

# Anchorage School District School Bond Issues Survey

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# Background & Research Methods

## Background

The Anchorage School District (ASD) contracted with Hays Research Group LLC (HRG) to conduct this important survey regarding attitudes and opinions related to the Anchorage School District and the 2025 Municipal Election.

## Survey Instrument

The survey instrument was finalized after several drafts, which included reviews and suggested changes by the ASD Communications Director and final approval by Adam Hays, HRG Research Director. The survey included both multiple choice and open-ended questions that were coded into groups for analysis in this report.

## Sample

The total sample size of this survey was n=383 municipality of Anchorage voters who voted in the 2025 Municipal election. The survey was conducted by randomly selecting eligible voters and inviting them to participate in a web-based survey instrument. Eligible participants were compensated for their participation. The ratio of men to women and of age group levels was kept in proportion to Anchorage population figures within the margin of error.

The probability is 19 out of 20 (95%) for the overall sample size that if researchers had sought to interview every eligible household from the sample frame above by using the same questionnaire, the findings would differ from these overall survey results by no more than 5.0 percentage points in either direction. Thus, the margin of error is +/-5.0% for the overall sample. For the remaining subgroups, the sampling error may be larger due to a smaller overall sample size.

## Data Analysis & Reporting

Members of the HRG team, employing SPSS software, analyzed the data. The primary procedures reported are frequencies and cross tabulations.

## Notes to Readers

Included in the presentation of each response is a summary or example of any significant findings, followed by relevant tables. All percentages in the narrative are rounded to the nearest whole percentage point.

Ofentimes a few respondents fail to answer a question. Unless the percentage that failed to answer is significant, these people are not included in the totals upon which the percentages are based. Percentages in the tables occasionally do not add to exactly 100% because of rounding.

Cross tabulations describe data that may be related in some way. In many cross tabulations, categories are combined or omitted because the numbers are too small to be statistically significant. This manipulation may change the totals on which percentages are based but does not affect the relationships between percentages. Cross tabulations may be used to indicate differences (or lack of differences) between subgroups of people. When a lack of difference is being shown, a footnote is appended to the table indicating that the differences are not “statistically significant”.

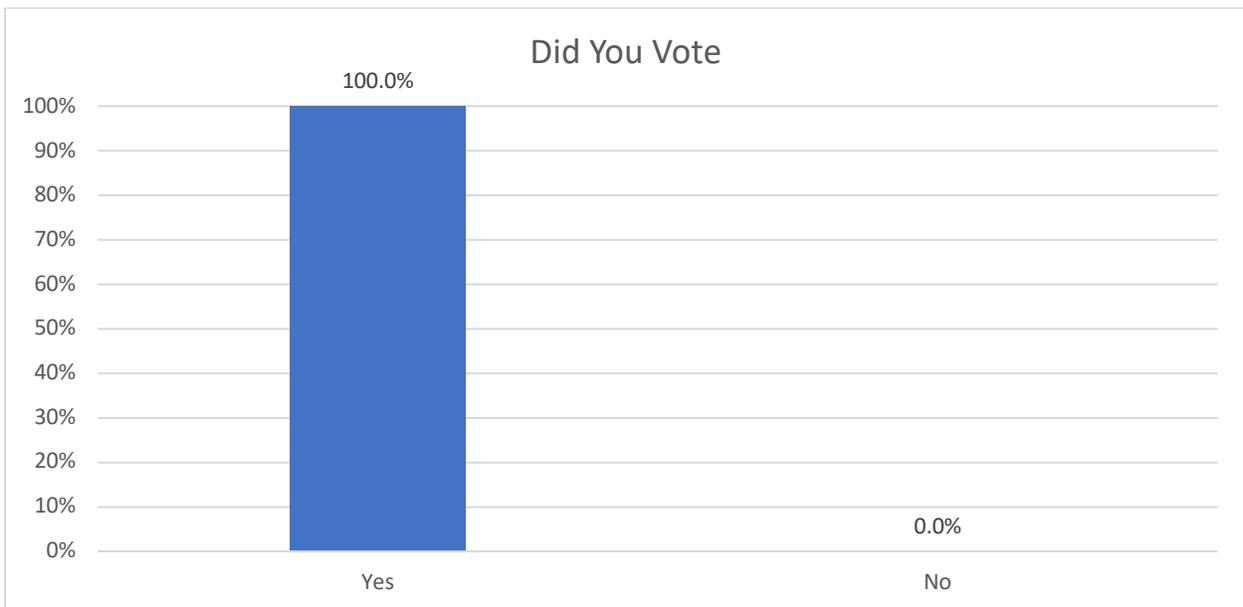
# Survey Results

## Did You Vote

Did you vote in the most recent (2025) Anchorage Municipal Election?

\*note that respondents who did not vote in the 2025 Municipal Election were not allowed to participate in this survey, and their responses were not included in the data.

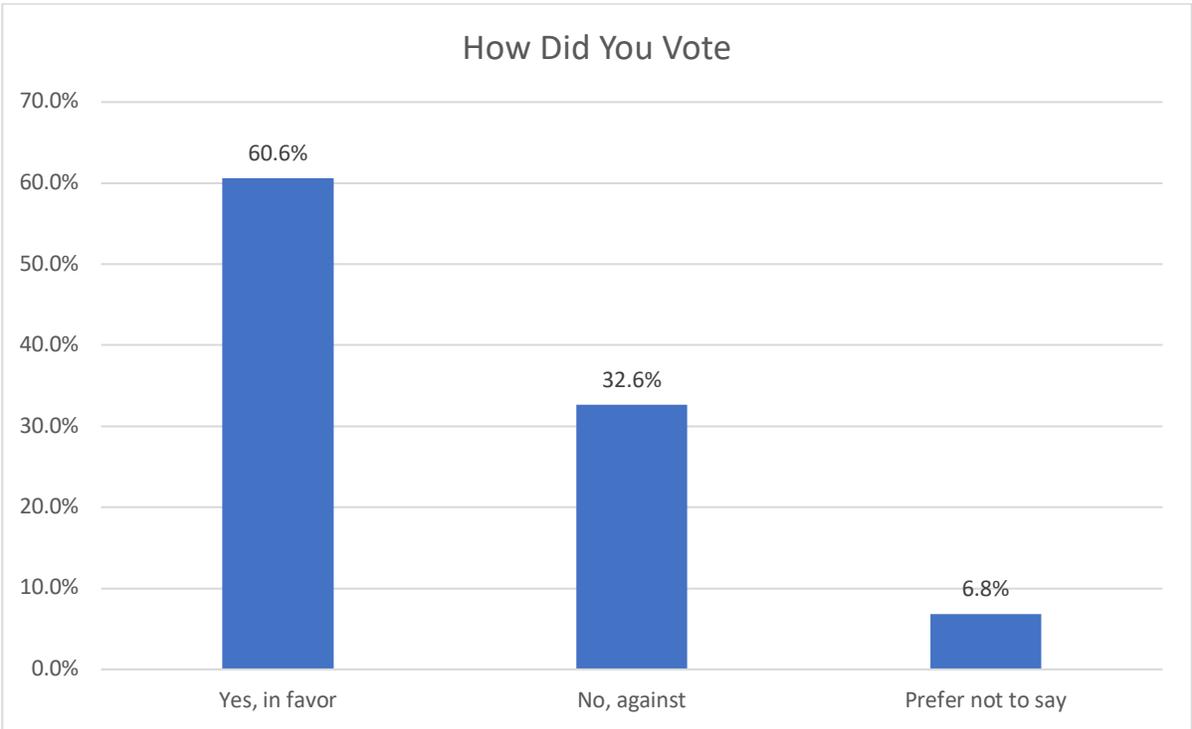
	Count	Percent
Yes	383/383	100.0%
No	0/383	0.0%



# How Did You Vote

How did you vote on the School Bond in the most recent Anchorage Municipal Election?

	Count	Percent
Yes, in favor	232/383	60.6%
No, against	125/383	32.6%
Prefer not to say	26/383	6.8%

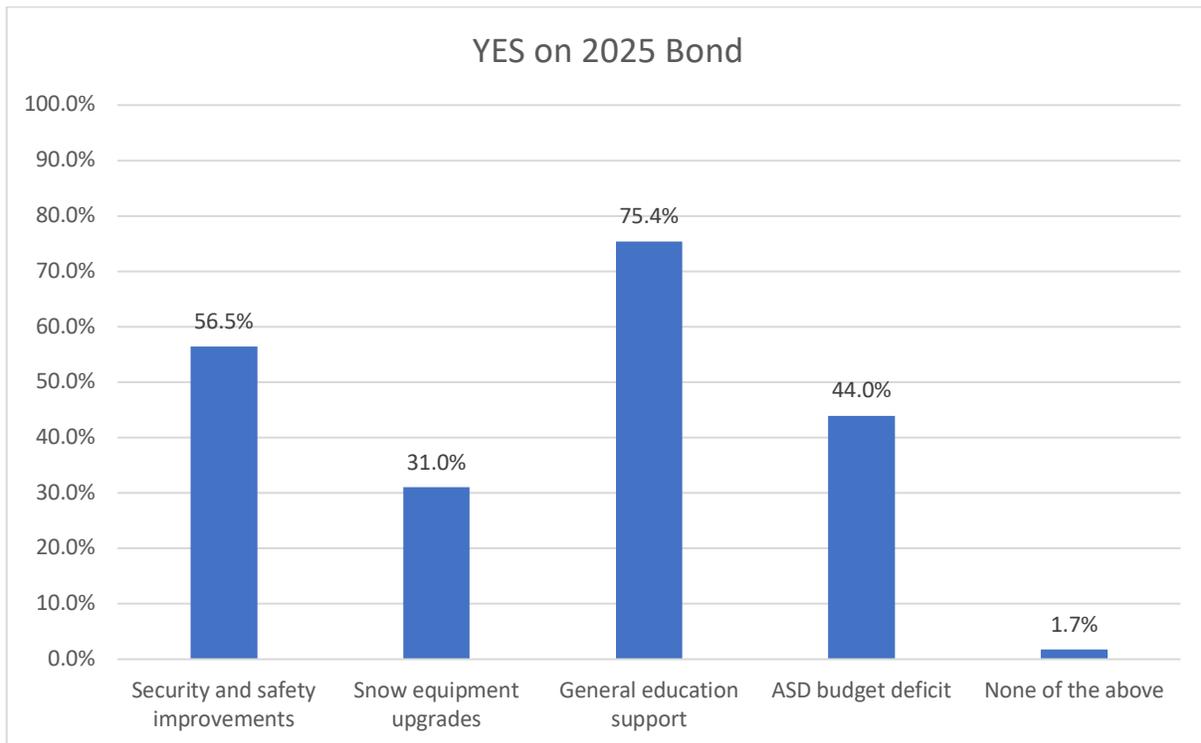


## YES on 2025 Bond

If you voted yes on the School Bond, what were your reasons?

