

PPS Budget Survey

List three areas you believe should not be reduced, restructured, or eliminated.		
		Response Count
		1,320
<i>answered question</i>		1,320
<i>skipped question</i>		464

Response Text		
1	Media Specialists Elementary buses IB and Gifted and Talented	Nov 6, 2009 11:08 PM
2	class sizes, school transportation, have buses go on main roads, have kids walk further to the bus stops,	Nov 6, 2009 11:29 PM
3	class size SHOULD not be touched!	Nov 7, 2009 12:22 AM
4	Support Staff, including counselors, media specialists, etc. Maintenance, repair funds, and other line items that keep the schools and equipment in working condition. Community education/enrichment	Nov 7, 2009 12:46 AM
5	Bussing - give our children a chance to get to school safely. NOT Teachers - Reduce supplies and stop paying for teachers luncheons and seminars that could be taught cheaper when asked to be more creative to get the message out. The whole state is hurting so get the most creative people - teachers - to get thinking how to share and still be proactively learning. Psychological staffing - we need them more now than ever as families struggle to survive and the children carry the burden within.	Nov 7, 2009 12:47 AM
6	Teaming at the middle school level band at the middle school	Nov 7, 2009 1:07 AM
7	Classroom instruction, extra-curricular activities (sports, music, arts, etc.)	Nov 7, 2009 1:29 AM
8	Keep cuts out of the classroom as much as possible. Keeping the teachers means keeping academic achievement (and the MEAP scores) high. That is our mission.	Nov 7, 2009 1:31 AM
9	instructional staff, instructional materials, support programs such as reading.	Nov 7, 2009 1:36 AM
10	Teachers, class size, and student opportunities.	Nov 7, 2009 1:43 AM
11	1. Specials: music, gym, art 2. Library 3. High quality of education.	Nov 7, 2009 1:43 AM
12	Class size (elm. + middle school)	Nov 7, 2009 1:47 AM
13	high school yearbook, high school class size, and benefit reduction	Nov 7, 2009 2:29 AM
14	Elementary Class sizes Reading Specialists	Nov 7, 2009 2:49 AM
15	1. I do not think transportation should be "outsourced" or privatized. Our elementary and middle school children deserve safe, quality transportation to school. Most attempts at privatizing school transportation in other districts has been disastrous, with the discovery of sexual predators from other states getting jobs with the private company, putting our children in danger.	Nov 7, 2009 4:21 AM
16	class size should stay the same,	Nov 7, 2009 9:52 AM

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17	counselors media secretaries	Nov 7, 2009 2:04 PM
18	Do not reduce teachers, reading programs in the elementary and math programs in the elementary Extra after school programs could be paid by fund raising and community donations	Nov 7, 2009 3:16 PM
19	1. The IB program 2. Academic programs that strengthen the school system	Nov 7, 2009 3:17 PM
20	Performing Arts transportation Foreign Languages	Nov 7, 2009 3:27 PM
21	class sizes, academic support (intervention services), fine arts	Nov 7, 2009 4:51 PM
22	elementary classroom sizes should be maintained!!!	Nov 7, 2009 4:57 PM
23	Elementary classroom teacher positions should remain to keep class size between 20-26 in each room; tech personnel; school transportation	Nov 7, 2009 5:06 PM
24	Transportation for elementary students, special education and costs associated with school safety.	Nov 7, 2009 5:56 PM
25	Elementary classes 2-5 top at 25; K-1 at 22 Middle school, high school top at 30-32 Keep arts, phys. ed and libraries at all levels	Nov 7, 2009 6:01 PM
26	staff, library resources, hire advanced degree holders so that they can teach various subjects and there will not be a need to hire individual teachers, for instance hiring people with masters of science like chemistry will also mean that they know bio too since they are the core courses. stop taking people who live in apartments since they do not pay taxes	Nov 7, 2009 6:23 PM
27	Elementary class sizes	Nov 7, 2009 6:53 PM
28	BUSSING!!!!, class size increase, art/music instruction	Nov 7, 2009 7:09 PM
29	Class sizes should not be increased.	Nov 7, 2009 7:34 PM
30	Theater Forensics Libraries	Nov 7, 2009 7:56 PM
31	Try to keep class sizes at current levels Preserve academic core Try to maintain some arts classes--athletics can be replaced with club sports, but choir, art, etc are more difficult	Nov 7, 2009 8:08 PM
32	Class size should not get any bigger. Extra support personnel in reading and math should not be touched.	Nov 7, 2009 8:14 PM
33	Anything that has to do with Education of the children should not be touched!!! This is non-negotiable!!	Nov 7, 2009 9:16 PM
34	Media Centers/Librarians Technology Maintenance/Custodial	Nov 7, 2009 9:16 PM
35	1. PE classes 2. Sports 3. Counseling in the middle and high school levels	Nov 7, 2009 9:38 PM
36	Do not lower wages/benefits for staff, do not reduce/eliminate any core instructional areas, including languages, minimize reduction in teaching staff as much as possible.	Nov 7, 2009 9:41 PM
37	do not eliminate arts, try to maintain staff number, do not touch IB/AP/Honors offerings	Nov 7, 2009 9:44 PM

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38	Do not eliminate transportation for high school. Both high schools already have middles schools next to them. So how many routes would you be eliminating? How much more congestion would this create (not to mention necessary parking spaces) during the construction at both.	Nov 7, 2009 10:18 PM
39	1. IB 2. IB 3. IB--This is a huge draw for Portage!	Nov 7, 2009 10:57 PM
40	Class size, teacher reductions, fine arts.	Nov 7, 2009 10:59 PM
41	class size at elementary level	Nov 7, 2009 11:11 PM
42	class size, foreign languages (any more), arts - inc. music, drama, band etc.	Nov 7, 2009 11:16 PM
43	Program offerings in performing arts	Nov 7, 2009 11:20 PM
44	I would hate to see the arts affected and sports	Nov 7, 2009 11:51 PM
45	1. Support programs like the arts, counseling, library 2. Keep class size small 3. Keep focus on core curriculum	Nov 7, 2009 11:54 PM
46	Reading Recovery ATYP KAMSC	Nov 8, 2009 12:01 AM
47	Do not want to see an increase in class size Want to continue to have the IB program and AP classes Music and Art should be preserved	Nov 8, 2009 12:03 AM
48	Transportation, class size or teachers salaries.	Nov 8, 2009 12:11 AM
49	Librarians.	Nov 8, 2009 12:28 AM
50	teachers, fine arts, bus transportation	Nov 8, 2009 12:34 AM
51	EFE Courses All Sports Employee Benefits	Nov 8, 2009 1:23 AM
52	Curricular programs including IB. Continue to monitor transportation for efficiencies, but no elimination at any one level.	Nov 8, 2009 1:44 AM
53	do not reduce teacher pay & benefits, but possibly freeze;	Nov 8, 2009 2:06 AM
54	Anything that directly relates to student instruction, which includes class size.	Nov 8, 2009 2:18 AM
55	class size, teaching staff	Nov 8, 2009 2:50 AM
56	honors classes	Nov 8, 2009 3:24 AM
57	Do not eliminate Elementary Guidance. Do not eliminate any Music or Art programs.	Nov 8, 2009 12:24 PM
58	Do not reduce individuals pay or benefits Reduce all other possible area before teaching staff	Nov 8, 2009 1:15 PM
59	buses, studies should NOT be eliminated	Nov 8, 2009 1:21 PM
60	Adequate number of teachers to keep classes - esp. lower grades - small enough for proper learning. Support for special needs students needs to stay. Transportation - as some families can't drive their kids.	Nov 8, 2009 2:07 PM
61	Staff	Nov 8, 2009 2:11 PM
62	Keep Honors Classes in MS and HS Keep IB in HS	Nov 8, 2009 2:41 PM
63	1) Keep higher teacher/student ratios in the elementary schools (or at least the lower grades of elementary school). 2) Science/ science labs ... especially in the middle and high schools. 3) Physical education and music... both help growth of parts of the brain that aren't stimulated in routine classroom settings.	Nov 8, 2009 3:07 PM

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64	secretarial support IB program - open to all whereas KAMSC, ATYP & E2 is selective; K-3 class sizes small	Nov 8, 2009 3:12 PM
65	Student to teacher ratios, especially in elementary grades, should be off the table.	Nov 8, 2009 3:12 PM
66	1) Personnel 2) Personnel 3) Personnel	Nov 8, 2009 3:19 PM
67	Class size, special education funding,	Nov 8, 2009 4:00 PM
68	IB and AP programs Music Sports	Nov 8, 2009 4:37 PM
69	1. Maintenance Workers-Keep who we have left 2. Price for high school lunch and parking passes kept same.	Nov 8, 2009 4:44 PM
70	1. Class sizes for general students 2. Funding for struggling learners	Nov 8, 2009 5:48 PM
71	transportation special ed classes employe groups	Nov 8, 2009 7:57 PM
72	In the classroom instruction. The art program The number of teachers	Nov 8, 2009 8:20 PM
73	1. Do not reduce classroom technology 2. Do not restructure classroom size at the primary level	Nov 8, 2009 8:30 PM
74	<p>Leave elementary alone. We have spend years ignoring everything BUT people/resources in these buildings when it is the foundation and I believe the source of many of our systemic problems. 26% college ready is nothing this district should be proud of and did not take root in our high schools. Wake up! Stay clear of elementary specialists. As a matter of fact, we could use a lot more of them! IF you are considering these as possible cuts, you should sit in on an intervention or two and then read the latest statistics on the number of OUR kids unable to read at grade level and who are continuing to be passed from one grade to the next! Inexcusable and I feel a violation of a child's civil rights.</p> <p>Moving sports to a more equitable distribution of resources by sport (not school) and pay-to-play makes the most sense to me in order to maintain our current program and calm the voices of disgruntled families who have accommodate this inequity too long.</p> <p>Finally leave special education and any resources for accommodations out of the cuts. We have a growing number of students who may not "qualify" for special education services and yet will need accommodation in the classroom over their Preschool-twelfth grade years.</p> <p>Do not eliminate funding on technology through our media centers. These will become the hubs for online learning opportunities we may no longer be in a position to fund in traditional residential classrooms.</p>	Nov 8, 2009 8:40 PM
75	Class sizes in elementary schools should not be increased. Sports should not be eliminated. PE should not be eliminated in the elementary schools.	Nov 8, 2009 8:46 PM
76	Physical Education, Music, Librarians, and Art at the Elementary level. The Elementary Class sizes should not exceed 25.	Nov 8, 2009 8:51 PM
77	Other than staff saleries, I think the band pays for itself. It is already pay to play.	Nov 8, 2009 9:21 PM
78	1. Class size 2. Transportation	Nov 8, 2009 9:25 PM
79	Elementary education, reading services, middle and high school athletics	Nov 8, 2009 9:28 PM
80	music & art, foreign language, counseling	Nov 8, 2009 9:28 PM

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81	elementary teachers, special education, elementary gifted education	Nov 8, 2009 9:37 PM
82	1. Transportation should not be restructured. It is important to get the students to school who would have no other means of transportation. 2. Classroom size	Nov 8, 2009 9:52 PM
83	The number of children in classrooms should not increase by 6 students.	Nov 8, 2009 10:04 PM
84	Arts/Music programs pupil/teacher ratios	Nov 8, 2009 10:16 PM
85	classroom instruction, classroom instruction, classroom instruction	Nov 8, 2009 10:29 PM
86	sports need some type of school funding	Nov 8, 2009 10:31 PM
87	Class size especially Elementary!!!!	Nov 8, 2009 10:43 PM
88	class sizes, class sizes, and class sizes	Nov 8, 2009 10:48 PM
89	1. elementary class size 2. staff salaries 3. media specialists	Nov 8, 2009 10:53 PM
90	Media specialists--they help our students learn how to use various computer applications.	Nov 8, 2009 10:57 PM
91	Arts, Music, Enriched	Nov 8, 2009 11:03 PM
92	Teachers -	Nov 8, 2009 11:03 PM
93	Classroom size should not be increased	Nov 8, 2009 11:08 PM
94	bussing, number of students in a class	Nov 8, 2009 11:10 PM
95	Transportation - definitely not! many families depend on this exclusively. Class size is tricky - hard to say what the tipping point is where size reduces quality. Please, please, please do not eliminate librarians. We need at least one per school.	Nov 8, 2009 11:17 PM
96	Transportation!!	Nov 8, 2009 11:21 PM
97	I believe we should do everything we can to maintain the current staffing levels of teachers.	Nov 8, 2009 11:21 PM
98	teaching positions guidance counselors technology	Nov 8, 2009 11:30 PM
99	Early childhood programs	Nov 8, 2009 11:38 PM
100	Class Size - especially elementary Leave teachers' wages and benefits as are - we need good teachers who will weather the storm Reading support for elementary students	Nov 8, 2009 11:44 PM
101	Elementary class sizes	Nov 8, 2009 11:46 PM
102	1) Education for ALL students. I hate to see the E2 program cut. I realize these students are at grade level and anything they get above and beyond that is extra, but these are our leaders of tomorrow. We need to challenge them! 2) Music & Art it is proven that children exposed to the arts do better in school.	Nov 8, 2009 11:51 PM
103	1) Core support for math, science and reading 2) KAMSC 3) Building maintenance	Nov 9, 2009 12:06 AM
104	Do not increase elementary class size.	Nov 9, 2009 12:15 AM
105	Teaching staff, instructional costs	Nov 9, 2009 12:28 AM
106	1. Do not make larger class sizes at the elementary level. This is not what's best for these students. 2. Do not eliminate or reduce the reading support staff at the elementary level. 3. Do not reduce or eliminate our special class teachers or the classes themselves (art, music, P.E., librarians). Some students really "shine" in these areas and need to have the opportunity to do so.	Nov 9, 2009 12:34 AM

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107	Any direct service to student. Do not eliminate positions wich include direct pupil contact.	Nov 9, 2009 12:39 AM
108	class size curriculum	Nov 9, 2009 12:47 AM
109	Reading Recovery Teachers Transportation Special Education	Nov 9, 2009 12:54 AM
110	Classroom size, IB Classes, Elective Classes	Nov 9, 2009 12:55 AM
111	1. Art, Gym, and music classes 2. Any assistance to kids who may be behind in certain areas. 3. Anything that directly relates to the education and safety of our kids.	Nov 9, 2009 1:23 AM
112	Teaching staff. Young Fives program. Class size.	Nov 9, 2009 1:28 AM
113	The arts - band, theatre, hands-on art courses School breakfast and free lunch programs Drug intervention programs & crisis training	Nov 9, 2009 1:35 AM
114	reading programs and library. We have benefited from both title one and accelerated - they have been amazing. I wonder the role of the reading specialists at the school. Could this be a "shared" role among schools similar to gym teachers? art and music: I would pay extra to have my children involved or be willing to donate materials.	Nov 9, 2009 1:50 AM
115	Class Sizes	Nov 9, 2009 1:50 AM
116	1. Classroom size. 2. Programs for gifted and special needs children. 3. Teacher salaries.	Nov 9, 2009 2:04 AM
117	Middle school sports. Cutting teachers jobs so classroom are bigger. Busing or replacing current bus drivers with privatized services.	Nov 9, 2009 2:15 AM
118	Teacher Salaries, Student-Teacher Ratio, Sports-Arts	Nov 9, 2009 2:24 AM
119	Art program should not be eliminated. Restructure drivers ed program	Nov 9, 2009 2:45 AM
120	Benefits, wages, class sizes	Nov 9, 2009 2:49 AM
121	TEACHERS, Counselors, did I mention TEACHERS	Nov 9, 2009 2:53 AM
122	elementary classes need to stay smaller	Nov 9, 2009 2:54 AM
123	class size, class offerings, specials	Nov 9, 2009 3:12 AM
124	Classroom size should not get larger!	Nov 9, 2009 3:13 AM
125	1. Do not increase numbers of students in the elementary classrooms. 2. Transportation for high school students should not be eliminated to and from school. 3. Transportation for middle school students with over a 1/2 mile walk to school should be reinstated. It is a matter of time before an accident will occur.	Nov 9, 2009 3:22 AM
126	busing to schools, full time custodians, & class size	Nov 9, 2009 3:46 AM
127	teaching staff class size	Nov 9, 2009 5:03 AM
128	music and band classes.	Nov 9, 2009 11:51 AM
129	Classroom size, Classroom teachers, and Special area teachers.	Nov 9, 2009 12:25 PM
130	custodial outsourcing; increases in class sizes at the elementary level; secretarial outsourcing	Nov 9, 2009 12:32 PM
131	Music, art, PE. and media at the elementary level	Nov 9, 2009 12:33 PM

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132	1. Elemenary Media specialist. With our focus on student learning, the library is the center of so much. We need access to these resources and to the experts in this area. 2. Elemenary Reading Specialist. 3. Encore classes: Music, Art & PE in the elementary schools.	Nov 9, 2009 12:44 PM
133	Athletics, transportation,	Nov 9, 2009 12:49 PM
134	lower class size in elementary keeping well trained staff	Nov 9, 2009 12:52 PM
135	Librarians Elementary teachers as it is important to keep class numbers low!	Nov 9, 2009 1:03 PM
136	Middle and High School sports programs	Nov 9, 2009 1:09 PM
137	Class size at elem level above 25, reading consultants, the arts	Nov 9, 2009 1:11 PM
138	instructional staff support staff business stff	Nov 9, 2009 1:21 PM
139	Do not increase class size at the elementary level!	Nov 9, 2009 1:22 PM
140	Any language, any music/drama, any arts	Nov 9, 2009 1:23 PM
141	Staff, Transportation, Sports	Nov 9, 2009 1:30 PM
142	high school staff	Nov 9, 2009 1:33 PM
143	1. do not increase class size 2. do not eliminate art, music or other non-academic classes 3. do not create pay-to-play situation without offering scholarships	Nov 9, 2009 1:35 PM
144	Arts, Gym, Reading Assistance	Nov 9, 2009 1:44 PM
145	EFE, math,english	Nov 9, 2009 1:53 PM
146	Reading Recovery, Reading Support, small class sizes 27+ students is too many at the elemenatary and middle school levels.	Nov 9, 2009 1:59 PM
147	Can be restructured but not elimated or reduced - Teacher/Student ratio, sports,	Nov 9, 2009 2:06 PM
148	core curriculum	Nov 9, 2009 2:13 PM
149	1. class sizes, especially in lower elementary 2. to extent possible, extra- and co-curricular activities should not be reduced -- they are often the source of terrific learning experiences 3. don't consider four-day weeks	Nov 9, 2009 2:26 PM
150	Teaching Teaching Teaching	Nov 9, 2009 2:37 PM
151	at risk programs, media specialists, transportation at the elementary level	Nov 9, 2009 2:38 PM
152	1. EFE/EFA- these courses keep kids in school and focus them on future occupations. 2. Llibrary Media Specialists and Guidance councelors. Students will suffer without them, especially in this day and age when technology is such a huge part of our lives and when stdents have more stress and fear of the future than ever before. 3. PLease Do NOT increase class sizes- it negatively affects education!	Nov 9, 2009 2:47 PM
153	Elementary class sizes Transportation for students Middle school class sizes	Nov 9, 2009 3:23 PM
154	Aid for at Risk Kids, Sports - Elimination, Phys Ed, Art and Music Elimination.	Nov 9, 2009 3:26 PM
155	Low student teacher ratios should be maintained	Nov 9, 2009 3:29 PM
156	Instructional Staff, Classroom Size, Classroom Materials	Nov 9, 2009 3:47 PM
157	1. Class sizes if you want a good education for PPS students 2. Reading support 3. Media specialists 4. The arts	Nov 9, 2009 4:02 PM
158	KAMSC, ATYP, Special Ed	Nov 9, 2009 4:23 PM

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159	The teachers (and support staff) are the lifeblood of PPS. Please do not cut wages and benefits so that the experienced teaching staff chooses to leave. *Special needs support *lower elementary provides the best foundation for upper level education please do not increase their classroom size.	Nov 9, 2009 4:27 PM
160	teachers	Nov 9, 2009 4:32 PM
161	Wages.	Nov 9, 2009 4:34 PM
162	Reading support Elementary class size Principals	Nov 9, 2009 5:06 PM
163	1. Transportation and child safety 2. Look at costs already paid by parents for sports and activities.	Nov 9, 2009 5:10 PM
164	Elementary classroom size should remain small.	Nov 9, 2009 5:11 PM
165	Elementary Librarians, Elementary Reading Specialists, and Elementary Physical Education	Nov 9, 2009 5:12 PM
166	Athletics, music and art. In addition to the standard 3R's, it is very important to continue these programs.	Nov 9, 2009 5:18 PM
167	1. Early Ed. intervention	Nov 9, 2009 5:24 PM
168	gifted programs, art, gym	Nov 9, 2009 5:53 PM
169	Computers, electives, drama departments.	Nov 9, 2009 5:55 PM
170	Teaching and administration staff if wage cuts can be negotiated from the teachers group (let the teaching staff decide if they want larger classes and layoff, or wage reductions and no layoffs.	Nov 9, 2009 6:29 PM
171	Elementary counselors. After school programs.	Nov 9, 2009 6:47 PM
172	keep all teachers and support staff, keep budget for school supplies,	Nov 9, 2009 6:48 PM
173	1. Should not eliminate teaching positions nor reduce teacher salaries 2. should not eliminate extra-curricular activities 3. Should not eliminate busing to any group of students	Nov 9, 2009 7:08 PM
174	para-pros, guidance office staff	Nov 9, 2009 7:08 PM
175	Reading Support Librarians	Nov 9, 2009 7:09 PM
176	Opportunity for extracurricular activities, tech ed, arts/music	Nov 9, 2009 7:19 PM
177	Elementary school counselors	Nov 9, 2009 7:25 PM
178	1. Attempt to save the International Baccalaurate option for high school students. We know of multiple family who come to PPS for this program who would leave the district if it were not offered here. While I have not seen the numbers, my guess is that it is actually revenue neutral, with at least as many students increasing PPS enrollment (and our state funds) as compared to the costs of the program. We would look to other districts for this program for our two children (middle and elementary school aged) if it were eliminated in PPS. 2. Keep the traditional 7 hour school day. It gives our kids the most options and consistency in their school day.	Nov 9, 2009 7:30 PM
179	Middle school sports MS and HS Guidance counselors	Nov 9, 2009 7:58 PM
180	Teacher benefits class size Title one services	Nov 9, 2009 8:00 PM
181	1. Do not increase class size 2. Do Not eliminate Middle School Help periods with teachers. This is the only chance certain at-risk kids have to catch up and to fully understand the material being presented. 3. Do Not eliminate reading recovery programs.	Nov 9, 2009 8:02 PM

