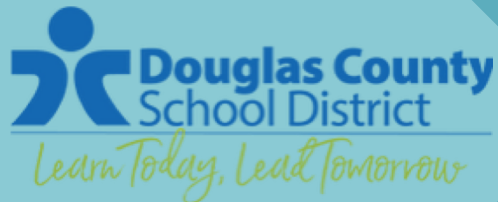


# Mill Bond Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee

Presentation to the DCSD Board of Education

Sandra Brownrigg – Chair, MBEC

April 26, 2022



# Mill Bond Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee

- Work with the Superintendent to study the needs of the School District and the current budgetary constraints of the district to meet those needs.
- Assist in maintaining public trust and confidence in the district through active involvement in MLO/Bond communications.
- Provide a comprehensive presentation at a board meeting prior to the end of June 2022, on findings of the needs and feasibility of MLO/Bond measures for November of 2022, to include information gathered from the Master Capital Plan and recommendations from all Board Committees.

Board committees include **Long Range Planning Committee** (LRPC); **Fiscal Oversight Committee** (FOC); **District Accountability Committee** (DAC); **Mill Bond Oversight Committee** (MBOC);

and the **Student Advisory Group** (SAG). Each committee chair is a voting member, per the charter, and has the option to designate one additional voting member.

# Preliminary Findings

## Needs and Budget Constraints

After consulting with LRPC, FOC, DAC, MBOC, SAG  
and staff, MBEC affirms the following:



The demonstrated financial needs and commitments of the District are **so significant** that seeking additional funds from the voters in the near future is **vital** to the success of our current and future students and staff.

# Student Perspective





# Agenda



BACKGROUND

DATA

RECOMMENDATIONS

NEXT STEPS

# The era of volatility

## GLOBAL

Inflation  
Supply Chain Crises  
War  
COVID-19



## NATIONAL

↑ Inflation  
↑ Political Upheaval  
↑ Interest Rates



## STATE

Population Loss ↓  
Demographic Shift



## LOCAL

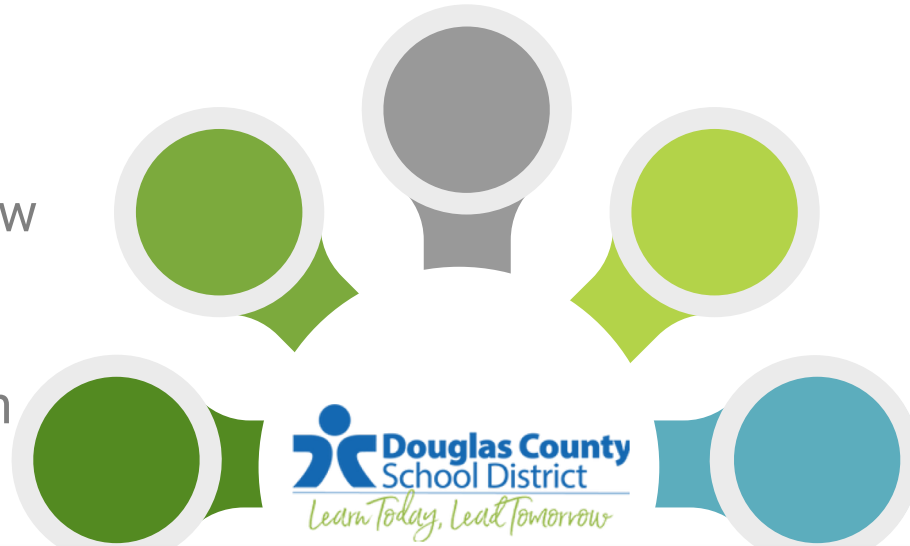
Student Enrollment ↓  
↑ Property Values  
↑ Political Discord



# Finance and Capital

## Capital Needs

- Ongoing building maintenance
- New neighborhood elementary schools for new developments
- Expansion of middle schools to address growth



