



**Idaho Falls School District 91
2018 Online Surveys of Parents, Staff and the Community
Final Report
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At the same time a statistically reliable telephone survey was being conducted within the boundaries of Idaho Falls School District 91, similar studies were made available online to parents, staff and the community. Parents and staff were sent links to their surveys, while the community survey was posted on the district's website.

A total of 315 parents, 173 staff members and 18 community members chose to take part in this survey process. As is always the case with online surveys, not every participant answered every question. And to avoid inadvertently changing the meaning of open-ended comments made by participants in the final question of each survey, those comments have been copied and pasted directly from the data file – with no editing.

As is typically the case, online research tends to draw a more passionate participant group than the statistically reliable cross-section seen in the telephone survey results. The results from all four studies are displayed below and are shown with the rank order from the telephone survey as the guideline.

Interestingly, however, the greater passion on the negative side is usually from parents (which was the case on the grading questions, although mostly modestly so), while the more passionate positive responses tend to come from staff members. However, a number of the staff responses were lower than the telephone survey responses, suggesting that staff members have a clear set of concerns as well.

While the combined “Strongly agree/Agree” percentages were somewhat all over the board, the rank order of the top three reasons the ballot issue lost contained the same three (in a slightly different order) than the telephone survey – on all three online surveys. This level of consistency is rare, and it indicates the presence of common ground, no matter what the perspective of the respondent may be.

The language used in the questions is the online language, meaning phrases like, “I will read...” were replaced with “Please read...” Otherwise, the core of the survey remains the same as the telephone study. To keep the reader from being overwhelmed with numbers, the results are shown using the cross-tabulations, which allows for a single number presentation of each finding.

We want to start by getting your impressions on a variety of aspects of the school district. There will be questions about the bond issue later in the survey. As you know, students in school are traditionally given a grade of A, B, C, D or F to reflect the quality of their work. Based on your experience, the experience of your children, or things you have heard about the Idaho Falls School District from others, what grade would you give the school district on each of the following items? Results are shown using a weighted 5-point scale rating for each factor. Factors that scored at 3.80 or higher are the statistical equivalent of a “B” (or better). “n” equals the number of respondents in each group.

Factor	5-point weighted scale rating/Telephone survey (n=400)	5-point weighted scale rating/Parent online survey (n=315)	5-point weighted scale rating/Staff online survey (n=173)	5-point weighted scale rating/Community online survey (n=18)
Quality of elementary school facilities, based on what you know, or on what you may have heard from others	4.30	3.83	3.92	3.94
Quality of education	4.16	3.56	3.96	3.11
Quality of middle school facilities, based on what you know or on what you may have heard from others	4.13	3.61	3.66	3.39
Performance of district teachers	4.13	3.77	4.25	3.61
Value received by residents for the tax dollars spent by the school district	4.02	3.43	3.83	3.33
Safety of students in the district	3.95	3.40	3.31	3.22
Performance of school principals	3.94	3.86	3.84	3.41
Efforts of the district to involve the community in decision-making	3.88	3.78	3.96	3.11
Academic preparation of students to be college- and/or career-ready after high school graduation from District 91	3.84	3.52	3.74	3.61
The quality of technology available to students in the district	3.84	3.42	3.69	3.82
The district’s record on fulfilling promises it has made to residents	3.76	3.51	3.81	3.33
Performance of the superintendent and other district-level administrators	3.74	3.43	3.66	3.13
Performance of the District 91 Board of Trustees	3.70	3.37	3.65	3.13
Overall grade	3.69	3.37	3.72	3.11
Quality of the Skyline High School facility, based on what you know, or on what you may have heard from others	3.68	3.15	3.16	3.50
The district’s efforts to report its plans and progress to citizens	3.68	3.72	3.90	3.61
The district’s responsiveness to citizen concerns	3.48	3.37	3.71	3.24
Amount of support and guidance given to students to help them be college- and/or career-ready after high school graduation from District 91	3.43	3.38	3.63	3.35
Quality of the Idaho Falls High School facility, based on what you know, or on what you may have heard from others	3.33	2.57	2.55	2.71

Since the election, the school district has heard a lot of different ideas from voters and from residents in general about why they thought the bond issue did not achieve the required supermajority of “Yes” votes. Below is a short list of some of the statements that have been made. After you read each one, please indicate if you “Strongly agree” that this was an important reason the bond issue lost, “Agree,” “Neither agree nor disagree,” “Disagree” or “Strongly disagree,” or that you “Don’t know.” Results are shown as the combined “Strongly agree/Agree” percentage for each statement. Note: “n” equals the number of respondents in each group.

