Q1 Please tell us how you most identify with Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools (select one):

Answered: 557   Skipped: -1

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<td>I am a community member/resident who does not have children attending school in the district.</td>
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Q2 Please state your level of agreement with the following statements:

Answered: 47    Skipped: 509

- I feel valued and respected... 
- I feel empowered to... 
- I think every employee has... 
- I am able to obtain the...
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<td>I feel valued and respected in my role as an employee of the district.</td>
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<td>I feel empowered to do my job in the best way possible.</td>
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<td>I think every employee has an important role to play when it comes to student success.</td>
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<td>I am able to obtain the necessary resources to do my job.</td>
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<td>I have positive and professional relationships with my colleagues.</td>
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<td>I have a positive and professional relationship with my supervisor.</td>
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<td>District employees treat one another with respect.</td>
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<td>I believe students who attend school in Amanda-Clearcreek receive a high-quality education, successfully preparing them for college and/or a career.</td>
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# OPTIONAL COMMENTS:

1. I agreed to the last statement however feel our high school could offer so much more if more finances were available. Also feel that in general the community doesn't value what we do as indicated by the way they vote.

2. I strive to have a professional relationship with my colleagues however there are those that I do not feel conduct themselves in a professional manner and I choose to have little interaction or no interaction with them. I feel that some of my colleagues do not treat other colleagues, students, or parents with respect.

3. I feel our school has taken a major step back when it comes to rigor in the classroom. Many of our students are unable to be successful in the college classroom due to the experience and course offerings able to be given to students. I feel this starts at the board level as they are too busy looking good and using large vocabulary words. This district has taken a turn for the worse and it begins with the 5 members on board of education! Very disappointed in our newly elected officials and I am NOT the only community member with this feeling!

4. I am not at the high school level or have much contact with those students to know for sure, but in speaking with my colleagues, I know they give as much of themselves as they can for our students.
Q3 Please state your level of agreement with the following statements:

Answered: 423  Skipped: 133
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My perception of the...

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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<td>My perception of the principals and the work they do is positive.</td>
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<td>My perception of the district's noncertified support staff (custodians,</td>
<td>33.25%</td>
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<td>bus drivers, cafeteria employees, etc.) and the work they do is positive.</td>
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# OPTIONAL COMMENTS:
1. The district is run by monkeys.
2. The principal situation has gotten much better with the new hire and under [REDACTED] guidance. This has improved my view, as before it was very poor.
3. Many times I am overwhelmed with the fantastic work of the facility.
4. I believe that some of the Aides should have a little more education requirements then some have.
5. I feel that there are some people within the administrative staff that need to retire. The main person is highly unorganized and has a tendency to lose applications or just never forward to the School Board.
6. Current board...not previous board
Too much is going unnoticed. As an Alumni I struggle to witness what once was priority, pride and tradition go to wayside for what? You have garnered away from the traditions that made us a strong community into a divided one. Poor management of funds and priorities. Bring back the weekends for church and families time. There is no downtime to recope before the student is starting a weekly or assignment. To many families are struggling and it shows in the action of the kids, disrespectful behaviors to one another and the community lack of participation. Football games used to be standing room only on Friday night’s. What a disappointment for us all.

All of my children’s teachers have always gone above and beyond what I expect of them. I feel truly blessed to have had them help me teach and raise my children.

Get rid of on the board!

I have zero faith in the Have had very good experiences with

The is of concern and her office having so many employees

Don’t have a lot of interaction with bus drivers, cafe workers ext. but seem positive from the little I have seen. I feel we have lost a lot of great teachers but we still have some good ones left at the moment. Over all I believe the teachers and staff are trying to do there best, I believe is trying to make changes for the good. As far as the board not so much. I have been to board meeting and I wasn’t impressed I seen a lot of people pointing fingers at others and not one person own up to anything. That’s being said maybe if I can make time I can get more involved.

is the worst of the principals. seems to have double standards on issues.

Shouldn’t have been so mysterious about the situation.

Staff, board members and others at the Amanda Clearcreek school act so entitled and like they are so under paid. Guess what, we are all under paid and we all have to do more with less money!

There are always some within a group who do not well-represent the whole. There are some teachers who are not very good. These teachers use very poor grammar, do not pronounce (or even try to pronounce) unfamiliar words correctly, and do not challenge students enough. The children in our schools need to be able to intelligently communicate with others and to be adequately prepared for the workforce or college.

an amazing lady and wonderful bus driver my kids think the world of her. I have a few time of talking with and she is always dare and polite.

Some teachers don’t actively teach and tell the students to figure it out. Favoritism from and sports coaches depending on your last name.

Why are teachers on social media during school hours? Why are teachers allowed to be napping in their classrooms when there are students in class? Why is there a third shift for janitors? Why are there so many lights on in the school at night? Why do little leagues Benny leagues use school facilities when they are not affiliated with the school?

They need to “clean house”. There is so much favoritism. School board members hire their own relatives

I’m really only familiar with a couple of teachers, who are great! mainly)

Our child complains of poor food in cafeteria. overcooked, no variety, if it isn’t deep fried or dumped out of a can it isn’t served. Dress codes for students and staff is NOT enforced. Bus driver is nice.

Need new school board members.

My perception of the school board is that it’s a "good old boys” Club. And it is only interested in the well being of individuals with peoples whose last names are rooted in the community. New families do not matter.

My children are in the primary building. So far we have had a very positive experience. However, many of my friends that have children in the Elementary and high school buildings have not had the same experience with their teachers and principals.

Why is there a third shift for custodians? Why are teachers on social media during school hours?

Multiple board members have a need to be noticed. They have personal agendas and are micromanagers.
The A-C school district is characterized by nepotism, favoritism, and outright discrimination. Most staff are related and intent on maintaining the status-quo.

It seems only the teachers who have been at Amanda more than 10 years or so are truly invested in the education of students. Many of the other teachers seem to be nice but just putting in their time. Communication of school happenings could be better.

Will vote no for a corrupt government entity. Things need to drastically change in the district.

The board seems fractured with power struggles beyond the usual growing pains. No clear, cohesive vision or plan that they seem to have for the district. This comes across very clearly and seems to leave the administrators in a very difficult position.

I would just like to say that we had three children graduate from Amanda and I believe they received a great education! They all went to college and are leading productive lives! I believe Amanda teachers along with the parents do a great job getting students ready to become productive adults for the future! Thank you everyone for all that you did for our children!! Keep working hard on educating the future children!!

I have different opinions on each principle and general staff

These first few questions are stupid. A resident or parent doesn't know whether or not custodians, bus drivers, or cafeteria employees do a good job. We aren't at the school to see what kind of a job these people do. And other than some contact with their kids' teachers, people don't typically have contact with office administrators, principals, or the school board so the majority won't know whether these employees do a good job or not. So far this survey is useless.

Bus driver [____] is absolutely amazing! The teachers are always a God sent??

Some teachers need to go! I for one do not think someone who has in the past been a guidance counselor and did a poor job, needs to be a teacher. Telling students how to do drugs in extremely inappropriate and telling kids how to live in vivid detail about sex is again, inappropriate. Also talking to classes about other classes test scores then telling that class that she hates her other classes. SHE NEEDS TO GO!

Less than optimal board leadership. Board does not understand their responsibilities. Board does not understand school funding. Board does not trust its employees. Board cannot make decisions. Board seems to think of their job as political. Again, Board does not understand their responsibilities and are not trying to improve.

To many hidden agendas

For the most part of our experience with principals and teachers have been good until that last couple of years. Pushing a student to choose the career center over possibly finishing his schooling at Amanda.

