

1. Budget Planning Survey

We need your input!!!!

The Board of Directors is interested in gathering information from staff and community members on budget priorities as we begin to look at the budget for 2009-10.

As you know Washington State is facing a budget deficit of more than 6.5 billion dollars. Which means sustaining existing K-12 programs will be challenging.

The loss of revenue is the result of a contracting economy and weak consumer confidence. Approximately 50% of our states revenue is generated from sale taxes, 20% is derived from business taxes, called the B&O tax, and the balance is a combination of property and service taxes.

In anticipation of possible reductions to the 2009-10 budget we would like staff and community members to take a few minutes to complete this survey. Survey responses will become part of the budget review process and we hope your suggestions will provide us with creative ways to help sustain existing programs. Once we have collected all the surveys we will post the results along with your comments on the district website.

1. Which of the following best describes you. Check all that apply.

- A parent of an elementary student enrolled at Cascade View, Thorndyke or Tukwila Elementary
- A parent of a middle school student enrolled at Showalter Middle School
- A parent of a high school student enrolled at Foster High School
- A member of the Tukwila community who does not have children currently in a Tukwila Public School
- A Tukwila School District certificated staff member
- A Tukwila School District classified staff member
- A Tukwila School District administrator

Tukwila Schools Budget Priorities

Budgeting for any organization, including school districts, should reflect its priorities. Money is spent to support the people and resources needed to sustain services that are essential to achieve our mission to educate the children of Tukwila. In tough times, such as these, resources must be re-allocated to maintain an optimum learning environment for all students.

Next you will see a set of items which relate to district priorities based on our District Improvement Plan or that relate to maintaining safe facilities. Remember, that our focus is providing rigorous, relevant, relational instruction for our diverse student population.

Please rate each of these items in terms of how important you think they are in sustaining a high quality education for our students in Tukwila.

Throughout the survey there are opportunities for you to write comments, please feel free to share your thoughts with District staff.

2. Please rate each of the following programs in terms of how important each is for maintaining a high quality educational program for Tukwila School District students. Using a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 represents Not Important and 7 represents Very Important, please rate each item.

	1 Not important	2	3	4 Somewhat important	5	6	7 Very important
A. Continuing ongoing, focused professional development for all staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Supporting struggling learners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. Maintaining current class size limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Continuing to purchase instructional materials aligned to state standards that are rigorous, culturally sensitive, and meet the needs of Tukwila students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Continuing to support the integration of technology into classroom instruction.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Continuing to employ effective leadership (administrators) who support student learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G. Continuing to use essential data to identify student, instructional, and program needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
H. Continuing to support co-curricular and extra-curricular programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I. Continuing to provide social and health services to meet the needs of our students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J. Maintaining district facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K. Providing safety and security support for the district	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L. Providing transportation for students who qualify based on state standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

3. Other Comments:

Thank you for participating! The results of the survey will be posted on the website as soon as they are available.