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182	sports; transportation; special education	Nov 9, 2009 8:30 PM
183	class size- the priority is learning.	Nov 9, 2009 8:31 PM
184	Teachers Class size	Nov 9, 2009 8:31 PM
185	Any class which is considered basic education	Nov 9, 2009 8:32 PM
186	the arts, busing	Nov 9, 2009 8:32 PM
187	1. I don't believe that any existing programs should be eliminated if possible. If any programs do need to be eliminated, it should be done after careful evaluation, with the number of students in the respective programs being the primary criterion for the decision. 2. In particular, measures should be taken to minimize the number of teacher losses.	Nov 9, 2009 8:55 PM
188	Class sizes, Bus Transportation and we should not outsource any more jobs	Nov 9, 2009 8:57 PM
189	Fine arts, forensics, foreign language	Nov 9, 2009 9:07 PM
190	accelerated and remedial programs.	Nov 9, 2009 9:23 PM
191	1. Curious Kids--it is too vital. 2. Athletics. 3. Transportation.	Nov 9, 2009 9:23 PM
192	Do not eliminate choir/band/orchestra. Do not eliminate the IB program.	Nov 9, 2009 9:27 PM
193	sports, teacher salary,	Nov 9, 2009 9:28 PM
194	FOCUS ON WHAT IS GOOD FOR STUDENTS.	Nov 9, 2009 9:34 PM
195	Class size, internal school support staff (library) and aides,	Nov 9, 2009 9:39 PM
196	The HS classroom sizes are already too large, do not increase	Nov 9, 2009 9:51 PM
197	class size should not be increased special programming (art, music, pe) should not be reduced at elementary level	Nov 9, 2009 9:55 PM
198	Custodial, transportation, secretarial	Nov 9, 2009 9:57 PM
199	Appropriate class sizes should be maintained.	Nov 9, 2009 10:01 PM
200	class size, counselors,	Nov 9, 2009 10:05 PM
201	Pre-K opportunities like Young-5s. Language classes. Preventive maintenance of facilities.	Nov 9, 2009 10:06 PM
202	Art, Music, forensics.	Nov 9, 2009 10:06 PM
203	Gifted and Talented (E squared)	Nov 9, 2009 10:20 PM
204	teachers, middle/hs music,	Nov 9, 2009 10:35 PM
205	extracurricular music and musicals sports	Nov 9, 2009 10:40 PM
206	elementary class size elementary bus transportation (safety issue)	Nov 9, 2009 10:41 PM
207	Class size/ratio	Nov 9, 2009 10:46 PM
208	Teacher Pay, Teacher Benefits, and Number of Teachers	Nov 9, 2009 11:03 PM
209	keep small class sizes teacher's salaries should not be reduced	Nov 9, 2009 11:04 PM
210	IB program & E2 program - challenge best students and set us apart from other area districts.	Nov 9, 2009 11:11 PM
211	teacher layoffs, amount of students in elementary classes NOT be increased, nor in Middle School	Nov 9, 2009 11:50 PM
212	class size eztra curricular availability	Nov 10, 2009 12:03 AM

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213	Elementary librarian. Elementary class size. Elementary reading program.	Nov 10, 2009 12:05 AM
214	Class sizes, reading recovery teams and extra curricular classes (ex. gym, home economics)	Nov 10, 2009 12:06 AM
215	Reducing academic teachers should be the last resort. Work with the teacher's union to provide options and let them decide if they want restructured pay/benefits versus job losses. Advanced instruction like IB classes should not be reduced. Partnering with WMU, KVCC and Portage Northern where possible to combine student populations. These programs set the district apart from average. It was definitely one of the reasons we chose Portage ten years ago. Commitments from Portage to vocational programs should not be reduced unless they can be transferred to KVCC or to KRESA. I believe this is already the case.	Nov 10, 2009 12:14 AM
216	Keep as many current teaching staff as possible. Keep the Reading Specialists We should not rule out any option for delivery of service to our kids. .	Nov 10, 2009 12:15 AM
217	College prep classes, interventions in the early elementary years,	Nov 10, 2009 12:34 AM
218	Preventative maintenance on buildings. EFE programs.	Nov 10, 2009 12:34 AM
219	Keep art, music, gym and library staff.	Nov 10, 2009 12:40 AM
220	contact with students	Nov 10, 2009 12:55 AM
221	transportation, special ed,	Nov 10, 2009 1:06 AM
222	teaching staff, library/media staff, athletics	Nov 10, 2009 1:15 AM
223	There can be no sacred cows!!! In the future, present real numbers at all community meetings. People can't phathom the changes needed to save this kind of money so they still want to save "everything."	Nov 10, 2009 1:24 AM
224	1) KAMSC program 2) AP program 3) Language program	Nov 10, 2009 1:35 AM
225	Class sizes. Instructional day should be whatever is best for kids- not the budget.	Nov 10, 2009 1:43 AM
226	1. Support services for struggling, at-risk, or students with 10 or more absences, a GPA below 2.5, or who have failed 2 or more core subjects.	Nov 10, 2009 1:46 AM
227	class sizes should not be increased at the very least in elementary, minimally in middle school and high school, do not cut elementary media specialists, they are the childrens only real introduction to computers and technology as well as the world of reading.	Nov 10, 2009 1:50 AM
228	IB and specialized curriculum that bring in students from outside the district Drama and arts programs Athletics	Nov 10, 2009 1:52 AM
229	Teacher wages or benefits	Nov 10, 2009 2:00 AM
230	Music...my daughter is in a great band program at WMS and should remain vibrant. Encore classes should NOT be impacted. Busing should be maintained.	Nov 10, 2009 2:00 AM
231	student transportation, class room teachers, educational supplies	Nov 10, 2009 2:10 AM
232	Lower class sizes have been proved to increase student achievement so class sizes should not be raised	Nov 10, 2009 2:17 AM

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233	Curriculum, Music, Theater and arts.	Nov 10, 2009 2:30 AM
234	1. I do not support an increase in the class size at the elementary school level. 2. The district MUST continue to provide appropriate instructional support for students at all levels of the academic spectrum (i.e. best practice that includes interventions and reading support as well as E2 opportunities and Honors/AP classes.) 3. All elementary school buildings must maintain a media specialist.	Nov 10, 2009 3:00 AM
235	Core academics Media Specialists Encore Classes	Nov 10, 2009 3:00 AM
236	KAMSC should never be eliminated. It is the only true program for the gifted. We spend an enormous amount of money on those with LD in one form or another, and very little almost nothing on the gifted. People are already staying or moving to KPS due to the promise. Eliminating KAMSC would crush PPS in the community.	Nov 10, 2009 3:12 AM
237	Keep elementary class sizes as small as possible Do not eliminate librarians/media specialists - they are vital Do not eliminate Young 5s	Nov 10, 2009 3:22 AM
238	Core academic curriculum - Basic programs.	Nov 10, 2009 3:22 AM
239	Middle school music curriculum, foreign language offerings at middle and high school, special education	Nov 10, 2009 3:24 AM
240	Classes at the elementary and middle school level should not be any larger than they already are. We also need to keep our media center, art, music and physical education programs as they are.	Nov 10, 2009 3:29 AM
241	Teachers salaries Athletics Auxilliary programs such as music, art, etc.	Nov 10, 2009 3:54 AM
242	1. Books - It was a disaster when you eliminated math text books in the middle schools. I am relieved that Chicago Math has been dropped and text books are provided. Parents have still had to pay for language and art books/supplies. 2. The Arts are necessary for a broad and indepth education. 3. The Media Specialists/Librarians play an important role in the elementary schools.	Nov 10, 2009 4:20 AM
243	1. PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE CLASS SIZE AT THE EARLY ELEMENTARY!!!! Early learners NEED the best possible environment and are still dependent learners in so MANY ways! 2. Please realize the effectiveness/necessity of early intervention specialists like Reading Recovery Teachers 3. Please recognize the need for highly qualified special education staff in terms of Resource Room teachers and school psychologists, as well as the important roles that P.E., music, and art teachers play in the development/enhancement of multiple intelligences in children.	Nov 10, 2009 4:54 AM
244	1) elementary class size (particularly lower elementary) should not be increased, 2) maintain education for employment opportunities 3) maintain core college prep course offerings	Nov 10, 2009 5:03 AM
245	custodial care, media, transportation	Nov 10, 2009 10:47 AM
246	Teacher benefits Elementary Class sizes Teachers	Nov 10, 2009 11:11 AM
247	Don't reduce teaching staff or music programs or school transportation.	Nov 10, 2009 11:16 AM
248	Negotiated steps/wages and benefits Middle school Media specialists and counselors	Nov 10, 2009 11:23 AM
249	cursive textbooks	Nov 10, 2009 11:49 AM

Response Text		
250	Class sizes, staff layoffs	Nov 10, 2009 12:12 PM
251	Music, Band, Education	Nov 10, 2009 12:36 PM
252	Administration	Nov 10, 2009 12:37 PM
253	Transportation is important as parents work.	Nov 10, 2009 1:03 PM
254	class size, course offerings, advanced classes.	Nov 10, 2009 1:10 PM
255	teacher salaries and benefits; IB; seminar in the high schools--don't make all kids take 7 classes.	Nov 10, 2009 1:19 PM
256	I.B should not be eliminated. It is what sets our district apart from others in the area and makes this district an elite school. Eliminating this program would probably force some students to leave, it has been a draw and it brings prestige to this district.	Nov 10, 2009 1:20 PM
257	Athletics, Arts & Music, Teachers salaries/benefits, and transportation.	Nov 10, 2009 1:33 PM
258	1. Band-Music-Arts-Drama-Sports (ok to pay to be in it with scholarships for needy ones) 2. Support for special Ed and Emotionally impaired and disabled children. 3. Low ration of children per teacher	Nov 10, 2009 1:33 PM
259	Even though there is no statistical data that states secondary students are better in smaller classrooms, it seems to be pretty obvious that students do benefit from smaller class sizes. The more students, the less attention students as individuals receive.	Nov 10, 2009 1:36 PM
260	teaching support staff, teachers, curriculum	Nov 10, 2009 1:38 PM
261	BAND, music, arts, athletics (sorry, that's 4)	Nov 10, 2009 1:39 PM
262	Classroom teachers need to be maintained to reduce/maintain class size. As we all know- class size plays an important part in student success. Don't NOT eliminate classroom teachers!!!	Nov 10, 2009 1:41 PM
263	class size should try to be maintained if learning is our primary goal. services for at-risk and under achieving students should also be protected.	Nov 10, 2009 1:43 PM
264	1. Technology - keep up with the times!!! its important for the students to keep up on this to get out in the "real" world after HS!!! 2. Sports - MS & HS levels - its important for all levels of sports to keep kids active & out of trouble!!! (even if we have to pay-to-play - parents do this before the kids get into MS & HS - so if they want to play they will PAY!) 3. Day Custodians - we need our new buildings to look good & be taken care of!!! (I've seen that things are not being cleaned/taken care of like they use to be. The new night GR people - dont really care - its just a pay-check for them).	Nov 10, 2009 1:48 PM
265	KEEP TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES SAME, Keep office personnel, keep extra curricular activiites for middle/high school.	Nov 10, 2009 1:50 PM
266	Custodians Bus Drivers Support Staff (Maintenance)	Nov 10, 2009 1:53 PM
267	any core academic areas or support for core classes (i.e. staff designated to help improve literacy)	Nov 10, 2009 1:53 PM
268	TEACHERS	Nov 10, 2009 1:53 PM
269	I believe class sizes should remain low in elementary schools, as those formative years are very significant to future academic performance. I believe there should continue to be "special" classes (art, phys ed, music). I believe transportation should be maintained for all age groups.	Nov 10, 2009 1:56 PM
270	Students should still receive quality education/teaching in a reasonable class-size classroom. Necessary numbers of teachers and aids are needed to assist at the elementary level during the most crucial time of a student's educational growth. Sports/extra-curricular activities provided by the school...it keeps our students of all economical backgrounds out of trouble.	Nov 10, 2009 1:56 PM

Response Text		
271	Core education and services to the children (that effect them in the classroom). I definately don't want to see IB programs effected. We need to keep a high level of expectations for all children. We don't want to cut programs that begin a downward spiral for our schools that we can't recover from and begin to look like a small community school. We need to stay compitive when the kids go to college.	Nov 10, 2009 1:57 PM
272	See #7	Nov 10, 2009 2:00 PM
273	Keep Reading specialist.	Nov 10, 2009 2:00 PM
274	bus routes for elementary kids	Nov 10, 2009 2:03 PM
275	Band program in high school and middle school Science Olympiad Tennis	Nov 10, 2009 2:03 PM
276	ANY academic -related areas	Nov 10, 2009 2:15 PM
277	should not have 30+ students in upper grades, kids will fall through the cracks.	Nov 10, 2009 2:16 PM
278	1) Class size is very important	Nov 10, 2009 2:18 PM
279	Education for Students.	Nov 10, 2009 2:21 PM
280	class size, el. art, gym, music	Nov 10, 2009 2:28 PM
281	Primary Class size	Nov 10, 2009 2:31 PM
282	gifted and talented IB the arts	Nov 10, 2009 2:31 PM
283	the 3 R's	Nov 10, 2009 2:34 PM
284	transportation, custodial, and parapro	Nov 10, 2009 2:36 PM
285	band/orchestra/choir Librarian/library maintenance	Nov 10, 2009 2:37 PM
286	IB Language Programs	Nov 10, 2009 2:47 PM
287	ATYP E Squared Math/ELA + and Honors classes	Nov 10, 2009 2:49 PM
288	Band music (arts should not be eliminated)	Nov 10, 2009 2:53 PM
289	Band, orchestra, and foreign language	Nov 10, 2009 2:55 PM
290	Books & teaching supplies, technology, Physical education, security.	Nov 10, 2009 2:58 PM
291	We need to focus on the basics; reading, writing, science and math. Those classes should be readily available for the students. (Do we really need all those gym class offerings?) Athletics are important but only if they can be self sufficient... If they are losing money then the kids will have to fund raise more, pay more or eliminate the sport. Not every child is a college candidate. Let's get these kids prepared for the real world with practical classes like making a budget, cooking healthy meals. What are the statistics on all the EFA, EFE classes? Do those classes prove for a more successful college student/employee?	Nov 10, 2009 3:00 PM
292	Core curriculum is essential, needs to continue to be rigourous and delivered by competent and qualified educators. Transportation is essential for some students to be able to attend school. At least 9th and 10th graders should have access to transportation, as they can't drive yet and may not have friends to car pool with. Up to date technology needs to continue to be a strong focus in order to prepare students for the job market.	Nov 10, 2009 3:03 PM
293	Drama, Band and arts programs	Nov 10, 2009 3:03 PM
294	Small elementary class sizes, teachers benifits, and classroom budgets	Nov 10, 2009 3:03 PM

Response Text		
295	class size, specials (art, gym, music), E squared.	Nov 10, 2009 3:06 PM
296	- Class size -- do not look to this as the first area to increase -	Nov 10, 2009 3:07 PM
297	Teachers, curriculum, new building construction. Do not cut transportation for elementary students as they are too young to walk safely.	Nov 10, 2009 3:08 PM
298	Anything that effects the student.	Nov 10, 2009 3:09 PM
299	1. Class sizes should not be reduced. 2. Support programs for both gifted learners or those with special needs. In many cases the gifted learners lose out. 3. Extracurriculars such as sports and band. I would definitely support a fee to participate.	Nov 10, 2009 3:10 PM
300	I dont think that the sports should cost people this will just cause more people to leave Portage and go where there isnt a pay to play. High school isnt the only place to get noticed by college and the schools need to realize that, because families dont have any more money to give. Special education programs should not be touched these kids need the extra attention to become productive individuals and to progress to the college or labor sectors	Nov 10, 2009 3:15 PM
301	number of teachers, benefits for teachers	Nov 10, 2009 3:17 PM
302	car allowance for supt. credit cards for admin. the pay scale is much to large	Nov 10, 2009 3:18 PM
303	Music, art, or P.E. programs should not be touched.	Nov 10, 2009 3:19 PM
304	Spending on students education, resources for learning, library, computers, etc...support staff.	Nov 10, 2009 3:21 PM
305	Class size should not be increased. Encore programs (music, art, PE, etc.) should remain. After school activities should continue to be offered - I believe that this keeps crime rates, drug use and teenage pregnancies down.	Nov 10, 2009 3:22 PM
306	I would hate to see Art, Music, PE, eliminated. I would also hate to see Media and Counseling eliminated at any level. If absolutely necessary, reduced or restructured. I would also hate to see anything happen to the secretaries in the schools. I know the secretaries at the building I am at are invaluable!!! Are there any positions at the Administrative level that could be reduced, restructured or eliminated?	Nov 10, 2009 3:23 PM
307	Elementary class sizes	Nov 10, 2009 3:30 PM
308	Class size increase Basic curriculum Library	Nov 10, 2009 3:30 PM
309	Athletics -- I think we already pay to play sports ...we pay an athletic fee, uniform costs, & some sports have to pay for busing or have to carpool to get to events. For each child in each sport it is at least \$75 and sometimes up to \$150. We have kids from each sport and extracurricular group from PCHS come to our house selling or collecting to offset costs.	Nov 10, 2009 3:47 PM
310	1. transportation-the bus for morning is middle/high school. It would still have to run. Also my kids play sports. We already have to transport them to almost everything, so cutting more is ridiculous. 2. Pay-to-play. This will make the sports only for those who can afford it. It cuts out a huge segment of the school population who wouldn't be able to financially do sports thus creates a bigger divide in those who are accepted in the tougher universities who look at well rounded students.	Nov 10, 2009 3:48 PM
311	teacher pay,	Nov 10, 2009 3:52 PM
312	Sports should not eliminated but the cost could be subsidized by the parents.	Nov 10, 2009 3:54 PM
313	teachers, transportation, custodial	Nov 10, 2009 4:09 PM
314	Sports, AP classes, study skills class.	Nov 10, 2009 4:13 PM

Response Text		
315	quality classroom instruction, school security	Nov 10, 2009 4:13 PM
316	class sizes People/staff in direct contact with students Class/seat time in classes.	Nov 10, 2009 4:16 PM
317	Teaching staff Athletics Other extracurriculars	Nov 10, 2009 4:18 PM
318	art, music, gym. Elementary schools need to keep there class size and specials teacher. Early education is the most important.	Nov 10, 2009 4:26 PM
319	Gifted Enrichment programs Fine Arts programs Physical Education classes	Nov 10, 2009 4:26 PM
320	special education, FACS	Nov 10, 2009 4:31 PM
321	Core Academics Elementary Transportation Classroom Teachers	Nov 10, 2009 4:35 PM
322	transportation should NOT be eliminated- i pay taxes for my children to ride the bus!	Nov 10, 2009 4:41 PM
323	Please leave arts in the schools.	Nov 10, 2009 4:46 PM
324	teachers, librarians and support staff	Nov 10, 2009 4:48 PM
325	ANY educational area. If the area has a direct positive effect on the students' education, it should never be reduced or eliminated. Beyond that, almost anything is negotiable.	Nov 10, 2009 4:50 PM
326	class size (especially elementary)	Nov 10, 2009 4:51 PM
327	class size needs to remain the same	Nov 10, 2009 4:54 PM
328	elementary # in classroom special education	Nov 10, 2009 4:55 PM
329	Transporation should be considered essential. Health and safety should always come first.	Nov 10, 2009 4:55 PM
330	do not increase class size (eliminate teaching staff), keep middle school athletics and extra curricular activities and all levels of athletics (freshmen, JV and Varsity) at the high school level.	Nov 10, 2009 5:03 PM
331	Music Programs, Art, Counseling	Nov 10, 2009 5:12 PM
332	Basic teaching - 3 R's	Nov 10, 2009 5:15 PM
333	Do not eliminate extra curricular activities. Those programs are too valueable in the growth process for the student athlete, as well as the performing arts student!	Nov 10, 2009 5:17 PM
334	Special Education services, transportation, class sizes	Nov 10, 2009 5:19 PM
335	Music and gym classes...also reading help such as Title one and Reading Recovery teachers.	Nov 10, 2009 5:21 PM
336	Transportation--We don't need students running around the neighborhoods causing problems because they do not have a ride to school.	Nov 10, 2009 5:22 PM
337	special ed, Curious Kids, arts	Nov 10, 2009 5:23 PM
338	Number of teachers	Nov 10, 2009 5:24 PM
339	Class size should not be reduced. Athletic programs should not be reduced, or eliminated. Teacher salaries and benefits should not be reduced.	Nov 10, 2009 5:25 PM
340	art, gym, music	Nov 10, 2009 5:28 PM
341	Science and Math Funding Arts funding Special needs funding	Nov 10, 2009 5:31 PM

