










1. Do you think public K-12 education in Florida is adequately funded?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		9.5%	26
No		85.8%	236
I Don't Know		4.7%	13
	Comments		51
answered question			275
skipped question			2




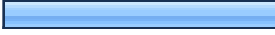








2. In your opinion, do you believe your local school district uses its current funding in an efficient manner?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		69.0%	189
No		19.7%	54
I Don't Know		11.3%	31
	Comments		45
answered question			274
skipped question			3




3. Business leaders at one education foundation are starting to provide pro bono expertise to the school district to develop recommendations to make them more efficient. The goal is to use best practices from the business community to save money that can be sent to the classroom. Do you think it is a good idea for school districts to adopt practices from businesses where appropriate?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		91.1%	247
No		2.6%	7
I Don't Know		6.3%	17
answered question			271
skipped question			6

4. What areas of expertise do you think an education foundation board might provide to help a school district become more efficient?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Fiscal management		57.4%	139
Finance and Purchasing		47.1%	114
Transportation		22.7%	55
Personnel System and Benefits		40.9%	99
Organizational structure		49.2%	119
Efficiency audit		46.3%	112
Real estate		27.3%	66
Facilities and Occupancy costs - e.g. Power, Maintenance, Recycling, Security, etc.		48.3%	117
Food		18.2%	44
New Construction		27.3%	66
I Don't Know		7.0%	17
Other- please explain below		11.6%	28
		Other:	42
answered question			242
skipped question			35

5. At least one Florida school district has adopted a four-day school week to save money. Other school districts are considering moving to a four-day school week. Do you think it would be a good idea for your school district to move to a four-day school week?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		16.2%	44
No		67.5%	183
I Don't Know		16.6%	45
answered question			271
skipped question			6














6. Please explain why you would like your school district to move to a four-day school week?

	Response Count
	43
answered question	43
skipped question	234

7. Please explain why you would NOT like your school district to move to a four-day school week?

	Response Count
	175
answered question	175
skipped question	102

8. What other cost-savings measures do you think school districts should explore?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Capping district overhead costs		39.1%	100
Administrative personnel cutbacks		39.5%	101
Outsourcing services (e.g. maintenance, transportation, security)		53.9%	138
Using employee furloughs (unpaid time off)		14.8%	38
Employee pay cuts (reduction of salaries)		6.3%	16
Employee benefits (e.g. having employees contribute towards their group insurance))		43.8%	112
Reducing number of staff in selected disciplines (e.g. paraprofessionals, college and career lab managers, deans, district administrators)		31.6%	81
Cutting extracurricular programs such as band, student clubs & after school activities		5.9%	15
Cutting or eliminating arts programs		3.5%	9
Cutting or eliminating athletic programs		12.5%	32
Charges for school district facility usage by community (i.e. pay rental fee to use ball fields, gyms, cafeterias)		58.6%	150
I Don't Know		5.9%	15
Other- please explain below		13.3%	34
		Other:	75

answered question 256

skipped question 21

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1	I understand we rank 39th among the states in per pupil funding. We can do better than that.	Sep 21, 2011 4:19 PM
2	Absolutely not...capital funding has been eliminated in pubic schools and FTE funding has been cut severely. Florida is not addressing the needs for public education.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 PM
3	My guess is that with proper reprioritization and enlistment of community support, funding is close to adequate.	Sep 21, 2011 2:38 PM
4	Funding cuts have left schools and teachers with limited resources and tools to adequately teach students. Parents, who are facing their own economic challenges, are asked to give more and more.	Sep 21, 2011 10:50 AM
5	however, money alone will not improve it . We need to get out of the box	Sep 21, 2011 10:27 AM
6	More is expected from students and teachers with less money available.	Sep 21, 2011 9:43 AM
7	I think it depends on where you are in the state. Collier County is adequately funded, but other counties are not in as good financial shape as we are.	Sep 20, 2011 9:49 AM
8	The promise of lottery money being used to supplement legislative school funding has not been kept.	Sep 19, 2011 5:23 PM
9	46th in Nation	Sep 19, 2011 3:50 PM
10	In some counties, there is still too much "fat" at the district offices. The \$\$ needs to get to the classroom.	Sep 19, 2011 3:50 PM
11	There are many mandates that are not funded or poorly funded.	Sep 19, 2011 3:33 PM
12	We have the opportunity to think out of the box	Sep 19, 2011 2:24 PM
13	Funding is inadequate, shrinks every year, and is too reliant upon the lottery.	Sep 19, 2011 2:19 PM
14	Drastically underfunded, over mandated and puts us in a poor position to compete with international competitors and academic top performers.	Sep 19, 2011 1:25 PM
15	Too many unfunded mandates sent down to the local level.	Sep 19, 2011 1:07 PM
16	The State of Florida cannot continue to give mandates and not provide funding. It's just not realistic!	Sep 19, 2011 12:48 PM
17	I think the Florida Lottery did not provide additional funding, just replacement funding.	Sep 19, 2011 11:32 AM
18	Capital budgets brought to zero for K-12 public schools.	Sep 19, 2011 11:25 AM
19	Governor Scott is too interested in funding private schools	Sep 19, 2011 11:22 AM

