



WELCOME

January 9, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Marlette Schools
Elementary School
Media Center**

Committee Membership



- **Parents/Grandparents**
- **Community Members**
- **Business People/Farmers**
- **Marlette Community School Employees**
- **Administrators/Supervisors**
- **Board Members**

Role of the Committee



- To represent our community.
- To listen to the information that will be provided.
- To ask questions
- To provide input as to whether or not our district needs to ask the voters for additional revenue.

Why are we meeting?



- We have had little increase in revenue for the past several years.
- Our expenses have been steadily increasing.
- We have postponed some major purchases, but there is a growing concern that future needs must be considered.
- We are seeking your guidance on the necessary actions the district should take moving forward.

Decision Options



- **Be patient and wait.**
- **Explore potential grant opportunities that may be available.**
- **Solicit interest in private donors.**
- **Recommend planned use of fund equity.**
- **To increase our revenue.**

Marlette Schools Belief and Philosophy



- To prepare an unprecedented number of students for college and/or careers, regardless of demographic factors.
- When possible, make reductions that don't interfere with the classroom.
- Maintain our current teacher to student ratio.



Classroom Sizes

	Sections	Average Size		Core Class Average
Young 5's-	(1)	19	Seventh-	21
Kindergarten-	(2)	18	Eighth-	19
First-	(3)	20	Ninth -	20
Second-	(2)	25	Tenth-	21
Third-	(3)	19	Eleventh-	18
Fourth-	(2)	28	Twelfth-	16
Fifth-	(2)	26		Core Classes = English, Math,
Sixth-	(2)	27		Science, and Social Studies
				2nd Semester 2024-25
				School Year

Current Status



- **Age of Our Buildings**
- **Creating a Budget**
- **Enrollment**
- **Foundation Allowance**
- **Retirement Ratio**
- **Fund Equity**
- **Balance Sheet**
- **Borrowing**

High School Building History



Building	Year built	Notes/Bond Renovations
Marlette High School	1887	First Seniors graduate from MHS
	1895	First Building, Bond = \$12,000
	1936	Addition was built to the south
	1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- After considerable discussion, The 1895 building was destroyed- Retained the 1936 addition- Built addition around existing school- Bond = <i>\$1 Million Dollar Project</i>
	2012	Bond = \$5,535,000 (1.95 Mils) North Entrance, Computer Lab, Office, Media Center, SE Bathroom, Roof, Parking Lot, 1 Boiler

Elementary School Building History



Building	Year built	Notes/Bond Renovations
Bea McDonald Elementary	1954 2013	Built Demolished (2012 Bond)
Marlette Middle School Elementary	1974	Built 2008-09 Students transition from the Bea to Elementary School 2010-11 Admin/Student complete transition to Elementary 2012 Bond - new roof, HVAC, bathrooms, boilers, east/west driveways

