

Question Number:	What is the Question?	Total # Answered	Category	Final Responses as of September 1, 2018	%
Q1:	Gender?	633	Male	246	38.86%
			Female	387	61.14%
Q2:	Which Precinct do you Vote In?	621	Russell	170	27.38%
			Tyler	286	46.05%
			Ruthton	165	26.57%
Q3:	What is your age?	635	18-24	29	4.57%
			25-34	109	17.17%
			35-44	179	28.19%
			45-54	114	17.95%
			55-64	94	14.80%
			65+	110	17.32%
Q4:	Are you a parent of a current RTR Student?	636	Yes	299	47.01%
			No	337	52.99%
Q5:	Are you a parent of a past RTR Student?	635	Yes	276	43.46%
			No	359	56.54%
Q6:	Are you an alumni of Russell, Tyler, Ruthton, Russell-Tyler, or RTR?	635	Yes	342	53.86%
			No	293	46.14%
Q7:	Do you "initially" support the need to improve our RTR Facilities?	618	Favor	556	89.97%
			Oppose	17	2.75%
			Undecided	45	7.28%
Q8:	Do you "initially" support the need to remodel existing facilities, build new facilities, or do a combination of remodeling and/or building new facilities?	614	Remodel	62	10.10%
			Build New	340	55.37%
			Combination	194	31.60%
			Don't Support	18	2.93%
Q9:	Do you "initially" support approving a facility bond, which would raise property taxes, to improve the RTR Facilities?	616	Favor	437	70.94%
			Oppose	63	10.23%
			Undecided	106	17.21%
			Don't Support	10	1.62%
Q10:	Do you "initially" support the current policy of keeping three (3) attendance sites open where the (K-5) grades are in Ruthton, the MS (6-8) grades are in Russell, and the (9-12) grades are in Tyler?	616	Favor (3) Sites	115	18.67%
			Favor (1) Site	408	66.23%
			Undecided	93	15.10%
Q11:	Do you "initially" believe that our current school facilities cause concern for young families that may want to move into one of our district communities?	616	Yes	437	70.94%
			No	131	21.27%
			Undecided	48	7.79%
Q12:	After being informed of our facility needs, do you support the need to improve our RTR Facilities?	604	Favor	543	89.90%
			Oppose	30	4.97%
			Undecided	31	5.13%
Q13:	After being informed of our facility needs, do you feel we can best meet those needs by remodeling our existing facilities, building new facilities, or by doing a combination of remodeling and/or building new?	605	Remodel	47	7.77%
			Build New	390	64.46%
			Combination	152	25.12%
			Don't Support	16	2.64%

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Q14:	After being informed of our facility needs, do you support approving a facility bond, which would raise property taxes, to improve the RTR Facilities?	605	Favor	457	75.54%
			Oppose	68	11.24%
			Undecided	80	13.22%
Q15:	After being informed of our facility needs, do you support the current policy of keeping three (3) attendance sites open where the (K-5) grades are in Ruthton, the (6-8) grades are in Russell, and the (9-12) grades are in Tyler?	605	Favor (3) Sites	102	16.86%
			Favor (1) Site	443	73.22%
			Undecided	60	9.92%
Q16:	After being informed of our facilities needs, do you believe that our current school facilities cause concern for young families that may want to move into one of our district communities?	607	Yes	462	76.11%
			No	104	17.13%
			Undecided	41	6.75%
Q17:	After being informed about the Tax Impact of a proposed Facility Bond, would you support a Facility Building Bond to improve our RTR Facilities?	564	Favor	437	77.48%
			Oppose	59	10.46%
			Undecided	68	12.06%
Q18:	After being informed about the Tax Impact of a proposed Facility Bond, do you feel we can best meet those needs by remodeling our existing facilities, building new facilities, or by doing a combination of remodeling and/or building new?	569	Remodel	39	6.85%
			Build New	403	70.83%
			Combination	108	18.98%
			Don't Support	19	3.34%
Q19:	After being informed about the Tax Impact of a Proposed Facility Bond, do you support the current policy of keeping three (3) attendance sites open where the (K-5) grades are in Ruthton, the (6-8) grades are in Russell, and the (9-12) grades are in Tyler?	569	Favor (3) Sites	85	14.94%
			Favor (1) Site	431	75.75%
			Undecided	53	9.31%
Q20:	After being informed about the Tax Impact of a proposed Facility Bond, do you believe that our current school facilities cause concern for young families that may want to move into one of our district communities?	567	Yes	418	73.72%
			No	97	17.11%
			Undecided	52	9.17%
Q21:	If the facility bond to improve the RTR Facilities is approved, do you believe the District will be able to increase program offerings for our students, increase our student population, and market our district to attract more open enrolled students?	567	More Likely	432	76.19%
			Less Likely	18	3.17%
			No Effect	67	11.82%
			Don't Know	50	8.82%
