Range School could be improved, we want to know if you would be supportive of these changes. Would you support such improvements if they increased property taxes on a \$300,000 home by \$233 each year, or roughly \$19 per month?**

Strongly Support	26.90%	46
Support	38.60%	66
Somewhat Oppose	22.81%	39
Strongly Oppose	11.70%	20
	Answered	171
	Skipped	3

**Question 28:**

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**We also want to know if you would support scaled-back improvements to the school if they resulted in paying somewhat less taxes. Would you support safety and education improvements to Target Range School if they increased property taxes on a \$300,000 home by \$145 each year, or roughly \$12 per month?**

Strongly Support	40.35%	69
Support	39.18%	67
Somewhat Oppose	12.28%	21
Strongly Oppose	8.19%	14
	Answered	171
	Skipped	3

**Question 29:**

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**Theme: Comments on funding safety and education improvements?**

- This survey doesn't really talk about how long it would take to do the improvements and if it could be done in a way that was less than \$100 a year increase on taxes
- Missoula is taxing homeowners out of the community. Basing the tax on a home value is not fair, a flat fee per household would be much more palatable. Also as a landlord, it is a struggle to keep rents affordable. The whole county cries for affordable housing, yet our governing bodies continue to increase fees and spending foolishly.
- Believe its needed but need more info
- No raise in property taxes.
- Our students should be the primary focus of safety. The new outside lighting is obtrusive and does nothing for safety of students. There should be more emphasis on prevention of intruder entry on

the front door. The secretaries do a great job of greeting and having folks sign in/out. What protection do they have from an intruder?

- While I don't care to pay any more taxes I am obliged to pay taxes if I feel the money is spent prudently. School spending in this community has left me very leery of supporting increased taxes when some districts have spent ridiculously (i.e: two gymnasiums on every school with MCPS; being involved with construction and contracts in this area I have seen contractors overcharge).
- Get some tuition from the freeloaders. Just look at all the staff you now need.
- I would like to see things prioritized starting with auditoriums, science and sports facilities
- Target range residents already are taxed at higher rates than other parts of Missoula, safety cannot be ignored, and education can always be improved if the teachers and administrative staff are committed to it, instead of believing spending money on the facility will be the fix all.
- STEM classes I would support, everything else seems wasteful
- I am willing to pay because I have sibling growing up in that school and I grew up there as well
- I'm tired of our tax bill increasing every year. At some point enough is enough and we are going to have to make do with what we have
- No one is saying how long these assessments would last.
- concerned about increasing taxes in such a major way to fixed income members of the area
- No more taxes!
- The budget is already large. Surely there is room in existing budget to redirect necessary moneys for basic security (preventing ease of access to interior spaces by unauthorized individuals).
- All investment in education is worth it. I'd pay for as much as could pass.
- I'm excited that these efforts are underway -- stay the course!
- I mostly care about parking, pick up/drop-off mess, and the classrooms
- sick of taxes
- Many residents are living on fixed incomes. Please take improvements on piecemeal.
- Why is Target Range its own school district anyway? Waste of money for superintendent, etc.
- Safety first!
- Some improvement needs to be done, but teachers and staff making kids learn, not fancy buildings.
- Your survey does not provide enough budget information to show these proposals are well thought out and necessary. Thus the information is insufficient to support a decision on alternative choices, plus the alternatives offered are too limited in number and scope. The information that is provided is not convincing that the situations require a special tax levy. What is the school doing with the money we already provide through taxes? Why can't you handle these improvements through your regular planning and budgeting process, prioritize them and schedule them accordingly?
- I feel our school is the most important part of our community. Housing the most important people in our community. I'm ok with paying to improve and protect the school and the precious people in it
- The trendy "safety improvements" to gain support for upgraded is unfounded based on the numbers. The numbers just do not support the hysteria. Kids are much more likely to be killed traveling to school than at school. Put the money into improvements to update teaching and learning.
- Most important
- I'm fine with this and I am excited to see what improvements are chosen.

