



PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

INDIAN PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 204

Your Input is Critical

Indian Prairie School District 204 seeks your thoughts and recommendations on a funding proposal that may appear on this fall's ballot.

Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed Fact Sheet, read the survey questions, review with other members of your household (if applicable), and complete the survey.

All surveys are anonymous and are not associated with your name.

A self-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Please drop the survey in the mail or deliver it to the Indian Prairie School District 204 Administrative Office at 780 Shoreline Drive, Aurora, IL 60504 by May 24, 2024.

Questions/Comments

If you have questions about this survey or the funding proposal, please contact:

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You Can Complete the Survey Online!

Open the camera app on your phone.
Center the QR code on the screen.
Tap the notification to open the link.



Encuesta disponible en español: bit.ly/D204_encuesta

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Indian Prairie School District (IPSD) 204 is gathering feedback on a possible limiting rate referendum to address its highest-priority capital facility and operating needs. We greatly appreciate your thoughts and recommendations. Please complete and drop the survey in the mail by May 24, 2024 or deliver to the District’s Administrative Office at 780 Shoreline Drive, Aurora, IL 60504.

Q1. Before receiving the enclosed information, how much had you read, seen, or heard about Indian Prairie School District 204’s possible limiting rate referendum to address districtwide facility and operating needs? **(Please check one.)**

☐ A lot
☐ Some
☐ Hardly anything
☐ Nothing at all

Q2. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 Presidential Election? **(Please check one.)**

☐ Very likely
☐ Somewhat likely
☐ Not very likely
☐ Not at all likely
☐ Don’t know

Q5. Indian Prairie School District 204’s proposed limiting rate referendum would provide funding toward districtwide facility and operating needs. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being “Low Priority” and 5 being “High Priority,” what priority should be placed on funding each of the following needs? **(Please circle one number next to each item.)**

	Low Priority	↔			High Priority
a) Districtwide safety and security upgrades, including the addition of secure entry vestibules, access controls, intrusion detection, and surveillance equipment.	1	2	3	4	5
b) Replacing roofing that has reached the end of its useful life.	1	2	3	4	5
c) Replacing outdated, inefficient mechanical, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and air quality systems. ...	1	2	3	4	5
d) Renovating elementary schools, including upgrades to classrooms, libraries, kindergarten, and student support services and special education spaces.	1	2	3	4	5
e) Renovating middle schools, including upgrades to classrooms, encore spaces, libraries, and student support services and special education spaces.	1	2	3	4	5
f) Making the most significant improvements to Waubonsie Valley High School, Hill Middle School, and Gregory Middle School, each of which have the greatest facility needs.	1	2	3	4	5
g) Repurposing The Birkett Freshman Center and making significant improvements to Neuqua Valley High School to move freshmen back to the main campus.	1	2	3	4	5
h) Adding more mental health professionals to address increased mental health services needs.	1	2	3	4	5
i) Reducing class sizes by adding more teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
j) Establishing a consistent maintenance and capital improvement schedule to protect what has been improved.	1	2	3	4	5

Q3. How satisfied are you with the amount of information you have received regarding Indian Prairie School District 204’s possible limiting rate referendum? **(Please check one.)**

☐ Very satisfied
☐ Somewhat satisfied
☐ Not very satisfied
☐ Not at all satisfied

Q4. Schools often use the letter grades A, B, C, D, or F to grade students. If you had the chance to grade Indian Prairie School District 204, what letter grade would you give the District? **(Please check one.)**

☐ A
☐ B
☐ C
☐ D
☐ F
☐ Don’t know

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Q6. Would you be more likely or less likely to support Indian Prairie School District 204’s proposed limiting rate referendum knowing the following information? **(Please check one box next to each item.)**

	More Likely to Support	Less Likely to Support	Makes No Difference	Don’t Know
a) The proposed limiting rate referendum would <u>not</u> require a net tax rate increase. This is possible because IPSD 204 has long-term debt that will expire soon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) District 204’s high-performing schools attract young families and protect property values.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) The proposed improvements would enhance building efficiency and reduce costly and disruptive emergency repairs, saving taxpayer dollars.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) There are three District 204 schools with facilities in more need than the others. A portion of the funding would address extensive repairs and renovations to these schools so that every student has access to a quality learning environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) There is growing demand for mental health services at IPSD 204’s schools, which is why more counselors and other mental health professionals are needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) IPSD 204’s average class size is larger than its peer districts and 20% larger than the State average.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) More than 25,000 students and 33 school buildings in District 204 would be positively impacted by the proposed limiting rate referendum.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Unlike a bond referendum, voter approval of a limiting rate referendum would allow the District to fund both facility and operating needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) No new schools are proposed. The capital facility upgrades would be focused strictly on updating existing school buildings..	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7. LIMITING RATE PROPOSAL. If a local election were held today, would you vote “yes” in favor of, or “no” to oppose, a 37-cent limiting rate increase for the purpose of constructing security improvements, including installing secure entryways, access controls, intrusion detection, and surveillance equipment; replacing roofing, mechanical, plumbing, and HVAC systems; updating classrooms, science labs, encore spaces, and libraries/media centers; improving energy efficiency; adding mental health professionals and teachers; and for other school purposes? **(Please check one.)**

☐ Definitely yes
☐ Probably yes
☐ Probably no
☐ Definitely no
☐ Don’t know

Q8. What is your gender? **(Please check one.)**

☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ More than one person completed the survey
☐ Other

Q9. Do you have a child in the Indian Prairie School District?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q10. What is your age? **(Please check all that apply if more than one person helped complete the survey.)**

☐ 18-24
☐ 25-34
☐ 35-44
☐ 45-54
☐ 55-64
☐ 65-74
☐ 75+
☐ Prefer not to respond

Q11. Are you, or is any member of your family, an employee of Indian Prairie School District 204?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Q12. What is your zip code?
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!
PLEASE DROP YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY IN THE MAIL BY MAY 24, 2024.

