Parent/Community Survey 2010

1. To help us better understand who is participating in this survey, please check all that apply				
		Response Percent	Response Count	
I am a parent at Millburn Central		56.3%	265	
I am a parent at Millburn West		37.4%	176	
I am a parent of pre-school age children		8.5%	40	
I do not have any children in the school presently		5.3%	25	
	answere	ed question	471	
	skippe	ed question	0	

2. I attended the community forum at (please check all that apply) If you did not attend either forum, please go to millburn24.net - School Board - Community Informational Meetings - for the information provided at the financial forum in order to have a better understanding of the questions below.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Millburn Central		30.4%	143
Millburn West		24.0%	113
I did not attend either forum		48.6%	229
	answere	ed question	471
	skippe	ed question	0

3. Millburn students participate in programs that are not required by law (non-mandated). The total cost of these programs is \$1,139,051 per year. All students in the district benefit from instruction in music, art, LRC, and technology at a cost of \$685,478 per year. The remaining programs involve various subsets of students at a cost of \$453,573 per year. Please indicate your preference with regard to short term solutions to address our projected budget deficits. I would be willing to pay for the following programs as outlined below, to ensure that they continue to be offered to all students: Art - \$129.62 yearly cost per student Music - 77.21 yearly cost per student Library - 134.34 yearly cost per student Technology - 85.42 yearly cost per student

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		55.0%	258
No		24.3%	114
Unsure		20.7%	97
	answere	ed question	469
	skippe	ed question	2

4. I would be willing to "pay-to-play" for the following programs and extracurricular activities as outlined below, to ensure that my child will continue to participate: AIM - \$331.01 yearly cost per student Band - \$653.08 yearly cost per student Choir - \$148.38 yearly cost per student Athletics - \$193.01 yearly cost per student Clubs - \$103.13 yearly cost per student

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		73.6%	345
No		13.9%	65
Unsure		12.6%	59
	answer	ed question	469
	skippe	ed question	2

5. In 2011-2012 Millburn will be facing a projected long term revenue short fall of \$1,600,000. The Board of Education is currently exploring options on how to best cut costs. Please rank the following options in order of preference from 1-6, with the number 1 indicating your strongest preference and the number 6 indicating your least preferred option.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice	Rating Average	Response Count
Cutting costs strictly through a reduction in staff with a significant increase in class size district-wide	3.8% (17)	8.8% (40)	16.3% (74)	24.3% (110)	25.4% (115)	21.4% (97)	4.23	453
Cutting costs by eliminating all non- mandated programs, combined with a reduction in staff	3.8% (17)	7.1% (32)	16.4% (74)	24.8% (112)	31.7% (143)	16.2% (73)	4.22	451
Cutting costs by establishing a "pay-to-play" system for non- mandated programs, combined with a reduction in staff	21.4% (98)	32.7% (150)	25.7% (118)	15.0% (69)	4.4% (20)	0.9%	2.51	459
Cutting costs by reconfiguring the district from our current K-8 configuration to grade level centers (e.g., K-5 in one building and 6-8 in another building), combined with a reduction in staff	33.8% (154)	21.3% (97)	17.6% (80)	12.1% (55)	7.7% (35)	7.5% (34)	2.61	455
Further investigation of the feasibility and financial impact of consolidating the district into one building	18.4% (85)	15.2% (70)	12.6% (58)	14.5% (67)	18.9% (87)	20.4% (94)	3.61	461
Increasing revenue through a tax referendum, allowing Millburn to maintain current offerings	20.7% (95)	15.5% (71)	10.7% (49)	8.5% (39)	11.1% (51)	33.6% (154)	3.75	459
						answered	question	471
						skipped	question	0

6. I would support a tax referendur for the next 5 years.	n in order to allow Millburn District 24 to continue to op	erate at curre	ent levels
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		40.1%	189
No		36.3%	171
Unsure		23.6%	111
	answere	ed question	471
	skippe	ed question	0

7. Please add additional comments/suggestions below.	
	Response Count
	257
answered question	257
skipped question	214

Listed below are the optional comments. Due to privacy issues, we have blocked out the names of parents, any parent contact information, any names of any children, and any teacher names.

Click here to view survey summary comments.