Q22:	If a Facility Bond to improve our RTR Facilities is not approved, the District would then be forced to improve our existing facilities by using non-voter approved funding options. This "build-as-you-go" process would take decades to complete and at the finish of construction we would still have very old buildings. In your opinion, if the District was forced to update our facilities with in-house, non-voter approved dollars, would the quality of education and the ability to maintain our student enrollment numbers be jeopardized going forward?	547	5,470 possible rating points in slide-bar rating point system	3,982 actual rating points were scored saying yes that quality would be jeopardized if forced to "Build-As-You-Go"	72.80%
Q23:	If a Facility Bond to improve our RTR Facilities is not approved, do you believe the RTR School District will continue to lose more students to surrounding school districts who have updated and improved facilities?	553	5,530 possible rating points in slide-bar rating point system	3,970 actual rating points says yes that RTR will continue to lose students.	71.79%

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Q24:	Do you believe the current RTR Facilities are a potential health risk to our students, employees, and District Stakeholders?	554	5,540 possible rating points in slide-bar rating point system	4,119 actual rating points says yes that current facilities are a health risk.	74.35%
Q25:	If a Facility Bond to improve our RTR Buildings is not approved, do you believe that the RTR School District will be able to attract and market surrounding students to attend our RTR Schools?	548	5,480 possible rating points in slide-bar rating point system	1,650 actual rating points say we will be able to attract/market new students without updating facilities.	30.11%
Q26:	If a Facility Bond to improve our RTR Buildings is approved by the District Stakeholders, do you believe that the Districts should improve current attendance centers or should the District take appropriate steps to build one centralized new (K-12) Building?	554	5,540 possible rating points in slide-bar rating point system	4,411 actual rating points said yes we should build one (1) new centralized (K-12) facility.	79.62%
Q27:	If the district stakeholders approve building one new (K-12) centralized facility, what location or city should the facility be built in? Please rank below in the order in which you feel is the best location for a new (K-12) centralized facility, with 1 being your first choice, and 4 being your last choice?	556	Tyler Neutral Site Russell Ruthton	361 160 27 8	64.93% 28.78% 4.86% 1.44%

RTR Facilities Survey Community Comment Section

Answered	194 Comments
Skipped	442 Skipped Adding Any Comments
Response #	Stakeholder Responses:
1	My kids currently go to Lake Benton due to the poor condition of the elementary school building; but, they will be transferring to RTR after the 6th grade. They would be in RTR now if the buildings were in better condition.
2	Per the consolidation agreement that all 3 buildings must be kept open or if not our legal rights as citizens are being violated. (Atrny Steve Knudtson can explain)
3	The reason I chose Russell for location is it is closer to Marshall. And to draw from Lynd and Balaton area. The Pipestone area picks up a lot of their surrounding locations. I do not know the number of students that come from out of district now. It seems many bridges have been burnt with surrounding communities.
4	If there is ever 1 facility built, it should be in Russell because it would pull students from Lynd, Marshall, Balaton.
5	Tyler has all infrastructure in place - it is centrally located - this is a common sense no-brainer!! Let's do what's best for the students!
6	I believe Tyler School needs an addition to it.
7	Who can afford the increase in taxes? It would chase people away if considering living in this area.
8	The education that goes on inside the building is more important. Why would you choose a school based on looks?
9	I think it is important to keep a presence in all communities not just funding a new Tyler public school. Nothing was said about disposition of a abandoned buildings - it could be a huge cost to individual towns in addition to servicing the bond. It needs to be considered that ag land is a farmer's retirement fund - would others like their retirement taxed to death!!!
10	No comments at this time.
11	Should have been new back when my children were in school. Gone too long in trying to fix old. "Change". Cottonwood did and now added on - why can't these 3 communities do it!!!!

12	You have to put your kids first. I as a parent of a child that suffers from asthma, I think its the building in Ruthton that makes her sick during the year, She is fine during the summer, but as soon as school starts it flares up again. I believe a new school is the answer. My kids are on the bus for an hour twice a day. If everyone just goes to one spot, you might cut down on the kids being naughty on the bus. I wouldn't like to sit on the bus and then switch to a different bus. I grew up in southwest minnesota, I went to a school where everything was in one town and did just fine. Build a new school!!!!
