

Appendices

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

As of 2014, the Governor Mifflin School District is home to 30,967 residents. From 1960-2000, population growth in the district was substantial, exceeding both county and state figures. From 2000-2010, the district's population grew at a lesser rate than the County but still saw nearly 7% growth in residents. However, since 2010, population growth has nearly flat lined, with only a 0.1% increase - below county and state figures.

Since 1960, Brecknock and Cumru townships have grown more than the three boroughs. Cumru Township is the most populous municipality in the school district with nearly 15,200 residents. The Township has the most population growth since 1960. Kenhorst Borough is the smallest municipality with nearly 3,000 residents.

Population													
Municipality	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2014	1960-2000 # Change	1960-2000 % Change	2000-2010 # Change	2000-2010 % Change	2010-2014 # Change	2010-2014 % Change
Brecknock Township	1,519	1,956	2,641	3,770	4,459	4,589	4,599	2,940	193.5%	130	2.9%	10	0.2%
Cumru Township	7,250	8,367	11,474	13,142	13,816	15,161	15,180	6,566	90.6%	1,345	9.7%	19	0.1%
Kenhorst Borough	2,815	3,482	3,187	2,918	2,679	2,877	2,868	-136	-4.8%	198	7.4%	-9	-0.3%
Mohnton Borough	2,223	2,153	2,156	2,484	2,963	3,043	3,048	740	33.3%	80	2.7%	5	0.2%
Shillington Borough	5,639	6,249	5,601	5,062	5,059	5,273	5,272	-580	-10.3%	214	4.2%	-1	0.0%
Governor Mifflin School District	19,446	22,207	25,059	27,376	28,976	30,943	30,967	9,530	49.0%	1,967	6.8%	24	0.1%
Berks County	275,414	296,382	312,509	336,523	373,638	411,905	413,016	98,224	35.7%	38,267	10.2%	1,111	0.3%
Pennsylvania	11,319,366	11,793,909	11,863,895	11,881,643	12,281,054	12,702,379	12,758,729	961,688	8.5%	421,325	3.4%	56,350	0.4%

Source: U.S. Census 1960-2010 and 2010-2014 American Community Survey

Population Projections

Population projections can help the district plan efficiently for future land use and community service needs. The school district is expected to have steady population growth to 2040, adding approximately 3,400 residents. The area grows slightly by 2020 with higher population growth rates in latter decades. While all municipalities gain hundreds of residents by 2040, Cumru Township gains the most future residents – adding nearly half of them.

Population Projections									
Municipality	2010 Base	2020	2030	2040	2010-2020 # Change	2010-2030 # Change	2010-2040 # Change	Percent Growth	
Brecknock Township	4,589	4,740	4,909	5,085	151	320	496	2010-2020	3.3%
Cumru Township	15,161	15,659	16,219	16,799	498	1,058	1,638	2010-2030	7.0%
Kenhorst Borough	2,877	2,972	3,078	3,188	95	201	311	2010-2040	10.8%
Mohnton Borough	3,043	3,143	3,255	3,372	100	212	329		
Shillington Borough	5,273	5,446	5,641	5,843	173	368	570		
Governor Mifflin School District	30,943	31,960	33,102	34,287	1,017	2,159	3,344		
Berks County	411,905	425,447	440,656	456,409	13,542	28,751	44,504		

Source: Berks County Planning Commission

Population Density

The United States Census Bureau defines places “urban” as territory that has a population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile. By this definition, the three boroughs are considered urban and the townships rural. Shillington has the highest population density in the school district.

Population Density			
Municipality	Size (Sq.Mi.)	2014 Population	Density
Brecknock	17.98	4,599	255.8
Cumru	20.92	15,180	725.6
Kenhorst	0.58	2,868	4,944.8
Mohnton	0.77	3,048	3,958.4
Shillington	0.56	5,272	9,414.3
Governor Mifflin School District	40.81	30,967	758.8

Source: Berks County, U.S. Census 2010-2014 American Community Survey

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School Enrollment

Growth in the student population has been flat with only 14 net additional children in district schools since 2011. Cumru Elementary had the largest decline in enrollment, with nearly 26% less students in the building in 2015, while Brecknock Elementary grew by nearly 16%.

Enrollment by School Building 2011-2015							
Building Name	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	# Change	% Change
Brecknock Elementary	445	434	453	491	515	70	15.7%
Cumru Elementary	630	638	540	508	470	-160	-25.4%
Mifflin Park Elementary	500	554	506	479	457	-43	-8.6%
Intermediate	683	653	636	655	679	-4	-0.6%
Governor Mifflin MS	649	675	676	643	668	19	2.9%
Governor Mifflin HS	1,210	1,350	1,267	1,285	1342	132	10.9%
Total	4,117	4,304	4,078	4,061	4,131	14	0.3%

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

Households

Reflecting the general trend toward smaller families and the increasing prevalence of single parent (or even single person) households, the average size of households in the district are smaller than both county and state averages. Brecknock Township - with a PPH greater than 2.8 and low numbers of those living alone - may suggest a rise in multigenerational households – households consisting of more than two generations living under the same roof.

The school district has a lower number of overall family households than the rest of Berks County. It has more “single father” households but fewer “single mother” households. These types of households are concentrated in the boroughs. The district has a significantly higher percentage of people living alone than the rest of the County.

Households								
Municipality	Households	Population	PPH	Municipality	% Family	% MHNW	% FHNH	% Living Alone
Brecknock Township	1,640	4,599	2.8	Brecknock Township	81.2	3.5	4.9	17.4
Cumru Township	6,497	15,180	2.3	Cumru Township	61.3	3.5	9.6	32.8
Kenhorst Borough	1,208	2,868	2.4	Kenhorst Borough	66.7	7.5	9.0	26.2
Mohnton Borough	1,319	3,048	2.3	Mohnton Borough	63.9	6.1	9.8	31.0
Shillington Borough	2,220	5,272	2.4	Shillington Borough	61.0	9.2	11.9	34.9
Governor Mifflin School District	12,884	30,967	2.4	Governor Mifflin School District	66.8	6.0	9.0	28.5
Berks County	153,307	413,016	2.7	Berks County	69.1	5.2	12.3	24.7
Pennsylvania	4,940,581	12,758,729	2.6	Pennsylvania	64.6	4.4	12.0	29.6

Source: U.S. Census 2010-2014 American Community Survey

MHNW: Male Householder with family, No Wife Present

FHNH: Female Household with family, No Husband Present

Age

Age distribution is an important indicator of future population dynamics. For example, a large concentration of children could mean a coming boom of young children or a high concentration of baby boomers may suggest out-migration as people in that demographic move elsewhere after retirement.

As of 2014, the school district is generally “middle aged” as its largest age cohorts are from 45-59 years of age. The district trends younger than older overall as shown below. Overall, the district is slightly older than the rest of Berks County, largely due to the higher median ages in the townships. Shillington is the youngest with a median age of 38 years driven by a large proportion of children between the ages of 5-9. Brecknock Township is the oldest with a median age of 45, due in part to the large number of residents in the 55-59 cohort. We note that the district appears to be attractive to parents with children while “boomers” tend to leave the district upon retirement age.

Age Composition								
Age Group	Brecknock	Cumru	Kenhorst	Mohnton	Shillington	GMSD	Berks	PA
Under 5 years	5.0	4.6	6.5	6.3	5.4	5.6	6.0	5.6
5 to 9 years	6.2	5.5	3.3	5.2	11.2	6.3	6.3	5.9
10 to 14 years	7.2	5.4	5.4	7.9	6	6.4	6.8	6.1
15 to 19 years	7.2	6.1	4.7	6.5	4.9	5.9	7.4	6.8
20 to 24 years	5.0	6.0	7.5	5.9	3.5	5.6	6.8	6.9
25 to 29 years	3.3	5.0	5.5	5	4.3	4.6	5.8	6.4
30 to 34 years	4.7	4.7	8.9	6	8.9	6.6	5.7	6.0
35 to 39 years	4.9	6.0	3.9	7.5	7.1	5.9	5.6	5.8
40 to 44 years	5.4	7.0	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.8	6.4
45 to 49 years	9.5	7.4	9	9.3	7.5	8.5	7.4	7.1
50 to 54 years	9.3	6.9	8.3	6.5	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.6
55 to 59 years	12.6	7.6	7.1	10.3	4.8	8.5	6.8	7.2
60 to 64 years	5.4	6.0	5	4.2	2.1	4.5	5.9	6.2
65 to 69 years	2.9	5.4	3.8	3.6	6.4	4.4	4.6	4.8
70 to 74 years	3.3	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.5
75 to 79 years	4.0	4.1	5.6	3.8	5.9	4.7	2.7	2.8
80 to 84 years	2.2	4.4	3.3	0.7	3.2	2.8	2.3	2.4
85 years +	1.9	4.2	2.1	1.2	0.8	2.0	2.2	2.5
Median Age	45.4	44.8	42.9	39.8	38	42.2	39.7	40

Source: U.S. Census 2010-2014 American Community Survey

Race

As of 2014, approximately 87% of the district is white, with Hispanic/Latino at 8% and Black at 2%. In regards to minority populations specifically, Kenhorst has the largest black population, Shillington; Hispanic or Latino, Cumru; American Indian, and Brecknock; Asian.

Racial Composition								
Race	Brecknock	Cumru	Kenhorst	Mohnton	Shillington	GMSD	Berks	PA
White	91.6	84.7	83.8	88.7	84.6	86.7	75.4	78.5
Black	0.2	1.7	6.5	2.3	0.0	2.1	4.1	10.5
Hispanic or Latino	1.2	9.8	9.2	5.9	13.5	7.9	17.6	6.1
American Indian	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.1
Asian	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8	1.5	1.3	2.9
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Some Other Race	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Two or More Races	1.1	0.6	0.5	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.6

Source: U.S. Census 2010-2014 American Community Survey

Poverty

In 2014, Berks County has the highest overall poverty rate of the surrounding six counties and presently exceeds the state poverty rate. The poverty rate in the school district is much lower and below both the county and state averages. Highest overall poverty is in Kenhorst and the lowest in Brecknock Township. Family and “single mother” poverty is highest in Mohnton, but below state and county levels. Shillington has the highest rate of elderly poverty and it exceeds state and county levels.

Poverty Composition				
Municipality	Overall Poverty Level	Families	FHNHP	Elderly
Brecknock Township	3.7	2.6	22.2	4.9
Cumru Township	6.3	2.7	13.5	7.4
Kenhorst Borough	12.2	4.2	9.2	7.1
Mohnton Borough	8.6	9.0	27.9	5.3
Shillington Borough	7.7	4.9	9.5	10.2
Governor Mifflin School District	7.7	4.7	16.5	7.0
Berks County	14.3	10.4	35.4	7
Pennsylvania	13.5	9.3	29.1	8.3

Source: U.S. Census 2010-2014 American Community Survey
 FHNHP: Female Household with family, No Husband Present

Free/Reduced Lunch Enrollment by School/School District

Another indicator of poverty is examining enrollment in the free/reduced lunch program at school. Children from families with incomes at or below 130% of the poverty level, and children in families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and children in families receiving food stamp benefits are eligible for free lunches. Children in families whose income is between 130% and 185% of the poverty level are eligible for reduced price lunches.

In 2015, the highest enrollment in the program is in Cumru and Mifflin Park elementary schools.

Percent Free/Reduced Lunch Enrollment by School Building: 2015						
Building Name	Enrollment	Free Eligible	Reduced Eligible	% Free Enrollment	% Reduced Enrollment	% Free / Reduced Enrollment
Brecknock Elementary	515	151	20	29.3	3.9	33.2
Cumru Elementary	470	183	33	38.9	7.0	46.0
Mifflin Park Elementary	457	173	34	37.9	7.4	45.3
Governor Mifflin MS	668	210	45	31.4	6.7	38.2
Intermediate School	679	215	42	31.7	6.2	37.8
Governor Mifflin HS	1342	383	66	28.5	4.9	33.5
Total	4,131	1,315	240	31.8	5.8	37.6

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education - Division of Food and Nutrition, National School Lunch Program (NSLP), 2015 data

Overall, the Governor Mifflin School District ranks 7th out of all county school districts in students enrolled in the program. While below both county and state averages, the school district has seen a 28% increase in enrollment in this program since 2011 and is now in the top 1/3 of all County school districts in terms of program enrollment.

Percent Free/Reduced Lunch Enrollment by School District: 2015	
School District	2015
I-Lead Charter School	100
Reading School District	100
Antietam School District	51.6
Muhlenberg School District	51.5
Hamburg Area School District	41.7
Tulpehocken Area School District	38.8
Governor Mifflin School District	37.6
Berks Career and Technology Center	37.5
Wyomissing Area School District	32.6
Conrad Weiser Area School District	30.7
Upper Perkiomen Area School District	30.6
Brandywine Heights Area School District	30
Schuylkill Valley School District	28.8
Wilson School District	28.3
Twin Valley School District	27.8
Daniel Boone Area School District	27
Fleetwood Area School District	25.9
Boyertown Area School District	25.8
Kutztown Area School District	25.4
Oley Valley School District	24.8
Exeter Township School District	14.6
Berks County Average	38.6
Pennsylvania Average	50.4

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education - Division of Food and Nutrition, National School Lunch Program (NSLP), 2015 data

Veterans

The district has nearly 2,800 veterans of the nearly 30,000 in Berks County - with the majority serving during the Vietnam War era. Shillington has the most veterans from recent conflicts while Cumru has the highest concentration of World War II veterans.

Veteran Composition							
Period of Service	Brecknock	Cumru	Kenhorst	Mohnton	Shillington	GMSD	Berks
Gulf War (9/2001 or later) veterans	5.0	10.7	9.8	2.3	14.9	8.5	7.4
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001) veterans	6.6	13.8	8.1	2.0	21.8	10.5	11.6
Vietnam era veterans	30.7	27.4	18.2	35.8	14.6	25.3	33.7
Korean War veterans	26.2	16.5	19.3	3.3	26.4	18.3	14.4
World War II veterans	7.9	13.5	8.4	6.2	5.9	8.4	9.3
Total Veterans	378	1,360	285	307	458	2,788	29,256

Source: U.S. Census 2010-2014 American Community Survey

EMPLOYMENT

The economic structure of the district is characterized by its diversity of employment, with healthcare, manufacturing, and retail trade accounting for the vast majority of jobs. Over the last several decades, however, there has been a gradual shift in the district's economic structure that mirrors national trends of becoming more service-based and less manufacturing-oriented. District employment in manufacturing fell significantly during the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, reflecting contractions and closings of large establishments in the County, foreign competition, and changing technology.

Today, the school district has relatively low unemployment overall and only slightly above county and state averages. As of 2014, Kenhorst had the highest unemployment in the district.

Employment Composition			
Municipality	In Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed
Brecknock Township	70.6	66.3	6.1
Cumru Township	65.1	61.8	5.1
Kenhorst Borough	64.5	59.6	7.5
Mohnton Borough	75.5	71.7	5.1
Shillington Borough	71.5	68.0	5.0
Governor Mifflin School District	69.4	65.5	5.8
Berks County	65.8	60.3	5.5
Pennsylvania	62.9	58.1	4.8

Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey 2010-2014, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment Flows

The school district is "labor balanced" in that; the number of workers who enter the school district to work matches the number of workers that leave to work elsewhere. Cumru Township and Shillington Borough are the major job centers in the district. Most residents have employment less than 10 miles from home.

Worker Flow			
Municipality	In to Work	Staying to Work	Out to Work
Brecknock Township	263	74	2,276
Cumru Township	5,557	458	6,988
Kenhorst Borough	643	28	1,531
Mohnton Borough	443	43	1,532
Shillington Borough	8,065	301	2,569
Governor Mifflin School District	14,971	904	14,896

Source: U.S. Census LEHD, 2014

Commute to Work				
Municipality	Less than 10	10 to 24	25 to 50	50 +
Brecknock Township	54.2	24.7	13.2	7.9
Cumru Township	59.6	16.5	15.5	8.4
Kenhorst Borough	64.1	14.0	14.6	7.2
Mohnton Borough	63.4	16.8	13.6	6.3
Shillington Borough	62.8	14.7	15.6	6.9
Governor Mifflin School District	60.8	17.3	14.5	7.3

Source: U.S. Census LEHD, 2014

Employment Profile

The 15,800 employed residents in the district have a lot in common when it comes to the types of jobs they have. In all five municipalities, the majority of workers are between the ages of 30-54, with more older workers (age 55 and above) than younger (29 or younger.) Most make in excess of \$40,000 per year annually in salary. Most work in health care but both manufacturing and retail remain strong employment sectors.