\*multiple responses accepted

	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Security and safety improvements	131/232	56.5%
Snow equipment upgrades	72/232	31.0%
General education support	175/232	75.4%
ASD budget deficit	102/232	44.0%
None of the above	4/232	1.7%

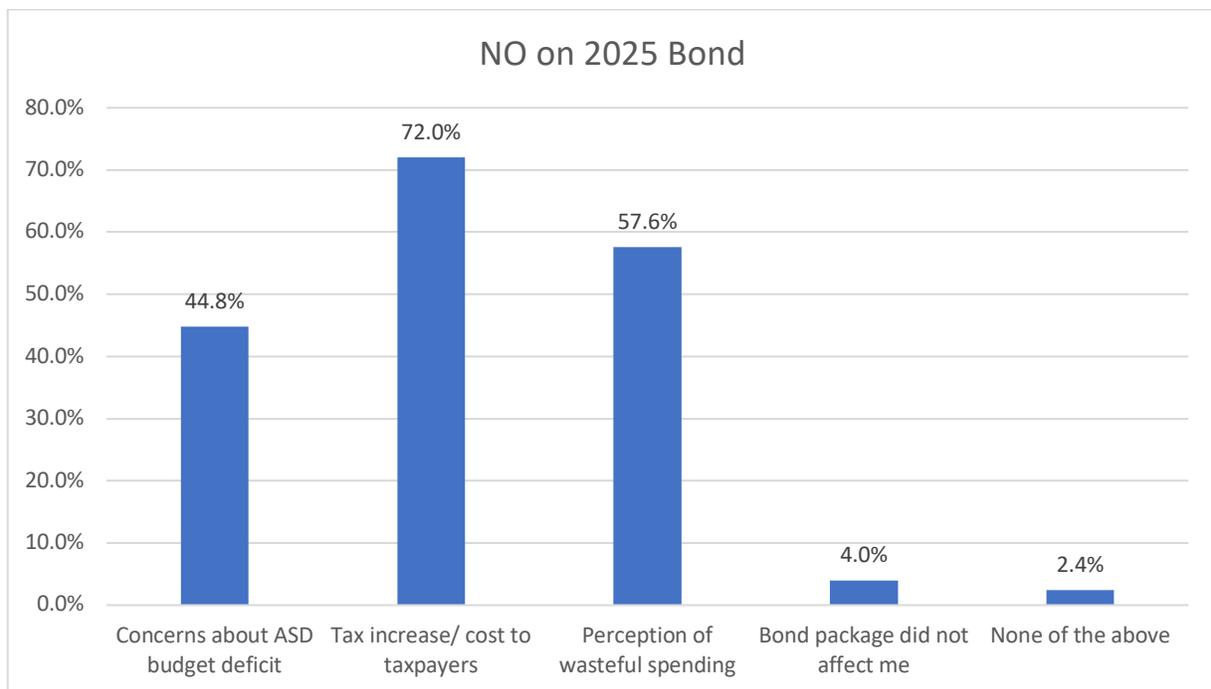


## NO on 2025 Bond

If you voted no on the School Bond, what were your reasons?

\*multiple responses accepted

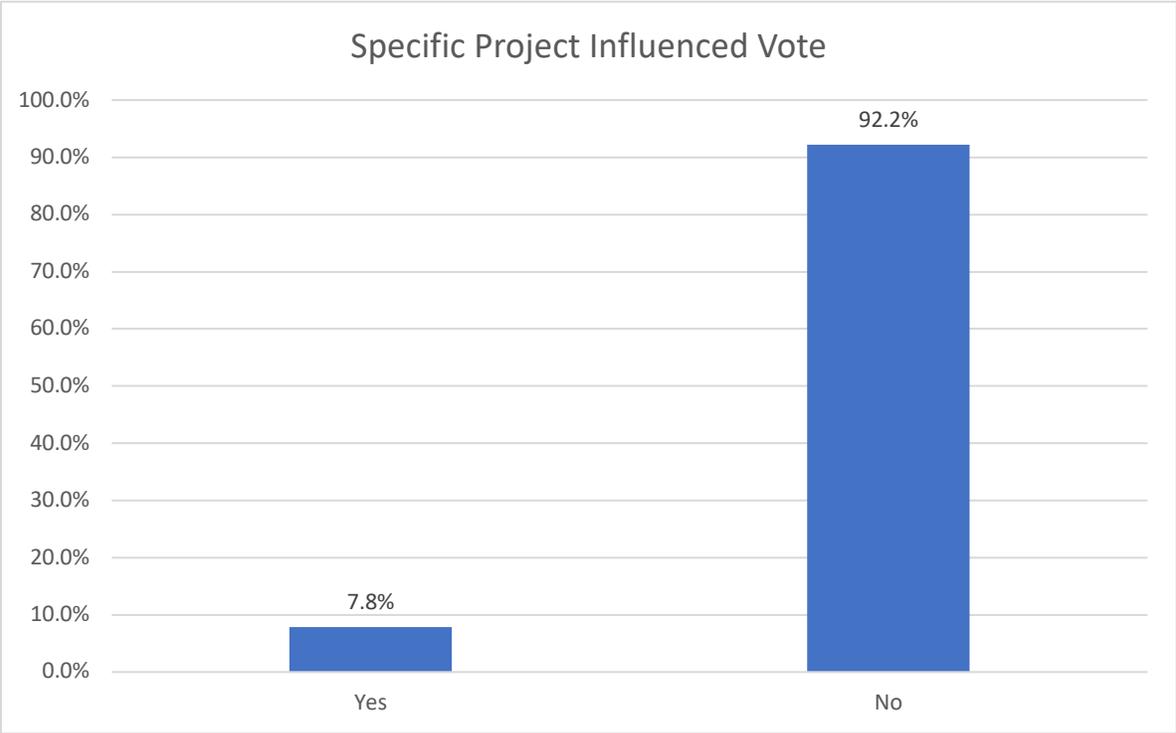
	Count	Percent
Concerns about ASD budget deficit	56/125	44.8%
Tax increase/ cost to taxpayers	90/125	72.0%
Perception of wasteful spending	72/125	57.6%
Bond package did not affect me	5/125	4.0%
None of the above	3/125	2.4%



# Specific Project Influenced Vote

Did any specific school bond projects influence your vote?

	Count	Percent
Yes	30/383	7.8%
No	353/383	92.2%



## What Specific Project

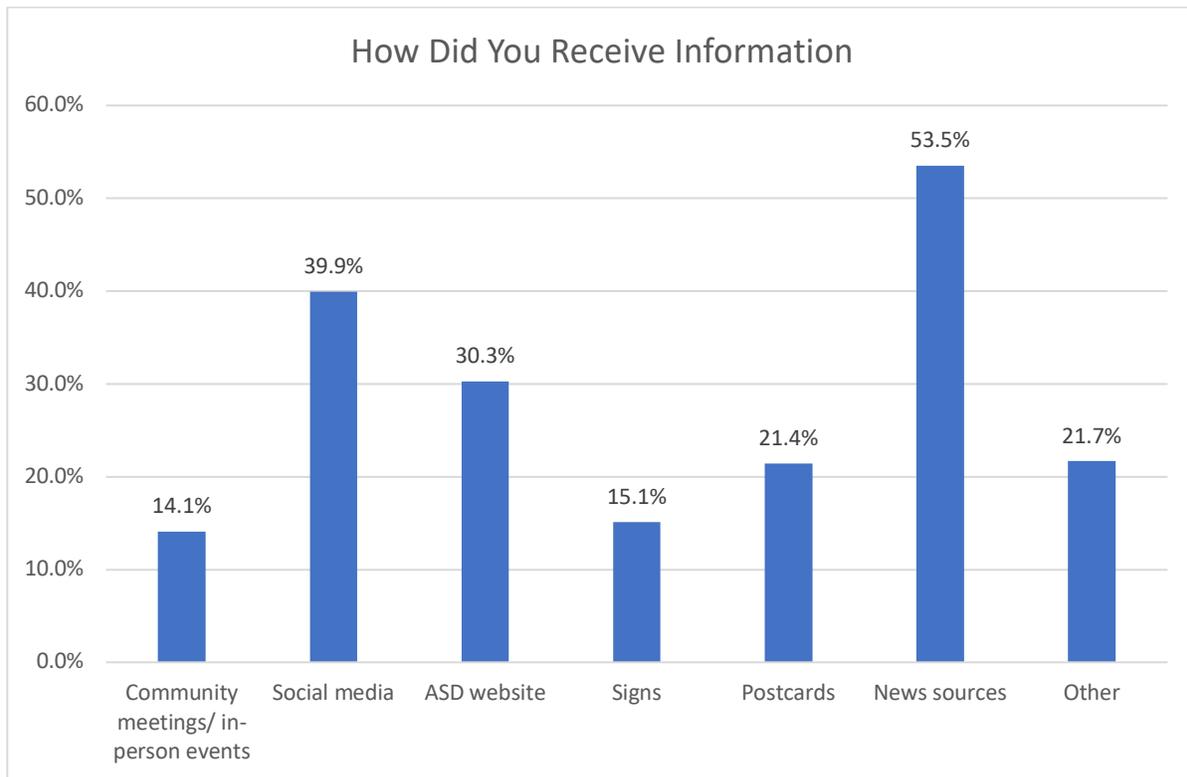
- What specific school bond project influenced your vote?
- All.
- As a property owner (several properties) I am influenced by how big a hit the bonds will affect my finances. I tend to vote positively for smaller increases to my taxes. I would always suggest that School Bonds get broken up into the smallest increments possible so that property owners can pick and choose what we consider to be the most crucial items.
- Base Student Allocation.
- Budget.
- East high upgrades.
- General education support.
- High taxes.
- Huffman-neighborhood school.
- I have kids there.
- I object to bonds regarding standard maintenance (roof replacements, carpet, etc.). These should be part of the standard ASD budget, and what we should be voting on is IMPROVEMENTS.
- monitoring project.
- Need better funding for teachers.
- No! They're all needed.
- Not what we need for schools.
- Pretty much.
- Repairs for current buildings.
- Safety and security.
- Safety and security projects and purchasing new snow equipment.
- Security.
- Security system that requires people to check in with their ID that seems ineffective and wasteful. Does it truly stop any bad actors?
- Snow plowing.
- snow removal equipment.
- Snow removal equipment... upgrades to schools, this needs to be done annually out of existing funds.
- The Base student allocation being raised.
- The BSA in general & the general education support.
- The ones for Scenic Park and Bartlett. They are where my kids went to school
- unnecessary construction and security projects. More simple and cost effective solutions exist. Better planning should occur.
- Upgraded snow removal equipment.
- West Romig.