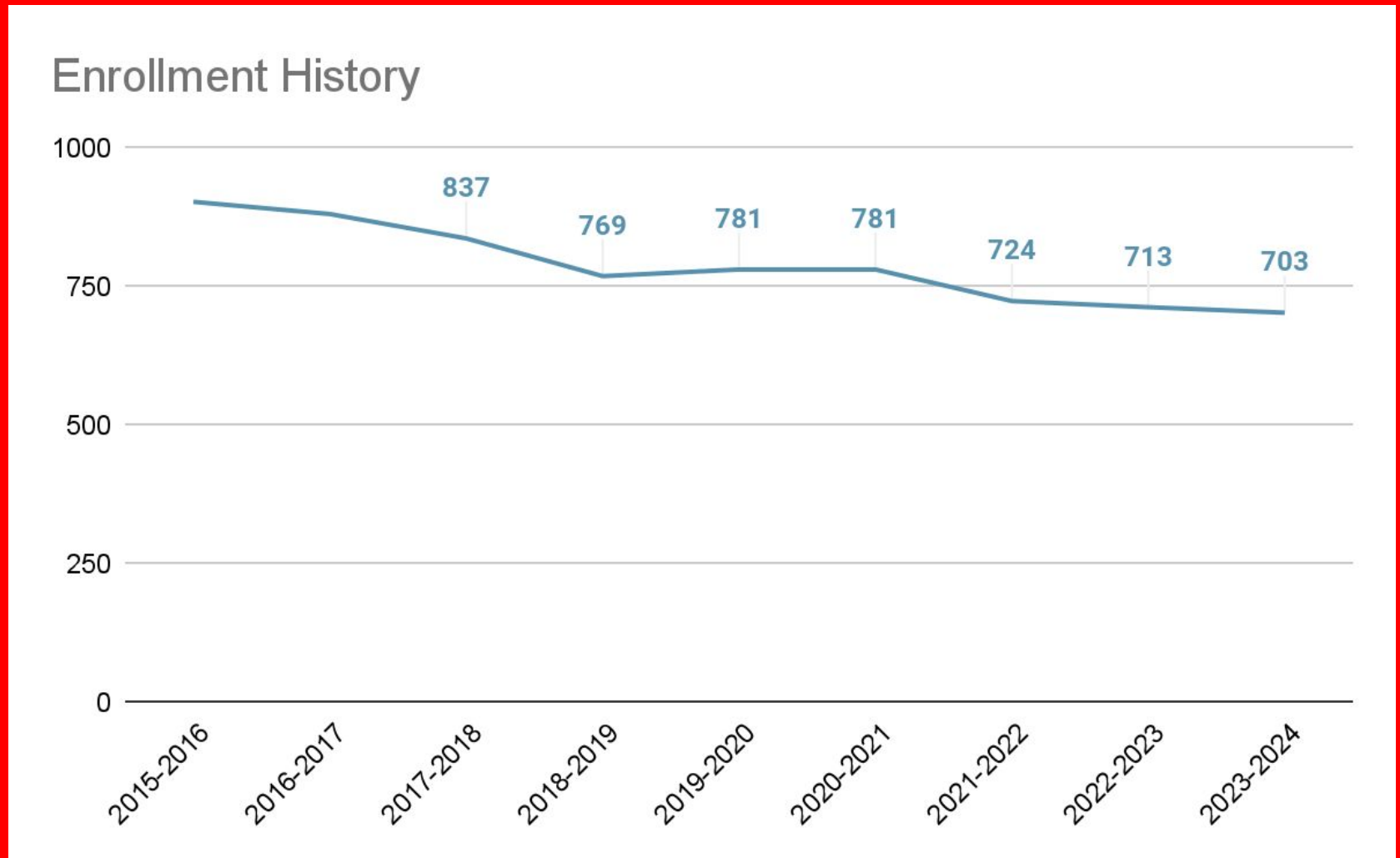
Creating a Budget



Predictions:

- What will the foundation allowance be?
- What will the student count be?
- What will the employees salary increase be?
- What will the insurance rate be?
- What will the retirement rate be?

MCS Enrollment History



Current Student Support



- **Social Workers**
- **School Psychologists**
- **School Resource Officer**
- **Special Education**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Dean of Students at Jr./Sr. High School**

Foundation Allowance History at Marlette Community Schools



SCHOOL YEAR	PER PUPIL FOUNDATION
2018-2019	\$ 7,871
2019-2020	\$ 8,111
2020-2021	\$ 8,111
2021-2022	\$ 8,700
2022-2023	\$ 9,150
2023-2024	\$ 9,608
2024-2025	\$ 9,608

How do we compare around the state?



District Name	2023-2024 FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE
Brown City Schools	\$ 9,608
Sandusky Schools	\$ 9,608
North Branch Area Schools	\$ 9,608
Kingston Community Schools	\$ 9,608
Cass City Schools	\$ 9,608
Marlette Community Schools	\$ 9,608
Harbor Springs School District	\$ 9,796
Waverly Community Schools	\$ 9,992
Northport Public School District	\$10,407
Ann Arbor Public Schools	\$10,609

SOURCE: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2023-2024 FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE

Retirement Rate Increases



	MPSERS Contribution Rate including UAAL beginning 2018-19
2018-2019	39.37%
2019-2020	39.59%
2020-2021	41.67%
2021-2022	42.21%
2022-2023	44.88%
2023-2024	48.23%

