

Mason Consolidated Schools

2024 Community Survey

Mason Consolidated Schools is asking for your opinion about facility improvements in the district. This brief survey is anonymous, as the results will be tabulated by Perspectives Consulting Group, Inc., an independent market research firm.

1. Are you a resident of the Mason Consolidated Schools district?

- Yes - Please continue with the survey
- No - We appreciate your willingness to take part in this survey; however, we are only asking for feedback from people who live in the Mason Consolidated Schools district, as we are specifically looking at the issues that will impact district residents.

2. Are you age 18 or older?

- Yes - Please continue with the survey
- No - We appreciate your willingness to take part in this survey; however, you must be 18 years old to participate in this survey.

3. Overall, what grade would you give Mason Consolidated Schools - an A, B, C, D, or F?

- A B C
- D, why? _____
- F, why? _____
- Unsure

4. Do you feel Mason Consolidated Schools are fiscally responsible?

- Yes
- No, why not? _____
- Unsure

5. Do you feel Mason Consolidated Schools are doing a good job communicating with district residents?

- Yes
- No, why not? _____
- Unsure

6. Do you feel the school facilities in Mason Consolidated Schools need to be improved?

- Yes
- No, why not? _____
- Unsure

Facility Conditions

Mason Consolidated Schools operates Mason Central Elementary, Mason Middle School, and Mason Senior High School. These schools, originally built in the 1950s and 1960s—Mason Central Elementary in 1953, Mason Middle School in 1954, and Mason Senior High School in 1960—have served the community well over the years. While they've undergone some updates, the district recognizes the need for more extensive improvements to continue supporting students and staff.

In the summer of 2024, a comprehensive facility assessment was conducted to help better understand where enhancements are needed. This assessment identified several high-priority areas, including secure vestibules, roof replacements, heating and cooling system upgrades, electrical and alarm system improvements, updates to the sanitary systems, and asbestos abatement. As the oldest building in the district, Mason Central Elementary was noted as having exceeded its expected lifespan in both structure and equipment.

The assessment also identified additional opportunities for improvements, such as expanding classrooms at both the middle and high schools, upgrading the high school cafeteria, improving parking lots and sidewalks, replacing ceiling tiles and flooring, upgrading lighting, enhancing non-instructional technology, replacing windows and doors, and addressing a foundation wall issue at the middle school.

These updates are important for ensuring that the schools remain safe, welcoming, and equipped to meet the changing needs of students.

Four Options for Addressing Mason Consolidated Schools' Facility Needs

Option #1: Address Priority Needs

School board members and district administrators have identified four options for addressing these facility needs. The first option: *Address Priority Needs* would include essential safety and security updates including asbestos abatement, new fire alarms, and upgraded electrical service in all buildings. In addition, the priority needs include new temperature controls, new ventilation units, and roofing replacement where needed at the middle and high school.

For the elementary and middle school, the priority needs could begin as early as Spring/Summer 2026 and be completed by Fall 2026.

For the high school, the priority needs could begin as early as Spring/Summer 2027 and be completed by Fall 2027.

7. How do you feel about this plan for addressing the district's priority needs?

- The plan is acceptable
- The plan is not acceptable, why not? _____
- Unsure

The total cost for all of these priority needs would be \$12.0 million. The estimated annual cost to Mason Consolidated Schools homeowners for the priority needs listed above would be:

Option1: Address Priority Needs

Taxable Value*	Market Value	Annual Cost
\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100.00
\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150.00
\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200.00
\$125,000	\$250,000	\$250.00
\$150,000	\$300,000	\$300.00
\$200,000	\$400,000	\$400.00
\$250,000	\$500,000	\$500.00

This option would increase your property taxes by 2.0 mills.