13	Hopefully people can pull together and do what is right for the students not their own personal agenda. If there were police and a hospital in each town I wouldn't have a preference where the school was built. But since only Tyler has these facilities it only makes sense to build in Tyler.
14	Thank you for the survey - I find the way the questions are posed is biased and can have an effect on the answers - I wish the survey was more open and less fill in the blank.
15	Don't build a new school. Tear down center part of Tyler's and rebuild new part then k-12 would fit. But can't do anything till numbers drop - so can't close any of them. You need to look at legal case years ago.
16	I would be happy to see the old building between RTR Tyler High School be gone! I would like a new school or remodeled school right where it is now!
17	We have been remodeling and remodeling, putting band aids on these older buildings for years, and we have not moved forward, we are still in the same rut as before, we owe it to our kids to get them a great place to learn, and keeping our kids close to home, a new facility will continue to draw excellent teachers, teachers will want to come here, parents will want to keep our students in our district.
18	I would like to see a day care added to this plan also. It would attract young families to the district. Also it would be good for the children to go from daycare and into the school system. If it was built inn Tyler I would like to see it in a spot where someday the new hospital will be built or close to it.
19	east new building will draw more open enrollment
20	Florence would be a good location
21	It is time we put the petty feelings of "my town vs. your town" aside and put our kids and staff first.
22	None of the schools can be closed until enrollment falls to a certain low number.
23	Enroll numbers have to fall drastically before any school can be closed.
24	When Ruthton join Tyler Russell the promise was to keep Ruthton open as long as enrollment was kept up.
25	How is the lawsuit years ago play into this.
26	I think people need to be reminded that if our ancestors hadn't given the land and paid for school buildings, we wouldn't have what we currently have. We need to make that same commitment for our children and grandchildren.
27	Investing in the future through building invests in the longevity of the school system. Continued loss of students to neighboring districts is a message with multiple meanings and even though a central, one building school will not meet the needs of all parents it will attract more. From a few will come many. That enhancement will stablize student numbers and contribute to district longevity well into the future. What was good enough for the past has gone on for over thirty years and the buildings were old then. Time to change the mindset.
28	My siblings inherited land from our father. We do not live on the property so we are classified as non-resident agricultural. I do not support any bond measure that does not allow for us to vote. We will be taxed the most, receive no benefit and cannot even have a vote. This is unfair. Change the taxable amount to apply to those getting the benefit - residential, commercial and resident agriculteral. Non-residents should not have to foot the bill without a vote.
29	As farmers we are concerned about having to take the brunt of the proposed bond. Farming is very uncertain territory right now. We over the last three years have lost half of our farming income. Thus the concern about having to spend money that we do not have. We propose to you a solution. Is there a way that you could write the bond to state that everyone in the district would pay the same amount. The bond could include a tax on the home and one acre. Would this generate enough income for a new school?
30	Most students come from Tyler; Tyler actually has a hospital, a business district. I believe most teachers live in Tyler.
31	I am very thankful to the current board of education for all of the efforts that they have put forth. In my opinion we have to build a new facility in order to move forward. I am very thankful to the current board of education for all of the efforts that they have put forth. In my opinion we have to build a new facility in order to move forward.
32	do not believe cornfield schools are allowed any more
33	All 3 communities need to be treated fairly and abide by the consolidation agreement to avoid a lawsuit. There is not one small business that will survive if 35 million plus interest goes towards a new school building.
34	More concern about Quality Education!!! Not a new building.
35	Being near a hospital and police department should be a consideration for the location of a school.

36	I believe that if we do not keep a school in each town, that we will lose students. If there is just a school in Tyler, people in the rural Ruthton and the Holland area will send their kids to Pipesone if there is not a school in Ruthton. If there is not a school in Russell, those kids will go to Lynd or Marshall, since their parents probably work that direction anyway. Not to mention the economic impact it would have on these towns to lose a school. Businesses in these town depend on teachers/staff/parents coming into their towns everyday to keep their economy alive.
37	Something needs to be done for the future of our kids
38	Sewer and water capacity of city does any of the towns have the capacity?
39	I think that being located in or near Russell could attract students from Balaton, Lynd, and Marshall. However, I do like the thought of having the school located where there is a hospital and law enforcement.
40	My kids are young, we will have 5 kids in this district
41	We build for the future which is always changing. we must prepare all students to live productive lives and contribute to the needs of our society. our students need basic skills which have changed dramatically. We also need to attract good teachers who want to stay, who want to be able to have input into the education process. We need a building; however, we also need updated tools in the building to help produce quality learning.
42	No comment
43	We are losing enrollment each year and our facilities are crumbling! It's time to build new facilities and attract more students and families to our communities!