Marlette Retirement Contributions



	Total MPSERS Contribution General Fund Only	Total Increase in Dollars
2018-2019	1,264,125.81	
2019-2020	1,222,010.98	-42,114.83
2020-2021	1,240,227.27	18,216.29
2021-2022	1,304,739.70	64,512.43
2022-2023	1,332,011.95	27,272.25
2023-2024	1,387,688.50	55,676.55

General Fund Revenue Highlights



	2022-2023	2023-2024
LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 1,119,610	\$ 1,404,497
STATE REVENUE	\$ 7,881,323	\$ 8,382,875
FEDERAL REVENUE	\$ 2,059,988	\$ 1,292,923
OTHER SOURCES	\$ 128,289	\$ 129,021
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 11,189,210	\$ 11,209,316

General Fund Expenditure Highlights

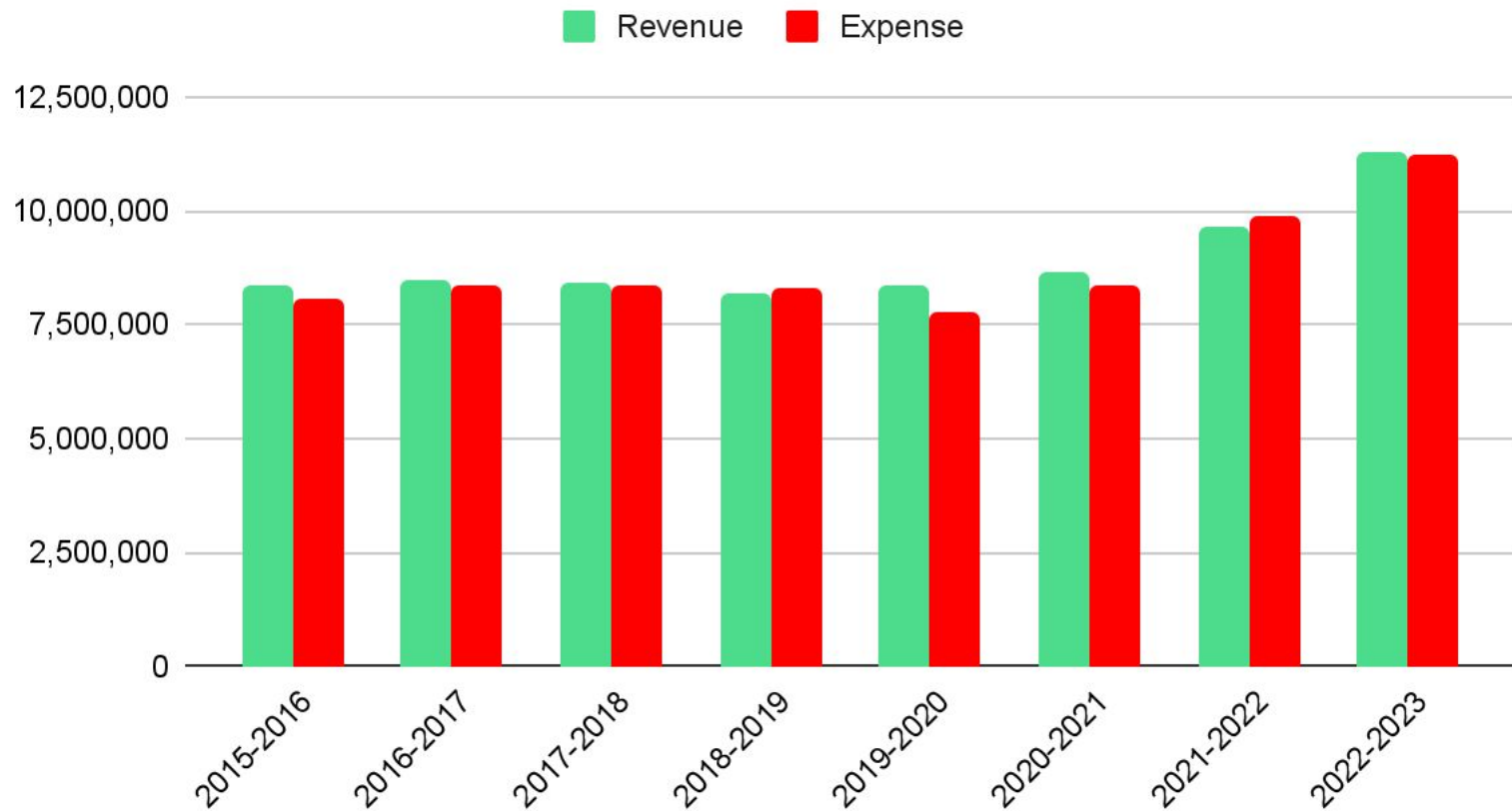


	2022-2023	2023-2024
INSTRUCTION	\$5,623,144	\$5,564,830
SUPPORT SERVICES	\$1,844,870	\$1,769,767
ADMINISTRATION	\$972,829	\$829,887
OPERATIONS	\$1,274,975	\$1,243,036
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$150,525	\$156,131
OTHER USES	\$1,322,071	\$731,431
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,188,414	\$10,295,082