Type	Resident Employer Profile - Workers 16 and Older											
	Brecknock		Cumru		Kenhorst		Mohnton		Shillington		GMSD	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Age 29 or younger	488	20.8%	1,676	22.5%	327	21.0%	344	21.8%	595	20.7%	3,430	21.7%
Age 30 to 54	1,163	49.5%	3,796	51.0%	885	56.8%	803	51.0%	1,580	55.1%	8,227	52.1%
Age 55 or older	699	29.7%	1,974	26.5%	347	22.3%	428	27.2%	695	24.2%	4,143	26.2%
\$1,250 per month or less (\$15,000 annually)	478	20.3%	1,672	22.5%	353	22.6%	327	20.8%	654	22.8%	3,484	22.1%
\$1,251 to \$3,333 per month (\$15,000-\$40,000 annually)	735	31.3%	2,290	30.8%	541	34.7%	530	33.7%	935	32.6%	5,031	31.8%
More than \$3,333 per month (\$40,000 +)	1,137	48.4%	3,484	46.8%	665	42.7%	718	45.6%	1,281	44.6%	7,285	46.1%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	19	0.8%	35	0.5%	7	0.4%	7	0.4%	10	0.3%	78	0.5%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	8	0.3%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	5	0.2%	21	0.1%
Utilities	8	0.3%	34	0.5%	8	0.5%	8	0.5%	25	0.9%	83	0.5%
Construction	135	5.7%	314	4.2%	54	3.5%	76	4.8%	109	3.8%	688	4.4%
Manufacturing	373	15.9%	1,114	15.0%	293	18.8%	263	16.7%	415	14.5%	2,458	15.6%
Wholesale Trade	112	4.8%	315	4.2%	59	3.8%	65	4.1%	148	5.2%	699	4.4%
Retail Trade	274	11.7%	800	10.7%	156	10.0%	175	11.1%	310	10.8%	1,715	10.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	97	4.1%	238	3.2%	47	3.0%	34	2.2%	87	3.0%	503	3.2%
Information	25	1.1%	91	1.2%	12	0.8%	13	0.8%	41	1.4%	182	1.2%
Finance and Insurance	67	2.9%	263	3.5%	58	3.7%	41	2.6%	107	3.7%	536	3.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	27	1.1%	75	1.0%	14	0.9%	18	1.1%	26	0.9%	160	1.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	131	5.6%	411	5.5%	63	4.0%	84	5.3%	117	4.1%	806	5.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	75	3.2%	264	3.5%	49	3.1%	49	3.1%	106	3.7%	543	3.4%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation	131	5.6%	405	5.4%	99	6.4%	65	4.1%	160	5.6%	860	5.4%
Educational Services	206	8.8%	688	9.2%	128	8.2%	159	10.1%	262	9.1%	1,443	9.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	383	16.3%	1,395	18.7%	290	18.6%	275	17.5%	560	19.5%	2,903	18.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	23	1.0%	91	1.2%	12	0.8%	23	1.5%	35	1.2%	184	1.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	146	6.2%	453	6.1%	106	6.8%	88	5.6%	178	6.2%	971	6.1%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	72	3.1%	224	3.0%	44	2.8%	70	4.4%	85	3.0%	495	3.1%
Public Administration	38	1.6%	230	3.1%	60	3.8%	60	3.8%	84	2.9%	472	3.0%

Source: U.S. Census LEHD, 2014

Hours Worked

In comparison to pre-recession levels, residents (age 16-64) work fewer hours today than they did. Declines in hours worked could be due to retirements, underemployment or unemployment. Full time employment is defined as working 35 hours or more per week. Overall, Berks County has seen decline in hours worked, with sharp declines in full time employment hours and substantial increases in “part time” employment and “no employment.” Residents in Mohnton now work fewer hours per week than county and state levels.

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Mean Usual Hours Worked				
Municipality	2009	2014	Difference	% Change
Brecknock Township	39.7	39.2	-0.5	-1.3%
Cumru Township	39.3	38.6	-0.7	-1.8%
Kenhorst Borough	39.8	38.2	-1.6	-4.0%
Mohnton Borough	39.6	38	-1.6	-4.0%
Shillington Borough	39.6	40	0.4	1.0%
Governor Mifflin School District	39.6	38.8	-0.8	-2.0%
Berks County	38.8	38.1	-0.7	-1.8%
Pennsylvania	38.6	38.1	-0.5	-1.3%

Source: U.S. Census, 2005-2009 and 2006-2014 American Community Survey

Incomes

In 2014, the median household income was \$60,209 and most households in the district have incomes in the range of \$50,000-\$75,000. Although incomes in Governor Mifflin are higher than both Berks County and state wide, they have declined over 7% overall and the rate of decline is greater than the county and state. Brecknock Township saw the most substantial decrease in household income since 2009. The median incomes in Mohnton and Kenhorst are below both the county and state levels and Shillington is below the county average.

Income Distribution								
Income Group	Brecknock	Cumru	Kenhorst	Mohnton	Shillington	GMSD	Berks	PA
Less than \$10,000	3.5	5.1	3.2	3.2	3.7	3.7	6.0	7.0
\$10,000 to \$14,999	0.6	5.2	1.6	5.2	2.9	3.1	4.9	5.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	5.8	8.7	10.3	11.1	13.1	9.8	10.5	10.8
\$25,000 to \$34,999	6.0	6.9	5.0	10.2	16.0	8.8	10.0	10.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	12.7	13.4	24.5	18.6	10.1	15.9	13.5	13.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	17.0	22.1	30.4	17.4	25.7	22.5	19.8	18.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14.9	12.9	16.6	9.6	10.5	12.9	13.6	12.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	23.5	15.2	5.9	12.7	11.5	13.8	13.7	12.9
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9.8	4.5	2.6	4.9	3.6	5.1	4.6	4.7
\$200,000 or more	6.2	5.8	0.0	7.2	2.9	4.4	3.4	4.4
Median Income	\$80,588	\$60,105	\$53,362	\$51,895	\$55,097	\$60,209	\$55,798	\$53,115

Source: U.S. Census, 2006-2014 American Community Survey

Median Household Incomes			
Municipality	2009	2014	% Change
Brecknock Township	\$91,944	\$80,588	-12.4%
Cumru Township	\$66,983	\$60,105	-10.3%
Kenhorst Borough	\$53,878	\$53,362	-1.0%
Mohnton Borough	\$52,555	\$51,895	-1.3%
Shillington Borough	\$59,296	\$55,097	-7.1%
Governor Mifflin School District	\$64,931	\$60,209	-7.3%
Berks County	\$58,795	\$55,798	-5.1%
Pennsylvania	\$54,007	\$53,115	-1.7%

Source: U.S. Census, 2005-2009 and 2006-2014 American Community Survey

HOUSING

The district has a stable housing stock with over 96% of housing units occupied. Despite the district having three boroughs and an urban township, the district’s housing stock is nearly 60% single-family dwellings. Apartments appear to be concentrated solely in Cumru Township.

The housing stock is starting to get old with the majority constructed before 1979. The district has added very little housing since 2010. The median value of housing in the district is \$170,160 and the majority of the housing is at or below the median, which suggest the district has affordable housing opportunities. Brecknock Township has the highest median value (\$233,800) and Kenhorst Borough the lowest (\$129,500).

Housing Profile												
Type	Brecknock		Cumru		Kenhorst		Mohnton		Shillington		GMSD	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Occupied housing units	1,640	96.4%	6,497	94.5%	1,208	97.7%	1,319	97.1%	2,220	100.0%	12,884	96.2%
Vacant housing units	61	3.6%	381	5.5%	29	2.3%	40	2.9%	0	0.0%	511	3.8%
1-unit, detached	1,577	92.7%	3,682	53.5%	843	68.1%	749	55.1%	1,092	49.2%	7,943	59.3%
1-unit, attached	0	0.0%	1,120	16.3%	292	23.6%	231	17.0%	727	32.7%	2,370	17.7%
2 units	9	0.5%	105	1.5%	75	6.1%	81	6.0%	223	10.0%	493	3.7%
3 or 4 units	29	1.7%	80	1.2%	27	2.2%	123	9.1%	140	6.3%	399	3.0%
5 to 9 units	28	1.6%	413	6.0%	0	0.0%	111	8.2%	38	1.7%	590	4.4%
10 to 19 units	0	0.0%	571	8.3%	0	0.0%	42	3.1%	0	0.0%	613	4.6%
20 or more units	0	0.0%	845	12.3%	0	0.0%	12	0.9%	0	0.0%	857	6.4%
Mobile home	58	3.4%	62	0.9%	0	0.0%	10	0.7%	0	0.0%	130	1.0%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Built 2010 or later	0	0.0%	10	0.1%	0	0.0%	7	0.5%	0	0.0%	17	0.1%
Built 2000 to 2009	221	13.0%	736	10.7%	27	2.2%	111	8.2%	25	1.1%	1,120	8.4%
Built 1990 to 1999	433	25.5%	530	7.7%	8	0.6%	158	11.6%	67	3.0%	1,196	8.9%
Built 1980 to 1989	286	16.8%	1,233	17.9%	18	1.5%	151	11.1%	0	0.0%	1,688	12.6%
Built 1970 to 1979	211	12.4%	1,903	27.7%	95	7.7%	192	14.1%	80	3.6%	2,481	18.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	163	9.6%	621	9.0%	218	17.6%	63	4.6%	300	13.5%	1,365	10.2%
Built 1950 to 1959	111	6.5%	788	11.5%	228	18.4%	58	4.3%	330	14.9%	1,515	11.3%
Built 1940 to 1949	119	7.0%	306	4.4%	219	17.7%	85	6.3%	235	10.6%	964	7.2%
Built 1939 or earlier	157	9.2%	751	10.9%	424	34.3%	534	39.3%	1,183	53.3%	3,049	22.8%
Less than \$50,000	16	1.1%	89	2.1%	21	2.1%	20	2.1%	38	2.3%	184	1.4%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	51	3.4%	317	7.5%	147	14.7%	140	15.0%	131	8.0%	786	5.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	177	11.6%	837	19.8%	562	56.1%	261	27.9%	723	44.2%	2,560	19.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	276	18.1%	1,227	29.0%	202	20.2%	181	19.4%	395	24.1%	2,281	17.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	552	36.3%	1,095	25.9%	58	5.8%	248	26.5%	311	19.0%	2,264	16.9%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	398	26.1%	504	11.9%	12	1.2%	71	7.6%	38	2.3%	1,023	7.6%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	52	3.4%	131	3.1%	0	0.0%	7	0.7%	0	0.0%	190	1.4%
\$1,000,000 or more	0	0.0%	33	0.8%	0	0.0%	7	0.7%	0	0.0%	40	0.3%
Median (dollars)	\$233,800		\$181,700		\$129,500		\$160,300		\$145,500		\$170,160	

Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey 2010-2014

Housing Owner Profile

Nearly 73% of district residents own their home – and in all five municipalities – the majority of residents have moved there since 2000.

Owner Profile												
Type	Brecknock		Cumru		Kenhorst		Mohnton		Shillington		GMSD	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Owner-occupied	1,522	92.8%	4,233	65.2%	1,002	82.9%	935	70.9%	1,636	73.7%	9,328	72.4%
Renter-occupied	118	7.2%	2,264	34.8%	206	17.1%	384	29.1%	584	26.3%	3,556	27.6%
Moved in 2010 or later	99	6.0%	1,352	20.8%	220	18.2%	196	14.9%	527	23.7%	2,394	18.6%
Moved in 2000 to 2009	638	38.9%	2,614	40.2%	434	35.9%	543	41.2%	776	35.0%	5,005	38.8%
Moved in 1990 to 1999	440	26.8%	1,165	17.9%	206	17.1%	223	16.9%	365	16.4%	2,399	18.6%
Moved in 1980 to 1989	194	11.8%	636	9.8%	101	8.4%	178	13.5%	174	7.8%	1,283	10.0%
Moved in 1970 to 1979	107	6.5%	323	5.0%	81	6.7%	102	7.7%	144	6.5%	757	5.9%
Moved in 1969 or earlier	162	9.9%	407	6.3%	166	13.7%	77	5.8%	234	10.5%	1,046	8.1%



feedback drives planning

Economic development is the top priority for community members within the Governor Mifflin School District. Results of a recent survey by the Governor Mifflin Area Coordinating Council (GMACC) polled residents of Kenhorst, Shillington, and Mohnton Boroughs as well as Cumru and Brecknock Townships. The survey found that the majority of residents want to see more businesses move into the region.

More than 1,100 people responded to the survey, which was sent out in May. The GMACC, made up of representatives from the five area municipalities and the Governor Mifflin School District, will use the results to formulate a comprehensive plan for the region. That plan is slated for completion in early 2017.

More than half of respondents said that the Governor Mifflin region needs to attract new businesses to help reduce the tax burden on residents. Likewise, nearly a quarter of survey participants felt that the number of vacant commercial buildings in the area ranked as the biggest issue facing the region.

The survey asked residents to compare their perception of the quality of education at Governor Mifflin School District versus that of the quality of education in the United States. The vast majority gave Governor Mifflin a “B” grade, while grading the education across the country as a “C”.

Results also showed that residents believe there is a strong correlation between Governor Mifflin’s overall academic performance and property values throughout the district.

“It’s on all of us, as an entire community, to be invested in the success of our school district because there is a connection between school district performance and real estate value,” said Dr. Steve Gerhard, Governor Mifflin Superintendent.

Gerhard and School Board member Jennifer Murray represent Governor Mifflin on the GMACC. He believes the joint effort of the group is key to the overall prosperity of the region.

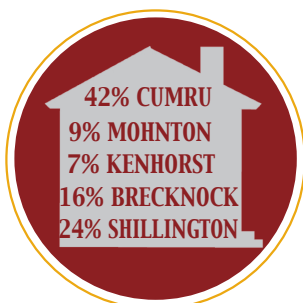
“By being together at the table and planning our futures in a comprehensive and collaborative way, we stand to see much more success because we can support each other.”

“There is so much more potential to engage our entire Governor Mifflin community when we work together, rather than as separate entities.”

DR. STEVE GERHARD

SURVEY SNAPSHOT Based on 1,196 total responses

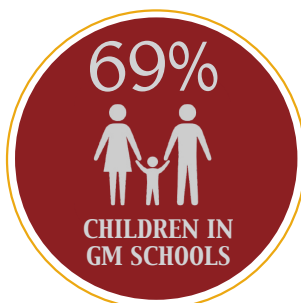
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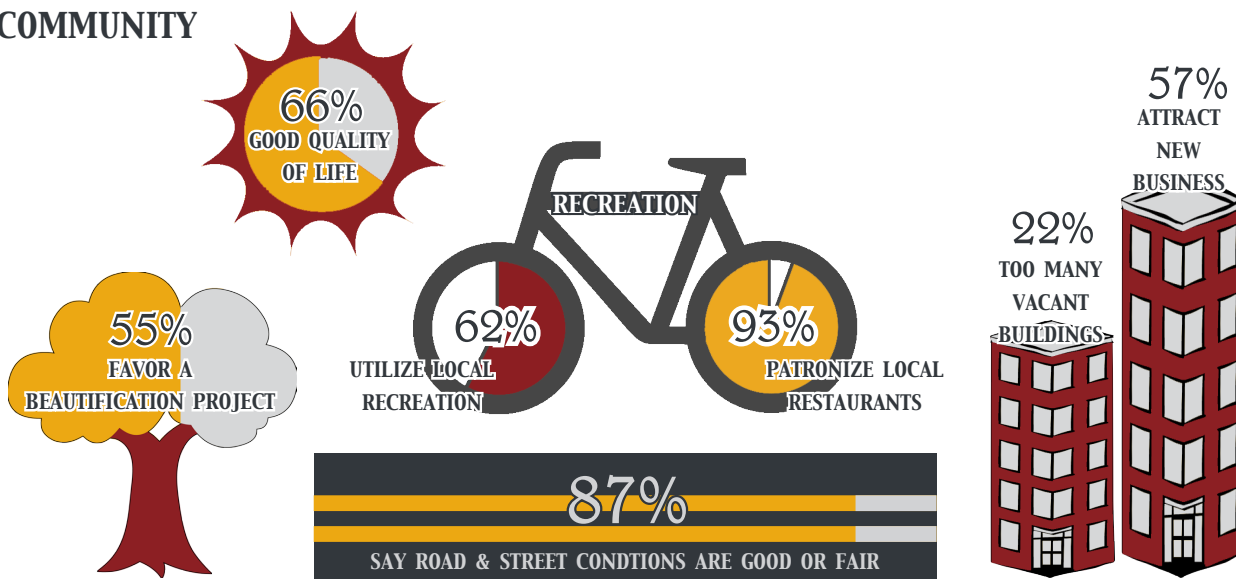


