

Question: In what way(s) do you see our District being significantly different in five (5) years from now?

(184 responses)

1. Kids more involved in school activities
2. growth and continued excellence
3. Continuing to be #1 in the county
4. larger
5. I would hope that we would keep excelling and be among the top in Muskegon County in all areas
6. I hope our district is fairly similar to how it is now. The foundations are all there. I hope to see more acknowledgement and awareness around both student and staff diversity and equality.
7. having a reputation of serving the whole child -academics, social, emotional, behavioral, etc.
8. I'm not sure
9. I would hope that FCS continues to grow, that we provide our students with meaningful opportunities and learning, and that we are viewed as a school achieves and competes with other area schools not just "small fruitport"
10. Making the school the hub of the community
11. Upgraded buildings.
12. I see the behavior of students improving as well as their motivation to learn
13. We have to produce more students that value their education and experiences from Fruitport Schools
14. handling the new demands of society and meeting the ever changing needs of students.
15. More out of district students enrolled and overcrowded classrooms.

16. Smaller class sizes.
17. More opportunities for post graduation for students who aren't college bound. Smaller class sizes.
18. I believe that the district can be significantly different in 5 years by having smaller class sizes.
19. Hopefully, our district will continue to improve and become a top district in the state.
20. Programs that meet the needs of ALL learners such as gifted and talented students who fall into a MICI program. In addition to these two suggestions, I look forward to more of our school being Reward Schools. We need to be THE school destination in Muskegon County.
21. I am hopeful that our district can continue to be a leader in the county as we work to help our students be successful learners as well as positive contributors to society.
22. More elective classes
23. In 5 years, 50% of your current staff will have left or retired from the profession. In 5 years, 50% of your student body will be made up of Schools of Choice students that have no vested interest in the School Community. In 5 years, 50% of Behavior Referrals will be for Disrespect and Physical Aggression.
24. Consistently in the top of Muskegon County schools academically, the place that families want to move to, hopefully updated elementary and middle schools, more varied curriculum at the high school
25. The District is heading in a great direction, I only see that growing.
26. I think the district will continue to become more racially diverse.
27. more after school clubs
28. I would hope to have a staff that feels valued and is happy to come to work every day. I would like to see greatly improved student attendance

29. Improved culture/climate, overall mindset of continuous improvement, building improvements, AC @ FMS!

30. Improved facilities

31. I hope we continue to have high expectations and that we have our kids caught up.

32. I'm really not sure. Our district has large pockets of poverty that are not improving in our current economy and might not improve within five years. These struggles will continue to affect our students' ability to learn in the classroom. I'm not sure what the school district can do about this.

33. Growth in incredible numbers

34. Updated buildings, more students

35. Hoping to see us continually have better test scores and also competitive sports teams that make parents want to send their children to our school for a good education and opportunity for sports scholarships etc.

36. If it continues the way it has been, scores are going to plummet

37. Growing with all the new subdivisions.

38. Hopefully get more educators, better benefits and pay for them.

39. I hope we continue to see more changes to keep making schools safe, and give our kids the best opportunities.

40. Improved focus on individualized learning, no student being discouraged against high achievement.
41. Increased offerings in High school, new buildings that can support our technology needs
42. Hopefully less bullying and more kindness.
43. It will be interesting to see how long lasting the effects of COVID are.
44. If we do not make changes now, behaviors will continue to increase and academic learning will continue to decrease. If we do not start addressing social & emotional learning, we will continue to have behavior problems. We will continue to lose great teachers and students. I would like to be one of the top districts in our area that people want to send their children to, but this will need to happen until we reduce serious behavior problems and provide more support to teachers.
45. Not Much on big Ticket Items, Continued dedication of the staff.
46. Newer buildings, more offerings for parents to be involved.
47. Offer more classes Spanish from k-12 like RP, and better services for students with special needs - plus, support our teachers more.
48. Building improvements
49. Continued growth in numbers, staffing, and resources.
50. Not sure
51. Hopefully, academics is a priory and students take their education more seriously.
52. I see us gaining a lot more students.
53. increased technology
54. not sure

