Parent and Guardian Survey Regarding Facility Needs

February, 2019 —153 Responses

	Questions 1 = not important, 5 = very important	Overall Average
1.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its small school size (limited to two sections per grade)	3.88
2.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its small class size (capped at 25)	4.39
3.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its place-based learning	3.96
4.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its learning program (arts, environment, history of area, civic engagement)	3.65
5.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its access to and engagement with the natural environment (e.g., outdoor "hallways," sledding hill, hiking trails)	4.29
6.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its outdoor learning environment (e.g., performing outdoor experiments, looking for shapes during nature walks, animal studies, doing math outside, tree identification)	4.35
7.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its nontraditional facilities/classroom spaces	3.92
8.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its extra recess, longer lunch	4.08
9.	We choose River Grove at this time because of a personal connection to other students/families	3.56
10.	We choose River Grove at this time because of a particular classroom teacher or special education teacher(s)	2.46
11.	We choose River Grove at this time because of its proximity to my home	3.35
12.	We choose River Grove at this time because our previous school didn't meet our needs	2.63
13.	We choose River Grove at this time because of (other) --- Please explain	*See Addendum 13 below*
14.	(Please enter a number for this criterion 1 to 5, 1 being not important and 5 being very important.)	4.87
15.	How important was the school's location in Wilder Forest to your initial decision to enroll at River Grove?	3.75
16.	How important is the school's location in Wilder Forest to your continued enrollment at River Grove?	3.76
17.	If River Grove relocated to the former Marine Elementary School building, how likely are you to continue enrollment at River Grove?	2.89
18.	Should River Grove move to the former Marine Elementary site? Why or Why not? * Required	*See Addendum 18 below*
19.	Please explain your answer (optional) (in reference to question 18)	*See Addendum 19 below*
20.	Additional comments (optional). There is also a space below for general comments.	*See Addendum 20 below*
21.	What additional information do you need to help you to prepare for the community conversations?	*See Addendum 21 below*
22.	How would you prefer to participate in and contribute to the discussion?	*See Addendum 21 below*
23.	Do you have any questions or comments at this time?	*See Addendum 23 below*
24.	Grade level of your child/ren currently attending River Grove:	*See Addendum 24 below*
25.	Ages of your other child/ren who don't attend River Grove:	*See Addendum 25 below*
26.	Previous elementary school(s) your child/ren attended:	*See Addendum 26 below*
27.	Your city:	*See Addendum 27 below*

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13 **We choose River Grove at this time because of (other)**	• Great staff and facility • Choosing a district 834 school did not seem like an option for us after the closing of Marine. • It's in the Wilder Forest • lots of special ed teachers • Location in Wilder Forest - (FIVE) 5 • A local school is a important, historical, cultural part of living in Marine on St Croix. • We chose River Grove exclusively because of the set up at Wilder. We will not send our children to the school if it is in Marine, due to location and the fact that it would be more if a traditional school. There are several other traditional schools closer. • Our school closed • We love the community of Marine / River Grove. Coming together as a community for our children (whether at Wilder or Marine Elementary building). • Location in the Wilder Forest speci • Closer to our home, outdoor environment, location of school • Because Marine needs a school. • The outdoor environment in the woods connecting our kids to nature. • We were not ok going to Rutherford. • It's in the forest. It's like nothing else offered! Location is key. • The location and the setting of the school, which differentiates it from most other school environments. • We believe is the mission and foundation of this school. • The campus setting nestled deep in the woods. • The nature based learning is very important to us. The environment is outstanding. • The uniqueness of the Wilder Forest location. • I want different, smaller, outdoor learning. Something we can't get somewhere else. • THE LOCATION AND THE WILDER FOREST, THE OUTSIDE OF THE BIG BOX, TRADITIONAL SCHOOL SETTING • the connection to nature was the primary factor in choosing RG over Stonebridge - I would like to see a more global learning environment in the future (not just place based learning) • District bussing to the forest environment • Wilder Forest location and 2. Special Ed Team. Our son as well as many others with and without special needs thrive in a forest environment. The campus is stunning with a calming, vacation like feel. My son thrives on this type of environment and sets the stage for his success. Additionally, the special ed staff are incredible and they are incredibly well equipped to meet my sons IEP. • the administrative decisions by the Stillwater School District. • It is a Marine Area Community School and being a part of the Marine community: I wanted to support the school 100%. I also believed in the founding board. • Wilder location with the camp style outdoor campus • Because we wanted to be part of the school community in the town of Marine on St. Croix. • We chose RG because of the mission and vision on which it was founded, and the importance it places on our community and its citizens. We also chose RG because it is a small school. • We live nearby and feel strongly that our community needs a high quality Elementary school. • the setting • Desire to be in the Wilder Forest • Wilder Forest
13 (cont'd) **We choose River Grove at this time because of (other)**	• Because it is the community school of MARINE ON ST. CROIX! We cannot ignore that this school was started by and FOR the Marine community • School closing, stayed with the same community and classmates • The ability of the school to make connections with the students that go beyond the direct classroom environment. • Unique in its teaching methods • Our school closed and we wanted to stay with our community • Marine proximity and community support and engagement. • We chose River Grove for the community aspect of it. Knowing that it was founded and supported by the community. • It location in Wilder Forest is unique in its natural setting. The benefits to the students are a no brainer! • Location. Environmental learning. Small class size. NATURE! • The Forrest • We chose River Grove because Marine Elementary was closed by the district • We are here because of the Wilder Forest because we took a tour and this is importnat to me and my husband and our kids to be in a nature type setting

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We choose River Grove at this time because of (other)

- 834 took our school in Marine away!
- NA
- Wilder
- We didn't want to bus our kid to Stillwater
- Withrow closed and we didn't want to go to Stillwater, we wanted to stay local.
- Our public school closed
- We love the sense of community and involvement with the other families. We also have grown to love the campus at Wilder. It's a truly unique setting.
- The current building environment
- Setting at a wooded area
- The location at Wilder Forest is the biggest thing that drew is is to the school. We also appreciate the more flexible scheduling and teacher-led model.
- We love the school at wilder
- Best option available for family
- Our last school closed.
- Extensive forest setting, rural location, style of campus (not a "big box" school with fluorescent lighting and brick walls), the Special Ed Program is well designed and extensive.
- Proximity to home and small community.
- We chose River Grove because we were at Withrow and the school closed and also the proximity to our house.
- It's complete environment
- We chose River Grove because our previous school was closed by the district.
- Fell in love with the campus layout, extended recess, and lunch
- Unsure
- There is huge potential to further actualize the currently under utilized placed based curriculum. In other words, we want to help that concept become a reality.
- Our school was closed & we wanted to stay the families in our community.
- the promise of less standardized testing
- The amazing staff
- We chose River Grove because of its non traditional classroom setting and because it is located in Wilder Forest.
- I was fed up with the deceit of the ISD 834 agenda and was looking for a place that my children could be students and not just products in chairs
- 834 alternative
- We feel better than the alternative, but not so certain of this anymore.
- Not confident in decision-making abilities of District 834
- We want our kids to be known (small school ensures that)
- the smaller amount of classmates in each grade, for the chance of greater success and the opportunity for our kids to be involved in / know the history of Marine of St. Croix area.