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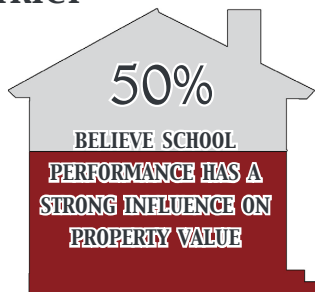


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COMMUNITY



SCHOOL DISTRICT



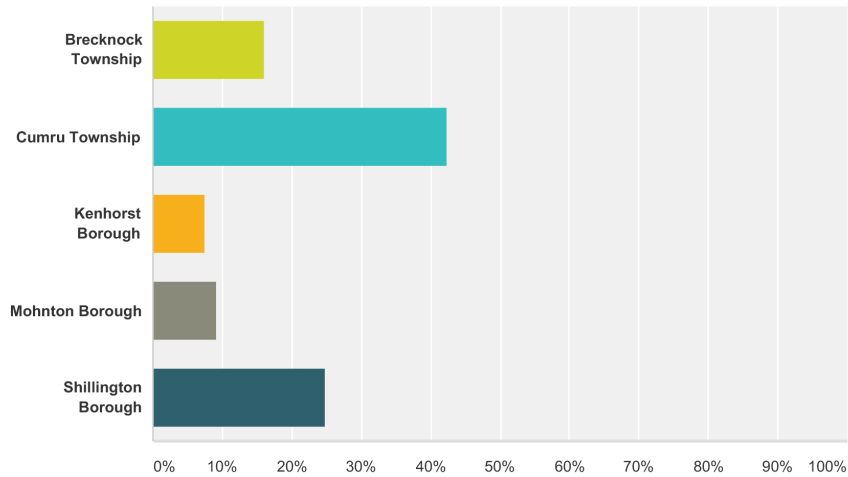


**JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
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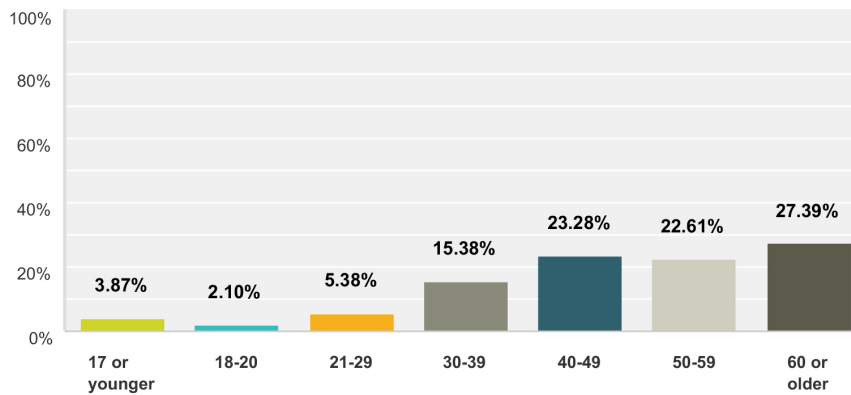
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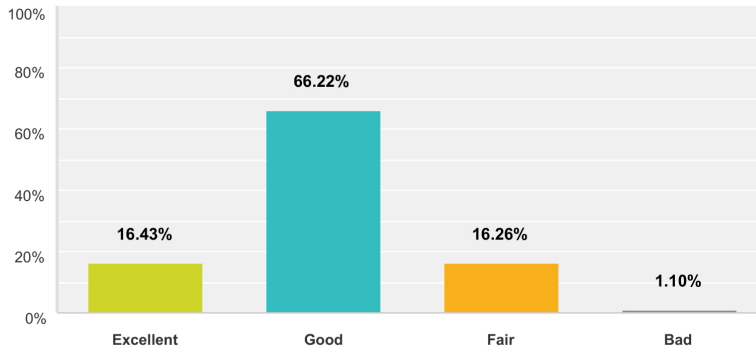


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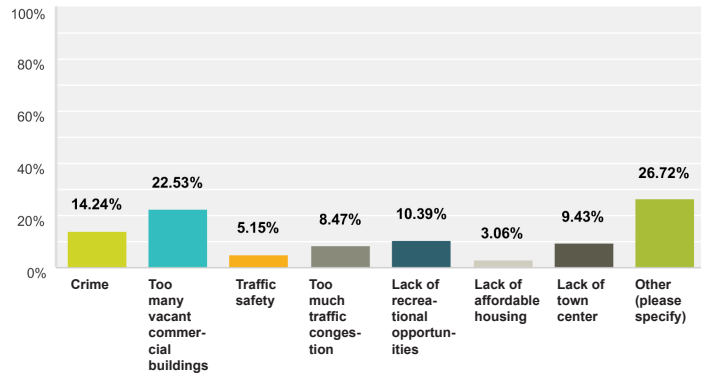
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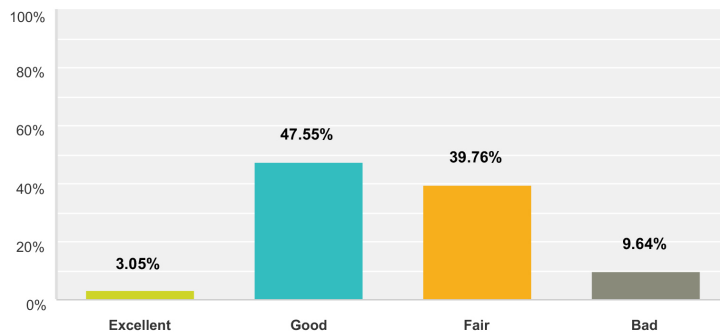
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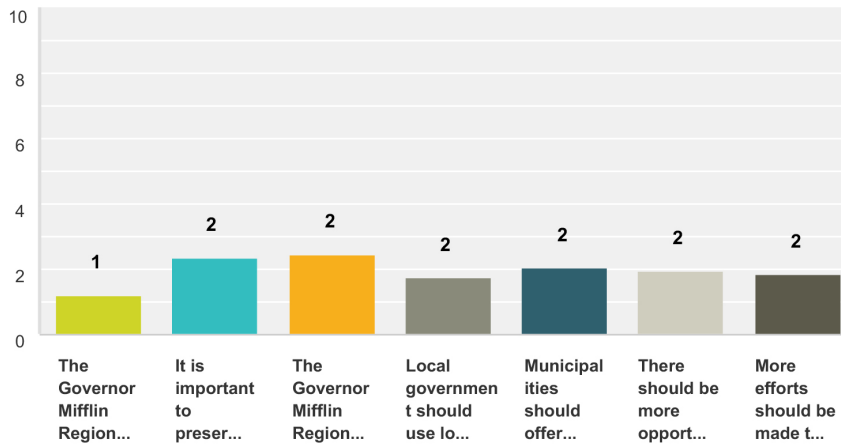


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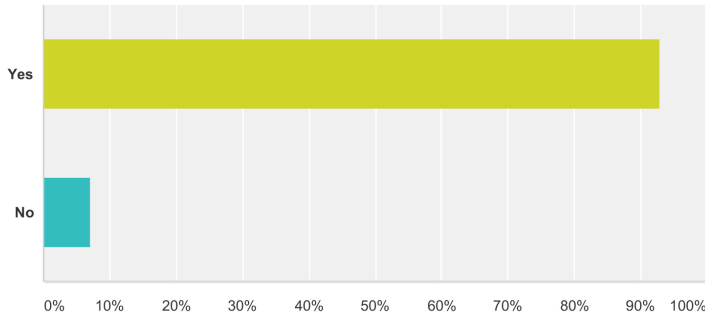


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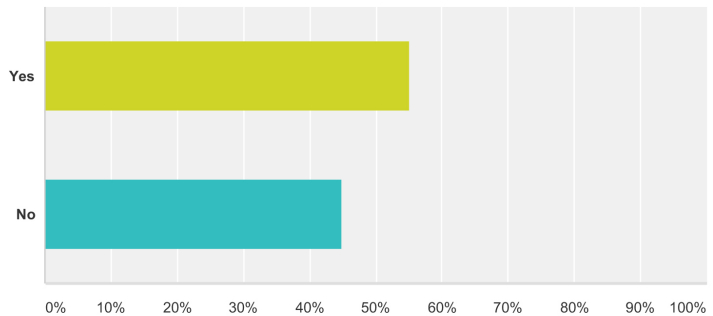
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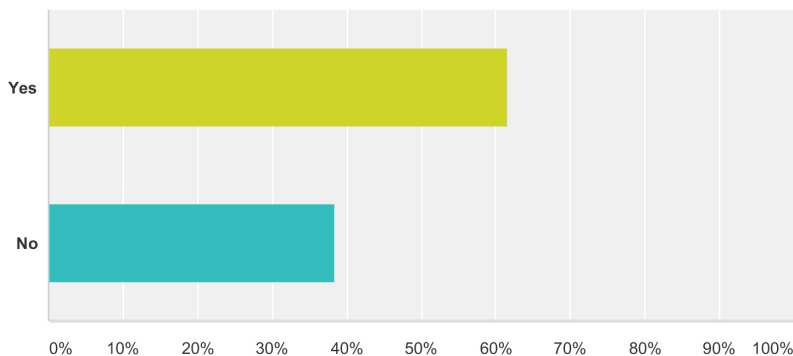
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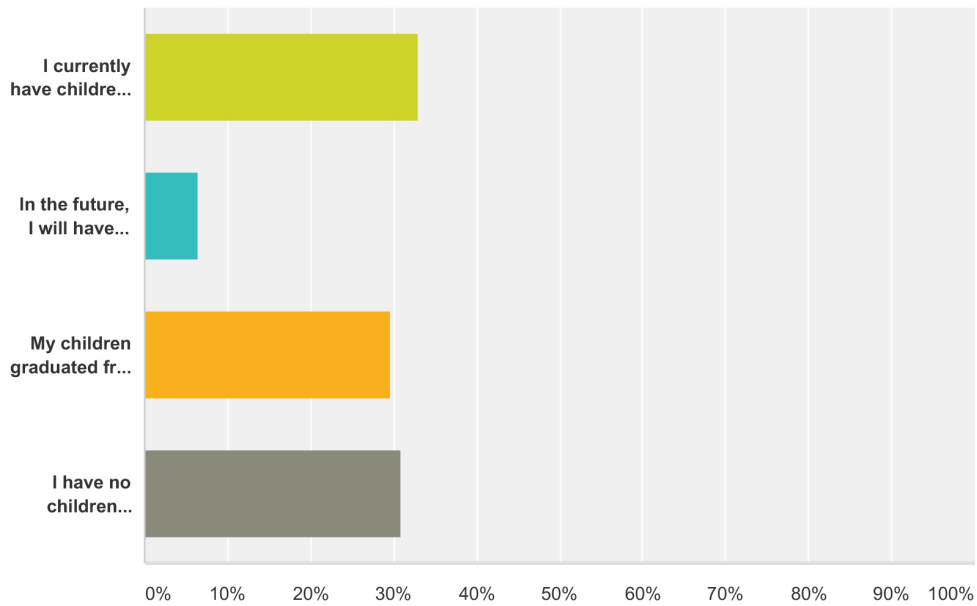


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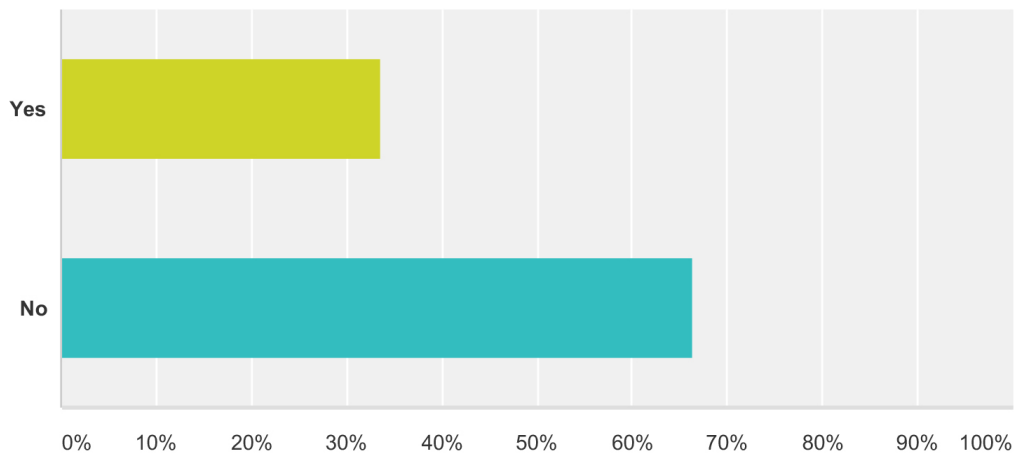
Q11 Please select one of the following:

Answered: 1,113 Skipped: 83



Q12 Are you a Governor Mifflin graduate?

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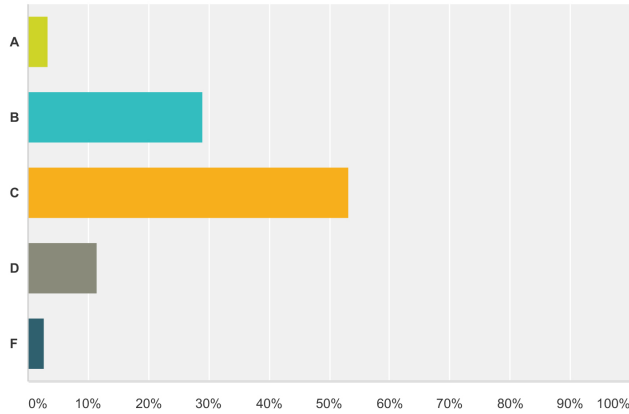


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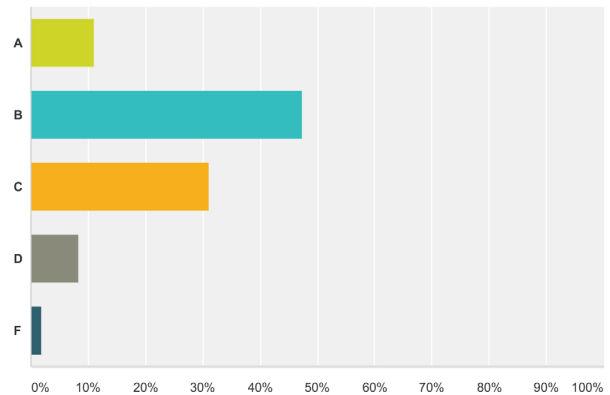
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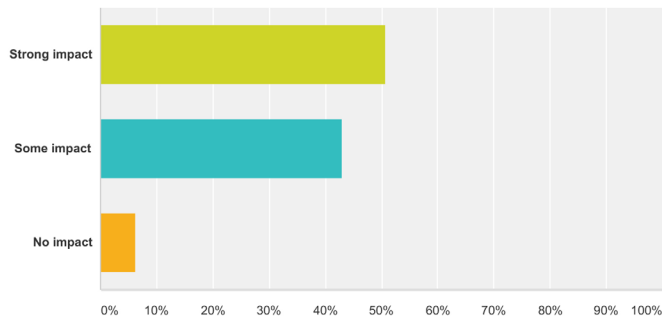
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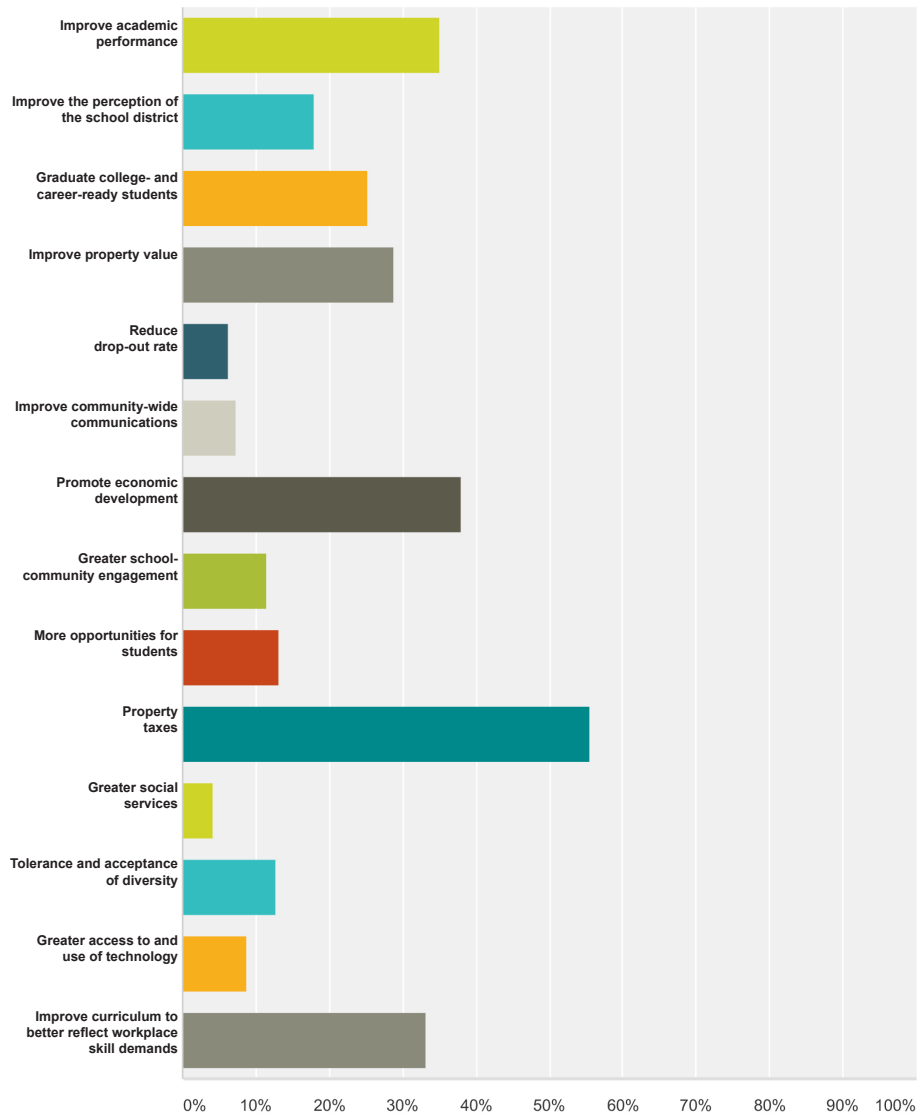


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GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Q20 Based upon your knowledge of our local community, economy, and schools, please choose the three highest priorities that you believe must be addressed in the near future.