Response Text		
342	Academics Athletics Arts	Nov 10, 2009 5:34 PM
343	EFE programs	Nov 10, 2009 5:45 PM
344	Teachers or teacher aids. If class size larger less kids will get one on one help.	Nov 10, 2009 5:46 PM
345	The class sizes staying will be a key feature in keeping residents in the area, once class size is increased many families will look at moving their children to the outlying areas.	Nov 10, 2009 5:49 PM
346	teacher and education quality teaching tools and resources	Nov 10, 2009 6:00 PM
347	1. If you increase class size, you cannot ask teachers to take a cut in pay. Keep the staff levels, do not replace those who retire or leave. 2. Transportation - the proximity of the high schools to the two middle schools does not seem to make any sense when considering eliminating bus service for the high school. Plus, as the economy in Michigan declines further, less families will be able afford to have students drive themselves to HS. 3. Music/Art should not be cut from elementary education.	Nov 10, 2009 6:00 PM
348	specials (art, music, gym, etc), technology, paraprofessionals These are areas I wouldn't want to see eliminated, but I will admit to not having enough knowledge to say they couldn't stand for any restructuring.	Nov 10, 2009 6:09 PM
349	Discipline...accountability...	Nov 10, 2009 6:13 PM
350	Class size in upper grades Staff members Enrichment services	Nov 10, 2009 6:15 PM
351	The music department, orchestra, and the band	Nov 10, 2009 6:26 PM
352	Student teacher ratio School safety Technology	Nov 10, 2009 6:33 PM
353	staff transportation completely before and after school programs	Nov 10, 2009 6:41 PM
354	Core educational programs. Programs for at risk kids. Transportation	Nov 10, 2009 6:48 PM
355	Teachers Teachers Teachers	Nov 10, 2009 6:50 PM
356	honors courses, administrative support of data analysis (including outcomes of curricular changes)	Nov 10, 2009 6:54 PM
357	Health Education, Arts, Computer Science	Nov 10, 2009 6:57 PM
358	1) Teachers and their pay/benefits. - They are on the front lines and we need them. 2) Class size for core curriculum classes should not be increased (math/english/science). 3) Any services which disproportionately affect lower income students (i.e. Transportation, etc).	Nov 10, 2009 6:57 PM
359	Teachers and extracurricular activities. There is more to school than classroom instruction. IF you go to a pay to play system, you always leave someone out. Then you unfairly subsidize some families so their children can participate, when it could be breaking the bank for others but the family does not accept hand outs.	Nov 10, 2009 7:06 PM

Response Text		
360	Teachers should not be reduced and neither should instructional classes. The reduced or free lunch program should stay the same. I think class size should stay the same especially for elementary because young children need some extra help from the teacher. They are not as independent as the older students.	Nov 10, 2009 7:25 PM
361	Classroom teachers and paraprofessionals	Nov 10, 2009 7:27 PM
362	Just about anything can be at least slightly reduced.	Nov 10, 2009 7:27 PM
363	Elementary Counseling, Middle School Counseling and High School Counseling.	Nov 10, 2009 7:28 PM
364	Specials - such as Art, Music, Library, Gym and Computer Lab are critical to our students success, we should strive to keep class sizes as low as possible, work with the City of Portage to see if there are programs, fundraisers etc. that can be done to encourage people to move to Portage and or raise additional funds for our schools	Nov 10, 2009 7:33 PM
365	Class sizes and instruction. And the types of classes offered (honors, IB, etc.) Don't mess with the education.	Nov 10, 2009 7:34 PM
366	Teaching Staff, athletics, professional development for staff	Nov 10, 2009 7:37 PM
367	1. Class size 2. Technology 3. Librarians/art/music teachers	Nov 10, 2009 7:45 PM
368	instructional time and supplies technology teaching staff	Nov 10, 2009 7:47 PM
369	Teachers Media Specialists Counselors	Nov 10, 2009 7:50 PM
370	-teachers -extra curricular activites (sports) -field trips	Nov 10, 2009 7:52 PM
371	Absolutely do not cut middle or high school athletics! Do not increase number of students in classroom.	Nov 10, 2009 7:53 PM
372	Teacher benefits Media Services - keep our media specialists Elementary class sizes & middle school need to stay at their current levels, though high school may go up BUT NOT giving teachers 30 more students by adding another class.	Nov 10, 2009 8:05 PM
373	Teachers,	Nov 10, 2009 8:07 PM
374	1. Current teacher salaries and benefits should not be reduced. 2. School bus routes and the number of buses should not be reduced if possible. 3. The number of teachers should not be significantly reduced.	Nov 10, 2009 8:10 PM
375	I do not think that the IB program should be eliminated. We need to protect this program. This is what helps set the district apart from neighboring districts and attracts students.	Nov 10, 2009 8:11 PM
376	teachers pps employed staff transpotation	Nov 10, 2009 8:13 PM
377	Most important to keep class sizes low! Reduce the number of administrative positions not teachers that have a direct impact on student learning,	Nov 10, 2009 8:15 PM
378	Asking teachers to take a cut in wage and benefits; not awarding steps to teachers who have EARNED those steps; The arts - music and art classes;	Nov 10, 2009 8:25 PM
379	core classes.. Math, English, Science, Social Studies	Nov 10, 2009 8:26 PM

Response Text		
380	Music Programs Transportation Teacher Lay-Offs	Nov 10, 2009 8:36 PM
381	I feel there is always room for restructure and reduction. I feel the transportation dept does not need elimination, just innovative ways to reduce wasteful trips, purchase of smaller passenger vans would help in fuel cost for shuttling some of these single students to other districts.	Nov 10, 2009 8:38 PM
382	Transportation, yes Michigan is cold/snowy but parents need to take responsibility for making sure their child arrives safely at school. Pay to play for athletics ect.	Nov 10, 2009 8:42 PM
383	The band program at the middle school and high school levels should not be changed in any way. Funding is already extremely tight, and at the high school level, marching band and concert band have been pay-as-you-play for several years. Cutting any money from their already depleted resources would just make it harder for lower-income families to participate.	Nov 10, 2009 8:53 PM
384	Teaching Staff, Secretarial Staff, Class Sizes	Nov 10, 2009 8:58 PM
385	5th Grade Orchestra, High School Athletics	Nov 10, 2009 9:05 PM
386	number of teachers, health benefits for teachers, salaries for teachers	Nov 10, 2009 9:05 PM
387	Bus service	Nov 10, 2009 9:06 PM
388	teaching staff, custodial staff, secretarial staff	Nov 10, 2009 9:07 PM
389	1. class size NOT increased 2. teacher pay/benefits not reduced 3. Pay to play for sports, drama, forensics all xtra activities. Class fees for science, art labs, all textbooks paid by parents etc.	Nov 10, 2009 9:07 PM
390	elementary reading needs to remain despite Melanie Curdy's beliefs that Sylvan Learning would be more effective, keep class sizes as they are now, keep elementary special classes as is	Nov 10, 2009 9:13 PM
391	Transportation & Staff	Nov 10, 2009 9:14 PM
392	High quality performing teachers athletics at risk programs- social and academic	Nov 10, 2009 9:20 PM
393	Do not eliminate media specialists.	Nov 10, 2009 9:22 PM
394	Class size should not increase, transportation is necessary, programs for those at-risk of not graduating	Nov 10, 2009 9:44 PM
395	Eliminating Young Teaching Staff Class sizes Teaching Salaries/benefits	Nov 10, 2009 9:51 PM
396	wages benefits school counselors	Nov 10, 2009 9:56 PM
397	Teaching staff, class sizes	Nov 10, 2009 9:57 PM
398	Class Sizes Available Class selection ie high school courses Busing	Nov 10, 2009 10:00 PM
399	speical education	Nov 10, 2009 10:07 PM
400	Support staff-secretarial Teachers	Nov 10, 2009 10:08 PM
401	Athletics Fine Arts Club Activities	Nov 10, 2009 10:17 PM
402	Elementary classes should remain below 25 pupils	Nov 10, 2009 10:17 PM
403	any at risk programs- high school/ elem. lower elem. programs	Nov 10, 2009 10:21 PM

Response Text		
404	1. Class size 2. Class size 3. Class size	Nov 10, 2009 10:22 PM
405	Teachers, Class size, Athletics	Nov 10, 2009 10:23 PM
406	1. Class size-no increase! Keep quality instruction and continue the success rate by meeting individual student needs through manageable class sizes. 2. No elimination of media and tech staffing. These are highly supportive specialists who enhance student learning and materials acquisition. Do not cut the arts- student exposure to the arts (Music/creative arts, drama) enhances learning-research shows this. Phys. Ed. is health related learning-sensory motor needs are met through this experience. 3. No wage/benefit reductions-to remain a leading school system, we must keep highly qualified and experienced educators and support staff in place by being competitive with salary and benefits.	Nov 10, 2009 10:24 PM
407	classroom size, quality of education	Nov 10, 2009 10:28 PM
408	wages, class size	Nov 10, 2009 10:30 PM
409	teachers transportation support staff	Nov 10, 2009 10:48 PM
410	Arts & Music because they seem to be low priority already.	Nov 10, 2009 10:52 PM
411	Transportation Classes Offered Staffing	Nov 10, 2009 10:59 PM
412	Class size at the elementary is important for the learning of new skills pertaining to reading and math, these should be prioritized, advanced placement and plus classes are important,	Nov 10, 2009 11:03 PM
413	reading support at elementary level: reading teachers, library media specialists, reading para-pros. Counselors at elementary level	Nov 10, 2009 11:04 PM
414	sports,	Nov 10, 2009 11:13 PM
415	At risk services counciling young fives program	Nov 10, 2009 11:14 PM
416	1. Music / arts programs 2. Teachers' pay and benefits 3. The quality of programs that makes our district great	Nov 10, 2009 11:19 PM
417	1. class size must not be compromised; they are already too big, 2. arts programs should not be reduced; teacher benefits and pay should not be recuded.	Nov 10, 2009 11:23 PM
418	arts, teachers, benefits, day time custodians, secretaries	Nov 10, 2009 11:32 PM
419	Class size should remain the same	Nov 10, 2009 11:34 PM
420	class size, arts programs, special education	Nov 10, 2009 11:35 PM
421	arts	Nov 10, 2009 11:44 PM
422	Core academic classes (math, science, english, etc..). Please do not eliminate honors programs. Continue to seek options for privatization of support staff.	Nov 10, 2009 11:45 PM
423	bus transportation, sports and extracurricular or kids will get into more trouble if they don't have these outs.	Nov 10, 2009 11:55 PM
424	least staff reductions, schedule change, and special education	Nov 11, 2009 12:01 AM
425	1. Class sizes: please maintain the high standards that brought our family to PPS 2. Fine Arts classes: these programs are so important to development. (especially the all middle school Jazz band!) 3. Keep the Plus classes & High standards, again these are the programs that brought us to PPS.	Nov 11, 2009 12:08 AM
426	Art and music programs	Nov 11, 2009 12:12 AM

Response Text		
427	teaching staff, classes offered	Nov 11, 2009 12:21 AM
428	Class size. Library, Gym, Art, techonogy	Nov 11, 2009 12:29 AM
429	Band, Sports, Advanced course studies	Nov 11, 2009 12:31 AM
430	Class size is critical; I fear there will be major set-backs for some children if class size is increased too much. I hope there won't be an elimination of "specials", i.e. gym, music, art; this would be a real detriment to kids. Some children's ONLY exposure to some of these are through school alone.	Nov 11, 2009 12:44 AM
431	TRANSPORTATION INSTRUCTION CLASS SELECTION	Nov 11, 2009 12:51 AM
432	Teacher and other employee salaries and benefits Music and the arts at all levels	Nov 11, 2009 12:51 AM
433	Class size should not be increased, especially elementary or middle school	Nov 11, 2009 12:54 AM
434	transportation, students extra help, technology for students	Nov 11, 2009 12:56 AM
435	Music: Orchestra, Band Portage Northern has the best in the area.	Nov 11, 2009 1:01 AM
436	Media Specialists Core Adademic classes - math, english, history, science	Nov 11, 2009 1:15 AM
437	Advanced programs like IB and AP.	Nov 11, 2009 1:30 AM
438	1. Maintain small class sizes, 2. maintain focus on high academic achievement, 3. continue to support the academic needs of at risk children in any way you can	Nov 11, 2009 1:34 AM
439	Reading consultants IB program Support for struggling students	Nov 11, 2009 1:38 AM
440	curriculum building maintenance staff	Nov 11, 2009 1:39 AM
441	Teacher's health benefits, Support staff such as Title 1, At Risk and other Paras. Keep the young 5's program.	Nov 11, 2009 1:47 AM
442	Transportation to and from school,	Nov 11, 2009 1:49 AM
443	Transportation to and from school,	Nov 11, 2009 1:49 AM
444	same as above!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Nov 11, 2009 1:49 AM
445	Special education, music, arts.	Nov 11, 2009 2:11 AM
446	Class sizes, teacher wages/benefits, number of teachers	Nov 11, 2009 2:14 AM
447	class sizes and number of teachers	Nov 11, 2009 2:14 AM
448	money for core academic goals and resources. Update textbooks that are 20 years old.	Nov 11, 2009 2:19 AM
449	wages/benefits should not be reduced extra curricular activity should not be eliminated	Nov 11, 2009 2:20 AM
450	reading assistance, special ed/speech therapy,gym	Nov 11, 2009 2:22 AM
451	1. Teachers 2. Teachers 3. Protect advanced placement options for students	Nov 11, 2009 2:29 AM
452	media center, computer labs, gym classes should not be reduces or elminated and teacher positions, class room size should not grow	Nov 11, 2009 2:37 AM
453	Phys ed class size reading specialist	Nov 11, 2009 2:39 AM
454	Libraries Classroom teachers	Nov 11, 2009 2:44 AM
455	Fundamentals - math, science, reading Physical Education Existing construction projects	Nov 11, 2009 2:46 AM

Response Text		
456	Do not increase class size at the elementary level.	Nov 11, 2009 2:50 AM
457	English (reading), math, science, history Media Specialists and their instructional program EFE/EFA	Nov 11, 2009 2:54 AM
458	Athletics	Nov 11, 2009 2:57 AM
459	Music Art	Nov 11, 2009 2:58 AM
460	Middle school class sizes should stay small	Nov 11, 2009 3:09 AM
461	1. Teacher to student ratio should stay as low as possible. 2. All encore (art, woods, etc..) should be kept. 3. All athletics should be kept.	Nov 11, 2009 3:26 AM
462	1. Elementary classes and teachers should not be restructured, reduced in number per school, and certainly not eliminated 2. Programs for the academically challenged or advanced at all levels of the district. 3. Music, art, and PE at the elementary and middle school level (and music and art at the high school level) should never be eliminated and should be very cautiously restructured or reduced. For some students, this is the only creative outlet for them in the school day. The creative arts and music produce intelligent, well-rounded children. Do not place one more curricular burden on the classroom teacher.	Nov 11, 2009 3:31 AM
463	Cleaning, Instruction, Staffing. The cleanliness of our schools is important, as is the education that our children get, I think increased class sizes are not good for our children, but we need to do what we need to do to maintain a good education. I think a roving aid would be a good addition while allowing for less staff.	Nov 11, 2009 3:36 AM
464	1. Class size 2. Busing to school. Fees could be charged for busing, starting with busing to athletic events and extracurricular activities as long as the fee is waived for students on free and reduced lunch. Students still need to be bused to high school. It is wrong to assume that students have cars and/or that parents want their students to drive to school. By high school, most families have two working parents so it is not realistic to expect them to drive their students to school. 3. Support for KAMSC should be maintained. It is important to provide challenging programs for academically talented high school students.	Nov 11, 2009 3:45 AM
465	Do not reduce the wages of the education providers, the people who actually influence the students. We must stop this downward spiral that is occurring in the work place.	Nov 11, 2009 3:47 AM
466	Class Size (should not be any higher), teacher lay-offs (including counselors), Specials (PE, Music, Library, Art)	Nov 11, 2009 3:59 AM
467	Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Reading Support Staff,	Nov 11, 2009 4:08 AM
468	Building the new schools was a complete waste of money. Buildings can last if they are taken care of. How can Europe have 1,000 year old buildings but Portage cannot have a building last 40-50 years?	Nov 11, 2009 4:19 AM
469	Athletics is the last bastion of teaching kids the value of competition in the "real world." You should NEVER consider revising the opportunities for kids to learn how and why to compete every day.	Nov 11, 2009 4:20 AM
470	teacher salaries, educational materials, support for teachers (parapros, etc.)	Nov 11, 2009 4:23 AM
471	Teachers should not be reduced. They are the most important asset of the school. Turn the heat down in schools. It is SO hot in the winter kids are wearing short sleeve shirts. Stop sending home so much paper. Parents can view things on line	Nov 11, 2009 4:29 AM
472	number of teachers	Nov 11, 2009 4:46 AM
473	Teachers, Class Size, Benefits for teachers	Nov 11, 2009 10:22 AM

Response Text		
474	At-risk students Classroom size K-8 (High school only if additional personnel, i.e. paraprofessionals, are placed in classrooms) Any employee group who works in direct contact with students daily	Nov 11, 2009 10:59 AM
475	Reading recovery at elementary Level, Mrs. Rumora at Moorsbridge is Priceless!	Nov 11, 2009 12:28 PM
476	Science, math, art	Nov 11, 2009 12:49 PM
477	Class size, EFA/EFE, Media Centers	Nov 11, 2009 12:56 PM
478	Keep quality programs, AP, IB, etc.	Nov 11, 2009 12:57 PM
479	Class size should not be increased. The number of teachers should not be decreased.	Nov 11, 2009 12:57 PM
480	Busing because now a days a lot of parents do not have cars to take there children. And some parents just will not send there children to walk in the bad weather. The high schools should not have to share a football field and if they do it should be a nice one like Vicksburg.	Nov 11, 2009 1:03 PM
481	Athletics, transportation, administration	Nov 11, 2009 1:04 PM
482	Encore classes, teaching staff	Nov 11, 2009 1:05 PM
483	elementary class sizes should not increase, extra-curricular activities should not be eliminated, young/new teachers should not be laid off	Nov 11, 2009 1:11 PM
484	Class sizes should NOT be increased	Nov 11, 2009 1:27 PM
485	Teacher salaries and benefits, Educational tools and technology, Building maintenance.	Nov 11, 2009 1:28 PM
486	teachers (isn't that the mission to teach?), infrastructure, high school athletics, but should be pay to play	Nov 11, 2009 1:32 PM
487	Anything regarding the core subjects	Nov 11, 2009 1:53 PM
488	Teacher salaries, teacher headcount, gifted & talented student programs (such as advanced reading, and KAMSC)	Nov 11, 2009 1:54 PM
489	Teacher pay and benefits should not be reduced. The district is already looking at increasing class size and number of classes the teachers teach so teachers will be asked to do more without increased compensation. Lowering pay and benefits would add insult to injury.	Nov 11, 2009 2:10 PM
490	Class size availability of AP/IB classes Fine arts	Nov 11, 2009 2:20 PM
491	high school extracurriculars should not be eliminated	Nov 11, 2009 2:23 PM
492	1) Middle school/high school sports 2) Pre-school 3) Curriculum development	Nov 11, 2009 2:24 PM
493	Class offerings or Class size	Nov 11, 2009 2:26 PM
494	We would leave no stone unturned, evaluate everything!!	Nov 11, 2009 2:29 PM
495	there must be equal opportunity for kids to participate in sport and extracurricular activites despite income differences at younger ages, class size is more important you can't take away programs for the top students any more than take away for the at risk students.	Nov 11, 2009 2:41 PM
496	teachers salaries and benefits should not be cut, counseling should not be cut, gifted programs should not be cut	Nov 11, 2009 2:56 PM
497	Gifted & Talented Programs Academically Challenged Student Learning Programs Arts	Nov 11, 2009 3:37 PM
498	transportation	Nov 11, 2009 3:41 PM

Response Text		
499	We moved here (instead of Mattawan) several years ago so our children could participate in the IB program in high school. They are in 8th and 9th grade now, keep that program. Do not eliminate athletics, paying to participate is ok if you take into account families that can't afford the fees. When we moved here Mr. Perry was really helpful in helping us with some problems. Keep people around like him who understand how to get things done.	Nov 11, 2009 3:43 PM
500	Keep smaller class sizes. Keep honors sections. Keep KAMSC	Nov 11, 2009 3:44 PM
501	ask coaches to take less pay and have kids pay some to keep sports programs. Parents can carpool kids to games that would save transportation. Keep the IB program, one of my kids took the classes and he said it was way better than kids he is in school with who did AP classes. My daughter is going for the diploma when she gets to 11th grade. The foreign language is great- should start in younger grades	Nov 11, 2009 4:00 PM
502	1, class rooms sizes should not be increased 2. do not eliminate programs that help underachieving children (i.e. those with 504s, IEPs, and those that fall between the cracks). Also do not eliminate programs for highly intellegent individuals. We must accomodate all individuals regardless of how their mind works. 3.do not eliminate older, more experienced teachers who probably get higher pay to higher a less experienced lower pay individual.	Nov 11, 2009 4:16 PM
503	Anything that would decrease the effectiveness of classroom instruction.	Nov 11, 2009 4:19 PM
504	1. Music Classes (Band, Choir, Orchestra, etc.) 2. Art Classes 3. Drama and/or Speech Classes	Nov 11, 2009 4:21 PM
505	Class size should not increase. Special areas and counseling should remain in place.	Nov 11, 2009 4:27 PM
506	1. Music 2. After-school Sports	Nov 11, 2009 4:50 PM
507	There should be no cuts to academics or teachers. I don't want to have to buy my kids' schoolbooks but I will if I have to and the school can't afford to. I DO NOT want larger class sizes for any reasons. I have 2 elem students now and their classes are large enough and it's difficult enough to handle 22 kids in a class when 4 or 5 have special needs, or behavior problems. By increasing class sizes you'll push more people to charter schools with much lower student/teacher ratios and better test scores. Academics should come first. Maybe look at reducing music, art and PE classes to one time a week each instead of 3. The teachers could be shared among the different buildings. Kids could have a morning recess and an afternoon recess to make up for lack of dedicated PE time. That would also help give them a break and possibly improve attention spans throughout the day.	Nov 11, 2009 5:05 PM
508	Arts - band, choir, drama	Nov 11, 2009 5:39 PM
509	high school sports, drug nad alchol enforcement, primary classes	Nov 11, 2009 6:15 PM
510	Do not reduce, restructure or eliminate any arts program.	Nov 11, 2009 6:17 PM
511	Core classes need to be kept at all costs. Still need kids to be invovled in sports, and other activities. So may have to increase fees to play, but not dramatically. Still need to have some advanced classes for students to challenge them. Along with classes to help those who struggle.	Nov 11, 2009 6:28 PM
512	Similar answer to above: However, it probably should be said that academics should be a priority over other things. Definitely do not reduce the challanging classes i.e. IB or Advanced placement. Perhaps some of the vocational classes could be combined with the community college or with other high schools.	Nov 11, 2009 7:01 PM
513	Teacher pay Teacher benefits	Nov 11, 2009 7:03 PM