18

Should River Grove move to the former Marine Elementary site? Why or Why not?

88	No	57.52%
21	Yes	13.73%
26	Either	16.99%
15	Need more info	9.80%
3	I don't know	1.96%
153		100.00%

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Please explain your answer (optional)

(in reference to question 18)

- The Wilder location offers a unique indoor and outdoor experience that would be lost at the Marine Elementary.
- Reason we chose was it's location
- We are here because of the Wilder Forest
- one of my kids wants a traditional gym, etc. the one kid wants more nature and outdoors - I do love the outdoor part of school and believe that will be lost at the new school
- Wilder Forest was a VERY IMPORTANT selling point that the Board and school officials emphasized to the community. Moving the location frankly feels like a "bait and switch" for those families that made the commitment originally..
- Closer (for my family), and the established ties to city and community, and the support that offers.
- We will not send our kids to the school in Marine

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- Ideally, no. Nature surrounding the school is one of RG's most attractive features and talking/selling points. Otherwise, it becomes just another school with a different way of teaching. It is the single greatest reason why we chose to transfer our kids from a "regular" elementary school and place them at RG. It is why we are enrolling our youngest.
- I think for younger students K-4 it seems like an easier environment for teachers
- Many reasons: kids have been through enough with school closures, the long-term sustainability of the school when families pull their kids out is not sustainable, Marine Elementary does not have a "forest" as so many claim (50' x 50' area of trees and buckthorn is not a forest) and the proximity to other nature areas is not immediate (Marine is surrounded by homes in a neighborhood) , families have invested time and money into this space, Marine Elementary is an older building with mold issues,
- Once again, we love the community / bond with Grove and their families. We would support Grove at either campus. There are obvious positives/negatives to both locations.
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- Not at this time, I would love to see RG extend through middle school in the future with a split campus in Marine. The children grades 2-4th have endured many changes with the closing of Withrow, Oak Park and Marine. Another move at this time could be disruptive to the home like environment that has been created at RG Wilder.
- Not the learning environment many parents chose to enroll in. Further distance. Longer bus rides.
- I like both but feel both would require some modifications to serve the continuous growth of the school. Marine isn't big enough to hold all the students.
- Our children attend River Grove because of its unique location
- When the board of directors began discussions about starting this school, the Marine building was not for sale nor a viable option for purchase. So, the dream of what was to be had to change due to circumstances. Because of that, you began to market the school based on the offerings of the current campus and Wilder Forest. There has been no public discussion with parents about moving the school until now. The comments I have seen on the Grove Parents FB Page about wanting to move the school to the Marine building have mostly been made by Marine parents. It makes sense to want to have the school closer to where you live. What doesn't make sense is being biased towards the small amount of Marine address kids that attend Grove. Marine school is not a convenient location for most families as it is a 20 minute drive from Stillwater and 20 minutes from Withrow. I think we will be shooting ourselves in the foot if we move. Also, I looked at the aerial view of Marine and it's looks like "the Forest" is in fact a small outcrop of trees as compared to Wilder. I don't feel as if my child would have any sort of an outdoor experience at that campus.
- Because it is inextricably tied to the town. Marine can't survive with RG. RG can't survive without the town.
- worried about enrollment decline.
- River Grove is growing, move to Marine Elem. prevents this due to space constraints.
- Sit tight and get good before you move! This started as a vision for marine! Now your doing something even greater and serving more kids! Think of the kids and the moves they have already had! Please do not only think of YOUR vision like 834. Think of your students! If you don't have the forest you don't have a draw. Get good at your curriculum etc. get so good that people will want to continue on and follow you. Your not going to get a crowd to follow you to marine. If your goal is to only serve the 50 or less kids in marine then go for it I guess. You will loosen my family, many other families too. You will loose many volunteers and funding. Do not move.
- I think it would be premature at this time to relocate the school. The current location is a driving factor in success of the school.
- It provides a more secure location, settled within the community, close to the history and nature of our village.
- It is designed to be an elementary school, all set and ready to go. Building in good condition, compared to Wilder. Has a gym. Has a lunch room connected to building so going to lunch isn't a 15 minute process.
- If I wanted another box building school I'd have my kids attend one closer to home.
- River Grove promised to be different and not just a continuation of Marine school.
- I have non elementary school children at other schools. Marine would be too far for us.

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Please explain your answer (optional)

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- The majority of people in this school are NOT Marine residents. People come to RG because of the surrounding incredible forest and staff. Most do not have ties to the ME building, therefore they will not follow the school if there is a move. They will go back to their local brick and mortar school. We have something incredible at the present site. Do not destroy it by moving. The kids of District #834 have already been through too much.
- Each setting is different and has a different appeal. We can't pretend that the Marine site will be as interesting and build as much novelty and curiosity as Wilder's non traditional site. At the same time, there are some complications with the non-traditional site at Wilder and I can see why locating at the Marine Elementary could be a simple solution. (It just depends on what we are looking for...Simple? Easy? Good enough? Great?)
- Families First chose RG for the location and non traditional setting, the teaching staff and community came 2nd and 3rd. Location for this school, IN THE FOREST, is the drawing point. Moving our NEW school to another location would be a terrible upset to the beautiful work the founding board and our community has worked to achieve. < 30 students live in the Marine zip code--out of our 175 PLUS students that are currently enrolled or waiting to be enrolled. 30 (or less) live in