44	One new k-12 building in Tyler makes sense to me!
45	No comments
46	In my opinion this survey is very biased.
47	The people in the communities should concentrate their efforts on providing a quality of our students education and not fight over building sites.
48	I think the school should be near a hospital.
49	a change needs to be made in my opinion
50	More information needed about our student numbers the past 5-10 years.
51	Would not consider anything but K-12 in Tyler even if we have to fund it ourselves
52	We need to get started soon
53	This survey is unfai. Completely steered towards a new building and basically saying sticking money into the "old" buildings would be completely ridiculous. If we are forced to build a new school, it needs to be by Russell. Makes the most sense being by Marshall and Tracy. Tyler is a dead end! They can never get along with their neighbors so that would be the worst option for possible open enrollments. Schools like MACCRAY and RCW make it work with 3 schools in 3 towns. We've been this way for 30 years and it needs to stay this way. RTR has always been financially sound.
54	The schools we have now are in a lot better shape than they were 30 years ago. New windows, air conditioning, a lot of great improvements. Asbestos has been removed. Our student population is growing every years with these three older buildings. If we build a new building the taxpayers will be upset and will pull their kids out and go to another district and we will end up with less students. This is exactly what happeded in the Pipestone school district. There are still hard feelings among people there. History always repeats itself. Now Pipestone has a small student population and are tremendously in debt.
55	Tyler is the only community with a hospital within the district. Utilize the gyms for practices in other areas. If in a rural area distance to the hospital should be considered. We currently send our kids to Lake Benton elementary because of the condition of RTR schools. I would like to send my kids to RTR. Tyler is the most logical city. I have heard a lot of people are upset in Marshall with the schools so I think we could possibly get kids from Lake Benton, Marshall, Minnesota etc
56	Two reason to build in Tyler. Police Department and a Hospital!
57	In reviewing the open enrollment doc posted online, it looks like we need to keep attracting students from Tracy & try to pull more back from Marshall and Pipestone, so take that into account when thinking about a location if you did one building. Tyler probably isn't the best choice in terms of location. Most that are in favor of one building live in Tyler. Would they still want one building if it wasn't in their town?
58	I'm unhappy that this survey was misleading in some areas. Several mold tests have been conducted and it is NOT a health risk. Most high school students have left seeking programs we don't offer or because of our strict discipline & grading policies (which may hurt financially but helps in terms of discipline/behavior issues). Also, it is stated that improvements would cost more than building one new building. We've had 2 previous task forces investigate options, & both came up with very similar plans. Many improvements have already been made to current facilities. I think the best option to appease the majority of voters is to keep a building in each town, tear down what is NOT working, and build the pieces we are missing to really improve our overall educational opportunities for our students. Please research districts that have built ONE building as well as districts which still operate with multiple buildings.
59	Thanks for finally putting together a plan for the future of the RTR School!

60	Please be sure to look at surrounding towns that have built new schools such as Pipestone. The town is still feuding about increasing taxes and hurt feelings. They were told "If you build a new school the students will come." which has not turned out to be the case. If a new school is built lets at least learn from their and other towns mistakes.
61	I have two young children, 2 yrs old and 5 months old (and hope to have more), and I hope these improvements are made before they need to attend. If improvements are not made or at least in the process prior to my children attending school I will likely send my children elsewhere. I like the area and hope to stay there, however my children's education and health comes first. I will not bat an eye to send them to Lake Benton, Lynd, Minneota or even Marshall if it means they will receive a good education in a building they won't get sick in.
62	Whose sewer system can handle a new facility versus neutral location and extra cost of system. This should have been done 30 years ago but identity thing & hard heads have done nothing for students. It would have been paid for by now and much less cost.
63	Tyler is a central location, and best suited for the district. Putting band aids on old facilities is a disservice to the community.
64	I believe the only feasible site is Tyler - centralized. I also think the state has said "no more confield schools", but I still rank it ahead of Russell & Ruthton.
65	Well done survey!!
66	It is time to build one facility. It is way over due!
67	Build new facility in Tyler area due to offerings such as hospital and central location
68	Build NEW!!!
69	The communities have continued to put their head in the sand to ignore the inevitable. None of us want to raise our taxes but the needs are too apparent.
70	poor farm economy right now hard sell to farmers, and when farm economy is down all suffere
71	if there is current health concerns, close them all down. Information here is subjective and miss leading. The current board is unethical, they use there position, for personal gain, its a joke. School board members use the gym at will on Sundays without paying Is this right Mr. Hansen. Here is a challenge for Mr. Hansen, lets see how honesty you are, stand up and tell the community you would never do anything, as such.
