

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Parents - how would you feel about losing Elementary PE? Would you rather keep it?? Please point your browser to www.bsd405.org to fill out the survey and let the FAC know your thoughts. (Please share this with your many friends to help generate more responses to the survey!!)
- What are your thoughts about Elementary School Librarians? Would you vote to eliminate those positions, or would you rather make cuts in other areas? Filling out the survey gives you the chance to tell the BSD what would work best for your children. Make sure the district hears the parent perspective!!
- High school parents - what do you think? Do you want your student to pay a higher fee for parking to defray costs? Do you want the heat turned down in the classrooms? Do you want to see the transportation fee go up? These and other questions are all on the survey. Please let the District know what you think!!

Other survey questions...

- Do we increase athletic fees to \$100-\$200 per participant?
- Do we eliminate swimming, golf, wrestling, and gymnastics?
- Do we cut the 7 period day at the middle schools?
- Should class sizes increase by 1 in all high school classes, and cut 17 teachers?
- Does the district eliminate librarians, specialists, band and/or art at the elementary schools?

These are just a few of the choices being presented to the Bellevue community, so the school district can balance the budget next year. We are looking at major cuts in funding from the state. Something has to be done and we are running out of time.

You can either sit on the sidelines and let others make those decisions for you, or you can jump in and have your voice be heard.

How can you make a difference?

1. Attend the community meeting on March 24 from 6-8pm at Interlake High School. You will hear a presentation by the superintendent and her staff, and have a chance to ask questions. Then you will have the opportunity to review the survey, ask more questions, discuss with others, and finally vote your choices. You decide how to cut \$6 million from the budget.
2. You can take the survey on-line. (www.bsd405.org)

3. Continue to make your suggestions for cuts or opportunities to raise revenue. These won't be part of the survey, but they will be reviewed and considered by the Fiscal Advisory Committee.

The Fiscal Advisory Committee will then take all of this information, and on March 25th, come up with their (our) rank-ordered recommendation of how the district cuts the budget. The meeting is open for observation. Check the website for details.