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20	No, the funding is cut every year and our children are suffering from that decision.	Sep 19, 2011 10:47 AM
21	We need creative solutions, not more money	Sep 19, 2011 10:42 AM
22	The School Districts need to rethink their budgets and look at their organizational charts!	Sep 19, 2011 10:42 AM
23	Florida has always lagged behind other states in educational funding	Sep 19, 2011 9:53 AM
24	Lack of state funding putting pressures on local communities to pass County taxes to make up for State under funding.	Sep 19, 2011 9:12 AM
25	It has been underfunded for at least 10 years and gets progressively worse.	Sep 19, 2011 8:56 AM
26	however, the mandates from stae and Certainly Federal governments prevent proper allocation of the funds.	Sep 18, 2011 7:16 PM
27	The statistics place us very low in per pupil funding in comparison with other state.s	Sep 16, 2011 3:30 PM
28	It is important that we get out of the box and begin to use technology more effectively	Sep 16, 2011 2:59 PM
29	When schools have to do fund raisers, they are not adequately funded.	Sep 15, 2011 9:36 AM
30	There is nothing more important than public education in this state and country.	Sep 14, 2011 6:19 PM
31	I am opposed to unfunded mandates	Sep 14, 2011 4:19 PM
32	I believe it way underfunded. Especially with more state mandates...increased high stakes testing, class size, increaseingly hard high school graduation requirements, and more	Sep 14, 2011 2:42 PM
33	Public education was badly funded in Florida before the recession, and state leaders have used the economic downturn as an excuse to cut funding even more. Their real goal is to privatize education.	Sep 14, 2011 2:05 PM
34	I believe that Governor Scott and the Republican legislature are out of touch with the needs of students in Florida.	Sep 14, 2011 12:41 PM
35	Last in US per pupil funding	Sep 14, 2011 11:09 AM
36	Not based on the class size amendment	Sep 14, 2011 10:28 AM
37	Too much emphasis on virtual school rather than traditional classroom.	Sep 14, 2011 10:12 AM
38	Too many unfunded mandates	Sep 14, 2011 10:02 AM
39	Too many laws, not enough money to implement the laws!	Sep 12, 2011 10:44 AM
40	Very underfunded	Sep 12, 2011 9:43 AM
41	There are too many unfunded mandates. There should be no new legislation if it cannot be funded.	Sep 9, 2011 3:10 PM

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42	Too many mandates that are not funded.	Sep 9, 2011 1:48 PM
43	The state and all our elected officials should be embarrassed by the lack of adequate funding.	Sep 9, 2011 10:53 AM
44	Get rid of class size limits.	Sep 9, 2011 10:10 AM
45	As someone who runs an organization with 30 employees I am seriously concerned about our commitment to education funding for the next generation and how it will impact new businesses coming to Florida and hiring Floridians in the workplace.	Sep 9, 2011 10:03 AM
46	Absolutely not when compared to the other states and the value the students receive. Also unfunded state mandates are idiotic.	Sep 9, 2011 9:26 AM
47	Legislators should not be putting \$ into Charter & private schools at expense of public educ	Sep 8, 2011 3:38 PM
48	We have been playing the shell game for years in Florida with the PR saying we have increased funding when in fact it has been drastically reduced to pre-2003 spending in spite of many more students in our schools.	Sep 8, 2011 12:42 PM
49	it gets worse each year	Sep 8, 2011 11:52 AM
50	Per Capita Student funding is near the bottom of the country. Teachers are constantly struggling to survive.	Sep 8, 2011 11:51 AM
51	Question is "where do we get the money" to adequately fund it?	Sep 8, 2011 11:28 AM

Page 3, Q2. In your opinion, do you believe your local school district uses its current funding in an efficient manner?

1	I am troubled by reports I have heard from OCPS employees that monies earmarked for quality teacher programs are being allocated elsewhere.	Sep 21, 2011 4:19 PM
2	As a former school board member, I have had the opportunity to see first hand how well district financing has been managed.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 PM
3	I believe State regulations severely hamper and hinder a District from using funding in the most efficient manner.	Sep 21, 2011 2:45 PM
4	Tough times have forced a fresh look and outside experts participation in a strategic planning process with telling metrics.	Sep 21, 2011 2:38 PM
5	I believe they use it to the best of their ability.	Sep 21, 2011 10:50 AM
6	The district is performing well; however there is not full transparency as to how administration allocates funding.	Sep 21, 2011 10:29 AM
7	we have ti intergrate technology more effectively and make time the varible and mastery what we seek from each student	Sep 21, 2011 10:27 AM

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8	within the applied rules & regulations; State, Federal & Union	Sep 21, 2011 9:46 AM
9	Our Superintendent is very experienced.	Sep 20, 2011 9:18 AM
10	However, there are still areas that could be improved upon	Sep 20, 2011 7:01 AM
11	I don't have kids in the public school system. I'm hoping to learn more with my new volunteer roles with OCPS.	Sep 19, 2011 9:28 PM
12	At a time when all businesses are looking at efficiencies in the way they operate and spend money, it would behoove school districts to do the same.	Sep 19, 2011 5:23 PM
13	but due to Florida legislators decisions - the cuts have been DRAMATIC and devastating.	Sep 19, 2011 4:45 PM
14	Does a lot with so little	Sep 19, 2011 3:50 PM
15	Our local school district has done an admirable job of coping with the cuts from the state and federal levels.	Sep 19, 2011 2:19 PM
16	We are second lowest in non classroom expenditures per pupil of Fl. 67 districts	Sep 19, 2011 1:25 PM
17	Handling in an efficient manner but having to fund mandates which were NOT funded by legislature. Why mandate something without appropriate funding?	Sep 19, 2011 11:58 AM
18	No, but we now have a new superintendent, and I feel this will change.	Sep 19, 2011 11:32 AM
19	I am confident that our school system uses funds efficiently because as a Charter School System Lake Wales Charter Schools operates sperately from the local school district.	Sep 19, 2011 11:03 AM
20	Top Heavy, too many admin, waste	Sep 19, 2011 10:42 AM
21	I believe school districts are mired in traditional thinking and reluctance to initiate change and this is hurting their success during times of limited funding./	Sep 19, 2011 9:53 AM
22	Example, using budget specifically for teacher development for other areas.	Sep 19, 2011 9:12 AM
23	especially the funds the local district has "say so" over.	Sep 18, 2011 7:16 PM
24	In most cases.	Sep 16, 2011 3:30 PM
25	They have not opened the systemand made time a variable and mastery what we seek.	Sep 16, 2011 2:59 PM
26	It has a lot of room for improvement though	Sep 15, 2011 2:05 PM
27	Small rural counties have to provide so many services that I believe coordination of counties for speciality areas could help make better use of funds. One person to lead 2 or 3 counties.	Sep 15, 2011 12:46 PM
28	I am not stupid. I know that there is some waste; however, in St. Lucie County, we are less top-heavy than 60-some other counties...	Sep 14, 2011 6:19 PM
29	Our district is, I believe, a model for the creative and prudent use of funds and in	Sep 14, 2011 5:54 PM