55. I am hoping to see the culture and work ethic/motivation of our student body improve.
56. Upgraded buildings and safety procedures
57. Up to date materials in our ever changing world
58. Academic scores will increase, increased enrollment, respect for leadership, due to a top notch leader at the very top (Mrs. Kennedy).
59. I'm excited to see where we are; good things are happening! We have a great Superintendent who is a positive, forward thinker, & a new Technology director who is streamlining functions & the best is yet to come!
60. Truly depends on HOW we attack the challenges we currently have in terms of behavior. Currently the behaviors we are seeing in our classrooms are impacting ALL learners. We MUST address these challenges in order to maintain high academic standing.
61. Newer elementary buildings
62. growth; updated;
63. Inappropriate behavior will improve at the elementary schools
64. I would like to see Beach and Shettler combine in a new building.
65. Hopeful our middle school and elementaries can be updated
66. Overtaken by bad behaviors
67. Hoping the district continues to grow, offer more opportunities for students to be involved.
68. Continue to focus on all kids
69. Continued growth in academics
70. Smaller ratios in classrooms

71. Pick up drop off and transportation
72. Technology
73. I hope it stays as a place that doesn't get sucked into all the world issues/opinions going on, and just stays a great place for education.
74. More options for classes when it comes to high school
75. Updates yo middle school and elementary/s
76. Better facilities.
77. Social politics may cause impacts.
78. Pride
79. Lower tier district
80. I would like to see more offerings for middle school students to be a part of a group. Relationships are so important, particularly in middle school. However, every student deserves to feel loved and an important part of society. 💕
81. Growth
82. I see students getting a more well rounded education
83. Larger population in our district- more students and taxpayers.
84. It would be nice if we limited schools of choice. For the most part all I have seen is it causing trouble from the students it allows in, putting extra strain on our teachers and lessening my child's education because of it.
85. More selective when allowing out of district students and improved test scores
86. Better facilities
87. Athletically Competitive, academically strong.
88. Standing out in the environment in which the students are raised in and educated by.

89. Well I'm hoping we've made progress with updating our buildings. Shettler is HOT. I'm bummed that the casino isn't going thru... I was really looking forward to our school getting some income from that. But I see great things happening & i'm sure we'll just get better from here. Keep up the great work!

90. Better looking and updated classrooms and buildings

91. OVERCROWDED

92. Having more sports options that don't cost an arm and a leg

93. Not sure

94. nothing significant

95. Increased need for Technology, increased need for facilities for growing number of students (new subdivisions and apartment complexes are going up... that will inherently bring more kids)

96. growing

97. That's a scary thought. Who knows what this world will come to?

98. The district, while having a gorgeous facility in the new highschool did not plan for expansion. I see facilities like gym usage, PAC usage and storage for sprite and arts being a huge hurdle to success.

99. Advanced technology, expanded options for advanced students

100. I imagine we will have a larger student population as well as more facility updates

101. More organized

102. Concern in education overall with ability to find quality teachers

103.	The population is going to increase and we will need better programs, greater equity, and more access to greenspace as well as better pedestrian access.
104.	Updated facilities
105.	More options for classes.
106.	Even more progress, buildings, safety, technology
107.	Not sure
108.	He will not be attending next year
109.	Hopefully leading the district in academic success
110.	I would hope there is some more emphasis on classes to include the trades
111.	I think public education is in danger in the current political climate. Teacher shortages are real, and districts will need to get creative to attract and retain good talent.
112.	Unless Mr. Kennedy can work some magic, I don't.
113.	I don't see it changing much
114.	Leaders in information & high percentile test scores
115.	Unsure
116.	Possibly the number of students enrolled, and technology changing
117.	more successful
118.	I see test scores continue to rise and facilities continue to be upgraded and improved upon

119.	Hopefully another bond project will pass to improve upon the facilities of the district.
120.	Improved facilities, more community involvement in the district
121.	I hope that things will be more hands-on and less reliant on technology.
122.	NA
123.	Being able to meet the needs of all students and using effective curriculum
124.	More hands on classes
125.	I'm hoping they'll be a leader in true learning of the core educational components.
126.	Cleaner
127.	Superintendent leadership has greatly improved from the previous superintendent. Mr. Kennedy seems to care about students as a person and is genuine with trying to offer solutions when problems arise.
128.	Not sure
129.	Larger in numbers, activities and clubs, better in sports, less bullies
130.	I anticipate growth of numbers in our district which will put additional strain on infrastructure
131.	
132.	More students heading to college
133.	New HS is finished
134.	Growing
135.	Better technology, competitive in sports

136. I would like to see the district open more opportunities for students to explore careers around the trades as well as college readiness programs.