The A.C. school district has really taken a turn for the worst. The district use to value it's staff. Not anymore. The board and admin act as if they are God. To much stuff is allowed to go on at A.C.. sad that the district has come to this. Spend your money wisely.

I feel like the board needs to give a united front instead of seeming to disagree about most everything and over analyze unimportant agenda items while important things are left on the table. They need to remember that the students are #1 as they are our future and that staff needs to be treated with the respect they have earned.

I can't lump all teachers or support staff together to answer these questions.

Building looks clean every time I visit. The most recent district report card has very positive evidence of teacher and administrator efficiency.

You clump them all together, some are great and some are terrible, whether you are talking administrators, school board, teachers, bus drivers, janitors or cafeteria workers.

I will say I think things are a little more positive. [____] seems to be doing a great job. His presence( whether it's out in the parking lot, at events) addressing issues, and interaction with the students is positive. As with everything, there are some very dedicated persons that take their job serious and do outstanding. It's the ones that don't that make it a bad reflection on all of them. i.e. teachers that your student tells you are on their facebook or other sites during class time, or teacher that watches March Madness during class time, teachers making social media posts during school time, janitors that are unkind to the students, cafeteria workers that are also unkind... and I could go on.
The Board of Education continues to hide behind closed doors for things that are important to this community and should be out in the open.

I do not know much about the system, I did not grow up here. I moved here when I got married. We have kids but they aren't old enough for school yet, so we don't hear about anything that goes on.

and the primary school staff and absolutely outstanding. The amount of work and effort that is put into planning the school year is astounding. They go above and beyond in every aspect. Their commitment to the primary kids is truly unmatched. is approachable and available and present at any and all school functions and events.

My child's teacher last year is burned out with teaching. My son even said when he tells his teacher things...she does not care. It's was a horrible year for him. He was not challenged to learn more so he did not advance much with math or reading.

"Some" board members, "some" principals work is positive, others are not. I feel our principal is EXTREMELY BIASED as he has many friends and family members that either work at the school or have children that go to school at AC. It is very obvious that the rules do not apply to all. This is talked about greatly in our community.

Bus driver is amazing!!!

Need more houses to come up for sale in the district.

Not sure if it's not in the curriculum but my daughter is going into the sixth grade and cannot write her name in cursive. Makes no sense and I'm very concerned you still have to sign your name to things.

First year in the district this past year. Not much to agree or disagree on this survey.

I strongly agree with the positive work the cafeteria staff does, think the custodians seem to have too much say; have little or no knowledge of how the transportation staff works, one way or the other.

I have had nothing but good experiences with every single AC staff member that I have come in contact with.

I wish AC would spend more time and money on meaningful professional development for teachers and a knowledgeable full time curriculum director who is up to date on current best practices. The better prepared the teachers are, the better education my children will receive. It seems like some instructional practices are extremely out of date. There is no excuse AC is so far behind, especially when bordering school districts are constantly improving in terms of instruction and opportunities for kids. Administrators need to be more assertive in dealing with teachers who are unwilling to teach in a way that aligns with research based best practices and also covers the content standards. It is discouraging as a parent to hear some teachers willingly refuse to grow as educators and administrators sit back and allow it to happen. AC needs positive change, but that means people need to be willing to try something different. Growth mindset isn't just for students.

I haven't been in the district long enough to feel as though I could vote for or against your levy. I am for it because I have children in the district and I do support my school district for that reason however I feel as a parent of a special education student... Amanda is very limited, the communication for Students outside the building is limited even if their placement was Amanda's own choice. I can understand with the amount of children in District maybe there is an overload for one person to handle, but as a parent when you are looking for equal education for your child with disabilities... they shouldn't be a piece of paper forgotten about and I shouldn't have to chase down higher chiefs in commands to get answers nor should IEP meetings be scheduled that you dont show up for and dont even call or have a valid excuse. On a positive note, my "typical child" thrived, loved the staff and their peers.

There are too many.
Q4 Are you a registered voter?

Answered: 424   Skipped: 132

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Q5 Do you regularly vote on Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools-related issues?

Answered: 363   Skipped: 193

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Q6 If you voted against the 1.5 percent earned income tax levy in May, why did you not support it? (select all that apply)

Answered: 328   Skipped: 228

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<td>The rate of the levy (amount)</td>
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<td>The length of the levy</td>
<td>9.76%</td>
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<td>I voted for the levy.</td>
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<td>Other (please specify)</td>
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Total Respondents: 328

# OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

1. Don't ever see where the money goes and it doesn't seem to go where they say
2. Did not vote
3. I voted for and paid over $12,000 into the last levy. Then I hear about mismanagement of funds and the tons of food waste. My hard earned money was wasted along with it. Won't happen again with my help
4. Just moved to the area
5. I'm not giving money to a school that has staff that bullies students.
6. It's not needed. Poor management of funds proves nothing is necessary to increase.
7. Will not vote for any levy until educating students shows improvement.
8. Didn't vote on issue
9. I can't afford it and I feel some of the salaries should be cut to help, not strap the families more and make the children suffer.
10. The school board is corrupt and uneducated.
I don't agree with promising one thing and doing another
Not good
Concerned that the add'l funds would not be spent wisely.
It had to do with the fact that when the first level was brought up the people of the school district were lied to also. We were told that it would not affect property taxes and then all properties were all evaluated for values. That was no coincidence when it happened.
I don't vote for taxes that only working people must pay. A person should only be able to vote in a tax that he or she must pay. As a property owner, I already pay a substantial school tax. Cut wasteful spending instead of taxing more.
Just did not
No information
Didn't vote
Did not vote. Had to work overtime.
Voting is private. and I choose not to say which way I voted but it should be a community tax not just on one section
A
You waste too much money and I already HV a income tax
Felt it was to much money for it's worth, especially coupled with other already in place fees, such as pay to play, school fees, and others. My family can spend the same amount of money on secondary education sources and get better value and better progress our children through local colleges, and different courses that are specific to my children's interest. If a levy were to pass and I would be forced to pay that amount in taxes, I would be taking away from my children and their future opportunities.
Didn't vote
When the district can justify paying for attorney fees over the roof (poor choices the school made) and support other in-necessary spending and cut teachers, makes it difficult to support a levy. Why do we have teachers and staff that we continue to retain despite poor conduct and get rid of ones who do their job well?
No
My boss is new to the area. Just bought a house on McDonald road. He didn't know what the levy was about, how long ext, someone left a tag on him door 2 days before the election. However he was out of town and I was taking care of his house until he came back. He voted no do to lack of information. Yes the call one goes out but that doesn’t help people that doesn’t have kids in the school. (Like my boss) unless you have some type contact with the school there isn’t a lot of info out there for people that work in say Columbus and get home after 7.
I see a lot of waste. Why were teachers hired back even though our enrollment has dropped?
The principal was basically fired, but voters were not given reason. They then paid him his yearly salary including vacation time etc. Then someone Who is a relative was made principal. Not sure he is qualified. Most people at the school, from secretaries to principals are all related. They don't spend their money wisely.
Waste money on contractors and enifition money management
We are already taxed to death by real estate taxes of which the school receives a HUGE portion of. You don't understand that the people who usually vote for the levy have no job or income source or they rent and do not own property therefore are not paying taxes and get benefits to live on. Those who do pay taxes simply cannot afford any more and the school needs to figure out how to manage the $ better.
Will not vote for any levy, until they get new board members.
Deceptive 'marketing' by the board and no solid quantification for need other than the normal hyperbole that is spouted such as 'for the kids' and 'property values will increase' and/or 'we will have to eliminate positions' (which likely needs to be done regardless of funding considering the competency that is on display)

Due to open enrollment not all students families would be invested.