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	the innovative ways it saves dollars to offset some of the funding shortfalls such as we are now experiencing now	
30	to many administrative depts	Sep 14, 2011 3:17 PM
31	But there are still more they could do to save	Sep 14, 2011 2:56 PM
32	I believe we do a great job with what little we have.	Sep 14, 2011 2:42 PM
33	What they get.	Sep 14, 2011 2:05 PM
34	I know that our superintendent, Janet Valentine, and the School Board members are doing the best they can with what they have.	Sep 14, 2011 12:41 PM
35	i do think \$ that are tied to certain projects/state mandated could sometimes be better spent with local control	Sep 14, 2011 11:44 AM
36	I don't know how my district matches up to other districts for efficiency.	Sep 14, 2011 11:44 AM
37	Salaries & Benefits are too great % of total revenues	Sep 14, 2011 10:53 AM
38	If you look at the ratio of actual teachers compared to all other employees - teachers represent less than 50% of employees. The core business of education is teaching students yet there are more employees doing other things that what is core to the business.	Sep 14, 2011 9:50 AM
39	small, rural, economically disadvantaged communities, tax burden is already too high on the 25% who are actually contributing to the tax base.	Sep 9, 2011 1:48 PM
40	Top heavy on administration.	Sep 9, 2011 10:53 AM
41	In sense that not all students should be on college track. More focus needed on VocTech programs and educating students on personal finance and small business development.	Sep 9, 2011 10:10 AM
42	As a member of our school board foundation I see first hand the efforts that are made to use our funding for the greatest impact of the children.	Sep 9, 2011 10:03 AM
43	making much out of little	Sep 9, 2011 9:26 AM
44	The are administratively top heavy	Sep 8, 2011 11:52 AM
45	Sometimes very efficiently; sometimes they seem wasteful.	Sep 8, 2011 11:34 AM

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1	My local district seems to do well; it is our legislators who are not fiscally responsible.	Sep 21, 2011 10:21 PM
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2	We actually have a Business Advisory Board in our school district.	Sep 21, 2011 3:06 PM
3	It depends on the level of expertise of the Board members or consultants. It is also imperative that the District provide suggestions on the areas the District may need assistance.	Sep 21, 2011 2:58 PM
4	All areas - SCPS has worked with the business community for years where resources in the business community were available that could assist in any of the categories mentioned	Sep 21, 2011 2:48 PM
5	marketing and public relations - with a focus on advocacy and education on the needs of the school district and the impact of education on the community.	Sep 21, 2011 10:52 AM
6	Leadership Training	Sep 21, 2011 10:50 AM
7	although private business could offer advice; the public systems do not function in the same way as private business due to Unions, STATe & Federal Regs. So, the advice or assesments may not make an impact.	Sep 21, 2011 9:48 AM
8	strategic planning, collaborations on projects, conduit for public/private partnerships, community feedback, advisory	Sep 20, 2011 7:33 AM
9	This varies from area to area, much more feasible in larger areas than the smaller ones	Sep 20, 2011 7:02 AM
10	Professional Development	Sep 19, 2011 7:33 PM
11	technology--we need to figure out how to leverage learning through better use of technology and customized development plans for each student.	Sep 19, 2011 6:07 PM
12	individual board members' businesses	Sep 19, 2011 4:47 PM
13	brain power, financial help, man power/mentors	Sep 19, 2011 3:51 PM
14	The job of elected officials is to make decisions regarding the above.	Sep 19, 2011 3:51 PM
15	Each one of the items listed above would be beneficial to any school district.	Sep 19, 2011 2:23 PM
16	It depends what expertise there is on the Education Foundation Board. If there are business members that have experience in these area's it could be a big help.	Sep 19, 2011 1:52 PM
17	Public schools are so regulated by feds and state and private sector folks have no training in such. We run better than most businesses now.	Sep 19, 2011 1:25 PM
18	I think our school district does a great job running as a business. They need help building relationships and bringing people into our schools to learn how they can support with philanthropic dollars.	Sep 19, 2011 12:49 PM
19	I am part of an educational foundation as well as being a school board member. We provide mini-grants and funding to other areas of your school system.	Sep 19, 2011 11:23 AM
20	It depends on the strenght of the board and what talents they bring to the table.	Sep 19, 2011 11:14 AM

