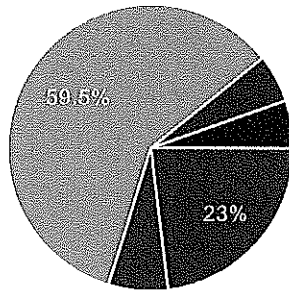


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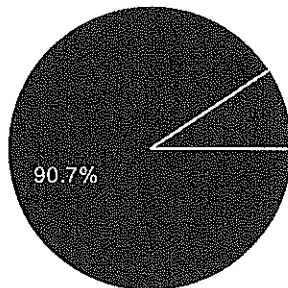
Summary

Please identify your role in the Newton Public Schools



Parent	17	23%
Student	5	6.8%
Staff Member	44	59.5%
Community Member	4	5.4%
Other	4	5.4%

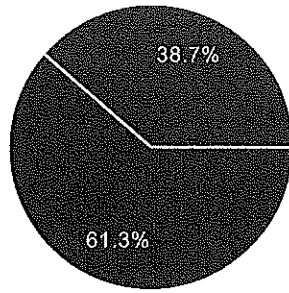
Were you able to access the Stakeholder Analysis of School Facilities either (a) in the September 2015 edition of The Brave News or (b) on the district website at www.newtonnj.org under News?



Yes	68	90.7%
No	7	9.3%

If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, do you agree with all of the conclusions in the assessment?

Yes	46	61.3%
No	29	38.7%



you disagree and tell us why.

identify the items with which

Central air conditioning would be extremely helpful.

I reside at 40 Halsted St., the over flow parking from teachers working at Halsted school is affecting parking for visitors and deliveries at my residence . Teachers are parking on both sides of the street along most of the block. Town Manager advises this is a BOE problem- what are you doing to resolve this ?

you need AC in every room and you need to pay the teacher more money STOP robbing them from their paycheck cause its not fair what you guys are doing to the them

In the analysis science classrooms and size of classrooms for instructional adequacy was listed as adequate in the high school. However, currently resource center chemistry classes are in E1A (which used to be the school store). This classroom does not allow the opportunity for the same type of lab work as in a regular science classroom. This small room near the gym, which is a noisy area, is also being used for LLD classes and a RC class.

Some of the fields are not well-maintained. Weeds, lumpy, need new grass/clay installed. (Merriam Ave School, Baseball at NHS)

The athletic field at the high is great, but the soccer fields are dangerous at St. Paul's Abbey.

The Website is almost organized poorly. There should be an archive created so information that is older can be made available but not clutter what is already there. The formats of information are different for each school and are difficult to find. For example Bell schedules are in different locations and formats for each building, which shows a lack of consistency over the entire district. Essentially a parent who's child goes through all three schools has to relearn the website for each building.

I do not have enough information to know if some of the systems/facilities are adequate. I can only agree with those I have knowledge of.

We need air conditioning so our students dont suffer and so no one passes out and dies

The amount of sharing that soccer, field hockey and football (not to mention Marching Band too) have to share is totally inadequate. I whole heartedly agree that tennis courts are beyond inadequate! The infrastructure- some of the roofs leak, the auditorium is beyond horrendous, no storage for actors (talk about a fire hazard!)

Athletic Fields - HS soccer field at the Abbey is substandard. It is a dirt pit, (rocky, with ankle twisting holes) in major need of up keep. Traffic flow entering and exiting HS in the

morning is dangerous.

The main office in the high school needs improvement, as well as the guidance offices. Also, the Staff room at the high school is in need of improvement. All of these spaces need full renovation and updating.

The gym...not big enough for the student enrollment during the winter months...the classes are too big and the gym is the size of an elementary school gym...not acceptable compared to most other schools in the area. Also air conditioning should be a must...considering prisons have air conditioning...we are probably one of the only public employees without access to air....again not acceptable!

Science Rooms - The high school science rooms are NOT adequate for current or future use. No fume hood – D-1, D-2, F-3 Out dated fume hood in disrepair - D-3, F-2 No gas - D-1, D-2, D-3, F-2 No hot water - D-1, D-2, D-3 No shower - D-1, D-2, D-3, F-3 No dedicated eyewash station D-1, D-2, D-3, F-3 Electrical panels on lab tables in D-2 are not working. Athletic Fields - The soccer fields at the Abbey are dangerous due to the ruts made by tires and snow plows. The weeds far outnumber the tufts of grass and there are way too many rocks exposed on the surface. Infrastructure – see above in science classrooms

Cafeteria, Nurses office, locker space and library at Halsted failing

On the survey for Halsted it ranks many areas as a "0". I disagree, The library, cafeteria and classroom questions(1 and 2) are more than adequate for the students In addition there are new lockers throughout the building. The nurses offices serves it's purpose also.Although there are a number of improvements that could be made to Halsted due to its age, the learning and love that exists there is irreplaceable.

