

## Budget Suggestion Box Results - 130 Responses Through 3/1/09

### Count Suggestion

#### Actionable Suggestions

- 22 Reduce mailings and printing (student lists, teacher lists, curriculum, directories, home communciations, holiday wishes, dialogue)
- 15 Reduce energy consumption in schools (temperature, lights, turn off when not in use)
- 10 Reduce administrative staff, AP's and Dept. Supv.
- 10 Reduce/Eliminate Gifted/talented program
- 8 Pay to play for extracurricular activities
- 6 Eliminate World Language - K-2
- 4 Reduce color printing
- 4 Auction parking spaces at high schools/or charge for parking
- 4 Reduce/eliminate field trips
- 3 Cut away from the classroom
- 2 Investigate student residencies
- 2 Reduce course offerings at high school
- 2 Reduce/elminate full day K
- 2 Stop purchasing smartboards
- 2 Offering teachers premium spaces to pay to park
- 2 Temporary lights on football field
- 2 Reduce supplies purchases
- 2 Reduce summer programs for special ed
- 2 Review transportation utilization
- 2 Reduce purchases of food
- 1 Reduce Pupil services staff
- 1 Eliminate late busses
- 1 Electronic textbooks
- 1 Reduce maintenance staff
- 1 Reduce technology purchases
- 1 Reduce surveying of parents
- 1 No townwide convocation
- 1 Business cell phones
- 1 Reduce CS but keep the elementary AP
- 1 Redistrict students so more can walk to school
- 1 Offer early retirement incentives
- 1 Technology free day
- 1 Switch to Open Office software

This is summary of the 130 responses received to date in the Superintendent's budget suggestion box as well as teacher suggestions received.

Actionable items are items that can be done unilaterally and indeed many of them are being implemented in the Superintendent's budget or proposed in the reduction options.

Some of the suggestions are not legal, while others require negotiations with the affected bargaining units as well as others that are being implemented already.

Thank you to all for your suggestions. Please keep them coming - we will continue to update this summary throughout the budget season.

#### Not legal

- 4 Requiring parents to contribute to school supplies
- 2 Require all students to walk to school
- 2 Charge for full day K
- 1 Charge private school students for their transportation
- 1 Change school year to have school in summer, vacations in winter
- 1 Require parents to pay for special education preschool

#### Require negotiations

- 7 Shorten school year
- 4 Renegotiate contracts/wage freeze
- 2 Close schools and offices during xmas break
- 2 Make AP positions a 10 month position
- 2 Reduce administrative salaries
- 1 Eliminate Part-time employee health insurance
- 1 Change to a 4 day work week

#### Already doing

- 1 Pay to play for sports
- 1 Eliminate magnet school liaison