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21	support of current trends.	Sep 19, 2011 10:44 AM
22	Identifying experts who can assist pro bono	Sep 16, 2011 3:31 PM
23	Marketing/PR	Sep 15, 2011 2:21 PM
24	How to build private business partnerships/relationships	Sep 15, 2011 11:12 AM
25	Lobbying legislature	Sep 15, 2011 9:40 AM
26	Education is not completely a business. Educators do not produce widgets. Still, there are business aspects in all these categories in which local foundations can be good consultants.	Sep 14, 2011 6:21 PM
27	this would depend on the skills of the board members and the industries from which they come	Sep 14, 2011 5:55 PM
28	Anything where the private sector would have an expertise.	Sep 14, 2011 3:21 PM
29	I am not sure our foundation is equipped with the right influencers	Sep 14, 2011 3:18 PM
30	community engagement	Sep 14, 2011 3:07 PM
31	Communication.... letting the public and the business community know what the school district is working on.... ie, the HEF Community Involvement group.	Sep 14, 2011 2:19 PM
32	It depends on the expertise of individuals on the Board and the kind of companies they represent.	Sep 14, 2011 11:47 AM
33	PR/Marketing/Fundraising	Sep 14, 2011 9:54 AM
34	I do not think education foundation boards are in a position to offer assistance on the above. If there are business executives serving on the board, with particular expertise in one of these areas, that person can offer his or her assistance, but I personally do not think these areas are ones that foundation boards are in a position to provide expertise.	Sep 11, 2011 10:14 PM
35	In my business experience, not sure they (anyone in school districts) really are open to change from outside opinions.	Sep 9, 2011 12:28 PM
36	Wherever the school board and leadership feels they need help.	Sep 9, 2011 10:04 AM
37	To support activities of students, teachers and administrators as long as it is within their mission or objectives to enhance educational pursuits of the students.	Sep 9, 2011 9:28 AM
38	EFs can provide services to augment school board initiatives, but in my view, EFs should not get involved in the business affairs of the Board	Sep 8, 2011 5:16 PM
39	Advocacy skills -- how to effectively engage the community to understand/support public education.	Sep 8, 2011 4:56 PM
40	Communications	Sep 8, 2011 2:01 PM

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41	depends onboard membership	Sep 8, 2011 11:46 AM
42	Student and teacher recognition	Sep 8, 2011 11:20 AM

Page 6, Q1. Please explain why you would like your school district to move to a four--day school week?

1	In these economic times - Trying to control our electrical costs, gasoline usage and other determining factors might benefit from a four day work week versus five.	Sep 22, 2011 5:46 AM
2	It is an economic decision, not an education decision. If money were not an issue, I would not be in favor of the 4 day week. However, we can make it work.	Sep 21, 2011 10:18 PM
3	Savings in utilities. A/C, lighting, water, etc. consumption would be reduced by nearly twenty percent. Transportation would experience a huge reduction by eliminating one day per week.	Sep 21, 2011 5:08 PM
4	It would save money.	Sep 21, 2011 4:38 PM
5	Extended days and time on task for the students M-Th. Cost efficient.	Sep 21, 2011 2:59 PM
6	If it saves money! School districts will need to look at drastic options to continue to provide services.	Sep 21, 2011 2:50 PM
7	If moving to a four-day school week would significantly help reduce the budget I'm in favor. However, I don't know what percentage of the budget is allocated to operational expense.	Sep 21, 2011 1:20 PM
8	A four-day school week would not be my preference however given the current situation, it is likely the best and only option. It will prove a challenge for working parents, especially those with younger children. It will also hurt after-school activities.	Sep 21, 2011 10:54 AM
9	If it is shown that the cost savings would be significant then I think whatever saves money should be done.	Sep 21, 2011 9:49 AM
10	In order to save money	Sep 21, 2011 9:43 AM
11	It would save money and extend the school year. I know this would be difficult for many parents as childcare would become a significant issue but if it would extend the school year so students don't experience such significant regression over the break, it would be worthwhile in positively impacting budget and achievement.	Sep 20, 2011 10:59 AM
12	In addition to the cost savings and increased opportunities for family time, research has shown that it does not harm academic performance.	Sep 20, 2011 7:04 AM
13	An easy way to save money. Would make teachers be more efficient with their classroom time.	Sep 19, 2011 10:31 PM

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14	It would save close to \$50K per week in gas and electricity. School districts that have moved to this have also seen attendance rates improve. We would also have students for a longer period of time. It is impossible to teach and monitor 40 students in a 49 minute period.	Sep 19, 2011 9:38 PM
15	Children are going home from school too early in the afternoon. Parents need to provide childcare Monday through Friday. A four day week would help them; students would go longer Monday through Thursday, perhaps not needing childcare. Parents would only need to find care for their children one day a week.	Sep 19, 2011 7:53 PM
16	If it is deemed to be a more efficient use of resources, I think it should be on the table for consideration	Sep 19, 2011 3:39 PM
17	Because economy is at its worst, having a 4-day work week allows for students and others to take on another job or to have a job without conflict.	Sep 19, 2011 3:35 PM
18	Because we don't want to cut \$ 4 million in staff positions. This will raise class sizes.	Sep 19, 2011 1:41 PM
19	Expand the daily time spent in each class, many time the teacher has just gotten the subject material presented and there is no time for questions and discussion. Also transportation costs should be reduced by 20% which is a big number statewide.	Sep 19, 2011 1:22 PM
20	The move would be appropriate if the quality of education does not suffer..... the amount of time devoted to subject matter needs to be consistent...if not increased.... The class room experience can not be replaced by homework...for many of the students the home environment will not support this effort. The 4 day would save money in transport/facilities etc.... need to be cautious of at what cost to the education of the students.	Sep 19, 2011 12:37 PM
21	I do think there are many efficiencies that can be utilized. I do have a concern about child care on the off day.	Sep 19, 2011 11:53 AM
22	Cost effective. More time in each class for expanded learning activities.	Sep 19, 2011 11:44 AM
23	Increasing demands on teacher time for non-classroom related responsibilities; student motivation; Friday is a "slack day" often	Sep 19, 2011 11:08 AM
24	Cost of transportation, use of cafeterias. Also not doing half days but 1 whole day on and 1 whole day off to save....energy, transportation, cafeterias.	Sep 15, 2011 12:49 PM
25	Better and more efficient use of Assets and Resources.	Sep 15, 2011 12:16 PM
26	It is certainly worth a look at the cost savings benefit . I would like to the cost savings	Sep 14, 2011 5:13 PM
27	Less cost.	Sep 14, 2011 4:40 PM
28	Only if it saves money and streamlines the operation.	Sep 14, 2011 4:22 PM
29	Economic benefits. Reduction occupation cost for schools. Also for transportation (divers salary, operation cost for busses, etc.	Sep 14, 2011 4:03 PM
30	Save on Utilities BUT puts a burdan on parents for care.	Sep 14, 2011 1:03 PM

