

**TIPP CITY EVSD FACILITIES SURVEY**

*Miami County, Ohio*

*1/20/2014 – 1/24/2014*

*N=301, +/- 5.64%*

**Registered Voters**

*(percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding)*



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*Q. 1. Generally speaking, would you say that Ohio is going in the right direction, or has it gotten off onto the wrong track?*

- 47.1% Right direction
- 28.2 Wrong track
- 6 Mixed/both (volunteered)
- 18.7 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 2. Would you say that Miami County is going in the right direction, or has it gotten off onto the wrong track?*

- 67.1% Right direction
- 13.2 Wrong track
- 4.9 Mixed/both (volunteered)
- 14.8 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 3. Would you say that (Tipp City/Monroe Township) is going in the right direction, or has it gotten off onto the wrong track?*

- 68.5% Right direction
- 13.8 Wrong track
- 2.8 Mixed/both (volunteered)
- 14.9 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 4. Generally speaking, would you say that property taxes in your community are too high, mostly pretty fair or too low?*

- 34% Too high
- 55.6 Pretty fair
- .8 Too low
- 9.5 Unsure/no answer

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**Turning to the schools...**

*Q. 5. Thinking about the Tipp City School District that serves your community, would you say that it is generally going in the right direction, or has it gotten off onto the wrong track?*

- 64% Right direction

24.7 Wrong track  
1.9 Mixed/both (volunteered)  
9.5 Unsure/no answer

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**Looking more closely at the school system...**

*Q. 6. Overall, how would you rate the quality of education being provided by the Tipp City School District? Would you say it is excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor?*

**87.6% TOTAL POSITIVE RATING**

47.7 Excellent  
39.9 Good

5.7% Fair

**1.2% TOTAL NEGATIVE RATING**

.9 Poor  
.3 Very poor

5.5% Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 7. In your opinion, how would you rate the job that the Tipp City School District has done spending its tax money in an effective and responsible manner? Would you say it is excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor?*

**59.7% TOTAL POSITIVE RATING**

13.2 Excellent  
46.5 Good

21.3% Fair

**10.8% TOTAL NEGATIVE RATING**

7.1 Poor  
3.7 Very poor

8.1% Unsure/no answer

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**Looking at some of the school buildings...**

*Q. 8. In general, do you think that the Tipp City School District's elementary grade school buildings and classrooms are...(sequentially rotated)...good facilities that need no major improvements...adequate facilities that need some updating, but no rebuilding...or poor facilities that need to be replaced...(ended rotation)...or, do you not have enough information about this to have formed an opinion?*

13.2% Good

- 44.3 Adequate
- 13.2 Poor
- 26.2 No opinion
- 3.1 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 9. Which of the following elementary grade school buildings would you say is in the worst condition at this time? Is it the...*

(randomly rotated)

- 1.8% Middle School
- 2.1 L.T. Ball School
- 7.5 Nevin Coppock School
- 57.6 Broadway-Tipp Central School
- 2.8 All/combination (volunteered)
- 1.8 None of them (volunteered)
- 26.4 Unsure/no answer

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**Turning to a related subject...**

*Q. 10. As you may or may not know, the Tipp City School District is considering some possible options for new and expanded school buildings. How much information have you heard or read about this? A lot, some, not very much or nothing at all?*

- 6.4% A lot
- 30.8 Some
- 29.8 Not much
- 32.4 Nothing at all
- .6 Unsure/no answer

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(SPLIT SAMPLE – Randomly assigned to Version A or B)

*Q. 11A. One of the options being considered is to renovate and expand the L.T. Ball School, so it would have classes for pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade, with older students taking classes in different parts of the building than younger students. Do you think that this is a good idea or bad idea?*

- 51.5% Good idea
- 29.7 Bad idea
- 18.9 Unsure/no answer

*Q. 11B. One of the options being considered is to renovate and expand the L.T. Ball School for pre-kindergarten through the fifth grade, and renovate the nearby Middle School building for grades six through eight. Do you think that this is a good idea or bad idea?*

- 59.5% Good idea

- 19.9 Bad idea
- 20.6 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 12. Generally speaking, when leaders are making decisions about how many elementary schools there will be in the Tipp City School District, do you think it is more important to have...*

(rotated)

- 21.4% More schools, so there is one in each area of the district...or...
- 64.1 Fewer schools, which will reduce costs
- 14.5 Unsure/no answer

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**Looking ahead...**

*Q. 13. Within the next year, there may be a bond issue request that voters will be asked to consider for the school facilities plan that we discussed. The bond issue would be for approximately \$46 (forty six) million dollars, with a property tax levy of approximately 6.6 (six point six) mills, which would be collected for the next 37 (thirty seven) years. Supposing that today was Election Day, and you were voting, would you vote for or against the bond issue?*

- 38.7% For
- 46.5 Against
- 14.8 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 14. If you learned that, if it is approved, it will cost property owners about \$200 (two hundred) dollars per year in new taxes for each \$100,000 dollars of property value, would you be more or less likely to support the bond issue, or would it make no difference to you?*

- 13.4% More likely
- 33.7 Less likely
- 47.5 No difference
- 5.4 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 15. If you learned that, if it is approved, the Tipp City School District will get approximately \$10 (ten) million dollars in matching funds from the State of Ohio, would you be more or less likely to support the bond issue, or would it make no difference to you?*