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19 (cont'd) **Please explain your answer (optional)** **(in reference to question 18)**	Marine. It doest work to move our school farther north-low enrollment then when it was closed--it will be low enrollment again and potentially shatter what we have grown. • Both have pros and cons but in the end I know either place is a safe and encouraging place to learn. • The Wilder campus is so exceptional, it allows me to look past the many shortcomings of RiverGrove as a whole • The Wilder forest environment offers the opportunities we seek • Forest environment/atmosphere, marketability, competitiveness is stronger at Wilder as it sets the school apart from other options. • The location at Wilder, in the woods, with great access to outdoors, natural surroundings is what makes that place special--as well as the buildings/indoor spaces. The education potential is limitless there, whereas the school site in town doesn't offer the same "place-based" education that we fell in love with there. • I sent my kids there to get away from Stillwater School District administrative decisions • I will be at the meetings coming up to hear about all the different advantages and disadvantages. Then I will feel more informed overall. • Enrolled with the expectation of children being at the current campus throughout their school journey. • It's where the school was intended to be located, and much more secure than Wilder Forest. • The location provides a secure future for our school, where student learning can be the top priority and the school's mission can come to full fruition. • I think a move at this time would do more harm than good • I feel like too many teacher resources are spent moving between buildings.I feel that there current location is often cold and has issues with mold. I feel like there should be more focus on curriculum right now. Less on the logistical issues the space creates. • I feel like too many teacher resources are spent moving between buildings.I feel that there current location is often cold and has issues with mold. I feel like there should be more focus on curriculum right now. Less on the logistical issues the space creates. • That building is in tremendous disrepair & bus rides are already way too long. • We choose River grove mainly for the setting at Wilder as our children ride the bus for an hour each way • Our Children will not go there if it moves. • We would prefer for Grove to stay at the current Wilder location. Perhaps split upper and lower classes could be another option. We will continue with Grove at either campus. • If it is possible and sustainable to stay where we are, we should. The current environment makes this school so unique and distinctive. • The forest setting is why we chose to enroll • We appreciate the setting it's currently in • It was always intended to be in Marine • The school is doing well because of where it is. • The children love the setting. Is the site long term? • Due to the environment (trees/woods) my child has greatly benefitted with their social emotional well being and behaviors have greatly decreased. This is not how it was at previous schools. Wilder forest has made a great impact overall for their success. • I most prefer Wilder Nature Center. I'd like to understand why the old Marine should would be "better." • I feel that the program could thrive even if moved if the move were to happen the right way. There are advantages to being in a traditional school building (like the gymnasium), but we do also love the physical environment of the Forest. • I support Marine Elementary building as it seems to offer similar place based learning access and warm upkept buildings. My child has complained of cold classrooms, smelly bathrooms, leaking roofs, windows that don't close. • I'm not 100% firm in that opinion but I'd need more clarification on the benefits of the move and advantages of the Marine Elementary Campus
19 (cont'd) **Please explain your answer (optional)** **(in reference to question 18)**	• The decision needs to be made with all truthful information available to the public. Information like current operation expenditures for each location based off of current enrollment. Availability of additional facilities for growth in both locations. Responsible party for the development and building of those facilities. Lease verbiage on canceling the Lease on both Wilder and MACS. Previous expenditures by both MACS and Wilder on the upkeep and repair of current facilities. Listing of repairs needed on both Wilder and Marine Elementary facilities. Addition of security features to both sites. Comprehensive study of the security for both locations. Current Fire Marshal evaluation for both locations. There is too much non information or false information being floated on social media. There needs to be official and verifiable documentation represented for me to make a decision. • I never dreamed of my child going to school in such an idyllic location. And to take that away from them right now, just 2 yrs in seems crazy. • My kids love being in nature, but it is also all they know. I think the move to Marine would be an adjustment initially, but it offers other opportunities. • The reason we enrolled our children is because of location and uniqueness. Classes in the woods! Amazing.

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- I would move my kids to a closer school.
- We are surprised to learn that the founders say they planned a school for only Marine because according to the past meeting minutes they discussed the value of adding second classes to each grade at several board meetings -- how 2 classes would benefit students overall. So doesn't that mean they saw the need/value for a school for a wider area? A school that doesn't have the amenities that Wilder Forest has would not be attractive for many.
- Fundamentally, I believe it changes the entire structure of the school. We chose this school for it's "out of the box" appeal, the natural setting, the immersion in nature and the physical/emotional benefits of such surroundings.
- My child prefers one building vs. many buildings that are only accessible by going outdoors, as well as a bigger gym and lunch room in the Marine building.
- We took a tour and chose this place because of the location. We are Renting to be close to the school and are looking to buy a house close to the School. Now you are going to move? We are Not Happy and could pick any regular school in Stillwater if we wanted a regular School.
- First of all that is what was intended. The strength of the community and location of the school will only be more stable in long run and be a better foundation for ANY future expansion once school is more settled.
- Wilder offers a unique environment that no other school has, otherwise I would rather send my children to a closer school with established curriculum and performance
- That would be ok, but we love Wilder. We go where MACS goes.
- The facilities. Ex. Gym, stage, shared hallway, walking to town hall for 6th grade play, William O'brian. Bus drop off, outdoor courts, ball field, Soccer area.
- (River Grove will greatly benefit from building facilities and a campus designed for an elementary school.
- Seems like a better option for teacher and staff for long term viability
- If I could choose, I would prefer both campuses to be used. I realize this may not be financially viable. I'm torn as we've grown to love the very unique, wooded setting of Wilder and I'm not excited to have the kids move schools as they're now used to, and love, the Wilder setting/campus. That said, we will go wherever the school goes. I hope that the decision is not made quickly, however. If the board does decide to move campuses, I would prefer if they would finish out the 5 year lease at Wilder and then move the campus to Marine. I think it would be helpful to allow families and kids time to digest and adjust to the idea of moving (especially those kids who have already moved once).
- The current site provides unique opportunities that the new location cannot
- Not until the campus is allowed to split
- It is clear that you will loose a decent portion of your students and funding will clearly be a problem then
- I think that the current location in Wilder Forest is uniquely suited to attract new students. It is more centrally located than Marine and has a beautiful forest setting that is so different than any other school. Every time I tell people about our school, they say that they wish there was something like that when they were kids. Other parents have told me they never considered Grove as an option because they thought it would be in Marine Elementary. Once they learn it's at Wilder, they're interested in considering it as an option. If Grove moves to Marine, I think you'll be fighting an uphill battle against public perception that the school is too far away and "just like any other school." That might not be the reality, but it will keep a lot of families from enrolling.
- Wilder is so special. There is nothing like it anywhere
- Wilder location work , now we have a better option
- secure location
- Enrollment would decline, financial stability would be jeopardized.
- I am comfortable with either location. I believe that the downtown location is prefered for long term viability. While the setting of the school at the existing location is very unique and attractive, I fear the long term maintainance of facilities will become exorbitant over time and remove resources from the core mission of educating children.
- The Wilder location is really neat, but logistically it is tough and lacking some common spaces, for example a gymnasium. It is also very tough that we have to park our car and get out to walk kids to class before school - with toddlers it's not ideal getting in & out - especially in winter.

