

The Central Linn School Board hired the Nelson Group to do a scientific survey of public perception of the Central Linn School District. Note, this was hired by and voted on by the school board and not the school administration.

Between April 26th and May 26th, 311 respondents were interviewed. The margin of error for this survey is +/-5.31% at a level of 95% confidence in survey results. This is the first time, in recent years, that the school board has paid for a scientific survey.

“A large percentage of respondents participating in the survey, 75%, were frequent or perfect voters (voted in at least 3 out of last 4 elections or voted in all 4 of the last for elections).”

Conclusions from this survey are the following:

1. There is still work to be done around areas of communication between the District and the community particularly highlighting the valuable and positive contributions the school district makes in the local community.
2. The District also needs to communicate more often about its budget and its budget successes, how the District was operating on a 240,000 budget deficit seven years ago, but for the last six years the District has operated on a balanced budget, with a modest cash carry over, and has been able to add back valuable programs such as re-establishing the high school band program, revitalizing the FFA program and upgrading and adding technology throughout the district, to name just a few.
3. It was also made clear that a majority of respondents prefer two separate campuses to a single K-12 campus, and that even after knowing that a single campus would save the District money to support classroom education and add other programs, the public still wants the two-campus model.

The Central Linn School Board plans to use the information to continue to move the CL School District forward. If any patron is interested in reading the full survey report, a copy is available at the District office.

If any local groups or organizations would like a school board representative to come, listen, and answer any questions, please do not hesitate to email the school board at: clsdschoolboard@centrallinn.k12.or.us. If you would like a school board member to call you personally, please contact Dena Crowell, board secretary, at the District Office, and she can put you into contact with any of the current school board members. (541.369.2813)

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