Combined “Strongly agree/Agree” percentage	Telephone survey (n=400)	Parent online survey (n=315)	Staff online survey (n=173)	Community online survey (n=18)
The opposition did a good job of pointing out reasons to vote, “No.”	68%	54%	54%	56%
The tax implications of the bond issue weren’t clear, and that made some people not trust what the district was saying.	68%	66%	68%	72%
The total cost of the bond issue was too high.	67%	42%	33%	56%
There are trust issues in the community regarding the school district.	64%	55%	52%	78%
It wasn’t clear what would happen to the current Idaho Falls High School building.	64%	47%	56%	44%
People thought the school district never seriously considered renovation of Idaho Falls High School as an option.	53%	37%	37%	39%
The district did not do a good job getting information about the bond issue out to the public.	53%	41%	36%	33%
People did not like the proposed location for the new Idaho Falls High School.	51%	30%	44%	67%
The school district did not seek input from the community at meetings or open houses, before deciding on the bond issue.	51%	24%	17%	39%
Some people thought that the process to select the design team and construction manager was not handled fairly.	50%	46%	37%	50%
The negative tone in the community regarding the Mayor’s race impacted how some people viewed the school bond issue, too.	44%	35%	39%	22%
People were concerned that this bond issue had no funds for any schools other than the two high schools.	36%	30%	34%	28%
It wasn’t clear whether the proposed new Idaho Falls High School would or would not have sports facilities.	22%	30%	34%	22%

Please read through this list one more time. Which factor do you think was most important in people voting, “No?” Which was second-most important? Which was third-most important? Results are shown using the rank order after a 3-point weighted scale was applied. (Actual point total is not displayed, because of the wide variation of participants in each subgroup. Showing the number of points may create a false impression regarding the level of importance. As such, only the rank order is shown.)

Statement	Telephone survey (n=400)	Parent online survey (n=315)	Staff online survey (n=173)	Community online survey (n=18)
The total cost of the bond issue was too high.	1	2	2	2
The tax implications of the bond weren't clear, and that made some people not trust what the school district was saying.	2	1	1	1
The opposition did a good job of pointing out reasons to vote, “No.”	3	3	3	3
People did not like the proposed location for the new Idaho Falls High School.	4	T7	4	4
The school district didn't seek input from the community at meetings or open houses, before deciding on the bond issue.	5	12	13	6
People thought the school district never seriously considered renovation of Idaho Falls High School as an option.	6	T5	T6	7
It wasn't clear what would happen to the current Idaho Falls High School building.	7	11	5	T9
There are trust issues in the community regarding the school district.	8	T5	T6	5
The district did not do a good job getting information about the bond issue out to the public.	9	4	8	T9
The negative tone in the community regarding the Mayor's race impacted how some people viewed the school bond issue, too.	10	9	9	8
Some people thought the process to select the design team and construction manager was not handled fairly.	11	T7	11	T11
It wasn't clear whether the proposed new Idaho Falls High School would or would not have sports facilities.	12	13	12	T11
People were concerned that this bond issue had NO funds for any schools other than the two high schools.	13	10	10	T11

*“T” indicates that the point values were tied.

Do you have any other comments you'd like to share? If not, please leave this question blank. *Comments presented in verbatim from, as typed by the respondents.*

Parent online survey

I'd like to see the team to focus also on more safety features for the new high schools especially after the recent shooting in FL. I think people will pay to have their kids safer in the schools.

Whatever the district decides to do, I want to make sure kids are safe in their schools. I am disappointed that with the newest elementary schools, visitors are not routed through the offices. I hope this will be remedied and that new schools will show better planning in this area.

While the high school bond is a high priority, it is an equally important time consider the overcrowding in several of our elementary schools. We cannot overlook the elementary students and teachers. We need to make sure they also have the resources and space that is needed to get our children off to a right start.

Stop letting old prideful minds dictate this school district's future because they are far too stubborn, biased, and take things too personally to think objectively about the future from both sides. The answer is: there is no answer only an agreement between sides. If your goal is to make kids college ready, stop copying d93 and start copying colleges

I think the opposition resorted to scare tactics knowing that if they could "scare" the minority of voters into thinking it was going to raise taxes for 20 years or the bid process was illegal then they would win. Which is exactly what happened. The district needs to do a better job of clearly refuting these scare tactics and showing the public the necessity for these changes. Too many people think it is just fine the way it is, so why spend so much money for an "unnecessary" change. This bond is essential for our kids to receive a competitive education and be successful in the real world.

Is it possible to separate that two high schools to have their own business case rather than having them grouped together? The proposal for Skyline was reasonable and it felt like the Skyline students were penalized because it was a 2 for 1 with the bond and more voters were against the IF portion of the bond. I don't know the legalities and am thinking very simplistically about this aspect. Just a thought.

I have children that have attended Skyline HS, Fox Hollow, and Dora Erickson as well. I've become very familiar with D91 and hope that they will look for ways to improve not only the school buildings but the quality of teachers and education as well.