137. Better online school options. Continual improvement in special education programs.

138. Better academically

139. Overrun with behavior problem students that are taking time, staff, and money away from bettering our school and students

140. I do not. Not much has changed since my graduation from Fruitport over 3 decades ago?

141. That we will be a community that believes a person is not defined by their shell, but by their actions. Which will only be possible by an honest curriculum, not a cherry-picked one. A community based on acceptance and encouragement learned from the years within the District's public school system.

142. The kids that were put through the trauma of Covid are going to be your middle school and high school kids. Without proper pieces put in place you are going to see higher emotional issues with them. The way it's handled now

143. Technology

144.	Continued measures to keep our schools safe in this ever changing world we live in.
145.	Growth, more students going to college
146.	With the pace of the world, it is hard to say what education will look like. I am hoping FCS will continue to evolve and adapt as needed.
147.	More personal communication.
148.	More racially diverse, more culturally diverse, more academically challenging, more language studies, the 1 one school in the lakeshore area
149.	Use of technology, remodeled elementary schools would be great
150.	Safer and non judgmental, no bullying
151.	I honestly love what I've seen. If we keep the momentum going, it can only get better!
152.	New middle school
153.	I would expect (hope) it to be more diverse.
154.	Communication and leadership has already greatly improved!
155.	Updates
156.	The way we keep improving our schools
157.	Having more community, multi school functions at our facilities.
158.	Stronger supporters of our youth.
159.	I don't see anything changing positively in the next 5 years.
160.	Having no bullying to students

161.	The new high school
162.	Much more growth in population, changes to our existing school structures
163.	The district will grow as more people desire living here.
164.	Updating our older buildings
165.	More sport options to keep kids active that can't afford outside clubs. Offering more aid to children with learning delays or disabilities.
166.	To see our district to hold its values to the students for real life scenarios and not social/political fads
167.	We need to create a part-time homeschool option. Too many kids do SOC to Jenison's program. I see our community growing and serving multiple types of students.
168.	I believe the district will continue to grow in community, academics, and sports.
169.	Larger population
170.	I think the technology will be more prominent and advanced. I see more classes going online (which I disagree with completely)
171.	I would like to continue to see improvements to facilities
172.	Diversity, equity, inclusion, cultural experiences, emergency preparedness, more preschool resources
173.	Hopefully collaborating as a district K-5.

174.	Not sure
175.	Two adults in every elementary class
176.	Much more economically and culturally diverse. The diversification needs to be managed, especially in the biases of the adults, to prevent divisions
177.	Hopefully there is an increased number of students entering the district with more funds available in the budget
178.	Offering all out of district students transportation
179.	Hopefully more diverse.
180.	I hope that our kids have recovered from the covid years and are excelling and feel safe.
181.	Building improvements. A new Early childhood facility. center
182.	New and improved buildings. A new preschool and early childhood facility.
183.	Open to the public
184.	In the last few years, I have only seen changes in the outward appearance of our district, but the practices within the district have not changed. I would also say that post-COVID, we are a little behind. The views of students are deficit oriented ("they are low", "they are behind"). We need to really start asking hard, difficult questions about what our students need and be open to making big changes in "how things always have been" to meet those needs. Otherwise in five years, we will be in the same spot. Are schedules and courses offered working for students at the secondary level? Are we allowing creativity and play in our elementary classrooms? Are we supporting teacher learning with a systemic vision that is supported by all staff and admin? Are we truly focused on building strong relationships and a safe culture for ALL students?