I already pay property tax to the school and then you want more we were told busing to and from events would be brought back and it didn’t come back until the final year of tax levy and if not for boosters pay to play would not have been lowered

I voted for the levy but I did not agree with the way it was written. I find it quite a coincidence that school board members are exempt from the levy because they are farmers for a living and exceed the income level. I believe it was written to be very biased and does not include everyone in the community as it should.

More info about how the $ will be spent and why it is needed would be more helpful to non-yes voters.

I do not approve of the school board and administrators in the school system. They hire relatives and “favorite sons”, which has resulted in an inward-focused system. Outside/new voices are needed. The AC schools system is beset with decades of chronyism.

I am overtaxed as it is in general. I am over the poverty line in gross salary but under after all the taxes I pay in life. I am tired of paying for everyone else. I am tired of the freeloaders both illegal immigrants and lazy US citizens. Instead of increasing taxes on the working class and breaking their back, seek to increase your tax base by getting more people employed in the area and increase your tax revenue by increasing the number of legal people paying taxes. You can NOT continue to take from those who work and can’t afford the life they work for, I’m to the point I don’t go to the doctor because of increased co-pays and deductibles,

My child is open enrollment and I can’t vote on issues being it’s not my school district.

Unfair and unjust issues

Lack of fiscal responsibility, school should operate within it financial limits. To top heavy on administration and sports

Still not clear on what the funds will be used for when we saw promises not kept the first time it passed

Either everyone gets taxed across the board, or no one. Not just those of us working.

Low income, struggle to put groceries on the table. Teachers drive nice vehicles, have nice homes,

Issues I have concerning certain things that have occurred,

The levy needs to include ALL sources of income, Not just what is termed by SDIT as earned income only!

Too many unnecessary administrative positions at the district. There is way to much emphasis on sports not nearly enough on education. Ultimately the school district needs to become more fiscally responsible.

Money mismanagement

Corruption in the school.

Dishonesty and waste.

Didn’t get a chance to vote :(

I previously voted against a levy because I feel that the money isn’t always put to good use.

I

I did vote for the levy but others had the argument that the district had sufficient funds with the 1.25 percent income tax yet the people are asked for 1.5 percent. Which is a good question. Of course, now things are going to be bad enough that 1.5 may be needed. People don’t trust and again the argument is “that was a different administration” what makes us think this will be any different. No one is ever accountable and people get tired of that. No explanation of why the past superintendent got his annual wage still infunates the tax payer.
We need to see accountability so 2 years max then we will vote again if the district is responsible.

Na

However, I don’t think there was a clear description of why we need the levy. The flyer we did receive in the mail was very generic and had no real data. What’s the graduation rate, rate if kids going to college, kids in honors classes? I don’t know anything about the courses offered, so highlighting things that are offered currently are good things to help sell a levy to people who don’t know.

Nothing has changed with the new board.

My children go to the Amanda schools but we live in Logan Elm district so I cannot vote for it.

The board as a whole, but not individually, has chosen a deficit spending until all the money is gone. There has been zero attempt to balance the school budget on what we have. No one wants to do the tough work. They just want to keep kicking the can down the road.

I was unexpectedly out of town and unable to vote.

Outside the district

Land owner. Taxes paid to school is a lot.

Money is wasted at the school. Money is spent on things that aren’t necessary. Way to much dishonesty and a lot swept under the rug. I will not vote YES, ever!

The levy is unfair. Why should I pay when the farmers don’t have too? Especially since this is a “farming” community.

Rate & length & have personality saw wasteful spending by school system that could have been used for bettering children’s lives

in the past the money has not been managed well and I see no reason to feel different about that at this time

Make budget cuts. That’s what I do when my bills exceed my income. We are tired of the tax and spend approach.

There has been no changes made in this district. Show us that you can spend money wisely. Our kids need an education not a new football field, bleachers etc. Quit catering to certain families in the community.

I would try a lower % this time since it’s failed so many times. Something is better than nothing.

Nepotism and wastefulness

The money is wasted while kids are on the bus for over an hour to go 8 miles to and from school. This was happening during the time when they were getting the levy income. I also witnessed them getting deliveries of ridiculous amounts of office supplies in order to use up the money at the end of the year. I saw a letter threatening to keep a child home from a field trip for owing 50 cents on the same day they sent a mailer saying that the levy must be passed because it takes “over 50,000 a day” to operate the school. I will never vote for this levy.

I do not believe the money is going for the kids when the same class is being taught by 3 different teachers. Sports are always the first to go and they teach kids responsibility, integrity, and how to handle tough jobs and how to get through them

When you squandered $129,000, and want more money? You fell on your own sword when you paid off the superintendent with no reason given. Small town never forgets.

Will vote for the levy when the carry over is down to 6.5 millions

once energy saving options are implemented, such as LED lighting, lowering ceilings, solar power etc. we will then consider voting for a levy. Also……what about folks who are delinquent on their property taxes? What steps are being taken to get your monies from these folks?

I voted for the levy but I still think the district is not using the money right.
You put the levy on the ballot to many times, you don't care about those that vote NO, you only see this community as conservative and one sided. Not every child is in sports. Bring more to our school for our children. Tech, sciences, etc. Offer more for our kids. This school could be more than just a Farm school and all about sports. Their has to be other ways to get what you need. Eventually with taxes and levys, we won't be able to afford our homes. This community is aging, so think outside the box of easy answers. Those new and younger Board members were voted in for a reason.

New to the district

As a former teacher in the district, I have seen firsthand the very poor money management and squandering of resources.

Too much money is spent on sports when only a small percentage get to participate.
Q7 If I were to vote “yes” on a levy or ballot issue in support of the Amanda-Clearcreek Schools, the type of levy I would prefer is: (please choose only one)

Answered: 307    Skipped: 249

**Answer Choices**

- A traditional income tax
- An earned income tax
- A traditional property tax

**Responses**

- A traditional income tax: 26.71% (82)
- An earned income tax: 52.12% (160)
- A traditional property tax: 21.17% (65)

**Total**: 307
Q8 If I were to vote “yes” on a levy or ballot issue in support of the Amanda-Clearcreek Schools, it would be because (rank in order of importance):

Answered: 337    Skipped: 219

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Q9 Please select your current age range:

Answered: 385   Skipped: 171

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TOTAL 385
Q10 What is your level of satisfaction with general communications received from the district?

Answered: 383    Skipped: 173

**ANSWER CHOICES**

I believe the district communicates well with community members, and I am able to find answers to my questions about district issues if and when I need them.

I believe the district tries to communicate with community members, but there is still a level of misinformation or confusion on a somewhat regular basis.

Most of the time, I do not feel well informed about what is taking place in the school district.

**RESPONSES**

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**TOTAL** 383

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**OPTIONAL COMMENTS:**

1. The robo-calls would be awesome if they actually pertained to my children. We don't get calls for events that matter to us. Mostly high school sports. Find a way to make calls to the people that need them!

2. See Lancaster city schools Facebook page and that will explain where ac is lacking. They not only talk about what's going on in the district, but also what happening within the community.

3. The district could use social media much more effectively. As it is, posts are rare. Each school should be pitching out positives and information on a regular basis this way.

4. Do not use the call system unless it is important... not to tell me about an all star athlete.

5. The parents page on Facebook is the root cause for a majority of mass confusion. It does far more harm than good.

6. It's not hard to get ahold of anyone if you have questions about anything. My husband regularly has spoken to board members and levy committee members.