Answered: 1,107 Skipped: 89



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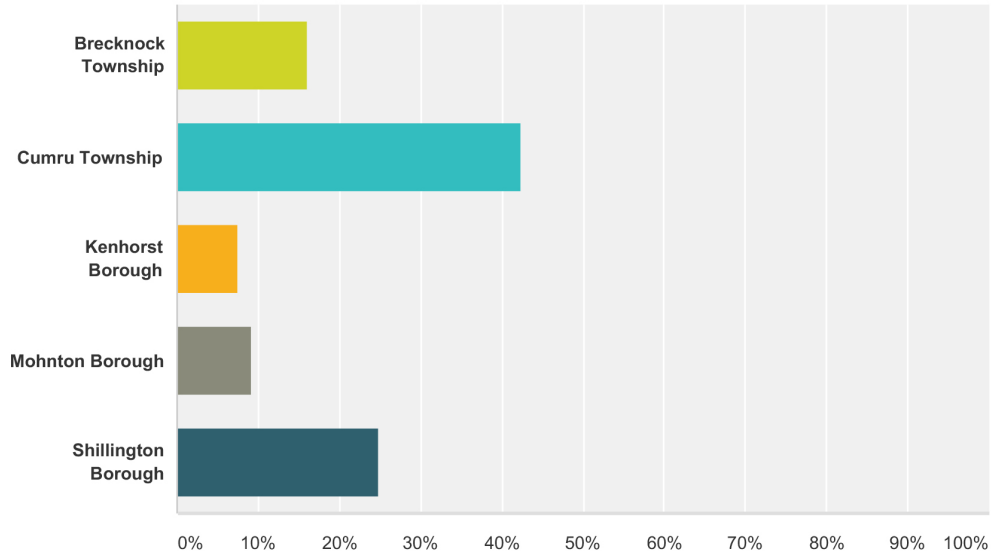


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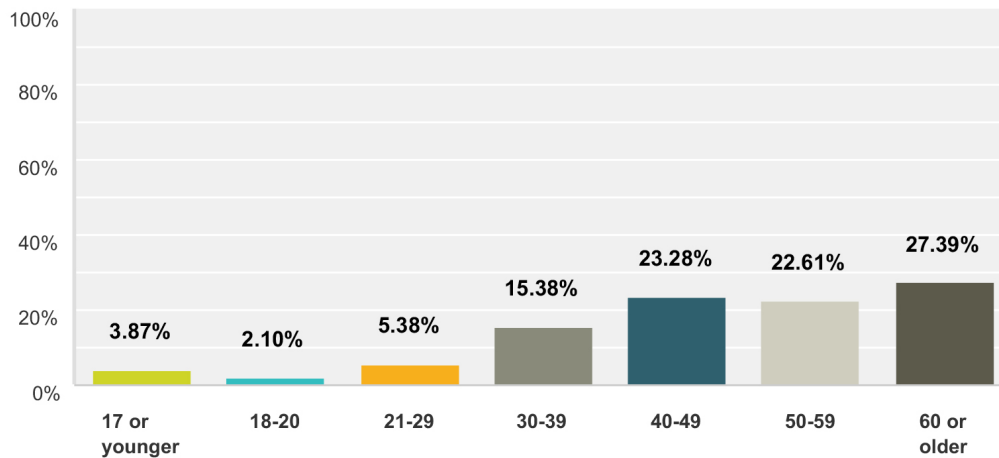
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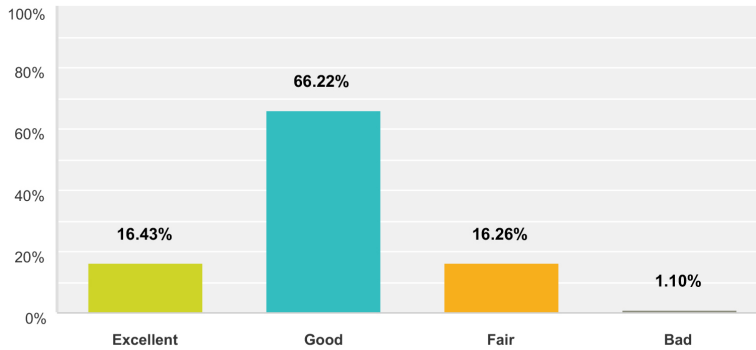


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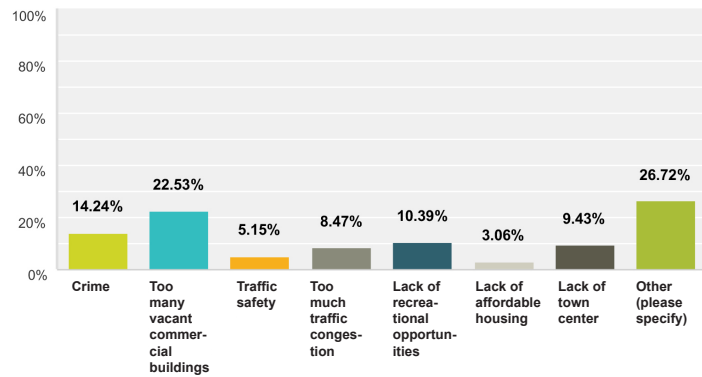
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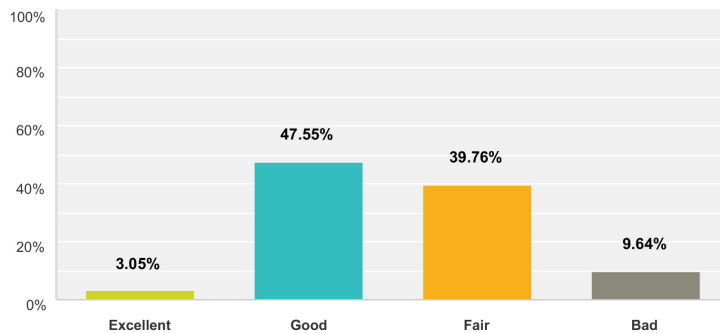
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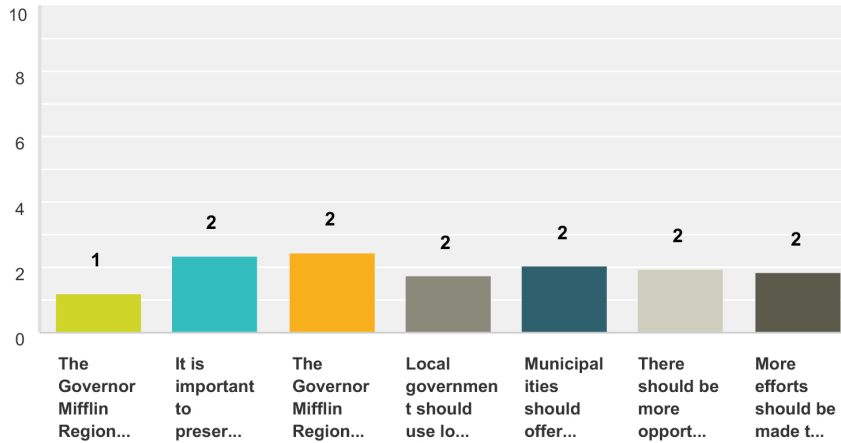


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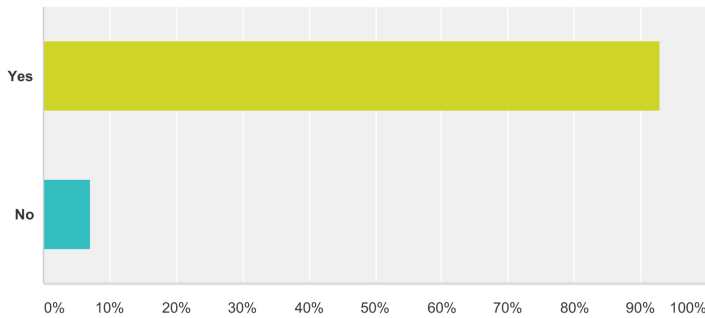


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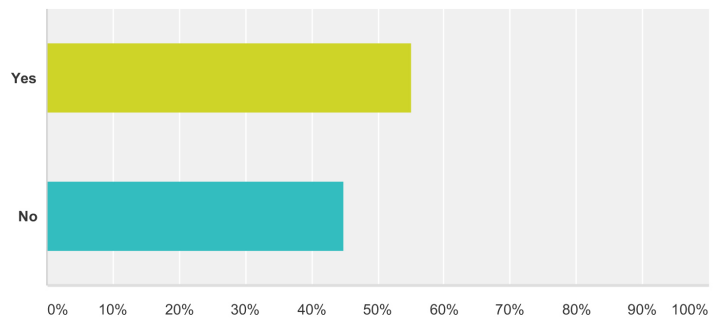
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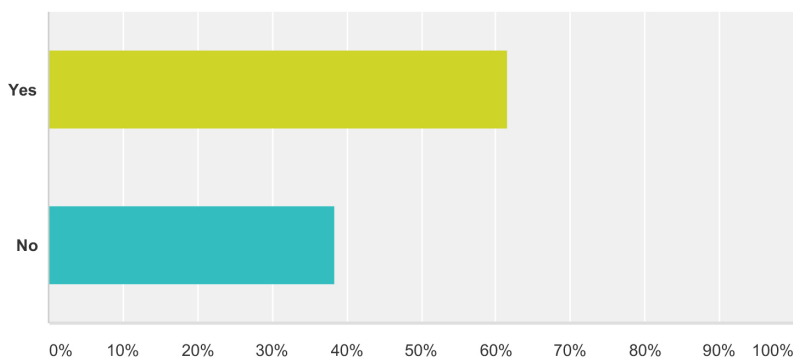
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Q10 Please add any additional comments/concerns you may have regarding your community.

Answered: 359 Skipped: 837

#	Responses	Date
1	lower property taxes, actually do decent road work, enforce speed limits on back country roads	6/29/2016 9:18 PM
2	I noticed too often the trash in the gutters and homes with lawns that are overgrown !	6/28/2016 10:16 AM
3	GM has become a stagnant community with a school system that has been declining over time. There should be an effort to decrease government funded housing and prevent landlords from entering the community who have no vested interest. It is slowly beginning to resemble the city of Reading.	6/28/2016 6:20 AM
4	Nice just the way it is.	6/27/2016 7:30 PM
5	School property taxes need to be ABOLISHED!!!!!! The Governor Mifflin school board keeps raising them every year. When does it end??? I have to borrow money to pay them. Anyone who continues to raise property taxes should be voted out of office!!!!	6/26/2016 7:39 PM
6	We have lived in the Governor Mifflin community for 33 years and our children went to GM schools. I have few complaints or issues with the roads, services, businesses, schools, recreational opportunities, and neighborhoods in the GM community. It has been and is a beautiful and nice place to live. My concern has always been the quality of education our children are receiving, not only in GM, but in all public schools. Our children received a great education from GM overall, but there were some issues of great concern while they were attending GM. Since I don't have children in GM, I have not been involved in education issues lately.	6/26/2016 7:16 PM
7	Taxes are negatively impacting growth and the ability of people to remain in their homes.	6/26/2016 5:37 PM
8	I live near a vacant building that now has graffiti on it. It really hurts the property values. I wish there was something that could be done about it. I like living here but fear the area is going downhill.	6/25/2016 7:49 PM
9	Property and school Taxes are too high and the State needs to eliminate property taxes for a flat tax or consumption tax.	6/25/2016 10:45 AM
10	Need to draw business to the area and use existing building instead of building more. This would help to keep OUR TAXES DOWN..TAXES KEEP GOING UP BUT OUR INCOMES DO NOT. EVERYONE ONE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY TAXES.	6/24/2016 9:30 PM

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12	Roads need to include lanes for walking & biking & public transportation needs to be a priority. These are essential for building community rather than focusing on the insular car mentality.	6/24/2016 1:26 PM
13	Skunks. How to get rid of them. I see them when I am walking, can't keep windows open on cool nights. They stink up the neighborhood.	6/24/2016 1:20 PM
14	There should be regional management of all services (shared series) including educational services.	6/24/2016 7:26 AM
15	Homeowners need to be reminded to keep their property respectable looking. If there's renters in the property, remind their respective tenants.	6/23/2016 10:20 PM
16	students should not walk against the traffic lights just to make a point. Vehicles always had the right of way not people walking out in front or in between the cars.	6/23/2016 9:27 PM
17	I would be a great idea to have a location designated where local farmers could sell locally grown produce. Thank you. Sorry that this was not one of the questions on your survey, and thank you for the opportunity to comment and make local farm produce a "write-in" concern.	6/23/2016 4:12 PM
18	People generally drive too fast in residential areas and I don't really see this being addressed.	6/23/2016 3:43 PM
19	- I am concerned about the number of rental properties that Shillington is getting to, I think it is a big contributor to the changing demographics that we are seeing.	6/23/2016 1:36 PM
20	Taxes are hard for us, we have financial hardship. We are grateful for the tax assistance but feel something must be done not just for us. People are being taxed out of their houses who are on a fixed income and this should not happen. Also, for some reason homes are not selling fast or well in Mohnton. Doesn't help the borough financially. Why this is occurring is beyond us. We have seen our neighbors take a year to sell their house and a house on the market over 2-3 years. This is an absolutely lovely place to live. That is a problem for our borough that must change. Beautiful space, low crime, easy access to roads and shopping, what is the issue?	6/23/2016 1:29 PM
21	I am a mother of a special needs child who enjoys taking my child to the local playgrounds, however she has outgrown the traditional baby support swing. I would like to see at least one full support swing installed at each playground. I am confident that my child is not the only child in the district that would utilize such playground equipment. Thank you!	6/23/2016 9:51 AM
22	Creating a downtown atmosphere is nice but not a necessity. Right now Lancaster Avenue from Museum Rd. to the City of Reading can boast there are very few empty properties. Even West Reading with their successful streetscape program has some empty properties and others that are constantly changing hands. Plus does every community need to be a West Reading? Right now you have Sinking Spring trying to revitalize a downtown, you have West Reading, Wyomissing, West Lawn/Spring Twp are also looking to continue West Reading's program. But, will there be enough business to have all these downtown streetscape projects? The main thing would be to wrestle control of the old Giant/Pathmark property away from Giant so some type of development could be done there. If not, the development will occur either out further on 222 beyond Adamstown or at Gouglersville and the 724/222 intersection properties will still be an eyesore. Work on developing that first with either Retail, or better yet a good business that would provide good paying jobs.	6/23/2016 12:27 AM
23	Find ways to keep the streets repaired and the sidewalks repaired along with keeping the buildings looking good and the trash picked up.	6/22/2016 8:16 PM
24	Tax reassessment needed.	6/22/2016 8:07 PM
25	I am passionate about creating makerspaces and community centers to help local residents such as myself could grow in as a community. Currently I am working with other locals to create an informational presentation I can share. My email address is Ashleyfrompa@gmail.com	6/22/2016 6:29 PM
26	Children are around every corner selling all types of drugs, especially the puertoricans.	6/22/2016 4:20 PM
27	on high blvd there is a day care center, called tiny treasures and way too many times i see cars and trucks speeding thru that block when parents are picking up their children. this is dangerous. there should be signs posted there the slow down and watch for children or some similar measure. if somebody is caught speeding they should be fined.	6/22/2016 12:28 PM
28	I am concerned with the amount of low income rental properties in the borough.	6/22/2016 10:34 AM
29	Instead of development and attracting business to create tax revenue, push Harrisburg to ELIMINATE School Property Tax and base taxes on current income and buying habits.	6/21/2016 8:53 PM
30	I think the business promotional signs around the high school football fencing area and elsewhere are a disgrace and definitely give a poor representation of our school district. Surely there are other ways or means for the school district to attract the same amount of money as those logo signs promoting other businesses as opposed to promoting the value of our educational system.	6/21/2016 1:46 PM