I vote YES :)

I think the main problem was that people thought they were going to have to pay a lot more taxes. We need to make sure our children are getting the best education possible and having a safe environment to do so.

The property taxes were never an issue, it was the way the district presented the property taxes was the issue. When a third independent party made the announcement that taxes would be going up, and the amount they would go up, put a very negative spin on the bond election, and made the administration look like fools. Also, to have people outside the district voicing their opinions about the bond didn't help the situation out at all. But, there was no rebuttal from the school district in order to calm the concerns that were brought up. The entire bond election wasn't marketed as effectively as it could have been. Another issue, is parents and patrons do not know what kind of shape IFHS is in, and they don't know

what the students are missing out on from an academic standpoint. All they have to do is take a look at Rigby High School, and Thunder Ridge to know that students in D91 are at a severe disadvantage. Bricks and mortar don't make a quality education, but computer labs, and working, up-to-date facilities do. My main concern is however, there's a complete lack of confidence in the administration at both the district level and Idaho Falls High School, and even some of the faculty at IFHS. I have had two students thus far at IFHS, and have been less than impressed in way that school runs and operates on a daily basis. Any concerns we did have were quickly brushed under the rug and forgotten about. My students have been involved in club activities as well as sports in addition to their academic pursuits. As patrons of the district, and more importantly as parents of students, I will have a hard time voting for a bond until I feel like D91 is on a track to better the lives of students. Again, its not about the taxes for me, I would gladly pay more in taxes if I knew my students were getting a quality education from the administration and faculty at IFHS. Even the extra-curricular activities at IFHS from the clubs to sports need to be seriously looked at. As of right now there's nothing to be excited about at IFHS, we need something to be proud of. Its all about the "buy-in" from the patrons and more importantly, the parents.

The argument that IFHS was inadequate, but would be used to replace the Emerson program makes no sense. If the school is inadequate then how can you justify still using it?

I think the "tax clarity" needs some further comment. Some voters didn't feel the district was merely unclear on the property tax implications of the bond; they felt the district was dishonest about them.

I don't know if this made a difference, but I live in the school district, outside of Idaho Falls boundaries, in Bonneville County. My normal polling place was not open for this election, and I spoke with another person that faced the same issue. Is it possible some votes were not cast because of this?

I have 2 other children that are attending Sandcreek Middle School and Hillcrest High. Both will be attending Hillcrest High next year. They do vouchers because they do not want to attend in Idaho Falls High. Facilities need improvement.

Part of my frustration with the district is I have felt they have tried to find ways to get the bond past by sneaking it in or finding another strategy instead of facing the real issues. I've read comments from others in surveys the district has sent out post election and they're all about trying to find the best time to hold the same election or rewording some things. Face the issues that are there openly and publicly and you will get the support from the citizens to get this bond approved.

Senior year is currently an unproductive waste of time and money for both students and the school district. More opportunities should be available such as tech programs and dual enrollment for college credit. A comprehensive plan with the College of Eastern Idaho should be developed for seniors. Seniors need more opportunities and they need to be pushed to work hard. Most kids can reach the current credit requirements to graduate easily by the end of their 11th year. Way too many allowed electives and allowed off campus release time.

I currently spend around \$7500 a year on property taxes and not a big fan of spending more.

I am a Idaho Falls High School Alumni and parents and grandparents are alumni. I really feel the school should be renovated and updated rather than moved. This school the building and campus are a big part of Idaho Falls, hence the name of the high school. If you move it, it wont feel the same anymore and I feel a lot will be lost in the community. Keep it where it is. Move the school district offices by Taylorview and renovate Skyline High. Both high schools belong where they are at.

Renovations always cost more than building new. Especially renovations of buildings with asbestos containing materials. Avoid renovation at all cost. A new IFHS is important but it needs to be a beacon to the community. I building we can all be proud of - and not just another building.

I fully supported the bond and voted for it. I do not fully understand why it did not pass.

When parents don't believe in a school system, it's difficult to pass a bond. The belief starts with the administration on a district as well as school level. Be visible. Be transparent. Be consistent in your discipline with students, teachers, and issues. Be an administrative team that people support.

Let's try and have a few realistic scenarios established to show what the tax implications will be for the taxpayers of the district. Show that tax rate stays the same, but as home values increase so will tax burden, which would happen anyway. Also show the growth that is happening. Opposition claimed class sizes are not increasing, but we know that isn't true. Show what is coming in the years ahead. That point needs to be rode hard. We can't put ourselves in the same predicament that D93 is currently facing.

Security needs to be addressed

Including safety features in design of all schools should be included. Safety features should be included in design.