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31	tEACHERS & STUDENTS ARE ALREADY THERE--THE BUS EXPENSE WILL DROP, THE BLDG. ARE ALREADY COOL/OR WARM-SO SAVE ON HEATING/COOLING COSTS.	Sep 14, 2011 11:03 AM
32	It would save the district thousands of dollars annually.	Sep 14, 2011 10:14 AM
33	Save on transportation costs.	Sep 14, 2011 10:03 AM
34	If needed to manage more efficiently under current funding.	Sep 14, 2011 9:34 AM
35	More efficient use of facilities. However if schools aren't shut down on the fifth day then this would not work. Also extended day provides better use of time for teachers to deliver uninterrupted instruction.	Sep 14, 2011 9:31 AM
36	A four day week would save on energy costs and maximize educational time.	Sep 12, 2011 8:59 AM
37	Decrease energy, fuel, and food costs. Would only require an extra 1 to 1 1/2 hours per day to have same academic hours. Many of our parents are unemployed, so child care isn't a major issue	Sep 9, 2011 1:50 PM
38	save fuel for buses as well as heating/air	Sep 8, 2011 5:21 PM
39	many businesses have a 4 day week. Techers and students are not so tired, it seems to make sence.	Sep 8, 2011 4:43 PM
40	Cost saving measure.	Sep 8, 2011 12:28 PM
41	These shorter and longer days only confuse the students regarding the schedule. I say have full days for 4 days and drop the modified Wednesdays.	Sep 8, 2011 12:05 PM
42	It will save money on Transportation costs. We should have Friday as an open tutoring day or catch up day	Sep 8, 2011 11:53 AM
43	A four day work week saves on operation costs associated with keeping the doors open and transportation costs associated with bussing.	Sep 8, 2011 11:53 AM

Page 7, Q1. Please explain why you would NOT like your school district to move to a four-day school week?

1	Hardship for working parents.	Sep 21, 2011 10:21 PM
2	I believe a high percentage of children has either their only parent, or both parents working. A four day school week would place an enormous burden on those parents. Teachers pay should not be cut if they have students four days a week. I don't see that the benefits outweigh the downsides.	Sep 21, 2011 9:52 PM
3	Parents not at home on the fifth day. Who looks after school age children on that 5th day?	Sep 21, 2011 8:07 PM
4	It would cause a 20% decrease in pay for our lowest paid employees. Students need more time in class/school if we are to compare ourselves with the top performing countries in the world and compete in a global economy.	Sep 21, 2011 4:59 PM

Page 7, Q1. Please explain why you would NOT like your school district to move to a four-day school week?

5	Added stress on families with both parents working. Students need the extra day in school.	Sep 21, 2011 4:48 PM
6	Truly, it makes no sense not to have school during most of the summer months, Cutting school to four days a week increase hours/day and reduces student attention in class. Also, having 3 days off and returning to school has a negative effect on memory and retention.	Sep 21, 2011 4:13 PM
7	Would put working parents in an awkward position, as the private workplace is solidly in a 5 day work week, and that doesn't seem likely to change for at least a generation.	Sep 21, 2011 3:42 PM
8	too long a day for elementary school students; many, many unsupervised students K-12 on the 5th day due to working parents; we will have very tired teachers - makes for a long day!	Sep 21, 2011 3:07 PM
9	Children need more time in the classroom, not less. free time = trouble for kids	Sep 21, 2011 2:41 PM
10	The work week is five days. We have too many latch-key kids as it is, and too many non-English-speaking students. We need more days in school, not fewer.	Sep 21, 2011 2:41 PM
11	Hardship on Parents to have someone stay home with thier children. Too much material packed into 4 days.	Sep 21, 2011 2:35 PM
12	Interferes with work week in two income families	Sep 21, 2011 2:21 PM
13	I am not certain the required course material can be covered properly in a 4-day week.	Sep 21, 2011 1:56 PM
14	Loss of academic rigor	Sep 21, 2011 11:44 AM
15	Our education process is already in crisis relating to the instruction of our kids. Cutting their classroom/interaction time makes no sense. I also do not believe it would any funding. Concentrating on effeciency/effectiveness in the school system is the way to go.	Sep 21, 2011 10:53 AM
16	Too many working parents- kids would kave too much time on their hands unsupervised.	Sep 21, 2011 10:48 AM
17	It would have a negative impact on the families and the children. Most parents works 5-days a week and many would not be able to afford childcare for that 5th day when kids would not be in school.	Sep 21, 2011 10:31 AM
18	most young families both are working School can save money by utilizing CAI and CMI	Sep 21, 2011 10:31 AM
19	I feel it would be too much of an impact on families to arrange for child care	Sep 21, 2011 10:27 AM
20	Student contact during a 5 day schedule with time to do homework and focus on learning is essential. Need more weekly time spread over full week.	Sep 21, 2011 9:55 AM
21	If a child has to ride a bus to school and then spend a 10 hour day in the classroom and then ride a bis home & then do homework -- how much of the lessons/teaching is he/she absorbing?	Sep 21, 2011 9:50 AM
22	Two reasons: I'd like to see the benefits from districts that have tried this, and it	Sep 21, 2011 9:50 AM

