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Survey finds continued support for Spring Lake Park School District facilities needs and bond project

A survey of registered voters in the Spring Lake Park School District shows that the community remains very supportive of a bond proposal that will raise the local funds needed to renovate and expand the district's schools serving students and families in Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley.

Completed in late October, the survey presented voters with the school construction and modernization needs developed by a Facilities Task Force made up of individuals representing both the community and the school district.

After information about the need for, benefits of, and cost of the bond proposal was presented, 63.3% of those surveyed supported the proposal.

All of the school construction projects presented in the survey received good support. Some, like the use of bond funds to create additional classroom space in order to avoid over-crowding caused more than 77% to state that they would support such a use of bond funds. A very positive response was also measured when voters were told that bond funds would be used to build new science classrooms at the high school and to redesign the high school campus so that high school and elementary students would no longer share the same school site.

Finally, voters support the building of a new school in the Blaine area where enrollment is increasing rapidly. Overall the results of this survey are very similar to the results of a survey conducted in the district last spring.

Voters also continue to have a very positive reaction to the quality of the education provided by the Spring Lake Park Schools. When asked to use a traditional A thru F grading system, 60.6% give the district an A or a B. Only 3.6% give the district a D or an F.

They also believe the district spends tax dollars wisely. A very large majority, 67.3%, agrees or strongly agrees with the statement: "The Spring Lake Park School District can be trusted to spend local tax dollars wisely." These results are very consistent with the responses collected earlier in the year.

The October survey involved telephone interviews with 300 registered voters. Participants in the survey were selected randomly from a list of all of the voters in the district. The margin of error for this survey is +/-5.5% with a 95% confidence level. The survey was conducted for the district by The Center for Community Opinion.