7. Those of us with no children attending are not well advised of events within the school. News letters on a monthly basis distributed throughout the community would be great. Include statistics of the schools events and highlights. There's just something about receiving a personal invitation that brings more appeal and appearance.

8. The money should be spent not saved for all the children.

9. They should give handouts with our children to bring home or email us ect.

10. Too many calls about stuff that has nothing to do with my children or their grade level.
Poor communication couple with incompetence at the board and administration levels.

Communication within the building and among staff is not often well-communicated to community and parents until the last minute or at all in some cases. All-call should be utilized for all events, educational and athletic as often as possible via text would be a great option in lieu to phone calls.

More surveys like this need completed to seek the community who pays for things opinion. My next step is to move out of the community.

It was very difficult to find specific information about the levy before voting. In general there is a lack of communication from the schools concerning what is happening. The athletic department and coaches lack communication skills.

School needs a message board by the road

Teachers should maintain a website

A lot of issues in executive session, and pay out to cover up wrong doings

Communication is getting better but the Career Center Kids are left out

NOT EVERYONE IS ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER and you need to make sure you post everything on the school website FIRST and worry about Facebook and Twitter afterwards. In fact, many people are leaving Facebook and Twitter and other social media for privacy reasons. Besides there are links that don't work and problems on the website that need to be fixed instead of wasting time with Facebook and Twitter. By the way, how are you communicating with people OFFLINE since not everybody has internet access?

I personally feel that this is a result of social media being misused to perpetuate misinformation and confusion. I would hope that when people get their facts straight they would put that on social media as well.

Communication is delivered in multiple ways ... Community members tend to prefer to keep heads in the sand and ignore information ... Ignorance is bliss...

When your kids graduate it is like falling off the information cliff into a dark gossip laden abyss.

Communication needs to be open/honest/complete and in concise/understandable terms.

Too many calls regarding athletics that don't apply to our family.

the district website does not have current information

If the newly elected officials are on the same page it may be a different answer. Talking negative about the need for a levy and getting others to vote no is a MAJOR CONCERN! There is no trust or unity coming from the 5 board officials. I am tired of hearing the word transparency when there is NO TRUST with the new board members! Transparency is only important when it helps the board!

I think your too nice. They need to learn to tighten their belts. And stop asking for my money

Website is always up to date. Highlight this even more.

Poor communication. The website is so out of date... The agenda to the board meeting is posted, but no names on items. It is weeks after the meeting before the minutes get posted. I don't like the phone calls for sign-ups for sports, that should go to those grades parents only.

I work in Columbus, and did not grow up here. That means I don't receive any information about the school, except from anyone that my husband might be able to talk to that knows something.

I often read board meeting agenda and minutes of Facebook. I find those informative.

Even as an employee, I know very little about levy campaigns and meetings.

I think it's time the farmers are taxed too.

I feel that the district does a great job in communicating with community members. I feel that it's the rumor mill of a small town that causes confusion and misinformation.

Everyone has problems communicating at times

Why did they pay off [redacted] to leave who went to another district and did the same thing? Where did they scrape up the money for that?
Positivity is key. I recommend a type of communication sent by mail and digitally—At least semi-annually; this can inform all residents of what is happening in the district, from curriculum developments to what the board and treasurer are doing to be fiscally responsible.

Communication from the school is terrible about everything. Classroom communication, general school info, district info...it's all poor.

A flyer dose not mean good communication. Typically its only what they want the community to know.

Reach those that having confusing and frustrating views. Except that we might vote NO, but why? Some think we don't love our children when we vote NO, this isn't true at all. And those that vote NO are treated differently. You must all try to understand. Put your finances in layman's terms. Your levy committee should include some advisors from the NO side. Stop living in the past on how you do things, review how other schools and communities are doing it. We don't have the money here like some communities. Those without children in school but still earn an income, don't want that income messed with. Find other ways! There's a lot of judgement on both sides.

The misinformation and confusion comes from social media.

Community members who do not seek the information first hand are only making this harder and even those who try, but are negative, are only spreading the points they want and often with their own twist.

I feel communication has gotten better especially with the last round of board members.

I feel communications are ad hoc and sporadic, sometimes reactionary, and need to have a constant flow and rhythm and be consistent through multiple channels.

The district communicates, but I think the community needs to read and listen to what the district communicates instead of looking towards the rumor mill instead.
Q11 Where do you most often obtain information related to Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools? (select up to three)

Answered: 388   Skipped: 168

- My children or other current students: 39.69% (154)
- District newsletters: 13.40% (52)
- Communication direct from teachers: 21.65% (84)
- Conversations with district employees: 22.42% (87)
- Board of education meetings: 10.31% (40)
- District website: 27.32% (106)
- District Facebook or Twitter: 15.98% (62)

Answer Choices

- My children or other current students
- District newsletters
- Communication direct from teachers
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- Board of education meetings
- District website
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Total Respondents: 388
Q12 Please state your level of agreement with the following statements:

Answered: 387   Skipped: 169

If I knew of a family with...

I believe the Amanda-Clear...

I believe the Amanda-Clear...

0%  10%  20%  30%  40%  50%  60%  70%  80%  90%  100%

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
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<td>If I knew of a family with school-age children relocating to this area of Ohio, I would definitely encourage them to become part of the Amanda-Clearcreek Local School District.</td>
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<td>I believe the Amanda-Clearcreek Local School District works hard to offer all students a high-quality, comprehensive education, balancing academics, extracurricular activities and lessons that develop soft skills, such as problem-solving and being part of successful teams.</td>
<td>21.88%</td>
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<td>I believe the Amanda-Clearcreek Local School District offers an appropriate number and variety of opportunities in athletics, arts, music and other extracurricular activities.</td>
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# OPTIONAL COMMENTS:
1. I don't feel like I know enough about what is offered at middle and high school to answer this question.
2. Kids dont want to say sports anymore because of all the favoritism shown by the coaches to certain kids because of who they are and that's not right all kids deserve the same chance and that doesn't happen.
3. Most opportunities are geared towards sports.
4. It took our son 3 years into high school to get into art because they filled the class with jr and S.R. flunkies for his freshman and sophomore years. They could've cared less about art, yet he wasn't able to take it because of them.
5. Gifted programs for younger kids being taken away have impacted my student and my opinion of his education. Additionally, high pay to play prices limits student participation.
6. I wish that teachers would understand students are involved in many of the extracurricular activities and would better plan for the amount of homework they give the students. When you have a game or practice and three hours of homework there is not time for family, dinner, or other things not related to school. Kids need to still have time to be kids.
7. If we can't pass this levy and maintain a quality teaching staff, my family most likely will not stay at Amanda-Clearcreek.
8. They offer no quality after school tutoring but we can pay for all the coaches and athletic related tutoring our tax dollars will support. Seems very unbalanced.
9. I believe they could offer more
10. Focused on football and the "boys" club instead of education and the arts.
11. Can't tell someone to move here when we can't pass a levy! Otherwise, the school has been pretty good for my kids. Need more for advanced children of all ages. Band room is much too small and no auditorium which is the best place for arts to perform. See much smaller schools have great art programs which leads to community support.
12. I feel students are punished not supported if they want to be strong students and athletes
13. I would encourage help for all sports not just football.
14. I think there should be more opportunities for music and foreign language, instead of all of the Ag classes offered.
15. Art s/b available in middle school and all levels of education.
16. Education should ALWAYS be put above sports.
I will not vote yes until I see less favoritism and promoting of own family members to succeed instead of getting the best people in jobs.