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	would put a burden on parents to provide child care on the day schools are closed.	
23	We need to take into account the amount of data students can absorb in one day. They need time to practice and study. School is NOT business and we need to remember what the goal of school is....a place where students learn so they can become our next working generation.	Sep 21, 2011 9:46 AM
24	Decline in quality of education. lack of programs and cost of day care to working parents	Sep 21, 2011 9:41 AM
25	Parents work 5 days a week.	Sep 20, 2011 5:18 PM
26	too much down time for kids	Sep 20, 2011 3:53 PM
27	I think that we would be adding more to our students to complete in less time, and with less classroom time, curriculum and learning is going to suffer.	Sep 20, 2011 3:23 PM
28	If funding is the issue, schools can utilize the resources in the community (fellow businesses) to be a source and save money in other areas. Our children need a good work ethic, and parents can not work as hard as they do now and have another day to pay for afterschool programs. This money could easily be in the schools, it is my opinion that we do not access the resourses, and this is a area that would greatly benefit our children!!	Sep 20, 2011 2:22 PM
29	makes the days too long for teachers and children	Sep 20, 2011 11:36 AM
30	Think it puts added pressure on working parents to care for their children.	Sep 20, 2011 10:04 AM
31	Our students seem to not be able to compete after graduation now. I am concerned that more free time is not the answer. What is the impact to the teachers and the fall-out of other personnel?	Sep 20, 2011 9:58 AM
32	Because it gives kids too much free time.	Sep 20, 2011 9:52 AM
33	Hardship on parents.	Sep 20, 2011 9:37 AM
34	Other Countries have more school time and have shown significantly better results. We need to figure out how to give our students more learning time not less.	Sep 20, 2011 9:22 AM
35	Three out of four days off disrupt the learning process and are difficult on working parents. That could cause absenteeism	Sep 20, 2011 9:19 AM
36	Full time working parents would have to find day care for their elementary and middle school children.	Sep 20, 2011 9:07 AM
37	Kids need more hours in school. Not less. It's disruptive to parent work weeks. There are too many reasons to list in this survey why it's a ridiculously stupid and inefficient idea. Not to mention our kids are stupid enough as it is.	Sep 19, 2011 9:30 PM
38	We should be increasing instructional time during the week to better prepare our students for the global economy.	Sep 19, 2011 7:51 PM
39	1) Students need daily structure 2) Seems like it would be an Incredibly long day for students and teachers	Sep 19, 2011 7:51 PM

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40	It would force many working parents who are already stretched with the economy to find an entire day of childcare for young students.	Sep 19, 2011 7:35 PM
41	It puts a hardship on the parents that are working	Sep 19, 2011 7:15 PM
42	Doesn't coincide with business week. If these change was looked at more holistically as part of other educational reforms it might be more appealing.	Sep 19, 2011 6:08 PM
43	It impacts the parents who work FT and do not have funding to to provide for care the 5th day.	Sep 19, 2011 5:56 PM
44	#1 reason - child care cost for that 5th day for the parents. Kids today already have a lot of homework and I would be concerned how much more would be 'crunched' into longer hours each. Especially for the younger grades.	Sep 19, 2011 4:49 PM
45	Kids need structure five days a week.	Sep 19, 2011 4:02 PM
46	Parental schedules	Sep 19, 2011 3:55 PM
47	As an educator, there has to be time on task in order for learning to take place. If the school district moves to a 4-day week, how can we compete in a world market where other countries even educate on Saturday?	Sep 19, 2011 3:53 PM
48	Days would be too long for student brain consumption; teacher burnout; change in community culture/safety/supervision of kids, etc.	Sep 19, 2011 3:52 PM
49	Children need more class time, not less. Longer day is too difficult for younger children. Presents hardship for working parents	Sep 19, 2011 3:34 PM
50	I think this would be a big hardship on the student families	Sep 19, 2011 3:31 PM
51	My husband and I have had six children and three grandchildren educated in our county's public school system. I am not in favor of a four-day school week due to the fact that our children need to be focused on their academics and physical education five days a week. Idle minds and hands tend to not be focused on positive life choices.	Sep 19, 2011 3:03 PM
52	I believe, after my husband and I, had six children go through our county's education system...that kids need to be focused on being academically and physically active in education. Lots of children would have too much idle time on their hands not to keep focused coupled with idle hands do tend to get into trouble. I am definitely in favor of maintaining the five-day school week schedule!	Sep 19, 2011 3:00 PM
53	presence a hardship to working mothers	Sep 19, 2011 2:27 PM
54	The impact to the parents could be significant! Many would not be able to afford the added child-care and I don't believe that the older youth should be alone and/or unsupervised for an additional day, too many are alone after school now. If a four-day week is adopted then perhaps the older youth could participate in community events, etc. as a possible alternative, I'm just not sure that would be sustainable.	Sep 19, 2011 2:26 PM
55	Additional burden on working parents. Less teaching time / longer day for children, etc.	Sep 19, 2011 2:09 PM

