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**Survey results show community supports elementary school reconfiguration and more**  
*Sturgeon Bay School District thanks residents for completing community survey*

**Sturgeon Bay, Wis.** – Based on the results of the recent Sturgeon Bay community survey, residents are willing to support investment to reconfigure the elementary schools as well as update the high school.

“We want to thank all residents who took time to share their opinions through the community survey,” said Sturgeon Bay School District Administrator Dan Tjernagel. “The District is in the process of utilizing this important feedback as part of our long-term planning work to serve students, families, and the overall community now and into the future.”

Survey results show that a majority of likely voters support exploring a referendum (79%) and reconfiguring the elementary schools (75%). Two potential elementary options were provided, both of which recommended the closing of Sunset Elementary School. The results showed that residents support this concept and recommend reconfiguring Sunrise and Sawyer Elementary Schools to accommodate all elementary school students.

“We focused the elementary planning on options that included closing Sunset Elementary due to its size, age, and identified maintenance needs,” said Tjernagel.

The survey also asked questions about possible district-wide updates and improvements, with respondents showing support for projects including updates to building components/systems, enhancing career and technical education spaces, and improving building security at the high school.

“This feedback will be used as the Board decides what projects could be included in a referendum and which portions of projects may be funded through maintenance budget dollars,” Tjernagel added.

Should the Sturgeon Bay School District Board of Education decide to move forward with some combination of the identified projects, residents could have the opportunity to vote on them as early as the April 2020 election.

Survey results were presented on Tuesday, November 5, at the November Board of Education learning session meeting. Information on the preliminary survey results should be available on the district website this week at [www.sturbay.k12.wi.us](http://www.sturbay.k12.wi.us). A final report is anticipated prior to Thanksgiving.

The Sturgeon Bay School Board worked with School Perceptions LLC, an independent firm with expertise in conducting school district surveys.

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