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Community Survey Valuable to Long-Term Housing Solution

(Hilliard City School District, Hilliard, Ohio) – The results of a recent community survey concerning the housing challenges of the Hilliard City School District has revealed valuable information for the Board of Education to consider as it searches for a long-term housing solution to the overcrowded conditions of the schools.

“In response to the Growth Issue Community Group’s request for further community input, we commissioned a survey of district residents,” said Libby Gierach, President of the Board of Education. “The results are another source of information to help us determine a long-term housing solution that the community can support.”

Overall, the residents polled are extremely pleased with the school district’s performance, with eight out of ten residents rating the Hilliard City Schools as excellent or good. The results also cited a majority of residents feel that the school system provides a better education than do other suburban communities.

The survey results confirm that a majority of residents recognize the overcrowded conditions of the schools and the need for additional housing, particularly at the high school level. It cites that nearly three out of five voters feel that the high schools are overcrowded, and two out of five consider it an urgent problem.

When asked what type of long-term housing solution they would prefer, 63% of the residents polled chose a third high school. When asked where that high school should be located in the district, 43% favored the area south of Roberts Road, while 40% favored the area north of Roberts. Seventeen percent said they didn’t know. The data suggest that the property on Cosgray Road continues to lack the support required for an electoral victory.

Saperstein Associates, Inc., a Columbus-based public opinion and marketing research company, conducted the district-wide telephone poll in late January.

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