19 (cont'd)

Please explain your answer (optional)

(in reference to question 18)

- The Marine location offers nothing that satisfies our passion for River Grove.
- dont want a long bus ride
- When we took a tour last year the person who said she a board member said that the school had a multi year lease with the forest location. On the FB page, it said moving was the plan "all along. " Was the board member just trying to get us to enroll? If we had known the truth, we may have made a difference decision.
- I would defer to the opinion of the educators and leadership. I think both locations have pros & cons. We are equal distance to both. As long as the school stays true to its mission, I think both environments will work well. My main concern is sustainability — the decision needs to ensuee that the school can continue to thrive.
- Marine Safer. Cleaner. Functional gym/cafeteria, rink, decent working clean restrooms
- I am concerned that Grove needs stability in its early years to assure continued enrollment, I believe Grove would lose too many students and threaten the viability of the school at this early stage.

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Please explain your answer (optional)

(in reference to question 18)

- Wilder provides a progressive, non-traditional learning environment that is important to our family. Amenities such as longer lunches, extra recess and proximity to our home are appreciated bonuses but these are neither things we cannot find at other schools nor reasons my family would follow River Grove if the school moves to the Marine Elementary site. I also believe that the mission of River Grove, including its emphasis on place-based learning, can be brought to fruition in the current location in Wilder Forest. The address of the Wilder site is still Marine on St Croix and is a part of the Marine landscape. Focusing on a specific set of geographical coordinates on a map to the point of excluding other areas of the same community, as well as the tightly knit fabric of small communities that comprise the St. Croix River Valley, feels every bit as limiting to the development of children's "sense of place" as the intensive, early focus on national/global issues that the place-based learning pedagogy seeks to alleviate. Arguably, the current location in the Wilder Forest provides an opportunity for students to learn about the rich history of the entire surrounding community, not just a specific fraction of it. The village of Marine on St. Croix began as a lumber town and as such, the forests that surround it are every bit as much a part of the history as the river and the historical buildings that remain in town. The historical sites throughout Marine are public and easily accessible given River Grove has its own buses. If the school leaves the Wilder Forest, we lose the opportunity for our children to ever experience that portion of our community.
- I would prefer Wilder, but if it's not financially viable long term then moving back to Marine elementary is fine.
- The bus ride is long as it is. I struggle to volunteer, due to its location. I have to take half a day off work to help cover lunch. I had the opportunity to enroll my kids into Marine when it was with the district and chose not to die to distance.
- Both sites are good, focus on what really matters and that is quality.
- The environment is such an asset and selling point for the school. It feels as the school was advertised so much as the nature school that going into town and away from that I think would take away from the school and what it was founded as.
- It does not allow for future expansion and will divide your current school community of parents by not holding true to the values
- The whole point in going to RG was the atmosphere.
- The main reason we enrolled our children in River Grove was because of it's location in the Wilder Forest. We thought the environment place and project based learning would be truly unique given the natural surroundings.
- River Grove should stay at Wilder until capacity for teacher implementation for innovative placed based curriculum increases. Then, based on MDE rules, expand to two campuses.
- River groves current location makes it the most unique school in the state. Lets not lose that.
- People have been sold on the school in the forest. If you decide to move, it needs to be much more thoughtful and people need to have time to plan.
- How much of the learning program and teaching staff will be retained if river grove moves?
- The long term viability sounds more certain in Marine.
- My child only has one year left. This greatly impacts my decisions. It would be easier to make 1 change to the middle school vs a change to the Marine location and then again in a year to the middle school.
- River groves current location makes it the most unique school in the state. Lets not lose that.
- Wilder's campus is completely unique and offers everything the Marine Elementary site has and so much more. There is no compelling reason to move and disrupt our children's learning and our growing success.
- We moved our kids from Stonebridge because of the outdoor learning environment provided by the unique Wilder campus. Prior to enrollment, February 2018, we were assured that there would be no changes until the 5 year lease was up. So we uprooted our kids and took the School Administrator at his word. Breaking the lease and moving to the more traditional campus before year 6, in my opinion, would be a mistake. And if this was the plan from the get-go, it certainly wasn't expressed to incoming families. This whole situation eerily reminds me of the questionable backdoor decisions made the Stillwater School Board a few years back.
- The intention to move this school to Marine was not communicated to us when we decided to attend Grove 2 years ago. We do not want to be moved around multiple times. I would hope that you dont decide to move for next year, so our 5th grader can finish at Grove and then we would send her to middle school. And I would start my 3 year year old at Rutherford. Marine is out of the way and farther from our house.

19 (cont'd)

Please explain your answer (optional)

(in reference to question 18)

- Why do we need to move locations if the schools not expanding to eighth grade?
- Our school is new and I believe you have to walk before you run. Our school is just learning to walk and they now are asking us to run from our identity to fulfill an illusion of a "marine only school"
- Likely loss of students
- I do think either campus would work well, but the Wilder campus is superior.
- Both facilities have pros and cons. We love the outdoor options at wilder but know there are benefits for us utilizing the marine school building. We support whatever is best for the health of the school.
- Marine Elementary site is located in Marine of St. Croix, giving better access to the community as stated in the Mission Statement of River Grove. Also, it gives greater security (a secure building, a community that wants the school there, won't wonder if we will continue to have a lease to house the school and I would imagine that the Marine Elementary site will be more affordable to lease and upkeep).