Response Text		
514	1) Music and art programs are critical to a well rounded education. 2) Core competency classes (English, Math, Science) must remain strong for the school system to maintain high rankings within the state. 3) The IB program is a great asset of the PPS.	Nov 11, 2009 7:05 PM
515	DO NOT ELIMINATE ALL OF THE TRANSPORTATION!!!	Nov 11, 2009 7:12 PM
516	Size of Elementary classes, reading teachers,	Nov 11, 2009 7:12 PM
517	sports - they are important for many reasons in development of children and it should be available to all children, not just wealthy. Some of the "clubs" or extra circular activities funded by school or state could be eliminated.	Nov 11, 2009 7:20 PM
518	Art, PE, Music	Nov 11, 2009 7:26 PM
519	Drug and alcohol awareness campaigns. Class sizes should not be made much larger than they are (certainly not as large an increase as was suggested above).	Nov 11, 2009 7:27 PM
520	See question number 7	Nov 11, 2009 7:36 PM
521	1. Maintain current ratio of teaching staff to number of students. 2. Maintain accessibility to county-wide programs (KAMSC, EFE, etc.). 3. Maintain quality and depth of high school instructional program/courses.	Nov 11, 2009 7:44 PM
522	I do not feel eliminating teachers beyond a reasonable level will help in the long run. I do not know where the areas would be but my current job is to find ways to reduce money without spending money to do it and every year our company manages to find millions. I would recommend asking for the assistance of a local Six Sigma Expert to guide school through the process to find the best ways to reduce the budget.	Nov 11, 2009 7:55 PM
523	sports, band, things that really make the kids believe that there something more than just study.	Nov 11, 2009 7:58 PM
524	1. Programs for gifted students and enrichment programs for students exceeding the performance expectations for their grade level. 2. Support services for at risk students 3. Elementary transportation 4. Elementary districting (since it was just done).	Nov 11, 2009 8:06 PM
525	Music, reading and writing and Language arts, Computer skills	Nov 11, 2009 8:11 PM
526	school media centers/libraries music programs	Nov 11, 2009 8:27 PM
527	do not increase class size (other than just bringing the small classes up to the average...and even this isn't a great idea). Class size is already larger than desired. We are losing students to Kalamazoo Country Day and Gagie already because of this.	Nov 11, 2009 8:35 PM
528	Number of Teachers Teachers Pay and Compensation Building Maintenance	Nov 11, 2009 8:41 PM
529	staff	Nov 11, 2009 9:09 PM
530	The IB program is outstanding. I moved here from Oakland County there is a long waiting list for IB there. I have gotten some really good responses when I am at the administration building. When we were looking for schools a Rick-think he was an assistant superintendent, took us around two schools. That he would spend his time on our family and was so knowledgeable left a lasting impression. Our principals at NHS have been great, first Mr. Lathwell and now Mr. French	Nov 11, 2009 9:34 PM
531	bands chorale orchestra	Nov 11, 2009 9:40 PM
532	class size	Nov 11, 2009 9:57 PM
533	the music program, the IB program, maintain the current variety of class offerings.	Nov 11, 2009 10:03 PM

Response Text		
534	1. Elementary class sizes should NOT be increased. 2. Do NOT eliminate librarians/media center specialists, music teachers, art teachers or music teachers. 3. Transportation should NOT be completely eliminated for any neighborhood, especially lower-income areas. We could offer fewer bus stops. Student safety and attendance are too important!	Nov 11, 2009 10:19 PM
535	1. Teaching staff 2. Custodial staff 3. Transportation	Nov 11, 2009 10:22 PM
536	IB, Gifted and Talented/Plus/Advanced classes, Media center funding	Nov 11, 2009 10:30 PM
537	teaching staff	Nov 11, 2009 11:38 PM
538	academic areas of instruction	Nov 11, 2009 11:48 PM
539	support staff, media specialists, classroom teachers	Nov 11, 2009 11:49 PM
540	IB Diploma program, Education for the Arts (EFA) program, Education for Employment (EFE) program	Nov 11, 2009 11:54 PM
541	Teaching Staff Salaries/Benefits to teachers The Daily structure of middle and high schools	Nov 12, 2009 12:11 AM
542	Hopefully the board will not outsource the secretaries in the district except through attrition. I think you made a huge blunder with outsourcing the custodians. Many of these families were hard working people that lived in the district and felt pride in the ownership that they took in the buildings. Currently the "new" custodians only do the basic on a daily basis (if that) with each classroom getting thoroughly cleaned one time each week.	Nov 12, 2009 12:16 AM
543	Do not increase class size and leave teacher wage and benefits alone.	Nov 12, 2009 12:29 AM
544	Librarians - a crucial part of the PLC class sizes should not be increased teacher salaries and benefits	Nov 12, 2009 12:40 AM
545	Teachers, special ed., Class sizes	Nov 12, 2009 12:41 AM
546	Classroom teachers--keep classrooms under 30 kids. Special ed Art/music-a small fee to cover expenses/materials is ok. no more than \$100 per family per year.	Nov 12, 2009 12:42 AM
547	Lengthen the school day/shorten the school year	Nov 12, 2009 12:49 AM
548	Elementary class size, middle class size	Nov 12, 2009 12:51 AM
549	Extra school activities (sports, band, drama)--if eliminated will be big trouble for our community! Better add some to the police force. To maintain quality education, 26-28 students is enough in a classroom.	Nov 12, 2009 12:57 AM
550	Media center/librarians, secretarial support staff at elementary level, technology, reading consultants	Nov 12, 2009 1:06 AM
551	Cut backs should support more resources going to classrooms (teachers, low student:teacher ratio). We can add back the extras (encores, specials) when the economy improves and there's more money available. Utilize the teachers currently teaching these "extra" classes wherever possible in classrooms and around schools in order to maintain their jobs.	Nov 12, 2009 1:11 AM
552	Good Teachers, Specials, Sports and after school activities	Nov 12, 2009 1:18 AM
553	Keep class sizes as is	Nov 12, 2009 1:37 AM

Response Text		
554	1- Manageable class sizes set Portage apart from other school districts, and provide a more individualized learning environment. 2- Free and reduced lunch programs, along with the emphasis on good nutrition, should remain. 3- The child care program (Curious Kids) is a life saver to our family and many, many others. This program needs to stay intact. I would love to see it expand to other schools. This could eliminate some bussing fees as well.	Nov 12, 2009 1:56 AM
555	teacher's salary, benefits, class sizes should NOT get larger	Nov 12, 2009 1:57 AM
556	Facility and facility usage outside the school day that can be reduced (cost for heating,cooling, electrical usage)	Nov 12, 2009 2:14 AM
557	The breadth of classes offered IB Program ATYP, KAMSC, Gifted and Talented at elementary level, Special Ed	Nov 12, 2009 2:28 AM
558	early childhood education	Nov 12, 2009 2:31 AM
559	1. Leave class sizes alone! Our kids are already struggling for teacher attention. 2. Books are critical. The library and staff must be supported. 3. Reading staff are essential to ensure the weakest students have a chance at success. We, as a nation, are poor readers. We don't need to grow worse ones.	Nov 12, 2009 2:36 AM
560	Do not increase classroom size, Continue with main sports/art/music options, keep safety and security a priority	Nov 12, 2009 2:59 AM
561	Lower class sizes in elementary Specials (art, music, gym, media specialists) Title 1, Spec. Ed, Reading support	Nov 12, 2009 3:00 AM
562	Class size should stay the same Gifted programs, especially in the Middle School should NOT be reduced	Nov 12, 2009 3:04 AM
563	Educational quality, Facility maintencance, your best teachers (those not pulling their weight).	Nov 12, 2009 3:24 AM
564	transportation,teachers salary	Nov 12, 2009 3:55 AM
565	keep low number of students in classes, keep honors classes, keep music	Nov 12, 2009 4:29 AM
566	Transportation:elementary, middle, high school Possible charges for providing transportation.	Nov 12, 2009 5:13 AM
567	1. If high school transportation is cut, I believe many high schoolers would use that as an excuse not to attend school. 2. If teachers pay or benefits are cut I'm afraid it will cause teachers to leave Portage or we won't be able to attract the best teachers. 3. school based music and arts programs	Nov 12, 2009 1:13 PM
568	1) Education for Employment is a must. It is a wonderful program and really impacts the kids. 2) KAMSC is a must. 3) IB offerings are a must. Colleges really like to see these kids challenging themselves.	Nov 12, 2009 1:49 PM
569	Transportation , IB Program, Senior Prom	Nov 12, 2009 1:50 PM
570	1. Do not reduce student/teacher ratio. 2. Stop the restructuring of any and all persons who support the individual school buildings - ie teachers, custodial staff, administrative support and building administration! 3. Do not eliminate areas of the budget that pay for any and all supplies that are essential for a student need to use everyday! 3.	Nov 12, 2009 2:44 PM
571	Maintain IB program Sports - make it a pay to play	Nov 12, 2009 2:44 PM

Response Text		
572	1- Class size 2- Employee pay/benefits 3- Again, transportations should be always be available but have students pay to ride if necessary.	Nov 12, 2009 2:46 PM
573	Wages should not be reduced.	Nov 12, 2009 2:53 PM
574	Instruction, security, teachers comp	Nov 12, 2009 2:55 PM
575	Library Arts	Nov 12, 2009 3:33 PM
576	Teacher Pay and Benefits (they are our front-line--most influential) Classroom sizes should NOT be increased....what are our ultimate goals--to have our kids TAUGHT well	Nov 12, 2009 3:43 PM
577	Outsource central office tasks such as payroll and/or human resources. Consolidate middle school buildings by eliminating the smallest (enrollment) building and only having 2 middle schools instead of 3. Offer retirement incentives to encourage a larger percentage of personell to retire each year.	Nov 12, 2009 3:47 PM
578	number of students in the classroom number of teachers	Nov 12, 2009 3:55 PM
579	The most important area is any school is quality instruction for students. I think that the biggest instructional asset in Portage (in addition to the quality teaching staff) is the IB program. Hundreds of students are served each year by it, and to great effect even beyond high school. So my three areas are: 1. The IB, 2. the IB and 3. the IB.	Nov 12, 2009 3:55 PM
580	Funding for books	Nov 12, 2009 3:58 PM
581	bus transportation	Nov 12, 2009 4:07 PM
582	Quality of education	Nov 12, 2009 4:21 PM
583	Media specialist	Nov 12, 2009 4:24 PM
584	Breakfast for Students, Media Center- Books, Curriculum	Nov 12, 2009 4:29 PM
585	Instructional Arts/Music Curriculum	Nov 12, 2009 4:40 PM
586	number of teachers, media specialists	Nov 12, 2009 4:41 PM
587	IB, Reading Recovery,	Nov 12, 2009 5:00 PM
588	PE Art Music	Nov 12, 2009 5:01 PM
589	Special education, reading recovery. By reducing or eliminating these departments this students will fall through the cracks as they did 30 years ago.	Nov 12, 2009 5:18 PM
590	Class size Gifted & Talented programs Band & Foreign Language programs	Nov 12, 2009 5:33 PM
591	Enrichment porgrams an acedemic things	Nov 12, 2009 6:16 PM
592	Middle School Athletics and Teaching positions	Nov 12, 2009 6:33 PM
593	Teachers	Nov 12, 2009 6:49 PM
594	high school music/drama/band; high school and middle school sports	Nov 12, 2009 7:22 PM
595	Elementary level teachers Elementary level class sizes Quality of education	Nov 12, 2009 7:41 PM
596	Scholastic Programs Computer Labs/Acess Security	Nov 12, 2009 7:43 PM

Response Text		
597	Teachers Core EDUCATIONAL CLASSES Transportation	Nov 12, 2009 7:47 PM
598	Do NOT sacrifice the children. Do NOT eliminate sports or extracurricular activities which help develop self-esteem, skills, and teamwork. These are all necessary for their futures. Partial contribution may be necessary; however, there should be scholarships so ALL have equal opportunity for success in the area of sports and the arts or whatever their talent may be.	Nov 12, 2009 7:51 PM
599	reading, writing and math and social studies	Nov 12, 2009 7:53 PM
600	safety measures, special education	Nov 12, 2009 8:13 PM
601	personnel class sizes should remain small	Nov 12, 2009 8:24 PM
602	Art, music or sports	Nov 12, 2009 8:39 PM
603	support of math and science center, honors classes, music and art (though extracurricular music and art should be paid by participants)	Nov 12, 2009 8:42 PM
604	English Math History	Nov 12, 2009 8:47 PM
605	Music, Physical Education and Art	Nov 12, 2009 8:47 PM
606	size of classes should remain the same.	Nov 12, 2009 8:59 PM
607	IB program AP classes Young Fives	Nov 12, 2009 9:12 PM
608	Classroom classes at the elem. level; Young Fives program	Nov 12, 2009 9:13 PM
609	quality education bus service (not contracted bus drivers) student safety	Nov 12, 2009 9:18 PM
610	Teacher-student ratio at elem./middle school levels Arts (music, art), phys ed at elem./middle levels Classroom assistants for special students/impaired	Nov 12, 2009 10:15 PM
611	Bussing.	Nov 12, 2009 10:47 PM
612	1. Class size should not be increased. 2. Classes for advanced or slower children.	Nov 12, 2009 10:54 PM
613	Athletics	Nov 12, 2009 11:25 PM
614	Teachers, instructional materials, programs such as art, music, and P.E.	Nov 12, 2009 11:33 PM
615	Core curricula should not be reduced. • Math • Science • Language arts • Reading comprehension Curricula that is preparing for a global market place • Computer sciences • Technology preparation IB type classes • Industrial technologies (drafting)	Nov 13, 2009 12:02 AM
616	1. High school sports and extra-curricular activities such as band, clubs, drama etc. are essential to the morale of the students and community.	Nov 13, 2009 12:05 AM
617	Try to limit layoffs of teachers	Nov 13, 2009 12:05 AM
618	Class sizes. Curriculum. Hours in a school day.	Nov 13, 2009 12:06 AM
619	1. Spanish should be retained. It is a strong part of the global community. 2. The reading program in elementary. My two children were both participants and it helped them overcome their reading issues. 3. The alternative high school should not have any funding reduced.	Nov 13, 2009 12:26 AM

Response Text		
620	reduction of teaching staff	Nov 13, 2009 12:56 AM
621	Transportation, Staff wages, Staff Benefits	Nov 13, 2009 1:04 AM
622	do not hold the teachers, classroom and general transportation for ransom or use elimination of it as a scare tactic, it just makes you look bad. do not reduce the fine arts budget do not put our children/classroom at risk especially while we remain administratively overloaded	Nov 13, 2009 1:20 AM
623	Classroom, instructional staff.	Nov 13, 2009 1:27 AM
624	Class size. Core curriculum. Quality of staff and teachers.	Nov 13, 2009 1:45 AM
625	CUSTODIANS BUS DRIVERS SPECIAL ED CLASSES	Nov 13, 2009 1:59 AM
626	Transportation Sports	Nov 13, 2009 2:09 AM
627	Honors classes, keep KAMSC, maintain current class sizes.	Nov 13, 2009 2:09 AM
628	1. Do not eliminate programs that are working or filling a niche not available elsewhere without looking at the data around effectiveness. Do look at offering those programs more effectively, ie. more efficient travel to those programs (How many kids actually ride the mid-day KAMSC bus - how about a suburban or van that includes Vicksburg/Schoolcraft kids?), asking for retirements of staff, then contracting back if they are still needed/effective. These programs would include things such as EFA, EFE, ATYP, KAMSC. IB needs to be evaluated for cost/effectiveness. Take a look at the AP/IB scores, college credits earned for these kids versus others. 2. Look to more regional collaboration to maintain the effective programs - share positions with the smaller districts via distance learning, open these classes with low enrollment to other districts, utilize on-line learning, coordinate with WMU/KVCC to offer higher level courses using their staff and offer dual credit for the kids, think outside of the box..... 3. Do not reduce teaching staff at the elementary. Research shows class sizes in lower elementary are significant. Over 22 begins to have an effect on student achievement. 4. Do not reduce professional development - our teachers need to remain current and well versed in research based best practice - especially given the need to reform high school practices such as grading, reporting, moving toward standards-driven curriculum. If anything, we need more support in the curricular areas for staff.	Nov 13, 2009 2:35 AM
629	Communication is critical in times of crisis. Don't cut cable access! Don't hurt Community High School.	Nov 13, 2009 2:40 AM
630	programs for non-achievers humanities encouragement for students to do well	Nov 13, 2009 2:42 AM
631	Teachers - reduced[eliminated Sports - teams eliminated class size is a plus for learning environment	Nov 13, 2009 2:58 AM
632	Early childhood and elementary classrooms should stay small in class size.	Nov 13, 2009 3:29 AM
633	libraries, teaching staff, support staff	Nov 13, 2009 3:32 AM
634	elective courses-- art, music, foreign languages, drama, IB, AP, etc. Young Fives program	Nov 13, 2009 3:40 AM
635	Availability of music and arts programs in the schools	Nov 13, 2009 6:18 AM
636	Special education, reading support programs such as reading recovery; remedial tutoring is a must in any system.	Nov 13, 2009 11:32 AM

Response Text		
637	arts, sports,	Nov 13, 2009 11:36 AM
638	busing, arts/performing arts	Nov 13, 2009 12:02 PM
639	Special education Music and arts	Nov 13, 2009 1:01 PM
640	1. Teaching Staff 2. Academic focused clubs 3. Educational Support staff	Nov 13, 2009 1:56 PM
641	Music, Art, Physical Education	Nov 13, 2009 2:05 PM
642	Elementary school student transportation. School meals.	Nov 13, 2009 2:46 PM
643	Still try to keep cuts as far away from the basic instructional program that you can, but I don't think 28 kids in a 5th grade class is unreasonable.	Nov 13, 2009 2:46 PM
644	High school programs that benefit very few. Transportation survey indicating exactly how many students depend on buses for transportation. Seems a lot of parents are transporting students already.	Nov 13, 2009 2:48 PM
645	Core areas such as English, math, science, history EFA/EFE Programs Media Specialists and their instructional curriculum/contact time with students	Nov 13, 2009 2:50 PM
646	Athletic Programs, Kalamazoo Math/Science, ATYP, middle school band/athletic programs	Nov 13, 2009 2:51 PM
647	i don't believe there is any area that cannot be reduced.	Nov 13, 2009 3:20 PM
648	not increased class sizes not decrease teachers wages	Nov 13, 2009 3:30 PM
649	Class ratio size, too important for learning Present salary/benefits, business does not offer less (just no increases), curriculum (main focus of schools), eliminate school payments for coaching - financed by participants	Nov 13, 2009 3:34 PM
650	I do not support eliminating transportation to economically disadvantaged areas of the community, as well as elimination of access to free (or scholarship supported) physical fitness activities at school. I would not support increasing the number of kids in middle school or high school classes. This would compromise the ability of the teacher to manage the class, and the learning of kids who need more individualized attention. Please do not reduce the EFA/EFE programs - based on our family's experience, they help kids get career jobs. What if high schools could increase collaboration with businesses to work/learn, with businesses offsetting some of these costs? For example, a child could be trained as a nurses aide or paralegal and actually work in a facility/firm one day a week with the facility/firm paying the costs. What about more on-line classes like the colleges offer.	Nov 13, 2009 3:54 PM
651	Please do not go to pay-for-play. We would end up with an even more glaring gap between kids with money and kids without. Sports is too beneficial to kids psychologically and socially to make it off-limits to those who can't afford it. It seems punitive.	Nov 13, 2009 3:54 PM
652	transportation, teachers	Nov 13, 2009 3:56 PM
653	1) Athletics 2) IB Program 3) Class Size	Nov 13, 2009 3:58 PM
654	support staff	Nov 13, 2009 4:07 PM
655	Eliminate or reduce sports before instruction changes are made	Nov 13, 2009 4:08 PM
656	Counseling services -- if you don't handle it now, the community will suffer later. Offer alternatives to outsourcing -- before outsourcing happens.	Nov 13, 2009 4:17 PM
657	Rethink the basic education of students and reinforce those areas - math, reading and critical thinking skills, verbal and written communication skills	Nov 13, 2009 4:20 PM
658	AP and IB Classes in the High Schools - maybe a tuition surcharge.	Nov 13, 2009 4:22 PM
659	Band Program, Counseling positions at HS level,	Nov 13, 2009 4:40 PM

Response Text		
660	quality of education programs	Nov 13, 2009 4:56 PM
661	teacehr & Support salaries, teacher and support staff benefits, Class size	Nov 13, 2009 4:58 PM
662	Staffing should not be reduced to such a level that the classroom becomes ineffective, elimination of bussing would create a safety concern, sports programs	Nov 13, 2009 5:01 PM
663	Varsity and JV sports, academics, class sizes.	Nov 13, 2009 5:04 PM
664	Education Staff, Wages, Benefits	Nov 13, 2009 5:05 PM
665	certified staff, parapros, transportation	Nov 13, 2009 5:07 PM
666	teachers, bus drivers, food service, custodians...I want clean buildings, safe transportation, healthy meals, and staffed classrooms for our kids	Nov 13, 2009 5:08 PM
667	Teachers, Busing, teaching assistants	Nov 13, 2009 5:08 PM
668	Teacher pay, Number of Teachers, anything with direct effect on students.	Nov 13, 2009 5:14 PM
669	Teacher salary, classroom resources, benefits for teachers and other school staff (not administration)	Nov 13, 2009 5:14 PM
670	class size, staff layoff	Nov 13, 2009 5:16 PM
671	Middle school and high school sports, transportation	Nov 13, 2009 5:28 PM
672	teacher cuts or layoffs classroom supplies field trips	Nov 13, 2009 5:31 PM
673	Teaching staff, class size	Nov 13, 2009 5:33 PM
674	teaching staff, wages, support staff	Nov 13, 2009 5:35 PM
675	teacher wages, # of teachers, class size	Nov 13, 2009 5:39 PM
676	Teacher and support staff salaries or benefits	Nov 13, 2009 5:43 PM
677	Teacher salaries, numbers and benefits Class sizes must not be increases.	Nov 13, 2009 5:46 PM
678	teacher salaries, support staff salaries, class sizes kept at least as low as they are currently	Nov 13, 2009 5:51 PM
679	Athletics - very small % of total budget. Has biggest influence on many kids growing up.	Nov 13, 2009 5:51 PM
680	Physical education, fine arts, and class sizes.	Nov 13, 2009 5:57 PM
681	Teacher pay, class sizes, athletics	Nov 13, 2009 5:59 PM
682	honors, KAMSC	Nov 13, 2009 6:00 PM
683	art, music, physical education	Nov 13, 2009 6:01 PM
684	Media Specialists Reading Consultants Classroom instructional staff	Nov 13, 2009 6:10 PM
685	Class size Teachers Extra aid for those special needs children	Nov 13, 2009 6:14 PM
686	Teachers' and other parties that have forgone salary increases in the past in order to maintain benefit levels-their benefits and salaries should not be cut. For goodness sake, teachers are professionals already paying for their continuing education to maintain their certificates.	Nov 13, 2009 6:16 PM
687	Class sizes # of teachers	Nov 13, 2009 6:16 PM
688	instructional programs; reading recovery,	Nov 13, 2009 6:23 PM
689	Salaries and benefits of staff Class sizes should remain lower - better learning takes place then.	Nov 13, 2009 6:24 PM
690	teaching staff, sports, and programs	Nov 13, 2009 6:26 PM