Revenue vs. Expense History



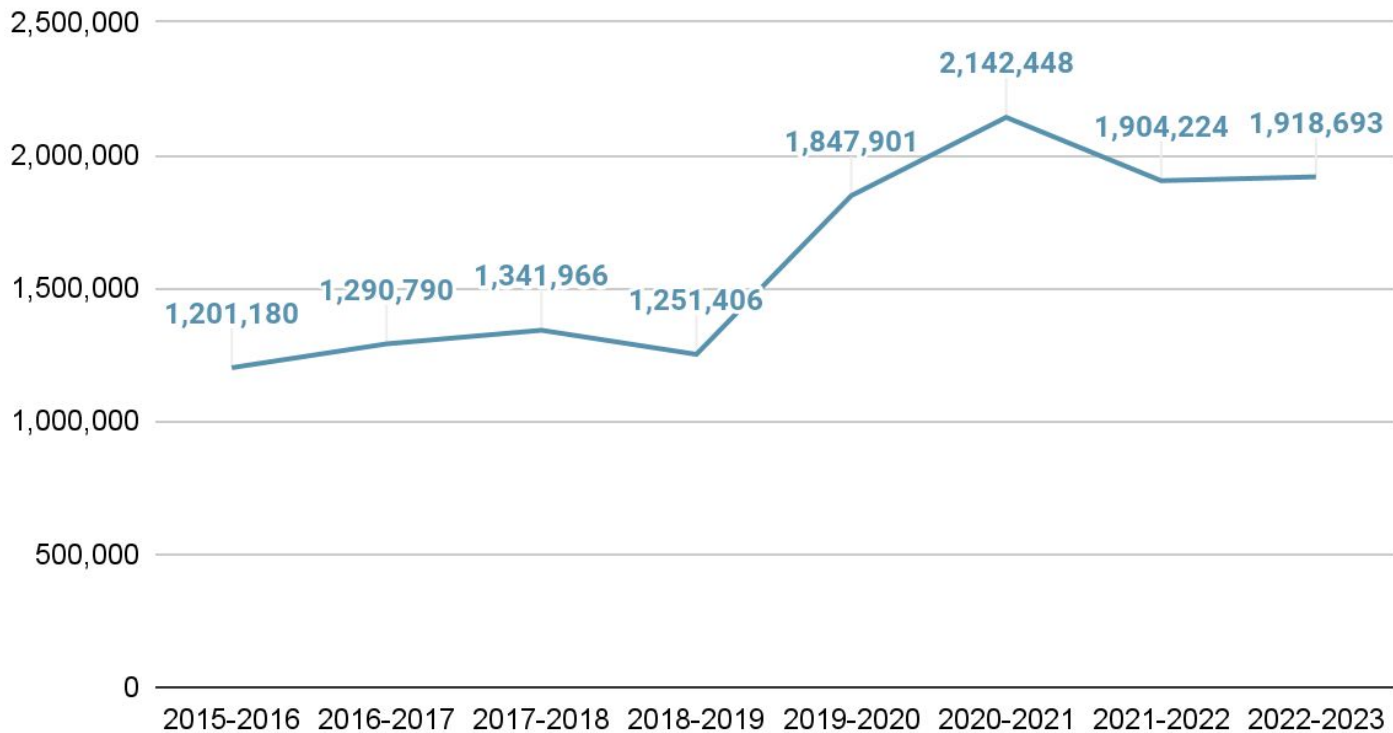
Revenue vs. Expense



Fund Balance History 2015 to 2023



Fund Balance History



Fund Balance For Local Districts as of June 30, 2023



CASS CITY	4,042,047	29.00%
SANDUSKY	3,324,263	25.90%
KINGSTON	1,923,984	22.95%
NORTH BRANCH	7,016,478	22.62%
IMLAY CITY	5,606,750	21.03%
MARLETTE	1,918,693	17.15%
BROWN CITY	1,740,875	15.42%

Additional General Fund Borrowing History



AUGUST 2016	1,100,000
AUGUST 2017	900,000
AUGUST 2018	500,000
AUGUST 2019	400,000
AUGUST 2020	600,000
AUGUST 2021	0
AUGUST 2022	0
AUGUST 2023	640,000

Building Operational Costs



Operational costs include gas, electric, water, sewer and garbage. It does not include regular maintenance items such as administration, secretarial, cleaning, painting, building repairs, etc.

Building	Total
2016-2017	\$120,583.35
2017-2018	\$128,452.62
2018-2019	\$140,006.64
2019-2020	\$118,500.50
2020-2021	\$121,864.93
2021-2022	\$156,484.78
2022-2023	\$188,382.12
2023-2024	\$181,196.88



Maintenance Repairs/Update Costs includes: Press box, outdoor bleachers, indoor bleachers, boiler and HVAC repairs

Building	Total
2016-2017	\$ 44,194.34
2017-2018	\$ 62,889.16
2018-2019	\$188,524.43
2019-2020	\$ 44,225.74
2020-2021	\$ 45,136.83
2021-2022	\$178,459.98
2022-2023	\$210,904.66
2023-2024	\$197,103.35



Current Areas of Emphasis

- **Student Learning**
- **Teacher Instruction**
- **Update and Repair of Facilities**
- **Safety**
- **Security**
- **Energy Efficiency**



