

APPENDIX A SUMMARY OF WRITTEN RESPONSES

Point of View	Supports Proposal (20)	Against Proposal (9)	Not For or Against (7)	Other comments/Notes
Schoolstaff	y			Future of THS has been uncertain - will add stability and attract students. Moving between 2 sites will broaden horizons of Mablethorpe students and provide more opportunities for staff. Change is good subject to keeping people informed and being treated fairly.
Parent/carer	y			The wider curriculum will benefit the pupils ie enable more subjects to be studied and also offer more school trips
Parent/carer	y			It will provide a wider curriculum and sustainable education. Concerns over target settings and awards evenings, whether there will be a Head of Site at THS and Head boy or girl
Schoolstaff	y			A lot of positives are already coming from the 2 schools working together and both will be stronger through joining together. It is important that the process is open and clear to avoid unnecessary stress and any misunderstandings.
Schoolstaff	y			
Governor	y			This is the only way forward
Schoolstaff	y			It will provide a much broader base of subjects and opportunities for local children. Concerns over implications on teaching in the area that children will get continuity
Parent/carer	y			More opportunities for options at GCSE. Concerns over uniform - want to keep blazer and tie
Schoolstaff	y			Understand problems caused by falling rolls. Concerns over staff job losses and impact on the running of the school and local employment figures
Schoolstaff	y			Children of Mablethorpe deserve a greater choice of facilities and courses and their general all round development will benefit from the use of 2 sites
Schoolstaff	y			In favour of proposal and confident that merger between 2 sites will work but concerns over job security and fair pay scales,
Governing Body feeder school	y			Offers sustainable, quality education and extra curricular opportunities for students on both sites and development opportunities for staff. Confident that MDTC and THS will continue to put in hard work as in past to make this work
Town Council	y			The Town Council resolved to support the proposal
Parent/carer	y			Children of Mablethorpe will get a better education and a greater choice of subjects. Do not want to losethe name of Tennyson High as it is part of Mablethorpes heritage
Parent/carer	y			Children have thrived whilst MDTC and THS have been working together. Confident that this will be a stable and sustainable merger bringing consistent teaching and more opportunities to more students.
Parent/carer	y			It will help financially, give stability, provide more opportunities and a better education with a positive future for all
Schoolstaff	y			will enhance and secure education on both sites and provide an enriched curriculum with more choice in KS4 and KS5

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Parent/carer	y			
Parish Council	y			will allow broader curriculum and help with recruitment of staff. Seems sensible in view of falling rolls. The schools have been working together with some success. Full and successful integration of THS pupils is key - they must not feel like v"poor relations"
Parent/carer		y		
Parent/carer		y		Feel that standards have dropped at MDTC since the federation - all the effort is being put into THS
Parent/carer		y		Merger is for monetary reasons. Standards at MDTC have declined since the federation and will decline further if the merger goes ahead.
Parent/carer		y		Benefit is only for THS not MDTC. Leadership at MDTC is not as strong as it has been. Numbers going down could be as a result of the poor reputation of MDTC and not just falling rolls.
Parent/carer		y		The merger could be good for the education of the pupils but my concern is for the implications of such a change - ie increased travel, bigger site, new teachers etc on my daughter who has special needs. She has received such fantastic support at THS
Parish Council		y		Concerned over problems caused by split site schools ie staff and pupils commuting between sites, pupil identity with school, environmental issues of increased travel and there would be no advantage to students who live in the parish travelling to Mablethorpe for education.
Parent/carer		y		Accepted federation but feel that merger will result in support being concentrated on THS and MDTC will suffer. Historically results at THS have been poorer and this could drag down MDTC. New uniform, change of name etc will be extra expense in a time of austerity. Teachers moving between 2 sites will be time consuming and costly
Schoolstaff		y		As above and also concerned over having to drive to work in order to be able to work at both sites. Also parents may not respond to the consultation feeling it is a foregone conclusion or just not understanding what is at stake
Parent/carer		y		Merger is cosmetic, just a way of meeting government targets at THS by merging results and will not be of any real benefit to MDTC students. Inspirational teachers are required to improve schools not the merging of budgets.
District Council			y	
Parent/carer			y	
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Parent/carer			y	Although the proposal looks positive my reservations are caused by concerns for my child who has special needs. Will he get the support he needs, will his transport driver and escort change. Also will financial support be given towards the purchase of any new uniform
Parish Council			y	Neither for nor against as THS not in catchment area covered by parish council
Union reps			y	Concerns that this will benefit staff at THS but not MDTC. Staff are concerned about job losses or downgrading and extra travel. Concerns that lower results at THS will have negative impact on MDTC. Redundancies should only be last resort and temporary contracts should be terminated first and unqualified teaching staff should be made redundant before qualified staff.
Parish Council			y	This will not greatly affect the children of the parish as only a few apply to MDTC