

South Kingstown School Department
Budget Survey Results
(February 2, 2009)

Please indicate which of the following apply to you.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
I am the parent of a public school student	84.1%	480
I am a school department employee	17.0%	97
I am a community member, but not a parent	5.6%	32
None of the above apply to me	0.5%	3
<i>answered question</i>		571
<i>skipped question</i>		0
Reductions should avoid impacting core instructional areas.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	80.0%	452
Agree	16.3%	92
Disagree	2.7%	15
Strongly Disagree	1.1%	6
<i>answered question</i>		565
<i>skipped question</i>		6
Maintaining variety and choice is essential.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	38.8%	219
Agree	46.4%	262
Disagree	13.5%	76
Strongly Disagree	1.4%	8
<i>answered question</i>		565
<i>skipped question</i>		6
We should decide what programs we can no longer afford and cut them completely, fully funding what remains so that what we do, we do well.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	20.7%	115
Agree	42.5%	236
Disagree	30.8%	171
Strongly Disagree	5.9%	33
<i>answered question</i>		555
<i>skipped question</i>		16

Reductions should be spread evenly across the district.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	29.9%	166
Agree	46.8%	260
Disagree	19.8%	110
Strongly Disagree	3.6%	20
<i>answered question</i>		556
<i>skipped question</i>		15
Activities and athletics are as important as academics.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	30.2%	171
Agree	39.4%	223
Disagree	22.4%	127
Strongly Disagree	8.0%	45
<i>answered question</i>		566
<i>skipped question</i>		5
Of primary importance is maintaining safe, secure, well-run schools.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	60.1%	335
Agree	37.5%	209
Disagree	2.2%	12
Strongly Disagree	0.2%	1
<i>answered question</i>		557
<i>skipped question</i>		14
Programs in the arts should not be sacrificed to maintain English, math, science, and social studies.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	29.9%	169
Agree	36.8%	208
Disagree	25.5%	144
Strongly Disagree	7.8%	44
<i>answered question</i>		565
<i>skipped question</i>		6

In making reductions, we should look to areas where we spend more than other districts.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	30.9%	174
Agree	49.2%	277
Disagree	17.1%	96
Strongly Disagree	2.8%	16
<i>answered question</i>		563
<i>skipped question</i>		8
It is important to maintain resources in the subjects tested by the state (reading, writing, mathematics, and science).		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	42.8%	239
Agree	47.7%	266
Disagree	7.2%	40
Strongly Disagree	2.3%	13
<i>answered question</i>		558
<i>skipped question</i>		13
We should maintain programs that will make us better in the future, such as teacher training.		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	19.6%	110
Agree	53.2%	299
Disagree	20.6%	116
Strongly Disagree	6.6%	37
<i>answered question</i>		562
<i>skipped question</i>		9
Maintain textbook, supply and technology funds so that our schools don't get out of date		
Answer Options	Response Frequency	Response Count
Strongly Agree	43.9%	247
Agree	49.7%	280
Disagree	5.5%	31
Strongly Disagree	0.9%	5
<i>answered question</i>		563
<i>skipped question</i>		8

For each of the categories listed below, please indicate its degree of importance to you.

Answer Options	Highest Importance	Moderate Importance	Some Importance	Not Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Core instructional programs	520	36	4	1	1.08	561
Student activities and athletics	144	238	138	40	2.13	560
Textbooks and supplies	236	261	56	5	1.70	558
Music and the visual arts	187	231	119	23	1.96	560
Facility maintenance	145	314	96	3	1.92	558
High school course variety	122	267	139	29	2.13	557
Class size	237	219	87	16	1.79	559
Technology	203	267	78	7	1.80	555
Curriculum Development and Teacher Training	109	222	174	54	2.31	559
Leadership and Supervision	171	240	123	23	2.00	557
<i>answered question</i>						564
<i>skipped question</i>						7