

TASK FORCE FEEDBACK
CLASSROOM EXPANSION

POSITIVES:

- * Be better prepared for future/more opportunities for future
- * Better opportunities for students
- * Growth will provide more opportunities
- * More room for growth
- * Growth in school leaves positive image which reflects well on property values
- * Keep/continue small class sizes
- * Additional programming
- * Classrooms for all classes - No teachers on carts
- * Opportunity to make sure new classrooms supplement needs of teachers
(ex: enough science labs w/appropriate technology and equipment)
- * Have enough classrooms to stay a reasonable pace ahead of district growth
- * Increase open enrollment - more money
- * Space for new "courses" to be offered
- * More space/more student/more \$\$

CONCERNS:

- * Cost - always a negative for tax increase
- * \$\$ - Public taxes
- * Cost and size of expansion
- * Levy and tax increase/increase to school budget/loose K-12 "feel"
- * Very difficult to pass at this time following close behind 2017 Levy
- * Better/Safer Learning environment for all students
- * Teachers loose the 1 on 1 time with larger classroom sizes
- * When you have larger classroom sizes my concern is the kids that are struggling,
will they get lost in the system?
- * Behavior issues - with a large classroom size will these kids take most of the
teachers time with discipline and will that take away from learning.
- * Not looking hard enough at managing space needs by managing open enrollment
- * Decline in open enrollment
- * Staffing level increase with expansion - younger inexperienced teachers
Lack of staffing

QUESTIONS:

- * Where will expansion take place?
- * What types/areas are being considered?
- * Where does expansion in the classroom take place? Elem/MS/HS?
- * Where do we build?
- * Will the classroom expansion be limited to being by the proposed Auditorium?
- * Can we over build - so it will last longer than 5 years?
- * Do we increase the number of rooms or the size?
- * What can we put in place to maintain the learning atmosphere w/larger classroom #'s in small rooms?
- * Do we have room for 0 - 4 year olds?
- * When each open enrolled student brings less money than it costs to educate, how does that make money?
- * Open enrollment - if they fill vacant space, you make \$. If they overflow requiring more class space, you lose.

SUPPORT:

12 = YES - with more education
0 = NO

FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM

POSITIVES:

- * See list from staff/would be able to host more MSHSL events
- * Pillager has a lot of talent in the Fine Arts area - be it speech, plays, music, etc.
- * More electives in the Fine Arts
- * Fine Arts increases student ability in math, science and other academic areas
- * Expand offerings for students
- * Community Use/outside groups to use
- * Community involvement in Arts adds to the student experience and culture
- * Added revenue for the school (rent)
- * Adding a "draw" to the district
- * More chance of student open enrollment
- * Would bring cultural opportunities to town that have not previously existed
- * Would improve our community image outside of Pillager
- * Would expose the school to the non-school population
- * Offering a more suitable environment for performing arts/give our kids a proper place to perform/need upgraded facility/much needed space
- * Better viewing for concerts and plays/comfort for spectators/ideal for "concert/program" setting instead of the gyms
- * Alleviated the congestion of doing concerts in the gym

CONCERNS:

- * Cost
- * Cost vs. consistent usage
- * Is the cost worth it to the community?
- * Bring in outside performance and events
- * Needs to adequately address all performance and rehearsal needs
- * Can we have both classrooms and auditorium/would this replace classroom expansion
- * Daily use
- * If build - would it be big enough for the next 15 years?

QUESTIONS:

- * Where will it go?
- * Will it be open to the Public for a fee?
- * \$ in the budget? Will it outweigh the plus to having it?
- * Can we utilize it enough - all year long?
- * Will there be a fine arts committee?
- * Is there a particular model you like?

SUPPORT:

11 = YES - Definite Yes/Easier sell than the classroom expansion
1 = NO

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

POSITIVES:

- * Community will support

CONCERNS:

- * With over 49% free and reduced meal families, were would they get the extra \$ for tax increase.
- * Hard to discuss without details
- * Could get one or the other - had to choose - where would the greatest need be - a fine arts center or classrooms. Fine Arts vs. classroom - What is the priority?
- * Main taxpayer per survey, age 35 and up

QUESTIONS:

- * Is there a way we can get the open enrollers tax \$?
- * Should we be moving forward now or wait a few years?
- * Perception = levy is up, expenditures are up, have to make staffing cuts, school expenses are up. Now you want me to pay for a new building?

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

PER MONTH

\$1 - 20 = 7

\$21 - 40 = 1

\$41 - 60 = 0

\$61 - 80 = 0

No Property Increase = 0

Other = 0