72	Sir you are leading the witness
73	I really don't think that all of our students should be in 1 building especially with all the bullying etc that our children unfortunately have to deal with in our current society. I feel that the students need to be divided into al least two different sites.
74	None
75	We cannot afford to go forward as things are at this time. Bite the bullet and build a new building.
76	Tyler has a greater potential with hospital facilities and there is some talk of a new hospital all combined. Also central location, with better potential of drawing in students from the West and North.
77	The most cental location. The advantage of a hospital in Tyler which is very important. Bening centralized in Tyler would draw from the west and the north.
78	If I understand the tax correctly why should the farmers(land owners) be paying the biggest portions? A system needs to designed so everyone helps to support the school. We all should be concerned about educating our children.
79	We have needed a new building for a long time. Ruthton itself could use 3 or ore extra classrooms so that large classes can be split. It would also be nice to have an extra room/gym for recess in January where its below zero pretty much the entire month. There are parts of the high school that need to be taken down. Its going to come down one way or the other, I prefer it be done safely. Lots of area towns have single k-12 schools and it works great for them, if not the have k-6 and 7-12 schools.
80	There really needs to be a better way to get voters in to vote. We have people driving 20+ miles when they live much closer to another voting center within the RTR district. I feel strongly that people are being discouraged from voting.
81	Please explore the options of utilizing newer and updated schools within in the area, as in Lake Benton and Ivanhoe
82	Need to look into joining with lake benton and Ivanhoe as some of these school can fill our needs
83	please be careful how you move forward. We don't want to see the lawyers winning again over the students. There is the legal binding court order about closing schools based on students. We've seen enough money in the district going to lawyers.
84	A new building has zero affect on where my children will receive a quality education.
85	If this School District is going to prosper, grow, and provide quality educational programs to our students, we must build a new (K-12) Facility now. Get it done!

86	If you build it, they will come!
87	I absolutely dislike having three schools with each in a different community. I am a mother of a 3year old that will be starting this fall and I am overly stressed about my child having to take the bus with the system that is being used. I dont agree with having the possibility of changing busses to get to his school. I just want to know that my child is getting on one bus that takes him to his school and then gets back on the same bus to come back home. Because of how everything is set up, I have seriously considered sending my child to a different school. The only reason I am not doing that is because he wants to go to the school his friends from daycare are going to.
88	Like the idea of keeping Ruthton and Tyler operating. If a new facility is built it should be central but the downfall of that is availability to water/sewer/electricity and Emergency services. If any of the schools are eliminated something needs to be done with them not just sold for a dollar or left to rot. Don't like the idea of high commercial taxes when most of the local businesses are "Small businesses". I agree something MUST be done, but common sense must come into play and all tax payers and students must be treated equally. (I Live in the RTR District and Open enroll in another school due to working outside of the district)
89	Building the facility in Tyler will draw students from both north and west versus Russell or Ruthton. There is also a hospital (clinic) in Tyler.
90	Why Tyler?: Hospital, Doctors, Fire Department (Largest), EMS, Dentist, Football Field, Baseball Field, Most shopping availability, centrally located.
91	It's time to put together a plan to try to keep our students at RTR. We have 60 kids/class in Ruthton & we average 45 that graduate. Where do these kids go?????? No one can tell me. I've asked several board members.
92	We must think about now & into the future.
93	We need to stop pouring money down a hole in the current buildings. A new, no frills K-12 building makes much more sense economically for student & staff safety & accessibility issues which never have been fully addressed.
94	New buildings do not provide a better education
95	I have four young children, two of which are in school. We chose to place them in Lake Benton due to the health concerns of the Ruthton Elementary building. I firmly believe in building one new school in Tyler. Tyler is the safest and best choice for our students and the staff. It has a hospital, police force, multiple stores for groceries and supplies, a public library for students to visit after school hours, and many "snow" homes (incase of a blizzard). It is also the town with the largest population and so more students would be able to walk to school (unlike if the school was located in the smaller towns or in a rural setting). As a parent of four children, it would also be extremely inconvient to have my children spread out across three towns. For the sake of the students, staff, parents, and this entire community, please build one new school in Tyler.
96	This new school is the future of our children. It needs to be done.
97	I feel that if we continue on the path the district is on, it will only cost more tax dollars in years to come. Also the safety and health of the students need the come 1st. That side, the facility needs to be functional (with extra space for an influx of new students) and technical not a palace of extravagant spending.
