



# NELSON REPORT™

We asked our respondents:

**A. “Taking everything into consideration, what are two or three of the most serious issues facing Silver Falls School District today?”**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 368**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<u>Number of Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of all Respondents</u>
OVERCROWDING	67	18	18
NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	33	9	9
LACK OF FUNDING	30	8	8
SCHOOLS NEED TO BE MAINTAINED	24	7	7
NO CONCERNS	17	5	5
STUDENTS DON'T GET GOOD EDUCATION	13	4	4
UNDERPAID TEACHERS	12	3	3
MISMANAGE MONEY	11	3	3
POOR MANAGEMENT	10	3	3
THE SCHOOL BOARD	7	2	2
TAXES ARE TOO HIGH	6	2	2
HIGH DROP-OUT RATE	6	2	2
LACK OF MUSIC AND ART	6	2	2
SAFETY/SECURITY	6	2	2

	<u>Number of Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of all Respondents</u>
LACK OF DISCIPLINE	5	1	1
MISALLOCATION OF FUNDS	5	1	1
POLITICAL BIAS	5	1	1
UNION	5	1	1
NEED MORE TEACHERS	5	1	1
BULLYING	4	1	1
LOW QUALITY FOOD	4	1	1
LACK OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT	4	1	1
NO HELP FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS	4	1	1
NO COMMENT	4	1	1
CONSOLIDATING SCHOOLS	3	1	1
TRAFFIC	2	1	1
DISCRIMINATION	2	1	1
LACK OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	2	1	1
HOMELESSNESS	2	1	1
STAFF RETENTION	2	1	1
TRANSPORTATION	2	1	1
TOO MUCH GOES TO ADMINISTRATION	2	1	1
HUNGER	2	1	1
LOW TEST SCORES	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
TEARING DOWN OLD SCHOOLS	1	less than 1%	less than 1%

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
MENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
THE SCHOOLS ARE WELL STAFFED	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
LACK OF VOCATIONAL CLASSES	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
GUN CONTROL MEASURES	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
RACISM	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
ACCESSIBILITY	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
LACK OF TEACHER SUPPORT	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
GOVERNMENT OVER REGULATION	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
LACK OF EXPERIENCED COACHES	1	less than 1%	less than 1%
NOT SURE	86	23	23

We asked our respondents:

**1.B. “Why would you rate the operation and performance of Silver Falls School District as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Excellent**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 63**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Excellent Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
GREAT TEACHERS	11	17	3
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE	10	16	3
STUDENTS GET A GOOD EDUCATION	10	16	3
GOOD RATINGS	7	11	2
CARE ABOUT STUDENTS	4	6	1
EVERYTHING IS FINE	3	5	1
GOOD ADMINISTRATION	3	5	1
HIGH GRADUATION RATE	2	3	1
PARENTS ARE INVOLVED	2	3	1
SPEND MONEY WISELY	2	3	1
STUDENTS ARE PREPARED FOR COLLEGE	2	3	1
GOOD TEST SCORES	2	3	1
GOOD PERFORMANCE	1	2	less than 1%
STUDENTS ARE TREATED EQUALLY	1	2	less than 1%
NO GANGS	1	2	less than 1%
THEY ARE GOOD AT FIXING PROBLEMS	1	2	less than 1%
NOT SURE	1	2	less than 1%

We asked our respondents:

**1.B. “Why would you rate the operation and performance of Silver Falls School District as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Pretty Good**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 193**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Pretty Good Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
STUDENTS GET A GOOD EDUCATION	27	14	7
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE	22	11	6
ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT	20	10	5
GREAT TEACHERS	17	9	5
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD	17	9	5
THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB	12	6	3
GOOD TEST SCORES	7	4	2
GREAT SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	4	2
GOOD GRADUATION RATES	7	4	2
GRANDCHILDREN ATTEND IN DISTRICT	6	3	2
COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE STATE	5	3	1
THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE SCHOOL	4	2	1
STAFF IS HELPFUL	4	2	1
GOOD LEADERSHIP	3	2	1
NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	2	1	1
NO COMMENT	2	1	1
SMALL CLASS SIZES	2	1	1