- A lot of folks that own homes out here don't even have school age kids anymore.
- This is more of a comment on all of the funding that has been talked about in this survey. I know there are out of area students that attend Target Range School. I think if taxpayers are being asked to foot the bill, out of area families should also be responsible for helping to fund this as well, meaning that out of area families would have to pay some sort of fee for their child to attend Target Range.
- Things change prices go up education is important
- Will vote yes on all school updates
- Raising taxes is always difficult as many people live on tight budgets already.
- More taxes to fund these
- Could the school do some fund raising for funds??
- Safety is always up front in anyone's thought. I can see major problems. Being a police officer and working with other schools I can see a lot of things that could be updated.
- Based on the "open enrollment" the district has made their own problem. The funding source should come from the enrollment - not the local tax payer.
- Most of this stuff isn't necessary for learning so wouldn't support
- That's a steep tax increase
- Students that are not in district should be required to pay these fees also.
- All improvements would benefit target range
- Safety is so important in the world climate we live in right now
- These improvements are worth the tax raise and then some!! I am fully in support of the needed improvements at Target Range School
- \$20/month seems like a lot. I'd like the school to prioritize safety and consider carefully what are the real needs and what are luxuries. Stages and soccer fields are luxuries.
- Safety of the staff and students should be #1
- Please keep music, art, foreign language programs. Expand extracurricular activities (sports, robotics, etc.). More flexible seating in classrooms
- I would support safety improvements before some of the other not so necessary in my mind
- Property and property taxes are already too high
- I know we must have changes but it is hard on us who are retired
- Safety should be a priority improvement
- Education is important. I retired from post-secondary ed. Between the library, MCPS, Parks and Rec, and the open space bond, I feel over taxes. I am not sure what my limits are, but the local taxing is approaching them.
- support funding
- 50% of homeowners in TR are Retired on a Fixed income. .several children attending TR do Not live in district, its not fair to raise our taxes for out of district kids
- There is no price tag you can place on education and safety. I agree with safety and educational improvements that benefit all kids, not just sports minded ones.
- We support all improvements that are necessary and are reasonable. We feel very lucky to be at this school.
- I wish a private donor I'm the neighbourhood would step up and help. I wish i had the money. Is there a way to tap start a capital campaign to fund some of this? This may draw out a large donation

that any not come otherwise, plus show tax payers the attempt to fund outside of taxes (increasing taxes is a tough sell for our conservatives, especially with the recent raises to fund the park and rec fields). Is like to see a task set with specific campaigns set like nonprofits do (maybe a large thermometer for funding level achieved by the roadway ?). Maybe contact a nonprofit for advice and they also know professionals that help with capital campaigns. Five valleys land trust, Clark fork coalition, home resources, natural history center, community food and agriculture coalition are all successful nonprofits that run capital campaigns that may be good to talk to

- Something is better than nothing and safety is probably more important
- The idea of a long-term plan executed with public feedback (such as this survey) is incredibly important. All for spending money now in order to spend less in future and keep Target Range as a "destination" school.
- \$19 is not too much to pay for school improvements.
- I sincerely hope that our neighborhood (if people have the funds) will want to support the school in the fullest way possible. Our children deserve the best possible school and outdoor grounds we can afford.
- Charge tuition for out of district students
- I would support \$19 a month, but I feel that some people will feel that this is too much to ask.
- As with previous comments, some of the additional improvements seem unnecessary and excessive
- [\\$8.3 million is Santa’s wish list.](#)

**Question 30:**

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**Finally, we’d like to get your opinion regarding the old schoolhouse building on the Target Range School grounds. The Little White Schoolhouse is currently used for storage. The building doesn’t meet legal safety standards to make it safe for student or community use. Would you support Target Range taxpayers funding improvements to the building that make it safe to use?**

Strongly Support	22.67%	39
Support	35.36%	61
Somewhat Oppose	20.93%	36
Strongly Oppose	20.93%	36
	Answered	172
	Skipped	2

**Question 31:**

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**Would you be more or less likely to support a funding measure for school improvements if it also included money to restore the Little White Schoolhouse?**

More likely	47.59%	79
Less likely	52.41%	87
	Answered	166

	Skipped	8
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## Question 32:

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### Comments on Little White School House?