STEM and Computer Labs are not adequate as the technology is starting to become inefficient for working-- they are beginning to deteriorate and are running very slow. As for the Science Labs, we are continuing to use computers and software from 2003-- nearly 12 years ago. The clients and servers in the Science Labs need to be upgraded. Our teachers are continuing to prepare us for college and careers using Microsoft Excel- - a tool that some careers may require the knowledge of. Perhaps you should look into investing into an upgrade for the clients in these classrooms.

I agree with those items that were included on the list, but the Athletic Training Room facility was omitted from the list. I think we should invite input regarding the facilities dedicated to the healthcare of the student athletes. Edyie and I will be happy to offer a detailed description of the potential of the athletic training room as needed.

Having works as a substitute teacher in both Halsted and Merriam Ave., and currently working as a teachers aide in Merriam Ave., I really think that the aides should each have a locker to store their coats, purses, etc. Teachers have their class and desk to store personal items, but as an aide or substitute for an aide, there really is no designated spot to store our personal items. It can be very cumbersome carrying around a purse, folders, etc. from one class/floor, possibly outside recess, inside lunch, back

outside, upstairs, downstairs, etc. I really think these would be very much appreciated by all of us. Thank you. - Kathy Caton, MAS

Teachers should have have contracts. they have to deal with kids all day long for more than 180 days

All of the "zero" scores for Newton High School concern me, but are no surprise. Being a first time parent to a high school aged child, I would like improvements made to ensure the best educational experience for my child. Renovated tennis courts AT THE HIGH SCHOOL would be a wonderful improvement to start. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Gym at the high school is inadequate as it's too small and narrow. Nurse's office and rest rooms at the high school are adequate, not that improvements are always good, but they seem to be usable. Not mentioned is guidance offices at the high school. They are too small to have a comfortable parent meeting with 2 parents, a teacher, and a guidance counselor. I've had meetings squished in the guidance counselor's office. Conference rooms in high school - not enough and not big enough, except for the large one which is too large for a typical parent meeting of 4 people. CST conference room in the high school is too small.

I was unsure how to read the document.

Notes: 1.) I was not able to access the Stakeholder Analysis report in (a) or (b). They did not seem to be up yet. I was able to access the Analysis report via e-mail from Dr. Greene. 2.) I agree with the assessment of the high school only. I do not teach at Merriam or Halsted, so I am not very familiar with their facilities and cannot comment on them.

I would like to see the gymnasium updated. The side baskets and sliding doors frequently malfunction. I know it's probably not in the budget, but a bigger facility would allow us to host tournaments that would bring more money into the school. We also have very few locations for handicapped patrons.

I think NHS should score far less than in the 50% of having satisfactory facilities. There are unusable rooms because of black mold. Rooms with inadequate temperature control. The asbestos in the auditorium is a concern, and the whole of the auditorium is an embarrassment (curtains with gaping holes, curtains rotting of the rods, the new paint in the auditorium is appalling as it makes the upper walls look DIRTY ... who chose those colors?!?!) Oh yes ... we have a beautiful football field. Gosh ... thanks. Oh ... that is beginning to show wear n tear ... when we will be on the hook for replacing that wonderful investment?!? Our kids deserve better leadership, better facilities. A new school. Someone at the Board office should be looking into grants and getting money needed to build a new school. It's time. What's the long term plan???

The list shows nothing about computer labs or classes. It is hard to imagine how a school thinks it is preparing people for the future without a major influence in tomorrows world. The other 2 things that every one should know before leaving school is how to

cook, and balance a check book. Learning how to balance your diet at an early age will be key to healthy living. I helped out the senior class once by collecting money for the prom. The majority of the students that brought in a check from home, they did not know where to find the check number.

The internet bandwidth is too slow at HMS. students cannot use their time well to complete assessments and tasks. District needs to reassess ISP and install faster cable lines to foster a more positive learning experience. I recommend the board look into this themselves. Thank you.

I disagree with the high school's opinion on the locker space, and library. I think that there needs to be more lockers, because many seniors do not get lockers and are forced to use their cars or a friend's (usually a lower classman). I also think that there should be more computers put in the library, because depending on how big your class is, you might not have enough computers for your students. I also disagree with all of the 0s on the high school list. I think that they are fine at the high school, but to alleviate the parking issue, seniors should be assigned a parking spot so that it is not first-come, first-serve. Also, the choir room could be larger since there are many students who do choir and the room is always very full.

Disagree with Merriam Ave fields...I would rate as inadequate. Also, there is inadequate handicap parking outside the GYM lobby at the hs. I witnessed this first hand over the last few years during the winter sports season.

Handicap accessibility - Many areas of the building are not accessible at all, or are very inconveniently accessible. This all assumes that the main hallway elevators actually work on a given day.