Vision 2020 Community Survey

Survey completed in January 2020. This survey had a total of 599 participants.

Do you reside in the ZPS District?
598 responses

- Yes: 92.5% (553)
- No: 6% (36)
- No, But plan to move in district: 1.5% (9)

Are you a registered voter?
598 responses

- Yes: 98.8% (591)
- No: 0.7% (4)
- No, But plan to move in district: 0.5% (3)
All Michigan voters are now allowed to apply for and receive an absentee ballot from their local clerk. Will you vote using an absentee ballot in future elections instead of going to the polls beginning in 2020?

598 responses

- I already vote by absentee ballot: 84.8% (507)
- I will apply to vote by absentee ballot beginning in 2020: 7.4% (44)
- I will continue to vote at the poll: 3.5% (21)
- I do not plan to vote: .7% (4)
- Prefer not to answer: 3.7% (22)

Currently, the tax rate for residents within the ZPS district is 7.45 mills. Considering the educational and community related services provided by Zeeland Public Schools, do you believe your taxes are too high, too low, or about right?

595 responses

- About right: 64.9% (386)
- Too high: 19.3% (115)
- Unsure: 14.1% (84)
- Too low: 1.7% (10)
How would you rate the condition of the schools, facilities, and grounds that are owned and operated by Zeeland Public Schools?

Excellent: 53.6% (320) Good: 43.4% (259) Fair: 2.7% (16) Poor: .3% (2)

How would you rate Zeeland Public Schools managing of district finances?

Excellent: 33.6% (200) Good: 54.3% (323) Fair: 9.9% (59) Poor: 2.2% (13)
Fall 2019 enrollment at ZPS for grades K-12 was reported as 6,316. Would you say that student enrollment in the Zeeland Public Schools district has increased, decreased, or remained about the same over the past five years?

592 responses

- Increased a lot: 57.6% (341)
- Increased a little: 38.9% (230)
- Remained the same: 3.5% (21)
- Decreased: 0% (0)

Do you consider it important that ZPS maintain the current Chix or Dux building alignment? Chix buildings include Adams, Lincoln, Woodbridge, Cityside Middle, and ZEHS. Dux buildings include New Groningen, Quincy, Roosevelt, Creekside Middle, and ZWHS.

598 responses

- Very important: 26.3% (157)
- Somewhat important: 34.8% (208)
- Not very important: 8.5% (51)
- Not sure: 30.4% (182)
Because ZPS has increased enrollment by 800 students in the last 8 years, the equivalent enrollment of two elementary buildings, how important is it that ZPS maintain the current in-district building boundary lines? Boundary lines refer to the school building assigned based on a household address.

![Pie chart showing responses]

- Very Important: 27.6% (165)
- Important for Ele: 24.1% (144)
- Somewhat Important: 31.7% (189)
- Not Important: 16.6% (99)

One option to account for future growth and maintain current boundary lines is a reconfiguration of the current Creekside Middle School to house Spanish Immersion and Z Quest, and build a new Creekside Middle School on land already owned by the district. This plan would free up 24 elementary classrooms around the district and provide room for continued growth throughout the district for 8-10 years. Do you agree ZPS should reconfigure Creekside if placed on the ballot with no expected tax rate increase?

![Pie chart showing responses]

- Yes: 72.4% (432)
- No: 10.4% (62)
- Maybe: 13.1% (78)
- Unsure: 4.2% (25)
ZPS strongly believes in adhering to a maximum elementary building enrollment to foster positive community. Five of six ZPS elementary buildings are at the desired size. Adams Elementary, opened in 2012, was built smaller with the intention of future additions to reach a similar capacity. Based on Adams Elementary's location within an area of significant housing development and growth, do you agree that ZPS should add the final six classrooms at Adams Elementary if placed on the ballot with no expected tax rate increase?

596 responses

Yes: 82.4% (491)  No: 5% (30)  Maybe: 12.6% (75)

With both high school buildings expecting full capacity in the 2025 - 2026 academic year, do you agree that ZPS should add approximately 8 new classrooms at ZEHS if the ballot had a no expected tax rate increase? Note: For community understanding, ZPS does not expect the need to consider a 3rd high school for approximately 15 years.

594 responses

Yes: 81% (481)  No: 5.9% (35)  Maybe: 13.1% (78)
ZPS is aware of the need to renovate parking lots around the district and improve elementary school pick-up and drop-off areas at Woodbridge, New Groningen, and Quincy. Design changes could improve safety and assist with traffic congestion. Do you agree that ZPS should renovate parking lots if placed on the ballot with no expected tax rate increase?

596 responses

Yes: 82.9% (494)  No: 9.4% (56)  Unsure: 7.7% (46)

If there was no expected tax rate increase, select ALL proposed updates you agree should be done by ZPS:

596 responses

(Organized by response rating)

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All of the above 258 43.3%  None of the above 21 3.5%