* Taxable value is approximately half of market value

8. Would you vote to approve a 30-year bond to pay for addressing the district's priority needs?

- Yes - please skip to Option #2 on the next page
- No - please continue with question 9
- Unsure - please continue with question 9

9. Why wouldn't you vote to approve the bond, or why are you unsure about voting to approve the bond? _____

Option #2: Address Priority Needs and Facility Updates

The second option: *Address Priority Needs and Facility Updates* would include all of the improvements from the first option "Address Priority Needs" as well as new ventilation units at the elementary school, new doors, ceilings, and lighting at the middle school, and cafeteria upgrades at the high school.

For the elementary and middle school, the priority needs and facility updates could begin as early as Spring/Summer 2026 and be completed by Winter 2026.

For the high school, the priority needs and facility updates could begin as early as Spring/Summer 2027 and be completed by Winter 2027.

10. How do you feel about this plan for addressing the district’s priority needs and facility updates?

- The plan is acceptable
- The plan is not acceptable, why not? _____
- Unsure

The total cost for all of the priority needs and facility updates would be \$16.0 million. The estimated annual cost to Mason Consolidated Schools homeowners for the improvements from the first option "Address Priority Needs" and the facility updates listed above would be:

This option would increase your property taxes by 2.69 mills.

Option 2: Address Priority Needs and Facility Updates

Taxable Value*	Market Value	Annual Cost
\$50,000	\$100,000	\$134.50
\$75,000	\$150,000	\$201.75
\$100,000	\$200,000	\$269.00
\$125,000	\$250,000	\$336.25
\$150,000	\$300,000	\$403.50
\$200,000	\$400,000	\$538.00
\$250,000	\$500,000	\$672.50

* Taxable value is approximately half of market value

11. Would you vote to approve a 30-year bond to pay for addressing the district’s priority needs and facility updates?

- Yes – please skip to Option #3 on the next page
- No – please continue with question 12
- Unsure – please continue with question 12

12. Why wouldn’t you vote to approve the bond, or why are you unsure about voting to approve the bond? _____

Option #3: Address Priority Needs, Facility Updates, and Elementary Improvements

The third option: *Address Priority Needs, Facility Updates, and Elementary Improvements* would include all of the improvements from the second option “Address Priority Needs and Facility Updates” as well as elementary school improvements including new temperature controls, lighting, ceilings, classroom doors, classroom furniture, and a new playground. The elementary school improvements would also include updating bathrooms, replacing roofing as needed, and replacing parking areas and sidewalks where needed. This option would also include new classroom furniture at the middle school and high school, as well as new ceilings, lighting, and repaving the student parking lot at the high school.

For the elementary and middle school, the priority needs, facility updates, and elementary improvements could begin as early as Spring/Summer 2026 and be completed by Winter 2026.

For the high school, the priority needs, facility updates, and elementary improvements could begin as early as Spring/Summer 2027 and be completed by Winter 2027.

13. How do you feel about this plan for addressing the district’s priority needs, facility updates, and elementary improvements?

- The plan is acceptable
- The plan is not acceptable, why not? _____
- Unsure

The total cost for all of these priority needs, facility updates, and elementary improvements would be \$25.0 million. The estimated annual cost to Mason Consolidated Schools homeowners for the improvements from the second option “Address Priority Needs and Facility Updates” and the elementary improvements listed above would be:

Option 3: Address Priority Needs, Facility Updates, and Elementary Improvements

Taxable Value*	Market Value	Annual Cost
\$50,000	\$100,000	\$212.50
\$75,000	\$150,000	\$318.75
\$100,000	\$200,000	\$425.00
\$125,000	\$250,000	\$531.25
\$150,000	\$300,000	\$637.50
\$200,000	\$400,000	\$850.00
\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,062.50

This option would increase your property taxes by 4.25 mills.

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14. Would you vote to approve a 30-year bond to pay for addressing the district’s priority needs, facility updates, and elementary improvements?

