

Community survey: Chino Valley schools providing quality education

A recently commissioned independent survey of voters in the Chino Valley Unified School District shows residents feel Chino Valley schools provide a quality education but perceive schools to have a significant need for additional funding.

The survey, conducted February 19-22, 2015 by the highly respected opinion research firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, provides insight into constituent opinions and educational priorities, including evaluating interest in a potential educational bond measure.

More than two-thirds of respondents believe Chino Valley schools provide high-quality education to local students. "Our award-winning schools significantly outperform the County and state average," said Superintendent Wayne M. Joseph. "I'm pleased residents recognize the great work our teachers and students are doing."

Residents view local schools as an integral part of the community with 87% believing that improving public schools helps to maintain strong property values. "Quality schools make our communities more desirable places to live, do business and raise a family," said Joseph.

However, more than two-thirds of respondents also believe that local schools have a need for additional funding. When asked about a potential bond measure, 62% of respondents are supportive of a bond to invest in aging schools to retain and attract quality teachers, ensure safe drinking water, and make other health, safety and classroom improvements. Any potential bond measure would be legally required to be spent locally and be subject to strict accountability requirements, including independent annual financial audits.

"I'm grateful for the support we see in the community for improving our schools," said Joseph. "Investing in local schools would allow us to continue to maintain our high level of academic excellence and expand programs like career education, allowing more students to experience real-world job training."

"We are encouraged by this initial feedback from the community, and we look forward to continuing the conversation with residents regarding their priorities for local schools," added Joseph.

The Chino Valley School District will be kicking off a community engagement effort to get more feedback from residents regarding local school education and inform the community about school needs.