Sustainable Budget Survey – November 2010



Please indicate your status with Eugene School District 4J							
	Response Percent	Response Count					
Student	2.4%	50					
Parent or guardian of a current 4J student	67.1%	1,400					
Community member (not a student or a parent of a current student)	11.3%	235					
Staff member: Licensed	15.7%	328					
Staff member: Classified	7.3%	153					
Staff member: Building administrator	1.0%	20					
Staff member: Central service administrator	0.6%	13					
	Other (please specify)	95					
	answered question	2,085					
	skipped question	73					

If you are a 4J parent or student, please tell us where you or your student(s) attend school.

	Churchill region	North region	Sheldon region	South region	Response Count
Elementary School	22.2% (231)	13.4% (139)	25.0% (260)	40.6% (422)	1,039
K-8 School	48.6% (67)	5.8% (8)	17.4% (24)	30.4% (42)	138
Middle School	23.5% (104)	8.6% (38)	29.6% (131)	39.1% (173)	442
High School	22.1% (83)	8.5% (32)	36.4% (137)	34.6% (130)	376
	Other (please specify)				
			an	swered question	1,511
			s	kipped question	647

If you are a 4J staff member, please indicate the place of your primary assignment.

	Churchill region	North region	Sheldon region	South region	Central service location	Response Count
Elementary School	28.2% (68)	23.7% (57)	24.1% (58)	27.4% (66)	1.2% (3)	241
K-8 School	61.5% (24)	2.6% (1)	20.5% (8)	10.3% (4)	7.7% (3)	39
Middle School	17.3% (18)	21.2% (22)	33.7% (35)	25.0% (26)	4.8% (5)	104
High School	17.9% (21)	20.5% (24)	28.2% (33)	29.1% (34)	4.3% (5)	117
Central service department	5.9% (3)	2.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	92.2% (47)	51
Other (please specify)					28	
				answe	red question	530
				skipį	ped question	1,628

1. Increase Revenue to Support Operations

Would you adjust these preliminary recommendations? If so, how? Select: • "Do more" if you support this strategy and think the district could be even more ambitious in increasing revenue in this way.

• "Do" if you support this preliminary recommendation. • "Do less" if you would reduce this revenue strategy to some extent. • "Don't do" if you do not support this strategy. Revenues or reductions would need to come from other areas. • "Don't know" if you have no opinion.

	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count
Bond measure for new schools, facility improvements, technology. This could allow the district to shift some technology and equipment expenses out of the operating budget. Requires voter approval. (\$1 million annual revenue for expenses now in the operating budget)	49.4% (982)	30.7% (610)	4.7% (94)	10.1% (200)	5.1% (101)	1,987
Increase community user fees for building use by 20% (\$20,000 annual revenue)	41.9% (832)	39.9% (793)	5.5% (109)	8.5% (169)	4.2% (84)	1,987
Lease closed schools to charter schools and other organizations, and increase lease fees. (\$200,000 annual revenue)	50.7% (1,003)	38.3% (757)	3.0% (59)	5.1% (100)	3.0% (60)	1,979
Short-term or one-time funding: Sell Civic Stadium, Willard and other vacant properties, putting 50% into reserves and spending 50% on school operations. (\$3 million one- time revenue)	53.5% (1,074)	34.3% (689)	3.6% (72)	5.7% (114)	2.8% (57)	2,006
For 2012–13 and beyond: New city income tax or other local tax dedicated to school operations. (Revenue not yet known)	46.4% (927)	27.4% (547)	4.6% (92)	15.5% (310)	6.2% (123)	1,999
				answe	red question	2,020
				skipį	ped question	138