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691	staffing levels quality of education	Nov 13, 2009 6:33 PM
692	Class size in 1st and foremost Technology is important but not at cost of student to teacher ratio	Nov 13, 2009 6:40 PM
693	early childhood education, class size	Nov 13, 2009 6:41 PM
694	Salary and benefits for teachers and support staff.	Nov 13, 2009 6:41 PM
695	sports three R's instruction music & art	Nov 13, 2009 6:44 PM
696	Teacher pay, benefits, and class size.	Nov 13, 2009 6:45 PM
697	teachers, class size- keep small, curriculum	Nov 13, 2009 6:47 PM
698	class size, number of staff and support staff should be maintained.	Nov 13, 2009 7:00 PM
699	We should evaluate what we need to be a healthy and marketable school. Then, we need to find funding strategies and engage those involved to help find a path for success. Anything that falls outside those priorities should be eliminated or offered to groups to find way to provide the programs.	Nov 13, 2009 7:06 PM
700	arts, at-risk, class size	Nov 13, 2009 7:07 PM
701	Do not eliminate buses for elementary school children which would create dangerous walking situations. How do you expect high school kids who don't drive or don't have a car to get to school if you cut their transportation?	Nov 13, 2009 7:07 PM
702	Do not increase class sizes. Continue to offer the same variety of classes for students to ensure a well-rounded education. Providing students with opportunities should be the #1 priority of schools.	Nov 13, 2009 7:11 PM
703	acedemics	Nov 13, 2009 7:16 PM
704	Teachers, class size, classroom supplies	Nov 13, 2009 7:19 PM
705	Teachers Paraprofessionals Transportation	Nov 13, 2009 7:21 PM
706	Teachers Sports programs in the Middle School Art	Nov 13, 2009 7:24 PM
707	1.) elementary class size should not be increased, these are the most important years to get personal attention/intervention of teacher 2.) teacher salaries should not be cut, as they already make far less than those employed in the business sector 3.) new teachers should be retained, not laid off. Young blood is vital to the energy of the organization 3.)	Nov 13, 2009 7:27 PM
708	no reduction in pay for teachers, keep insurance	Nov 13, 2009 7:29 PM
709	Teachers Athletics Transportation-school	Nov 13, 2009 7:31 PM
710	Exploratory classes, staffing, class size	Nov 13, 2009 7:31 PM
711	class size	Nov 13, 2009 7:35 PM
712	Teachers, Transportation, and Wages/Benefits	Nov 13, 2009 7:36 PM
713	Non-MEAP/MME classes and enrichments for all:art, music, industrial arts... Salaries:employees shouldn't have to pay themselves. AP classes	Nov 13, 2009 7:38 PM
714	No contract concessions or freezes. Michigan should not be in a race to the bottom for salaries and benefits. If you have to lay off then do so. Pay well for the people you have!!	Nov 13, 2009 7:40 PM

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715	Make it work so you can hire more teachers so people will stop leaving our state!!!	Nov 13, 2009 7:47 PM
716	Personnel- we rely on a low student-teacher ratio for the highest quality instruction that we can achieve, art and music	Nov 13, 2009 7:48 PM
717	teacher's salary class size reduction of teachers	Nov 13, 2009 7:48 PM
718	High School Sports	Nov 13, 2009 7:49 PM
719	studnets are the futre-teaching staff should not be reduced the teacher student ratio needs to stay low to help ensure the quality education that leads to successful lives. The younger generation of teachers should be kept because they have the cutting edge on the latest teaching techniques, therefore offering a retirement encentive could be cost effective.	Nov 13, 2009 8:01 PM
720	do not eliminate middle school sports	Nov 13, 2009 8:38 PM
721	Special Education - these kids have it hard as it is Art,Music, Gym - Very important Reading Recovery - our schools are great helping kids learn to read and succeed	Nov 13, 2009 8:41 PM
722	curriculum materials teaching staff professional development	Nov 13, 2009 8:46 PM
723	Any area that directly impacts students, such as teachers.	Nov 13, 2009 8:49 PM
724	Custodial services Par-professional support service Kitchen support service	Nov 13, 2009 9:03 PM
725	I think it is important to keep the transportation programs at the High school level, accidents and traffic are bad enough without the need for additional parents and children driving to and from school. I think that many of the current sports programs are important to a lot of kids and an effort needs to be made by everyone to keep them.	Nov 13, 2009 9:11 PM
726	elementary computer labs band, choir sports, especially middle school--should be rec. not travel	Nov 13, 2009 9:12 PM
727	Class sizes (they are too big already), extras (such as art, music, Pys Ed), Para-pros to help in the classes.	Nov 13, 2009 9:16 PM
728	number of teachers, supplies, special programs for special needs	Nov 13, 2009 9:25 PM
729	no increase to elementary class sizes,	Nov 13, 2009 9:26 PM
730	Considering financial crisis, we need to tie togher whatever dicision is made by specialists in the near future....	Nov 13, 2009 9:28 PM
731	counceling departments in any school, elementary class size	Nov 13, 2009 9:31 PM
732	1. Teacher's jobs not eliminated 2. Class size no more than 25. 3. Art, gym, music, counsellors not eliminated	Nov 13, 2009 9:44 PM
733	Class size, variety of classes offered, athletic/drama/music/art programs	Nov 13, 2009 10:07 PM
734	Teacher salaries Teacher benefits Class size in elementary schools	Nov 13, 2009 10:38 PM
735	I do not believe in increasing class sizes or cutting teachers.	Nov 13, 2009 10:44 PM
736	reading, writing & arithmetic	Nov 13, 2009 10:50 PM
737	class size	Nov 13, 2009 10:58 PM
738	The most important reason(s) for schools is to EDUCATE students, using WELL-TRAINED staff, in a safe environment.	Nov 13, 2009 11:03 PM
739	teaching staff; elementary classrooms less than 22-23;	Nov 13, 2009 11:04 PM
740	1. Athletics 2. Fine Arts	Nov 13, 2009 11:12 PM

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741	Teaching staff Support staff Anything that would have a negative impact on student achievement	Nov 13, 2009 11:21 PM
742	Classroom size, reduction in staff if possible	Nov 13, 2009 11:31 PM
743	Support staff (paraprofessionals, custodial, secretaries, technology) compensation - many of them are full-time staff but don't get benefits, many others are paid less than teachers for more or less comparable hours and workload.	Nov 13, 2009 11:37 PM
744	Physical Education Music	Nov 13, 2009 11:37 PM
745	Teacher salaries, teacher benefits, student class size	Nov 13, 2009 11:59 PM
746	Not sure	Nov 14, 2009 12:05 AM
747	Reading Department Class Sizes/Staff support Reducing the amount of transportation stop and extend walking distance	Nov 14, 2009 12:08 AM
748	At risk programming Teacher benefit packages	Nov 14, 2009 12:15 AM
749	sports number of students per classroom	Nov 14, 2009 12:25 AM
750	Student teacher ratios reading support math support	Nov 14, 2009 12:28 AM
751	Classes required by the Michigan Merit Curriculum and those classes that support it. Early intervention programs such as reading specialists for the elementary schools	Nov 14, 2009 12:38 AM
752	I'm not an educator but coming from a school that had huge budget problems in the late 70's, they figured it out and we all survived! You can do it to. Everyone will have to sacrifice. EVERYONE!!!	Nov 14, 2009 12:46 AM
753	teachers	Nov 14, 2009 1:05 AM
754	Early elementary class sizes especially should be maintained at low numbers. Teachers' salaries/benefits should not be reduced. Athletics, band, and foreign language programs need to remain in place.	Nov 14, 2009 1:09 AM
755	No higher class sizes in the middle school and high school.	Nov 14, 2009 1:22 AM
756	teachers and intervention programs	Nov 14, 2009 1:32 AM
757	Class size, teacher salary, teacher benefits	Nov 14, 2009 1:34 AM
758	Benefits should not be reduced or negotiated less than already contracted, facility maintenance with safety issues and facility security should not be eliminated	Nov 14, 2009 1:35 AM
759	1. Staff who work directly with students (teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals/teacher aids) who have a direct impact on student achievement may need to be restructured, but not reduced or eliminated	Nov 14, 2009 1:35 AM
760	Teacher pay reductions, quality of classrooms and schools, opportunity for advanced to excel	Nov 14, 2009 1:38 AM
761	Eliminating extra curricular activities will discourage many students of a reason to "make their grades" Eliminating busing will put a hardship on students and parents, more efficient use of buses is recommended	Nov 14, 2009 1:39 AM
762	Class sizes are already challenging and our teachers are struggling with discipline already.	Nov 14, 2009 1:46 AM
763	Teachers the free and reduce breakfast and lunch elementary schools programs	Nov 14, 2009 1:47 AM

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764	teaching staff, class sizes should remain the same	Nov 14, 2009 1:53 AM
765	class size salary benifits	Nov 14, 2009 1:53 AM
766	teachers, transportation	Nov 14, 2009 2:00 AM
767	wages, benefits, transportation	Nov 14, 2009 2:08 AM
768	libraries, teaching staff, support staff	Nov 14, 2009 2:27 AM
769	teachers, teachers, teachers	Nov 14, 2009 2:30 AM
770	Any student contact area especially libraries, or counselors. Teachers	Nov 14, 2009 2:48 AM
771	Teacher salary Teacher benefits Teacher retirement	Nov 14, 2009 2:55 AM
772	Teachers should NOT be eliminated. Teachers PAY should not be reduced. Class size should NOT be affected.	Nov 14, 2009 2:57 AM
773	Teachers and class sizes	Nov 14, 2009 3:05 AM
774	Teacher numbers, teacher salary and benefits, student offerings.	Nov 14, 2009 3:15 AM
775	athletics, supplies, and can transportation be looked at to be more efficient.	Nov 14, 2009 3:50 AM
776	1) Teachers should NOT have to give back their wages or benefits. Most of them are underpaid to begin with. 2) Do NOT eliminate transportation to and from school for elementary/middle school students. They are still too young and vulnerable.	Nov 14, 2009 4:20 AM
777	libraires, teacher hourly rates, food source	Nov 14, 2009 5:35 AM
778	Teachers Technology Transportation	Nov 14, 2009 12:50 PM
779	teachers support staff transportation	Nov 14, 2009 1:19 PM
780	1. Guidance counselors 2. Media specialists - librarians	Nov 14, 2009 1:34 PM
781	teachers' salaries, class size, reading remediation at the elementary level	Nov 14, 2009 1:35 PM
782	Class size for elementary. Class size for middle school. Busing for grade school children	Nov 14, 2009 1:36 PM
783	1. Teacher salaries and jobs should not take the fall. 2. Custodial, lunch, bus, etc. professionals should not be privatized. This does not save money. It's been proven time and time again. It's not good for kids either. 3. Busing should not be taken away.	Nov 14, 2009 1:38 PM
784	1. Teacher salaries.	Nov 14, 2009 1:39 PM
785	CORE EDUCATIONAL AREAS	Nov 14, 2009 1:40 PM
786	No Reductions that result in class sizes over 30. Busing	Nov 14, 2009 1:41 PM
787	Class sizes, classes such as music and art,	Nov 14, 2009 1:53 PM
788	no privitytization of support services, no increase in class size	Nov 14, 2009 2:10 PM
789	1) Transportation 2) During school hours activities...Music, art, gym 3) Camp read a lot.	Nov 14, 2009 2:11 PM
790	Classroom teachers, sports in middle and high school	Nov 14, 2009 2:12 PM

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791	teacher lay off increased class size	Nov 14, 2009 2:25 PM
792	teachers support staff they're the greatest resources in schools	Nov 14, 2009 2:33 PM
793	class sizes no additional students added to core classes	Nov 14, 2009 2:36 PM
794	All areas should be considered for cuts.	Nov 14, 2009 2:39 PM
795	Do not eliminate any sports or extra curricular activities! I personally went thru this in 9th grade (football was cancelled) and with the free time I had after school I began to run with the wrong crowd. (cont. next)	Nov 14, 2009 2:46 PM
796	Reduction of younger staffing Middle school sports Class sizes	Nov 14, 2009 2:53 PM
797	class size in elementary specials in elementary	Nov 14, 2009 2:54 PM
798	class size, early-on and preschool instruction, school social worker and counselor support	Nov 14, 2009 3:03 PM
799	1. Class size 2. Class size 3. Class size	Nov 14, 2009 3:13 PM
800	Class sizes Teacher compensation	Nov 14, 2009 3:19 PM
801	music, art, media center	Nov 14, 2009 3:23 PM
802	1. extra and co-curricular activities(besides athletics) 2. curriculum reduction(variety of classes offered)	Nov 14, 2009 3:26 PM
803	Teachers pay. Requiring them to pay a portion of their health care and retirement benefits is in essence a pay decrease. Teaching is a very difficult job, much harder than most people realize, so reducing pay becomes a demotivator.	Nov 14, 2009 3:53 PM
804	lauguages art sports	Nov 14, 2009 3:56 PM
805	Cut as few teachers as possible because that is the one thing that will affect the education being imparted directly to the students Maintain athletic programs-if cut will see a large amount of students leave for neighboring districts which would reduce state funding	Nov 14, 2009 4:07 PM
806	class sizes especially in the elem, any extra reading programs except title, classroom aides.	Nov 14, 2009 5:04 PM
807	Special education and special education activities for students of special needs. Class size in middle and high schools should not be reduced as this will affect the attention each student, especially the special ed students, needs in order to succeed and prepare for college.	Nov 14, 2009 5:04 PM
808	Do not reduce teacher number Do not eliminate arts/music programs Do not increase class size	Nov 14, 2009 5:43 PM
809	1. Programs 2. Class size	Nov 14, 2009 6:09 PM
810	Teaching staff. Custodial staff. Special classes or Media Staff	Nov 14, 2009 6:17 PM
811	If it comes down to cutting out extracurricular activities- I would be for pay for play. Sports, plays, even academic. I think the fee should be the same for everyone- each sport should be the same no matter what.	Nov 14, 2009 6:24 PM

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812	Encore Programs for Elementary	Nov 14, 2009 7:10 PM
813	Maintain the IB program!	Nov 14, 2009 7:39 PM
814	1.Transportation from home to school and back home. 2.wages and benefits of staff. 3.Teaching structure should be competitive.	Nov 14, 2009 8:40 PM
815	teaching positions	Nov 14, 2009 9:07 PM
816	class-size, class-size, class-size	Nov 14, 2009 9:13 PM
817	Gifted and talented programs	Nov 14, 2009 9:40 PM
818	In no way should instructional resources be reduced.	Nov 14, 2009 9:44 PM
819	orchestra, dance, after school actives(sports, clubs)	Nov 14, 2009 9:54 PM
820	Under no circumstances should employees take rollbacks-reduce staff not compensation. Early childhood, remedial and alternative student programs	Nov 14, 2009 10:06 PM
821	Orchestra, class size, employee compensation.	Nov 14, 2009 10:26 PM
822	staff, class size in elementary should not be enlarged	Nov 14, 2009 10:30 PM
823	Class size should not be increased. Academic excellence needs to be maintained; do not eliminate E-2 experiences for good students. Emphasis must be maintained on basic core areas: English, Math, Science, Social Studies.	Nov 14, 2009 11:00 PM
824	Diversity of course offerings Advanced courses Extracurricular activities or student groups, but having instituting a pay-for-participation fee should strongly be considered.	Nov 14, 2009 11:30 PM
825	1.Class sizes should not be increased. 2. EFE and EFA participation should not be disbanded.	Nov 15, 2009 12:03 AM
826	It is difficult and unfair to make a comment without knowing the costs of current programs.	Nov 15, 2009 12:09 AM
827	Class size should remain the same not increased Teachers should not be reduced or layed off Keep the Arts, Music do not reduce	Nov 15, 2009 12:17 AM
828	teacher salaries and benefits	Nov 15, 2009 12:23 AM
829	leave elem. class sizes alone leave wages/benefits alone	Nov 15, 2009 12:52 AM
830	teaching staff, support staff, staff salaries	Nov 15, 2009 1:18 AM
831	Buses for safety and ??	Nov 15, 2009 1:25 AM
832	Transportation. classroom sizes.	Nov 15, 2009 1:32 AM
833	Voss and grounds. Cust. Trans	Nov 15, 2009 1:36 AM
834	How about all the Principal, Why do we need so many . Again cut the top people.	Nov 15, 2009 1:48 AM
835	Academic Classes (Math, English, Science, Social Studies), We Need More Teachers DO NOT ELIMINATE TEACHERS,	Nov 15, 2009 1:56 AM
836	I do not think that ms or hs school classes should go over 30 students. Elementary classes should not go over 25.	Nov 15, 2009 2:45 AM
837	Reading, writing and arithmetic	Nov 15, 2009 2:55 AM
838	teacher pay class sizes busing	Nov 15, 2009 3:26 AM
839	Arts programs	Nov 15, 2009 4:12 AM
840	teacher pay, benefits, and student success	Nov 15, 2009 5:45 AM

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841	elementary class size, support staff (counselors, librarians), elementary and middle-school busing	Nov 15, 2009 11:11 AM
842	The enrichment classes for gifted students.	Nov 15, 2009 12:27 PM
843	elementary class size should not be increased, keep counselors and librarians	Nov 15, 2009 12:55 PM
844	sports..not everyone can pay and it would be a shame to have a lower income family not have ability for their child to play, sometimes these are the children that need the most social support from older adults. Bussing-familys work, not safe to have even high school kids walking down center street. Teachers union needs to make more concessions as well as give the teahers more say as far as choice between salary cut to save jobs.	Nov 15, 2009 1:32 PM
845	salaries class sizes support staff	Nov 15, 2009 2:00 PM
846	teachers	Nov 15, 2009 2:02 PM
847	Classroom teacher in the elementary, middle schools. The special education program. Bussing.	Nov 15, 2009 2:14 PM
848	Teachers, Instruction time, bus service	Nov 15, 2009 2:51 PM
849	classroom teachers	Nov 15, 2009 3:17 PM
850	class size in the lower grades should not be increased. These are formative years.	Nov 15, 2009 3:28 PM
851	1. Class sizes. The most important aspect of education is the relationship between teacher/student 2. Extra Curricular. I believe it is OK to charge a small stipend for extra curricular activites as long as there are opportunities for those that can't afford it to participate at no cost.	Nov 15, 2009 3:32 PM
852	1. Students-per-classroom can't be increased. 2. Fine arts must stay. 3. Revenue-generating varsity sports.	Nov 15, 2009 3:41 PM
853	Classroom teachers, classroom teachers, classroom teachers	Nov 15, 2009 3:44 PM
854	Instruction, benefits and pay.	Nov 15, 2009 4:10 PM
855	Do not eliminate sports programs or music programs.	Nov 15, 2009 4:59 PM
856	Class sizes need to stay low do not cut the salaries of teachers put building improvements on hold for a few years	Nov 15, 2009 5:48 PM
857	Teacher pay/benefits The Fine Arts Secretarial and Custodial Services	Nov 15, 2009 6:30 PM
858	Addministration cuts and layoff School buses not parked at stores class trips	Nov 15, 2009 7:19 PM
859	Transportation in high school or any grade. how well we keep the kids from dropping out of School.	Nov 15, 2009 7:34 PM
860	Staff, class size	Nov 15, 2009 7:47 PM
861	Fine Arts - Choir, Band, Orchestra, Drama, Art at the High Schools	Nov 15, 2009 8:03 PM
862	class size in elementary,librarians,	Nov 15, 2009 8:14 PM
863	Music	Nov 15, 2009 8:49 PM
864	Gifted/advanced academic classes Special education Transportation	Nov 15, 2009 8:58 PM
865	I support early retirement incentives	Nov 15, 2009 9:01 PM

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866	1. Transportation is needed. 2. Athletic programs..kids already have to pay for uniforms, equipment, etc. AND some sports bring IN revenue from attendance.	Nov 15, 2009 9:17 PM
867	Class sizes should not be increased. Our class sizes are one of the reasons parents move into Portage and out of Kazoo, despite the Promise. If we increase class size, quality of education decreases and we lose that educational edge. We should not eliminate, music, art, and gym. Children need enrichment programs like these in the elementary to help stimulate brain development and we need gym to help increase physical fitness in an obese society. In middle school and high school these programs can be the only expressive outlet children get. I do not think that transportation should be eliminated, it can be modified but not eliminated.	Nov 15, 2009 9:29 PM
868	Any student contact area Libraries	Nov 15, 2009 9:44 PM
869	Teachers Libraries	Nov 15, 2009 9:51 PM
870	Benefits, Class Size, Teaching Personnel	Nov 15, 2009 10:28 PM
871	bus driving and maintance teachers special need	Nov 15, 2009 10:33 PM
872	Custodial staff, Building administration, secondary counseling.	Nov 15, 2009 11:08 PM
873	General Academic Programs Special Education	Nov 15, 2009 11:43 PM
874	Teachers parproes and teacher helpers..	Nov 15, 2009 11:45 PM
875	1) Teacher numbers and salaries. Teachers have given up tens of years of raises to maintain insurance benefits and recently have shifted raises to salary to accept more deductibles and personal insurance costs to save the district millions of dollars. It would be unfair to have asked staff to give it all back.	Nov 16, 2009 12:19 AM
876	cutting new staff only to have to pay unemployment while new classrooms sit empty is rediculus	Nov 16, 2009 1:01 AM
877	Do NOT cut labor groups pay as you will lose your good teachers and hurt the reputation of this district, do NOT cut classroom supply budgets for things like books, etc.	Nov 16, 2009 1:10 AM
878	1. Class size for Middle School and lower grades 2. Transportation for children	Nov 16, 2009 1:16 AM
879	Counseling services at the secondary level. Co-curricular activities.	Nov 16, 2009 1:27 AM
880	Do not cut music or art spending Do not cut student bussing	Nov 16, 2009 1:37 AM
881	*K-3 class size. All research points to the importance of this and Portage has helped to protect it to the best of their ability. * IB Program- We know that this is a quality program yet there seems to be a great deal of misinformation, intentional or otherwise out there. If we did end the program, we need to ask the question about what will replace it. If we shifted to AP, certainly an option, there will be significant costs to run a quality program. (New materials, PD, training, curriculum writing, etc...) If it is examined, it should be for the right reasons and not simply from a position of not knowing the specifics about the program.	Nov 16, 2009 1:57 AM
882	class size	Nov 16, 2009 2:25 AM
883	Our son took IB classes (but didn't go for the diploma because he also went to KAMSC) he said the IB classes prepared him for college. Our daughter got an IB diploma and left KAMSC after her 10th grade year. She started as a sophomore- this program is the jewel of PPS. Don't lose it.	Nov 16, 2009 2:41 AM
884	am & pm school transportation, in school activities	Nov 16, 2009 2:53 AM