## How Did You Receive Information

How did you receive information about the school bond?

\*multiple responses accepted

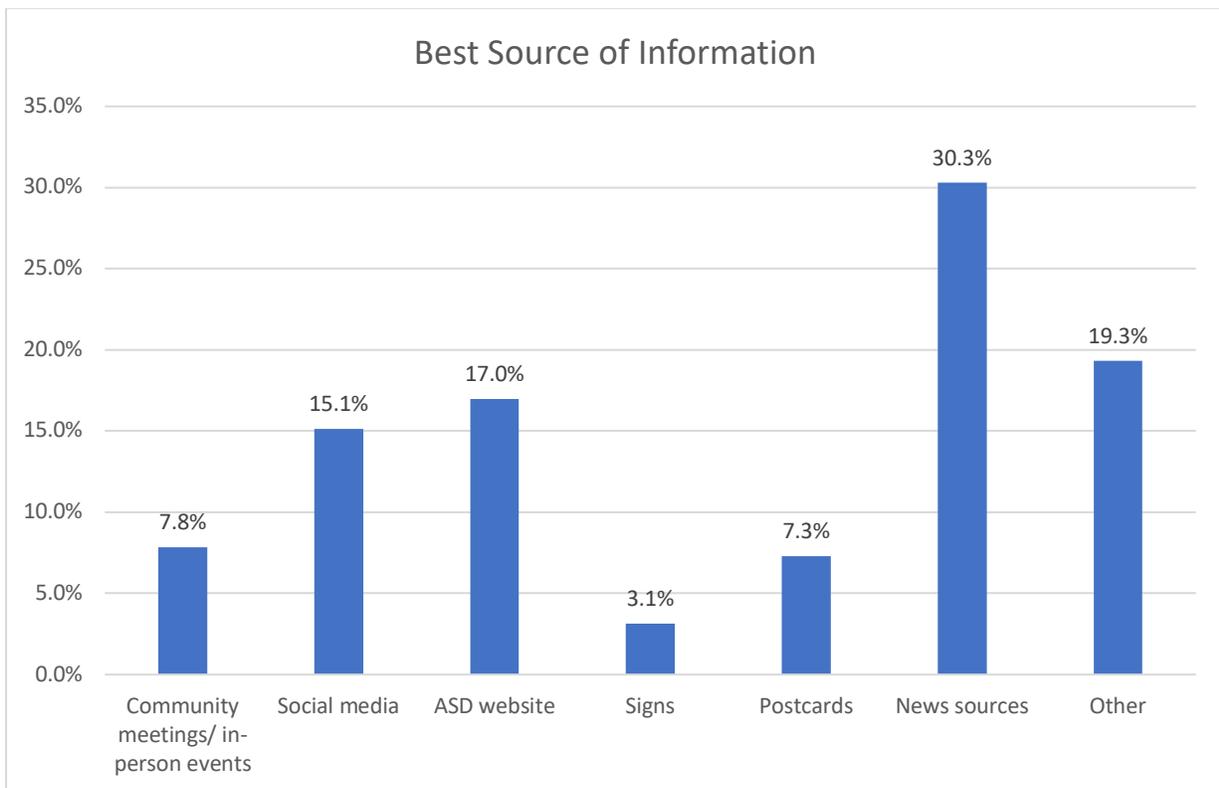
	Count	Percent
Community meetings/ in-person events	54/383	14.1%
Social media	153/383	39.9%
ASD website	116/383	30.3%
Signs	58/383	15.1%
Postcards	82/383	21.4%
News sources	205/383	53.5%
Other	83/383	21.7%



## Best Source of Information

What was the best source of information about the School Bond?

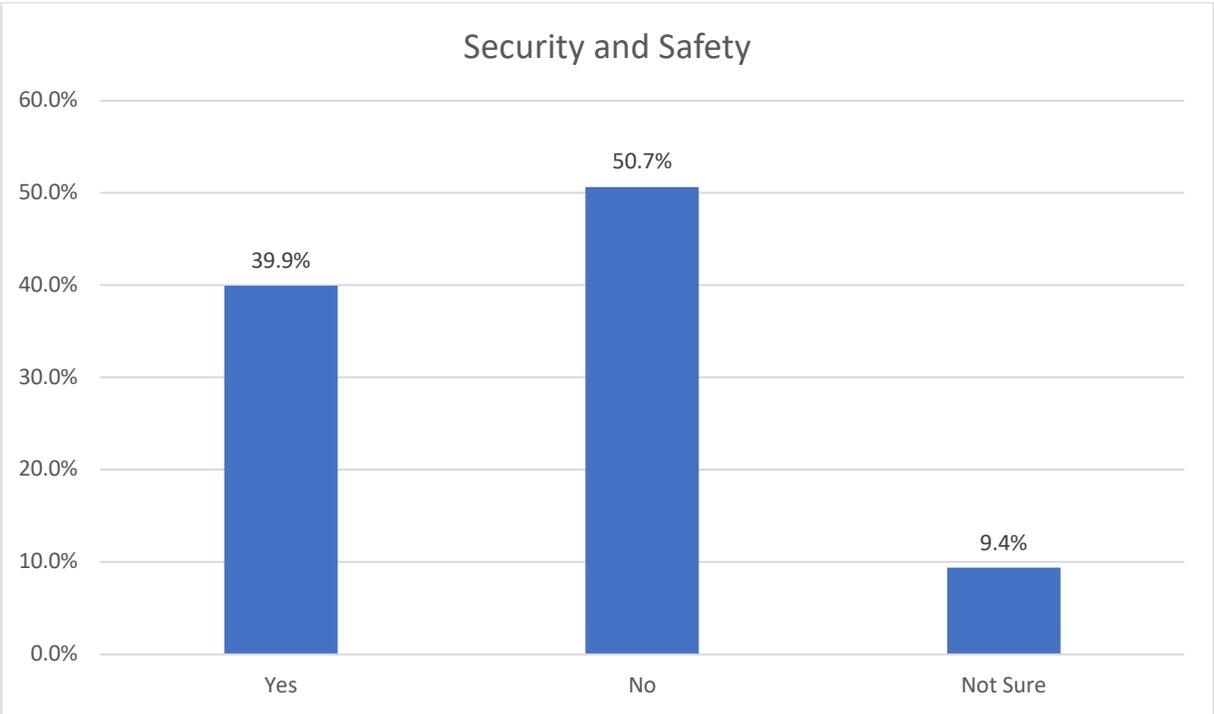
	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Community meetings/ in-person events	30/383	7.8%
Social media	58/383	15.1%
ASD website	65/383	17.0%
Signs	12/383	3.1%
Postcards	28/383	7.3%
News sources	116/383	30.3%
Other	74/383	19.3%



# Security and Safety

Did the focus on security and safety influence your vote on the School Bond?

