

Budget Reduction Blueprint – Partnership for Fiscal Sustainability Meeting #3

Date: 10/09/25

Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm

Agenda

- Welcome
- Community Survey Results
- Revenue Generation Discussion

Welcome and Updates

- Welcome & Introductions

Discussion and Next Steps

1. District Priorities Survey Reactions

- **Survey Participation**
 - ~400 elementary school parents responded vs. 297 without elementary students.
 - Very few responses from families using transportation (only 3 responses).
- **Key Observations**
 - Lack of support for fees for math and literacy resources.
 - Polarization in fee responses: strong “no fees” vs. “maximize fees.”
 - Surprised at low busing usage among respondents.
 - Noticing willingness to pay more for staffing but less for certain fees.
- **Questions & Concerns**
 - Impact of maximizing fees on a \$60M budget—does it matter?
 - Would charging admission fees make any significant difference?
 - How do increased fees affect equity and family saturation?

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- Potential inequity in regional athletics.
- What is the trade-off between computers vs. printed materials for elementary students?
- Household income question—how does it inform survey interpretation?

- **Themes**

- Creativity missing in options—survey felt hyper-focused.
- FNS has ideas from consulting group not reflected in survey.
- Scarcity mindset perceived in survey questions.
- Budget composition: 85% salaries/benefits, 15% “stuff”—limited room for creativity.

- **Follow-Up**

- Understand why respondents oppose additional fees.
- Explore demographic/geographic overlay for survey results.
- Consider follow-up survey for teachers, principals, instructional coaches.
- CAO's office already surveyed elementary principals on paper vs. digital use.

2. Revenue Generation Conversation

- **Key Points**

- Real opportunity lies in voter-approved tax increases (MLO).
- Concern: cutting services while asking for more money—how will that be perceived?
- Need clear messaging: tangible choices for community (e.g., cut a 3rd grade teacher vs. pass MLO).
- Emphasize urgency: \$45M reductions next year + potential \$15M if MLO fails.

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- Previous MLO does not adjust for inflation—graphics needed.
- Provide cost breakdown for voters: what 1 Mill costs.

3. Ideas for Revenue Generation

- Expand Alliance to include more supportive organizations.
- Use SACs to personalize campaign—show real impact of cuts.
- Compete with neighboring districts—highlight long-term positioning.
- Encourage community involvement: “Bring a friend next time.”
- Maintain human element in messaging.

Next Steps:

- Send out questions for community input before next meeting