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20 **Additional comments (optional). There is also a space below for general comments.**	• I also would like the school to have enough money and it seems a waste to let the school just sit there • We had to adapt our schedules to drive our child there every day and pick them up. One of us had to scale back work, we have a tighter budget, we left a great school to come to RG for it's current location/environment as well as all of its philosophies. • and, lower costs versus having to maintain multiple buildings at Wilder. • Families have indicated that they will pull their kids if the school moves. Rumors have indicated that0 there is a benefactor. What happens when the money runs out and the city of Marine does not want to keep dumping money into the school that only has 50 kids in it. RG is riding the wave of unhappy families from 834. That will not last forever. Families will leave the school if it moves and the school will have a difficult time attracting families to the school in the future. Is the donor requiring that the school move? If so, the school should politely decline the donor. • We created this school/community together, so I think as long as we keep the core principles/interests of the school and kids together, that is the most important aspect...not the location of the school, we are blessed with two great options. We feel that the Marine location would still provide the opportunity for the nature/outdoor learning agenda to continue. • We had to adapt our schedules to drive our child there every day and pick them up. One of us had to scale back work, we have a tighter budget, we left a great school to come to RG for it's current location/environment as well as all of its philosophies. • Although the move to the Marine campus is more convenient, it definitely lacks the beauty and access to nature that is available at the Wilder campus. • I believe that the board member who also sits on the city council should abstain from voting about moving Grove. This is a clear conflict of interest!!! One more point is that we will have to lease from the city of Marine, just the same as we do from Wilder. Marine owns the building, Grove will not. We should not feel indebted to the city of Marine because they chose to purchase the building for their city. • Recommendation: wait until we can split campus. • Stillwater schools tried to make a school in Marine work by opening enrollment and transportation options and they weren't able to make a viable school. • I hope the board doesn't try to push something through without truly listening to the community. That would be fulfilling an agenda and we expect more out of this board. To be clear. If this move gets pushed through, we will not be moving to the ME site. • Marine residents on the board or who are ex-officio/non voting, who are FOR the move: please let this go. Your community is not in marine anymore--we are in the St Croix Valley AREA--We do not want a smaller school, farther north, in a traditional setting. You will not or DO NOT have children at this school--We don't want this-listen to your community of young families who will be continuing this school for YEARS to come. • In particular, the new teachers don't seem as qualified as the original teachers, the lack of staffing, over focus on local history vs global perspective, fundraising from gun groups, lack of diversity in school staff and population • Wilder is also closer to our home and our son already rides the bus close to 2hrs a day. If the school moves to ME, it is farther away and we will not send our upcoming kindergartener- Also, future success of school is recruitment and maintenance of new families. Marine Elementary will be harder to differentiate against other charter/private/public options • It's a stable facility location with a ton of community support. I want dollars to go into the kids' learning and not clearing snow, fixing roof leaks, etc.
20 (cont'd) **Additional comments (optional). There is also a space below for general comments.**	• Moving from Wilder takes away the thing that sets RG apart. I'd love it if in the future we could expand to split campus and I realize we can't do that right now. But I think it would be a big mistake to let this piece of Wilder go. We may never be able to get it back! • Safety is a concern. • Safety is a concern. • Our kids will be choosing an alternative if it is to relocate • As a marine resident, I would love to have a school in town but only if it will still hold enrollment • I would like to see pros cons for both buildings. What will support the grove community long term and why? • I think the current nature setting is a big advantage to our school. The school has focused on the nature setting when promoting the school and switching settings could be problematic to the school identity. Also I think going back to the Marine site makes it seem more like a Marine only focused school. • When we enrolled nobody ever mentioned a potential move. If that was on the table we would not have sent our child there. I feel like we got hoodwinked in the worst way. • From a financial longevity perspective it seems caring for one building through a long-term lease from the City of Marine offers a better option • Please don't relocate. • Marine elementary is the same as other Stillwater schools. Regular classrooms • it was never clear that the administration was definitely going to move, because who knew when or if the district was going to sell the Marine building. It seems a bit insincere to say now that that was the plan all along. • If the school were to leave, it would abandon the entire reason many families (inlcuding ours) chose it in the first place.

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- We talked to the head of the whole School, her name is Kristeen and we talked to her last summer. We talked about the Wilder Forest and how importnat it was for our Kids to be at the School. She agreed and said there wasn't any plans to move. So I feel like this is wrong. We thought our other kids would be going to This School in the future but they won't if the School moves.
- We enrolled because we wanted our child to be in a local community school not be bused 60+ minutes to Stillwater.
- (I have more to ad here but the interface on my screen keeps skipping to the next page and I can't get to the end of my previous text.) I believe the 834 school board will reopen Withrow as an elementary school. This will greatly reduce the number of students coming from the former Withrow school area. Reopening Withrow as an 834 school will be a great thing for the community, but will inevitably redu
- Older kids at wilder younger kids at marine
- Marine building was designed for a school, wilder was not
- The school being at Wilder almost made us NOT want to attend back when our school closed and we were deciding whether to go with RG or Rutherford. Ultimately it has been an awesome location and I believe the staff has done an amazing job working with the spaces, but ultimately I would not be disappointed if the school moved to Marine Elementary.
- afraid too many kids will leave and the school will struggle
- Many people made the decision to attend Grove because of the location. If you want to move it, at least give people a chance to make decisions and find new schools and give the group of children/families that have already been uprooted (traumatized by our last district) a chance to finish out at the forest school. We were going to stay through 6th but if you give us one more year, we'll head to the middle school and you can move on with your plan.
- I do see the benefits of financing etc of the traditional location, it just wouldn't work for us because of the above information.
- It would be nice if parents could tour the school.
- Would like to receive more information regarding the pros and cons to each building
- I believe the biggest heart burn about our current location is that it's in May Township and not within the jurisdiction of the City of Marine
- This question does not allow for a realistic description of what Marine E might look like/comparison to current. Benefits, resources available
- If River Grove were to stay at Wilder, it is strongly recommended some improvements be made.
- Kids learn best in a natural setting. It helps them relax, focus, and feel confident. It also helps them develop strong connections to their community. The Wilder location gives River Grove the best chance of creating an innovative and successful school. It provides an opportunity to serve the entire area, drawing students from near and far to learn in our community. It connects to the area's history of bringing together rural and town residents. My child loves the Wilder location.
- I understand those opinion's that would want to stay at Wilder and would grieve with them if the site is moved to Marine Elementary site. I consider of all the hard work many people put in to make it happen there and the wonderful landscape of nature that is available. We have had the opportunity to experience both schools. With all this considered, the Marine Elementary site makes better sense to the future of River Grove.