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31	i am concerned about the number of rental properties and the up keep of those properties and the impact it does to the community	6/21/2016 12:18 PM
32	Reduce Property Taxes for every Property Owner because lower Property expenses encourages growth.	6/21/2016 10:27 AM
33	If the State wide system of funding public schools was revamped to a "FAIR" system such as HB/SB 76 where everyone pays their fair share .. Not just property/homeowners it would attract new homeowners and business..	6/21/2016 10:04 AM
34	It is economically critical for the GMSD and property owners to embrace and advance House/Senate Bill 76, The Property Tax Elimination Act mandates(much to the chagrin of the entrenched status quo) everybody of earning and or purchasing ability will fairly/equitably fund public schools instantly at the time they earn and or purchase, not just property owners. Both small business and residential property owners are being crushed under the weight of excessive/ever rising school taxes. This must and will be stopped. Beyond the current pending legislation to revamp school funding in PA, constitutional litigation action in a variety of venues is being explored to once again restore the equity and fairness that is necessary to stabilize public school funding. To this end, Pennsylvania has been unable and or unwilling to address the current, punitive school property tax system. SB/HB 76 will again restore the American Dream of home/small business property ownership again and stabilize the funding of our public school via tax revenue diversification and spending controls.	6/21/2016 9:40 AM
35	please consider new borough/township regulations regarding low income rental properties- how many allowed within town limits etc. Increasing property values will help protect out schools from poverty issues. Out school cannot handle influx of poverty cases- we are struggling to met the needs of current (higher property value) student population. Insulating us from bled over from RSD will help preserve funds/services for current homeowners (tax payers) not rentals pupils.	6/21/2016 9:31 AM
36	We need an area to host sporting events, like baseball and soccer tournaments	6/21/2016 9:02 AM
37	I feel the area has a lot of potential and that we are not using it. I feel the school is specifically the sports programs are reactionary in nature and not proactive. I feel the up keep of the turf fields was a great thing. I understand that there is a divide between money spent on sports and other activities that can be debated but the life lessons a student athlete can learn are hard to replicate. Success at any level academic or sports breeds more success. These things feed off of one another. It brings people together in a good way. I think the community should make public the accomplishments of these students (both academic and athletic). Make them feel like the community cares and they are part of something bigger then just themselves. Being proud of one thing makes you want to work harder in other areas. That is how we build for the future. But we have to start now and not be afraid of failure or what others may say.	6/21/2016 8:11 AM
38	Community is fine. The reason people want to leave here is woods. We need much better schools to be able to sell houses and better infrastructure to attract new people	6/20/2016 10:09 PM
39	We should also try to improve our school system. We need to have better school ratings. This will encourage people to purchase more homes in this area. This will then decrease our abandon houses problem.	6/20/2016 9:49 PM
40	The taxes in the school district are absurdly high.	6/20/2016 9:04 PM
41	governor Mifflin region should attract new businesses to take over the properties that have been vacant for a long time, not necessarily develop new buildings.	6/20/2016 4:40 PM
42	Drugs are huge prob./ Crime related to same. Then the over the burden of the school taxes. Taxes must be fair to apt. bldg. with lots of school age children paying the same as my single home with no school agers. I can no longer afford my life because of the school taxes. The police are only protecting the WAWA or the side lot of Rite Aid. I see a patrol car in my Fairview area once every month or so. I January I stop a CPD officers and asked him to check a car parked out in the street. A car he just drove by and ignored. It was 12ft in the street off the curb, invalid inspection and registration plate. I was lipped off "what do you want me to do about it. I can't move it." Later he was there and speaking to someone. The car was moved in about a week. A car without a valid inspection and or lic. plate can not be on a public street in PA. The rules of the PA vehicle code do not apply in Cumru, because the cops turn a blind eye. It is simply an insult to the hard working tax payers to have such a useless police force, towards the easy quality of live issues.	6/20/2016 2:51 PM
43	I pay taxes & I have no children but what I have heard from friends, who are parents, that our school's reputation, is basically in the shitter. Why? I'm sure parents shoulder a good lot of responsibility, but I don't want our district to throw in the towel. Why don't we have have community gardens do get these kids focused on helping each other & cultivating sustenance? These kids need to refocus on pride & involvement in this community & while it should start at home, it definitely needs to be represented at schools.	6/20/2016 1:09 PM
44	Something has to be done to stop the increase of taxes.Talk to your senior citizens. Find ways to help elevate their burden of paying taxes. Volunteering at the schools will not work for the elderly.	6/20/2016 11:03 AM
45	I'm also concerned that our school district is falling behind in test scores.	6/20/2016 10:40 AM

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46	My greatest concern is high taxes and the fact that I as a single person may not be able to maintain my home, as I pay a very large portion of my income for taxes - as some of my neighbors with a larger and more expensive home pay less - hence - inequality - no excuse!!!!	6/20/2016 12:23 AM
47	lack of parent involvement in their children and their education-economic factors affecting their involvement with their children, lack of moral and ethical role models	6/19/2016 9:44 PM
48	People on bicycles not following the rules of the road.	6/19/2016 5:50 PM
49	The established alleys in the Shill. area are not maintained by the borough. And some residents have to keep upgrading their pavements while other residents with worse paving problems are not targeted. Some pavements marked for replacement were not that bad off, while others that were in very dangerous condition never got marked. Now that some of the pavement blocks were replaced, it has caused other "good" pavement blocks to be either higher or lower than the new ones. Some properties which go from one curb in the front to the curb that meets their backyards are being neglected (e.g. Meade Terrace & Sherwood St.). The easements are thoroughly overgrown & just plain neglected during snow storms. There is a handicapped parking spot in the 500 block of Gregg Street where the person who uses it parks no less than 7 feet before the sign so that she is neither in the handicapped spot nor out of it, taking up 2 parking spaces. There is no talking to this grouchy woman. So if a true handicapped person wishes to use the space, there is not enough room to fit a car.	6/19/2016 4:30 PM
50	Only spend MY money when a return is expected. I am tire of any money going to these drug addicts and welfare, it should go to businesses and improvements in infrastructure and emergency services within reason. Generally our government is best when it stays out of the way of the citizens and allows them to work and removes regulations and restrictive codes.	6/19/2016 12:54 PM
51	getting taxed right out of our homes. sewer rates doubled	6/19/2016 11:52 AM
52	The condition of the road on Kenhorst Blvd is a TOTAL DISGRACE. It has been a disgrace for years!!! Absolutely pathetic.	6/19/2016 11:04 AM
53	Cheap housing was a major factor in destroying the city of Reading and it is happening in Shillington and will bring Reading's problems to this community.	6/18/2016 4:30 PM
54	Property taxes are very high but roads especially business 222 to the borough hall have been bad for the last 2 years	6/18/2016 4:00 PM
55	Infrastructure needs to be maintainedroads, traffic planning, lighting,	6/18/2016 3:57 PM
56	Five year Tax forgiveness to attract businesses to occupy vacant business properties. Encourage industrial development.	6/18/2016 1:25 PM
57	Mifflin needs more chain or sit down restaurants, single family additions only, no apartment or low cost living multiple establishments..try to get rid of crime and gangs	6/18/2016 11:16 AM
58	We love living in Shillington. My chief complaint is the fact that traffic on Lancaster Ave does not stop when you are crossing the Street and pedestrian signs are clearly ignored.	6/18/2016 11:16 AM
59	The view of our community from the major thoroughfares is that of low income "entitlement" households, making it appear undesirable. We need more ownership and pride in our community!	6/18/2016 10:17 AM
60	Year after year we hear efforts to reduce property and school taxes which never materialize. Quire recently an elder lady was removed from her house due to taxes. To me this demonstrates a problem which will just multiple in the very near future and all we here is blah blah blah about reducing these taxes. It appears one is "punished" for owning property.	6/18/2016 9:59 AM
61	Do not incorporate police/fire/medical services with Reading. Reading is in a financial hole - combining services with Reading will just mean that our residents pay more to bail out the city.	6/18/2016 9:59 AM
62	It would be nice to see new business in this area. A better resurgence of the Lancaster Ave./ Like area would be nice also. Too many empty buildings. And the Shillington shopping center - upgraded.	6/18/2016 9:57 AM
63	The community is very good too much growth and attracting unwanted business can have a negative impact	6/18/2016 9:57 AM
64	Exactly what about the roads do you wish to have rated? I answered fair due to the number of potholes but if asked to rate them based on beauty (tree lined, country roads), I would have rated them very good. Roads rated on safety, I would have rated poor due to drivers traveling too fast and speed limits not be enforced. Perhaps more specific questions would yield better survey results.	6/18/2016 9:37 AM

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65	Roads and sidewalks in poor shape, especially Lancaster Ave. Lancaster Ave. is not an attractive area. Shabby looking storefronts, NAPA auto parts for example. We don't need more junk shops and tattoo parlors. Besides Flanagan's and 201 West, not much to bring people in. Most shopping is generally lower class and junky and attracts those kind of people. Shopping center where Giant used to be (where Trading Post is now) is an eyesore. Disgusting. Empty restaurant at 222/724 is a crime how that was closed for a bank to build then they never did. Auto auction where Kachel's was will probably look like a junk yard. We don't get anything nice around here.	6/18/2016 7:52 AM
66	Township snow truck drivers need to learn how to remove snow on a cul-du-sac.	6/18/2016 7:44 AM
67	correct the public pension problem currently supported by tax payer money.	6/18/2016 7:24 AM
68	Feel as if this community is resting on its reputation from years ago. The main part of Shillington COULD be similar to West Reading if the municipality had their act together. It is TIME for ALL the 5 municipalities to work together to provide fire, police, recreation,etc. so there is not duplication of services. We realize some of the municipalities are working hard to make that happen.	6/17/2016 9:44 PM
69	Excessive amount of trucks in residential areas	6/17/2016 7:52 PM
70	Noise ordinance and parking ordinance should be made known to all residents. Especially the parking ordinance - homeowner vs business owner in the Kenhorst residential area. I believe favoritism is key here. Its not what you know but who you know. Parking in my area is taken by a local business. Multiple parking spots on a daily basis. Mayor is taking time exploring this. Check out the Kenhorst Advisory Board minutes. Time to stop favoring one from the other. Seems a little corrupt to me. Just saying...	6/17/2016 4:48 PM
71	Bike lanes on all major roads.	6/17/2016 4:26 PM
72	Safety concerns are increasing with the increase in crime in the community	6/17/2016 2:21 PM
73	Our community roads, such as Kenhorst Blvd are so horrible. It's like driving on the moon. School taxes should be imposed on all residents living, renting, and working in the township, not just home owners.	6/17/2016 11:39 AM
74	Very happy the way GF includes everyone and gets the message out.	6/17/2016 10:19 AM
75	Too many people do not keep their properties neat and clean. They often leave old cars, toys, and other debris outside their houses and have poor landscaping.	6/17/2016 9:21 AM
76	if you do not want your current tax paying home owners leaving the district, STOP raising school taxes	6/17/2016 4:57 AM
77	I do not like all the vacant buildings. I would love for their to be community gardens built instead of selling off more land. Existing vacant properties should be used instead. I do not like all the traffic congestion at the intersection of route 10 and Lancaster Ave. I wish there were more upscale businesses in the Kenhorst shopping plaza like a Starbucks and a Panera Bread. I do not like the pawn shop and cheap furniture store. I would like to see more small business owners develop stores on Lancaster Ave. I would like a whole foods market where a.c. Moore used to be. I would like a Home Goods in that shopping plaza as well. In addition, a Bone Fish Grill where the old Dempsey's used to be would be wonderful.	6/16/2016 11:17 PM
78	Property maintenance code enforcement or enactment	6/16/2016 10:49 PM
79	Need to expand tax base in district	6/16/2016 9:17 PM
80	We need more business's in our area. They are leaving our area instead of coming to it. I think the rental for the commercial properties is too high. Maybe if there was a little bit of tax break if rented.	6/16/2016 9:07 PM
81	Shillington is a good place to live but the taxes in our area are ridiculous. I shouldn't be paying \$2300 a year for a school my kids will never go to. It's not just a GM problem it's a USA problem where politicians think they know what's best for me and my family and almost always that means degradation of freedom.	6/16/2016 8:15 PM
82	Kids should be able to have place to go like olivets club	6/16/2016 7:15 PM
83	I am disappointed with development of all of the ball fields on school property that used to be free (not fenced in) land. It takes more dollars to maintain all of the "official" fields and has ruined the look of our community. I am very supportive of sports, but little league teams and older do NOT need Olympic style facilities. When can the community use the track field that is fenced in? we paid for it. I would prefer you reduce the taxes and make things more available for everyone. Everything does not have to be "organized". I can walk or bike in the Shillington or Mohnnton parks without signs telling me where to walk or bike. Businesses don't come when taxes are too high. You need to be more fiscally responsible and not look for ways to increase taxes and expenses. I'm also disappointed that student have to now pay a fee to be involved with any school activities. I am a successful business person and part of my success is because of all of the activities I was involved with at school as well as my academic record. Mandating fees for activities for children caters to the wealthy versus encouraging all students to be involved with productive activities that will help them later in life and keep them out of trouble now. Instead of an Olympic style track field, that money could have gone to ALL students and their activities. Please stop catering to the few, but make programs available to more students and citizens.	6/16/2016 7:13 PM

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132	Mediocrity and poor performance are rewarded. Excellence is ignored.	6/15/2016 8:33 AM
133	crime bleeding into the area. roads need alot of work. taxes need cut.	6/15/2016 7:45 AM
134	Grass mowing should be enforced, I see yards that have grass 2-1/2 feet tall, very unsightly. Double parking in Waverly St. has become a nightmare.	6/15/2016 7:17 AM
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132	Mediocrity and poor performance are rewarded. Excellence is ignored.	6/15/2016 8:33 AM
133	crime bleeding into the area. roads need alot of work. taxes need cut.	6/15/2016 7:45 AM
134	Grass mowing should be enforced, I see yards that have grass 2-1/2 feet tall, very unsightly. Double parking in Waverly St. has become a nightmare.	6/15/2016 7:17 AM
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178	My family is fed up with the taxes and sewer bill increases. We are moving within the next two years since we both work in Chester county and they have so many more businesses and job opportunities for professionals. The #1 priority should be to bring businesses to the area to help with employment and the tax base. Period. Everything else is secondary.	6/14/2016 9:33 AM
179	The Mohnton Borough has done a great job of removing activities the community has counted on to fund community activities. The borough council has lost sight of their mission toward the community.	6/14/2016 8:38 AM
180	School taxes are simply too high. We need property tax reform in a big way.	6/14/2016 8:34 AM
181	Hopefully no additional apartment complexes will be built within the district - the family type they attract is not representative of our school district.	6/14/2016 8:03 AM
182	Better use of training for small businesses for the area, such as utilizing SCORE	6/13/2016 10:29 PM
183	School tax money should be used for school purposes only, not to be used else where. Also, to my understanding, the school is a non-profit. Therefore, the school can only have a certain extra amount of money. But it should not go into the community. It should go to bettering the school, students, teachers, aides and support staff. Not finding ways to blow through money waste fully, to show that the school used x amount of dollars, and needs more tax dollars every year.	6/13/2016 10:05 PM
184	We need more business opportunities here. Also, the Cumru Police do a wonderful job taking care of folks. Please keep up the good work.	6/13/2016 9:40 PM
185	No cultural opportunities of note, no museums, concert halls, coffee houses, small performance places, quality festivals. Jade Garden, Green Hills, Mustang Grill, Bistro 613 being the exceptions. Must try Windsor Inn.	6/13/2016 9:26 PM
186	My wife has a PHD in psychology with a minor in statistics. Not only is this survey clearly written with an agenda, but even the available answers to the questions are skewed to favor the result. You write statements that when disagreed with, sounds antisocial, and then offer two opportunities to agree and only one to disagree.	6/13/2016 8:55 PM
187	Being raised and living in this here since 1951 it is awful to see so many residents do not care about their property or community. How did those in office not care to do what West Reading did to show pride in their surroundings. It is no longer the lovely tree lined area the community was. Wyomissing cared enough to see the importance of trees to our environment.	6/13/2016 8:06 PM
188	Street beautification without considering parking would be ineffective.	6/13/2016 7:55 PM
189	I truly believe that renters are not asked to contribute enough. We need them to be invested as much as homeowners.	6/13/2016 7:47 PM
190	I'm 69 years old. I paid off my house years ago. I'm still working, in part, because I must pay rent on my house(in the form of property taxes). The system is unfair and property taxes should be eliminated!	6/13/2016 7:17 PM
191	Find ways to reduce taxes	6/13/2016 7:04 PM
192	To much traffic on Elkins Ave. School buses and cars. The road isn't built for all the school bus and traffic going back to the schools. The TWP needs to place stop signs on Elkins and High Blvd to slow down the buses and cras. The kids crossing Elkins run to get across. The people don't care about kid and adults. You can't get out of your drive at certain times.	6/13/2016 6:48 PM
193	With the completion of rt 222 bypass Shillington lost a lot of traffic, which is a positive outcome when navigating around our community, but also a negative as now we can't seem to attract or sustain small businesses. There are not enough "neat shops" that give people a reason to come to Shillington. We do have access to anything we need to sustain a certain preferred lifestyle (food, clothing, gas, furniture, pets).	6/13/2016 6:26 PM
194	Speeding in the 30 MPH stretch of New Holland road is bad since Reading Police patrols Kenhorst, there is only one car here and that car is usually hiding behind the Jehovah witness church.	6/13/2016 5:35 PM
195	Perhaps controlling spending in the school district would be something to consider. Scrap sports and music programs (like that will ever happen). Tax families on the number of children they are burdening us with.	6/13/2016 4:54 PM
196	House by house block by block poverty is destroying the area, all coming from Reading. I am speaking to Reading council tonight about this	6/13/2016 4:43 PM
197	We have several very nice areas for walking and hiking	6/13/2016 4:25 PM
198	police and fire need to be regionalized	6/13/2016 3:30 PM
199	Kenhorst park needs to be updated badly and a bike trail is needed	6/13/2016 3:05 PM