- Yes – please skip to Option #4 on the next page
- No – please continue with question 15
- Unsure – please continue with question 15

15. Why wouldn’t you vote to approve the bond, or why are you unsure about voting to approve the bond? _____

Option #4: Address Priority Needs and Classroom Additions to Reconfigure Current Schools to Accommodate PK – 6 and 7 - 12

The fourth option: *Address Priority Needs and Classroom Additions to Reconfigure Current Schools to Accommodate PK-6 and 7-12* would include additional classrooms at the middle school and high school to provide sufficient space for grades PK-6 at the middle school and grades 7-12 at the high school. Additionally, a serving kitchen and cafeteria would be added to the middle school to allow all students to eat at the building.

For the elementary and middle school, the priority needs and classroom additions to reconfigure the current middle school to accommodate PK - 6 could begin as early as Spring 2026 and be completed by Spring 2027. For the high school, the priority needs and classroom additions to reconfigure the current high school building to accommodate grades 7 - 12 could begin as early as Spring 2027 and be completed by Spring 2028.

16. How do you feel about this plan for addressing the district's priority needs and classroom additions to reconfigure current schools to accommodate PK – 6 and 7 - 12?

- The plan is acceptable
- The plan is not acceptable, why not? _____
- Unsure

The total cost for all of these priority needs and classroom additions to reconfigure current schools to accommodate PK – 6 and 7 - 12 would be \$30.0 million. The estimated annual cost to Mason Consolidated Schools homeowners for addressing the priority needs and classroom additions to reconfigure current schools to accommodate PK – 6 and 7 - 12 would be:

Option 4: Address Priority Needs and Classroom Additions to Reconfigure Current Schools to Accommodate PK - 6 and 7 - 12

Taxable Value*	Market Value	Annual Cost
\$50,000	\$100,000	\$237.50
\$75,000	\$150,000	\$356.25
\$100,000	\$200,000	\$475.00
\$125,000	\$250,000	\$593.75
\$150,000	\$300,000	\$712.50
\$200,000	\$400,000	\$950.00
\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,187.50

This option would increase your property taxes by 4.75 mills.

** Taxable value is approximately half of market value*

17. Would you vote to approve a 30-year bond to pay for addressing the district's priority needs and classroom additions to reconfigure current schools to accommodate PK – 6 and 7 - 12?

- Yes – please skip to question 19
- No – please continue with question 18
- Unsure – please continue with question 18

18. Why wouldn't you vote to approve the bond, or why are you unsure about voting to approve the bond? _____

19. Mason Consolidated Schools is considering putting this bond request on the ballot in May 2025. Is there any reason how you vote on this bond request in May 2025 could change from how you answered this survey today?

- Yes, how or why could it change: _____
 No Unsure

20. Please list any other comments you would like to share about Mason Consolidated Schools:

To help Mason Consolidated Schools better understand the results of this survey, please answer the following questions. Your responses are anonymous, and the survey results will be tabulated by Perspectives Consulting Group, Inc., an independent market research firm.

21. Please check ALL of the following statements that may describe you:

- I am the parent of one or more children currently attending Mason Consolidated Schools
 I am the parent of one or more children who have graduated from Mason Consolidated Schools
 I currently attend Mason Consolidated Schools
 I graduated from Mason Consolidated Schools
 I am an employee of Mason Consolidated Schools
 None of the above apply to me

22. In the past two years, have you been inside any of Mason Consolidated Schools' school buildings?

- Yes No Unsure

23. Did you vote in the last Mason Consolidated Schools facilities election in March 2020?

- Yes No Unsure

24. Your age:

- 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54
 55-64 65-74 75 and over Prefer not to say

25. Do you own or rent your home?

- Own Rent Prefer not to say

26. Your gender:

- Male Female Other, please specify _____
 Prefer not to say

Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses to this survey, along with the responses from other community members, will be used to inform and guide the work of Mason Consolidated Schools. If you have additional questions about Mason Consolidated Schools, please visit: <https://eriemason.k12.mi.us/>

Please drop off this survey in person at: Mason Consolidated Schools, 2400 Mason Eagles Drive, Erie, MI 48133 **or mail the survey to:** Perspectives Consulting Group, P.O. Box 496, Paw Paw, MI, 49079. Survey responses must be received by October 4, 2024.