	<u>Number of Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of Pretty Good Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of all Respondents</u>
A LOT OF STAFF TURNOVER	2	1	1
NEED TO OFFER MORE CLASSES	2	1	1
CARE ABOUT STUDENTS	2	1	1
TOO MUCH POLITICS	2	1	1
VARIETY OF ELECTIVES/CHOICES	2	1	1
UPDATES ARE GETTING DONE	1	1	less than 1%
RESPONSIVE TO COMPLAINTS	1	1	less than 1%
GOOD COMMUNICATION	1	1	less than 1%
PERSONALLY KNOW SOME TEACHERS	1	1	less than 1%
GOOD ATTENDANCE	1	1	less than 1%
DIDN'T WANT AUTO-SHOP	1	1	less than 1%
SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED	1	1	less than 1%
NOT SURE	12	6	3

We asked our respondents:

**1.B. “Why would you rate the operation and performance of Silver Falls School District as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Only Fair**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 66**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Only Fair Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT	7	11	2
STUDENTS DON'T GET GOOD EDUCATION	7	11	2
STUDENTS DON'T GET WHAT THEY NEED	6	9	2
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE	6	9	2
POOR MANAGEMENT	5	8	1
LACK OF MAINTENANCE	4	6	1
MISMANAGE MONEY	4	6	1
SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED	3	5	1
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD	3	5	1
LACK OF COMMUNICATION	3	5	1
DEALING WITH SOME ISSUES	2	3	1
THEY AREN'T ACCOUNTABLE	2	3	1
LOW TEST SCORES	2	3	1
DON'T ENFORCE RULES	1	2	less than 1%
UNDERPAID TEACHERS	1	2	less than 1%
DEPENDS ON YOUR POLITICAL VIEWS	1	2	less than 1%
INEQUALITY	1	2	less than 1%

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Only Fair Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
LACK OF CONSISTENCY	1	2	less than 1%
LACK OF TRANSPARENCY	1	2	less than 1%
LACK OF FUNDING	1	2	less than 1%
ISSUES WITH SPORTS PROGRAM	1	2	less than 1%
MY OPINION	1	2	less than 1%
NOT SURE	3	5	1



We asked our respondents:

**1.B. “Why would you rate the operation and performance of Silver Falls School District as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Poor**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 12**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Poor Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
STUDENTS DON'T GET A GOOD EDUCATION	3	25	1
SCHOOL BOARD	2	17	1
LACK OF MAINTENANCE	2	17	1
LACK OF FUNDING	1	8	less than 1%
MISMANAGE MONEY	1	8	less than 1%
TOO MUCH GOES TO ADMINISTRATION	1	8	less than 1%
TOO MUCH POLITICS	1	8	less than 1%
POOR LEADERSHIP	1	8	less than 1%

We asked our respondents:

**2.C. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silver Falls school buildings as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Excellent**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 58**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Excellent Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
THEY BUILT A NEW SCHOOL	24	41	7
THE SCHOOLS ARE MAINTAINED	13	22	4
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN	7	12	2
THEY SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ON THE BUILDINGS	3	5	1
IT DEPENDS ON THE BUILDING	2	3	1
GOT RID OF EUGENE FIELD	2	3	1
THE SCHOOLS ARE WELL-EQUIPPED	1	2	less than 1%
LARGER SCHOOL MEANS MORE CLASS OPTIONS	1	2	less than 1%
NO COMMENT	1	2	less than 1%
GROUNDS ARE WELL-KEPT	1	2	less than 1%
GOOD AUDITORIUM	1	2	less than 1%
NOT SURE	2	3	1

We asked our respondents:

**2.C. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silver Falls school buildings as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Pretty Good**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 159**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Pretty Good Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
JUST BUILT A NEW HIGH SCHOOL	31	19	8
DID SOME RENOVATIONS	27	17	7
DEPENDS ON THE SCHOOL	17	11	5
BUILDINGS ARE OLD	16	10	4
SCHOOLS ARE FINE	14	9	4
NEED UPDATES	13	8	4
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN/HEARD	12	8	3
HAVEN'T KEPT UP ON MAINTENANCE	9	6	2
THEY ARE WELL-MAINTAINED	8	5	2
ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT	6	4	2
NOT SURE	5	3	1
WORKING WITH WHAT THEY HAVE	2	1	1
SOME ARE UNSAFE	2	1	1
I DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR MORE BONDS	1	1	less than 1%
NOT SURE	5	3	1