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200	Roads are in terrible shape, repaving of 724 is a plus but more is needed to upgrade our community. Sidewalks for kids to walk to/from activities once outside downtown Shillington and bike lanes on roads would help tremendously.	6/13/2016 3:04 PM
201	Vacant properties not maintained by owners and not enforced by Township. No grass tree maintenance or snow shoveling done in winter. Extreme eyesore for great community.	6/13/2016 2:58 PM
202	I would like to see better access to the Schuylkill river. A boat launch would be great!!!! I would like to see something done with the old A C Moore/Giant vacant bldg. We do have some nice parks/walking areas here.	6/13/2016 2:56 PM
203	None	6/13/2016 2:56 PM
204	city of Reading has extended into the Mifflin Community and thats very concerning	6/13/2016 2:55 PM
205	We should try to combine municipal services where appropriate.	6/13/2016 2:37 PM
206	I cannot see why the elderly have to worry about improvements, etc. that would raise taxes and we no longer have the children in the schools, that have all the gimmies and get me's. The parents should be paying for this stuff and doing fund raising events to pay for them.	6/13/2016 1:42 PM
207	Police department needs our support and not haggle about pay and incentives they are not the reason taxes are high but poor management by the board	6/13/2016 12:50 PM
208	Don't like bedroom communities	6/13/2016 12:30 PM
209	Less is more...	6/13/2016 12:19 PM
210	Other than food, I don't know of many family outings in Shillington. the schools use the Peach Tree app for school flyers, it would be neat if the twp or boro would use it to send out notifications of family activities going on in the area. I usually find out about things after the fact & wish I would of known sooner.	6/13/2016 12:03 PM
211	I think moving to this area was an excellent choice, we have 1.5 acres and the seclusion that comes with that, yet have many great neighbors, and are 4 blocks from the bustle of the Avenue, where else could you get that.	6/13/2016 11:44 AM
212	Route 724 between Rt. 10 and Rt 176 is a disaster waiting to happen. Leaves, rocks and trees are soon going to break through the fencing.	6/13/2016 9:31 AM
213	I've been telling the tax collector each time I pay my taxes (twice a year) that Cumru and Shillington need to go begging the big names like Wegman's, Trader Joe's, etc. Costco won't be coming here because there's no place to build and close to Lancaster. But the other two should. Even a HomeGoods would be great on Lancaster Ave. In addition, some more restaurants... Taco Bell alongside KFC, the old Dempsey's that is sitting empty but well maintained externally. Build it and they will come should be the motto for a Trader Joe's. maybe where the Dollar Tree was.	6/12/2016 11:51 PM
214	Need a large dog park. Travel outside of the community to visit one. This leads to visiting restaurants etc outside of the community.	6/12/2016 9:54 PM
215	There are so few "good" restaurants in this area.	6/12/2016 9:29 PM
216	We need higher quality restaurants (non-chains), more ethnically diverse cuisine, and higher end shops (even outlets, like some of the stores at Philadelphia Premium Outlets or Shops of Wyo) to raise the offerings for middle class residents and of course bring in more revenue. Why is our most popular restaurant the Dairy Queen??? We need classy BYOBs, cafes, unique shops etc	6/12/2016 9:06 PM
217	GMSD should stop raising school taxes and start learning how to live within a lowered budget instead of placing all of the burden on the homeowners. I went to GM and we never had all of the days off, we had graduation on the school property, we didn't have all of the fancy things they do now and don't need. We have to scrape and scrounge to be able to pay our school taxes which are constantly going up, along with all of our other bills, but we don't get any other help to pay our bills. Even social security doesn't go up to enable to pay the increases in the school taxes. You make it so older people can't afford to live in their homes any more. Something else that should be addressed is the way private and business properties are kept. No one makes the property owners keep their grass cut, keep the weeds from growing up in the sidewalks and at the curbs, cars parked all over the properties, most properties look like trash and it's terrible. There are so many rental properties here and the property owners don't care about their properties – there's no upkeep, tenants park all over and don't take care of anything. The properties are all trash. It's disgusting to live in the Borough of Mohnton the way some of these properties are maintained and the Borough allows them to do it. If the Borough would start cracking down on some of these things, they would bring in a lot of money that they could use to maintain streets, etc. in the Borough.	6/12/2016 7:33 PM
218	Taxes are extreme. Other than K-mart, there are no family shopping options. You must drive to Wyomissing to shop.	6/12/2016 7:14 PM
219	I'm happy living here!	6/12/2016 6:56 PM
220	We need a traffic light across from the Turkey Hill on Route 10 and 176. Re-evaluate the traffic light in the center of Shillington. The light is too long.	6/12/2016 5:33 PM

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221	there needs to be more attention to houses being allowed to be rental properties. More attention to home owners maintaining their properties.	6/12/2016 4:05 PM
222	Get a grip on property taxes and eliminate them	6/12/2016 1:38 PM
223	No jobs, a lot of low income, stores are poor and so are the restaurants..starting to become like downtown Reading	6/12/2016 1:09 PM
224	I am frustrated enough with the tax burden on retired homeowners being the "go to source" when new revenue is needed to seriously consider moving out of this area - you all need to learn to control your expenses better.	6/12/2016 10:21 AM
225	Very concerned about the people moving in to the area as they are not contributing to society and quality of life; they are actually taking away reasons as to why we want to stay in Mifflin.	6/12/2016 10:02 AM
226	Enforcement of tree overhang trimming over sidewalks or at corner properties.	6/12/2016 9:41 AM
227	taxes way too high. people losing homes	6/12/2016 8:13 AM
228	It's an amalgamation of suburbs, so no central 'community' feel. But a solid, sable one at that. Property tax reform MUST happen.	6/11/2016 11:02 PM
229	Loosen regulations on home based business.	6/11/2016 9:15 PM
230	Drivers drive too fast in neighborhoods where children play due to lack of posted speed limit signs.	6/11/2016 8:45 PM
231	The school board is out of control the way they raise the school taxes,it's like they have a blank check! The school tax is driving people out of the district,just look around at all the homes for sale,it was never like that in the 70's 80's and 90's also it's outrageous the money spent on the sports fields at Gov. Mifflin "PLEASE STOP SPENDING MY TAX MONEY LIKE THIS!" Thank you.	6/11/2016 7:17 PM
232	Reduce taxes and improve school scores.	6/11/2016 6:54 PM
233	Lower sewer rates, UN GODLY HIGH, or allow Wells and septic systems in local municipal locations. . Lower school and township taxes, keep public housing out of the community. expand recreational activities for families.	6/11/2016 6:33 PM
234	I believe the SD should offer adult education regarding gov't function and social problems..... in an effort to educate our citizens in an a political environment.....information based on the best of science and research data. Like, one eve a month.....	6/11/2016 6:23 PM
235	Taxes are too high, there are very few shopping or restaurants in the community, very few recreational opportunities compared to surrounding communities.	6/11/2016 6:22 PM
236	Owning a small business makes it especially galling when the tax bill arrives. Have you ever tried to find a young person with even the most basic math and reading/spelling skills? Impossible. Construction trades require the ability to think and do arithmetic on the spot It does not require the ability to philosophize over the possible results. One plus one ALWAYS equals two. My top guys earn between 80 & 100 K per year. Try to provide a learning environment that encourages options to a 4 year degree that comes with debt and very few real chances at a living wage.	6/11/2016 5:11 PM
237	Taxes are far to high	6/11/2016 5:11 PM
238	Less spending on GMSD "Super stadiums" and more on playground programs, staffing and manpower to reduce destruction of playgrounds.	6/11/2016 4:56 PM
239	Horrible roads and too high taxes are why no one builds in brecknock and cumru	6/11/2016 4:48 PM
240	More development never seems to bring in the additional revenue to reduce property taxes!	6/11/2016 4:32 PM
241	Nothing that would attract bad people to our community. I'm glad that club closed down. No business like that in our shopping malls.	6/11/2016 3:53 PM
242	school tax MUST be eliminated and funding for schools taken from other resources. all government pensions going forward should be turned into a 401k for new employees, no one will be able to live in this community in the future, especially seniors	6/11/2016 3:50 PM
243	Would like to see the ugliness of Lancaster Abe that continues to all the vacant buildings near the Big Thrift Shop improved	6/11/2016 3:24 PM
244	As a retiree, the biggest issue is taxes. I can no longer afford to live in GM district, although my house is paid off, because of taxes	6/11/2016 3:18 PM
245	At age 82 my concerns are not as important as younger adults who can utilize more recreational facilities.	6/11/2016 2:40 PM
246	Our community needs some house cleaning. We are trashed, Brecknock, Cumru and others.	6/11/2016 2:24 PM
247	We need to be very careful not to have many low income housing. This will take this area down hill very fast.	6/11/2016 2:15 PM

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248	Taxes are way too high because our taxes are wasted on a lazy incompetent and unneeded police department, cut the pays of police departments in Cumru, 85% of our taxes goes to unneeded corrupt police, NO Berks county cop should be paid \$135K plus benefits, this isnt South Central LA its a little hick community. Police in Cumru have a start wage of \$68K which is ridiculous for anyone without a degree. That combined with the payoffs from area drug dealers these cops are getting paid like CEOs to do nothing. Codes and Zoning laws are ridiculous, its no wonder businesses are leaving, Municipalities need to stop worrying what a resident or a business is doing on their own property, If it isnt destroying the environment they need to mind their own yard. Building needs to stop, we are losing too much land to unneeded housing, subdivision of existing homes into low income apartments needs to stop because it is drawing too much ghetto trash from Reading causing increase in drug activity and crime	6/11/2016 12:00 PM
249	excessive funds spent on roadside weed maintenance. Reduce workforce, equipment expense, and pass ordinance requiring property owners to cut/maintain weeds	6/11/2016 11:59 AM
250	Focus on more diligent policing; drugs deals are quite obvious; enforce homeowners to clean up; ordinances r in place...enforce them....don't close eyes to them. Patrol n report them. Yes, much paperwork n follow thru n hassle but the good law abiding citizens r getting extremely discouraged. They r moving to other areas.	6/11/2016 11:45 AM
251	Speed limits in developments are not enforced, too many restrictions on what you can do or build on your own property.	6/11/2016 11:37 AM
252	property values have not recovered from the '08 recession	6/11/2016 10:39 AM
253	Maps of our walking/biking trails would be helpful. Nolde has them, but I haven;t seen them for Shillington park or Wyomissing Park which is partially in our area.	6/10/2016 11:06 AM
254	Influx of Reading residents moving into rental places in Shillington and Kenhorst.	6/10/2016 10:09 AM
255	Crimes related to drug use seem to be increasing in our community.	6/10/2016 6:04 AM
256	Developing businesses for broader tax base as well as to keep residents' dollars in the community should be a major priority. Developing a "main street" concept in Shillington and Mohnton is very feasible.	6/10/2016 12:41 AM
257	Make homeowners upkeep their properties.	6/9/2016 9:36 PM
258	Nice upscale shopping like trader joes, whole foods, would attract a lot of shoppers to this community. Not another auto parts store like what is going in next to Walgreens. We need the owners of the properties to pay to tear down empty lots or sell within a couple years of closing. The old giant could potentially be made into an indoor hockey rink or two and I know for certain would have a lot of members.	6/9/2016 9:35 PM
259	I wish it was safe to bike ride on the street and not have to worry about speedsters hitting or running me or my children off the road.	6/9/2016 8:12 PM
260	Too few structured activities for youth in the community due to closing of playground programs. It is more important to provide opportunities to all youth not just the team sports in Governor Mifflin area.	6/9/2016 2:06 PM
261	Would be nice if Lancaster Ave. could mimic Penn Ave in West Reading!	6/9/2016 12:45 PM
262	I am on south miller street in shillington...we desperately need stop signs at the intersections of Washington and south miller and south miller and broad streets. people FLY up the street after turning off Lancaster avenue. I am at the point where I am ready to build my own speed bumps!	6/9/2016 11:36 AM
263	Snow plowing needs to be improved majorly. Corners are not cleaned on narrow streets.	6/9/2016 11:06 AM
264	I think the borough of Shillington has way too many employees for the size of the borough.	6/8/2016 10:19 PM
265	Cumru Township government tramples on the rights of its' citizens.	6/8/2016 4:47 PM
266	Safety for kids crossing the street, and also a bigger parking lot for high school students.	6/8/2016 12:32 PM
267	Love shillington we just need to curb the crime. Community days anymore is just asking all the wrong people to come in. I stopped going years ago. It's horrible now	6/8/2016 11:00 AM
268	There is a tree down on museum road that is blocking the path to get back onto the trails in the park - it has been there about a month- I contacted Wyomissing and they said it was considered Shillington- I take this trail a few times a week to get to work and currently have to lift my bike over the tree- other than that all is well	6/8/2016 10:35 AM
269	This survey is a good idea. Communicating with residents about all public issues benefits us all. Hope to more of it.	6/8/2016 6:13 AM
270	The borough, fire and police should reach out more on social media.	6/7/2016 9:25 PM
271	Cheaper housing means higher crime and vandalized properties	6/7/2016 7:25 PM
272	The shillington borough has several people renting illegally and several family's live in the home. They need to crack down.	6/7/2016 6:29 PM