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885	1. Direct costs associated with education (books, supplies, etc.) 2. Teacher salaries, however they should be in alignment with national averages.	Nov 16, 2009 3:18 AM
886	The Arts, teaching staff needed to keep class size down, counselors, technology	Nov 16, 2009 4:18 AM
887	No Teacher Cuts Transportation Academic supplies	Nov 16, 2009 4:24 AM
888	1. Please do not increase class sizes, our children need more support not less. 2. Please do not cut programs, try to fund them with other means. Like pay to participate or seeking grants or corporate sponsoring. 3. Do not cut the music programs, they attract much good attention to Portage Public Schools.	Nov 16, 2009 4:57 AM
889	PPS should resist the temptation to sacrifice the arts and music education that distinguish the educational experience offered in Portage and complement the excellent core academic offerings within the system.	Nov 16, 2009 5:44 AM
890	Classroom size, electives (Spanish, band, home economics), staff	Nov 16, 2009 6:27 AM
891	All areas should be reviewed and on the table	Nov 16, 2009 12:25 PM
892	class loads technology	Nov 16, 2009 12:25 PM
893	All special education staff should not be reduced. This includes special education teachers, occupational and speech therapists, autism coordinators, etc. The current level of staffing must be maintained, or you will sued and there will be significant legal costs down the road. Also, these teachers are critical for the success of special needs students.	Nov 16, 2009 12:33 PM
894	- Library/Media specialist funding - Art classes for elementary students - Music classes	Nov 16, 2009 1:00 PM
895	Classroom budgets. Instructional staff pay benefits. Support pay and benefits.	Nov 16, 2009 1:18 PM
896	I do not think class sizes should be reduced especially for the high school / middle school. This is when we need to be even more present to keep kids focused on good choices and reducing our drop-out rate. The class sizes are large enough as they are right now. I don't think activities/clubs should be eliminated until we try restructuring as I mentioned above.	Nov 16, 2009 1:49 PM
897	Teacher to student ratio access to technology remedial support for students/ special services to at- risk students	Nov 16, 2009 1:55 PM
898	Reading, Science and Math	Nov 16, 2009 2:04 PM
899	special education, class size, staff	Nov 16, 2009 2:06 PM
900	Elementary class size Sports for disadvantaged students Teacher benefits and wages	Nov 16, 2009 2:49 PM
901	Elementary students need the extra help from teachers with the current 22 student class size. Counseling services for troubled/problem students is vital - with help from an understanding adult many behaviorial problems can be sorted through so that the student can actively participate in their learning environment.	Nov 16, 2009 2:54 PM
902	Transportation - tough call. High school transportation but then after school, parents that work and can't pick up their children- that is when all the trouble will begin, when students are lingering around the building, trying to get home etc.	Nov 16, 2009 2:58 PM
903	don't cut teacher pay, do not increase class sizes	Nov 16, 2009 2:58 PM
904	I'm not in favor of reducing athletics and extra curricular because they help students become involved and grades focused as their team members tend to support and care for them.	Nov 16, 2009 3:11 PM
905	class sizes, wages, benefits	Nov 16, 2009 3:12 PM

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906	The major extracurricular activities in which you see large scale participation and impact to the students' sense of belonging - such as major sports, forensics, plays, etc.	Nov 16, 2009 3:19 PM
907	Regular education here should not be dramatically affected. If changes need to be made, make them at the IB level and at the LA+ and elementary excellence program level. These kids are smart and will be successful in the traditional environment. IF we are short of money, we need to cut back in areas that don't harm the average and below learners. The advanced levels of learning being cut at all 3 levels (elementary, middle, and high school) will not be terribly adversely hurt the learner, unlike filling up elementary classes with too many kids and harming the total learning environment.	Nov 16, 2009 3:21 PM
908	Teachers, Aides and all other support personnel	Nov 16, 2009 3:28 PM
909	1. Class sizes should not increase under any circumstance. My son already has 24 kids in his class which is too many. 2. Do not cut programs for special needs children--especially special ed teachers, speech and counselors. These kids already get left behind. It would be devastating to lose these services. 3. Bussing. I would rather have the option of paying for bussing than eliminating it. It would be very difficult for working parents to drive kids to and from school. If it is against the law to charge for bussing, get the law changed.	Nov 16, 2009 3:28 PM
910	class sizes SHOULD NOT increase, teachers salaries should not be reduced!	Nov 16, 2009 3:29 PM
911	classroom size (we will look into private school before our kids sit in a classroom size of 25 up), teachers,	Nov 16, 2009 3:31 PM
912	Regular physical ed art/music library	Nov 16, 2009 3:52 PM
913	1. Athletics 2. Counseling 3. Programs for Special Ed Students	Nov 16, 2009 4:09 PM
914	Athletic and Extra-Curricular Programs	Nov 16, 2009 4:19 PM
915	Library Funding	Nov 16, 2009 4:20 PM
916	1. I think it is important not to eliminate sports/other extracurriculars - a "pay-to-play" makes some sense though	Nov 16, 2009 4:22 PM
917	staff elimination, student services, day to day student support	Nov 16, 2009 4:50 PM
918	Three areas I believe should not be reduced, restructured, or eliminated: teachers class size paraprofessionals	Nov 16, 2009 4:50 PM
919	I doubt that anything can be taken entirely off the table.	Nov 16, 2009 5:31 PM
920	number of students per classroom	Nov 16, 2009 6:00 PM
921	Teachers, Extra Curricular Programs, Class Size	Nov 16, 2009 6:54 PM
922	special ed programs, reading programs, and teacher pay/benefits	Nov 16, 2009 6:57 PM
923	Teachers!!!! Teachers pay/benefits!!! Student transportation	Nov 16, 2009 7:00 PM
924	Don't think we should eliminate or reduce specials such as Art, Music, Gym, or Library.	Nov 16, 2009 7:45 PM
925	At risk programs, we really have to get these children in elementary school, so they are caught up to speed at an early age and dont get behind. Food service-my children dont ever purchase lunch at school, but I feel this is necessary as some kids would not eat if it were not for this. Transportation-Why drop HS transportation, you will still have to have busing for middle schools? I have a MS and HS student, what would be the purpose if one of my students could ride the bus but the other not allowed?	Nov 16, 2009 7:50 PM

Response Text		
926	No reduction in staff. No reducing of specials in schools.	Nov 16, 2009 7:51 PM
927	Teachers salaries	Nov 16, 2009 7:53 PM
928	Administration, assistant administrators, business manager	Nov 16, 2009 8:13 PM
929	Please do not eliminate high school transportation.	Nov 16, 2009 9:01 PM
930	library funding	Nov 16, 2009 9:19 PM
931	staff , specials,	Nov 16, 2009 9:23 PM
932	Teaching positions	Nov 16, 2009 9:39 PM
933	sports (more intramural) transportation	Nov 16, 2009 9:58 PM
934	I absolutely do not want my childs classroom size to grow. It's hard enough to be taught in the size that they are now. I would hope that this would not be an option. Would you want it? Keep the teachers and find other ways to cut funds.	Nov 16, 2009 10:26 PM
935	Head custodians need to be happy they are a important part of school	Nov 16, 2009 10:35 PM
936	CLASS SIZE/teachers that have direct student contact, teachers, teachers	Nov 16, 2009 10:39 PM
937	Core academic areas and books	Nov 16, 2009 11:16 PM
938	Staff may account for a large portion of the budget, but they are also what drew us and many other parents to this school district. Please do your best to keep them and compensate them. Extra-curricular activities (drama, music, sports) shouldn't be eliminated, but could be partially funded or supported by us (parents). Please keep some kind of library service/skills education available to students.	Nov 16, 2009 11:28 PM
939	Classroom teachers Athletics/all extra curricular activities Class size in elementary	Nov 16, 2009 11:37 PM
940	Class size, class size, class size.	Nov 17, 2009 12:34 AM
941	employee wages & benefits, literacy programs,	Nov 17, 2009 12:40 AM
942	Teachers-especially elementary	Nov 17, 2009 12:45 AM
943	Core curriculum, transportation,	Nov 17, 2009 12:46 AM
944	teaching staff of core curriculum (Math, Science, English) Direct Instructional support staff (aides, etc.)	Nov 17, 2009 1:18 AM
945	personnel, class size and academics	Nov 17, 2009 1:24 AM
946	IB program Arts and music programs Media specialists	Nov 17, 2009 1:26 AM
947	special education,	Nov 17, 2009 1:27 AM
948	class room (seat time) should not be reduced special ed and ed. programs for disadvantaged students AP courses for gifted students	Nov 17, 2009 1:29 AM
949	Assistance for special needs students. Any personnel that work directly with education of students, meaning teachers.	Nov 17, 2009 1:29 AM
950	Class sizes. Studies have shown that the optimal size is 16. Efforts should be made to come as close to this number as possible.	Nov 17, 2009 1:34 AM
951	blanket department cuts, technology necessities, facility upkeep	Nov 17, 2009 1:43 AM
952	Fine Arts-Band, Music IB program-might need to be restructured though, not eliminated. Drama, Forensics	Nov 17, 2009 2:01 AM
953	class size, teacher cuts, fine arts	Nov 17, 2009 2:23 AM
954	class size, special needs education, IB/AP courses	Nov 17, 2009 2:29 AM
955	wage reductions, benefit reductions and staff reductions	Nov 17, 2009 3:16 AM

Response Text		
956	Sports and extra-curricular activities. Classroom teachers don't change kids lives, coaches, mentors, and advisors do.	Nov 17, 2009 3:53 AM
957	Do not reduce funding for: Orchestra Arts such as painting and drawing. Do not increase class size, or risk losing students to charters.	Nov 17, 2009 4:22 AM
958	Everything needs to open to examination.	Nov 17, 2009 11:45 AM
959	teachers teacher support libraries and media/computer support	Nov 17, 2009 1:24 PM
960	Inexpensive atheltics are important to character development, as are music and the arts. But all of these are less important than academics and can be subsidized by the parents if needed. I don't believe that elementary or middle school classes should be increased in size.	Nov 17, 2009 1:25 PM
961	Teacher cuts = larger classes Teacher cuts = less taxable income for the state = more problems Teacher cuts = unemployment costs	Nov 17, 2009 1:30 PM
962	E squared Middle school plus classes and ATYP KAMSC, IB and Honors classes	Nov 17, 2009 1:43 PM
963	athletics should not be reduced. music programs should not be reduced.	Nov 17, 2009 1:57 PM
964	transportation should not be reduced or eliminated ~ puts children at risk when walking, biking, etc., and too much of a hardship on parents/families. The number of teachers should not be reduced. We moved here specifically for the good school district; if we have huge classes in lower grades, children will fall through the cracks. Teaching positions should be saved however possible. "Specials" ~ art, music, etc. should not be reduced.	Nov 17, 2009 2:02 PM
965	Transportation, athletics, teachers	Nov 17, 2009 2:02 PM
966	Extra-and co-curricular activities teacher cuts Librarians and counselors	Nov 17, 2009 2:09 PM
967	class size, class size, class size	Nov 17, 2009 2:39 PM
968	Class sizes in elementary and middle school cannot continue to grow if we want education to be successful. Teachers are not baby sitters, they are educators. Budgets to support the arts in school need to be maintained (though large scale events like putting on a play may not be justified unless the box office earnings can cover the expense. The same is true for atheletics; if the revenue coming in doesn't exceed the expense, it should be supplemented by the community or unfortunately, be eliminated). Classroom supplies that support basic education need to be maintained. Though there may need to be an effort to get away from the flavor of the day educational style and get back to basics.	Nov 17, 2009 2:46 PM
969	Teacher benefits, class size, core programs	Nov 17, 2009 2:46 PM
970	Class sizes should not be increased. Please keep, gym, art and music!	Nov 17, 2009 2:47 PM
971	please do not cut any staff, my son is special needs, or any reading programs or occupational therapy.	Nov 17, 2009 2:53 PM
972	You have to keep some kind of advanced classes - I keep reading cut IB program but you have to keep some kind of program, whether it is IB or AP classes to stay competitive for college these days. Even though there may not be a lot of IB diplomas, there are many students who take those advanced classes, increase their weighted GPA, which helps them get into college!!!!	Nov 17, 2009 3:07 PM

Response Text		
973	Class size (teacher-to-student ratio) Support staff Field Trips	Nov 17, 2009 3:11 PM
974	classroom teachers, counselors	Nov 17, 2009 3:17 PM
975	No teachers cuts. They are the prime resource for our best investments in our students. The Arts, such as band, choir, art or debate. These elective classes are available to all students and they are a genuine class. Transportation, I mean we have such a beautiful new bus garage, lets use it! There needs some alterations, but its still the safest way for most students to get to school.	Nov 17, 2009 3:50 PM
976	Elementary and middle school class size should not go up. Do not believe in pay to play as it becomes a socio-economic issue. should not get rid of transportation.	Nov 17, 2009 4:17 PM
977	Debate/Forensics Transpoprtation	Nov 17, 2009 4:18 PM
978	1. High School IB program 2. Funding for KAMSC 3. Transportation	Nov 17, 2009 4:18 PM
979	Please please do not cut band! This program is very important to our schools, community and most importantly, our children. Please give this program high priority. Also why would you eliminate high school transportation when those students have the farthest to travel given there are only two high schools? It is NOT in the community's best interests to have more young, rushed drivers on the road.	Nov 17, 2009 4:20 PM
980	band, athletics, core academics	Nov 17, 2009 4:23 PM
981	Anything that will cut teachers	Nov 17, 2009 4:26 PM
982	Athletics and special ed.	Nov 17, 2009 4:28 PM
983	Any extracurricular sport or academic/social clubs should be maintained. Again, this is a great place to utilized college students as leaders to assist teachers with their extra load.	Nov 17, 2009 4:33 PM
984	classroom teachers, specials in elementary, and curriculum in high school	Nov 17, 2009 4:36 PM
985	Music, Art and Transportation	Nov 17, 2009 4:42 PM
986	Middle School Band and Middle School Sports. This is an age where kids need to have opportunities to develop self esteem and bond with a group of friends with similar interests.	Nov 17, 2009 4:42 PM
987	Transportation, Athletics, Extra carricular programs. These are needed to create well rounded individuals.	Nov 17, 2009 4:44 PM
988	mea insurance is a rip off for the union. need to bid it out. they would still have the same coverage at least 15% cheaper to us	Nov 17, 2009 4:49 PM
989	1. Sports, extra-curricular activities 2. Arts, gym, music 3. elementary bussing	Nov 17, 2009 4:51 PM
990	Smaller classes whenever possible.	Nov 17, 2009 4:55 PM
991	Sports, Arts, technology	Nov 17, 2009 4:58 PM
992	Music, art, sports	Nov 17, 2009 5:09 PM
993	Music and art should not be eliminated. Perhaps some of the after-hours and weekend competitions can be eliminated.	Nov 17, 2009 5:11 PM
994	bussing teaching salareis and benifits extracurricular opportunities (the opportunity needs to be there- a fee might be involved.)	Nov 17, 2009 5:14 PM

Response Text		
995	Transportation at the elementary and middle levels. Advanced and IB classes.	Nov 17, 2009 5:14 PM
996	Transportation	Nov 17, 2009 5:33 PM
997	Advanced classes for elementary should not go , people forget that the stonger the foundation at an early age the better the student. Think long term not short term .it would be shame if the advanced programs or acceleraered programs are eliminated beacause, trust me times have cahnged nad this area has lot of diverse people who will not hesitate to take the kids to private schools , because these kids only know about excelling in studies . fewer kids would mean less money for public schools Get teachers involved in PTO ,	Nov 17, 2009 5:33 PM
998	athletics, arts, music and extra curricular activities	Nov 17, 2009 5:41 PM
999	I feel sports and the arts are very important. I sure would hate to see them eliminated. I think the pay-to-play would be okay.	Nov 17, 2009 5:58 PM
1000	1 -Student to Teacher ratio (no room here in EL) 2 -Teacher/employee pay 3 - Special ed type programs (more so at the EL)	Nov 17, 2009 6:05 PM
1001	Technology Cable Access Media Specialists	Nov 17, 2009 6:12 PM
1002	-Smaller sports programs (e.g., basketball, soccer, etc.) -Teaching staff	Nov 17, 2009 6:26 PM
1003	Visual and Fine Arts, Athletics	Nov 17, 2009 6:30 PM
1004	Buses Specials (band, art, etc.) Class sizes	Nov 17, 2009 6:48 PM
1005	counselors and librarians, young fives, academic core programs	Nov 17, 2009 7:11 PM
1006	High School Athletics, seminar/study hall, advanced classes including IB program	Nov 17, 2009 7:15 PM
1007	The IB program Programs that help slower learners and those who may not graduate on time	Nov 17, 2009 7:21 PM
1008	Elementary Classroom Size - particularly lower elementary Programs for At-Risk students Transportation - especially for elementary students	Nov 17, 2009 7:54 PM
1009	Transportation for school Number of teachers	Nov 17, 2009 7:55 PM
1010	I do not favor elimination of either classroom support staff or teachers. Keep all reductions OUT of the classrooms, as far as personnel.	Nov 17, 2009 7:58 PM
1011	Classrooms	Nov 17, 2009 8:00 PM
1012	Teachers. The sole of a school is the education our kids get. Electives such as music and art are vital to the education of our kids. Research shows that kids that are involved in the arts have higher math scores as well as over all grades.	Nov 17, 2009 8:01 PM
1013	music math English	Nov 17, 2009 8:06 PM
1014	I would not like to see the band program eliminated. Transportation is very important for working families to ensure children are getting to class on time, elimination would be detrimental.	Nov 17, 2009 8:22 PM
1015	CLASS SIZE IN ELEMENTARY, SCHOOL OT, PT, SOCIAL WORK OR PSYCHOLOGIST AND TEACHERS	Nov 17, 2009 8:41 PM
1016	music, sports, arts	Nov 17, 2009 9:03 PM

Response Text		
1017	Staff for elementary the kids are to young all it takes in one child to corrupt a classroom. Teacher wages they work to hard to have the money cut. Many use there own money for supplies. Sports why should sports have to be cut what about other extra curriculum activities. That is a way for a child or teen to stay active, be motivated to do well in school, it helps with attendance, builds confidence and team work. plus with the jobs the way they are how many parents could afford to pay for there children to play sports.	Nov 17, 2009 9:04 PM
1018	Band, orchestra and all of the arts, libraries, actual teaching	Nov 17, 2009 9:27 PM
1019	Teachers.	Nov 17, 2009 9:37 PM
1020	I have heard that it is being considered, to lay off librarians and counselors. I find this idea repulsive! What good is a school without these entities?	Nov 17, 2009 9:43 PM
1021	class size should not be increased transportation cannot be eliminated at any level art music and library need to be available to all student	Nov 17, 2009 9:47 PM
1022	general bussing the arts para-pro assistance	Nov 17, 2009 9:51 PM
1023	IB Program Major Sports Programs Any other funding cuts that could adversely affect the academic excellence so regarded in the Portage district	Nov 17, 2009 9:57 PM
1024	band programs, sports programs and art programs. these should NEVER be taken from children. NEVER.	Nov 17, 2009 10:04 PM
1025	amount of teacher	Nov 17, 2009 10:34 PM
1026	Increasing numbers in classrooms; maintenance staff; rainy day funds.	Nov 17, 2009 10:37 PM
1027	staff woking with children, regular bus routes to and from school, (eliminate the short runs with 1-5 students all over town) athletics or specials	Nov 17, 2009 11:23 PM
1028	class size, music and sports programs and transportation.	Nov 17, 2009 11:26 PM
1029	1 Do not reduce or eliminate any academic instructional areas. These have to stay in place because they are essential...otherwise there is no reason for a school system to exist. 2. Interesting on class size options. I am more in favor of a teacher teaching 6 class periods of 40 min. rather than 5 periods of 50 minutes. This would be in lieu of stuffing more kids into a classroom. This would allow a teacher to be in contact with more students but keep the average class size down for more personalized instruction. However, this is based on the assumption that the teacher could be more efficient in the 40 min. session. But how efficient can the same teacher be with 32 students to interact with in a class. The only problem here is the state requirement for total hours of instruction for the year...but the student would have more class periods. Some good creative thinkers might be able to work this out to satisfy state requirements. 3. Keep programs in place. Reduce or restructure but do not eliminate unless it should be eliminated regardless of the budget crunch. Keep things alive, once they are eliminated/killed...they are difficult to revive.	Nov 17, 2009 11:33 PM
1030	High School Class sizes can be bigger with a big lecture, then small lab groups like in college Cannot eliminate the lunch or breakfast programs because those are mandated by the federal government Middle School sports should not be eliminated, just restructured	Nov 17, 2009 11:36 PM
1031	Teaching staff Benefits package for teachers Athletics and other extracurricular activities for middle/high school	Nov 17, 2009 11:40 PM