Sports are almost more regarded than academics at Amanda. "Random" drug testing isn't really random when the same kids are pulled consistently. STAFF needs to be tested for drugs as well. Don't need a Masters level degree to teach.

AC showcases the failure of public education in this country. I am an alumnus ('91) and have ZERO confidence in this district and it's leadership. IF I had a child, parochial or homes instruction would be preferable to sending them to AC.

I am disappointed to see the elementary gifted program gone.

I would agree with all the above if the levy would pass and there was financial stability. Who wants to recommend people move here if the school is in financial trouble

My child is in the gifted classes, and because she is there are classes or programs she wants to be involved with but they won't let her. I don't like that, therefore the opportunities are limited.

We do not offer the incentives for extra-curricular advisors and coaches to remain in our district that other schools do. Our biddy programs are far behind surrounding districts as well. Although not the most important, these are important aspects of a well-rounded education and incentive to move/remain in our district. Making facilities and time slots available for these advisors and coaches would help; money doesn't always retain people, appreciation and respect for what they are trying to do for our youth go a long way. Sports and other extra-curriculars must be treated as equally as possible for male and female sports and all sports/activities in general would be a positive move with game managers in place to help all coaches fall, winter & spring.

I think you care more about athletics than other performing arts programs

The previous board made cuts based on the people they liked or did not like leaving the school with minimal options to offer

There needs to be more non-athletic sports opportunities.

I think the variety is sufficient but the programs are not well run. The morale is low and no one seems to really be concerned.

I believe if you have to make a cut somewhere it should be sports and not teachers!

I love all the activities that the school offers I had three students in band and they all loved what they did, But Lack of communication to the Career Center Young adults are left out or is uniformed. yes it did get a litttle better but I seen little change between my oldest that went there to y youngest

I believe a lot of things are being cut due to funding. The school is offering what it can; however, there are many things missing from the curriculum that would benefit the students at the school.

Funding holds AC back, AC does awesome with the support they receive.

If an objective look was taken at opportunities for students AND teaching talent recruitment and retention in neighboring districts, there is a gap. This is not the public's fault. It is the local school board's responsibility.

Does not compare to schools like Pickerington or Hilliard.

While variety exits focus is disproportionately applied. Thus Music and Arts should rank ahead lets say Sports.

More choices and district support in non-athletic extra-curricular activities would be great.

Once again, push for a levy... get trust... put us all on the same page and maybe Amanda would be what it once was. It is sad to hear other school district facing our dilemma but still have their unity and trust and work together for the common goal and not sabotage what others are working to make successful. SAD!

Definitely needs more variety of options.

I wish the district had a stronger capability to offer more extra curriculars to elementary and middle school.
Need more college level courses. I would not allow my children to go to Amanda just because of their lacking college level courses. An Amanda valedictorian can go into college and get Cs and Ds because Amanda does not prepare students for college appropriately.

The FFA advisors need to be commended, they are a positive influence on a large majority of the high school students and do an amazing job.

The arts are definitely ignored.

I don’t know because I have no idea what they offer.

Not enough opportunities tied to athletics.

Need more with the arts.

There is more we can offer but lack the funds.

It feels to me that your high end students have taken a bigger hit that students with disabilities or those not planning on going to college. Stop taking on more of those units from ESC!

too much on football, not enough on the arts, music, etc.

Common core is destroying our kids, thank God they will always have a calculator on them, they’re going to need it.

Need to add soccer.

Compared to other schools our kids do not have anything close to the same offerings, especially academically.

I don’t want to see the art and extracurricular opportunities go away! I graduated from a district that temporarily removed art from their elementary school and that just makes me so sad!

They are offering the most they can with what they have. They are even keeping the pay to participate at a level that doesn’t cover everything.

I would love to see all of the extra classes brought back to help provide students with a variety of extras to choose from.

I am from Worthington, Dublin area. The schools in the suburbs have a much larger variety of sports and extra curricular activities offered to students. We have no swim team. We have no field hockey. We have no lacrosse. Just to name a few off the top of my head. I have a child in high school and one in middle school and I have no idea what after school clubs are offered besides FFA.

There needs to be better balance between athletics and academics. Academics trump athletics!

I would not recommend AC to new families because the community is unable to support the school with the passage of a needed levy. Cuts will be made in the near future which will affect students.
Q13 Please state your level of agreement with the following statements:

Answered: 386  Skipped: 170

- I believe the district is...
- I believe the district is...
- I believe the district is...
- Overall, I believe the...
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OPTIONAL COMMENTS:

1. The anti-bullying lessons are a JOKE! The guidance counselor needs to get a clue on what's really going on. Both of my children have dealt with it. The guidance counselors didn't help a bit. Or the principals.

2. I feel safety measures need upgraded. It would be beneficial to have a police officer check in during school hours.

3. I believe the busing of the chrome books should not be used for teaching.

4. Not against bullying from teachers and other students.

5. I know of people who have entered the 3-12 building and gotten past the office without being asked who they were or why they were there.

6. Take a strong stand on bullying! Stick to your guns! One warning then bully is expelled!!

7. Again, this relates to the principles at each school. Middle school - not so much with bullying and learning environment. High school is MUCH better.

8. Learning environment may be safe, but the school parking lot is not. It's just a matter of time till a child is struck by a car, driven either by a parent or student, due to poor driving habits in the school's parking lot.

9. Students are not treated equally. Last name and friends of students with certain last names are treated much differently.

10. I hear of bullying not being taken care of. Discipline is not handed down on many levels. Dress code not enforced. Staff should not wear "yoga" pants.

11. WAY to much homework. My kids are up until 10-11 doing homework each night. Need to do something different, allow more time in the class to work on it, don't assign so much. We all have a life outside of school, farms, home responsibilities not to mention sports after school, then to be up doing homework until 10pm or 11pm is ridiculous. Get rid of the common core as well, PLEASE.

12. I have heard multiple complaints about how students are treated unfairly in regard to submitting work via chrome books. Students who cannot take home or work on chrome books from home must be given alternatives and extensions to complete work for a fair And equal educational opportunity.
Safe from physical harm, not mental harm

I have had a lot of conversations with friends with children at the Elementary and high school building. Their children have had problems with bullying and teachers and principals seem to blow it off. They are very frustrated with this.

The school system had a previous reputation of tolerating bullying. I'm not sure that is still the case.

It seems like the doors are always unlocked, the office door is the only one that seems secure.

better than it was cause my son was bullied and nothing was done about it. may be better now but then he almost failed a year due to it

I've seen police in the school several times, but too many times I have not. I'd like to see an armed guard near the exterior doors the children use. And I'll bet most of the people in this district would too. Post a big sign at each door stating that there are armed guards and some teachers have a concealed carry permit. Take down the signs that say No Guns Allowed and put one up that says something like No Guns Allowed On School Property Except For The Ones Being Carried By Trained Personnel. I'm not joking, if other districts can do it, so can Amanda. May God bless you all.

I feel safe when my kids go to school because the leadership within the school, superintendent down makes safety a priority! The board does not deserve this compliment, only the internal administration.

I feel some students are not disciplined the same based on their status in the community.

Again, A-C made the front page for not allowing a girl attend classes due to her attire but we never heard how that was resolved.

Dress code is not enforced with all students.

I feel dress code is still an option. Athletes or the popular kids where inappropriate clothing and nothing is done about it.

1. Not all students are disciplined the same, this is where being biased comes in to play. 2. Bullying still happens.

would like to see a officer at the school at all times

Quit focusing on bullying and start focusing on education. Life is full of bullies. Get over it. You might as well learn early if you are going to stand tall or run and hide when a bully comes your way.