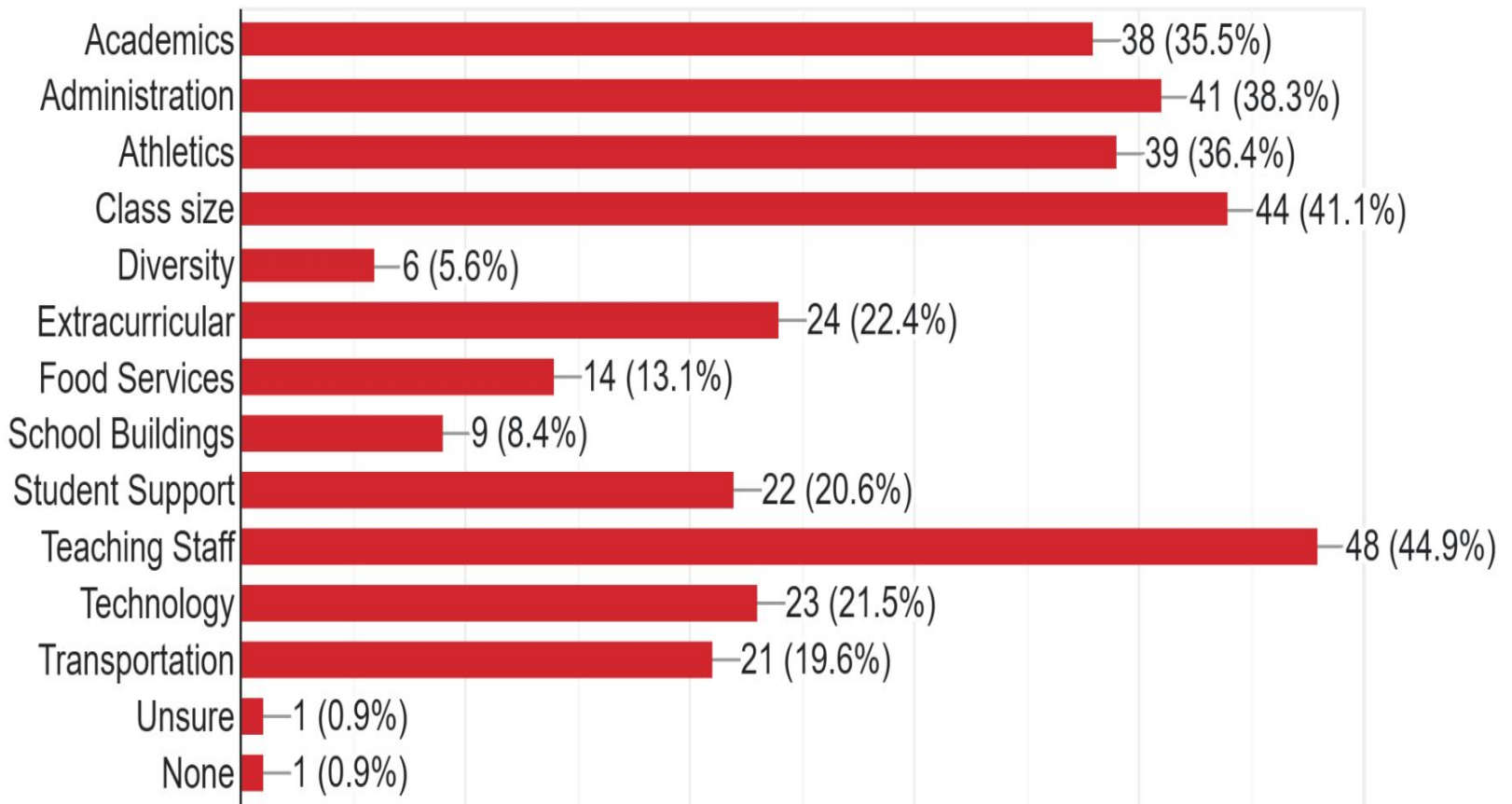
Strategic Plan Survey Results

November/December 2024

What are the current strengths of our school district?