I have a problem with the bullying I feel it's not being taking care of

I personally think the district is doing a good job with what you have. I and all my family went to IF. The pride runs deep. We have been treated very good and our sons loves the sports,academic & social life it has given him. Can it get better probably but not with out the right people in place. Thanks for all you do to make it good.

Our teachers and staffs deserve to get a pay rate! You guys not deserve to build a new high school build. Get Idaho Falls High School remold and fix it up! You guys don't know how to budget the money! Our staffs and teachers deserve a pay raise! You all only care for yourselves and not others!

Please don't eliminate things from the bond. If anything you should add the IF fields into the bond. I think that the zero tax rate increase just confused people... ironically if you'd included the fields initially you could have given a small concrete number that would be an increase. This would have closed down the anti-bonds confusing argument. Remember that many people think there was fluff in the bond. If you eliminate things they will feel justified in their no vote. Instead do a better job of explaining why each item is necessary.

Is there going to be an elevator in gym at Skyline high school for handicap students and people attending events? Including ease of access for custodial staff to clean a much larger gym and track upstairs!

I hope I haven't been too negative. I just think the reasons for the bond are weak at best, sorry. I don't see a thriving population of Private sector businesses to support the taxes and bonds of the Public sector. Do you?

George Borland has lead the district for 11 years. During his time we have schools are achieving less. Growth in student achievement is down. Community feelings towards local schools is at an all time low. Extremely high turn over since Dr Boland has taken over. 100% turnover in elementary, middle/junior high and high school principals. Oops, Sorry I forgot about Lance. This is unheard of. Only person still around is George and those who rubber stamp his decisions. You know who you are as well. Fiscal

management is an embarrassment. District 91 used to be the top in the state. Not anymore. If the district and the trustees do not get things in order, the community will come to the voting booths and get a lame duck board voted out of office. After that, the community will make sure to hire a superintendent who represents the community and is not simply there until he can retire and turn over the reigns to the secondary director. He is already telling those around him that she is the next in line. Funny, I thought that was the board's decision. I hope that the board of trustees and Dr Boland can get this ship right. I believe that each of you can, but it will take work and that is why I think some board members and Do Boland will shy away from the task. Please don't fail our kids by doing what is easy. Please do what is right. Be willing to make hard choices. It is easy to build a new high school and think that this will erase troubles. It is not the building that is the problem.

Bateman Hall is the right choice. They proved themselves on the four elementary schools previously. It will be quite a disappointment to see the district award this to an out of state or out of district GC because of the negative politics involved. With the exception of the four new elementary schools most facilities in D91 are outdated and are in major need a drastic remodel. Our teachers and students deserve better than what the current D91 leadership team and board are providing them.

My son tried Compass and it was horrible. He moved to Emerson and loved it. We need a THIRD MS and HS, not a replacement or alternative. We have enough magnates and montessories. And either ditch Powerschool or make it useful for the parents.

We also attended Emerson Elementary, and Clair E Gail. I don't like the Idea of losing our High School too. Why are we always the ones being bused?

Remodel IFHS!!! New location is terrible! My kids attend IF and love it. They have more than enough technology. It can be remodeled. Look at Boise High as a model. School board member Diedre Warden is too aggressive and the public greatly dislikes her. People are still bitter over the way Compass Academy was handled. The group that was campaigning yes for the bond was totally out of line. I was even approached in a class at my gym by one of the landowners and called out in front of a group for my opinion. That is called voter intimidation and is wrong. IF can be remodeled. New doesn't mean a better education. If you take the same medicore staff and put them in a new building, education will still be mediocre.

I fully support a remodel of IF High, even if it is a long term process. I do not want my highschoolers to spend an hour and a half on the bus every day to a distant location. Keep the school central.

I am concerned about the need for another elementary school, as Sunnyside is completely over crowded and so are the over flow schools. Not only do we need new high schools but a new elementary school as well. I'm concerned that by the time the high schools passed, so much time and energy will have been used trying to get people to vote yes only to turn around and have to ask for an elementary school too. Bottom line is IF needs a new building, Skyline needs renovated and we need a new elementary school! Do whatever it takes to make it all happen!

I have probably shared too many comments, exposing truths is always a hard business to keep afloat. Point the finger at one, we have to be ready to receive them in return

Please don't waste money building a new school.

Please leave the plans the same and get more detailed information out to the public, we need a new high school.

Armed security for our children!

I have seen new high schools and see just wasted space. 20 ft ceilings where a second level would have made more class rooms. But they look cool and when you walk in its wow this is huge feeling. (rigby high) for example. I think it could cut little on the wow factor

I strongly disliked the white background in the videos made with City Council people, mayor, etc. It made some look like they were heavenly spirits. It came off holier-than-thou as a result.

Thanks for your work! Hopefully people understand. I wish we could point out the people who are campaigning against it. Some not even in the district.