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Other: How many students can leave and still have the school be viable? Why would the school consider leaving if families are planning on pulling their kids? Shouldn't the school listen to the families more than the community members who do not have children or do not have children who are affected?	1
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How would you prefer to participate in and contribute to the discussion?

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Other • a combination of the three • all of the above • Appreciate the survey being sent to all parents and guardians. • Attend meetings • I would prefer to interact with the board in person, however I can rarely, if ever, make it to the meetings due to schedule and availability of babysitters, etc. So written/e-mail is probably my most reliable form of communication. • If theres a way to watch a recording or transcript of the meetings that would be great. I can rarely attend. • I'll figure it out later. • This survey is enough for me. Like I said, I would be happy with either location - one that makes the most sense financially long term for the school would be my choice.	

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Do you have any questions or comments at this time?

- With respect to what information I would need, your form only allowed me to choose five items, but I think all of the impacts listed are crucially important in understanding whether or not the move is a good idea.
- I love the environment of the school as well as how well organized it is. I really think the old marine school building would be better suited as a future middle school in the spirit of river grove.
- There are a handful of Marine residents who want this move. The founding board did a good job of creating a school. Now that it's successful please LET IT BE.
- I wish you well - it's a big decision with lots of opinions on both sides!
- Please keep the school at its current location. It is a significant differentiator from other schools, and a big part of what makes River Grove a unique place to educate our children. Faculty, students and parents alike place no small value on the school's location in Wilder Forest, and the creative layout of the school grounds. By relocating, you will simply be making River Grove more like other schools, which your stakeholders and parents and students clearly do not prefer. Please recognize what a treasure you already have in River Grove and Wilder Forest. Thank you for your consideration and thoughtfulness in reaching out to those who support the school for their opinions on this important matter. I do believe from what I have heard that enrollment will decrease if the school relocates.
- I am a parent happy to help River Grove succeed in its current location.
- If admin costs go down, teaching and educational standards stay the same, safety stays same or goes, and if logistics improves...it makes sense to move to a single facility. And, I believe you can maintain some of the same values that River Grove currently has today.
- This is very reminiscent of 834 BOLD. The board is operating in secret meetings and dismissing community members concerns by saying this was always the plan. Another Board member with conflict of interest is the same as 834\. This is a school closure, not a move. The school used our kids to get the grants, equipment and families have volunteered tremendously to make RG happen at Wilder. Marine should have a school, but maybe this is not the one that it should have. Can Marine start their own charter school? I don't want to be a part of community that so easily will cast aside people who have ALL made this school happen. Marine isn't the only game in town.
- Thank you for all that you do for the school, community and our children. We are very happy with what RG has accomplished and look forward to the continued success. As I stated earlier, there are positives and negatives to both locations, so we will support the future of RG at either location. We hope that the Board and Families can work together in a respectful manner for this important decision, as a team/community which is the core of the School, to continue to build a positive environment for our children. Thank you again!

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- I think the questions in the first section are very specifically and purposely worded, and intentionally do not come out and ask the specific question about whether a family selected Grove because it's in Wilder. I wish the survey would have asked the question in a more direct manner. I understand it's in section 2, but I could see the data from section 1 not being clear because of this.
- No
- No. Get this done. Move to Marine.
- Please don't uproot the kids affected by bold. Please stay in the forest. Do not give tours without telling people you may move! It's misleading! I feel misled and uncared about. Again.
- The success of Grove is largely due to current location, and it is a huge draw for incoming families. The forest and it's environment are what made us select this school in the first place. Many families will not want to see their children bussed even further north, resulting in longer bus rides. I am afraid that if the school is relocated, many families will seek alternative schools. Our family is one of them.

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- If the school moves to the Marine building my children we will be finding a different school. Why would we drive past two other similar styled elementary school buildings to Marine? What Wilder Forest creates for our kids is the why River Grove is so unique.
- If enrollment draws from a wide area to attend River Grove in the Wilder Forest, moving the school to Marine seems unfair and benefits only the community of Marine. Also, my little boy tells everyone about how special his school is—-that it is inside a forest. He's even had fun researching the architect Frank Lloyd Wright, because our neighbor told him that the buildings reminded her of his architecture. If the school moves, he would not be able to continue to be enrolled as I'm not interested in having him on a bus for that long. When my older children were in elementary school we had the option of sending them to Marine on the bus—-we chose not to do that because it would interfere with their extracurricular after school activities.
- I understand the town of Marine wants their school back. They should have it back. If people can just be patient we can make RG the school that so many expect it to be instead of alienating families and leaving them feeling cheated. So much time and effort has been put into this incredible school. People will forever be grateful to the founding board for their vision but that legacy will go up in flames if they push this through without the support of the community it effects which goes WAY beyond the town of Marine.
- "*Why haven't the residents of Marine involved in this sale, who may also be on our RG board..... learned from the past? This, sadly, is VERY reminiscent of the BOLD/834 issues from our past.
- *Leave our school alone.
- *We will take ALL of our children out of this school if it is moved."
- "If River Grove moves to Marine Elementary our family would choose to withdraw our enrollment.
- We have toured other schools with unique curriculum and fantastic staff. We choose Grove for the absolutely unique environment at Wilder. The opportunities the Wilder environment offers for outdoor exposure/activities/learning styles, student and family community building, and being outside the "box" of a traditional school are integral to our choice to attend River Grove over other schools."
- "There should be a logical compromise here. It is much too soon to consider uprooting and moving locations. RG is still working out some kinks and a major change introduces hesitation for new families. We need proven, established success before families will follow to a new school. A location change is better discussed in 5 yrs. Wilder is one of the biggest draws for people outside of Marine proper. ME is farther away for us- already hard to volunteer due to location. Most of the families live outside of downtown Marine. Wilder being a huge selling point.
- Marketability and differentiation in the school market space is critical. Once families negatively impacted by BOLD have aged out of elementary school, RG will have to work extra hard to market itself if it no longer has the benefits of being located in a Forest.
- Nothing can replicate the beauty of Wilder and the entire education tone, atmosphere and on-site resources. The Forest fits the mission (and name) of the school. Additionally, Wilder already resides in Marine, so Marine meets its goals of having a local school. The town still benefits significantly by supporting RG at Wilder Forest. Perhaps even more do by drawing more families into the area, with a lot of new housing developments happening right by Wilder.
- A decision should not be rushed here. We were informed we would be at Wilder for at least 3 years, with parent feedback being important to the overall decision made."
- It would be a shame to have the school moved. Being out in the woods is part of what makes this school stand out. There are very few locations in the area that offer such a wonderfully education rich location that is nature based.
- No
- No, I think I will find out ALL aspects of the decision at the meetings coming up. Thank you
- To be honest I'm pretty miffed that we're even having these conversations at such an early stage in the schools life. We shouldn't be talking about moving, but instead should be discussing how to better our curriculum and community engagement. Right now the only thing keeping us at RG is the environment. Taking away the forest will make you just like any other school in this district. Another big box school.
- The school is so new I don't feel like the mission has really been truly embraced by the staff. It is written down, but not yet embodied. I also don't feel like River Grove is able to attract and retain advanced learners. This seems to be an opportunity for growth and I feel like the current locale is a hindrance to this development.
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- We have 3\. children at River Grove & if the decision is made to relocate the campus to the Marine Elementary building, we will be placing our children in the district.
- I am interested in the long term viability of the school and attracting highly qualified teachers to work there. The Wilder property has long term challenges and I'm not sure expansion or redevelopment of the facilities is a good idea. The Marine property has its own challenges, namely, that the number of students the current building can accommodate is not as many that are currently enrolled at the school. Also, as we intend to enroll our student at Stillwater middle school as a sixth grader, we are concerned that she won't be prepared as the curriculum is not aligned.
- No