107 responses

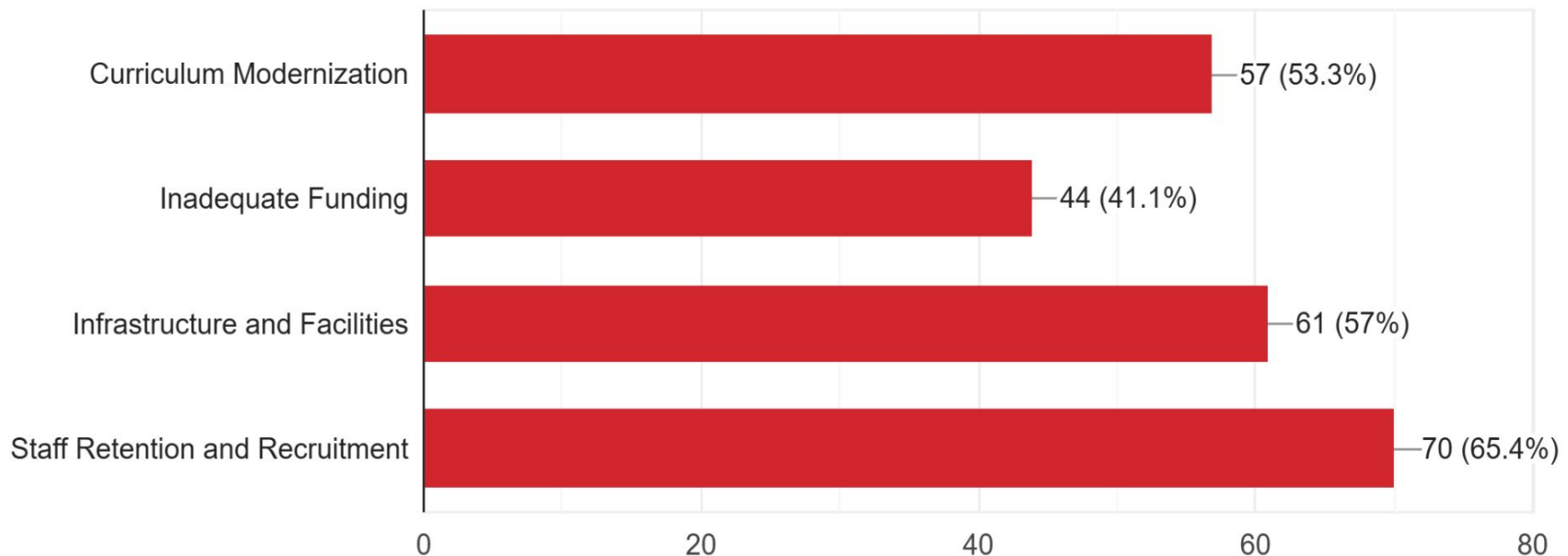


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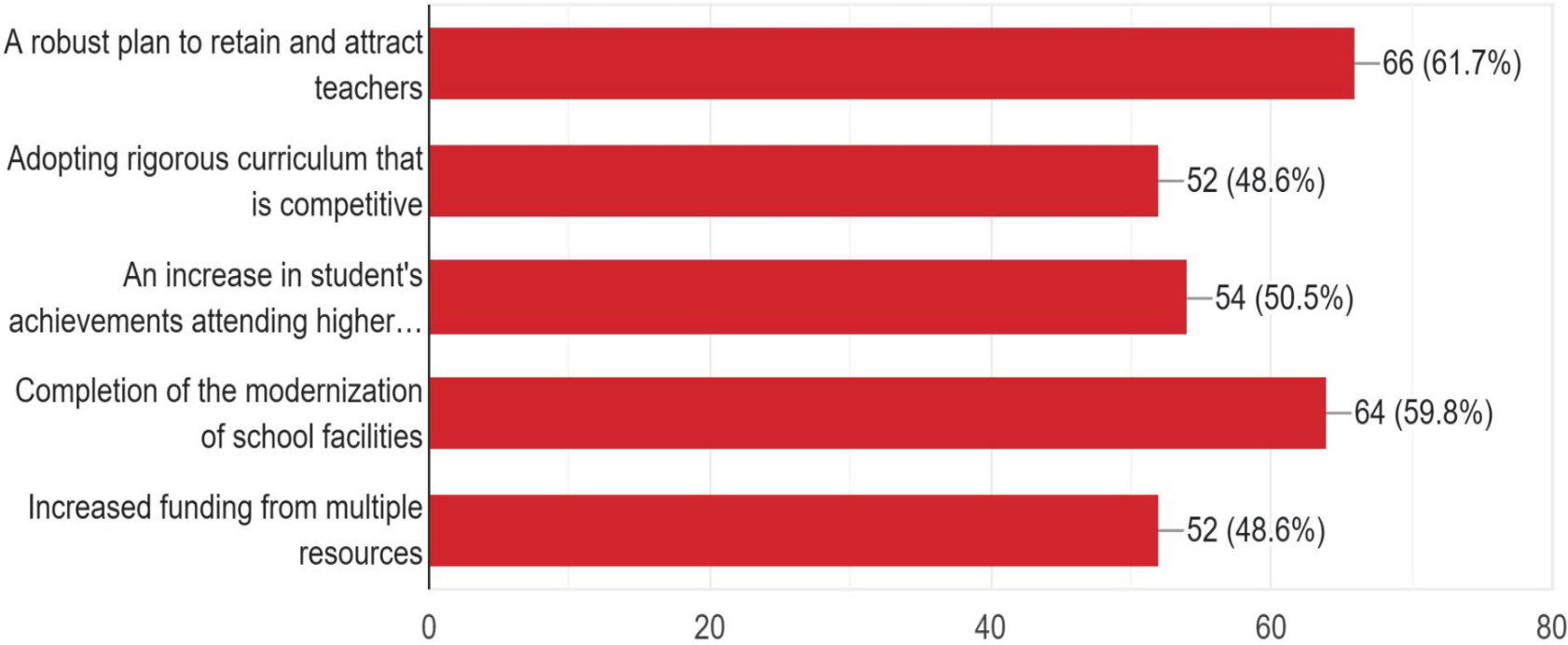
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What improvements would you like to see in the school district over the next 3 years?



