

BCPS High School Capacity Focus Group Questions

On Behalf of
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Question 1

The current Baltimore County property tax rate is \$1.10/\$100 of assessed value. What level of tax increase would be acceptable to you to permit BCPS to meet its capacity needs?

- A. No increase
- B. An increase of no more than 10 cents
- C. An increase of between 10 and 20 cents
- D. An increase of greater than 20 cents

An earlier version indicated the Baltimore County real property tax rate as \$1.10/\$1,000. The miscalculation has been adjusted.

Question 2

How would you best characterize your willingness to allow a boundary change process impacting the school with which you are most closely affiliated?

- A. Extremely unwilling
- B. Somewhat reluctant, but understand the potential need
- C. Not concerned one way or another
- D. Hopeful that such a process will take place

Question 3

Agree or Disagree: We have too few magnet programs in the county.

A. Yes

B. No

Question 4

Agree or Disagree: We have enough magnet programs, but not in the schools or communities with which I am most closely affiliated.

A. Yes

B. No

Question 5

Agree or Disagree: There is too much focus on magnets these days, and not enough on standard curricula.

A. Yes

B. No

Question 6

Agree or Disagree: We need more magnet programs, but only in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) related categories.

A. Yes

B. No

Question 7

What do you view as the optimal size of an individual high school?

- A. Fewer than 1,000 students
- B. Between 1,000 and 1,400 students
- C. Between 1,400 and 1,800 students
- D. Greater than 1,800 students