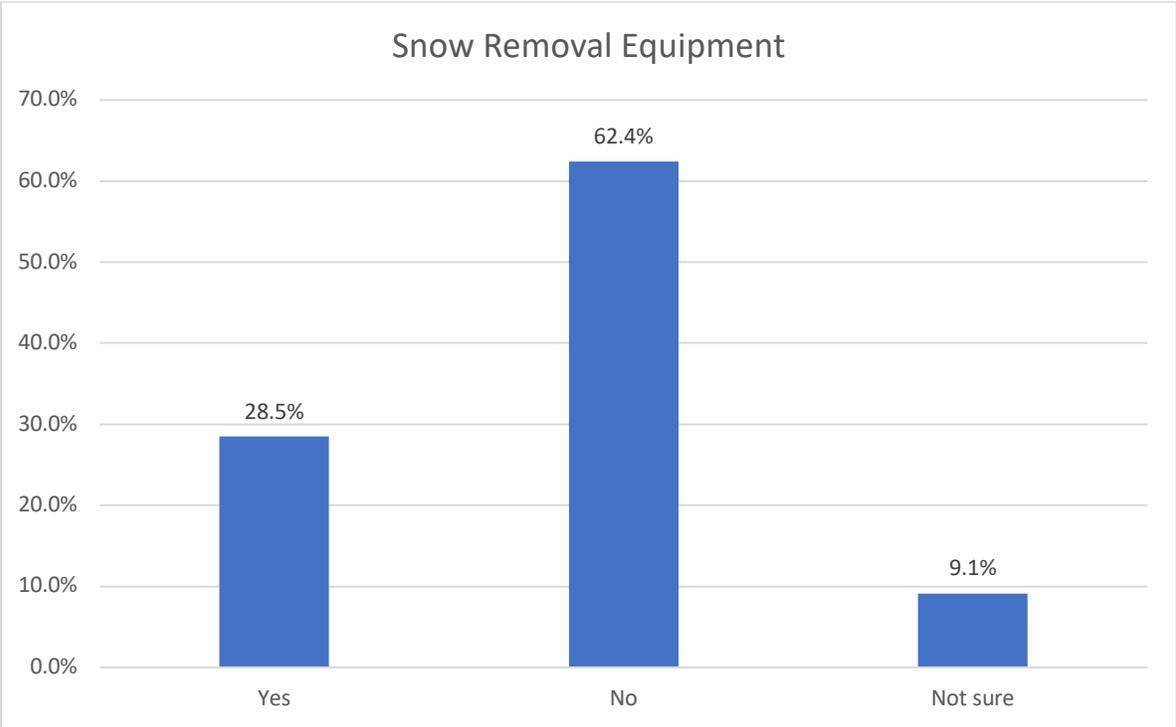
	Count	Percent
Yes	153/383	39.9%
No	194/383	50.7%
Not Sure	36/383	9.4%



# Snow Removal Equipment

Did the focus on snow removal equipment influence your vote on the School Bond?

	Count	Percent
Yes	109/383	28.5%
No	239/383	62.4%
Not sure	35/383	9.1%



## Other Factors

Were there any other factors that influenced your vote for the School Bond?

### *Yes, in favor*

The overwhelming theme among these respondents was strong support for education and school funding, with many emphasizing the chronic underfunding of the Anchorage School District (ASD) and the broader lack of state and federal support. Many voters expressed a general commitment to supporting school bonds, citing the importance of maintaining safe, functional, and modern school facilities. Personal connections, such as having children, grandchildren, or working in education, also played a role in their decision. Some viewed school investment as essential to a thriving community and future workforce, while others expressed frustration with state-level budget constraints, believing local bonds were the only viable option to ensure schools received necessary resources. Concerns about teacher pay, classroom conditions, and school safety further reinforced their support.

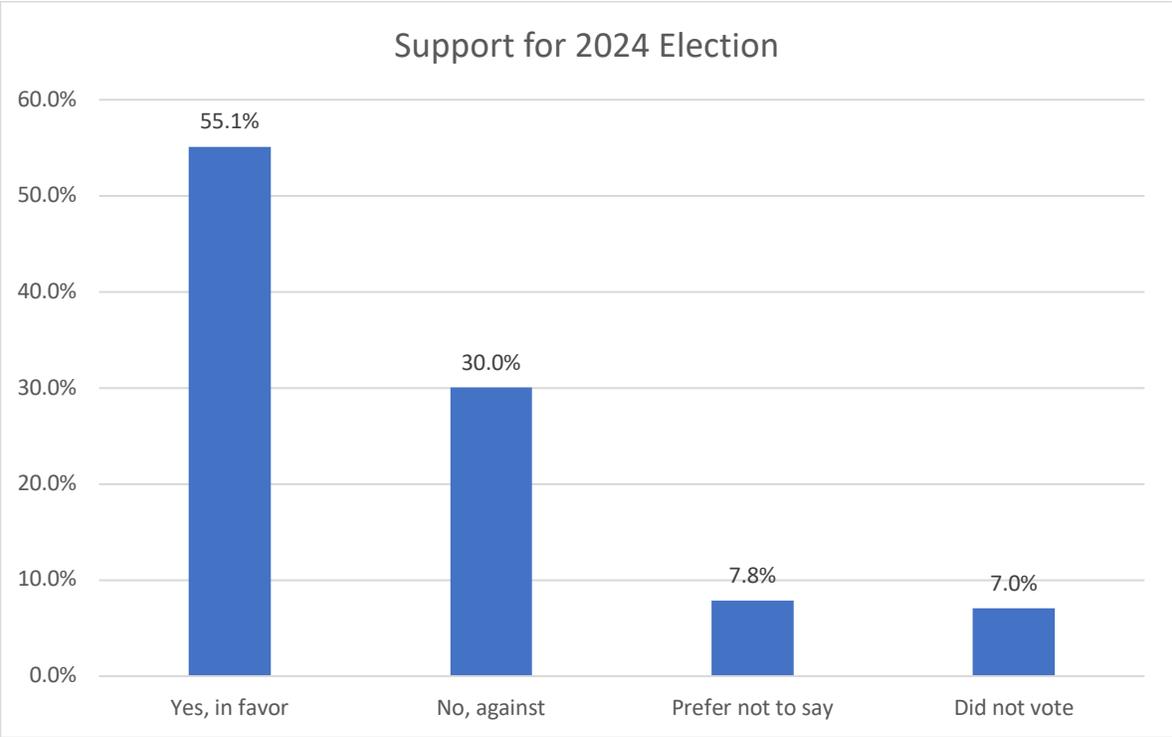
### *No, against*

Voters who opposed the school bond cited concerns about rising property taxes, financial mismanagement, and a lack of trust in the school district's leadership. Many felt that taxes were already too high and that the bond would place an additional burden on taxpayers, especially during economic hardship, with some advocating for a sales tax as a fairer alternative. Skepticism about how funds would be used was widespread, with critics pointing to wasteful spending, excessive administrative costs, and a perceived lack of transparency in financial decisions. Some believed that funds were not being allocated equitably, with certain schools receiving more investment than others, while others were frustrated by repeated bond measures with little visible improvement. Additionally, opposition to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives and concerns about declining student enrollment further fueled resistance. A portion of voters rejected municipal bonds altogether, arguing that structural changes were needed before approving new funding. Overall, the rejection reflected deep-seated concerns about financial accountability, spending priorities, and the long-term sustainability of the school district's budgeting practices.

# Support for 2024 Election

Did you support the Anchorage School Bond in the previous (2024) Anchorage Municipal Election?

	Count	Percent
Yes, in favor	211/383	55.1%
No, against	115/383	30.0%
Prefer not to say	30/383	7.8%
Did not vote	27/383	7.0%



## Reason for 2024 Vote

Why did you support or not support the Anchorage School Bond in the previous (2024) Anchorage Municipal Election?

### *Yes, in favor*

Supporters of the school bond cited a strong belief in funding education, maintaining school infrastructure, and ensuring resources for students and teachers. Many expressed general support for public education, emphasizing that schools are underfunded and need investment to function effectively. Some had personal connections, such as children in the district or experience working in education, while others trusted the school district's management of funds. Several noted state funding shortfalls as a key reason for supporting the bond, arguing that investing in schools benefits the broader community. Additionally, some viewed school bonds as a routine necessity, always voting in favor of them regardless of specific details.

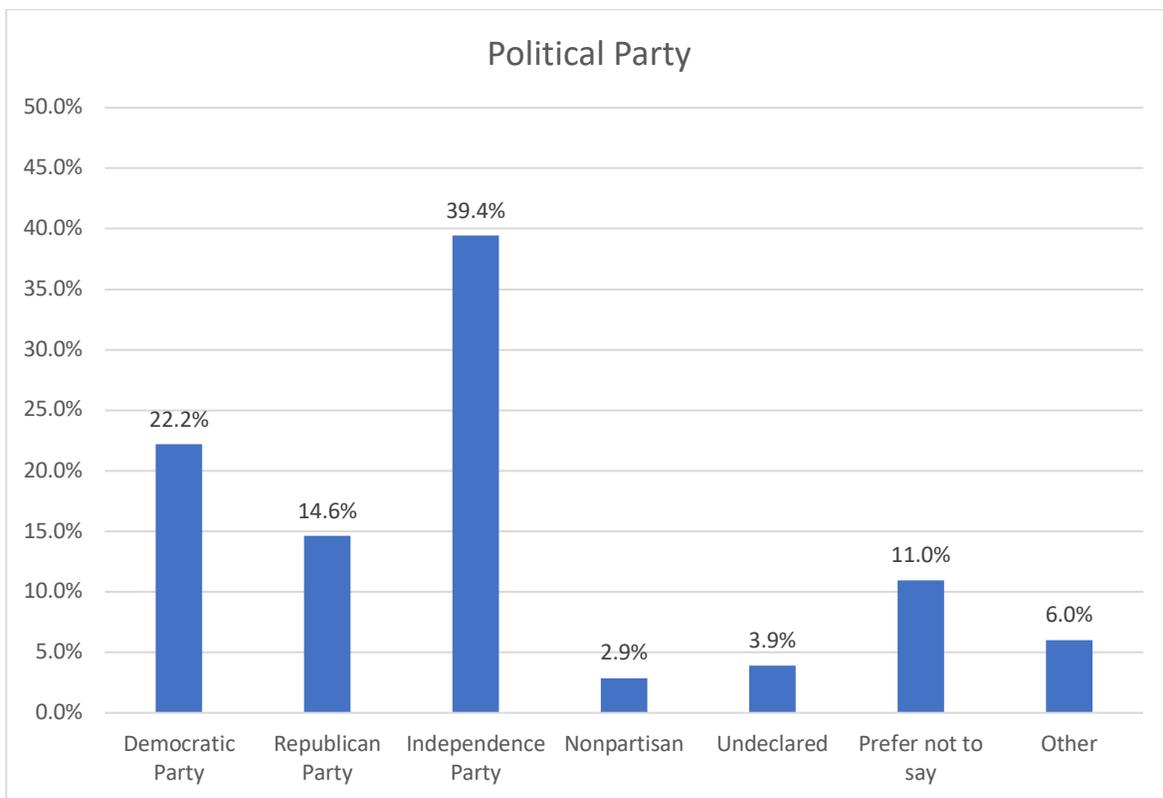
### *No, against*

The primary reasons voters opposed the school bond centered on concerns about budget mismanagement, wasteful spending, and increasing property taxes. Many expressed frustrations with the Anchorage School District's leadership, citing a perceived lack of financial accountability, excessive administrative costs, and inefficiencies. Others opposed specific projects, such as rebuilding Inlet View Elementary, believing funds should prioritize existing infrastructure and critical needs. Some voters felt the district consistently demands more money without demonstrating improved educational outcomes, while others objected to the tax burden falling disproportionately on homeowners. A few mentioned distrust of the school board, dissatisfaction with declining student performance, and a desire for broader financial reforms before approving additional funding.