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273	I feel that there is a growing drug problem in the area, I know we called the cops about a situation near our house and on FB you can see all the people complaining about the situations. I know we have called the boro about someone renting room in a house out and nothing was done about it, even with proof and multiple neighbors calling and complaining. I think foreclosures are on the incline decreasing property value and bring in people who have several families living in one house and thus causing a strain on the economics of the school due to the rise of children that want to attend Mifflin.	6/7/2016 2:07 PM
274	Need access to a warm pool with handicap access for seniors to exercise	6/6/2016 9:41 PM
275	The lack of business' tax revenue is a major reason why Governor Mifflin is quickly becoming one of the worst school districts in Berks County. Unless more money circulates through the community, this unfortunate trend will continue.	6/6/2016 7:34 PM
276	N/a	6/6/2016 5:45 PM
277	Pershing Blvd should be made into a true blvd with a grass strip with some trees down the middle of it. Its so big people at times treat it like a highway. Making it into a True Blvd would help slow down traffic. It would also prevent 18 Wheel Trucks from making U-Turns in the Giant intersection of Pershing Blvd & Gregg St.	6/6/2016 4:52 PM
278	Please reduce property taxes or I will have to move. We cannot afford. Thank you.	6/6/2016 3:04 PM
279	The continued improvements to the school district, under the new Superintendent, are beginning to take effect. The school district sets the tone, I believe, for the community. Dr. G. Seems to be making strides to improve perceptions within the community.	6/6/2016 1:45 PM
280	I think it should feel more welcoming when you go into the community.	6/6/2016 11:35 AM
281	I feel that the pool recreation needs to be more strict on who is coming in to the pool. As a paying member for over 5 years the rules have become relaxed and it needs to be strict on the non-residents that are coming in on the daily paying pass. I get wanting or needing the money for the community however you'll lose the people if this starts to be come a real issue with the trash that is starting to come in.	6/6/2016 9:49 AM
282	Losing too many businesses (National Penn Bank, Carpenter HQ). Lowers tax base. Hurts development. Need more public works projects to increase local construction company revenues and thus overall tax revenues.	6/5/2016 9:36 PM
283	My biggest concern is the increasing crime rate in the area and the drugs in the schools.	6/5/2016 9:17 PM
284	Children crossing at the traffic light at Philadelphia Ave and Spruce/Waverly have a great deal of difficulty crossing due to people NOT yielding to them. My daughter has already had too many close calls due to this issue. Speeding on Spruce street is also a major concern!	6/5/2016 8:12 PM
285	Reduce crime and draw new industry in its a start	6/5/2016 7:53 PM
286	We need businesses. Develop similar to West Reading!!! Small business. Tired of driving to Wyomissing and West Reading!!	6/5/2016 6:54 PM
287	Stop raising school taxes or give us what we pay for	6/5/2016 5:56 PM
288	NA	6/5/2016 5:30 PM
289	Property Taxes are very high lower these and raise state and local taxes so everyone that lives in the community pays.	6/5/2016 4:07 PM
290	building the tax base is far more important at this time than adding recreational opportunities. School taxes are killing the community.	6/5/2016 3:47 PM
291	Do away with the school/property taxes and raise the state tax , so everyone pays! Not just home owners and businesses NOT paying because of loopholes !	6/5/2016 1:54 PM
292	I do not think it is a smart move to use tax money to support people or businesses to move into anyour area where they will always need the taxpayer's support to stay. Self-sufficiency is paramount to community growth.	6/5/2016 8:18 AM
293	Living on a pension, we are concerned about our increases in school taxes. Right behind that is probably crime. We have been lucky so far, but it is only a matter of time until the crime reaches our area.	6/5/2016 7:25 AM
294	Enforcement of # of people living in single family dwellings. Enforcement of curfews.	6/4/2016 7:24 PM
295	There's a lot of drug use and sexual harassment.	6/4/2016 11:53 AM
296	Lancaster avenue should be made similar to west reading	6/4/2016 9:09 AM
297	Need less dollar stores, auto part stores, drug stores, and pizza places. Need higher end department store or anchor store like Target or Costco. Wegmans grocery store. More restaurant choices. Do something with the vacant giant store and dempseys across the street. Two banks also vacant great can turned into something else.	6/4/2016 8:43 AM
298	Taxes are way to high for this area we do not live in Montgomery county!	6/4/2016 5:21 AM

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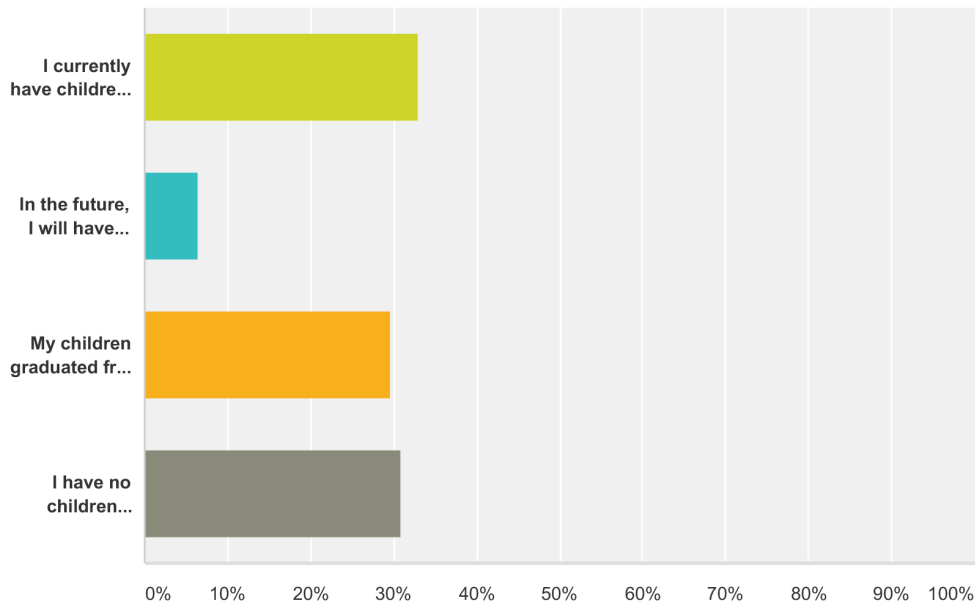
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350	The diversity of the community is appears to be rapidly increasing. Finding ways to honor, celebrate and foster understanding would be a benefit	5/18/2016 8:05 PM
351	It would be nice if the empty stores/shopping centers would be either demolished or reutilized. We really miss the Sears Hardware and a replacement would be great - Ace? We have to drive to Spring Township or other areas to get things we need. I see no need for the school zone speed limit to be in effect at the time I am driving my child to the middle school every morning (7:20-7:30AM). It holds up traffic and there are no kids walking to the intermediate or elementary schools at that time. My suggestion is to have it turn on after 7:35AM.	5/18/2016 3:56 PM
352	Would love to see some cooperation between Shillington and Cumru with regard to joining forces - lower pool / recreation rates for Cumru - ability to provide more recreational opportunities for all at more central locations...Better police / fire capabilities.	5/18/2016 8:28 AM
353	I checked 'Yes on the mainstreet development' but we are really limited on Shillington Lanc Avenue area because of parking... not sure if it is feasible, but it is desirable. Our entire 5-community area would benefit from a walkable community plan -- where we have marked and mapped walking / biking opportunities with parking available. Tie in the Shillington Park trails with an extension of the Thun Trail ... buy the Alvernia fields in Cumru Township (the ones the soccer club uses) and create a GOOD community park like the one Muhlenberg has... and tie it in to the trail system... Tear down that monstrosity that used to be Giant at the intersection of 724 and 222 in Cumru and make it a field or tennis courts or something other than an eyesore	5/17/2016 5:03 PM
354	Bike lane for kids to bike to schools would be great.	5/17/2016 3:26 PM
355	Crime activities are spreading out of Reading into our district. Seriously considering moving due to urban sprawl	5/13/2016 7:34 PM
356	We all need to work together for the betterment of our Schools and communities!!!! Taxes are ever increasing however, NO improvements are noticeable! Change NEEDS to happen!	5/13/2016 10:35 AM
357	As far as the high school environment goes, the students who prove disruptive/problematic need to have more severe consequences so the teacher can teach, not babysit/put out the constant "fires" of disruption these problem students cause on a weekly basis; and to stop taking students that fail out/get kicked out of other schools into the general student population. If they have to be in the district, is there a way to have them attend night school? And finally, STOP with all the standardized testing or be more transparent with notifying parents that they may opt out of them. Let the teachers teach!!!! I also believe we could lead the way, as European schools do, that extra-curricular sports/etc. should be done at a community level, thereby have the school time dedicated solely to teaching--not have the coaches not really be present/available during their specific sport season. It's too hard on the teacher, and the students who may need extra assistance prior to school or afterwards can access them. Too much focus is athletics, and I speak to this as a parent of an athlete.	5/13/2016 9:13 AM
358	Condemn or fine existing properties owners for lack of motivation and/or for causing properties to turn into eyesores or to turn existing properties into revenue producers for the betterment of the community.	5/12/2016 4:50 PM
359	Intermunicipal cooperation regarding provision of basic municipal services is a key to survival of our communities. Also, a School District-wide LERTA would be a significant incentive to attract businesses to our communities.	5/12/2016 2:46 PM

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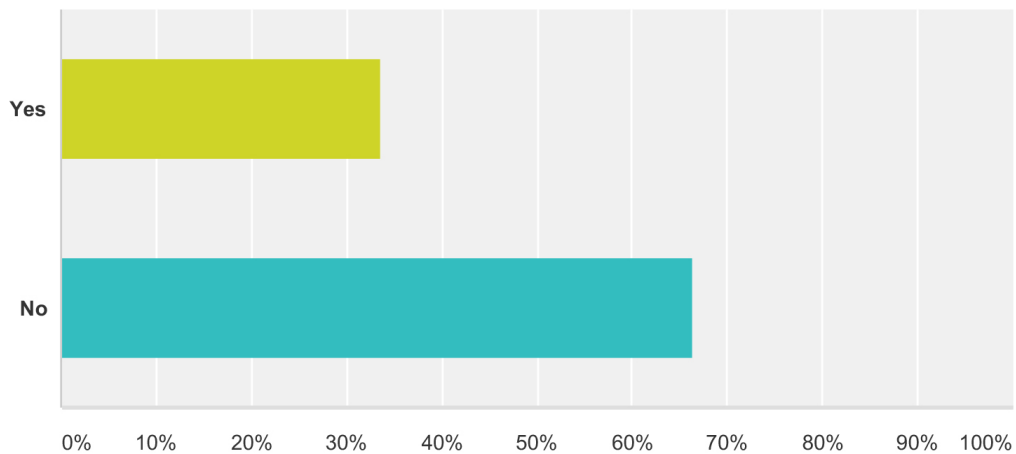
Q11 Please select one of the following:

Answered: 1,113 Skipped: 83



Q12 Are you a Governor Mifflin graduate?

Answered: 1,112 Skipped: 84

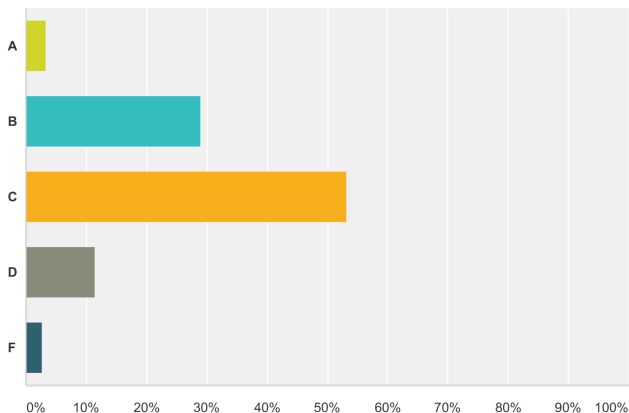


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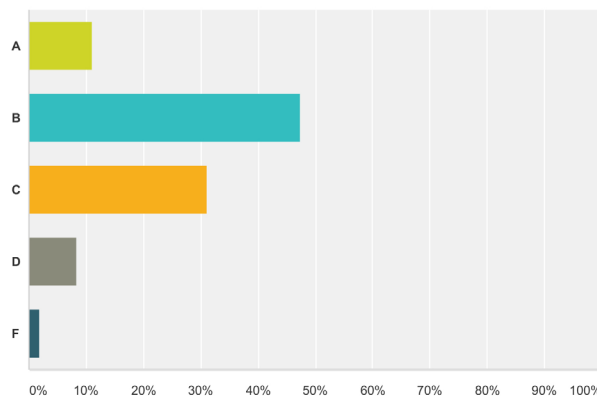
Q13 How would you grade the quality of education offered across the United States?

Answered: 1,099 Skipped: 97



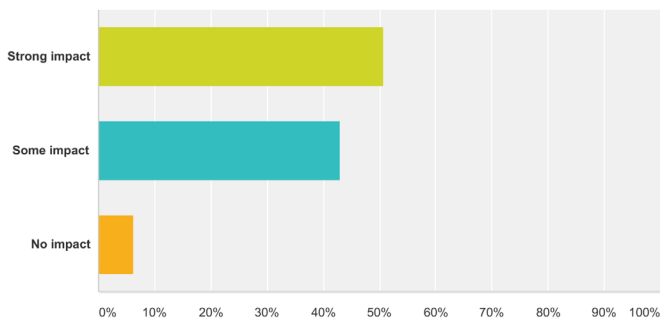
Q14 How would you grade the quality of education provided in the Governor Mifflin School District?

Answered: 1,088 Skipped: 108



Q15 Based upon your previous answer, how do you believe Governor Mifflin School District's performance impacts your property value in the Berks County Real Estate Market?

Answered: 1,104 Skipped: 92

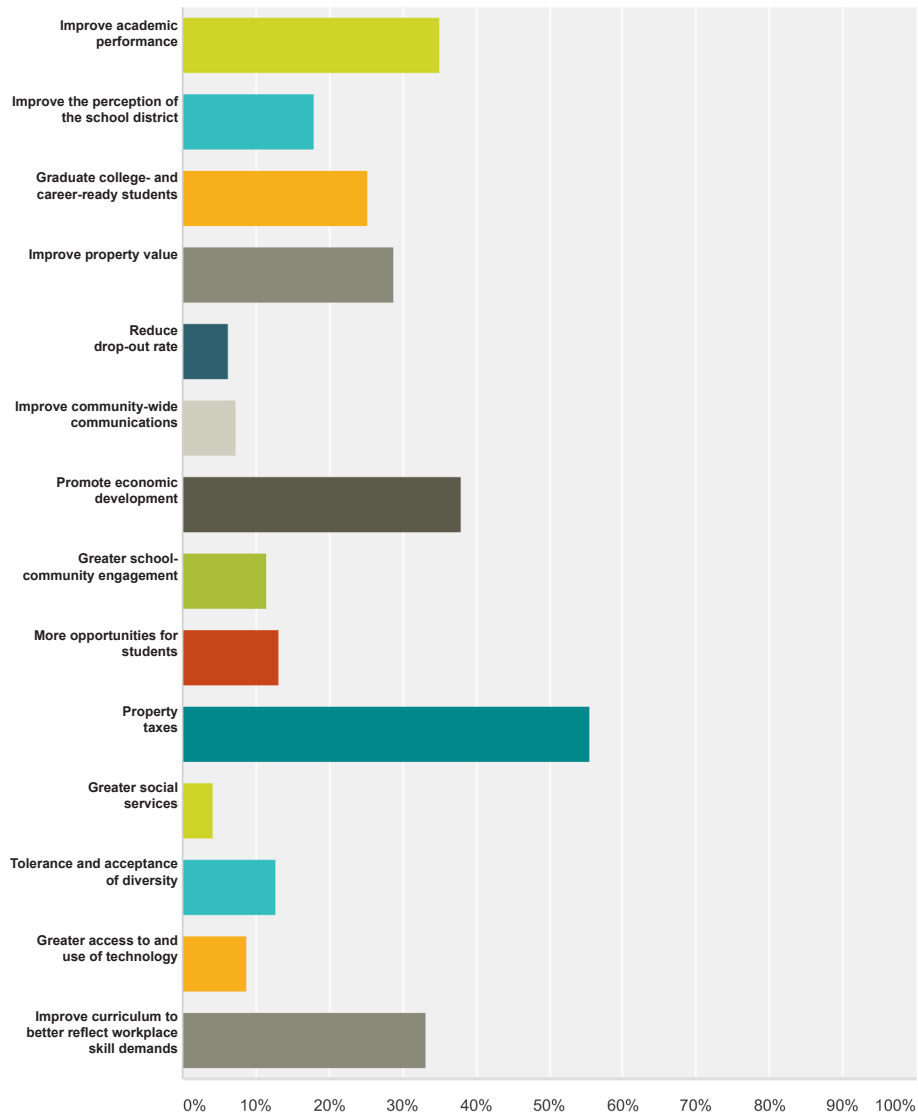


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GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Q20 Based upon your knowledge of our local community, economy, and schools, please choose the three highest priorities that you believe must be addressed in the near future.