## Operating Needs

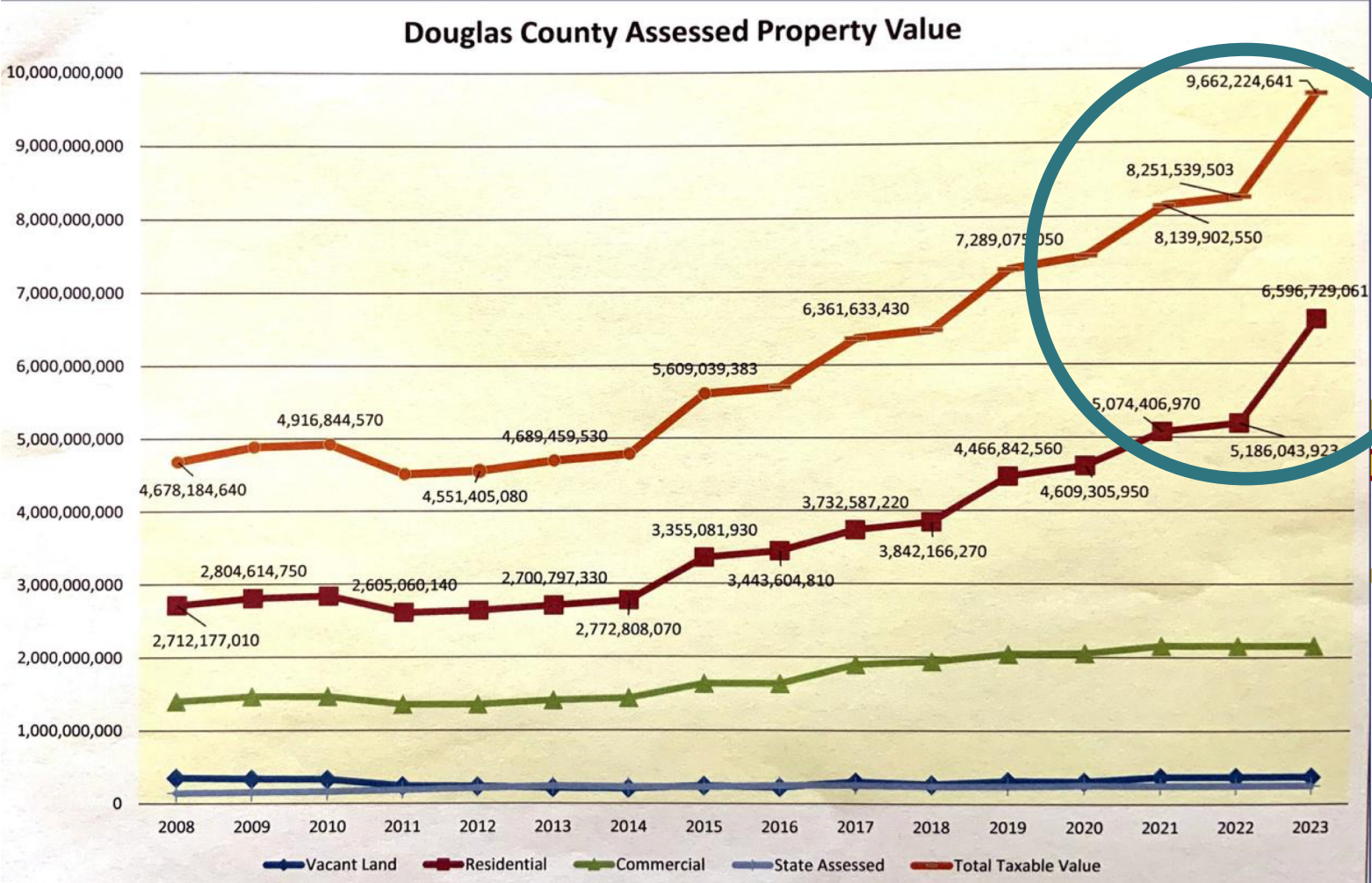
- Competitive compensation for teachers and staff
- Staffing shortages
- Inflation/Rising prices for goods and services

## Capacity

- Over-enrolled schools
- Under-enrolled schools

- (1) District growth necessitates new schools, which take 3 years to build
- (2) The cost of deferred maintenance on existing buildings has outpaced available funds, and we have critical infrastructure repairs needed
- (3) Competitive compensation, including new framework, require more resources in the next 3 years