Maybe the district should strive to provide high quality teachers and pay them what they deserve to keep them, and STOP worrying about what the schools Aesthetics. We would also like to see high tech security systems in place for the safety of our Children.

Too much emphasis was placed on "frills" as opposed to functionality.

I personally thought not passing it was a large mistake by the people of the District. The motto of save Idaho Falls High?? I graduated from there as did my oldest as will my youngest. Seriously they'll still be Tigers be it an old building or a new, up to date, modernized, able to meet the WORLD demands on our kids joining the real world. your going to cost a fortune to redo Idaho Falls High to meet the needs of a growing and evolving world. Skyline being newer has a chance and more room to do it, but I. F. is not located nor capable of the upgrades it'll need.

I am a proponent of District 91 and employees. I appreciate the individual efforts of those that I know. I do not like how these questions are so general for principals, high school readiness, etc. because I do not know about other schools, only the ones my children attend. If you're looking for bond issue resolution, please focus on it only.

The schools are over crowded is my biggest complaint. My children kindergarten class has 27 students and because of that fact she is not getting the education she deserves and in turn is falling behind so we are left to pay for expensive tutors, to make sure she doesn't get further behind. Her teacher is great she just doesn't have enough time for the amount of students she has.

Personally the biggest anger I have about our system here is that at Fox Hollow kids are expected to walk to school from a certain distance. My child is literally the farthest from there and the walk is far even for an adult. Also the fact that the children aren't allowed in the tax payer owned building before a certain time, in winter, while the faculty is cozy and warm, really, really pisses me off. That needs to change. Other than that I am in total support of building a new school.

I would like to hear about future plans. For example, a "ghost" sports track was in the plans for IFHS, indicating that sometime in the coming years additional facilities would be added. When?

The current fifth grade class is humongous! When that class makes it to the high school, it will be even more crowded. We need to get a new high school built!

I strongly support an in-town school like the current school and oppose moving it out of town.

I am impressed with the management of our District. I feel that as constituents we have been urged repeatedly to be involved in making decisions, giving feedback and issuing concerns about the Bond. I am disappointed that it did not pass.

Come back strongly. We need Skyline improved and a new I.F. High built. Why not have one nice football stadium to all of 91 and 93? Too much money spent on gyms and sports, more emphasis on diverse classes and raising standards, helping students learn.

It is taking too long. Now even my eight grader will not go to the new high school. I also think people want to see the quality of teachers and their pay increase more than a new building. The level of teaching is very low in some cases, no text books to come home,

We should use billboards, social media, and radio ads to reach a larger portion of the public. It is important to phrase information in a way that it doesn't sound partisan in order to avoid automatic knee-jerk decisions.

please keep trying to pass the bond. The majority of the people want it.

The proposal is too expensive for buildings that are only used 6 months per year. Local hotels and hospitals can be built for significantly less why not schools?

Please involve parents early in the process of making changes. You will have more buy in from the community. We are very much willing to participate in the process. Making changes behind our backs, telling us what has been decided after years of meetings just creates more distrust. Being condescending to teachers and parents, and presenting programs as 'committee decisions', where there is no committee agreement does not work. Do not lie to us, we know where the truth lies. I am referring to the District 91 Board meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Hope this helps

Be completely honest in how things are done from the cost including who will be responsible for paying the debt and how the debt will be paid. Have a more open/transparent bidding process. Most of that process was unknown to the public, at least I never could find information on how the winning bid was obtained. Overall, transparency and honesty without political bias needs to be top priority.

The District didn't explain the bond issue. The 0% confused the (dumb) electorate. it would have been better to 0.1% increase even if it wasn't needed. People could get their minds around that the amount of tax increase per \$100K of assessed value was really 0.

Just don't remove any elements from the schools. We need to do this right! Taking away elements just validated people's distrust that you asked for unnecessary items. Instead find ways to educate the public that this was the absolute necessary designs to have the best facilities for our students. We will only get to do this once every 50-60 years. Do it right. Don't back down.

If you build a school, include all facilities so that we don't have to pay more money later. The principle of time value of money is real even in Idaho

Please keep trying! We need better schools and better public education in Idaho Falls.

In hindsight it was a bad idea to promote this as something that would not increase the tax levy percentage because that was easy for the opposition to attack and point out that the dollar amount will increase as their property values increase. Making the district look like liars. Many just don't seem to understand how it all works. And many are not willing to take the time to understand.

Good Luck!!!! Our kids deserve better than the current situation.

Tutors and extra help are not available.

Your special needs pre-school program is fabulous.