We asked our respondents:

**2.C. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silver Falls school buildings as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Only Fair**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 97**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Only Fair Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
BUILDINGS NEED TO BE UPDATED	23	24	6
DEPENDS ON THE BUILDING	20	21	5
BUILDINGS ARE OLD	19	20	5
NEED TO KEEP UP ON MAINTENANCE	12	12	3
MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOULD BE CONDEMNED	9	9	2
SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED	4	4	1
LACK OF FUNDING	3	3	1
BUILDINGS ARE FINE	3	3	1
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN	2	2	1
TORE DOWN SCHOOL/LEFT BARE LOT	1	1	less than 1%
ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT	1	1	less than 1%
AFFECTS THE STUDENTS POORLY	1	1	less than 1%

We asked our respondents:

**2.C. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silver Falls school buildings as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Poor**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 29**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Poor Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
SCHOOLS NEED TO BE UPDATED	8	28	2
MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BAD	6	21	2
THE BUILDINGS ARE UNSAFE FOR STUDENTS	5	17	1
MAINTENANCE HASN'T BEEN KEPT UP	3	10	1
SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED	2	7	1
MONEY IS MISMANAGED	2	7	1
LACK OF FUNDING	1	3	less than 1%
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN	1	3	less than 1%
OLD BUILDINGS	1	3	less than 1%

We asked our respondents:

**3.D. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silverton Middle School as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Excellent**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 10**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Excellent Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
NEW SCHOOL	2	20	1
GOOD STAFF	2	20	1
I PERSONALLY ENJOY THE SCHOOL	1	10	less than 1%
DOING RENOVATIONS	1	10	less than 1%

We asked our respondents:

**3.D. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silverton Middle School as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Pretty Good**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 107**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Pretty Good Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
IT'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF	18	17	5
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN/HEARD	17	16	5
IT'S AN OLD BUILDING	10	9	3
IT'S FUNCTIONAL	9	8	2
IT'S ADEQUATE	8	7	2
NEEDS REPAIRS	8	7	2
GYMNASIUM IS GOOD	3	3	1
ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT	3	3	1
IT'S NOT BEEN MAINTAINED	2	2	1
COMPARED TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS	2	2	1
THERE'S ONLY ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL	1	1	less than 1%
I DON'T WANT ANY MORE BONDS	1	1	less than 1%
NEEDS TO BE EXPANDED	1	1	less than 1%
STUDENTS GET A GOOD EDUCATION	1	1	less than 1%
IT'S A NEWER BUILDING	1	1	less than 1%
NOT SURE	22	21	6

We asked our respondents:

**3.D. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silverton Middle School as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Only Fair**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 66**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Only Fair Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
BUILDINGS ARE OLD	24	36	7
NEEDS WORK	17	26	5
PARTS OF IT ARE CONDEMNED	6	9	2
TOO MANY MODULAR BUILDINGS	4	6	1
UNSAFE BUILDINGS	3	5	1
MY OPINION	2	3	1
LOOKS FINE	2	3	1
IT WAS IN GOOD CONDITION TO START WITH	1	2	less than 1%
NEED TO ADD-ON TO SCHOOLS	1	2	less than 1%
LACK FUNDING	1	2	less than 1%
POOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	1	2	less than 1%
OVERCROWDED BUILDINGS	1	2	less than 1%
NOT SURE	3	5	1



We asked our respondents:

**3.D. “Why would you rate the physical condition of Silverton Middle School as (EXCELLENT) (PRETTY GOOD) (ONLY FAIR) (POOR)?”**

**Poor**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 79**  
**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Poor Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
PART OF IT IS CONDEMNED	30	38	8
IT'S UNSAFE	18	23	5
IT'S OLD	12	15	3
POOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	5	6	1
NEEDS TO BE REBUILT	4	5	1
NEED TO USE MODULAR BUILDINGS	3	4	1
IT WASN'T PROPERLY MAINTAINED	3	4	1
NEEDS TO BE REMODELED	1	1	less than 1%
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD	1	1	less than 1%
NEED MORE FUNDING	1	1	less than 1%
TEMPORARY FACILITY	1	1	less than 1%

We asked our respondents:

