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RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT May 2010 Advisory Survey

This survey has been created by the Resource Planning Team (RPT) consisting of parents, school staff, community members, and members of the School Board. Our concern is for the excellence of education of our children and the future of the school district. The RPT began with the purpose of addressing long term resource challenges within the school district, including looking at resource realignment needs as well as addressing future deficits. The RPT is seeking your input for consideration in their future planning recommendations to the School Board. Please keep in mind that the team is in the very preliminary planning stages. No option presented here reflects the opinion of RPT as a whole or the School Board or Administration. The dollar estimates being presented are also of a very preliminary nature. Additional miscellaneous cost-savings options are being considered to reduce the impact of the deficit. However, at this time these fall short given the magnitude of the deficit, which is why the following options may need to be considered.

After the existing school referendum expires in 2011, the projected district deficits are:

<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>Average Per Year</u>
\$1.6M	\$2.0M	\$2.5M	\$3.0M	\$3.3M	\$2.5M

* Estimates based on current state funding formula

1. What one option would you choose to address the deficits for the next 5 years?

Check <u>one</u> box below	Scenarios	Description for Each Scenario	Annual School Tax Impact	
			\$100,000 home (based on 2009 tax bill)	\$200,000 home (based on 2009 tax bill)
179 20%	Scenario 1	Request a referendum for the estimated deficit amount which would equal approximately <u>\$2.5M</u> per year for 5 years.	\$159 increase	\$318 increase
338 37%	Scenario 2	Request the current referendum of <u>\$1.2M</u> to continue for 5 years and the balance of approximately <u>\$1.3M</u> annually to be cut through cost reductions.	No increase/decrease, unless state aid is changed (because current referendum amount of \$1.2M continues)	No increase/decrease, unless state aid is changed (because current referendum amount of \$1.2M continues)
272 30%	Scenario 3	Do not request a referendum and require the estimated deficit to be cut through approximately <u>\$2.5M</u> annual cost reductions.	\$147 decrease because current referendum amount of \$1.2M expires	\$294 decrease because current referendum amount of \$1.2M expires
33 4%	Scenario 4	Other referendum related options: (list your suggestions here) →		
80 9%	No response			

If cost reductions have to be made, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following options? (Please mark "x" for your selected response.)

Strongly disagree 1 Somewhat disagree 2 Neutral 3 Somewhat Agree 4 Strongly Agree 5

	Additional Information (All figures are estimates)	Mark "x" for your response.					No response
		1	2	3	4	5	
2. Consider position reductions	-Could be from any employee positions (administration, teachers, support staff) - <u>Example</u> of impact (taking the average compensation of all district employees, i.e. administrators, teachers, support staff): -\$1.3M reduction = <u>21</u> full time employee positions -\$2.5M reduction = <u>40</u> full time employee positions -This option will impact class size and curriculum offerings	158 18%	125 14%	130 14%	194 22%	254 28%	41 5%
3. Consider 4 day school week	-If approval by State could be obtained to have 9 hour days (Mon-Thu, with teacher workshop on Fri) -Transportation \$150,000 annual reduction estimate (Fridays)	286 32%	101 11%	115 13%	176 20%	182 20%	42 5%
4. Reduce employee hours. (Class time would not be reduced.)	- <u>Example</u> : if reduced by 5% = \$512,000 annual salary savings; if reduced by 2% = \$203,000 annual salary savings -Not a union negotiable item	117 13%	80 9%	151 17%	255 28%	256 28%	43 5%
5. Recommend School Board considers: a. salary freezes b. employees cover	-In order for salary freezes or additional employee paid health insurance, <u>negotiated agreement contracts</u> would be required -a. \$200,000 estimated annual reduction in salary -b. <u>Example</u> : employee pays 25% of family portion of health insurance which leads to an estimated annual savings of	74 8%	46 5%	79 9%	152 17%	510 57%	41 5%

