

School Building Child(ren) attends (circle all that apply): Viking Elementary Newfolden Elementary High School

Student well-being/safety/citizenship (Circle one response)

- 1. I feel that my child is safe at school
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure
2. I feel that my child is safe on the bus
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure Does not ride bus
3. When I share a concern, it gets addressed in a timely manner
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure Does not apply
4. What areas do you think the school should prioritize in character education (Examples: responsibility, trustworthiness, respect, caring, citizenship, community service, fairness)

5. We want to increase student recognition. In what ways would you like to see your child recognized? (Examples: note home, phone call, awards, honor rolls, student of the month, recognition for showing improvement)

6. What additional comments do you have in regards to student well-being and safety?

Student Learning/Communication with teachers (Circle one response)

- 1. How would you classify the rigor of your child's academic subjects
Too easy Just Right Challenging Too Difficult
2. What other extracurricular opportunities would you like to see available to your child?

3. What changes, if any, would you like to see in our parent-teacher conferences?

4. Please rate the importance of these communication options with teachers Please rate 1-3
1 - Is not important to me 2 - Is somewhat important to me 3 - Is very important to me
\_\_\_ phone call \_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_ text message \_\_\_ face to face meeting \_\_\_ conferences \_\_\_ classroom web site

5. How would you like to see the district move forward with online course offerings?

6. The school helps my child learn skills to get ready for next level of learning
(i.e. Grade to Grade, Viking to Newfolden, Newfolden to HS, or High School to college/career)
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure

7. What are some other areas you would like to see our schools help your child's learning?

Technology and Student Learning (Circle one response)

- 1. Do you have internet access at home (circle all that apply)
Yes, High Speed (Cable/DSL) Yes, Dial Up Yes, on Cell Phone No
2. I am satisfied with my child's access to technology during the school day
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure
3. The initiative to provide a laptop to students in grades 10-12 enhances student learning
Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure Does not apply

Next year we will have mobile labs of Chromebooks and iPads in the elementary schools, mobile PC lab for Junior High, one to one Chromebooks for grades 9-12, High Speed Internet Access in all three buildings.

4. What areas would you like to see improved/expanded upon in regards to technology?

Technology and Student Learning (cont.)

5. Would you like the use of technology reduced from any specific area?

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6. What are some additional thoughts you want to share about technology use in our schools?

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District Communication (Circle one response)

1. Please rate the importance of each communication tool for school news (Please rate 1-3)

1 - Is not important to me 2 - Is somewhat important to me 3 - Is very important to me

\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_ School Messenger \_\_\_ Facebook \_\_\_ Twitter Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

2. I use the ParentVue system to check on my child's grades and attendance

Daily Weekly Monthly Seldom Never If you chose Never, why not: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I find the school web site easy to use and helpful

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Unsure

4. What additional information or changes would be helpful to improve district communication

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Future of Facilities (Circle one response) Please note there is tax burden to any building project.

(Our schools are at their limit in terms of space and our student population has stayed relatively stable. Legislation, public pressure, and high costs of maintenance may require us to make some future building improvements.) The following areas could be considered for improvements and we would like to gauge your initial perspective.

1. Addition to Viking for an additional pre-K classroom and additional pre-K options

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

2. Additional classroom space in Newfolden Elementary (For additional class space and summer Freeze Kids Care)

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

3. Additional classroom space in Marshall County Central High School (Primarily to reduce needing to share spaces)

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

4. Weight Room Facility open for community members to use (Some public interest)

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

5. Additional Gym Space (Due to size and age of Newfolden Elementary Gym)

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

6. Paved track surface for track & field and community running/walking (Some public interest)

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

7. Improvements to Ice Rink and outdoor courts (Some public interest)

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

8. Addition of an Auditorium (Some public interest)

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

9. Remodel cafeteria for high school/Newfolden Elementary providing second serving line to increase options for students

Strongly Support Support Oppose Strongly Oppose Unsure

10. What other facility improvements would you like to see in our schools?

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Closing

1. What are the areas we really do well as a school district for you and your child?

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2. What are the areas you would like to see our school district improve for you and your child?

