

River Valley School District

Community Survey Results 2024-7-8 as summarized by FEH Design.

To date, 499 responses have been received from the survey.

Q.3 – 84% of the respondents voted during the April referendum.

Q.4 – **57% of survey respondents voted yes on the \$19.5M question.** (59% of Spring Green residents voted yes) (60% of Plain respondents voted YES) (37% of Lone Rock respondents voted YES) (51% of Arena respondents voted YES)

Q.5 – for those that **voted NO**, the main **reasons** were;

It would raise my taxes too much – 66%

I don't think you need additional gym space – 59%

Facility maintenance needs to be embedded into the annual budget – 46%

Plain elementary should remain as a school – 45%

7th or 8th grade students should not move to the high school – 45%

Of the 170 respondents that voted NO on question 1, 10 of them voted YES on question 2.

Q.6 – 40% voted yes on the \$14.5M performing arts center question. (52% of the 67 Plain respondents voted yes)

Q.7 – for those that **voted NO**, the main **reasons** were;

It is unnecessary – 66%

It would raise taxes too much – 56%

There are other performing arts spaces available – 53%

No fundraising was done to help with the cost – 47%

Q.8 – when asked what project items they feel are **necessary**, the prioritized items were;

Safety & security – 82% (also 82% for those 72 respondents who did not vote) (64% for those that voted NO on Q1)

ADA Compliance – 71% (61% for those who did not vote) (48% for those that voted NO on Q1)

Facility Maintenance – 63% (62% for those who did not vote) (32% for those that voted NO on Q1)

Improve Tech ed spaces – 41% (33% for those who did not vote) (25% for those who voted NO on Q1)

Close the Plain school - 38% (24% for those who did not vote) (15% for those who voted NO on Q1)

Improve traffic flow and parking – 36% (45% for those who did not vote) (11% for those who voted NO on Q1)

Additional gym space – 27% (20% for those who did not vote) (6% for those who voted NO on Q1)

Transition more students to the high school – 22% (17% for those who did not vote) (7% for those who voted NO on Q1)

None – 7% (7% for those who did not vote)

Observations

Over 60 people provided additional input on the survey. This is valuable to better understand individual sentiment.

The majority of the survey respondents were supporters of the referendum question one(Q1) at 57%. This means the information is about 8%-10% higher than the election numbers. The results should be considered optimistic related to future referendum votes.

There is majority support for safety & security, ADA compliance, and maybe some facility maintenance items. This would be a positive vote if a future referendum is limited to these categories. These categories of work amount to approximately \$14M in the previous estimates by Kraemer Brothers Construction. Inflation might increase this amount to \$15.5M for 2026 construction.

A gymnasium or auditorium would not be supported in a referendum unless significant funding came from other sources.