98	I think there is an opportunity to attract additional students from Lake Benton and Ivanhoe if a new facility is built in or near Tyler vs Russell or Ruthton, logistically speaking
99	I am in support of moving forward with building a new school. I think tax evaluations from surrounding communities would put our current lower district taxes into perspective.
100	I think if you build it, they will come!
101	Thanks for conducting this survey, and best of luck to the Task Force. Whenever you feel like there's no agreement to be found, please know there are some of us out here who support all of your hard work and just want what's best for the our collective children's education. It's time to build...overdue, really. Not only would it attract students, but also teachers/staff. Don't forget how important they are; they almost spend more awake-hours w/our children than we parents do most of the year. If there weren't quality teachers at RTR, I would be looking elsewhere – regardless of the facilities. Better facilities will help keep the best teachers/staff and attract new ones. Again, best of luck, and thank so much for the opportunity to complete this survey and comment.
102	We need a new school ASAP!! No more money spent on 3!
103	Build in Florence
104	We need one school location in Tyler. This will attract students from Ivanhoe and lake Benton increasing enrollment.
105	Of the students who have left the school or open enrolled to another district, the main reason is NOT due to the facilities. Location is some of it, but most is due to lack of addressing bullying and favoritism or addressing special needs that have nothing to do with the facility.
106	If I were a parent I would not send my children to RTR Schools due to the fact the buildings are in horrible conditions that are in. I recommend to young families moving to the area not to attend these schools because of the buildings conditions.
107	this should have been considered a long time ago instead of patching on these buildings all this time. the next thing is teachers take control of their classrooms
108	Cost more to maintain old building in long run. Plus be significant saving by being able to combine staff. Main reason for Tyler location is more centralized. Need to look at working with lake Benton also

109	We need to build new, dumping \$ into very old building is not effective.
110	This should have been done 20 years ago...long overdue
111	infrastructure access and costs must be considered when establishing a site
112	A new school needs to happen for the kids !
113	I don't believe a new school in of itself will draw people. RTR is in a rural area devoid of any real commercial business draw. I believe the students all need to be in one facility and the facility needs to be near good municipal services. There needs to be nearby law enforcement for protection and there needs to be nearby medical assistance facilities. A school also needs to be near existing municipal infrastrucute to support those needs (no rural cornfield builds). I don't see our population growing and I think we need to work with some of what we have and remove the oldest parts of the structure and build in new facilities that can blend with some of the existing facilities that are serviceable.
114	We need to do something to improve our schools. Our children deserve a safe, pleasant surrounding so they can optimize their learning experience.
115	How many acres of land is in the district? When a business has to pay more in taxes are we afraid that will deter business from wanting to come? Would some businesses leave? If health and safety is a concern then we better close the doors right now! A new school will take years to build, if our kids aren't safe now we better dissolve and let families pick their own schools. This survey and it's wording is dang if you do dang if you dont!
116	Na
117	Current facilities are an extreme health and safety hazard to our children. The nostalgia of the schools is understood and appreciated, but it's time to start over and let our children be the ones to experience the start of the next chapter for our school district.
118	We need to build a new k-12 centralized facility
119	We need to provide a wonderful, new environment for our present and future children. This is an investment in them and their educational experience! I feel it is our duty as citizens of the RTR school district. Let's all get on board!
120	RTR Schools need to be improved very soon. Let's all get behind this and make a new RTR School a reality.
121	If we build one building we should be able to have less staff,ie less secretaries,less custodians and less cooks. Less overhead in one building. Tyler has more to offer as a town. We have a hospital and clinic and other businesses that support the schools needs. It is sad we are allowing our students and staff to go to school and work in such horrible disarray of facilities.
122	This survey is Very misleading, average Lyon County farm land tax nave is \$7700, 1/3 higher than your figures. A new HVAC system will have a higher utility cost because of the fresh air requirements. Honesty is the only was to move forward.
123	We feel our school needs to work with the community and sell it as a community center as well. The older population can come in for a walk in the morning and some coffee and leave for the rest of the day. This has worked in several other local communities around the area. This allows the older community to be involved in the processes as well. We think the school also needs to work with Avera as they are hear to stay and want to improve facilities as well. The school really needs to explore all options. A huge selling point will be our older populations in R T R. We feel the last voting process lacked. Many of our students parents/grandparents are farmers/business owners/land owners. Education in this area needs to be improved. Close to a Local hospital/law enforcment. Safety of the kids and in our crazy world today, this is #1 on many parents minds. We thank the school board for all your work and we have a bright future for RTR Schools.