107 responses

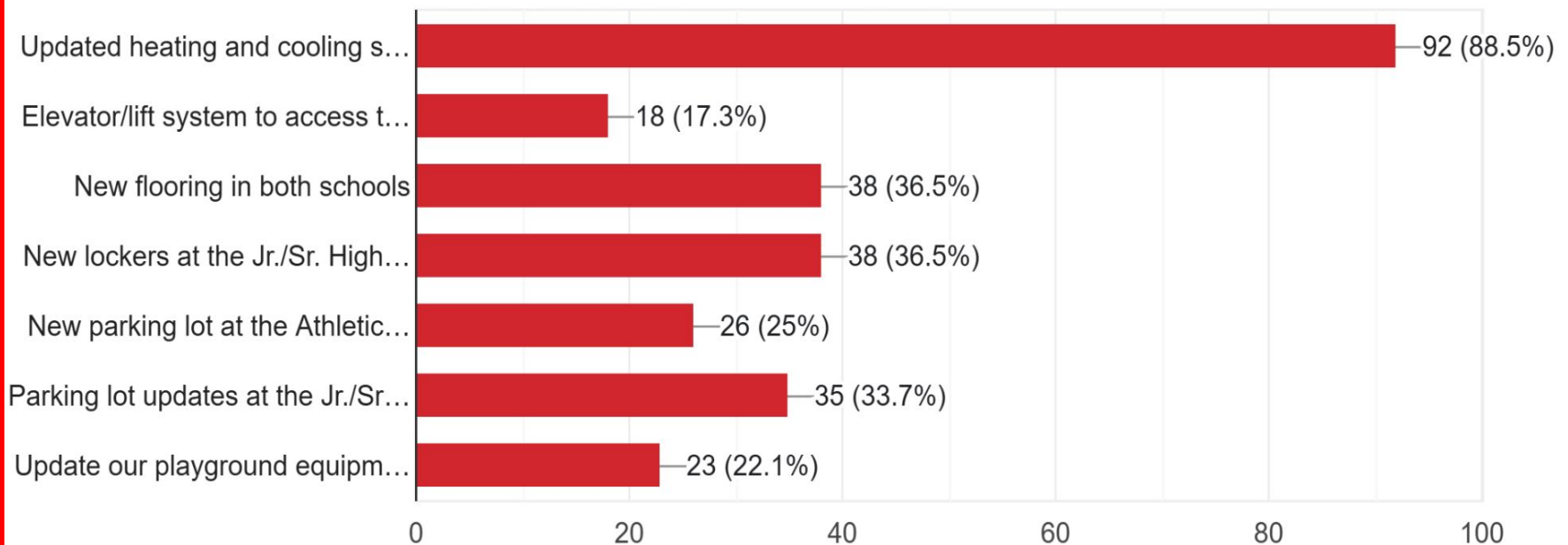


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Plan of Action



- **Assess needs/Investigating (ongoing)**
- **Determine estimated cost**
- **Prioritize needs of the district**
- **Determine if Marlette Community Schools' Citizens Committee supports an extension of the current bond**
- **If YES, determine the next steps**
- **If NO, the process ends**

Upcoming Meetings



- **Thursday, January 23, 2025 6:00-7:30 pm**
Purpose - Possible needs for each building
- **Thursday, February 6, 2025 6:00-7:30 pm**
Purpose - Review costs to the community
- **Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:00-7:30 pm**
Purpose - Review the List and Prioritize
- **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 6:00-7:30 pm**
Purpose - Tally Sheet Results

* Date for walkthrough TBD

Decision Options



- **Be patient and wait**
- **Wait for a private donor**
- **Recommend planned use of fund equity**
- **Increase revenue**



QUESTIONS?

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