## Political Party

What political party are you registered as?

	Count	Percent
Democratic Party	85/383	22.2%
Republican Party	56/383	14.6%
Independence Party	151/383	39.4%
Nonpartisan	11/383	2.9%
Undeclared	15/383	3.9%
Prefer not to say	42/383	11.0%
Other	23/383	6.0%



# Appendix

The below responses are kept in their original form from the respondent.

## How Did You Receive Information

### *Other*

- ADN news articles on their website.
- Alaska AFL-CIO
- ASD email
- ASD email
- ASD email, banner outside the school
- ASD employees
- Ballot
- Ballot bulletins
- Ballot info
- Bartlett Club Political Forum
- Common sense
- Conversations
- election pamphlet league of women voters
- Elections website
- Email
- Email and school
- Email/texts from ASD
- Facebook ads
- Family works for School District
- Friend that works in the school system
- Google
- Googled it
- I didn't receive any outside information; I just read the bond proposal on the ballot.
- I didn't.
- I had no information
- I work in ASD maintenance
- I'm an employee
- Independent Research

- Knowing people who work at ASD
- League of women voters
- League of Women Voters
- League of Women Voters flyer
- League of Women Voters mailing
- League of women voters mailing
- league of women voters mailing
- League of Women Voters Pamphlet
- League of Women's voter guide
- Listen to none of them. They threaten to cut teachers but the administration and overpaid and boated. I will always vote NO on any school bond until they make cuts to redundant admin positions
- LWV
- LWV Flyer
- LWV pamphlet
- LWV pamphlet
- MOA Elections pamphlet with the mail in ballot
- Mostly Anchorage Daily News sources
- Municipality website
- Neighbors, friends.
- Newsletters home to parents
- Newspaper
- Next door and Facebook group pages
- None
- None
- Own research
- People
- People that work for the school district
- personal contact
- School Board Candidates
- School board meetings
- Search engine/SM
- Sister with school age kid
- talks with friends
- Teachers in the community
- The actual voting material
- The ballot.
- The small newspaper put out by the league of women voters
- There are ALWAYS school bonds. I don't even pay attention to the particulars anymore.
- They lie and don't use the money for what I vote for. F\*\*\* them they can build a new school but not fix others? F\*\*\* them.
- Union

- Voter guide received by mail.
- Voter guides
- voter handbook
- voter info booklet
- Voter information mailer
- Voter pamphlets
- Voters' guide and ballot
- Voting ballot
- Web search

## Other Factors

*Yes, in favor*

- Administration support of education.
- Always support it.
- ASD is very underfunded.
- ASD needs more resources in general.
- Because ASD is and has been underfunded in so many ways for so long - whatever they need, I'm willing to pay for - even though I'm 67 yo and have no children in schools here.
- Because I don't want to live in the society where we don't educate children
- Believe in bonds.
- Better allocation of funds.
- Children need the best we can give them.
- Concern about lack of state support/funding.
- Education and maintaining our buildings is important.
- Education funding needed desperately.
- Education needs more support from all of us as it is the future leaders of World.
- education seems like it is under attack on a federal and state level. i don't believe our community is stronger by ignoring the critical needs of our local education system.
- Everything needs improvement.
- General education & thinking about what ASD will be like for my children in the future.
- General education support.
- General education support. If I could I would have voted continued support for language immersion programs.
- General support for education.
- General support for schools and public education.
- General support for underfunded education system.
- Generally in support of any school bonds.
- Generally the State is underfunding education.
- Generally wanting to support our public schools.
- Generally, the teachers are underpaid and overworked.
- Go Bears!
- Historical lack of support for anything related to education
- I almost always vote for school bonds. I want a well-educated populace, and students in safe, sanitary and secure buildings.
- I always vote for the school bonds to support education.
- I always vote yes on bonds for education.
- I am a teacher and i have students who attend schools.
- I am a teacher for ASD.
- I am generally in favor of supporting school bonds and will do so unless I have reason to believe they are foolhardy.

- I believe in funding for schools and to maintain/improve our assets.
- I believe that education is important, and we should always fund our local schools.
- I believe we need to support schools every way possible.
- I did research into groups that opposed the School Bond to figure out why they opposed it, and I didn't agree with their reasons.
- I generally support schools
- I generally vote in support of school bonds.
- I generally vote yes on all bonds.
- I hate boomers.
- I have a son in high school.
- I have kids coming through school and would like the process to improve. Would like to invest in our kids to make a better community in general
- I have school aged nephews enrolled in ASD and want the best for them.
- I honestly support any improvement to educating the future. I think there has only been one time I've voted no on a school bond.
- I just vote yes on all bonds for schools and parks.
- I know Spring Hill needs a roof bad.
- I mostly just wanted to support local schools in being the best they can be!
- I said yes to bonds so that we keep up on basic R & M below the coming economic collapse.
- I support any and all school bonds wherever I reside.
- I support our schools - public education is critical.
- I support our schools....even when the State does not.
- I support public schools and trust what they say they need money for.
- I support schools.
- I think education spending should ever be a priority for any society. Pay for high level management/support personal is another story that should not be factored into any consideration for budgets affecting education.
- I think schools need support so they can provide a good education and safe environment for the kids.
- I think schools should be clean, safe, functional buildings that telegraph our interest in the education and welfare of our children and future workforce.
- I think that schools (and other infrastructure) need to be maintained, rather than neglected. Playing catch-up is always going to cost more, negating the "savings" of letting projects slide.
- I trusted that the school district knew what it was doing.
- I try to support muni bonds in general.
- I typically vote favorably for school related items as I believe they need more funding.
- I used to be a student once too & always encouraged my parents to vote to support chronically underfunded schools in a different state.
- I usually support school bonds. I am pretty appalled at the ongoing lack of support for public education from our state government.
- I vote for school bonds regularly because it's important to invest in the future of our city.

- I want to support the district my children are schooled in as much as possible.
- I will always vote yes for schools.
- I will always vote yes for schools.
- I worked with violent students in sped. My choice. After Covid, general ed teachers began reporting that their students were out of control in all grades. Gen ed needs training to work with out of control students.
- I'm a retired teacher and have seen the results of "No" votes on bonds over the years. The buildings don't get necessary repairs and improvements.
- I'm a teacher for ASD.
- I'm annoyed at the disconnect between administration and teaching staff and the poor working conditions for teachers. I'm annoyed at the increase in class sizes and the sheer numbers of teachers who are trying to show up consistently every day for students, but are concerned about the stability of their own job. However, I'd rather support the schools than not.
- I've got kiddos in schools here and even if I didn't, I want Anchorage to be a place that people want to live in. Having quality schools means that we have quality people in the town.
- Importance of education and adequate facilities to educate in.
- Inadequate state funding.
- It didn't include a rebuild like last year's that included funding for inlet view rebuild.
- Just overall support for education in Anchorage. I will likely vote in favor of every school bond, regardless of what the project is.
- Just supporting our Anchorage schools.
- Just that I believe these bond measures reflect ASD's ongoing efforts to enhance the safety, security, and functionality of school facilities across the municipality.
- Keep up the investments.
- Keeping our school safe and up to date influence the future of Alaska.
- Kids education.
- Kids in school.
- lack of legislature & governor support. It is disgusting what is going on in Juneau.
- Lack of state funding and support.
- My grandkids.
- My son is a student at Dimond HS.
- My wife just started with Asd as a teacher.
- my wife works for ASD and we have students.
- Need to keep this infrastructure.
- No (81)
- No - I don't have kids and so I just asked my friend with a child and asked what she would prefer.
- No just always support school bonds.
- No money set aside to build Inlet View.
- No unless the bond requests are for something outrageous, I generally always support the schools.

- No, i am generally in favor of schools having more money.
- No, I just believe that our schools should be safe for students.
- No, I just know that we are quite underfunded and need all the help we can get
- No, just doing my part to make a better Anchorage.
- No, mostly deficit and snow removal.
- no. I almost always vote for them.
- No. I vote for the school bonds every time regardless of what's in them.
- Not one thing in particular. If reasonable I'm in favor of such efforts to benefit the kiddos.
- Not really. My default on school bonds is to vote yes, because the governmental revenue system here is broken, and it's the only option.
- Not specifically.
- Other factors that are important to me are just making sure that the elected official is working to the best of their ability for the people of our community.
- Our community's need for quality education.
- Our schools need more funding.
- Our schools are underfunded, and our students are not receiving a good education. I fear for the future of our state!
- Our schools are woefully underfunded and need all the support we can give them.
- Our schools aren't getting enough money so if they want some for security and snow, I'm in favor of that generally.
- Our teachers and students deserve better and though it would be best if the money didn't have to keep coming from the public, it doesn't seem like there's much of a choice.
- prefer to not say.
- Renovations, upgrades, and other capital improvements were the biggest motivators for me to support the school bond, the safety and security was an added incentive.
- Safety and security because I have kids that are in school.
- Safety first, everyone goes home safe.
- same reason. General support for ASD. In the previous decades, I only remember once or twice that I thought ASD was getting reckless with bonded construction. I'm thinking they need to start moving some building to commercial or administrative repurposing
- School safety, as well as educators that I talk to who spoke of the importance of these bonds.
- schools are struggling in Alaska.
- Schools here are terribly funded.
- Schools need \$\$\$.
- Siblings in school.
- Skeptical that the state officials will increasing funding.
- State budget fears.
- Struggle of the district to get the funds they need from the legislature, the kids need an education more than we need a pfd.
- Support education and support systems e.g. meals, support staff and transportation
- Support for public education, especially in a budget deficit.