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56	That's terrible for education, parent supervision, economic development, local businesses and their employees, community culture and law enforcement. People, including kids are awake 6,000 hours per year, school currently keeps them for 1,000 hours and the community has them for 5,000 hours. Unless kids are supervised trouble potential increases and crime and family disruption is increased.	Sep 19, 2011 1:28 PM
57	Be a big burden on working parents.	Sep 19, 2011 1:09 PM
58	causes major problems for working parents. increases school day for students winter involves darkness for students at bus stops	Sep 19, 2011 12:56 PM
59	It's too difficult for parents and studies indicate there are no cost savings.	Sep 19, 2011 12:53 PM
60	Our school district has found other ways to save money.	Sep 19, 2011 12:51 PM
61	American students need more time in school - not less.	Sep 19, 2011 12:37 PM
62	Crime, impact on community.	Sep 19, 2011 12:25 PM
63	Lack of supervision and students will probably regress because of decrease in instructional time	Sep 19, 2011 12:14 PM
64	We looked at it last year and there are still too many issues in our community to be resolved for it to be feasible. With our new superintendent it might be worth another look.	Sep 19, 2011 12:14 PM
65	What will parents with kids do for child care on the 5th day? Cramming 5 days of studying into 4 days to save on utilities and salaries does not equate to better learning for students. What does the research show?	Sep 19, 2011 11:59 AM
66	This is a pay raise for the teachers, with no incentive for improvement attached. This would be a hardship on parents.	Sep 19, 2011 11:33 AM
67	We live in a rural county. A lot of single parent homes as well as both parents working in a lot of homes. Too much money for daycare for those students as their parents work 5 days a week.	Sep 19, 2011 11:25 AM
68	1. Too much time away from school as a block of time. 2. Impact on parents who work, most by necessity. 3. Unfortunately, there is a tendency to "let down" a little on the last day of the school week. 4. A longer school day and five days is needed to show the urgency and importance of learning.	Sep 19, 2011 11:16 AM
69	It would put an undue burden on parents for childcare issues during the workweek.	Sep 19, 2011 11:15 AM
70	Concerned extra day would become another weekend/vacation day. Many extracurricular activities may be effected.	Sep 19, 2011 11:11 AM
71	Lake Wales Charter Schools operates independently from the local school district. We believe we need more time with our students and not less to really make a difference especially with the high poverty students we serve. There are more effective way to cut cost than minimizing our contact time with students.	Sep 19, 2011 11:07 AM
72	If longer school days are required for a 4 day week younger students with smaller attention spans could suffer.	Sep 19, 2011 11:06 AM

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73	Reducing student learning time in the classroom cannot produce gains in learning. Plus, like it or not, the real world functions on a Monday to Friday schedule and many children whose parents noth work would have to find care options. Further, those children that would not be supervised would have a greater opportunity to get in trouble.	Sep 19, 2011 11:03 AM
74	We are behind now compared to the leaders of the world. We need knowledge not budget reductions.	Sep 19, 2011 10:50 AM
75	This will affect the two working parents adversely and cost them money for daycare on Friday.	Sep 19, 2011 10:50 AM
76	Days would become too long for students...especially the young ones. Too disruptive to family schedules & working parent schedules.	Sep 19, 2011 10:49 AM
77	The children have to start too early and are exhausted by the end of the day.	Sep 19, 2011 10:48 AM
78	The impact of a four day school week on families is significant! In the current economy, with many families living week to week, the added burden of day care or child supervision is I believe irresponsible. Also, I would be concerned about unsupervised children were family finances don't allow for help.	Sep 19, 2011 10:46 AM
79	the impact the students, teachers, educational employees and the community as a whole.	Sep 19, 2011 10:45 AM
80	Because we need students to learn more, not less. Also, where would the savings be in moving to a four-day week? Are you going to pay teachers less or rent out the facilities on the 5th day? Most likely not, so your fixed cost are not all that different.	Sep 19, 2011 10:44 AM
81	ineffiecent	Sep 19, 2011 10:14 AM
82	it would put a hardship on many families who are two working spouse households noww in need of additional child care	Sep 19, 2011 10:07 AM
83	School time on task has been proven to be effective in making learning gains. Reducing time on task will not improve learning.	Sep 19, 2011 9:55 AM
84	If we clean up all the other mis-managed areas across the districts it won't be forced to hurt families that will struggle with this arrangement	Sep 19, 2011 9:14 AM
85	The burden it could place on families where both parents work.	Sep 19, 2011 8:57 AM
86	It would put a distinct hardship onto families for child care.	Sep 18, 2011 10:10 PM
87	Insanity comes to mind, the rest of the world is making the kids work longer and harder. Four day work week is for teachers benefit only.	Sep 18, 2011 7:20 PM
88	It would be a hardship on parents to find daycare Children would have a more difficult time retaining over the long time period Parents might feel a greater need to chose home-school over the change	Sep 16, 2011 10:05 PM
89	It adds additional time to school day. Learning over a 5 day period versus a 4 day period enhances learning.	Sep 16, 2011 4:26 PM
90	It is a radical cultural and economic change that requires much thought and	Sep 16, 2011 3:32 PM