2. School and Work Year Reductions.

One work day for all staff = \$490,000 per day

One work day for central office staff only = \$43,000 per day

	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count
Option A — Long-term reduced school/work year: Reduce the traditional school year by 6 days (keeping the SAME number of instructional days as in 2010-11). Reduce the work year for all staff by 10-20 days or more. (\$5.7 million cost reduction)	17.8% (324)	27.6% (503)	16.1% (294)	35.0% (638)	3.6% (66)	1,825
Option B — Temporary furlough days: Reduce the traditional school year by 6 days (keeping the SAME number of instructional days as in 2010-11) and reduce the work year for all staff by 9-12 days, but only on a short-term basis. To restore the days in future years, the district would need to make other cuts or find other revenue. (\$4 million cost reduction — short term)	22.2% (400)	41.2% (743)	11.0% (198)	21.2% (382)	4.5% (81)	1,804
				answe	red question	1,994
				skip	ped question	164

3. Reduce Staffing, Services and Programs

	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count
Reduce administrative and classified staff by 10%. Restructure and consolidate central service departments. (62 full-time positions, \$3.5 million cost reduction)	28.2% (545)	40.5% (781)	14.4% (277)	13.5% (261)	3.4% (66)	1,930
Eliminate or reduce teachers on special assignment and staff development specialists. (6 full- time positions, \$500,000 cost reduction)	20.4% (393)	36.1% (696)	18.3% (353)	19.6% (378)	5.6% (108)	1,928
Reduce teachers and other licensed staff by changing the student-to-teacher ratio (98 full-time positions, \$8.2 million cost reduction), as follows:	3.9% (70)	12.9% (233)	24.5% (441)	56.7% (1,021)	1.9% (35)	1,800
• Increase the student-to-teacher ratio by 6 at the high school level.	6.5% (125)	20.6% (395)	24.0% (460)	46.1% (884)	2.8% (54)	1,918
• Increase the student-to-teacher ratio by 5 for grades 6–8.	4.2% (81)	16.3% (314)	25.8% (497)	51.0% (981)	2.6% (50)	1,923
• Increase the student-to-teacher ratio by 4 for grades K-5.	4.1% (79)	13.5% (259)	22.3% (428)	57.4% (1,101)	2.6% (50)	1,917
				answe	red question	1,960
skipped question						

4. School Closure, Consolidation and Reconfiguration Close Coburg, Crest Drive, Meadowlark, Parker, Twin Oaks and Family School. Reconfigure some schools as K-3 and 4-8 schools.

	Do	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count
Close Coburg elementary school, moving students to Gilham.	57.7% (1,100)	25.1% (479)	17.2% (327)	1,906
Close Crest Drive elementary school. Adams and Chávez would become K-3 schools. Arts and Technology Academy would become a grade 4-8 school.	38.0% (723)	46.4% (884)	15.6% (298)	1,905
Close Family School. K-3 students would move to Chávez. Grade 4-8 students would merge into the Arts & Technology Academy.	44.4% (851)	39.8% (762)	15.8% (302)	1,915
Close Meadowlark elementary school. Holt would become a K-3 school. Monroe would become a grade 4-8 school.	35.9% (683)	45.4% (864)	18.7% (356)	1,903
Close Parker elementary school. Edgewood would become a K-3 school. Spencer Butte would become a grade 4-8 school.	35.7% (678)	48.1% (914)	16.3% (309)	1,901
Close Twin Oaks elementary school. McCornack would become a K-3 school. Kennedy would become a grade 4-8 school.	38.2% (726)	44.9% (853)	16.9% (322)	1,901
Make Charlemagne French immersion a K–8 school in the Parker building.	47.2% (902)	36.9% (706)	15.9% (303)	1,911
Make Buena Vista Spanish immersion a K-8 school in the Meadowlark building.	49.0% (934)	34.0% (647)	17.0% (324)	1,905
Close, consolidate or reconfigure additional schools.	36.1% (668)	32.8% (608)	31.1% (576)	1,852

answered question	1,941
skipped question	217

5. Share Services or Contract Out							
	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count	
Transfer some services to Lane Education Service District and determine additional services that Lane ESD could provide. This might include professional development for teachers or additional special education services. (\$500,000 cost reduction)	42.3% (784)	40.3% (747)	3.2% (60)	5.5% (102)	8.7% (162)	1,855	
For 2012–13 and beyond: Explore sharing services with other school districts and contracting out some services.	43.5% (751)	38.4% (664)	4.1% (70)	5.7% (99)	8.3% (143)	1,727	
				answe	ered question	1,891	
				skip	ped question	267	