I am sick of D91 coming back time and again with its hand out, asking for more and more of our money. Voting for these bonds is the same as tossing our hard-earned tax dollars down a black hole, since I never see that the thousands of dollars D91 has already gotten over the years has ever actually improved anything for our kids. The curriculum is terrible and too many awful teachers and administrators who don't give a fig about our kids continue to do the bare minimum necessary in order to draw a paycheck. Because so much is not being taught via public school, our family has to regularly supplement through home school to help our kids get the best possible preparation for college and the future. And with all of the massive problems I see in D91's educational model, we certainly do not need to spend millions on shiny new buildings—especially when extensive remodeling has already been done on Skyline HS in just the last few years. What D91 really needs is to get rid of the disaster that is Common Core/ISAT testing, tie teachers' pay to TEACHERS' performance and not to our kids' test scores, and use existing funds to actually do something about improving security at our school! At Eagle Rock, the kids are locked out of the main hallway every morning until after the first bell rings. They congregate in the lobby right next to the UNsecured main doors where they could be picked off like fish in a barrel if some lunatic decided to target the school. I addressed these significant safety concerns to Superintendent Boland weeks ago and am still awaiting a reply. Compared to other districts, D91 is very poorly run. And until pressing NEEDS like those outlined above are seriously and definitively addressed, I see no reason to throw ever more tax dollars into unnecessary wants with these interminable bonds.

Godspeed. Our kids need this.

I don't like the fact that just anyone can walk right through the front doors. I really don't don't think it is safe at all and I'm concerned for the safety of our children.

Is building one school to replace both Idaho Falls High School and Skyline High School an option?

Templeview needs a new principal who supports AND ENABLES it's teachers. Can't you see that the exceptionally high turnover corresponds to the tenure of the new principal??? The facility also is in desperate need of an upgrade... As for the bond failure, I think it was 100% related to the negative (and misleading) opposition campaign and a higher voter turnout due to it not having its own ballot...

The one thing that gave me serious pause in moving here was the poor quality of education (both academics and facilities) for my very bright children. It definitely is a deterrent in attracting businesses and professionals to the area.

I'd rather see a fabulous teacher with a chalkboard than a mediocre teacher handing out chromebooks.

We are lagging behind almost all states in education. I'm worried that my children will not be able to compete for college and in the job market because of their education opportunities in IF. We need new facilities and they take money. I'm happy to pay for these new facilities because the old ones are unacceptable. We can't just renovate. People may have ties to the old high school but they can be re-purposed by the city if they need to. We must have better facilities for our children. We aren't in a 3rd world country so lets start giving a 1st world education.

the district already owns land - there should not have to be new land purchased to build a new school. Using the current building and adding on or up makes the most sense

I feel like people thought the schools looked too fancy and didn't understand that these were just sketches and nothing was set in stone. I also think that there were trust issues based on district 93's bond, and people felt there was no way that their property taxes wouldn't increase, because district 93 people were reporting large increases. Whether that's true or not, it was a concern to many people I saw commenting.

We have a child at ALTURAS but not on this list. Is it the insular approach to the school district that has become too focused

I send my elementary children to a charter not in the district because the tests scores for the children are rated so low and I have not had very many good experiences with the teachers and administration at a previous elementary.

I really like the idea of the in door track. I think that would be really beneficial.

Do not spend the tax payers money in a total frivolous manner. There is no need for a new high school to be built . I would support repair of the 2 current high schools, but not wasting money on a new one.

I'm hoping that the bond issue will go back to a vote like with District 93. I think with some very clear clarification issues and other distractions (the mayoral race) not muddling the issues, it stands a better chance at being back in front of voters. There are so many bright kids in D91 and so many hard working teachers and faculty members, the students deserve the best quality schools we can provide them.

Staff online survey

I will NOT vote for the next bond if there is a proposal to build a new school without a media center. I also believe the charter schools are sucking away the money for our public schools. The district and teachers need to study what's different about the charter schools and work toward that model. There is a great need for an alternative school for 7th and 8th graders so that they can begin working on work place skills.

I feel that one of our greatest challenges in our district are behaviors. The behaviors are become by more and more extreme. If we don't start putting money toward facilities for behaviors, a more innovative high school won't matter. We have kids in our elementary schools that are throwing chairs and running from the classrooms weekly, if not daily. Learning is disrupted. We are told day treatment is full, and yes there behaviors are sever, but not as severe as others.

Focus on the age of the IFHS and the students have to go across campus to get to classes. No way to update the building to accomidate the curent needs for technology now and in the future. We need to be competitive in future industries.

the new building design needs to not be as architecturally extravagant and more functional on all aspects including maintenance and up keep.

Please be more open to ideas from the community we pay your salaries

As a Teacher in IFSD 91, I loved the idea of the new school and was upset that it did not pass. We need updated schools both in the upper and lower levels but this was a good start. It did seem high to patrons but I also thought it was well spelled out where the money was going. Schools are an expensive but long term benefit to our community. Good luck in trying to find solutions.