I felt like my child was labeled at the beginning of his first year of school and my child got in trouble for little things that other students would not have.

I do believe this is the case most of the time but feel there are definitely times when my child has been bullied by a class mate and no real punishment was given. I have also had her come home upset because a substitute teacher made rude comments to her. She is 8. Other than keeping it all bottled up until they get home there needs to be a better way for them to feel safe to talk to someone immediately at school.

Bullying, I believe that when someone brings it to attention there shouldn't any chain of command to follow. There also shouldn't be any recoil to that student or their siblings a they move up behind them just because the guidelines was not followed. There is always room for safer security. And we should never stop trying to make it better.

This is a nationwide problem that is compounded within the school systems due to many factors out of control of the district.

Again, I am only aware of the events in the 'building' I am associated with.

As a former teacher in the district, I saw little attention given to bullying. The general feeling was that students should not be so sensitive.

I had no opinion on the discipline question because my children have never been disciplined by the school. (Knock on wood)

I've heard many stories of irregularities in discipline and unfairness as well as a handful of bullying incidents that weren't properly addressed - specifically surrounding racial and minority bullying. This is unacceptable!
Q14 Please tell us how Amanda-Clearcreek Schools rates in each of the following areas:

Answered: 385   Skipped: 171
Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools Community Survey administered by the Ohio School Boards Association

Technological tools and...

Student and staff safety

School funding and district...

Administrator quality
Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools Community Survey administered by the Ohio School Boards Association

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**Optional Comments:**

1. I am not sure what is meant by "programming".
2. A-C has a PTA that only non-working parents can join. Principals are close-minded and it's worthless to try to hold a conversation with them.
3. Not sure my older children have been prepared as well as they could have been for college in some areas. Teacher quality not that good in some areas—mostly science. Very weak! They were able to taking PSE classes which helped. Concerned my younger children will not be prepared for college if more classes get cut. Would be nice to have quality teachers that could dual teach (high school/college credit).
4. I'd like to see a focus on the school becoming a central part of the A-C community as a whole.
5. Front desk ladies were very rude multiple times to me.
6. Turnover of teachers has hurt our district badly. We can n should do better!
7. I feel the community is pushed away instead of welcomed. The superintendent secretary is rude and the office is a mess. The treasurer is willing to balance a budget at the expense and cuts of academics, teaches and athletics. I do not feel the district supports these students and community.
8. Too many unqualified people in positions that make decisions.
9. Anything not check, I just don't have experience with.
As a parent I feel that if you aren't on Facebook or on a computer all day long you don't get a lot of info. An automated call here and there is what keeps us in the know which is a joke. Kids don't always share everything and if they do it is negative.

I am disappointed with the involvement of the HS guidance office in preparing juniors/seniors for things like ACT test, Boys/Girls State, College planning, etc. I feel like kids aren't given enough info unless they are very proactive and ask the right questions.

I think we are budgeting well but think the community doesn't understand what it takes to keep good teachers and maintain programs that make for a great education.

AC faculty and staff do a wonderful job.

Many community members have expressed concern with staff placement and retaining staff who are less than stellar. It is important for the administration to place the best staff in positions that most benefit our students at every level, not simply "find a place" for them that does not best serve our students. We must look forward to creating an environment that with help create life-long learners who will also become valuable community members post-graduation. Test scores cannot be the only focus, we must consider the whole student and how best to serve them beyond the classroom.

I would love to see a little better work on the website so it is easier to navigate to find information needed.

AC generally scores well in overall testing but the school cannot exist on a history of football, which I believe they are trying to recapture.

District does very well with the meager funding it receives.

A lot of things I seen over the last 15 years some better some not. Communication needs to improve.

Serious changes need to happen. Just because we have always done it a certain way should not be the direction for many things.

Stop trying to push this through by citing property values. The property sales are already through the roof without the help of a school levy.

I would love to see more programs available for students at the middle school level who aren't into athletics. Once they get to high school there are options, but athletics is pretty much it at the middle school level.

I strongly believe there needs to be a life skills class preparing our high schoolers for independent life. I also think sex Ed should return. Funding response is due to State and local funding, I feel district has been very wise with spending!

Vocational students are often left out, have to find rides if they don't drive, get punished for not being to practice on time. Coaches need to be made aware that those students are still a part of Amanda and getting back for a practice or game may be difficult depending on traffic or other circumstances.

These questions had 4 positive outcomes and only one negative response.

Parent involvement should be the top priority of the district followed very closely by community involvement. Teachers/Parents/Administrators working together is key to all student's education and development.

Security, security, security! We don't want to be the next school to make the nightly news in the wrong way. "No Guns Allowed" how ignorant!

Frequent changes in administration at HS, that's concerning.

It is hard to generalize some of these questions. Are there excellent teachers, yes. Are there poor teachers, yes. The administration needs to recognize the difference and fix it. Money is not the only way to keep staff happy, respect and how a person is treated have a great impact as well.

It seems that positions are created according to the "Friends and Family Program." A-C paid an assistant principal for a few years. People are hired for positions when they don't have the qualifications but they are a warm body. Nobody is EVER held accountable. You are told to "follow the chain of command" but how is a person to know what that chain is.

I would encourage anyone to educate his or her child in our district grades k-8, but definitely feel our high school is lacking in both courses and rigor!
Students that are consistently having behavioral problems and/or bullying should not be allowed to return to class until the behavior has changed. Parental involvement is a must regarding this issue.

I don’t know anything about the school system. I hear about sports. But frankly that’s not getting you far in the real world. So...

Our school MUST LOOK at other comparable schools and see why they are working well. They are there, you just have to work and look outside our district. I’ve given this information before and obviously no one wants to check into this. There are ways to bring money into our school. I have my own job, I’m not going to do our Treasurer’s too.

Getting the community and parents interested is hard when they only care about a few select programs.

If you don’t have children in the school you don’t know what’s going on. It would be nice to get news letters once a month or so to let people know what is going on. Thank you

My child’s teachers have been caring, hard working and energetic - overall very good. However we experienced a huge gap in skills and expectations from 2nd to 3rd grade. It seems there is not a strong curriculum map at that level. This was discussed and addressed with teachers and principal. I can only hope common core math goes away and teach the students facts and problem solving the way it used to be taught - and students were successful. Eureka- and all the other “names” for common core only confuse and frustrate students. Dots and circles are not helpful to “think” about math problem. This program has students doing algebra problems before they even know how to subtract multiples, much less, divide. We worked most this year on multiplication but did not have time for division because so much emphasis was put on the long eureka problems, which did nothing to help my child memorize facts - which will help later in the “why” of math solutions. I am hoping for a close look at the curriculum for good changes. I feel the teachers are doing their best and know what kids need but are held to the chosen curriculum, of course.

I’m a full-time working mom and the PTO meetings are not at a convenient time for me. I wish I could be more involved, but it’s very hard when the meetings don’t work with my schedule.

District funding is a problem again that resides with political control. Administration and the treasurer’s office does the best they can with the dwindling budget that has been given to them

The parent involvement can only go as far as the parents are willing to involve themselves. The opportunities are there.

I gave a passable for academic rigor and offerings because, again, not much is offered. My daughter, who will be a sophomore, was given her schedule and it has the basics and then study hall. Unless she wants to take 3 art classes her Sophomore year. I would like to see her taking a class to help her gain credits toward graduating. She already has an Art credit from last year. She is taking Art II and they put her in Painting and some other art class as well. When she spoke with someone about it, she was put in study hall. Because all her other choices were full and don’t work with her schedule of regular classes. The high schoolers need more choices of classes to take! As far as extra-curricular activities, I gave it a poor because I am not aware of any that are not a sport or FFA. My kids aren’t interested in those things.