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## **2016 Parent Strategic Planning Summary**

We received 142 total responses out of 235 district families pre-K through grade 12. 60.4% of our families responded. This is a solid turnout for a survey sent home and returned.

### **Student Well Being, Safety, Citizenship**

1. I believe my child is safe at school; **94.3% responded Strongly Agree/Agree**
2. I believe my child is safe on the bus; **88% of riders Strongly Agree/Agree**
3. When I share a concern, it gets addressed in a timely manner; **88.9% Strongly Agree/Agree**
4. Character Education Priorities: **Respect most selected; Responsibility mentioned often**
5. Student Recognition: **Honor Roll, Recognition for Improvement, Student of Month, Notes home most mentioned. Many ideas.**
6. Additional Comments: **Bullying in limited supervised times; Concerns about bus (drivers/bullying) most mentioned.**

### **Student Learning Communication with Teachers**

1. How would you classify the rigor of subjects: **90.5% Just Right/Challenging**
2. What other extracurricular opportunities would you like to see: **Dance, More Academic Activities. Many ideas.**
3. What changes, if any, would you like to see for conferences? **None; concerns about time were most commented on.**
4. Importance of Communication Options: (using ranking points this is order of preference):
  - a. **Face to Face Meeting (335)**
  - b. **Conferences (324)**
  - c. **Email and Phone Call (314)**
  - d. **Text Messages (267)**
  - e. **Classroom Websites (224)**
5. Moving forward with online courses: **More options especially for older students (juniors/seniors); seems to be level of caution. Many comments.**
6. The school helps my child learn skills ready for next level: **93.4% Strongly Agree/Agree**
7. What are some other areas you would like to see schools help with child's learning: **Extra Help within school day; Support after school programs; Many ideas.**

### **Technology and Student Learning**

1. Do you have internet at home: **84.8% Yes, High Speed; 35.5% on Cellphone; 5% none**
2. I am satisfied with technology access at school: **89.1% Yes**
3. Initiative to provide laptop 10-12 enhances learning: **83.7% where applicable strongly agreed/agreed.**
4. What areas would you improve/expand: **Evident awareness of what we have needs to be shared. Blocking/Filtering. Internet Safety/Basic Tech Skills. No changes.**
5. Would you like technology reduced from any area? **No; want kids to have textbooks; Social Media concerns**
6. Additional thoughts: **Balance tech/non-tech; Keep up with tech; Like wifi access; Filtering**

## **District Communication**

1. Rate importance of each tool using rank points:
  - a. **Newsletter (311)**
  - b. **School Messenger (300)**
  - c. **Email (296)**
  - d. **Facebook (217)**
  - e. **Twitter (128)**
  - f. Comments on **importance of web site**
2. Parent Vue: 40.3% use at least monthly **Should do more training and get more info to parents on importance of this.**
3. I find school web site helpful and useful: **87.5% agree/strongly agree**
4. What additional information/changes would you like to see to improve district communication: **Additional information to Google Calendar (game locations, etc.) More reminders; Ensure information remains current**

## **Future of Facilities**

1. Cafeteria Remodel NE/HS: **81.9% Strongly Support/Support (277)**
2. Additional classroom space to Newfolden Elementary: **75.2% Strongly Support/Support (252)**
3. Additional classroom space in High School: **76.3% Strongly Support/Support (252)**
4. Additional Gym Space: **73.4 Strongly Support/Support (250)**
5. Paved Track: **62.6 Strongly Support/Support (203)**
6. Weight Room Facility Open to Community: **64.1% Strongly Support/Support (202)**
7. Rinks/Outdoor Courts: **64.5% Strongly Support/Support (200)**
8. Addition to Viking for pre-K: **59.5% Strongly Support/Support (185)**
9. Auditorium: **56.9% Strongly Support/Support (173)**

Comments: **Library improvements; Commons improvements; Office Visibility Elementary Schools; Many Ideas**

## **Closing**

1. What are areas we do really well: **Teaching staff; Support Services; Safe; Care; Staff; Communication; Many Positive Comments**
2. What areas would you like to see district improve: **Many put nothing; Accurate Sports Schedules/Practice Schedules; Quicker communication when problems arise (i.e. missing work grades); More one on one support; Staff respecting privacy/confidentiality;**