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Do you have any questions or comments at this time?

- I want to fully understand all of the options and their implications. At the moment I prefer to stay at Wilder, but I'm not permanently dug in on this position if the facts dictate a change is required.
- Please do not move the school
- I think we cannot lose sight of the fact that this school was started by community members of marine on st. Croix, to fill the needs of our community and families, and to my knowledge the only reason it wasn't at the former marine elementary building from the start is that the district wouldn't sell/lease the building. Some families are mistakenly assuming the mission of the school - place-based learning - refers to wilder, and they should be corrected that this is NOT the case.
- Lots of people have put trust into the school and its leaders. We are here because we want something different for our kids. Please listen to us.
- None....just wish they were ready to expand grade levels to 7-12th!
- If the current amount of students that we have is too big to hold where we currently are, how do you know if your kid will still be able to be at the school? What guarantees you a spot wherever we are?
- Not as of yet.
- "The Forest is such a neat and unique place to have a school, but ME can also offer a special place.
- Of foremost importance to me are:
  What do the teachers want? They are amazing; we (and the board)need to listen to them
  - What is the viability of each location? We will lose families if we move - might we gain that many back?
  - What is the proposed timing of the move. It seems to me that we really should not be showing one campus as people register and then switching it. This seems to me to be a 1.5 year transition, not just 1/2 year. Perhaps that would offer unique opportunities to the students to help get the new building ready to really feel a part of it.
- As is everyone, I am concerned about the short term negative impacts of a potential move vs. a more sustainable long-term plan and how each location would fit into that."
- I am looking for an analysis on the long-term financial stability of each site.
- "It would be good to see how the marine building can be architected to have classrooms that represent 'outside the big box school.' I have heard (rumors) there are donors ready to remodel the marine building. Can some creative designs be shared at the community meetings that embrace the school mission and portray classrooms/space that are not traditional box rooms (i.e. classrooms with multiple chair choices, stand up desks, separate spaces for reading, collaboration, science labs, outdoor classroom space in the woods, art studios, computer labs, rock wall)
- Regardless of moving or not, What are plans to start marketing more of our mission than just the outdoors? We need to celebrate and market the project based learning, the community field trips, the teacher powered school (benefits of this), community volunteer/engagement. It is so much more than walking in the forest.
- Wilder forest has been such a good partner. I understand William o'brien State park is adjacent to marine elementary building. It would be good to see this group listed as a partner in discussions for marine elementary building. What do they offer?
- It would be good to have the board address how River Grove School isn't our location. It's our community. Moving may be a part of growing, but we need to remain focused on our North Star which is our mission. We need to see how our location will enhance our ability to deliver on our mission. We came together as a GROVE community. How will we stay together? How will we be led through this change?"
- No.
- "I feel cheated. We enrolled in RG because of its location. Had we known moving was an option two years in, we would have crossed it off the cards.
- It feels like the well being of the kids is been over run by some nostalgic romance with the old school."
- Please don't move. My kids love their school.
- "I distinctly remember the first meeting at River Grove. I remember walking on campus and thinking how incredibly amazing and fortunate it was that our children had gotten spots in this new school. I was enthralled with the magical setting and the unique layout of the buildings. Then I remember hearing from the founding members and was so impressed with the new ideas, the possibilities of this forest school. I also remember a direct quote...""This is not Marine 2.0"".
- I do not feel moving to the Marine school is in line with the concept and vision that was ""sold"" to families. Of course, there are some that live in Marine, that have memories and ties to that location (and proximity) that would benefit. But, I would urge you to strongly consider that the majority of the student body are comprised of students from many different locations, that if posed with the idea of being back in a traditional school setting, would just choose a closer and more convenient school option. A decision to move the school could (I believe would) really damage the integrity of our small foundation. My opinion is to stay grounded in the vision that was presented to families, and should it be a viable option to add grades in the future (after said number of years) expand a Jr. High over to that site. I don't even believe our current student body would fit at the Marine location. I understand the communities (Town of Marine) desire to replace a school, but also remember a quote that we were in no way indebted to them for their decision to purchase.
- For those of us that experienced the repercussions of BOLD, this is feeling very reminiscent."
- My husbnad and me both work 2 jobs so if there are meetings to talk about this we probably can't come. But that doesn't mean that we want the School to move. It means that we are Working to be able to get a house close by to the School where it is now. Just because we aren't there does not mean we do not care.