We need a renewed focus on academics and to look at more career-tech, computing (certifications), and STEM courses. Please consider starting a tech club which can assist with events and other endeavors within the school (e.g. FFA, Board Meetings, work-study).
Q15 Is there anything else you'd like to share that the previous questions did not address?

Answered: 68   Skipped: 498

# RESPONSES

1 The dress code is very unevenly enforced. Whether you get sent to the office or not depends on your social standing with the teacher. Politics need to stay out of the classroom. It's great to have the students informed on current events and have discussions about them, but the political views needed to stay out of it. Who decided it is acceptable for 6th graders to eat with high schoolers? I was assured many times from administrators that the young students do not see or interact with the older students. Total lie. I get daily stories about the activities of the unsupervised high school students.

2 Communication, communication, communication! I know what's going on... but many others don't want to know what's going on, (cause otherwise they have no other excuse). Use FB and shove it at them. Hence LCS's FB page, a banner that explains how the band is paying for their building, and why the school is getting a new roof, and who's covering most of the cost. Just pretend we're all idiots and uneducated, yet we can search FB!

3 Many of my students teachers care deeply for the students but are not being given the proper opportunities to learn and grow professionally. Other area districts provide their teachers with more PD opportunities and ways to learn new methods and strategies for the classroom. I think this impacts the quality of education our students are receiving.

4 I'm very concerned about attracting and maintaining a quality teaching staff. Teacher salaries at A-C are embarrassing.

5 You send a survey out that started on June 9th just a couple days before it closes?

6 The first time, that I had seen a flyer at [redacted] about the survey was on Tues. 17. The second time, I got a One Call 8:30 a.m. Wed.18. I think the survey could have been given at a better time than in the middle of Summer. This is the first time that I have gone on the school website since school has been out.

7 fantastic staff, I know it costs $$$ but I would like the staff and students have more safety measures

8 I would like to see a more balanced athletic department. Meaning more emphasis on family time and academics than athletic practices that are demanded everyday. It the child misses practices they are ridiculed. This is imperative to a family for the future of the child and the adults. I strongly think more should be put into after school tutoring for all who desire. Get the priorities correct should be paramount. You build strong families you might have a strong district.

9 You have not given the no voters a reason to pass yes, so they will continue to vote no.

10 Ever since the traditions were removed, Amanda seems to be stale and stagnant. Although all schools are struggling, so its nationwide. Amanda should be a trend setter!!! Bring back God and the pride and tradition of the Aces!!!! Make Amanda Great Again and they will come and grow with us!!!

11 We've lived here 38 years and it is no secret that preference is shown to students whose family members are Amanda graduates. I have advised more than 1 family to look for housing elsewhere because of education quality here.

12 Our school tax rate is outrageous. The previous administration totally ruined our view of the trust/amount paid due to careless spending/budgeting.

13 No

14 No
There are a few awesome staff members; however, great ones have left and others just don't seem to care, they are there to collect a check. There is a great deal of favoritism among teachers, and outrageous salaries. Salaries should be based on performance, not just how long one has sat behind a desk.

'Bullying is not being addressed as much as necessary. Every time my student has had to go to a teacher and try to convey the message he was experiencing issues with another student or so he was accused of causing problems. ONLY one exception was xxxxx actually tried to help my son after I personally put a voicemail asking for my son to get advice from him in regards to how to handle some other boys who were tormenting him. So great big thanks to xxxxx for helping my son to feel like he had someone he could trust in.

N/A

WE STILL NEED QUALITY INTERNET PROVIDERS IN OUR AREA.

When a child reports bullying or depression with suicidal thoughts, make an honest EFFORT to be SINCERE ABOUT TAKING ACTION. Both of these happened to my children and they were blown off, like they were drama queens or were trying to get out of school work...UNACCEPTABLE. When my one kid is afraid to go to class because a bigger kid puts fear in him for fun and reports it, nothing happens. Grades drop and it gets worse. When a child has dr. appointments for depression and anxiety and the school staff gets to busy to deal with it, the child gets shuffled off and feels alone. At least show some honest effort and some compassion from an adult the child has been trained to go to when there is a problem away from home. Depression is a scary thing to a youngster also going through puberty and its a lot to handle.

Tax all the people in the district, not just the people who are out working to make a living. It is not just the responsibility of the working people to educate the children. It is everyone's responsibility.

Question asked about community utilizing the school. I thought you had to be employed with the school to us the school. Also one other question I'm confused on. I understood it to be the mortgage on the school was paid off. But then I read in the paper that there was still a mortgage on the building. Just wondering is the building paid off or not?

Just a suggestion. I think the older kids should go to school later and the elementary earlier. Teenagers are not getting enough sleep, so they don't do as well in school.

Being new to the area I see how our community is stuck in the past with levy issues and school/community involvement. With that being said our family is for the levy but it has never been properly explained to our family. I would vote for it regardless because we came from a failing school levy district and it was horrible to the community and the children. I really think that this community wants to see things go away before they see it is hurt (which to me is the saddest part) Best wishes on the survey. Go ACES

This school is good only for certain people, not for everyone.

middle marks just indicate i dont have experience with that question.

Quit wasting $ on the shingle roof...put on a metal one and get it over with. Reign in spending. Schools can survive without fancy facilities. Technology is nice but no one knows how to write in cursive, talk to each other without pushing buttons to do so, and communication skills are terrible anymore. Discipline is non-existent in the world today and it starts at home. More discipline = better learning environment for all kids. Whether or not the football team goes to the big game at the end of the season will not make or break a school. Please get the staff in decent clothes...no yoga pants please. No one wants to see that. If you are going to have policies...enforce them. Too many girls walk around in short skirts that they are pulling down constantly to keep their parts in. Boys need real jeans as well...don't accept that it was all that a parent could afford because the ones with the holes and crap are EXPENSIVE to buy. And drug test the staff and all kids who play sports...not just the ones who will pass. Might be costly but you might actually find something one day.

I think the district needs to continue to determine the reasons the community is voting no on the levy.

WAY too much homework. My kids are up until 10-11 doing homework each night. Need to do something different, allow more time in the class to work on it, don't assign so much. We all have a life outside of school, farms, home responsibilities not to mention sports after school, then to be up doing homework until 10pm or 11pm is ridiculous. Get rid of the common core as well, PLEASE.

Stop trying to pass a levy, and eliminate the Common Core Curriculum.
I voted for the levy, but I feel that too many people are dissatisfied with the length of time that the levy is proposed for. I feel that if it was a shorter time frame it would get a better result.

It amazes me that this school district has not been investigated for discriminatory hiring practices and promotions. Favoritism in staffing results in favoritism toward select students. This ecosystem has existed for decades, to the point that the administration is blind to it.

Drain the creek.

Why did we pay past administration salary for a year with no explanation? Termination?

I believe unless you’re a part of the “group” or “click” etc you’re out of the loop. I always hear “come on out, we need volunteers”, only to have been sent home on more than one occasion. For every excellent teacher, and there were several in each building, there is another teacher who is very lacking in skills and communication. Kudos to the teachers. They work non-stop. The kids are always busy doing an activity. They are very down to earth and dedicate countless hours. It shows they truly believe in what they are doing. This is unlike the She also dedicates a lot of time. However, she’s quick to let you know her level of “dedication”. I believe the secretaries hold a lot of the school together. They have for years. I’m glad to see new faces in the past years. We needed a new high school guidance counselor and secretary. is awesome! I’m excited to see what the next few years brings with the new principal and school board. In closing, I feel there’s is absolutely NO communication for those students trying to gain skills at the career center. There needs to be a dedicated liaison.