Answered: 1,107 Skipped: 89



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COMMENTS

Priority Restore Music Attract Job Focus Academic
Common Sense Kids Real World Teachers
Control Taxes Government School
Decrease Students Town Center Improve
College and Career Community Planning Families
Bring Responsibility Housing



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Improve the perception of the school district	17.98%	199
Graduate college- and career-ready students	25.20%	279
Improve property value	28.73%	318
Reduce drop-out rate	6.32%	70
Improve community-wide communications	7.23%	80
Promote economic development	37.94%	420
Greater school-community engagement	11.38%	126
More opportunities for students	13.19%	146
Property taxes	55.56%	615
Greater social services	4.25%	47
Tolerance and acceptance of diversity	12.65%	140
Greater access to and use of technology	8.76%	97
Improve curriculum to better reflect workplace skill demands	33.24%	368
Total Respondents: 1,107		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	School administration needs to be streamlined, and administration costs must be decreased. School board needs to better manage the money available and stop seeking additional taxes.	6/28/2016 12:26 PM
2	Tax credit for district students that attend private schools.	6/27/2016 7:34 PM
3	Return Christian values to the public schools	6/26/2016 7:45 PM
4	Bring in individuals, especially retirees, of various skills, businesses, talents, experience, and background to mentor and work with GM students, especially high school students.	6/26/2016 7:21 PM
5	teachers real me that the district has no goals - how can that be?	6/25/2016 6:15 PM
6	Thank you for seeking community input via this survey. Have a gr8 day.	6/23/2016 4:16 PM
7	I would like to see the school board, administration and reachers working together towards a single goal of preparing our children for the future.	6/23/2016 3:27 PM
8	Efficient use of school tax revenue. Follow business trend and cut benefits, eliminate pensions for school employees.	6/21/2016 8:58 PM
9	Generate more control over the conduct or department of the high school including enforcing a dress code and then following those rules that are already in place such as use or not use electronic devices in a classroom .	6/21/2016 1:47 PM
10	In our neighbor, the cops are frequently at the neighbors house due to drug use. When I have children, and even now, this is a very big concern. They are consistently loud, they speed in the neighborhood and I am concerned for the safety of my family and others around alot. This has been on going since we have moved here, about 1 year ago. Something needs to be done, in order to consider mifflin a life long home.	6/20/2016 9:12 PM
11	Although we have two children who could attend GMSD, we have enrolled them in schools outside the district whose academic standards reflect our own. We are terribly disappointed with the lack scholastic rigor in GMSD. What a pity we must pay school taxes, and tuition to schools outside the district so that our children can be sufficiently educated to succeed in the world of today.	6/20/2016 8:58 PM

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12	stop it with the testing, testing, testing. let the kids learn at their own speed and let teachers be responsible for the curriculum they provide the students. I understand the students need to be tested somewhat and teachers need to teach certain things in each grade, but I feel like my child's education is constantly being nit picked by test scores. We need to stop "competing" with other schools and just let our kids learn. Every child learns differently and at different speeds and the way it is now does not allow teachers to devote extra time to those children that are lagging. Those children are just pushed ahead to the next grade where they then struggle even more. Plus, we're told children should limit their sick days and vacation days during the year, however half of their school year is spent test taking and not learning. My children will learn more when I take them out of school for an educational trip that is a life experience over taking a test that's only purpose is to rate the school. My child's education should not be a competition. And at 5-10 years old, kids should not have to be asked to sit still and take 6 hour tests for a week. End rant.	6/20/2016 4:53 PM
13	control school costs, contract etc. stop wasting our hard earned stolen money.	6/20/2016 2:55 PM
14	Greater school community engagement will likely improve the perception of the school district.	6/20/2016 1:13 PM
15	You don't say "Decrease" Property taxes but that's what my response reflects - lower property taxes	6/20/2016 10:43 AM
16	Be more vigilant of students not living in the district, but are attending our schools.	6/20/2016 7:51 AM
17	Update website to include such activities as the Skill. swim meet dates, times, places. Put the community newsletter on the mifflin website. Make it possible to pay water bills online.	6/19/2016 4:34 PM
18	The public schools need to REMOVE studentst that are consistently causing problems in our schools. I don't care if they live on the street, or the parents are put in jail. It only takes one thug in a classroom to destroy the learning environment for the entire class. There needs to be REAL consequences for true trouble makers - including drug dealers that are young thugs.	6/19/2016 1:01 PM
19	Pension cost control	6/18/2016 3:59 PM
20	The students are our future & our priority and nurturing them to thrive must be the priority of the District & the community.	6/18/2016 9:57 AM
21	Eliminate Reading district students from attending GMs	6/18/2016 8:49 AM
22	Holding students and parents accountable for their actions. Eliminate student cell phone use in the high school.	6/16/2016 11:25 PM
23	I'm not sure how to answer that question, I've here for 3 years	6/16/2016 11:23 PM
24	Same issue as elsewhere freedom and personal responsibility.	6/16/2016 8:17 PM
25	Community/school programs that encourage reponsible role of citizens	6/16/2016 7:13 PM
26	maybe offer more classes on personal finance and how government works (doesn't work) and how its/their decisions impact everything	6/16/2016 6:12 PM
27	teachers need to teach instead of letting kids goof off in class	6/16/2016 5:46 PM
28	Graduate students with the skills needed to succeed in today's job market and become active, positive members of society.	6/16/2016 12:02 PM
29	restrict rural housing/commercial development/stop suburban sprawl	6/16/2016 11:51 AM
30	Until there is a strong push for 'domestic responsibility' at home, the district will continue to use money in an effort to make up for that lack of domestic responsibility. It's my job as a parent to instill the value of education (not just college prep) in my child. GMSD already provides opportunity for students. People have grown accustom or expect districts/social services/government to be a provider. I could go on and on, but my comments/thoughts come from a decade + teaching in an urban setting.	6/16/2016 10:30 AM
31	greater emphisis on social studies, especially government (civics)	6/16/2016 9:43 AM
32	Restore trade skill training	6/16/2016 7:33 AM
33	My child actually attends Catholic School within the Governor Mifflin School District. Your survey completely ignores this segment of this area that sends their children to private school because of the mediocre reputation of the school. There are numerous families that do this just within the few blocks I live.	6/15/2016 7:47 PM
34	My children had a great experience and very good education at GM, both are very successful, but I am concerned that advanced course opportunities are being dropped; we need to compete with surrounding districts to attract good students/families, which in turn will keep our properties desirable.	6/15/2016 7:29 PM
35	crime watches, crime reporting needed locally	6/15/2016 4:52 PM
36	Lower school taxes for people who do not have children.	6/15/2016 11:58 AM
37	Give taxpayers a break. Stop More Spending, More Spending.	6/15/2016 11:41 AM

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38	Bring back driver education classes.	6/15/2016 10:48 AM
39	Taxes are eventually going to force my wife and I out of the area. Over 600/month just to live in my home now. Pensions are out of sync with private sector pensions and new proposal from House won't help much at all for seniors.	6/15/2016 10:27 AM
40	There's a strong perception that mifflins schools are in decline not just academically but cultural, disciplinary, teacher accountability and engagement	6/15/2016 8:52 AM
41	Cease assuming responsibility from parents who refuse to assume responsibility for their children's needs.	6/15/2016 8:37 AM
42	No more senseless testing, better lunches, kids should not be rushed	6/14/2016 9:38 PM
43	Government mandate dictation of instructional approach (teaching to the test) is problematic. Are students truly developing appropriate skill sets critically important to them becoming productive contributors to the economy and our communities in the future?	6/14/2016 9:31 PM
44	eliminate property tax and convert teacher and public sector employee pension to 401(k)	6/14/2016 7:52 PM
45	did I say property taxes?	6/14/2016 7:43 PM
46	Support the Carrer Centers and emphacize the importance, need and importance of students entering apprenticeship programs and trades. We are sending a dispropornate number of young people off to collegeonly to have them find out after 5 years of not working or gaining any work experience and incurring a hugh debt there are no jobs out there for them after they incurr hugh. Have students research their Career choices at web-sites like the Department of Labors Occupational Handbook, check to see what the projected growth of the occupation will be before going off to clooeege or trade school.	6/14/2016 6:52 PM
47	Stop focusing on teaching kids a career and teach them to be critical thinkers.	6/14/2016 6:39 PM
48	abandon common core	6/14/2016 5:34 PM
49	1. taxes 2. taxes 3. taxes	6/14/2016 5:30 PM
50	I believe that graduating college and career ready studnets is being done now and I checked it because it needs to remain a top priority	6/14/2016 3:17 PM
51	reduce property tax, no school taxes for seniors 62 and older	6/14/2016 1:22 PM
52	Include future farmer curriculum	6/14/2016 10:27 AM
53	Jobs of all kinds!	6/14/2016 9:35 AM
54	Better guidance counseling for future planning	6/13/2016 10:56 PM
55	individualized education and techniques	6/13/2016 10:11 PM
56	STEM programs - I'm aware of what other school districts are doing but not Governor Mifflin	6/13/2016 7:15 PM
57	Make sure music continues to be taught. Do not cut resources from music... Do not be near sighted Philistines!	6/13/2016 6:18 PM
58	Spend less money on stadium turf, whats wrong with mowing grass.	6/13/2016 5:40 PM
59	CLEAN THE NEIGHBORHOODS TO ATTRACT BUSINESS	6/13/2016 4:47 PM
60	Enforce higher requirements of parents and students in the schools.	6/13/2016 4:29 PM
61	please look at stopping pensions for teachers under the age of 35. That should convert to a 401(k) like private industry has done. Too much of our tax dollars go to benefits and pension costs and not enough to education.	6/13/2016 2:39 PM
62	Keeping the taxes down will make people feel they would like to live here. Utilize playgrounds and equipment without increasing expenses and taxes.	6/13/2016 1:53 PM
63	I have a 3rd grader, & have am unaware of many of the high school issues.	6/13/2016 12:08 PM
64	I moved to the district in 1993 mostly because I work in Shillington and secondly because when I student taught, I loved the schools a lot more than the Wilson schools where the teachers would make fun of students in the faculty room. It turned me off to the Wilson S.D.	6/12/2016 11:55 PM
65	Taxes... Taxes ... Taxes... Lower taxes. or get rid of property taxes completely.	6/12/2016 9:57 PM
66	As above we need higher qual establishments to re-create ourself as a quaint suburb like West Rdg. Why not cobblestone our town center roads and create a cobblestone main road through our town for quaint shops etc? We should do more for NY eve too, like countdown with a giant pretzel dropping at 11:59 and fireworks of our own!	6/12/2016 9:11 PM
67	Governor Mifflin school could do better in providing special needs children with better opportunity for learning at the childs level and protect the "differently abled" from bullying	6/12/2016 1:07 PM

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68	Start the children at a very young age to do mandatory volunteering and community efforts to instill in them values. They need to understand that everything is not a hand out or free and bad behavior has consequences. Start looking at other schools in this country and other countries that are thriving and incorporate into our education so that these kids want to learn and be proud, respectful, contributing citizens. They are our future, and if something does not change the outlook is very bleak. They need to obtain work ethics and social responsibility. These kids should also do 2 years of military or volunteering after school before going to college. They do this in Germany. Within the next 2 years I plan to move out of the district because taxes are becoming unreasonable.	6/12/2016 10:19 AM
69	Less focus on sports and sports facilities and more focus on academics; decline federal funds that come with compliance of their agenda by keeping decisions made at a community level - the way it should be.	6/11/2016 8:53 PM
70	I don't know.	6/11/2016 8:41 PM
71	Hopefully,all of the above have a current focus of improvement.	6/11/2016 6:34 PM
72	drop sports improve academics with the dollars	6/11/2016 6:10 PM
73	Improve infrastructure. Good roads (primary & secondary) give the perception of a successful, well planned and managed community. The investment will follow.	6/11/2016 5:14 PM
74	DRUGS AND DRINKING IN SCHOOLS	6/11/2016 3:57 PM
75	teachers pensions,	6/11/2016 3:53 PM
76	stop waste of tax dollars on unneeded police and municipal workers and direct that money into the schools where it can be used rather than wasted on overpaid workers	6/11/2016 12:04 PM
77	improve music programs and add technical, shop classes	6/11/2016 12:03 PM
78	in order to improve the school district I believe firmly in constant education of students in current life issues; MORE assemblies on drug use-involve the local courts, judges, police, past criminals (young ones that kids can semi relate with)	6/11/2016 11:51 AM
79	How you hire people for the school district I was told by a man in church that a lady wants a aide job so she had 2 teachers and the principle of a grade school write letters because she is NOT fit the needs for the job also is just looking for a job she has no kids but her other 1/2 does and they hate her!! Please do Mifflin a favor do not hire her , from all I here at church no one there likes her see through her. Also if that's all it takes a letter from teachers and principal I tell my friends that need jobs	6/10/2016 9:14 AM
80	Quit teaching to those damn tests and let the teachers teach.	6/9/2016 8:15 PM
81	Make education a bigger priority than sports. Art and Music should be more important than (or at least equal to) football!	6/8/2016 10:26 PM
82	Honesty all the above	6/8/2016 6:17 AM
83	They teach and worry about the pssa's and don't allow students to explore and learn. They have lost great teachers by not allowing teachers to use their knowledge to engage the students.	6/7/2016 6:44 PM
84	Improve reading, increase trade training, community gardens and synergy in bringing the community together to make improvements- socially and "infrastructure"	6/7/2016 6:13 PM
85	Lower taxes	6/7/2016 10:22 AM
86	As a student who graduated recently from Governor Mifflin and now attends one of the top 5 business schools in the USA per Bloomberg Businessweek, I feel that Governor Mifflin didn't prepare students as well for high level college material as other schools did.	6/6/2016 7:37 PM
87	Reduce property taxes only. Foreclosures are everywhere.	6/6/2016 3:07 PM
88	I chose La Salle Academy to send my son to have him no involved in the Gov Mifflin School District. At this time it's horrible and only getting worse.	6/6/2016 9:51 AM
89	Better prepared students graduating for lower costs will improve property values, as the tax money for education will have Bennett proved to be put to the best use. Better prepared does not always mean "college bound", but willing to still learn more to improve their own, and others future lives.	6/5/2016 8:25 AM
90	Keep the music program in tact!	6/5/2016 7:32 AM
91	Restore a climate of caring and student focused instruction within the middle and high school settings.	6/4/2016 9:19 PM
92	More interaction with Alumni	6/4/2016 7:34 PM
93	Get drugs out of the schools. My kids in GMMS and GMHS come home with stories about drugs in their schools.	6/4/2016 7:25 PM

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94	Decrease drug usage.	6/4/2016 11:55 AM
95	The cost for special education is outrageous. So many special education teachers, yet the academic rigor is dropping. Mifflin is not producing shovel ready workers. Decrease special education costs and increase academic rigor.	6/3/2016 9:11 PM
96	This area would be improved with a more diversified population. We have very few Asian or Indian families among other under represented populations.	6/3/2016 6:38 PM
97	Stop hiring "yes men" and people who were athletes at GM instead of college graduates (GM alum) who really are the best candidates (not just 4.0 gpa people; common sense means so much more)	6/3/2016 5:54 PM
98	Improve special Ed and identifying kids earlier correctly. Higher more guidance and support staff to meet the increasing number of pupils.	6/3/2016 5:53 PM
99	use less technology and teach the kids whats really needed in the real world. communication skills and common sense. how to do a budget and manage money would be nice. most kids and adults have no idea how it works.	6/3/2016 3:00 PM
100	Taxes & Taxes!	6/3/2016 2:37 PM
101	have school work on a tight budget as we as home owners need to do	6/3/2016 1:37 PM
102	More involvement of school counselor a in college and career choice planning. Possibly institute a career center for exploration. School counselors at Mifflin are almost nonexistent except for choosing classes	6/3/2016 9:40 AM
103	The program for the arts is poor. Cumru 4th grade play was great but nothing until High School. My other grand children in the East Penn District have much more opportunities. Our High School is rated much lower than Wyomissing and Wilson and this will affect property values in the future.	6/2/2016 3:24 PM
104	eliminate property taxes	6/2/2016 2:51 PM
105	Make them ready for the real world and tech them how to do real world stuff	6/1/2016 1:30 AM
106	hold teachers accountable for kids not passing these standardized tests...kids fail no raise for the teacher...fair enough. And also hire teachers that know what how to teach. Some are really bad...especially high school level :(5/26/2016 5:51 PM
107	And improve academic performance. These all tie together and are equally important to me	5/26/2016 1:37 PM
108	Family involvement for improved academic performance	5/26/2016 10:22 AM
109	qualified teachers that teach....should get a pay raise based on whether the students pass those standard tests don't pass no raise!!!	5/24/2016 12:23 PM
110	Most importantly reduce school taxes	5/22/2016 3:59 PM
111	Couldn't pick just 3	5/21/2016 10:50 PM
112	Improve and downsize administrative positions	5/21/2016 1:20 PM
113	lets get a town center	5/19/2016 1:30 PM
114	reduce testing and improve the programs and materials taught to the students	5/18/2016 4:01 PM
115	Why are our kids learning how to game tests instead of how to code? See article in this months New Yorker about using toys (sphero) to teach kids to code...	5/17/2016 5:05 PM
116	we need to stop the abundance of squatters not paying taxes. they live in section 8 housing and none of the renters pay anything. Many families live together and they flock to the apartments so they don't have to pay anything. Their kids get free or reduced lunches and are excused from paying all the extra fees. Working families who don't make a huger salary still make too much for any assistance with lunches, activities, etc. plus pay taxes. We are paying for all the free stuff these people receive, and it is not fair. It makes it harder for the working homeowners to be able to afford for their children to be involved, etc.	5/17/2016 6:42 AM
117	Reduce drug use at high school	5/13/2016 6:21 PM
118	Promote vo-tech to supply necessary services for our community.	5/13/2016 3:47 PM
119	Hire a new superintendent	5/13/2016 1:54 PM
120	Retire deadbeat teachers..Discipline.Teachers need to enforce!	5/13/2016 10:42 AM
121	Improve appearance of main community accesses. Make this a friendlier community for Millennial's with walking, biking, outdoor gathering places for families. Get tenants for vacant businesses or buildings or repurpose for community use.	5/12/2016 4:57 PM