larger portion of health insurance	\$547,000 (\$273 additional employee cost per month)							
		Mark "x" for your response.					No response	
Additional Information (All figures are estimates)		1	2	3	4	5		
6. Close three elementary schools and build/remodel one hub elementary school centrally in Spring Green	-If taxes would neither increase or decrease -Annual ongoing potential budget savings of \$900,000 to \$1.0M obtained through school closure savings	377 42%	97 11%	117 13%	127 14%	149 17%	35 4%	
7. Close one elementary school due to lower district elementary enrollment	-Estimated annual reduction = \$250,000 - \$500,000 (primarily in staff reductions) -This would impact class size	198 22%	111 12%	130 14%	231 26%	190 21%	42 5%	
8. Delay annual expenditures for building and maintenance	-Current budget = \$250,000	231 26%	202 22%	232 26%	142 16%	58 6%	37 4%	
9. Reduce technology upgrades and infrastructure	-Current budget = \$100,000	226 25%	210 23%	219 24%	123 14%	79 9%	45 5%	
10. Utilize fund balance	-Current total fund balance = \$4M -One-time use only which would not resolve ongoing deficits (equivalent to spending from a savings account) -This would require the district to short term borrow and incur an expense of approximately \$100,000 in principal and interest charges annually	265 29%	184 20%	239 26%	97 11%	59 7%	58 6%	
11. If necessary, should the district increase current <u>middle school and high school</u> class sizes from approximately 20 up to 28 as a means of saving money by cutting teaching positions?	- Eliminating teachers and courses would result in savings of approximately \$560,000	132 15%	107 12%	97 11%	266 29%	276 31%	24 3%	
12. If necessary, should the district increase current <u>elementary</u> class sizes from approximately 16 up to 23 as a means of saving money by cutting teaching positions?	- \$375,000 teacher reduction - <u>\$250,000</u> loss of state revenue (SAGE money is lost) \$125,000 net savings	232 26%	140 16%	110 12%	171 19%	223 25%	26 3%	
13. Should athletic participation fees be adjusted so the athlete pays any amount over a \$400 allotment paid by the district per sport per year?	- Currently, a varsity athlete pays \$80 per sport per year. Depending on the sport, an athlete could pay up to \$1,100 per sport per year. The district would save approximately \$65,000.	238 26%	108 12%	135 15%	156 17%	238 26%	27 3%	
14. In order to reduce costs, would you support independent, parent paid private clubs vs. school-sponsored sports competition at the <u>middle school level</u> ?	-Create private club teams and eliminate middle school-sponsored sport - The district would save approximately \$40,000.	195 22%	116 13%	175 19%	159 18%	233 26%	24 3%	
15. Should funding for co-curricular activities (i.e. mock trial, forensics, jazz band, musical,	- Current budget is \$14,000	434 48%	161 18%	104 12%	88 10%	89 10%	26 3%	

FFA) be reduced or eliminated?							
16. Should all athletics be eliminated?	- Current budget is \$300,000	474 53%	108 12%	120 13%	82 9%	85 9%	33 4%

17. In which community do you live?

Spring Green	Lone Rock	Arena	Plain	Other
390 43%	122 14%	150 17%	162 18%	78 9%

18. In which categories do you have children?

No Children	Pre-School Age Children	Children in Public School	Children in Private School	Children in Home School	Children Graduated
307 32%	76 8%	201 21%	30 3%	2 0%	348 36%

19. Are you a registered voter?

Yes	No
851 94%	51 6%

20. Do you have any general comments or specific feedback regarding any of the survey questions? (Additional pages may be attached.)

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Your Name (optional): _____

Thank you for your interest and participation in this important survey.

Upon completion of the survey, please hand deliver to the district central office or to any school or mail to the district central office using the instructions listed on the front cover of this survey. No postage is necessary. **The deadline is Friday, June 4.**

You may pick up another survey for your household at the district central office or any school or call the district office at 588-2551.

Survey results will be posted by Thursday, July 8, on the district website, reported in the local newspaper, and reported in other district publications mailed to your home address.

The Resource Planning Team meetings are open to all school and community members. These meeting dates/times are posted on the district website. We welcome your attendance and input!

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