

**White River School District #416
Buckley, WA**

Budget Priorities Survey

As a nation, a state, and a school district, we find ourselves in a time of unprecedented economic challenge. Current projections show the State of Washington facing a \$6 billion budget deficit over the next two years, likely to grow as the economy continues to weaken.

The budget proposed by Governor Gregoire in December significantly reduces funding to all state agencies, including K-12 education. The cuts would require our district to cut programs, services and staffing by \$3 million dollars. The Legislature is charged with developing the official 2009-2011 budget by the end of April. Between now and then we need to establish priorities to guide the difficult decisions we, and all districts, will face in the coming months and years.

We thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important to us. The survey is set to accept one entry per computer station.

1) I am a ____ (select all that apply)

Parent of an elementary student currently enrolled in a WR school

Parent of a middle school student....

Parent of a high school student ...

Community member with no children enrolled in a WR....

WR administrator

WR teacher

WR classified staff

WR employee association rep

Elected official

2) I am a _____ (select one that applies)

Resident of Bonney Lake

Resident of Buckley

Resident of Carbonado
Resident of South Prairie

Resident of Wilkeson

Resident outside the WR boundaries

3) Budget Priorities

You will see a list of district budget priorities. Please order these according to what you think the district should work hardest to maintain during the next three years, with most important being 1, to least important at 8.

“Maintain the necessary resources for...”

Class size limits as per teacher contracts

Support for struggling learners

Professional development (ie: teacher training, new teacher support, professional certification)

Instructional technology (ie: computers, document cameras, smart boards, etc)

Instructional materials (ie: updated curriculum, teaching and classroom resources/materials)

Programs (ie: sports, music programs, theater, clubs, P.E., health, activities, etc)

Rigorous coursework (Honors classes, Advanced Placement (AP) classes, AVID, etc)

Hiring and retaining high quality teachers

4) We invite you to share your thoughts on White River’s budget priority survey.

Thank you for participating!