

CCSD BUDGET CUTS SUMMARY OF PARENT SURVEY

November 2008

Survey Process

- Surveys were sent out to 7,987 households of parents/guardians of CCSD students on October 21, 2008.
- On October 24, 2008 a Spanish translated version of the survey was sent to 5,067 parent/guardian households that have a Spanish language preference.
- To develop a mailing list, a random sample of parents/guardians was generated.
- The survey consisted of 25 questions which asked how parents/guardians felt about program budget cuts.
- They were asked to indicate each grade in which they had a child/children.
- Parents/Guardians were also asked to indicate if they were an employee of CCSD.

Survey Results

- Surveys returned by November 6, 2008, were counted and entered into a database for analysis.
- 586 parents/guardians returned the English Parent/Guardian Budget Cuts Survey.
- 125 parents/guardians of Spanish preference households returned surveys.
- Total of 711 responses.
- Responses were also disaggregated for elementary and secondary schools.

Survey Results:

Highest Rank Order of Programs to KEEP

1	Athletic programs	\$6,280,000
2	Extra-curricular programs	\$5,210,000
3	Special education facilitators	\$12,877,647
4	Custodial services at schools	\$754,000
5	Prevent increase class size: 1st – 3rd grades	\$15,590,000

Survey Results:

Lowest Rank Order of Programs to CUT

1	Off-ratio administrative staffing	\$2,740,000
2	Empowerment Schools	\$1,665,000
3	Early retirement incentives	\$2,500,000
4	Region professional services	\$1,600,000
5	Prep periods for high school department chairs	\$1,760,000
6	Block schedules at high schools	\$11,145,000

Survey Results: Elementary Schools -- KEEP

1	Special education facilitators	\$12,877,647
2	Extra-curricular programs	\$5,210,000
3	Athletic programs	\$6,280,000
4	Prevent increase class size: 4th & 5th grades	\$4,295,000
5	Prevent increase class size: 1st – 3rd grades	\$15,590,000

Survey Results: Elementary Schools -- CUT

- Same list as overall survey
- Order slightly changed

Survey Results: Secondary Schools -- KEEP

1	Athletic programs	\$6,280,000
2	Extra-curricular programs	\$5,210,000
3	Special education facilitators	\$12,877,647
4	Custodial services at schools	\$754,000
5	Prevent increase class size: 6th - 12th grades	\$12,365,000

Survey Results: Secondary Schools -- CUT

- Essentially same list as overall survey with some order changed
- Prefer to cut Region differentiated funding and CSN tuition reimbursement before Block schedules at high schools