- The Alaska legislature needs to give schools more money so they are struggling. They need all the help they can get.
- The community needs to support education/ASD.
- The continued de-emphasis on funding education in the state of AK and federally
- The fact that I believe is our schools need to have more investment into them that's it that's all we need to know. Is that the schools need this.
- The lack of funding of schools by the Dunleavy administration.
- The lack of support for students being educated.
- The list of schools impacted/funded.
- The need for education funding.
- The overall negative support from Governor's office for our schools.
- There were not any other factors that influenced my vote.
- They need more money just to operate.
- Thinking of our future.
- To help the schools.
- voted due to lack of resources coming from state; also, buildings need to be maintained
- Wanting our schools to be improvement and have resources they need.
- Was for all of the options except for inlet view, couldn't throw out the good to not finance a bad decision by the school board to replace that school.
- we can't let our schools fall into disrepair.
- We have significant investment in our schools and need I maintain them.
- We need more funds for our children.
- We need teachers.
- We need to support the school district overall and I will always vote yes on increasing funding to help schools.
- Well, I've heard that bonding is an expensive way to fund maintenance, but I generally support investing in our schools.
- Working for ASD.
- Yes.

*No, against*

- Always an inflated budget with no accountability.
- ASD has Millions of approved but unreleased bonds. The schools are at the bottom of the national average when in the 80's they were on the top of the national average. The school district is wasting our money with too many administrative personal
- ASD is closing schools. Sell some to pay for additional waste.
- ASD needs to cut the fat AT THE TOP and learn how to BUDGET! Get rid of ALL ridiculous programs/positions that have ANYTHING to do with DEI or brainwashing CHILDREN into thinking they were born in the wrong gender or that there is more than male and female. Maybe when our kids can READ and do basic MATH, at their grade

level or better, I'll vote yes for a school bond. Oh, and the Superintendent needs to go. The people did not want him and he's not qualified.

- ASD's wasteful spending. Why would I give them money?
- Better planning to ensure lower costs and simple effective solutions to the challenges faced by ASD.
- budget deficit
- Cost to taxpayer.
- Costs and efficiencies.
- Current economy, didn't want added costs to bills.
- Don't want to vote.
- Every single election cycle there is a bond for the schools. It doesn't matter what school.. there's always a Bond for building maintenance that should've been taken care of in the past. I've lived here 28 years now and I have seen a school bond on every single election cycle and the schools are still falling apart. it's just tiring. It's tiring to continually be hammered to give a school bond on the property tax and still see the state of the infrastructure crumbling.
- Expanding expense during declining enrollment and terrible results
- felt our property taxes were already to high.
- I am extremely offended that the ASD board made all kinds of cuts, but chose to increase funding to their DEI department, which is in direct violation to the EO to get rid of DEI in our educational institutions.
- I am not paying for your fuck ups
- I believe there is a lot wasteful spending.
- I can't afford my bills as it is. I can't afford my mortgage to keep going up.
- I cannot afford my taxes to go up at this time. I am barely making it as it is.
- I do not agree with the priorities of the school district.
- I don't have kids in ASD.
- I don't trust the School Board or Administrator that put it forward. They are crooks.
- I don't want my property taxes to go up.
- I feel like building a large new school such as Inlet view is a poor use of funds.
- I feel that there is a school bone every year, our property tax has gone up by up every year! What is the city doing with that extra cash?
- I have lost faith the school board can be a good steward of my money.
- I have no children.
- I think the education department is not using their money well and I don't want to pay higher property tax because of their mis management
- I was most influenced by the districts inability to help all children in the district over the last 10+ years and the mismanagement of their budget over the last 10+ years.
- I work with a lot of teachers, and learned about it from them
- I would like more transparency. I'm not convinced buildings need upgrades or that the snow equipment isn't adequate.
- I'll be voting no on all bonds including school bonds until Anchorage passes a sales tax. Once this happens I will go back to supporting a majority of bonds.

- I'm tired of all the property taxes and the liberal school board/district
- I'm not voting for a single bonds issue until we get a sales tax and stop punishing property owners.
- Investing in school buildings but not in education at all like teacher pay, incentives, etc.
- Just increased taxes
- Just seems no matter what happens they magically come up with the money even few times we have voted school things down.
- Just too big of a bond - break down future ones.
- Lack of native student services
- Lack of trust. Seems like the ASD School Board puts out bond year after year after year. They recently got a bond passed to build a new school while later voting to shutter other schools. I don't think the ASD School Board knows how to curtail capital spending on things that are actually needed, so I will vote no until they prove they can discern needs from wants.
- My teacher friends who are being asked to do more and more besides teach.
- No. (33)
- No besides that my kids go to ASD.
- no children in school.
- No comment.
- No, we need to crack down on how much \$\$ has been spent.
- Not necessary!
- Other than taxes and thinking the money is not being used right, no.
- Poor financial condition of the Anchorage school district.
- Poor leadership and management.
- Poor leadership. Poor results.
- Poor performance by students because of failure to teach basics while pushing leftist agenda.
- Poor use of funding and leadership.
- Property taxes are getting too high, this was a heavy ask.
- Property taxes are ridiculously high to the point that I'm considering moving out of the MoA. We spend an incredible amount of money on education and it doesn't seem to be effective. Simply throwing more money at it is not going to fix things.
- School Board members inability to prioritize and their demonstrated lack of fiduciary responsibility
- schools already spend too much money and are very wasteful
- Seems to me the chi board is always asking for money but nothing changes
- So much spending is on increasing administration ( I know a new principal was added to each high school) instead of being spent on real results in the classroom. Test scores are horrible and I just don't feel like more money should be spent on ASD until they improve!
- Some of these items are operation and maintenance items. They should be budgeted, money saved in a designated maintenance fund, then used for maintenance.
- Some projects seemed unnecessary and they were all bundled together so I voted no.

- Spends too much
- tax increase to property taxes
- The fact that the school can not operate within their budget, have bloated admin costs, and continue to bend the knee to teacher demands. This coupled with the fact the majority of students are failing.
- the instability of funding for the ASD program. I want this to be resolved first
- "The lack of support from the State for public schools."
- This household is made up of 2 retired people on fixed incomes."
- The perception that they're always asking for money and that the school board places a higher priority on shaping kid's thinking regarding social issues than the three Rs.
- The schools need to learn to live within their budget! Costs are going crazy!
- The wasteful spending, the 50% going to admin of all bonds, decreased student numbers, poor academic performances.
- The way the money is handled overall and where money actually goes and is spent.
- There is a constant ask for more money to fund schooling while schools are underperforming and citizens can't afford to keep up with the rising costs of living associated with these bonds and additional taxes.
- There were so many bond issues on this ballot! I don't currently own a home so why should I vote to raise taxes on those who do?
- There were too many things included in the bond, it was a huge ask. There needs to be more transparency about the budget and a forensic audit by an outside source. The superintendent needs to be reined in on his plans to increase the illegal DEI curriculum and rethink cutting sports that give our kids a healthy option for afterschool activities.
- There's too much waste going on, especially at the school district offices such as needless employees, employees who do as little work as possible, just enough to get by, and many other things that could be re-structured in order to save money. That place really needs to be looked into before we make any more increases in anything. We are cutting students' programs while the district offices continue this wanton, careless waste.
- They are getting a huge 1000 per student increase from the state. They should budget for maintenance not do bonds.
- They are wasting too much money. Every year it's the same scare tactics. I don't get raises for failing at my job. They are failing the children.
- They don't have to use the money for what they say.
- They have yet to cut administrative cost. Tactically making cuts that impact students and teachers the most. They should think students first.
- Tired of teachers not having a pension and fighting tooth and nail for peanuts for a raise!
- To me, I've seen the school board vote to pay for something that voters voted against. And I've seen the school board not follow through on doing something that the voters voted for. (e.g Inlet View & Abbott Loop). So I feel like the school board is going to do what they're going to do and that is why I voted no for this last school bond measure. I have seen plenty of schools that need money for projects, like Lake Otis Elementary playground needing to be replaced for the past 12+ years, and nothing has been done

about it. Whereas other schools have had new playgrounds constructed because of arson.