**Theme: Support funding for Little White School House improvement as part of funding measure for Target Range School building improvements.**

- I think there is tremendous opportunity to make use of the building for community purposes such as weddings, community events, etc. Improving this building along with school improvements makes it more palatable to a broader spectrum of supporters like those that don't have kids in school.
- The Little School House is a piece of Heritage and history and should be preserved and if possible restored
- Let's figure out what to do with that little house Please, PLEASE make use of this building. Not only is it adorable, but it can be an example to the next generation that just because something is old doesn't mean it can be useful. Just because it doesn't have the newest design doesn't mean it should be dozed down and replaced. Let's reduce, reuse, and recycle!
- I would love it could be restored
- preserve history
- That building could house the preschool and kindergarten students, have all the special services come to the students and put to use a great humble experience for our kiddos
- The Little White Schoolhouse is where it all started and an important legacy for the school. Once it is gone, we can never get it back. I strongly support doing what is needed to conserve the building and give it a new life for the future.
- The little white school house is historic for this community. The school administration and board have torpedoed updates before. The space could be used for a community space. My niece had her 8th grade graduation reception there and it was awesome. Look for solutions for use instead of excuses why it can't be done. If buildings in downtown Missoula built on rock foundations can be updated regularly, then so can the white school house.
- The schoolhouse needs to stay! It's part of a long standing tradition in our community!
- It's a cool piece of history that is worth keeping around
- Yes our kid's started school in that building almost 50 years ago.
- I would support improvements if it were to become useable for students.
- Would love to see the Little White Schoolhouse used in some way.
- It's a historical building and should be preserved and used by the student body and community.
- A great piece of the past that should be preserved
- It's a historic building that needs to be utilized
- I think that we should preserve it.
- Its history, do not tear it down for your parking lot, look at Arlee, Evaro Hill, Clinton, they have their original schoolhouse. How many employees actually live in TR?
- It needs to remain and be updated, history shouldn't be torn down!
- Infrastructure is hard to come by, we need to use it when we have it, and upgrade it when we need to despite costs.

- Should be utilized for more than storage
- Strongly support for over 80 years when my mother-in-law taught in the two-room white school. \$125,000 was passed to improve white school. Expensive storage. Money has been spent redoing floors paint, etc. Could be used as gym or art room for younger kids. No crazy elevator needed.

**Theme: Improvements to the Little White School House are not a priority for Target Range School**

- I love historical buildings, but I feel like the money should be used to improve the spaces that kids are using right now. Maybe if you looked into some type of grant that would offset the cost of improving the little white school house that would be more appropriate
- An iconic piece that is cherished, but would be hard pressed to spend a huge budget to get it up to code
- While it is a nice little building with historic properties, I think that the school itself has to come first for use by the students. I'm afraid the little schoolhouse might be more of a liability by trying to fix it up to that level.
- I think it is a lovely piece of history, but if you are having trouble funding for other things like parking lots, then the little white schoolhouse needs to be taken down or moved
- I assume renovation of the schoolhouse would be less bang for buck. If so, do not renovate.
- It's an antiquated building that doesn't serve many if any. We used to use it for cub about meeting, but I would rather have money used to improve the newer building instead of this one. Thanks for asking about this and about all of the items in the survey.
- We cannot take away money and opportunities from today's students to preserve the past.
- Would love to see it being used by students but believe it should be one of the last priorities.
- Appreciate the historical significance, but this doesn't need to be a focus of any funds.
- Wouldn't support the Little White Schoolhouse, however, if it took away from the overall school funding.

**Theme: Private fund-raising, or historic preservation funds, would be a better way to improve/preserve the Little White School House**

- If the little white schoolhouse has historic or nostalgic value, I would support, and participate, in INDIVIDUAL contribution campaign to bring it to code and modify it for some of the wish list spaces described in above survey.
- I think we should combine public donations and school funds to make the little white schoolhouse a community center.
- Is there a possibility of historic site funding to support the Little White Schoolhouse?
- If the schoolhouse no longer serves a real needed purpose for the school and is a cost burden, why not tear it down and use the land for expanded play ground or parking? If there are some in the community who want to preserve the schoolhouse based not on actual school needs but instead on history or sentiment, challenge them to find money for its upkeep and preservation. Perhaps a separate levy just focused on the schoolhouse would be a good measure of community support for its preservation.
- Fundraise in the community
- Look in to an historical grant to help with improvements.

- You could hold a fund raiser or go fund me for the school house.
- Separate support should be raised outside of tax money. Perhaps special fundraising.
- I love the little white schoolhouse and went to school there! I think it is a very important part of Target Range neighborhood history. The neighborhood and county should be asked for help in restoring it.

