

## **Ideas for Budget Reductions or to Balance the Budget**

- ✓ **Use fund balance**
- ✓ **Reduce/eliminate optional homestead exemption**
- ✓ **Increase M & O tax rate**
- ✓ **Reduce/eliminate proposed salary increases**
- ✓ **Eliminate or modify administrative personnel positions**
- ✓ **Eliminate or modify instructional personnel positions**
- ✓ **Eliminate or modify support personnel positions**
- ✓ **Eliminate academic programs that are not cost effective**
- ✓ **Eliminate elective high school courses**
- ✓ **Increase class size for grades 5-12**
- ✓ **Eliminate/reduce participation in extra-curricular activities**
- ✓ **Reduce mileage limit for busing students**
- ✓ **Advertising on buses/district facilities**
- ✓ **Consolidate bus routes**
- ✓ **Pay employees once a month – increase interest income**
- ✓ **Reduce/eliminate student field trips**
- ✓ **Change fuel purchasing practices**
- ✓ **Adjust automatic thermostats**
- ✓ **Implement energy conservation measures**
- ✓ **Increase cost of building use fees**

- ✓ **Eliminate overtime for hourly employees**
- ✓ **Charge qualifying capital projects or capital outlay purchases to available bond funds, if appropriate**
- ✓ **Eliminate building modifications**
- ✓ **Delay non-essential facility upgrades and repairs**
- ✓ **Eliminate capital outlay (including library books) purchases**
- ✓ **Increase cancelled check fees**
- ✓ **Increase gate fees/concession costs**
- ✓ **Charge rental of instruments/athletic equipment**
- ✓ **Charge certain salaries/benefits of Compensatory Education to federal title Funds, if appropriate**
- ✓ **Charge salaries/ benefits of special education staff to federal funds, if appropriate**
- ✓ **Charge certain high school teachers and program costs to High School Allotment fund, if appropriate**
- ✓ **Charge for uniform cleaning**
- ✓ **Increase booster club funding of typically General Fund expenditures**
- ✓ **Extend life of administrative computers**
- ✓ **Reduce staff business travel**
- ✓ **Review water usage (sprinklers, toilet maintenance)**
- ✓ **Reduce number of consultants used by the district**
- ✓ **Eliminate meals/ food for meetings**
- ✓ **Increase summer school fees**

- ✓ **Increase early arrival/day care fees**
- ✓ **Reduce “local days” for employees – reduce substitute costs**
- ✓ **Reduce number of copiers in schools**
- ✓ **Eliminate use of charter buses**
- ✓ **Eliminate competitions for students**
- ✓ **Eliminate efficiency/special audits**
- ✓ **Eliminate roll-forward to the next year of unused campus budgets**
- ✓ **Eliminate/reduce employee allowances.**
- ✓ **Completely close facilities for Christmas/Spring Break/July 4 week**
- ✓ **Review cell phone/pager contracts**
- ✓ **Review course offerings and number of students participating**
- ✓ **Booster clubs pay for letter jackets**
- ✓ **Seek additional federal money for grants**
- ✓ **Extend business partnerships for goods and services**
- ✓ **Increase student/computer ratio-will reduce supplies and maintenance**
- ✓ **Extend rotation of uniform purchases for band, athletic teams**
- ✓ **Limit student participation in organizations (reduce uniform purchases, instrument costs)**
- ✓ **Reduce campus budget student allocations**
- ✓ **Eliminate individual memberships in professional organizations, use only district-wide memberships**