

2023 Community Focus Group Markesan School District

Meeting #1 – 9/20/2023

Breakdown Session #1

- What parts of the facility study are you most interest to you?
 - ADA-Equiable access to all tours to show citizens what the issue/concerns are.
 - Be sure everyone sees the information.
 - Brief scope of information about new buildings compared to upgraded buildings.
 - Mill rate
 - Poor rating items
 - How much will cost go up if we wait.
 - Facility study: interior of middle school(bathrooms)-interior of elementary school
 - Elementary/middle school gyms
 - Priority items: any items from teacher/survey staff
 - Addressing future needs.
 - Future use at stable maintenance costs.
 - Unexpected growth, space to have available.
 - Enrollment doesn't warrant a new building.
 - Rebuild the existing Elementary School.
 - Consolidation with other districts.
 - Address ADA Issues
 - Roofing
 - Exterior Needs
- What comment do you have regarding the Markesan School District financing?
 - Borrowing money from commission or Public Lands.
 - Other community mill rate- Distinct that do have newer buildings.
 - Mill rate being used for other community projects.
 - Update mill rate graph to include the projected mill rate increase.
 - Below most of pre schools
 - They are doing a good job.
 - Mill rate is very low.
 - Well positioned to make new investments.
 - Taxes are very reasonable per services offered.
- Are there items and/or topics that you need more information?
 - What would a new school cost?
 - Comparison to new building cost
 - Upgrade info about elementary parking surface
 - Can change not including elevators (get rid of)
 - Why is there such a difference between the two buildings considering the ADA costs.
 - Pg w/tax impact on property.
 - Is residential taxes + taxes taxed differently on your estimates.
 - Is it calculated info your estimates?
 - Different options
 - Learning spaces for programming.
 - What programs are not being offered currently that new space could be created?

Breakdown Session #2

- Which of the concept options best addresses the districts long term needs?
 - Is it beneficial to update the elementary vs. building a new attached to MS/HS?
 - 2 elem.
 - Safety
 - Unsure, need budget numbers.
 - Need cost estimates.
 - Elementary #2
- How would you prioritize the needs at the elementary school versus the middle/high school?
 - Elementary than ms/hs -office security
 - Elementary
 - Did the school district consult with DPI.
 - Elementary
 - Elementary
 - Elementary
 - Elementary
- Are there items and/or topics that you need more information?
 - Enough sport facilities
 - Timeline of construction needed during school year.
 - Elementary the storage in the elem. basement where will the district files be stored.
 - Timeline on project if after a referendum date
 - Budgets