

Budget Survey - Summary of Responses	
How can we involve you in the budget process?	Responses
Monthly Board Topic Meetings	39
Community Information Nights	92
Coffee Klatches or Town Meetings	67
Specify your own value:	
Email	21
Web site updates	6
Article in newspapers	2
PIC Meetings	1
Scheduled on-line/phone forums/on-line voting	4
This Blog	1
What are your top three concerns about the school budget?	
Spiraling Costs/Keeping Costs Down	19
Tax Increases	52
Increased spending/wasteful spending	49
Maintain quality of education/cutting programs	58
Salaries/Administrators and/or Teachers	18
Busing	3
What suggestions do you have about the budget?	
Cutting costs/stop spending	29
Look at possible staff cuts/reduce salaries	9
Better fiscal management/stop wasting money	13
Re-evaluate current tax rates; lower taxes	6
Do not cut funding for music/arts programs	7
Put information on-line/parents provide supplies	8
Enlist help of volunteers/PTO/to counteract budget freeze	4
User fee for extracurricular activities/fundraisers	11
Keep community informed; show us where the money is going	8

How would you like budget information communicated?	
Twin Valley Web Site	115
Local media	44
Newsletter dedicated to budget information	84
Specify your own value:	
Email	28
Webpage within website with monthly accounting of budget	2
Bi-monthly Town Meetings	1
School Connect system	1
PIC Meetings	1
Teach school budget to students	1
What other questions do you have about the budget?	
Have you involved outside groups in the budget process?	1
Have you involved taxpayers in the process?	3
Explanation of budget details and increases?	5
How did it get this bad?	3
Where can I view the budget and financial statements?	3
What's most at risk as we have to cut costs? What are the greatest expense areas?	2
How can we support our school?	2
Are residents that live on cul de sacs rated at a lower tax rate sine we are not offered door to door service?	1
What options is the school board considering?	1
Who gets to vote on the school budgets? How do parents move to add or remove budget items?	5
Why are private schools able to provide a learning environment for less money than public schools?	1
What specifically is the school district doing to cut costs?	3
What amount is going to fund cyber schools?	2
Can we look into other ways of generating more income towards budget besides raising taxes?	1
How much of our tax money are going to teachers' salaries?	1
Why are there twice as many administrators in the high school as the middle school but the same number of students?	1

Can the district save money by returning the Middle School to a single start and stop time?	1
Long term effects on recovering from shortfall?	2
How is a budget that out paces both inflation and the average community members annual raise make any economic sense?	1
Has legalized gambling made a significant contribution to the budget's funding?	1
How much is being spent on special education? How much on gifted program?	1
Why are my taxes always going up?	6
Potential impact on programs?	2
Bus transportation being impacted?	2