6. Materials, Supplies and Services

	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count
Reduce spending and budgets for non-utility supplies, materials and services (except for telephones and utilities) by 20%. (\$1.5 million cost reduction)	28.3% (532)	42.4% (797)	13.3% (250)	8.8% (166)	7.1% (133)	1,878
answered question						1,878
skipped question					280	

7. School and Instruction Redesign

	Do	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count
Develop and expand online learning options at high schools.	57.9% (1,097)	28.6% (542)	13.5% (255)	1,894
Expand ways for students to earn credit outside the traditional classroom setting.	74.9% (1,419)	15.3% (289)	9.8% (186)	1,894
Expand ways for students to earn dual high school/college credit.	86.2% (1,630)	6.9% (130)	6.9% (130)	1,890
For 2012–13 and beyond: Revise the school calendar to have longer breaks during the year and shorter summer breaks.	46.9% (889)	36.6% (693)	16.6% (314)	1,896
For 2012–13 and beyond: Consider a 4-day school week.	40.3% (765)	48.7% (923)	11.0% (208)	1,896
For 2012-13 and beyond: Move to a program staffing model with a classroom staffing allocation and a specialist staffing allocation.	21.4% (402)	13.5% (254)	65.1% (1,221)	1,877
			answered question	1,916
			skipped question	242

8. Non-Instructional Programs								
	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count		
Reduce athletic programs and extracurricular activities by 25%. (\$500,000 cost reduction)	18.9% (352)	23.1% (429)	18.1% (337)	37.2% (691)	2.6% (49)	1,858		
Reduce specialists and other student support programs as part of other staffing and service reductions. (Costs included with other staff reductions.)	9.6% (175)	19.5% (357)	23.3% (426)	35.9% (658)	11.7% (215)	1,831		
				answe	red question	1,904		
skipped question					254			

9. Reserves and One-Time Funds, Option A						
	Agree	Disagree	Don't know	Response Count		
Long-term strategy: Do not spend reserves to support operations.	27.4% (416)	50.0% (760)	22.6% (344)	1,520		
			answered question	1,520		
			skipped question	638		

Reserves and One-Time Funds, Option B							
	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count	
Short-term strategy: Use \$5.7 million in reserves in 2011–12 and \$3 million from the sale of surplus property in 2012–13 to support operations.	25.9% (485)	47.2% (884)	9.5% (177)	7.4% (139)	10.0% (188)	1,873	
answered question						1,876	
skipped question					282		

10. Compensation and Benefits for Staff

- Compensation and benefits make up 87% of 4J's operating budget.
- Reducing the school/work year also reduces pay for employees.

	Do more	Do	Do less	Don't do	Don't know	Response Count
Option A — Long-term budget impact: Negotiate pay freeze for all staff and freeze the level of contribution for employee benefits. (\$1.5 million cost reduction)	19.2% (359)	34.5% (645)	13.4% (251)	26.6% (497)	6.3% (117)	1,869
Option B — One-time or short-term strategy: Negotiate a 5% salary reduction for all staff. (\$4.4 million cost reduction)	14.1% (265)	22.9% (431)	16.6% (313)	39.4% (741)	7.0% (131)	1,881
Option C — Reduce the 6% PERS retirement pick-up for employees to 3%. (\$1.8 million cost reduction)	23.5% (444)	25.5% (481)	12.7% (240)	31.3% (590)	7.0% (132)	1,887
	answered question					1,910
skipped question					248	