**5.E. (NO ONLY FROM #5) “Why (DON’T) you believe you receive a good value for what you pay in school district property taxes?”**

**No**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 136**

**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<u>Number of Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of No Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of all Respondents</u>
MISMANAGE MONEY	27	20	7
SCHOOLS ARE IN DISREPAIR	26	19	7
PROPERTY TAXES GO UP EACH YEAR	19	14	5
STUDENTS DON'T GET A GOOD EDUCATION	15	11	4
TOO MUCH MONEY GOES TO ADMINISTRATION	9	7	2
NEW HIGH SCHOOL COST TOO MUCH	7	5	2
I DON'T HAVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS	6	4	2
MORE MONEY SHOULD GO TOWARD STUDENTS	4	3	1
ALWAYS WANT MORE MONEY	3	2	1
UNDERPAID TEACHERS	3	2	1
MY OPINION	2	1	1
INEQUITABLE FUND ALLOCATION	2	1	1
MONEY WON'T FIX THE PROBLEM	2	1	1
NEED MORE TEACHERS	2	1	1
NEED MORE DANCES	1	1	less than 1%
STUDENTS AREN'T DOING WELL AFTER GRADUATING	1	1	less than 1%

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of No Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
LACK FUNDING	1	1	less than 1%
NO TRANSPARENCY	1	1	less than 1%
NEED TO BRING BACK ART	1	1	less than 1%
SCHOOLS HAVE GOTTEN TOO POLITICAL	1	1	less than 1%
TOO MUCH GOES TO ATHLETICS	1	1	less than 1%
SCHOOLS ARE OVERCROWDED	1	1	less than 1%
BETTER THAN OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS	1	1	less than 1%

We asked our respondents:

**13.F. “Why would you FAVOR) (OPPOSE) replacing Silverton Middle School?”**

**Favor**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 199**

**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<b><u>Number of Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Favor Respondents</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of all Respondents</u></b>
BUILDINGS ARE UNSAFE	60	30	16
NEED TO REPLACE BUILDINGS	56	28	15
NEED UPGRADES	19	10	5
SCHOOL IS OVERCROWDED	15	8	4
ALWAYS SUPPORT SCHOOLS	11	6	3
BUILDING IS OLD	10	5	3
PARTS OF BUILDING WAS CONDEMNED	5	3	1
NEED TO GET RID OF MODULARS	3	2	1
THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY TEMPORARY	2	1	1
WAIT UNTIL OTHER BOND IS PAID OFF	2	1	1
OTHER ONE IS GOOD ENOUGH	2	1	1
I DON'T WANT TAX INCREASE	2	1	1
NEED THE FUNDING	2	1	1
POOR LOCATION	2	1	1
POOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	2	1	1
NEED ROOM FOR MUSIC AND ART	1	1	less than 1%
NEED TO OFFER TECH CLASSES	1	1	less than 1%
NOT SURE	6	3	2

We asked our respondents:

**13.F. “Why would you FAVOR) (OPPOSE) replacing Silverton Middle School?”**

**Oppose**

**TOTAL RESPONSE: 109**

**NO RESPONSE: 0**

	<u>Number of Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of Oppose Respondents</u>	<u>Percent of all Respondents</u>
I DON'T WANT INCREASED TAXES	23	21	6
THEY DON'T NEED MORE SPACE	22	20	6
IT WOULD COST LESS TO MAKE REPAIRS	18	17	5
IT COSTS TOO MUCH MONEY	8	7	2
THEY MISMANAGE MONEY	8	7	2
THEY JUST BUILT A NEW SCHOOL	5	5	1
THEY NEED TO MAINTAIN THE SCHOOLS	5	5	1
LEAVE THE BUILDING AS IS	4	4	1
OTHER SCHOOLS NEED IT MORE	4	4	1
AFRAID THEY WILL CLOSE MORE SCHOOLS	3	3	1
IT'S A NEWER SCHOOL	1	1	less than 1%
THEY COULD EXPAND FOR MORE ROOM	1	1	less than 1%
THEY NEED TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT ABOUT SPENDING	1	1	less than 1%
NEED MORE PARKING IN TOWN	1	1	less than 1%
NEED MORE INFORMATION	1	1	less than 1%
PAY OFF THE OTHER BOND FIRST	1	1	less than 1%
NOT SURE	4	4	1