- Too much money at this time.
- Too much waste on admin positions. They never cut any of those positions
- Wasteful spending by ASD
- Wasteful spending, lack of transparency with current funds, no faith in current Mayor - everything she ran on was a lie.
- Wasteful spending, scare tactics, poor testing results, ASD Board focus on DEI instead of best practices in the classroom.
- We have a diminishing population and the schools we have are not well managed, why feed the beast?
- We should be voting on IMPROVEMENTS, not standard building maintenance items.
- Year after year for as long as I have been voting ASD cries for more money. Then when they don't get more than the already crazy amounts of money from property owners taxes, they threaten they will have to cut teachers while hanging onto their overpaid over staffed administration! I WILL NEVER vote for a school bond until I hear about serious cuts to the administration. School districts have become giant jobs programs. PAY teachers more, AND cut administration. Look at your Anchorage property taxes and the look at percentage of it that ASD gets. It's the majority of it. If you can't tell yet, I'm sick of it. Fuck ASD!
- Yes, I disagree with the way the school system is run.
- Yes, observing ASD erecting brand new building by interview elementary, shows there's not really a deficit, but bad budget prioritization.
- Yes. Enrollment is down, but ASD refuses to close schools when consolidation would be prudent. Also, they are constantly canceling school and making up days in an ineffectual manner. Scores are low and waste at some schools is horrendous
- Yes. I won't vote yes on any municipal bonds including schools until Anchorage votes in a sales tax. I want to ensure that everyone is paying for municipal services including renters and tourists. I have had a rental and never increased the rent when my property tax went up. I also pay sales tax almost everywhere I travel and it never makes me not visit a location. I understand with a sales tax in place I will pay more than I currently am but I think everyone needs to have done skin in the game.
- Yes. The last time they got a bond passed, they put 22 million towards tearing down and building a new, state of the art school. Meanwhile, so many other schools, in less affluent areas, are in desperate need of repair but are getting nothing.

*Prefer not to say*

- Ads, door to door people.
- Funding.
- General education increase.
- I feel the governor should want to do more for education I am in negative mode now due to this. Things need to change.

- I'm tired of my property taxes going up. There needs to be a better way, people are having a hard enough time.
- No (14)
- Not really. Money is always requested for a needed service.
- Our parking lot at school is always full of snow.
- Taxes.
- The school bond represented the biggest property tax increase and with all of the other bonds up for vote, I found it a sizeable increase in an already escalating property tax bill. I don't believe funding our schools should be the responsibility of taxpayers. The proportional increase is just too much for a homeowner. There needs to be another source of revenue.
- These Bonds are often taken as a yes or no issue. I'd like to think that EVERYONE wants to support our schools, and the State should be handling this rather than putting it to a vote. Pretty simple. No need to argue this budget every year. Find a way to get it done, vote for people who can get it done.
- They said that it was for safety equipment, but the local school has specifically told me that they specifically cannot guarantee my kid makes it to the bus safely. They did nothing to keep kids safe during the bomb threat hoax in October 2023. What is the benefit to buy expensive equipment to keep people out if the day-to-day staff inside don't care enough to monitor and keep kids safe in the first place? Also, they're building a brand-new school while complaining they can't afford what they have, despite having extra school buildings due to closures.
- Yes. The news with layoffs.

## Reason for 2024 Vote

### *Yes, in favor*

- Again, generally education support.
- Again, these structures need maintenance/upgrading. We can't let them fall apart.
- Again, vote yes on all school and parks bonds.
- Always support it.
- Always support school bonds.
- ASD needs more resources in general.
- ASD, despite budget shortfalls, has done well with managing debt in the past (probably due to assistance from the state).
- ASs above, investments in schools are investments in our municipal and state future. We need properly educated youth capable and interested in moving on into the job trainings and careers that we need as a city and state.
- At the time, I was in a better place financially.
- Because all school bonds are important, they keep educators in positions, and they are necessities for our future leaders of tomorrow depend on their ability to engage the mind of the child... takes a special teacher.
- Because education is important to me.
- Because I don't wanna live in a society where we don't educate children
- Because I have children in the district.
- Because I thought they were underbudgeting.
- Because I want my kids to be able to get the best education they can get.
- Because the school needed it.
- Believe in bonds.
- Bond issues affiliated with education are of utmost importance and need to be examined, whether one supports or not.
- boomers been kicking the can far too long.
- Budget deficit.
- building maintenance.
- Cause education is so important.
- Children in the district.
- Chronically underfunded.
- Community improvements.
- Deferred maintenance is neglect. We need to take care of what we have.
- Deficit.
- Despite the high cost per student we have in Alaska, many basic things get pushed aside and schools end up unable to compensate without the bonds.
- Don't recall.
- Don't recall.
- don't recall.

- Education is our future.
- Education is important.
- Funding.
- General education support.
- General education support.
- General support for public schools.
- General support for underfunded education.
- General support of public schools, I don't recall what was on last year's ballot.
- Generally speaking, I am pretty confident that by the time a school bond gets to the voter it has been pretty thoroughly vetted. That, combined with the abysmal lack of support from the state government for public education is why I support the bonds.
- Honestly I don't remember.
- I agreed with the need for school repairs/safety improvements and understand that the budget for said infrastructure has to come from somewhere.
- I almost always vote for school bonds. I want a well educated populace, and students in safe, sanitary and secure buildings.
- I always support any bonds that go to public education.
- I always support education.
- I always support schools every bonds.
- I always support them because education needs funding and it's a minor amount to me.
- I always vote for school bonds. They deserve it.
- I always vote for the school bonds. Education is important and youth is more challenge d than ever with technology and such.
- I always vote in favor of school bonds. Public education is important.
- I always vote yes for schools.
- I am a firm believer that children need to be active and in the classroom.
- I am a teacher a see first hand the importance of supporting our schools.
- I am almost always in support of finding the schools because the state does a crap job
- I believe education is important to all of us and needs more support.
- I believe in funding education.
- I Believe in supporting education initiatives.
- I believe in supporting our public schools.
- I believe it will help kids.
- I believe schools need more funding and if it means they get it directly due to bond (or a bond item helps them re-allocate current funding) I will support these items.
- I believe that schools need to be well organized, well staffed, and have a strong sense of being supported by the community, and happy teachers and administrators.
- I did support it.
- I did support it.
- I did, because children are our future. And the funding needs to be allocated correctly.
- I don't remember.
- I felt the school had received enough money in 2025.

- I generally support bond requests.
- I generally support bonds related to education as a general rule.
- I generally support investment in schools and also thought Inlet View needed a better building (I was disappointed with the NIMBY issues the first time, though I know some of the people who signed an opposition letter.)
- I generally support schools.
- I generally vote yes on all bonds.
- I have always supported schools educators etc I'm feeling negative now due to all the politics and the people in high places not supporting this I have put 6 kids through the ASD system something needs to be done to improve the whole situation.
- I have children in ASD and know many who work there. I work in education as well and it needs to be a priority.
- I have kids in ASD.
- I have school aged nephews enrolled in ASD, and want the best for them.
- I support bonds that support education.
- I support it because there are Anchorage School District board members who I have interacted with, and I feel that they have the best interest of our students and making sure that they are educated properly for the future.
- I support it by the same reasons. The society has to provide a safe and comfortable space where children can get a good education.
- I support our public schools and know that as a taxpayer I have a responsibility to help maintain our schools and school programs.
- I support our schools....even when the State does not.
- I support schools even though my kids are past grown up.. you have to have good schools to attract workers.
- I supported it for very similar reasons. The school system would greatly benefit from some improvements.
- I supported the Anchorage School Bond because I think it can benefit students.
- I supported the anchor school board because they are doing the best to make sure that all our students get the proper education so they are prepared for the future in particular. I support Margot Bellamy who has been a champion for education and the Anchor school district for decades.
- I think it was important to replace schools that were overcapacity and also needed maintenance beyond reasonable cost. I was under the impression other schools would be closing though. Had I know the school board would back pedal on that I might have voted differently.
- I thought it would be a good issue to support since I have kids in school.
- I thought some of the schools needed repairs.
- I thought they were spending it well and not catering to influenced areas of town.
- I trust Public schools and the money they say they need.
- I trusted that the school district knew what it was doing.
- I vote for the school bonds every time regardless of what's in them.
- I was feeling hopeful that schools funding progress would be make a difference.

- I was new to the community and felt like voting for the extra taxes made me part of the community.
- I will always support public school bond measures.
- I will always vote yes for schools.
- I'll always support our schools.
- I'm a retired teacher and have seen the results of "No" votes on bonds over the years. The buildings don't get necessary repairs and improvements.
- I'm an ASD teacher.
- I'm generally in favor of supporting our public schools.
- I'm in favor of investment in schools.
- In general I always support school related bonds.
- Inadequate state funding.
- Inlet View rebuild.
- Investing in Anchorage's schools is important for the future of the city's children.
- it seemed reasonable.
- It's part of investing in education in our community.
- It's the right thing to do.
- kid in school.
- Lack of funds from State government.
- Less understanding of the issues, assuming best use of funds was inherent in the bond.
- maintenance is always a good investment.
- more information out about the actual needs of the schools.
- My children's education.
- My grandkids.
- My son is a high school student.
- My son is a student in ASD and I will always support any improvements that can be made to the schools, whether its infrastructure, safety, or staffing. Cost is a huge factor and as a homeowner, I want the most from the taxes I pay for education.
- N/A (3)
- need to maintain quality education system.
- No.
- No comment at this time.
- No specific reason.
- None.
- Not enough funding.
- Not sure.
- Nothing specific that I can recall at the moment.
- Our children are the most important people.
- Our schools and district deserve nice, safe buildings
- Our schools and teachers are underfunded as it is.
- Our schools are chronically underfunded and need all the help they can get.
- Our schools are need more funding.

- Please see above - our schools are woefully underfunded and need all the support we can give them.
- Prefer not to say.
- Pretty much the same as currently. The Anchorage school district is not doing well with education levels compared to most other states. Anchorage also needs to continue the arts, language immersion & middle school sports. Kids learn a lot & find purpose from extracurricular programs.
- Public Education.
- Public education is important.
- Roof projects.
- Safety and security.
- Same.
- Same - I always vote for education funding.
- same answer as above.
- Same answer as above. I think investing in the future is incredibly important, and it surprises me how many don't agree.
- Same answer the Governor is a piece of shit who is destroying our state all while giving himself raises. He needs to be tarred and feathered.
- Same as above. (7)
- same as current election: voted due to lack of resources coming from state; also buildings need to be maintained.
- Same as this year--we need to fund education.
- Same reason.
- Same reason as above.
- Same reason as above. Our schools need money.
- Same reason as previously stated.
- same reason. General support for ASD. In the previous decades, I only remember once or twice that I thought ASD was getting reckless with bonded construction. I'm thinking they need to start moving some building to commercial or administrative repurposing.
- same reasons - and children need the best we can give them.
- Same reasons i could see they were trying to make things better after covid.
- School safety.
- Schooling is important.
- Schools are important and should be supported.
- Schools are important for a community.
- schools are struggling in Alaska.
- Schools are underfunded. I always vote yes.
- Schools deserve our support. Good schools raise property values.
- schools need consistent repairs and upgrades.
- Schools need funding and property taxes should go towards that.
- Schools need money!!
- Schools need more funding.