# Douglas County property values forecast to spike, starting in 2023



**Rising property values mean higher taxes, not necessarily more school funding**

Source: Douglas County Assessor's Office



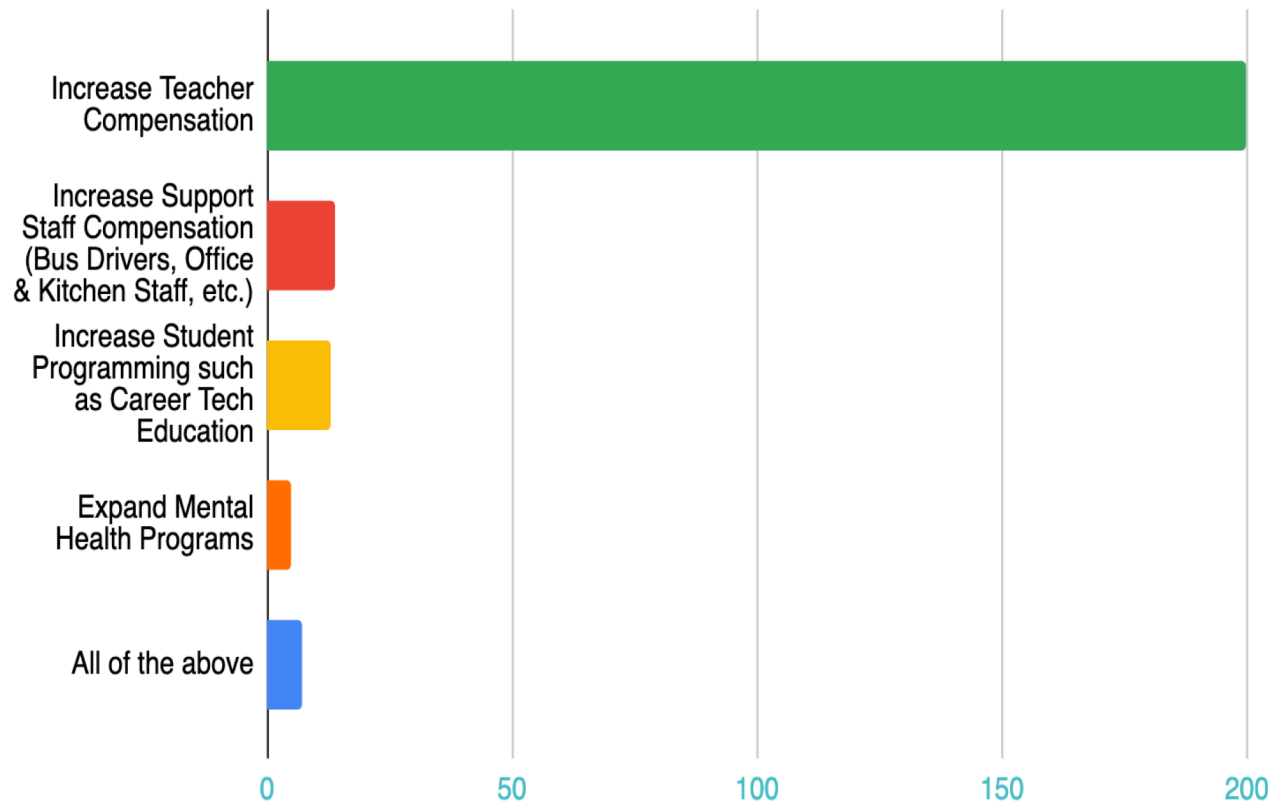
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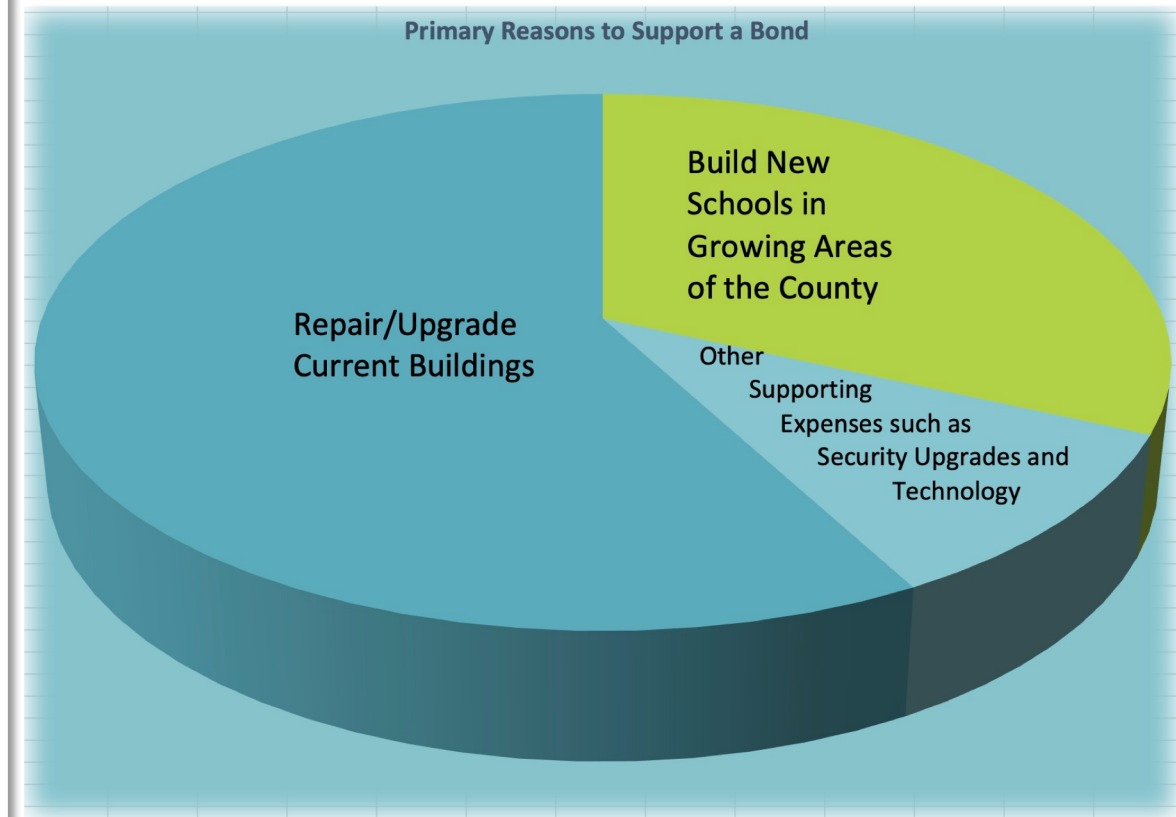
- Past/Current Polling
- Demographic Research