Response Text		
1032	Math, Science, English, Technology	Nov 17, 2009 11:53 PM
1033	Teaching staff, including librarians, as long as they're good at their jobs.	Nov 18, 2009 12:00 AM
1034	Academics	Nov 18, 2009 12:07 AM
1035	Class sizes, enrichment classes and teachers salaries should not be impacted.	Nov 18, 2009 12:12 AM
1036	Bus service.	Nov 18, 2009 12:26 AM
1037	counselors class size for early elementary students	Nov 18, 2009 12:32 AM
1038	1. Special ED and no i do not have a child in here, I have A students that qualify for Atyp 2. Sports many parents will not pay for this due to paying for travel sports as it is like volleyball, gymnastics, soccer, cheerleading. These kids get seen during travel play by coaches not as much during the highschool season 3. Busing for the kids, these kids need to be kept safe, they dont deserve to walk 1 1/2 miles in the elements, people who are saying this dont walk to work 2. Sports	Nov 18, 2009 12:35 AM
1039	1. Core curriculum: Math, Science, History, English, Writing, language (spanish) 2. Time in classroom.	Nov 18, 2009 12:55 AM
1040	Young 5s, Kindergarten (should be all day), Advance placement classes	Nov 18, 2009 1:09 AM
1041	Core curriculum Music Languages	Nov 18, 2009 1:10 AM
1042	Sports, music and performing arts	Nov 18, 2009 1:14 AM
1043	IB program Number of encore classes in the middle schools	Nov 18, 2009 1:20 AM
1044	music and liberal arts programs	Nov 18, 2009 1:28 AM
1045	Early elementary reading programs. Vocational ed programs. Music and art programs.	Nov 18, 2009 1:30 AM
1046	1. IB program eliminated 2. Middle School Librarian secretaries eliminated. 3. There is only need for one middle school athletic director for our district.	Nov 18, 2009 1:41 AM
1047	teacher positions, support staff,	Nov 18, 2009 1:41 AM
1048	Band choir the arts	Nov 18, 2009 1:50 AM
1049	1. DO NOT CUT TEACHERS...THAT IS SO HORRIBLE!	Nov 18, 2009 1:59 AM
1050	keep current class sizes	Nov 18, 2009 2:02 AM
1051	1. The IB program--It may be costly, but it actually brings in students to the district, and if we cut it, what kind of message are we sending? Also, the IB program is not strictly about the diploma. There are many IB classes in the high schools, ranging from math, foreign language, history, English, and sciences. To cut those classes would be a huge let down to those students who thrive in those classes. 2. Music, art, and "creative" classes 3. Special Education--those students are the most vulnerable, and if we take their teachers, para-pros, and curriculum, how will they graduate? Especially since they have to go through the new graduation requirements... 4. E2 should stay. As a past student of PEP, that program challenged me to think in critical ways, and I am now a 4.0 Honors student. If advanced students are given those opportunities in elementary school, they will begin to prepare themselves for "plus," honors, and IB/AP classes, which then prepare you for college.	Nov 18, 2009 2:08 AM
1052	required teaching staff, health benefits, 403b benefits	Nov 18, 2009 2:28 AM

Response Text		
1053	Specials (art, band, PE) teachers, support staff transportation	Nov 18, 2009 2:34 AM
1054	Elementary schools should be the last area that any programs are cut. That would include art and music. Maintain a small class size in core subjects with the exception of social studies in middle school and high school. Walk zones for elementary students need to be in areas that have sidewalks to be considered safe.	Nov 18, 2009 2:39 AM
1055	1.band,music 2.science and math 3.art	Nov 18, 2009 3:10 AM
1056	1Teaching staff, English Math science, 2 Transportation 3 Afterschool activities(sports)	Nov 18, 2009 3:18 AM
1057	Academic programs should not be touched. Teacheers should not be laid off. Academic programs that are geared towards preparing students for the world of work and/or gaining further education beyond high school.	Nov 18, 2009 3:20 AM
1058	1. HS & MS team sports, extra-curricular activities or co-curricular activities. These are essential to the growth and development of our children. If anything, these should be increased or expanded. 2. Information technology devices, software or their instructors. We must think of the internet and technology in the same way our grandparents thought of the Model T car. Think of how much that invention changed the lives of people at the turn of the last century and where the internet will take our kids as they become adults. 3. Our teacher's salaries. But we should have bonuses attached to how well all 26 kids do in each of their classes.	Nov 18, 2009 3:57 AM
1059	teacher/salary transportation books, supplies, etc	Nov 18, 2009 4:11 AM
1060	Teachers, special education (it is mandated by the government) programs that prepare our youth to compete with youth from other countries.(technology, languages,advanced placement programs etc)	Nov 18, 2009 8:13 AM
1061	No elimination of Band, PE, Choir and the number of teachers.	Nov 18, 2009 10:40 AM
1062	teachers, counselors	Nov 18, 2009 1:06 PM
1063	IB program is a huge draw to Portage schools which many school systems in the area do not offer. Teachers Class size should not increase	Nov 18, 2009 1:13 PM
1064	athletics, media specialists, bussing to/from school	Nov 18, 2009 1:17 PM
1065	TEACHERS, COUNSELORS and their benefits or wages. These people are barely getting by as it is and we are entrusting our kids with them. I personally do not want to be sending my three children to school to a frustrated, angry, poor teacher who thinks to him/her self every day, "why am I doing this? 2. Class sizes should NOT be increased. It is easy to say what is a few more students in a class? The difference between 28-32 is WAY more than 4 students. It is crazy the amount of time and energy that is lost and how much personal attention students receive.	Nov 18, 2009 1:24 PM
1066	International Baccalaureate; music; special education	Nov 18, 2009 1:34 PM
1067	Anything to do with the teachers in the classroom!! Books and technology(computers, etc)!! Libraries, librarians	Nov 18, 2009 1:58 PM

Response Text		
1068	Class Size-if class sizes increase, parents will eventually not want to send their kids to Portage. Teachers already work above and beyond for the students they do have. Teachers-there are many extra areas that can be cut before teachers. Basic academics come first, the extras should come 2nd.	Nov 18, 2009 2:32 PM
1069	At this time I would like more information about the situation before providing thoughtful responses.	Nov 18, 2009 2:38 PM
1070	Classroom size, busing, fine arts courses such as band, choir ect.	Nov 18, 2009 2:40 PM
1071	Basic classroom instruction; extracurricular activities--just have participants share in costs; busing to and from school	Nov 18, 2009 2:53 PM
1072	arts, music, sports	Nov 18, 2009 2:54 PM
1073	1. Teachers 2. Special education 3. busing	Nov 18, 2009 3:02 PM
1074	DO NOT remove IB. Keep cuts out of the classroom if at all possible. Also not in favor of eliminating busing, but would be open to other creative ways to cut costs.	Nov 18, 2009 3:06 PM
1075	Teachers Media center/counselors Academic programs (i.e. reading programs, PEP, KAMSI)	Nov 18, 2009 3:13 PM
1076	Please do not let class sizes get any bigger!	Nov 18, 2009 3:21 PM
1077	young 5 program	Nov 18, 2009 3:38 PM
1078	class size instructional time	Nov 18, 2009 4:12 PM
1079	Keep the number of kids small in the classroom. Keep transportation up and running for high schools. Keep E2 and learning challenged classes	Nov 18, 2009 4:30 PM
1080	class size class size class size	Nov 18, 2009 4:37 PM
1081	Class sizes should not be over 20-22 for elementary, 22-24 for middle and high. Too many kids in a class is very harmful for the amount of education I believe is retained when a class is too large. Both frustrating for children and teachers. An example....I feel Math and English might need more one on one than maybe Social Studies and Science.	Nov 18, 2009 5:03 PM
1082	Poorly aligned professional development	Nov 18, 2009 5:26 PM
1083	Athletic, arts and library programs.	Nov 18, 2009 5:34 PM
1084	Please do not cut high school transportation because too many of those students will start driving to school. We don't need more inexperienced drivers in a hurry on our roads and this will create a great inconvenience for parents. Also, please do NOT cut band. It is an invaluable part of the middle/high school experience.	Nov 18, 2009 5:36 PM
1085	Class size should stay small. Curriculum development needs to continue. Headstart/early reading and vocational/technical programs for students not college bound should continue.	Nov 18, 2009 5:37 PM
1086	Salaries of everyone below administrator level provided they earn them. Physical education. Anything that directly impacts the mission fo the school - educate children.	Nov 18, 2009 5:50 PM
1087	Music, Art	Nov 18, 2009 5:53 PM
1088	advanced academics, sports, band/orchestra	Nov 18, 2009 5:54 PM
1089	busing, academics like the arts - band, choir, art,	Nov 18, 2009 5:54 PM
1090	Do not eliminate college-prepared/certified teachers in the special services area. Do not change the way LIBRARY, ART, and MUSIC are taught.	Nov 18, 2009 6:05 PM

Response Text		
1091	Universal screening and progress monitoring.	Nov 18, 2009 6:28 PM
1092	Classes should NOT be made bigger.	Nov 18, 2009 6:32 PM
1093	Special Education Any academic instrucion	Nov 18, 2009 6:55 PM
1094	Teachers jobs, class sizes and other school worker positions.	Nov 18, 2009 7:12 PM
1095	Music and the Theatre because they are pay to play now. Teachers and other support staff should not be reduced.	Nov 18, 2009 7:15 PM
1096	education, extra curricular, transportation	Nov 18, 2009 7:38 PM
1097	Instruction, including teacher's wages/benefits. Athletics: Kid's need sports to keep them busy and focused. Kids with too much time on their hands isn't usually a good thing! A small increase or pay-to-play fee wouldn't be bad, but not all parents can afford it and it would be a shame that a kid couldn't participate due to the fees.	Nov 18, 2009 7:47 PM
1098	sports	Nov 18, 2009 7:51 PM
1099	over all Admin cost	Nov 18, 2009 7:57 PM
1100	CLASS SIZE, CLASS SIZE, CLASS SIZE	Nov 18, 2009 8:00 PM
1101	Extra-curricular activities should not be eliminated, but a pay to play system could be explored. School counselors not eliminated, and IB should not be eliminated.	Nov 18, 2009 8:13 PM
1102	Elementary should not have larger classes.	Nov 18, 2009 8:52 PM
1103	class size, extra curricular, numbers of teachers	Nov 18, 2009 9:01 PM
1104	any academics, reading specialists, fine arts	Nov 18, 2009 9:12 PM
1105	IB, music, theater. Especially the IB program, it's one of PPS's greatest attributes	Nov 18, 2009 9:15 PM
1106	Transportation	Nov 18, 2009 9:20 PM
1107	Technology, building improvements, amount of programs offered	Nov 18, 2009 10:51 PM
1108	Do not eliminate band-studies have proven that band students are more successful academically and they learn better than those who are not educated in music. Do everything in your power not to eliminate staff/teachers- especially the ancillary staff like the librarians, secretaries, etc. They really are the backbone of your school system. Institute a LEAN program similar to the one currently used at Bronson hospital-it really works to eliminate costs and save jobs.	Nov 19, 2009 12:04 AM
1109	Elementary principals are overworked already. If you take thier counselors and support staff you will severely handicap our schools. Spend a week in an elementary building and you will see.	Nov 19, 2009 12:05 AM
1110	The focus needs to be on job preservation at all levels not job elimination. Administration needs cut in pay 10%/yr with mandatory furlows for staff as well as teachers . leadership starts with publicly accountable pay cuts at the top, not simply cutting programs and teachers first.	Nov 19, 2009 12:25 AM
1111	teaching staff; class sizes; secure PBS and certified counselors at every level~keep in mind we are competing with the Promise and other area schools who are enrolling our former students	Nov 19, 2009 1:03 AM
1112	arts, band/choir & sports	Nov 19, 2009 1:34 AM
1113	try not to eliminate teachers if at all possible.	Nov 19, 2009 2:42 AM
1114	Bus Drivers. They are already short staffed and under compensated. The Music and Fine Arts areas are a must for a Global Economy as understanding cultural differences through the Arts can make these students more successful in the climate ahead of us. Math, Science and Language Arts are also vitally important.	Nov 19, 2009 3:46 AM
1115	transportation	Nov 19, 2009 4:43 AM
1116	Benifits for teachers, bus drivers & custodial staff.	Nov 19, 2009 8:26 AM
1117	class size reading support programs	Nov 19, 2009 10:57 AM
1118	Band/Choir--keep it!	Nov 19, 2009 12:26 PM

Response Text		
1119	Teachers or class size	Nov 19, 2009 1:27 PM
1120	1. Librarians 2. Packing kids into classrooms, young 5's last year had 20 with no aide. Anything above 25 is too many, k-5.	Nov 19, 2009 2:15 PM
1121	Any increase in class size will impact learning	Nov 19, 2009 2:47 PM
1122	Core academics Technology - invest in ways for tech to be used in the classroom	Nov 19, 2009 4:02 PM
1123	number of counselors,	Nov 19, 2009 6:22 PM
1124	teaching positions	Nov 19, 2009 6:28 PM
1125	IB program, sports.	Nov 19, 2009 6:40 PM
1126	# of teachers, art and music programs and special education	Nov 19, 2009 7:03 PM
1127	1. Try to maintain as many teachers as you can and keep classes as small as possible - especially at the early elementary level where children are learning to read. 2. Try to avoid privatization when possible - costs may be lower now but what about in the future? 3. You still need some administration. You can't go without a building principal, etc. May be able to get by with one rather than two but that depends on size...	Nov 19, 2009 7:05 PM
1128	Making Elementary class sizes larger, Physical Education.	Nov 19, 2009 8:07 PM
1129	Forensics, music programs, and fine arts programs	Nov 19, 2009 8:56 PM
1130	should not reduce teacher's salaries	Nov 19, 2009 9:40 PM
1131	(1) Teacher salary (2) Teacher benefits (3) Teacher recognition	Nov 19, 2009 10:14 PM
1132	I agreed that class size could be increased but only up to 4 students. 6 is too many to add.	Nov 19, 2009 10:28 PM
1133	increasing class sizes is the wrong "SOLUTION" as it is NO solution.	Nov 19, 2009 10:42 PM
1134	administrative benefits	Nov 19, 2009 10:50 PM
1135	Bus transport for elementary & middle school employee insurance	Nov 19, 2009 11:22 PM
1136	Amount of teachers	Nov 19, 2009 11:32 PM
1137	transportation for elementary students should be available	Nov 20, 2009 12:24 AM
1138	academic and Athletic and special ed	Nov 20, 2009 12:53 AM
1139	Foreign languages IB program music and theater - offer as after school programs, like sports	Nov 20, 2009 1:21 AM
1140	music, art, accelerated programs	Nov 20, 2009 2:43 AM
1141	class size should not be made larger.	Nov 20, 2009 2:18 PM
1142	Keep IB program Keep Community High but relocate it Keep High School sports programs	Nov 20, 2009 2:53 PM
1143	1. 1. Transportation because half of our school is dependent on the bus to get to school and home. No one would show up if they are cut. 2. Staff because then the teachers would be left without any job at all. 3. EFE and IB courses because its like a advancement for those students who have passion about their future.	Nov 20, 2009 4:05 PM

Response Text		
1144	1. The number of staff 2. The transportation because how are parents who work support to get there kids to and from work if they live far away from school 3. The higher level classes AP/IB, and the efe/efa because it is helping our students get into college and help them make better decisions about their future.	Nov 20, 2009 4:07 PM
1145	1. If you go to pay to play for sports, there are many families with multiple children that won't be able to afford it. 2. Do not eliminate all busing. I had this at Harper Creek years ago and it is difficult and not a great experience and I was Middle School age. 3. Keep elementary schools classroom size manageable. Increase the older kids class sizes but get the younger kids into better study habits early and don't crowd them in to eliminate elementary teachers. They need that time.	Nov 20, 2009 4:34 PM
1146	My son's class is at 27 kids already. He is in 4th grade. Of those 27 kids about 5 have issues. You cannot increase class size to more kids. The teachers already have a strain.	Nov 20, 2009 4:35 PM
1147	Arts Physical Education	Nov 20, 2009 5:06 PM
1148	special ed classes nor there aids	Nov 20, 2009 6:31 PM
1149	1. Transportation - reduce walk-to-school zone to 1/4 mile or less - safety should be a priority. Consolidating bus stops can help reduce fuel costs. 2. Contracing out Bus Drivers - again safety should be #1 concern & contract workers should not be allowed around children no matter what background check they supposedly pass. 3. Contracting of School Support staff - keep support staff in the schools that know our children & families. These positions are just as important as teachers. Both deal with our children everyday and SAFETY is of extreme importance.	Nov 20, 2009 6:54 PM
1150	The fine arts in elementary. Arts education provides an opportunity to problem solve and learn divergent thinking.	Nov 20, 2009 8:46 PM
1151	1)Teachers (You need teachers for our children to learn afterall isn't that why children are in school!) 2)Maintenance & cleaning (We want our children to be safe in a clean environment--contract workers don't care because they aren't permanent). 3)Lunch programs	Nov 20, 2009 8:52 PM
1152	Teachers' salaries, transportation and sports, extra-curricular activities.	Nov 20, 2009 9:03 PM
1153	1. Teaching/Parapro personnel 2. Bus transportation 3. curriculum quality	Nov 20, 2009 9:42 PM
1154	the International Baccalaureat should not be touched arts programs languages (if anything we need more language exposure in elem)	Nov 20, 2009 9:47 PM
1155	The IB program should be protected. The Spanish language program should be protected, and even expanded in the elementary schools to meet upcoming population changes.	Nov 20, 2009 10:23 PM
1156	Music and the arts.	Nov 20, 2009 10:32 PM
1157	transportation	Nov 21, 2009 12:14 AM
1158	Readin support student/teacher ratio in elementary or secondary	Nov 21, 2009 12:32 AM
1159	Class sizes (especially at elementary and middle levels) and building level administrative and support services.	Nov 21, 2009 1:34 AM
1160	Teachers and aides Food Service Janitorial	Nov 21, 2009 1:37 AM

Response Text		
1161	1. Teachers 2. Secretaries 3. Media Specialists	Nov 21, 2009 2:21 AM
1162	Nothing. Need everything we currently offer.	Nov 21, 2009 2:30 AM
1163	Technology Media Teaching Staff	Nov 21, 2009 3:17 AM
1164	teachers or staff to help keep classrooms running efficiently - should not be in any of the	Nov 21, 2009 12:39 PM
1165	orchestra programs special education programs	Nov 21, 2009 4:29 PM
1166	Teacher wages Teacher benefits Student athletics	Nov 21, 2009 4:33 PM
1167	Limit the number of teacher layoffs; try to only cut staff through attrition or via early retirement incentives; do not eliminate athletic or extra-curricular programs	Nov 21, 2009 5:18 PM
1168	special education	Nov 21, 2009 5:31 PM
1169	Class size and special ed services	Nov 21, 2009 6:37 PM
1170	M2 program, class sizes, transportation for younger students.	Nov 21, 2009 6:51 PM
1171	Central Office Administration Eliminate as few (good) teachers as possible Do not sacrifice solid, proven and challenging curriculum	Nov 21, 2009 8:42 PM
1172	No larger class sizes Keep all athletics, and arts even if it is pay to play	Nov 21, 2009 9:41 PM
1173	elementary media personnel class sizes in elementary buildings Reading Recovery/reading support in elementary schools	Nov 21, 2009 9:54 PM
1174	Teacher-student ratio Teacher wages	Nov 21, 2009 10:40 PM
1175	At risk, IB programs, Children are our future, the future does not look too bright.	Nov 21, 2009 11:21 PM
1176	the arts and music languages	Nov 21, 2009 11:38 PM
1177	Please do not eliminate EFE and EFA classes.	Nov 22, 2009 12:31 AM
1178	Do not cut any classes period.	Nov 22, 2009 3:50 AM
1179	Everything that does not have to do with Administration costs.	Nov 22, 2009 3:51 AM
1180	Young fives Computer technology courses	Nov 22, 2009 2:06 PM
1181	Teachers, Class Size, and Life Skills programs. Again, if you had a strong Mission, Vision, and Values these questions would be easily answered.	Nov 22, 2009 2:14 PM
1182	I would like to see class sizes in Elementary and Middle schools stay reasonable. In Elementary, around 22- 26 more as the grade increases. This is the time to catch issues and problems. As the kids get older, they can be more independent in class. I also think extra-curricular activities are important. I would hate to see them eliminated thus why I support the pay to play , out of necessity. Parents can help provide transportation. I think the e2 program is beneficial to those kids who are involved. It is my child's favorite day of the week.	Nov 22, 2009 5:15 PM
1183	I don't think that transportation should be eliminated or privatized. Not all high schoolers have their own cars and it's a danger to have others riding together causing distraction. I also have a child who has special needs and I DO NOT want the special education teachers to be privatized. My son loves his teacher and he has a bond already formed with her. I think that adding children to his classroom would also be a disservice to him.	Nov 22, 2009 6:57 PM

Response Text		
1184	Do not eliminate band. It might be possible to reduce or restructure it, but don't eliminate it.	Nov 22, 2009 7:37 PM
1185	Band should not be eliminated. One teacher told me that the band students are the happiest kids in the school. Band has enriched my kids' lives more than I would have ever guessed. If band was eliminated, I might consider moving to a different school district.	Nov 22, 2009 7:44 PM
1186	Do not get rid of band. A majority of HS kids do not drive, or do not have a car to drive. The parking lot would be a congested mess at the beginning and the end of the day.	Nov 22, 2009 7:52 PM
1187	Do not eliminate IB (may have to reduce offerings but don't eliminate the program). Early Elementary interventions (may have to restructure them but make sure you still have instruction strategies for young students who are lagging).	Nov 22, 2009 9:13 PM
1188	employee salary and benefits, class size	Nov 22, 2009 11:12 PM
1189	class sizes, teacher benefits, support personnel	Nov 23, 2009 12:04 AM
1190	1 - Core academic activities should not be reduced and class sizes should not be increased. 2 - Extracurricular academic activities for gifted students should not be reduced or eliminated. 3 - Tutoring and support services for struggling students should not be reduced or eliminated.	Nov 23, 2009 12:39 AM
1191	Dramatics Choral Teachers	Nov 23, 2009 2:22 AM
1192	1. class sizes 2. getting rid of sports 3. ?	Nov 23, 2009 2:37 AM
1193	Music, Theatre, and Forensics - These are the areas which make Portage Public Schools stand out and shine! Cutting this would be like Ohio State cutting its football team. It's one of the best parts of the school! And it enriches our children's lives beyond measure.	Nov 23, 2009 5:25 AM
1194	teaching positions	Nov 23, 2009 6:16 AM
1195	teacher layoffs, class size, extras such as art and music	Nov 23, 2009 12:59 PM
1196	DO NOT increase CLASS loads/ preps for high school or middle school teachers - they are busy enough as it is. DO NOT increase class sizes in the elementary schools!	Nov 23, 2009 1:07 PM
1197	When the people who run our state take a pay cut, both monetary and benefits, then I will consider it. Until then, keep your hands off my money and benefits.	Nov 23, 2009 1:10 PM
1198	teacher/faculty salary pay-to-play ban textbooks	Nov 23, 2009 1:31 PM
1199	classroom size, teacher numbers, special education support	Nov 23, 2009 1:50 PM
1200	Staff, Salaries should not be reduced for the simple reason we are already working many, many hours over contract due to expectations and preparing for our day to day responsibilities.	Nov 23, 2009 1:55 PM
1201	teachers' salaries and benefits - this State induced shortage should not rest solely on the backs of those people who are instructing our children. It is a state issue, not an individual school district issue. transportation - many families would be unable to insure that their child gets to school if this service were to be reduced or eliminated.	Nov 23, 2009 2:02 PM
1202	Education, education, education.	Nov 23, 2009 2:10 PM
1203	1) Reduce the number of school districts. 2) Reduce the overhead costs of endless data collection. 3) Reduce the amount of administrators.	Nov 23, 2009 2:12 PM