- Schools need support!
- Schools never have enough.
- See above.
- See answer above.
- See answer above.
- Someone has to do something for our schools.
- Support.
- Support.
- Support.
- Support.
- Support for public education, especially in a budget deficit.
- Support for schools and public education.
- Support school district.
- Supported.
- Supporting our future in education is important.
- Teacher for ASD.
- The amount versus projects in the bond seemed more reasonable.
- The projects were for necessary repairs.
- The school I was working at at the time had recently been flooded and the bond was to prevent that from happening. Also, all our schools are in bad shape and need help.
- The schools need help. I wish they did things differently. I wish they valued teachers more. But they still need money and resources to make things happen.
- The schools need the money.
- The schools need to be maintained.
- They are important for the students and teachers.
- They are us, the community.
- They have been dealing with a consistent budget deficit, supported the bond to show support for students and teachers.
- They must have funding to operate the schools.
- They needed more money to operate.
- They needed the support.
- They're broke.
- time for upgrades.
- Tired of teachers not having a pension and fighting tooth and nail for peanuts for a raise!
- Unknown.
- Upgrades seemed more needed.
- We are failing to support teachers.
- We need teachers.
- We NEED to support our Anchorage children.
- Who knows, that was a year ago. Had no fucking children so it wasn't for my children's sake.
- Working for ASD.

- Yes, but I'm still unsure about ASD.
- Yes, to bonds for essential services, even though I don't have kids.

*No, against*

- All the budget cuts that are proposed.
- All the same reasons.
- ASD ALWAYS needs more money, they'll NEVER need less.
- ASD has Millions of approved but unreleased bonds. The schools are at the bottom of the national average when in the 80's they were on the top of the national average. The school district is wasting our money with too many administrative personal
- Because I believe there a lot of efficiencies that can be made. The ratio of admin staff to teacher is unacceptable.
- Because of the way the system is run.
- Board, overall, has had long term chances to do better and they have not shown how spending more money positively affects results.
- Budget.
- budget concerns and property tax increases.
- Budget deficit.
- budget deficit management.
- Building a new school was dumb. Focus needs to be on existing buildings, but I no longer trust the ASD Board to put forth a bond that reflects needs-only spending specific to capital improvements and maintenance.
- Cost to taxpayer.
- Deficit.
- Did not support previous school bond because of tax increase.
- Did not want to rebuild Inlet View.
- Didn't have kids in school.
- Disagreed with some of the projects.
- Don't care about ASD.
- financial impact on my widow's budget.
- Finding for our schools is necessary for the advancement of our children and communities.
- For the same reasons
- I am an ASD employee, and see firsthand the woeful prioritization of funds, and layers of unnecessary bureaucracy that consume resources, and lack of any vision for the future (for the latter, school closures being considered after approval of new inlet view school construction). I respect immensely the worker bees and teachers at ASD. The leadership? No.
- I did not support it previously as it is the largest property tax increase - if it were the only bond, I would have voted for it. There are always a considerable amount of bonds and I've reached the tipping point with bearing the brunt of taxes for owning a home.

- I did not support replacing Inlet View Elementary.
- I did support building a new Inlet View School when true neighborhood schools are closing. Inlet View should have been closed. The school is over capacity due to zone exemptions.
- I did, same reason as this time.
- I didn't like where the money was allocated.
- I don't trust the School Board or Administrator that put it forward. They are crooks.
- I don't want my property taxes to go up.
- I feel it is unfair to burden property owners with increased property taxes while the state is assisting in funding religious schools, diverting funds from public schools to private ones.
- I feel there is a lot of waste within the district.
- I object to voting on regular building maintenance items. Building maintenance be part of ASD's regular budget and not put up for votes.
- I supported because it felt like the right thing to do.
- I think I voted no, all bonds do is punish homeowners. Whether you have kids that participate in ASD or not.
- I think we are struggling to spend our money in the most beneficial way.
- I thought the bond was necessary at the time. But it's not.
- I was not really informed on the Bond. now i got more educated.
- I was under impression that federal infrastructure money would help.
- I'm bone to death!
- I'm tired of my property taxes going up. They go up every year. Increase business taxes or something else. The property taxes are driving people to live in the Valley.
- I'm upset with the manipulation of inlet view construction
- Just don't know how important or necessary these bond requests are.
- Just seems no matter what happens they magically come up with the money even few times we have voted school things down.
- Kids need the bond.
- Lack of impact to me.
- Mostly same.
- Need to curb waste.
- Never.
- No accountability by those in charge.
- No answer.
- No bonds until sales tax.
- no children in school.
- No comment.
- No financial accountability.
- No kids in ASD.
- No kids.

- Our test scores are the lowest in the nation. I want to see educational reform and accountability before more funding is awarded to a failing school district.
- Perceived waste of money.
- Perception of failure to address critical aspects of education.
- Poor financial condition of the Anchorage school district.
- poor leadership.
- Prop taxes are too high.
- Property taxes.
- Property taxes are ridiculously high to the point that I'm considering moving out of the MoA. We spend an incredible amount of money on education and it doesn't seem to be effective. Simply throwing more money at it is not going to fix things.
- Same as above.
- Same as above. Tired of the constant taxes and no benefit.
- Same reason as above! Learn to work with current budget!
- Same reason as earlier.
- Same reason.
- Same reason. The school board is full of morons. I would be surprised if they know their times tables or how to tie their shoes. The Velcro shoe gang.
- Same reasons as this year.
- School district top heavy in administration. Administration/management has grown much more than students and teachers.
- I will never support until they change their ways.
- See above regarding sales tax
- Seems that the money isn't being used for what it's intended.
- Same answer above. It's just repetitively every election cycle.
- Spends too much.
- Stop taxing homeowners
- Tax.
- Tax increase. Wasteful, poor leadership at ASD.
- Tax increases.
- Taxes, waste of money.
- The destruction of the education department.
- The school board is going to do what they're going to do - no matter what the outcome is of the bond vote. Also as an FYI, I normally vote yes on non-ASD related bonds.
- The school board's decision to ask for funds to rebuild a school when ASD desperately needs to close/repurpose MULTIPLE schools was foolish at best and something I could not support.
- The wasteful spending, the 50% going to admin of all bonds, decreased student numbers, poor academic performances.
- The way they allocated the money was on favor of affluent schools while neglecting title 1 schools. Also, their teachers are grossly underpaid and overworked.
- There needs to be transparency of the budget. Redistricting of the schools we have instead of building new schools.

- These bonds are the wrong way to fund education.
- They have yet to cut administrative cost. Tactically making cuts that impact students and teachers the most. They should think students first.
- They spend money on the wrong things, not educating students.
- tired of taxpayers who own homes having to pay for all.
- Tired of the same issues and there not being a solution.
- Too much money.
- Too much money being spent. ASD wanted to close inlet view because of lack of students, then they bonded a new school after the remodel bonding failed. Considering a decrease in students, ASD should spend less. Also, ASD pulled out security screening at some schools, now they are bonding money to put it back.
- Too much money placed upon homeowners.
- Too much spending.
- Too much waste and fraudulent spending.
- Top heavy administrator and administration costs and inefficiencies over several years lend support.
- Very poor use of past funding. Very poor leadership.
- Waste of money. Throwing cash into a bonfire.
- Wasteful.
- Wasteful spending.
- Wasteful spending.
- Wasteful spending and higher taxes.
- Wasteful spending, lack of transparency with use of funds.
- Wasteful spending, overspending, horrible academic results, etc.
- Way too much money. It's a bottomless pit. Every year more money and we have less kids in classrooms.
- When they teach rather than indoctrinate children I will be happy to support their efforts. However, when graduates can't perform basic math or properly fill out a job application, they are failing our children and don't deserve any additional funding!

*Prefer not to say*

- Because that's the thing I did.
- Because.
- Came down to money issues as well and how it is actually spent vs what they say it is spent on and the over ask handling of it money and how it influences or doesn't help the kids rather just lining the pockets of the administration rather than the schools but ASD will swear it doesn't. Lol. I know people in the administration.
- Can't remember.
- Honestly, I don't remember, I sometimes do support, but this was a lot of money
- I actually don't remember.
- I did

- I do not recall.
- I do not remember.
- I don't remember how I voted, sorry!
- I don't remember what I voted for.
- I don't remember...LOL, you should have asked me last year.
- I looked at what was being requested and how funds were being spent and voted accordingly.
- It was specific and targeted to clear projects. I was less jaded as my children had not been in ASD schools for very long.
- My choice.
- N/A (8)
- Prefer not to say (4)
- Taxes.
- The school district keeps asking for money but is also laying people off. Where is all the money going.

## Political Party

### *Other*

- Better
- Clown party
- Democratic-leaning unaffiliated
- Don't matter
- I believe in what I believe is important no matter what party it is for
- Liberal
- Libertarian
- Libertarian
- Libertarian
- Moderate.
- No affiliation
- No party
- No party affiliation
- Non partisan/ undeclared
- Not affiliated with any groupmind
- NPP
- Republican but I vote best option
- Republican but liberal
- so far left it hurts
- unaffiliated
- Undecided
- Undeclared. But more and more democrat