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- No.
- I would be very interested in the idea of using Marine Elementary as a middle school in the future
- Our family will not continue uf the school moves. Thus board is acting like 834\. Disappointed.
- Please emphasize teaching, learning and school/educational administration in decisions moving forward. The physical space, location and facilities are secondary to well informed, educated and experienced faculty and administration.
- Do what is best for the long term viability of the school.
- "First of all, I would like to say how grateful I am to the board for all the hard work they've put into creating this school over the past 3 or 4 years. I have been impressed with how well everything has been handled, and how quickly they were able to transform the campus of Wilder into a warm learning environment for our kids. No small feat.
- Second, I would just reiterate that I hope that this process is allowed to move slowly, so that everyone is given time to adjust and feel heard. I can imagine it's a bit frustrating for the board, having put all this work into creating the school with the intention of being at the Marine Elementary site, to now have resistance to that move. The problem is, the temporary setting that was found turns out to be a unique and beautiful setting that a lot of us have grown to love and that our kids love.
- We will move wherever the school moves, but I hope the decision or move is not made or done quickly.
- Thanks for the opportunity to share our thoughts."
- We drove to Withrow due to the academic excellence in a blue ribbon school, if we cannot have either this academic excellence or a unique learning environment, then the commute will not be worth the payback
- My fear is that any movement away from the current program would take away from school sustainability. The academic program alone is lacking and cannot carry an attraction to enrollment. The attraction to enrollment currently is the Wilder Forest. The forest environment is the trend in education. There would not be a draw for local residents to enroll into a brick-and-mortar building while passing other brick-and-mortar buildings.
- We love Grove and I really hope that we can keep this special school from falling apart or fading away. I also want to remind the board that Grove is not a reinvention of the old Marine Elementary, but rather something new that has come into being - a little bit of Withrow, a little bit of Stilllwater, a little bit of Marine, and some fairy dust from the woods. I think we'll lose support from the Withrow and Stilllwater families if we move, and with them goes energy, fundraising, and volunteers. I hope we can forge a path forward together.
- "If the school moves back to Marine
  - Details on cost ,
  - How many kids will be lost"
- Keep up the good work! Your efforts are deeply appreciated!
- I love this school and the concept. How do you feel the kids are transitioning into middle school? Have you had any feedback?
- No, both sites are fine. Yes, you may lose people but focus on quality, being honest and preparing these kids better for middle school without all the internal drama there. It's too much bad energy that ripples into the crowd of parents. You never know, you may gain some from Scandia. What are your goals, share them.
- How do you plan on future enrollment growth in the Marine school location?
- We need much more transparent and open communication about all the information effecting these choices. Information should be made available, announced, and disseminated to the whole River Grove community--especially the many parents of the children attending who will be directly impacted by any decisions. Moving school locations is a very big life event for school age children and should only be considered for very compelling reasons.
- I want to be 100% clear that our family wants to stay at the Wilder campus. I look forward to the future discussions and meetings about this issue.
- Our hopes and dreams for this school are being crushed. The board had their own dreams and I'm afraid they are willing to make them come true no matter who they hurt in the process. This truly is feeling like #834 all over again. We will beg and plead for you to take more time, not to rush this really important decision and right now I feel like it'll bulldoze ahead regardless of who it takes out and crushes in the meantime. I hope I'm proven wrong.
- "long-term success of the school is critical but, if it is at all possible to stay and thrive at wilder, that's my preference. i need more information about the financial implications of both sites and how the teaching staff feels about a change in location. attracting great teachers, special educators and administrators is critical to our success, i think, so i want to know what the current staff thinks.

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Do you have any questions or comments at this time?

- if the city of marine is concerned about its investment in the former marine elementary property, there are lots of other uses for the building that haven't even been discussed yet."
- "What is the possibility our lease will not be renewed with Wilder? Are five year leases common for charter schools?
- Is wilder actively trying to sell the school property? Is it possible for the school to buy it?
- Has wilder been good a landlord?
- Does Marine see the relationship with Grove as long term.
- If Grove moved to Marine could the existing building be added onto so a split campus would not be needed? Can we expand if we stay at Wilder?
- We were led to believe the the teachers would be utilizing the forest. We believe it is not being used to its fullest potential. We thought the forest was the playground. I do not understand the need for the playground equipement in a forest school."

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Do you have any questions or comments at this time?

- No
- I want to be 100% clear that our family wants to stay at the Wilder campus. I look forward to the future discussions and meetings about this issue.
- Too many to write down
- "Why now? What is the real hurry?
- Our school is just beginning to form its identity. I believe the more consistency that we can show in these first couple of years will be essential to its success with attracting future students and maintaining a high quality staff.
- It would be in Marine's best interest to purchase that building regardless if they have a School moving in "day one" or not. (one can only imagine who the next in line would be)
- Going back to my earlier comments we have a school that is gaining momentum fast.. Give it time to mature into that stable institution that we all know it can become. Don't just throw it all away in efforts of trying to march out an agenda. (We've already had enough of that in this River Valley)"
- So much work needs to be done to address the quality of instruction/academic performance. Marine & Withrow had been successful, but the charter is definitely struggling. Well below expectations. In the end, the facilities and eduspeak(place based, teacher centered, etc) are significantly less important than success in the classroom.
- Thank you for tackling a difficult decision!
- I want to thank the board for their time and sensitivity to all involved at River Grove. I understand that this is a difficult decision to make because of emotional attachments for everyone, to both sites.

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Grade level of your child/ren currently attending River Grove

No of respondents with a Kindergartner	34
No of respondents with a 1st grader	35
No of respondents with a 2nd grader	27
No of respondents with a 3rd grader	28
No of respondents with a 4th grader	51
No of respondents with a 5th grader	12
No of respondents with a 6th grader	9
No of respondents with no answer	18

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Ages of your other child/ren who <u>don't attend</u> River Grove

No of respondents with kids who are ages:	
0-2 (infants, toddlers)	24
3-4 (preschoolers)	39
5-12 (primary school age)	0
12+ (middle school or higher)	38
We do not have other kids	30
Other • Expecting • my grandson (4) was hoping to go to Grove next year	

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Previous elementary school(s) your child/ren attended

Afton-Lakeland	1
Anderson	2
Brookview	0
Lake Elmo	2
Lily Lake	11
Marine	40
Oak Park	3
Rutherford	2
Scandia	0
Stonebridge	11
Withrow	41
Our kids did not attend a previous elementary school	28
Other: Nova Classical Academy	1
Other: Hugo/Oneka	2
Other (no answer)	10
Other: St Croix Catholic	3
Other: St. Croix Montessori	1
Other: St. Croix Prep	1
Other: Valley Crossing	2
Other: Valley Preschool	1

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Your city

Bayport	3
Forest Lake	3
Hugo	11
Lake Elmo	1
Lake St. Croix Beach/Lakeland	1
Lindstrom	0
Mahtomedi	0
Marine on St. Croix	36
Oak Park Heights	3
Scandia	2
St. Paul	1
Stillwater	69
White Bear Lake	0
Woodbury	0
Wyoming	0
Other	4
Other May Township	5