124	Struggling with the taxation as the average household will pay a minimal amount compared to the average farm land owner. As and example a house owner in town will pay hundreds of dollars a year compared to some land owners may paying tens of thousands a year. Also there are multimillion dollar commercial businesses that will be paying minimal amounts because of their value of their real estate. P.s. farmers are struggling there is a farm crisis.
125	Considerations: Location along major highway, best long term outcome to maintain all communities, greatest population of students to capture, midpoint from other sustainable schools.
126	I have children in elementary, so they would benefit from a new school, but on the other hand say a new school is built in Tyler you are going to raise my taxes, remove the largest employer in town, most likely decrease my property value with no school in town. As well as increase the value of Tyler properties. It would be a hard pill to swallow for residents of this town. Not that I'm totally against a new school in Tyler. Also if a new school is built make it practical. Unlike the new high school in Marshall, with a 20ft wide sweeping hallway going through the whole high school. Which wastes a ton of class room space. As well as what will be done with the old buildings. Will the district demolish them, keep them for becoming derilect, or push the expense on the towns they are located in? Maybe a neutral site would be best as all kids would benefit, and all the towns would be at the same disadvantage of losing their school buildings.

127	Spend the money and build one new school. It will attract good teachers (not that we don't already have some!) that will want to stay more than a year or two. It will attract more young families to come to RTR. It will make the kids feel better about themselves. Stop the surveys and TELL the community that their measly increase in property taxes are worth the future of these kids. BUILD ONE NEW SCHOOL!
128	I don't think you need a new school
129	Did you address the issue of demolition of the old schools if you was to move forward with new school, I am pretty sure it would cost a fortune to get rid of. In summary I dont think all issues have been publicly brought forward as of yet!!!!
130	I would approve a tax increase on a 30 year Bond 32.33% increase on 40 Million and let's do this right so we can attract students from other areas.
131	Tyler has the largest population with fields for sports.
132	Need new facilities, not fix old buildings
133	You will lose many community members if you do this we will move away and go to a different district
134	Thank you for giving out this information and for taking feedback!
135	Maintaining three old buildings in today's economy does not make sense. If could utilize one like for practice areas and build new but could take those reuse items out.
136	It's time to move forward & build one school for K-12
137	It is difficult to think of closing our buildings, but it is past due. Please note, quality staff is of utmost importance! Quality in computer classes for elementary again, qualified media specialists instead of aids, keeping excellent teachers, keeping open dialogue among staff, administration, and the public. Yes, a building helps make the education worthwhile, but the community needs to be the educators as well. Seniors: Do you know CPR when you graduate? Do you know how to change a tire when you graduate? Do you know how to maintain a checkbook when you graduate? Do you know how to invest you dollars properly? Do you know how to handle a credit card? Do you know how to maintain daily life skills? These are some things that should be taught to our graduates in a basic mini class before graduation.
138	I myself lean towards building a new school k-12... i am still not 100% sure this is the right answer but i have young children who will soon attend school and i worry about the quality of air and mold issues that the schools have..
139	Please make comment section exceed 300 characters so people can give a clear feedback
140	Good luck!
141	Very much AGAINST this RTR school going in one of the towns, neutral or NO GO!
142	The fact that Tyler has all of the emergency services makes sense for a new building to be in Tyler. Plus there is the land needed for building and for the football field, possible track etc.
143	I strongly believe it's time to take action and quit repairing the old buildings!
144	Continueing to bus students all over is not efficient and a liability.
145	Anyone with any back ground in construction or property managment knows that continuing to patch together these old building will cost much more over the next 30 years then starting over with A (1) new facility. We need to get back the 42 students.
146	Bids for building or remodeling project need to be looked over by professionals in the construction industry, the figures for building and remodeling are ludicrous. However we need to get working on decent facilities for our children or mine will be going to another district.
147	I have a child that is open enrolled into a different school as we didn't feel that the current set up was right for our family. I would like to see a new school or improvements and have my child/children in the school at RTR.
148	neutral or russell are the only smart choices
149	One large issue is that the central building that is structurally unsound and is still being used as a storage facility for theatrical props and is the office for the janitorial faculty.
150	Look at hospital, police, fire department as close proximity of the school
151	I strongly feel if a new centralized school is voted to be built, it should be built along highway 23 somewhere between florence and Russell. This is centralized for all 3 current communities and more accessible for attracting new students.
152	If the school is in the country, there will be more bussing, everyone has to drive. It is dangerous for kids waiting for rides to be in the country with no other public place for them to go!
153	The issue just did not happen over night... School board has failed over the last 10 years The word stake holder, I pay taxes i'm stake holder, its not up to Hess and Hanson to dictate which direction we go, Tyler should go by itself and regroup.