**Theme: Oppose funding for Little White School House**

- I'd rather focus on the large school we already use than try to force the use of a very small building that is not connected.
- No raise in property taxes!
- Waste of money
- Who cares. Don't waste money on it
- sick of taxes
- Tear it down

**Theme: General comments**

- Good for storage
- I think it would cost too much to bring the building to code. It isn't worth it. It could serve as a meeting place? Outdoor classroom? Theatre?
- How much will it cost?
- You already collected from the community where did that money go?
- Why could it not be sold to generate money for the school improvements?
- I went to kindergarten in this building
- Don't really know enough about how the improvements would actually make the campus more functional. Would prioritize other improvements over historical preservation projects that might be neat but not really that beneficial.
- Need more information on cost to meet today's standards.
- leave it as is, great visibility for historic purposes, while serving a function for storage
- Since the district doesn't use the schoolhouse, could it be sold.
- It would be great to get outside funding- convert to community center
- What is the planned use?
- It's cute.
- Neutral on funding measure.
- Bite the bullet and remove this building
- Target Range could rent the school house as a community center similar to the Orchard Homes Center.
- Don't really care. If the schoolhouse can be used, great. If not, remove it for something more useful.
- It's always great to hang on to historic buildings. I don't know if you want to improve it's use so students can use it on a daily basis. Maybe use it as a Target Range Museum or evening meeting rooms?
- Schools need to be functional. Move it away to the Fort if it really needs to be preserved.
- Tear it down. Be sensible!
- Sometimes you have to let the old go.

- I'm sure it would be far less expensive to tear it down and build something useful.
- Move it out to the fort Missoula
- I'm not sure if it is needed. Being used for storage keep it as such and put money better used somewhere else! If not needed in the school, which we all know it could be, give teachers a bonus
- Really doesn't matter, I would support the levy
- old school house improvements only if it can be used and serves a school community function but not to just keep it structurally sound just for show and historic purposes
- Maybe a meeting room?
- It's a great piece of history for this area, but what would its purpose be if the main school was updated? Would like to know more about what it would be used for.
- The school house should not be part of take away from \$ for education improvements...
- Probably not needed anymore
- Anything to help with the future
- I'm torn on the White school house. There history there but from a function stand point I think it should just be removed.
- Needs to be bulldozed - isn't worth the costs to remodel per square foot for ADA compliance.
- Tear it down
- It should be removed
- There's no option for "as likely"
- Restoring the schoolhouse does not help the education of today's kids
- Get rid of it
- It is part of the community's history. Our kids had classes there
- Cute!
- I'm neutral about the schoolhouse. But currently it seems to be wasted space, so change to make it usable seems to make sense.
- Would be nice to be used to teach local history. Or perhaps preschool.
- If you remove storage items from the schoolhouse, you will then have to find or fund more storage, right? I'd need more info on where the items in storage would go to see if we're really solving a problem or just moving it.
- Could be utilized better
- I don't have enough info to support or oppose improvements to the old building. What improvements are needed (at what cost) and what would it be used for?
- Use it as a larger scale form of our current preschool
- I would like to know more about the history of the school house.
- If the Little White Schoolhouse could be better utilized for active education or subsidized support via community building for the public to use.
- If people want to save this building, I'm ok paying taxes for that. But, if that space is needed for parking or better traffic patterns, I would support that over saving the old schoolhouse.
- I believe there was already a bond or some tax that was already placed on the taxpayers of the community. And what happened to that money for the little school house?
- It could be a great space for community engagement or perhaps adult education classes.
- I would support a funding measure either way.

**Question 33:**

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**Target Range School wants to improve the way it communicates to neighborhood residents. What are the best ways to share information? You can mark more than one.**

Email.	73.26%	126
Website.	42.44%	73
Facebook.	37.21%	64
Newsletter.	47.67%	82
Community meetings.	29.65%	51
Parking lot reader board.	43.02%	74
	Answered	172
	Skipped	2

**Question 34:**

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**Do you have kids who currently attend Target Range School?**

Yes	47.65%	81
No	52.35%	89
	Answered	170
	Skipped	4

**Question 35:**

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**Do you have kids who attended Target Range in the past?**

Yes	48.52%	82
No	51.48%	87
	Answered	169
	Skipped	5