I still hear people complaining about the football bleachers and they have stayed that is why they don’t vote for the levy. People are concerned about the lack of facilities and how the school divides the money. It would be nice if people could know exactly what will happen if the levy doesn’t pass. Parents need to know how hard it will get and they will vote YES like I did. I will always vote is for my kids!! Thank you for what you guys do for the school and the community.

Needs to be better communication- different avenues to communicate besides e-mail. We usually don’t even receive mailings we are supposed to receive despite several calls and attempts to correct mailing address. (P.O. Box is omitted, just physical address)

Reduce what you are asking for and the no voters might vote yes. Isn’t .50 or .75% better than zero. You could have gotten this by now but continue to be greedy and ask too much from those who work and will be paying it.

My child is open enrolled at AC, we are ALL IN! Unfortunately state requirements have hands tied in many ways. I believe having Mr. Dick back and with the ongoing updates and changes AC is doing it’s very best with limited resources.

There are negative image issues out there. You need professional help to overcome these issues. You should not be afraid of what people will say if you are doing what is right. Need to lead from the front. No one wants to pay taxes. Everyone wants what is good for children. This is not an impossible task.

Good students who have never caused any problems have been pointed out as having violated dress codes in either their attire or their graduation invitations. I saw the picture of the student who sat in detention for dress code violation. I saw not a thing wrong in what she had on. Never heard another thing about it. A graduation invitation I received was lovely but the school said inappropriate to hang up. What about what kids wear to prom? Does that fall under a different category?? Also never heard another thing about why we paid for a year of the superintendent not working. Community should have been made aware of the reason. In the past I have always voted for school issues but too many things have happened for me to do that now. These are just a few things of concern to me.

2 quotes "Study and learn, knowledge lights the way." and "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance".

I am a yes vote BUT why should I vote Yes this fall when you have 11 million in your savings!!! We went through this 6-7 years ago. It took the possibility of losing FFA to get voters to pass the Levy. Ok, the Levy committee has tried to pass the Levy being positive not threaten the loss of programs that did not work! Now, it is time to be realistic! What is going to happen if we do not pass it? If nothing then why should I vote Yes? I know has talked to many groups about the budget but people do not understand or care about numbers, they need to see actual cuts that affect their kids, grandkids and community. Example: FFA, sports, lunches, bussing, academic programs etc!

When will we learn what the results of this survey are?
Not all students learn at the same levels. Students in special ed are not given tools needed to be successful. IEP's are not followed and in fact are in violation. Advanced students can't even count money or read an analog clock. Big problem there. Where are our priorities? Oh, testing and more testing.

I truly hope the board of education takes into consideration with the following responses and see the spiral down and realizes the problem may lay within them. Being in this district all of my life I have never heard such words used to describe the unility of our board. It saddens me because we were once a great school with great things... now we are the laughingstock of the county. Please get priorities straight and reflect why you are in our district and not have hidden agendas.

Communication with community member without students is still poor.

Pay teachers more and administrators less. Even it out.

I would like to share that I spent some time doing this survey, which I'm sure others will too. The question is, will we "really" get the any information from this survey or will anything get addressed? I can spend my money as easily as A-C can.

Three ways to pass the next levy... eliminate sports in middle school, eliminate all clubs including FFA, eliminate bussing 9-12 starting September 1. Don't just choose one of these... eliminate them all in one sweep! All students need daily word processing skills in grades 3-9. Watch our students! They don't even know what it means to place their fingers on the home keys to type.

As a community member, it would have been nice to receive information about this survey in another way. I happened to have a friend on Facebook who shared the survey. That is not a good way to keep the community informed.

I want the school to be a great school so I can send my kids there when they are old enough. But frankly I believe education is what kids need, not sports... so maybe you should tell more about the school system or what is to offer and the acheivements when trying to pass the levy. My husband went there and had no help getting into, picking a college or finding a scholarship whereas I had tons of support and found many scholarships for college. I have no idea if that has changed since he went. If we don't have kids that go there, or aren't from here then apparently there is no way of getting this information aside from calling the school. I would and will call before I send my kids there but currently with them being so young and me working out of town, my time is limited, and schools are not on my mind when caring for a baby. I do have to say the best thing you did with the last levy drive, was that someone stopped at our house and asked for questions or offered to give us answers about it. That is why I ended up voting, because she took the time to help explain. More of that is needed.

My husband and I already Pay 80% of our property taxes that go to the school. Another levy makes no sense when the district can't manage their budget as it is.

Don't wait until school is about to start to let parents know if open enrollment is accepted

Dress code for teachers should be followed as well.

Until the school is willing to cut spending and balance the budget a levy, in my opinion will not pass.

I will never vote Yes for a levy.

Make the community understand how we can have a 12 million dollar carryover and go 1-to-1 with devices in middle school and high school, all the programs for kids remain, new classes are added ... and yet we still have need of a levy?

I will never vote yes for a levy until it is well rounded and fair across the board!

Skip a election before you run the levy again. Some don't like the idea of paying a income tax and real estate tax. To bad you can not remove the real estate tax and just have a income tax where everyone pays.

The people have spoken time and time again. Make some changes before you ask again. No one is going to support a school that only caters to football and certain families. No one is going to vote a levy through when you show a deletion of a job only to turn around and create and manipulate it into another position to benefit one specific person. That's the shady shit that's happening that you don't think community members know. Guess what? They do and they learn it from the qualified teachers that you are pushing out of the district to provide the under qualified jobs.
Our current Board of Education sorely lacks the unity and professionalism necessary to lead the District. Since the beginning of this calendar year when the newest members were installed not one meeting—scheduled or special—has begun with all members present. The Board often seems antagonistic, operating from their own agenda, rather than for the good of the District. Without adjustment at the top, the District will likely never unite to pass a levy. Evaluate your commitment to the position you campaigning for and were elected to—lead or move over for someone else to do the job!

I believe in the district and hope the levy passes to keep what programs are there as well as improve in area needed. Many people are upset about how the superintendent issue was handled. A lot of money was lost there and no one knows why or what happened. Trust was lost and it has to be regained. People don't want to be told that they just have to accept it and move on. They want answers, I hope this helps you.

I was impressed with the current administrations attempt to connect with the community during the last election to pass the levy than I have been in a long time. Still not a fan of the levy since we also pay school taxes through a property tax but I would be more in favor of a 1% income tax for 4 years.

The AC school district is lacking in so many areas. We have spoke to our kids and tried to get them to change school districts but they wanted to stay even though they will not have the same opportunities that other districts offer. It's very disappointing.

I love this school district. I love that they say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning. I love that if they wear a shirt with Jesus or God on it that they will not be told to remove it. I love that teachers and staff know my name and my children's names and know that we belong to each other. I have voted for the levy every time. And I also know that the only thing that will change some of the issues that I have in my previous answers is to pass the levy. I wish I knew what it would take. Maybe take away football. Then people would vote for it.

This survey doesn't emphasize enough that this is based on current administration and previous administration. There are a lot of community members still unhappy with issues from the past.

We need to look at automating back-office functions (e.g. accounting, admin asst, etc.) and look at new technologies that will help administer the school spanning multiple departments. We need to be more creative and innovative and get away from the "this is how we've always done it" mentality.

I think what scares people to the Amanda Village Tax and Stoutsville Tax. These families will be taxed 2 times, lots of families already live pay check to pay check. We need to find a solution across the board that can benefit everyone!