# PTO/SAC survey: **Compensation** given as main reason to support an MLO

## Primary reason to support a MLO



Also, **Maintenance** given as #1 reason to support bond, followed by **new construction**

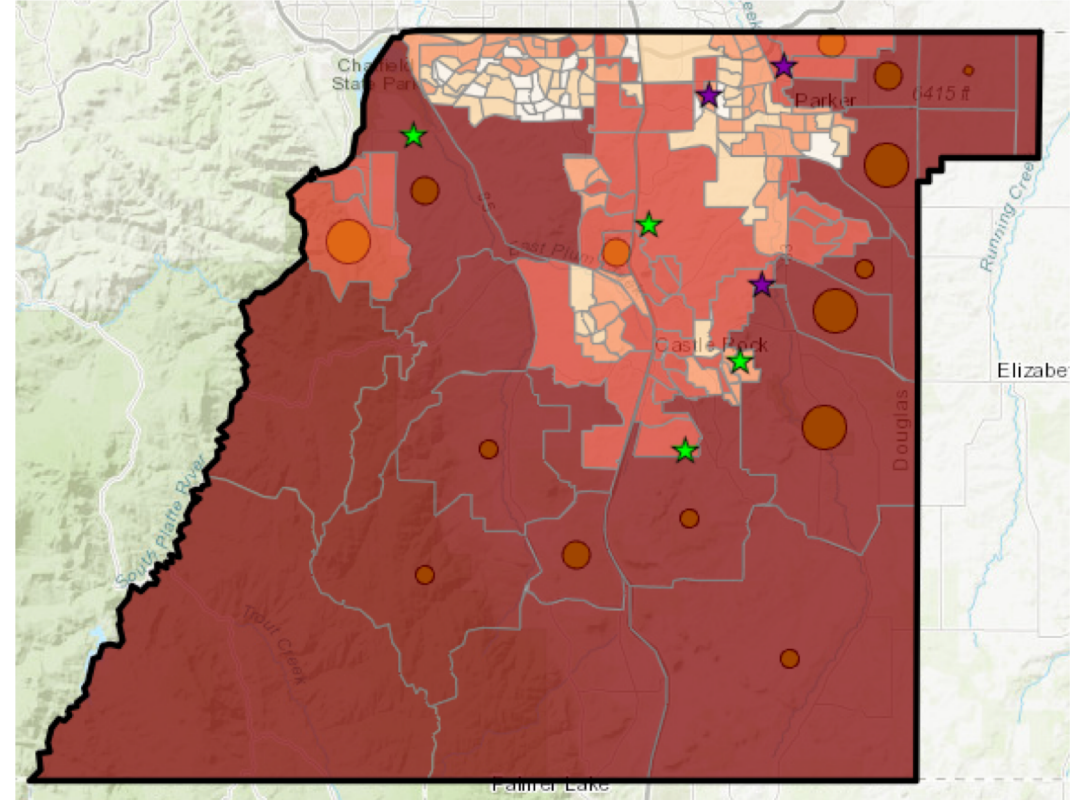
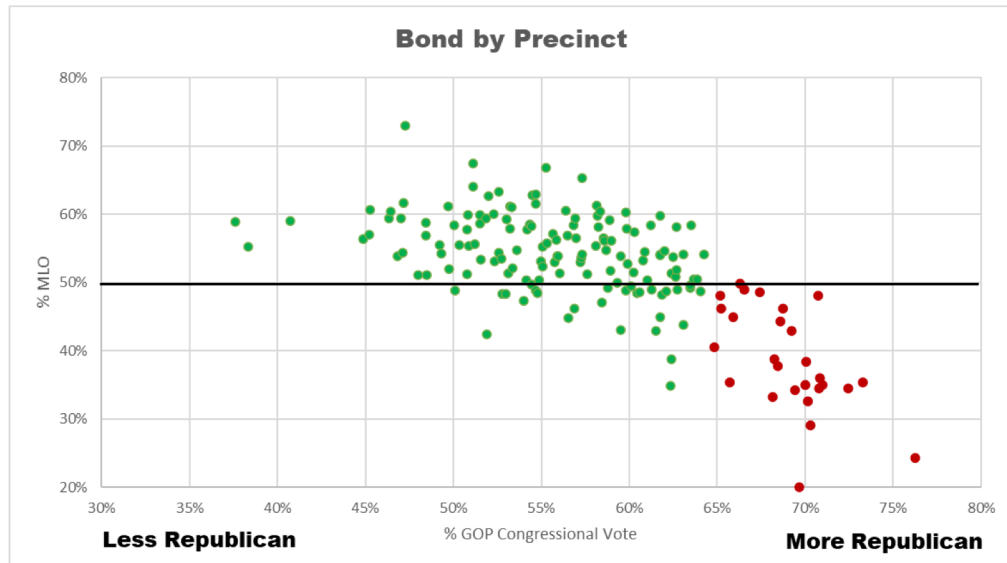
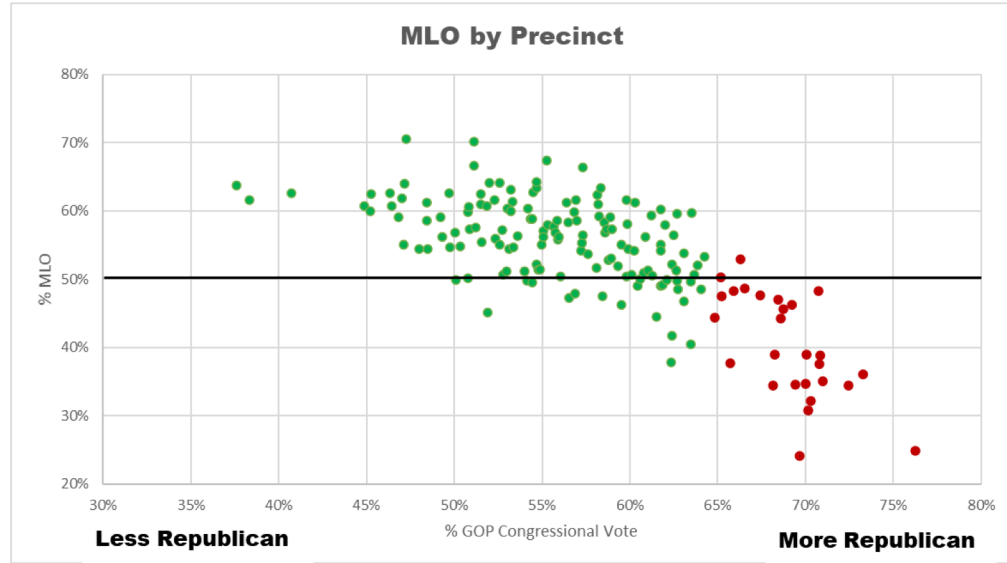