- 36.2% More likely
- 10.7 Less likely
- 48.9 No difference
- 4.1 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 16. If you learned that, if it is approved, the money will only be used for building*

*construction and improvements, and none of it will be used for salaries, would you be more or less likely to support the bond issue, or would it make no difference to you?*

32.5% More likely  
13.1 Less likely  
51.9 No difference  
2.4 Unsure/no answer

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**Thinking more about the bond issue, I would like to read some of the things it will do, if it is approved by voters. After each one, please tell me if you think it should be a high, medium or low priority for the use of the tax dollars, if it is approved.**

(RANDOMLY ROTATED NEXT 7 QUESTIONS)

*Q. 17. How much of a priority should it be to...Provide more space in the classrooms, so there is less crowding and more room for learning activities?*

35.4% High  
45.4 Medium  
15.4 Low  
.3 Not a priority (volunteered)  
3.5 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 18. How much of a priority should it be to...Ensure that there are upgraded electrical systems and wiring to better support classroom learning systems and technology?*

61.4% High  
27.3 Medium  
7.8 Low  
.6 Not a priority (volunteered)  
3 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 19. How much of a priority should it be to...Eliminate the need to hold classes in buildings that have asbestos in them?*

74% High  
12.1 Medium  
11.1 Low  
.9 Not a priority (volunteered)  
1.8 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 20. How much of a priority should it be to...Ensure the buildings have updated security features to better prevent unauthorized intrusions?*

62% High  
25.4 Medium

9.8 Low  
.6 Not a priority (volunteered)  
2.2 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 21. How much of a priority should it be to...Install air conditioning and climate control systems, so there are better classroom environments for learning?*

53.3% High  
33.9 Medium  
10.4 Low  
.3 Not a priority (volunteered)  
2.1 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 22. How much of a priority should it be to...Construct an auxiliary gymnasium and multi-purpose room for sports practices?*

14.8% High  
33 Medium  
48 Low  
.9 Not a priority (volunteered)  
3.3 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 23. How much of a priority should it be to...Close the oldest buildings in the District, including one that was built in 1916, which have become more expensive to repair than they would be to replace?*

45.9% High  
32.9 Medium  
17.1 Low  
.3 Not a priority (volunteered)  
3.7 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 24. How much of a priority should it be to...Construct a new outdoor high school stadium with an artificial playing surface for sporting events and community activities?*

12.3% High  
24.8 Medium  
57.7 Low  
3.3 Not a priority (volunteered)  
1.8 Unsure/no answer

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**Thinking more about the idea of a proposed new high school stadium...**

*Q. 25. Supposing for a moment that a new stadium is built, would you prefer that it be located...(rotated)...at the site where the current City Park stadium is located on Park Street...or...next to the high school on Kessler-Cowlesville Road?*

- 31.6% Current City Park stadium is located
- 51.4 Next to the high school
- .3 Other location (volunteered)
- 3.1 Do not want new stadium (volunteered)
- 13.5 Unsure/no answer

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**Now, reflecting on everything that we have discussed, and what you now know about the plans for the Tipp City School District school facilities...**

*Q. 26. If today was Election Day, and you were voting, would you vote for or against the bond issue?*

- 48.3% For – skipped next question
- 43.9 Against
- 7.8 Unsure/no answer – skipped next question

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*Q. 27. What is the biggest reason that you would vote against it?*

**n=132**

- 18.2% Can't afford it/poor economy
- 16.8 Mismanagement of funds/District does not spend money properly
- 15.6 Taxes are too high
- 10.2 It is not needed
- 6.8 Cost is too high
- 5.8 Schools have enough money/need to budget
- 7.7 Need more information about the plan
- 3.8 Unhappy with school administration
- 3.5 Recently passed a levy
- 2.8 No children enrolled in the schools
- 7.4 Other
- 1.3 Unsure

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**Regardless of how you plan to vote...**

(SPLIT SAMPLE – Randomly assigned to Version A or B)

*Q. 28A. Do you agree or disagree with people who say that renovated or new elementary grade school buildings will improve the community's image and reputation?*

- 57.5% Agree
- 37.2 Disagree
- 5.3 Unsure/no answer

*Q. 28B. Do you agree or disagree with people who say that renovated or new elementary grade school buildings, and a new high school stadium, will improve the community's image and reputation?*

55.8% Agree  
36 Disagree  
8.2 Unsure/no answer

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**Finally, I have a few short questions for statistical purposes...**

*Q. 29. I would like to read you a list of age groups. Please stop me when I get to the one you are in.*

13.7% 18 to 29  
21.4 30 to 44  
31.6 45 to 59  
32.7 60 and older  
.6 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 30. Which of the following do you consider to be your main race? Is it...*

94.4% White  
0 African-American  
0 Hispanic/Latino  
0 Asian...or...  
1.9 Something else  
0 Mixed race (volunteered)  
3.7 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 31. Do you own or rent your home?*

80.1% Own  
12.1 Rent  
6.5 Other (volunteered)  
1.3 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 32. How long have you lived in the Tipp City School District? Is it...*

21.4% Less than 10 years  
31.2 Between 10 and 20 years  
46.4 More than 20 years  
1 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 33. Do you have any children currently enrolled in a Tipp City School District public school?*

34.7% Yes  
64.3 No  
1 Unsure/no answer

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*Q. 34. Did you personally attend or graduate from a Tipp City School District public school?*

27.3% Yes  
71.7 No  
1 Unsure/no answer

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*Gender:*

47.3% Male  
52.7 Female