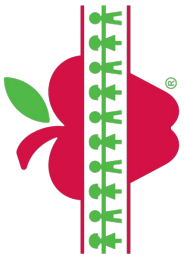




Budget Simulator





What is the Budget Simulator?

- WPS partnered with Polco Balancing Act, and the Kansas Public Finance Center
 - Balancing Act is a popular survey tool used by government finance agencies for simulations and prioritization surveying
 - Sedgwick County currently has their simulator up on the same tool
- At the request of the BOE, we are venturing into new ways to receive community engagement on our budget process
- The simulation is just that; a scenario, not a perfect reflection of the budget

Goals for Budget Simulator



Understand the community sentiment for mill levy/property tax strategy



Evaluate high level interest and support in categories for reductions or investments



Educate our constituents of the limitations available in balancing the district's budget



Use community feedback to develop future action plans



Future Goals for Simulator

- Expand the depth and specificity of investment and reduction scenarios within the simulator
- Increase opportunities for staff engagement and feedback on budget strategies
- Shift the simulator timeline to support meaningful input before formal budget adoption decisions are made

Next Steps

Simulation Timeline

- June 15: Open Simulator
- July 7: News Conference
- July 31: Close Simulator
- August 10: Report Simulator Results w/ Proposed Budget
- September 15: Open Property Tax Receipt

Target Audiences

- Community
- Staff
- Parents
- Social Media Audience
- News Audience





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Let's Go Check Out the Simulator

Questions