Source: MBEC PTO/SAC survey (April 2022)

# Concerns listed, from SAC/PTO survey

- Trust
- Transparency/Accountability
- Economic Volatility/Taxes

# 2018 MLO/Bond Results by Precinct

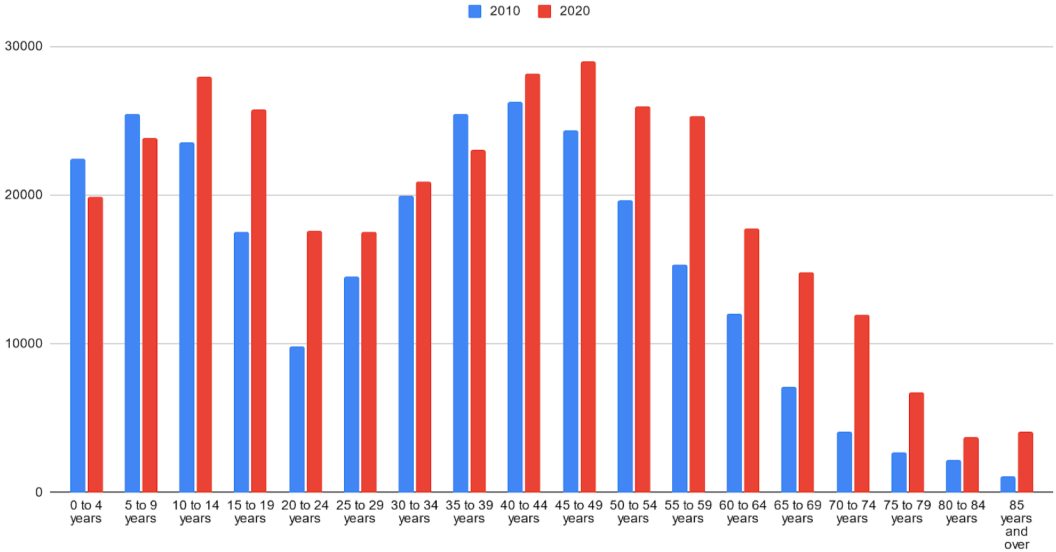


**Feasibility means getting broad support across the political spectrum**



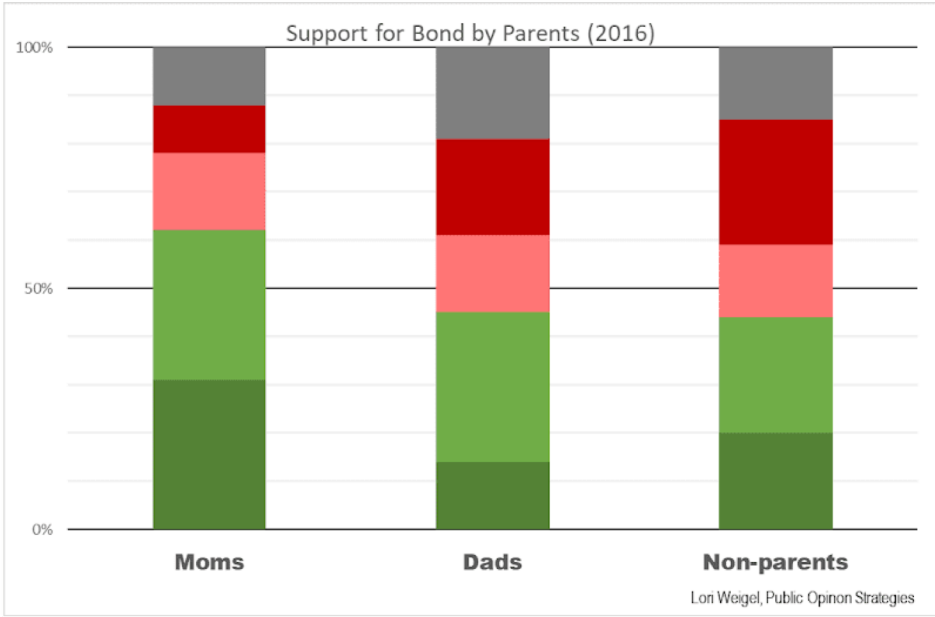
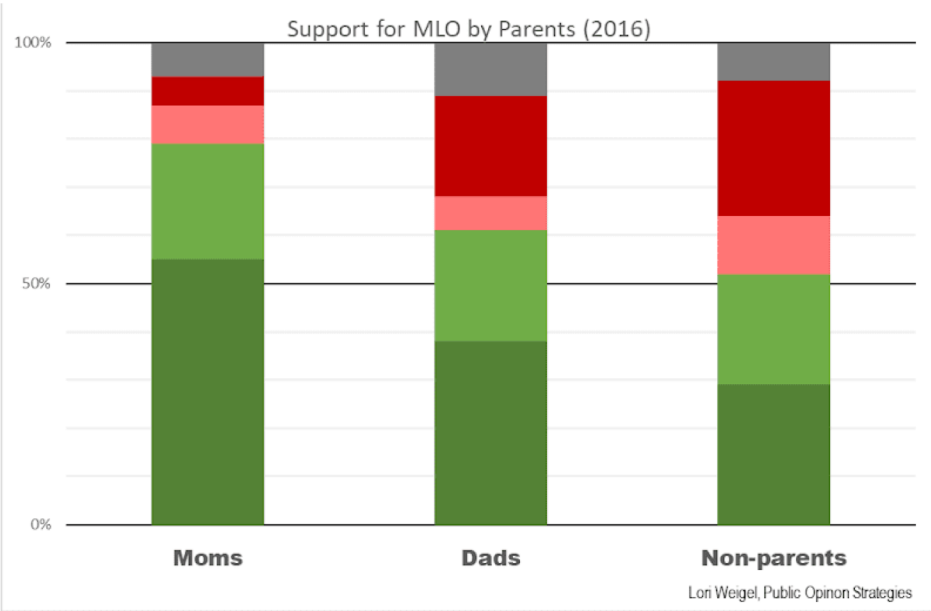
# Douglas County Age/Household Demographics

Population by Age Groups



	2010	2018	2020
Households	106,859	117,426	127,476
with children under 18	44%	42%	39%
<b>without children</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>61%</b>

**Feasibility means getting support from voters who don't currently have kids in DCSD**



# Demographic focus areas



## UNAFFILIATED VOTERS

~125,000 independent voters in Douglas County



## RETIREEES & THOSE WITHOUT SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Over 60% of Douglas County's population



## BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Emphasis on Career/Tech Ed and other programs making students ready for employment at graduation



## AREAS OF POPULATION GROWTH

Crystal Valley, Sterling Ranch, etc.

# 3. Recommendations



Strengths,  
Needs,  
Improvements  
and  
Opportunities

## NEEDS

1. Increased community trust
2. Clear communication, particularly ballot language
3. Effective outreach to childless households, unaffiliated voters and center right voters

## OPPORTUNITIES

1. Build unity around urgency to address District needs
2. Develop community of advocates for schools in District to do ongoing outreach
3. Deliver clear, cohesive message from leadership

## IMPROVEMENTS

1. Clear articulation of District vision and strategic direction
2. Expand awareness of District/school/staff/student excellence
3. Increase community awareness on previous & potential use of funds

## STRENGTHS

1. Unified outreach by Super. Kane, DCSD leadership, and staff
2. Strong support from PTOs and SACs
3. Involved, concerned and skilled overall community

## EXCEPTIONS

1. Leadership outreach to community groups
2. Demonstrated Board unity on funding needs
3. Alignment and interaction of Board, District, and advisory groups



# 4. Next Steps



Final outreach,  
analysis and  
reporting

# Next steps for MBEC



- Research and analysis
  - District polling
  - Focus groups
- Weight, prioritize and analyze factors
- Final report and recommendations June 7

# Questions