Response Text		
1204	class size	Nov 23, 2009 2:21 PM
1205	No suggestions.	Nov 23, 2009 2:56 PM
1206	wages School district collaboration with other districts elementary class sizes	Nov 23, 2009 3:03 PM
1207	Administrative positions	Nov 23, 2009 3:09 PM
1208	Special Education Teaching staff for core or electives	Nov 23, 2009 4:19 PM
1209	classroom sizes in high school...the more children you put in a room together, the more uncomfortable they will be which will take away from learning.Extra activities and sports, these activities help bridge the gap between academics, and allows each child to display or explore his/her talents.	Nov 23, 2009 4:59 PM
1210	Per pupil funding. Do not reduce young five programs, our students are behind in their experiences and knowledge already. Do not reduce or eliminate alternative education funding	Nov 23, 2009 5:36 PM
1211	Arts, teachers, maintenance	Nov 23, 2009 6:28 PM
1212	classroom size classroom teachers	Nov 23, 2009 7:03 PM
1213	Teachers, classroom supplies & materials	Nov 23, 2009 7:52 PM
1214	Anything related to actual academics be it class size or academic programs	Nov 23, 2009 8:05 PM
1215	Teachers or their pay Sports this is the kids only outlet and keeps them out of trouble busing	Nov 23, 2009 10:36 PM
1216	1. Preschool programs/services 2. Teaching/instructional staff 3. Student/Classroom Technologies that enhance universal access to the curriculum, instruction and preparation for post school training, employment and education.	Nov 23, 2009 10:43 PM
1217	Special Education. EFA/EFE Auto mechanics, woodshop, foods, etc. With the large number of low income families in the district, these programs/classes are vital to those students.	Nov 23, 2009 11:58 PM
1218	1. Elementary counselors. Middle school and high school counselors primarily work with scheduling and getting kids through the college process. These areas may need to be restructured or moved to a non-teaching position. However, elementary counselors are an integral part of the learning for those children. They meet daily with students who are facing life situations that are well beyond their ability to problem-solve. Elementary counselors teach kids coping skills. Teachers cannot do this in addition to what they already do. 2. Elementary classrooms should not be dismantled mid-year. These students are used to one teacher. Restructuring at other levels may not be as detrimental - although it should not be the first option. 3. Busing for high school students should continue. It just removes one excuse for students. There would be many families who would struggle if this service was removed.	Nov 24, 2009 1:04 AM
1219	Do not increase class sizes.	Nov 24, 2009 1:10 AM
1220	FACS (in MS restructured to include Health) Art (MS) Tech Ed (MS)	Nov 24, 2009 1:43 AM
1221	Please do not reduce special education. Those with special needs are already behind and to eliminate that would put our kids at an even greater disadvantage.	Nov 24, 2009 2:47 AM

Response Text		
1222	I firmly believe that the IB program should NOT be reduced, restructured, or eliminated. I just graduated from PCHS last spring and started at MSU this fall. IB not only gave me way more credits than AP could have, it prepared me extremely well for both my writing classes and my language classes. I feel much better prepared than many of my peers and often watch them struggle to do the level of work that I became accustomed to junior and senior year. Many of these students took AP english and received good scores, but struggle to write well developed, analytical papers the way I learned how to in IB. Another girl from my IB classes at PCHS and I share a few classes here, and we frequently discuss and comment on how well prepared we feel thanks to IB, and how glad we are that we had IB instead of AP. They are not much different in price than AP and having taken both AP and IB courses, I would say that I got MUCH more out of my IB classes because they demand more from you as a student. I feel like removing the IB program would only be limiting your student's educations.	Nov 24, 2009 5:51 AM
1223	1. Teachers 2. Secretaries - they are the back bone of every building, they keep things running for the staff. They go the extra mile when they do things 3. Bus drivers - you needed trusted employees to transport children	Nov 24, 2009 11:37 AM
1224	I believe it would be a huge mistake to reduce or eliminate any of the special ed. services that are now offered by the school district. That includes all the aides that are involved in all the pull out services. Now that we have a new tier policy of intervention, those staff members are a great help in aiding those students who are on the edge of failling. By giving them support as they need, it may decrease the amount of students who need support later.	Nov 24, 2009 11:43 AM
1225	I would be disapointed to have the arts programs cut and would certainly be willing to pay for my child to participate.	Nov 24, 2009 12:25 PM
1226	class size; insurance; special teachers (art, music, gym, etc)	Nov 24, 2009 12:54 PM
1227	music athletics advanced education for teachers	Nov 24, 2009 1:26 PM
1228	Elementary busing Young Fives Class Sizes	Nov 24, 2009 2:37 PM
1229	Teachers' annual salary	Nov 24, 2009 4:21 PM
1230	DO NOT CUT ELEMENTARY TEACHERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I do not want my child in a class of 28 or 29, he struggles as is, this will only make it worse. His teacher is amazing and he would crumble if he was switched halfway through the year.	Nov 24, 2009 5:15 PM
1231	1. Counselors at all levels 2. Enrichment / accelerated program at all levels 3. Do not consider a 4 day week or reducing the number of total educational hours.	Nov 24, 2009 8:38 PM
1232	Special Education is being reduced and eliminated, WHY? I have four students who should be in a Special Ed room. They get services, but it is hard to run a classroom and give proper instruction with children who cannot control their bodies and behaviors because they have a medical diagnosis, especially when they are not safe to have in the classroom. Medications, OT, SIPs are not helping, these children need to be in a room where they can succeed. We are doing a HUGE disservice to SPED students, and the children in the classroom are being cheated out of an education. Parents pull their children out of public schools because it is unsafe. If you expect teachers to make the grade and improve scores, then give us that opportunity. Show us support! We work VERY HARD for the small amount we get paid. You want results then give us what we need. I pay out of pocket to buy materials for my classroom. I do this to help children have better tools to learn and now you want to cut my pay? I have student loans to pay. I went back to school because the State of Michigan states that in order to keep my credentials and teach, I have to go back to school. Are you going to CUT TAXES so people can drop prices? I have to survive.	Nov 25, 2009 2:04 AM

Response Text		
1233	Teaching staff should not be reduced. Pre-school programs should not be eliminated.	Nov 25, 2009 4:00 AM
1234	Class room size	Nov 25, 2009 2:18 PM
1235	music and gym teachers	Nov 25, 2009 6:44 PM
1236	Teachers Librarians Counselors	Nov 25, 2009 9:45 PM
1237	Special Education, Councilors, specials teachers	Nov 25, 2009 10:35 PM
1238	teaching positions; school operating funds; support personnel	Nov 26, 2009 1:41 AM
1239	- Bus transportation - Music - Class sizes should not be increased	Nov 26, 2009 2:38 AM
1240	Academics & Arts: K-12 Music - especially 6-12	Nov 26, 2009 7:23 AM
1241	Maintenance - keep what has been built working well. Number of teachers, parapro, support staff are ok	Nov 26, 2009 6:39 PM
1242	Any lay off of any group. Michigan has more than enough unemployed. Why be stupid and add to the enormous unemployed numbers!!!!!!	Nov 26, 2009 10:23 PM
1243	transportation to Curious Kids should continue Increase in class size	Nov 27, 2009 2:14 AM
1244	class sizes and options available to students at the high school level, classes like art, music, physical education, etc., safety measures for students	Nov 27, 2009 3:32 AM
1245	Music & Art classes are needed to provide enrichment & exposure to history & the creative potential of the human mind. We must maintain them in our academic curriculums to keep pace with the rest of the world. They are essential to Public Education!	Nov 27, 2009 5:56 PM
1246	food service, custodial, transportation	Nov 27, 2009 10:20 PM
1247	Class sizes should not be increased. High school transportation should not be eliminated because there is not enough parking and it would increase truancy and drop out rate with transportation as the excuse. The number of clerical employees in school offices should be reduced. More parent volunteers could be used to perform routine tasks.	Nov 28, 2009 1:32 PM
1248	Media Specialists and their curriculum Core content areas Forensics (theatre)	Nov 28, 2009 9:29 PM
1249	music - band, choir, etc. art languages	Nov 29, 2009 1:40 AM
1250	types of classes offered, extracurricular active that keep students active and self-confident.	Nov 29, 2009 2:19 AM
1251	IB program is invaluable in my opinion. At the very least move to more AP classes, but a dollar value cannot be placed on this education for our students.	Nov 29, 2009 2:23 AM
1252	teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, principals, custodians	Nov 29, 2009 2:29 AM
1253	Teacher-to-student ratio, reading support and staff size in a building	Nov 29, 2009 2:41 PM
1254	recess, healthy school lunch	Nov 29, 2009 5:17 PM
1255	1. Fine Arts 2. Transportation 3. All entire sports teams should stay unless there is minimalistic desire for the sport	Nov 29, 2009 8:41 PM

Response Text		
1256	Do not eliminate the IB program! My family saved \$19,000 in tuition at a private college because my child received an IB Diploma and was able to skip an entire semester. I would happily pay the exam fees and additional costs for my sophomore to be able to participate as a junior and senior because I know how valuable this program is when applying to colleges and receiving scholarships/credits for courses. The \$450 the school reimbursed me for the IB exams would have been a small investment for my family considering the \$19,000 saved for 1 semester we were not required to take. Another private college told us that an IB diploma would allow us to skip the entire freshman year! \$36,000 in savings? Would I pay for my child to participate in IB? You bet! KAMSC should also not be eliminated, but again require participants to pay. For those financially unable to pay, such as those on the reduced lunch program, figure out how to give them scholarships to allow them to participate. No gifted child should forgo the opportunity to participate simply due to lack of funds. Eliminating KAMSC and IB penalizes EVERYONE.	Nov 29, 2009 9:01 PM
1257	Teachers Support staff Media Centers	Nov 29, 2009 9:52 PM
1258	Special education, Councilors, specials teachers	Nov 29, 2009 10:13 PM
1259	Arts and foreign language programs! Counselors -- already overworked!	Nov 29, 2009 11:50 PM
1260	Music, sports	Nov 29, 2009 11:52 PM
1261	The IB Program Middle school/High School Sports Don't increase the size of current classrooms (# of students)	Nov 30, 2009 12:06 AM
1262	Media Specialists Drama Department (Forensics) Core content - English, math, social studies, science	Nov 30, 2009 12:27 AM
1263	Media Specialists English Math Science and Social Studies teachers Budgets to provide books and nonprint resources to students	Nov 30, 2009 1:09 AM
1264	1)KAMSC should be supported as currently structured because the US is in drastic need of higher level math and science abilities and understanding. KAMSC can't be traded off for IB because the determination of the students at KAMSC and the fact that they CHOOSE to be there outweighs an average high school class that is full of students that don't want to be in the regular (aka: dummy) level of a subject or are forced to be in IB by their parents. 2) Along the same lines the math and science programs in PPS schools should be taught at a high level and I would NOT increase class sizes in these hard science type of classes. 3) Questions 4 and 5 about classroom size in middle and high school is difficult to answer. Yes some classes could be increased and no some classes should not be increased. If that could be approached logically with the hardest classes (math, science) getting the smallest student size and the rote classes (history, maybe English and foreign languages) getting the largest sizes I would support it. Along those lines I am not sure that the first year of foreign language needs to be spread out over 2 middles school years. I have a feeling this is a false economy - just teach the material and stop splitting it into 2 yrs. Kids memorize history so they memorize languages.	Nov 30, 2009 3:15 AM
1265	No teacher layoff	Nov 30, 2009 12:04 PM
1266	Transportation for elementary and middle school students.	Nov 30, 2009 2:04 PM
1267	SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND WORKERS SPORT ACTIVITIES TEACHERS	Nov 30, 2009 2:41 PM

Response Text		
1268	<p>1. We focus on core curriculum first and co-curricular classes second. How do we continue to improve upon this area while weathering the current recession? We increase our expectations of class content in our core classes. We use the technology we have available to be cost effective. We reduce the number of elective classes by researching which elective classes have been most requested over the past 5-6 years and offer those.</p> <p>2. Class size: At the high school and possibly the middle school level, we could increase class size SLIGHTLY. This will only work if we keep enough paraprofessionals to allow classroom teachers to focus on teaching the class as a whole and not having to focus on one individual student with needs which consume their entire attention.</p> <p>3. We continue to offer co-curricular classes that will provide our students with the skills they need for the future - foreign language, computer skills, technical skills and the fine arts.</p>	Nov 30, 2009 3:08 PM
1269	Guidance Counselors at the H.S. Level Music & Arts.	Nov 30, 2009 5:08 PM
1270	Special education, sports, and Teachers	Nov 30, 2009 5:44 PM
1271	Do not eliminate any teacher positions. Keep the classroom sizes as they are. Do not restructure or reduce the wage and benefits for the teachers.	Nov 30, 2009 5:48 PM
1272	teacher salary, supplies, school lunch	Nov 30, 2009 6:27 PM
1273	<p>1. Class sizes at all levels. One or two kids won't hurt, but four to six is unacceptable, especially at the elementary level. It's hard to ensure that a child is comprehending something when there's so many others in the class to worry about.</p> <p>2. The IB and E2 program. This is unique to the area, and it gives some kids, who really need it, a tremendous increase in self esteem.</p> <p>3. Support staff. If you're going to raise the class sizes, keep the paraprofessionals. They spend time with individuals or small groups to ensure kids are successful when the teachers are busy with other things. I know that last sentence sounded awful, but there are times when you can't worry about one when there's twenty-three more that already get it and need to move on.</p>	Nov 30, 2009 6:50 PM
1274	<p>Do not eliminate teachers</p> <p>Do not eliminate or reduce the art and music programs.</p> <p>Do not eliminate athletics, restructure within the upper and lower high school model.</p>	Nov 30, 2009 7:15 PM
1275	KAMSC, music, sports	Nov 30, 2009 7:23 PM
1276	Core areas Class sizes	Nov 30, 2009 7:30 PM
1277	I don't want to see any reductions.	Nov 30, 2009 7:47 PM
1278	Class Size (should remain the same) Special Ed Programs Teacher Compensation	Nov 30, 2009 8:13 PM
1279	Certified Media specialists Keep class size as small as possible Technology integration	Nov 30, 2009 8:29 PM
1280	The core is educating our children. Classroom size for K-8 should be kept as is - they need more attention to build on the basics.	Nov 30, 2009 9:13 PM
1281	don't reduce teachers. It doesn't make sense.	Nov 30, 2009 9:47 PM
1282	The " non basic academic" areas should not be touched (ie- music, art, PE, foreign languages); and the IB program.	Nov 30, 2009 11:10 PM
1283	Music Staff (teachers, janitors, etc) wages and benefits Nutrition (school lunches)	Nov 30, 2009 11:20 PM
1284	I would hate to see any programs eliminated.	Dec 1, 2009 12:25 AM

Response Text		
1285	Math, science, english subjects	Dec 1, 2009 12:40 AM
1286	theater arts IB programs	Dec 1, 2009 12:45 AM
1287	Instructural services, elemantary transportation and access to Technology resources.	Dec 1, 2009 1:11 AM
1288	1) A. P. Classes 2) Music 3) Foreign Languages	Dec 1, 2009 1:35 AM
1289	Media Specialists and their teaching programs Special Ed services At risk student support	Dec 1, 2009 1:39 AM
1290	Elementary class size. Do not eliminate Media Specialists, Art, etc. Athletics.	Dec 1, 2009 1:55 AM
1291	Basic curriculum,	Dec 1, 2009 2:01 AM
1292	At risk services, including those to students not "officially" identified at receiving special ed services Media Specialists and their teaching curriculum	Dec 1, 2009 2:10 AM
1293	Subject core areas - math, science, English, social studies Media Specialists, including their curriculum for teaching 21st Century Skills (incorporating the new technology hardware being infused into the district classrooms) Counselors	Dec 1, 2009 2:33 AM
1294	1. Elementary classroom teachers 2. Any programs related to music, the arts, and enrichment (at any level) 3. Programs and activities that enhance the well-being and socio-emotional development of children and teens: including but not limited to music, sports, the arts, enrichment and academic clubs and those that teach in those areas: librarians, music and band instructors, art teachers, coaches, E2 teachers, tutors, ELL teachers and paras	Dec 1, 2009 2:37 AM
1295	class sizes, salary of teachers, free meals for under privalaged children	Dec 1, 2009 3:42 AM
1296	special education programs, busing, custodial staff	Dec 1, 2009 12:37 PM
1297	do not eliminate music	Dec 1, 2009 2:38 PM
1298	Class size.	Dec 1, 2009 2:43 PM
1299	1) Transportation must not be compromised. The least able to adapt are those who need schooling the most. 2) In school "specials" like music, p.e., library, art, media, etc... are critical to child development. 3) Special education for both low and high acheivers must also continue to be provided (E2, IB programs, AP classes, Atyp, etc.....)	Dec 1, 2009 2:51 PM
1300	Accelerated or enrichment programs - they are what elevates PPS from other districts	Dec 1, 2009 3:58 PM
1301	teaching jobs support staff jobs	Dec 1, 2009 4:43 PM
1302	TEACHERS TEACHERS TEACHERS	Dec 1, 2009 5:39 PM

Response Text		
1303	<p>1. Busing should be provided for all children within 1/4 mile of school. This insures safety & improves attendance. Bus drivers should not be contract workers. In today's world there are too many dangers to our children, schools should strive to be a safe haven and that includes transportation.</p> <p>2. No outsourcing of staff whatsoever. Again, contract workers are not checked as stringently by their employers; the school district can do a much better job and have more control. Having worked with many outsourcing agencies, I am appalled at the workers I have been sent. Background checks are done randomly and it is easy to say lie about one being completed. Again, safety is imperative. Staff also get to know the children and have a better grasp on family structure. They care about the kids and that makes a successful school.</p> <p>3. Keep counseling staff at middle & high schools. These are the kids most at risk for so many detrimental happenings. The opportunity for help must remain at their disposal.</p>	Dec 1, 2009 6:05 PM
1304	academics gifted programming	Dec 1, 2009 6:37 PM
1305	We need to keep teachers! Offering a buyout would solve this problem.	Dec 1, 2009 6:45 PM
1306	sports, teacher lay-offs, transportation	Dec 1, 2009 7:57 PM
1307	classroom sizes, curriculum (classes offered)	Dec 1, 2009 8:44 PM
1308	art, music, and pe.	Dec 1, 2009 9:02 PM
1309	IB, E Squared, and other gifted and talented programs	Dec 1, 2009 9:57 PM
1310	<p>While sports and extra curricular programs are very necessary to any schools attraction and should not be eliminated entirely, reduction seems a must. I would hate to see any element of the "honors" program eliminated. if possible. It has become a great marketing feature. (Reduced?)</p> <p>Cutting food service, busing, and sports are especially sensitive areas to the public.</p>	Dec 1, 2009 10:52 PM
1311	<p>Do not cut honors programs (E2, KAMSC, AP and IB). These are the programs that attract people and employers to a community. A loss of such programs will result in a loss of students to the private schools. Presently, because of the high quality program that Portage provides along with its enrichment opportunities, there is no reason for a Portage resident to send their child to a private school. Let's not change that!</p> <p>Teacher salaries. High quality teachers will compensate for the other reductions. Try to avoid cuts that will directly impact students in the classroom.</p>	Dec 2, 2009 1:30 AM
1312	Teaching staff since they are the heart beat of our public education. If we don't have adequate staff to instruct our students, then we will not be an attractive district for new families.	Dec 2, 2009 1:49 AM
1313	teachers paras benifits for teachers and other staff	Dec 2, 2009 1:49 AM
1314	Honors programs (E2, KAMSC, ATYP, IB) Core academic courses Teacher salaries	Dec 2, 2009 1:57 AM
1315	Reading recovery programs Honors programs such as E2, KAMSC, IB, ATYP Teachers	Dec 2, 2009 2:08 AM
1316	<p>1) International Bacalaurete program absolutely keep intact. Only competitive program in SW Michigan, that draws people to the district, pushes curriculum, attracts the best teachers, Students save time and money when they go onto college. I have travelled to many parts of the world and spoke with our students, they have a distinct advanatge.</p> <p>2) music and theater, parents pay for most of the program already, only need good staff, best value for the buck.</p> <p>3) Academics must be isolated, that is the key to attract students, home owners and talented staff.</p>	Dec 2, 2009 2:29 AM

Response Text		
1317	Media Specialists and their curriculum Reading Specialists Core academics - English,Math, Science., Social Studies	Dec 2, 2009 2:41 AM
1318	class size should not be increased	Dec 2, 2009 3:22 AM
1319	1) classroom teachers at elementary level especially 2) staff with direct student contact 3) enrichment programs may change but, should NOT be eliminated, this will drive students to alternative schools	Dec 2, 2009 3:31 AM
1320	Three areas that I believe should not be reduced, restructured or eliminated are the E2 program, Young 5's and teachers.	Dec 2, 2009 12:57 PM