154	Thank you for the information
155	Stop wasting money on old decrepit building and putting on bandaids on them we are bleeding money in many differant ways having all of these separate buildings resources and so on

156	Our family appreciates you taking time to work for the betterment of our kids and school.
157	Enough million-dollar bandaids. With all of the money dumped into these buildings in the past few years, we could be 1/2 way through paying for a new building. It's time to move forward.
158	We need to think about doing what is best for the kids. This is our future. Represent RTR!!!
159	Ruthton and Russell do not wish to pay to build Tyler a new school building, and have our towns abandoned. we will be overruled in a vote by population. most of us are almost to the point of being tax and insurance poor. we need to do more than just sitting home and looking out the window.
160	Tyler has a hospital making it a more desirable location for a centralized building.
161	If a new building is built the Russell location allows more possibilities of gaining students than the others with Balaton, Lynd, Lake Wilson, Marshall
162	New School Please!!
163	A new facility should be located near necessary healthcare and police facilities.
164	Building a new school would centralize our staff and provide our students with more opportunities in academic and non academic areas.
165	The city of Tyler should be the site of a new K-12 building due to its access to healthcare facilities and law enforcement.
166	RTR Deserves Better the time has come for change - make RTR Great Again
167	I feel as though your survey is not going to be well received. It looks as though the only options are what has been laid out in this survey, and voters either accept it and build/remodel, or it will be done anyway without voter consent.
168	Begin neutral site exploration in Florence area
169	Child safety, building close to existing emergency response facilities, or asking them to build close our site. From my understanding, there are monies available the state / feds, specific location.
170	Consider reconfigured educational opportunities. Example: PreK-2 in Ruthton. 3-5 in Russell. 6-12 in Tyler. Knockdown, build up, or add whatever is needed to accommodate the restructuring.
171	Appreciate the opportunity to take the survey - keep pushing for ways to improve our students learning and growth environment!!
172	Vocational education, adequate gym space, and the impact of losing the Russell location closer to Marshall for kids open enrolling to Marshall or Lynd district s
173	IF THE TAXES GO UP THAT MUCH I WOULD PROBABLY MOVE OUT OF TYLER.
174	I think most people will agree that times are changing and improvements of some sort need to be made. But, has anyone looked into the impact to the stake holders if the schools are closed in their town.
175	Rural would be best so no one can complain. Otherwise Russell would be my next choice since it is a bedroom community of Marshall and hopefully would attract the most kids.
176	My only concern with a Tax Bond is that the largest burden is on the Ag producers at a time when their margins are extremely tight to begin with. I don't believe some can afford another \$10 per acre cost.
177	Build new don't try fixing old run into more problems. Location needs to be where RTR can attract the highest potential of new students. The communities must be logical do what is best for the students and school. This is a great opportunity to make RTR the best it can be!
178	We need to build a new building. It should be one building housing k-12. I really don't care where it gets built. I am glad to see this is being discussed very openly and opinions are being gathered from everyone. Thank you.
179	I will vote for a new school as long as farms are not paying for whole building!! I would like a facility like Lakeview. Where we can increase the size of building.
180	RTR has been going to state one acts for years and are laughed at because they don't even have a theater. When will anyone see that.
181	how about k-6 in Ruthton, Lake Benton, Ivanhoe Lynd Tyler with all 7-12 going to new high school in Tyler
182	Tyler would be the best location for a new building due to having a hospital and city police department. These services are not offered in Russell, Ruthton or a rural area. Student safety has to be #1 priority.
183	a new school would be great they have been talking about it for over 20 years! I also believe with it being 3 towns making one school that the school should be neutrally located so there are not children riding the bus longer then other children!!
184	We open enrolled our students because we felt that RTR could offer better opportunities for them. We have seen a decline in opportunities. I believe that at least part of that reason is due to the high cost of maintaining the current buildings.
185	We need new and improved to attract and facilitate great opportunities for our kids.
186	Thanks for getting people informed and working with everyone to become one community.

187	Make the tax bond go up per household or everyone in the district is 1 acre of land including everyone that rents property for the life of the loan of the new building you will have more people willing to vote yes for a new building. Fair is Fair
188	I 100% support a new building. It's much needed for the students and to help our communities grow.
189	Let's get this stuff done. We've been screwing around with this for years.
190	If we are not willing to give our students the best facilities we will start to lose students and will not attract any new students.
191	None.
192	Well written survey.
193	It is time to build one new (K-12) Facility in Tyler!
194	Should be built more to the East so we can attract more communities like Balaton, Lynd, and Tracy.