Please continue to work hard to float and pass this bond. Our community, our teachers, and our students deserve a safe environment they can learn in and be proud of. I understand the need to compromise, but don't compromise on what is essential: a space that engages ALL students and allows the access to the things that matter: classroom space that allows for movement, collaboration, and quiet study, arts space for all genres of art, physical activity space for all athletes.

Hopefully, the district is looking at boundary changes that will alleviate overcrowding at Sunnyside Elementary along with the Idaho Falls High School overcrowding issues.

The only time the district puts this much effort into communicating educational issues is when there is a bond involved.

The district administration, architects, and construction company have spent years preparing these plans. We need these high schools built ASAP.

The voting public do not understand or even know about the CTE high school and it may help if they understand that a 4th high school may be impacted by these decisions and plans.

As a teacher in IFSD 91, we need to upgrade our two high schools. The students need a place where they can learn and grow. We also need to stop spending so much money on Compass. That school is only helping a small number of students in the district and is seen as the "golden child" while the other schools take a back seat.

Need to be equal amount spent on go the high school

Our wages have not increased in the area. Tax increases are hard on many. Make it very clear what taxes would be. Proposed growth is a proposal only not a guarantee. We all love our children and want the best but many can't afford a grand proposal. We have to live within our means. Great schools help attract growth and business but property owners have a burden of many other things too. Our /parent/student population is not all contributing.

I don't think you should compromise the redesign plan by changing things. Educate the public and stand by your decision as to what is needed to this whole project. If there are places to cut, then that can be done.

I will be living within the boundaries of the school district in a few months.

Don't reduce the bond or take away items. Ask patrons for more!

Try and be honest. Stop adding positions to the district office and taking away from school personal that includes custodians nurses para professionals etc.

It was unclear that the bond was for TWO schools... the price tag needs to be compared to bonds for recently built single HS school in our area.

I don't live in the district or have children in the district, but I am a substitute teacher in district 91 and I get to see all of the middle and high schools. Skyline is doing all right, IF needs to be upgraded.

I think that the district would have a lot more success proposing a bond to renovate the old IFHS right where it stands. It would be cheaper, the district wouldn't have to buy the new land, the concerns about the community and neighborhood would be assuaged, the district would be making a statement about the conservation of historic buildings in Idaho Falls, and the district would not have the fight over the athletic facilities. I think that most people recognize that IFHS needs renovation to be equipped for modern classrooms and learning. However, many people are also extremely attached to the location and the historic IFHS building. If the district renovated the existing school from top to bottom (and Skyline too) to equip it for all of our modern needs, I know that I and many of the people that I know would happily vote in favor. The relocation of the school and the uncertain future of the old IFHS is what turned most of the people I know against the bond. I understand that the district has plans for the old IFHS, but to be honest, the fate of O.E. Bell still hangs heavy on many people's minds. People don't trust that the school won't become urban blight regardless of the district's assurances otherwise. Renovation, not relocation, will get my and others' "yes" vote.

Be honest/ flexible/ present more options for cost. d93 broke their bond into 2 pieces... with 2 prices, when it finally passed. All or nothing votes seem to be a turn-off. I know the district did the best they could.

Maybe try to include some incentives for teachers? It is hard to vote against teachers being better off

I am concerned with the teachers and the amount of students in each class.

Please don't water down the plans for a new high school. Our students need what they need. Sell them on what it will offer students.

Please do not cut down the scope of the bond. In doing so, extra- and co-curricular programs will suffer. I am specifically worried about the possibility of high schools not having access to an auditorium on campus. Auditoriums are no longer a luxury reserved for the most well-supported fine arts programs. They are a necessity for those programs, and they also benefit the school in a plethora of other ways.

I think D91 did a great job involving the community in the process and educating them on the different aspects of the bond. However, it was the last minute D91 Taxpayer media blitz that many people took as gospel and didn't seek out factual information on their own.

Please don't forget about Eagle Rock. The building is very old. Some of the chairs, teachers' desks and tables date back to the 1970s. The bathrooms are outdated and gross.

How you treat IF and Skyline is not equal, and no one knows what goes on at compass because you are dishonest and not forthright with information about that school.

District funded sports are a complete waste of tax payer dollars. That money would be better spent on training for achievable careers.

We have to be as aggressive (if not more so) than the opposition.

I love working for Idaho Falls School District #91. The administrators at IFHS are working diligently with the staff to improve both student performance and teacher morale. As a teacher, I am very concerned that we are not providing a rigorous enough course of study. I need the district-level administration to

help me connect a new school with better support for rigorous instruction. If we want to sell this to the public, we need to help them understand that better facilities will help improve student performance.

I really support a remodel of the existing school and am disappointed in the city not stepping up to be a partner in this interest. I think the Civic Auditorium issues have been shamefully handled with regard to IFHS. I also think the practice field issues are a shame. I think 7th street should be closed to through traffic and the school should be extended south to 8th street- buy that gas station and get rid of the fire station next to it. Take out all the ceilings and run new wiring up- like at Boise High School- which is also old and land locked and still used and wonderfully updated. New is not always better and frankly a whole exterior wall of glass in the new IFHS design looked incredibly unsafe to me.

Looking at the new plans for Idaho Falls High School, why don't they include a facility to cook lunches for the students. As a parent I don't like the idea of my student leaving school everyday at lunch. I feel that is very important to try and keep the students at the school instead of all of them leaving. That could be a potential for accidents that could harm the students. So I think that is something to consider the safety of the students.

Do not reduce the amount of the bond. We need what this bond would pay for. Our high schools are seriously out-dated. Schools need to have safety in mind absolutely as a first priority.

I hope this bond gets reprocessed soon as the CTE Center needs a concrete location to make their programs more effective.

I have specifically sent my child to a Montessori school, because I don't think our district has enough resources to support a proper education of children, a lot of that is on the state and not directly the fault of the district, but class sizes are too big and despite the fact the new elementary buildings are awesome they are being run like they are the old buildings, this is on the principles.

I have had children attend D91 schools, graduating in 2013 and 2015.

Community online survey

I know the school board tried to involved the community, but there was still a big disconnect from the community. There needs to be more outreach. Last time they ran a bound there was an active Facebook page. This time I am not sure if there was a Facebook page or not. The Buildup District 91 website didn't provide much information and referred visitors back to the district website. One of my friends said they got a card in the mail about the bond and it said to go the Build up D91 website for more information and they said the website didn't have any more information than what was on the card. They were disappointed not get any more information. Another friend's husband said he voted no because he knows it will pass eventually and he just wants to delay his taxes going up. You need to address this type of voter and tell him it is going to cost him more in the long run because construction costs also go up with each delay. I hope you can get the bond passed this time.

It is clear that we need to improve education in District 91, and facilities should be part of the improvement, but teacher credentials and pay should also be heavily considered. We are willing to help pay for the best teachers, as well as good facilities.

Please continue the hard work of making the best plan for the whole district!

Have open house discussions where I can hear other people's questions, and allow me to ask series of questions where everyone could answer. At the Board Meeting, detailed objection was made, but never received answers directly, or indirectly. Board member failed to give satisfactory answer with one-on-one. The faculty member at Skyline High School did not give satisfactory answer. Since I ask specific question, I make the determination whether the answer is satisfactory. The open forum on the community college convinced me that opponent had no serious objections. Here, the proponent of the new high school failed to make a compelling case for the new high school, when the most serious issue of the curriculum was unaddressed. Given my style of writing, and my comments, the District will know my name with 100% certainty, despite being anonymous.

Demographics

Parent Survey

Number of participants – 315

Length of time living in the district:

More than 15 years – 85

More than 10 years to 15 years – 53

2 years to 5 years – 48

I've lived here all my life – 45

More than 5 years to 10 years – 43

Less than 2 years – 20

(Respondents who chose not to answer this question – 20)

I don't live within the boundaries of Idaho Falls School District 91 – 1

Where does your child (or where do your children) attend school in the district? (Please check all that apply.): *Numbers will total to more than 315, due to families having children in more than one school.*

Idaho Falls High School – 79

Taylorview Middle School – 73

Sunnyside Elementary – 61

Skyline High School – 42

Eagle Rock Middle School – 38

Compass Academy – 30

Edgemont Elementary – 28

Longfellow Elementary – 24

(Respondents who chose not to answer the question – 21)

Westside Elementary – 19

Temple View Elementary – 16

A.H. Bush Elementary – 14

Fox Hollow Elementary – 14

Ethel Boyes Elementary – 13

Linden Park Elementary – 12

Hawthorne Elementary – 8

Dora Erickson Elementary – 6

Theresa Bunker Elementary – 6

Emerson Alternative High School – 3

Staff Survey

Number of participants – 173

Location of residence:

Inside the boundaries of District 91 – 118

Outside the boundaries of District 91 – 43

(Respondents who chose not to answer this question – 12)

Children or grandchildren attending school in District 91 right now:

No – 89

Yes – 72

(Respondents who chose not to answer this question – 12)

Community Survey

Number of participants – 18

Length of time living in the district:

More than 15 years – 6

More than 10 years to 15 years – 6

I've lived here all my life – 3

2 years to 5 years – 2

More than 5 years to 10 years – 1

Less than 2 years – 0

Location of residence:

East of the river and south of Sunnyside – 7

East of the river and north of Sunnyside – 5

West of the river and south of Broadway – 5

West of the river and north of Broadway – 1

Children or grandchildren attending school in District 91 right now:

Yes – 10

No – 8