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	careful planning.	
91	It leaves the parents who work with a problem With the intergration of technology inot the instructrioal process we can think out of the box .	Sep 16, 2011 3:04 PM
92	There is not enough learning taking place in the classroom now. Moving to a 4 day school week would leave many children left behind in their education and more exposure to being on the street. The more time in the classroom learning, reading, writing, proper social skills, etc the better.	Sep 16, 2011 3:04 PM
93	education should be a full time "job" for the students	Sep 16, 2011 10:32 AM
94	The effects on the entire family structure would make it difficult on the families in regards to finances and supervision of children. The majority of families in our community require both parents to work or are single parent situations, and their work week is 5 days.	Sep 15, 2011 2:42 PM
95	Child care issues for parents	Sep 15, 2011 2:22 PM
96	We need six day weeks and year round schools	Sep 15, 2011 2:06 PM
97	I don't think that is in the best interests of students. It would compact 5 days into 4 days creating more stress and then leave them without care on the 5th day.	Sep 15, 2011 11:47 AM
98	longer school days are NOT a good idea for the students and will not enhance student achievement	Sep 15, 2011 11:11 AM
99	Difficult for working parents to find child care	Sep 15, 2011 11:04 AM
100	It would put a burden on parents for childcare, and would not likely be well recieved.	Sep 15, 2011 9:01 AM
101	Parents working	Sep 14, 2011 10:40 PM
102	Hardship and/or additional expense for parents who work five day weeks AND the school environment is needed five days per week for struggling children with poor parental support.	Sep 14, 2011 10:22 PM
103	The American children are under educated already. If anything, our children need more education.	Sep 14, 2011 10:20 PM
104	I think school week should coincide with work week.	Sep 14, 2011 8:28 PM
105	A school system is part of a larger system every family navigates through on a daily basis; as long as the rest of that system operates on a 5 day workday the school district in order to insure the child gets the best of that full system of care needs to be a 5 day week.	Sep 14, 2011 7:42 PM
106	Time on task is proven to be important for learning. We should maintain 5 day weeks and add at least 3 weeks to the school calendar.	Sep 14, 2011 6:22 PM
107	I believe that meaningful contact time is critical for learning to take place	Sep 14, 2011 5:56 PM
108	I believe it will be difficult for working parents to have additional day care expense.	Sep 14, 2011 5:37 PM

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109	students need more days and hours, not less. Also causes more latch key kids and the resulting crime/moral issues	Sep 14, 2011 4:51 PM
110	Interference with working parent schedules. Shorter classroom exposure time.	Sep 14, 2011 4:33 PM
111	Studies that I have read does not support this.	Sep 14, 2011 4:15 PM
112	I would like the costs savings to our county, but not to the detriment of educating our children.	Sep 14, 2011 3:22 PM
113	It does nothing to help two household or single parent working units...it actually creates a greater economic burden	Sep 14, 2011 3:19 PM
114	The rest of the world revolves around a five day work week. It would be very inconvenient for working parents.	Sep 14, 2011 3:08 PM
115	Other 4 days would be longer, would cause problems for Parents with after school care and would child care on the day off	Sep 14, 2011 2:58 PM
116	As an educator, I believe that longer not shorter periods of time would be better for students.	Sep 14, 2011 2:47 PM
117	I don't believe that would be in the best interest of our students or their families. Less contact time = less education.	Sep 14, 2011 2:44 PM
118	Too much time off for students.	Sep 14, 2011 2:27 PM
119	Hardship for families already hurting financially.	Sep 14, 2011 2:05 PM
120	Creates a hardship for parents who need to arrange child care. Teachers are stressed enough already. Extending the hours in the day, even though there are less days per week, may not get the students the quality of education they deserve.	Sep 14, 2011 2:00 PM
121	Could pose challenges for child care to parents who work full time.	Sep 14, 2011 1:47 PM
122	Children should be in school more not less. By being home, this creates more issues for education and for the community.	Sep 14, 2011 1:36 PM
123	There are so many families where both parents have to work that the burden of an entire day of child care would be too much.	Sep 14, 2011 12:43 PM
124	I think it may disrupt student learning and I'm not sure it would save significantly.	Sep 14, 2011 12:16 PM
125	This would have a financial impact on working parents and related child care costs, plus expose our youth to more downtime. The ripple effect in the community could be negative....both financially and otherwise.	Sep 14, 2011 12:08 PM
126	I think best learning environment is 5 day segments, particularly for younger students. If that indicates a longer day/shorter week, hard to remain energetic, fresh and enthusiastic for all. if fewer days and fewer hours, think educ is being short changed	Sep 14, 2011 11:46 AM
127	It sends the wrong message to students who will someday work a minimum of 40 hours.	Sep 14, 2011 11:44 AM

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128	I don't think that removing the student from school one day a week is the answer. For one thing, it puts a lot of pressure on the parents to figure out care for the child on that one day that they are not in school.	Sep 14, 2011 11:22 AM
129	There are pros and cons to each option; however, before going to a four-day school week other options should be investigated. I understand that a four-day school week gives students extra time to work on projects and boosts morale amongst teachers; however, you are also asking working parents to place their child in day care and lowering the wages for hourly school district employees.	Sep 14, 2011 11:21 AM
130	It will not benefit cost savings to any degree. For the immaterial savings, significant changes in planning student supervision during the off day of the week will be a burden of working parents. Again, the cost versus benefits are not justified. One less school day does not equate to 20% less in expenses unless teachers are paid 20% less, which would not be appropriate.	Sep 14, 2011 11:12 AM
131	I am not sure a longer school day will improve education. Hurts the lowest paid employees Food Service and Transportation.	Sep 14, 2011 11:11 AM
132	Day care nightmare for parents; less social interaction time for students	Sep 14, 2011 10:54 AM
133	My concern is what do the children do with the additional time off? This could impact families & students.	Sep 14, 2011 10:31 AM
134	We are already falling behind other states and nations when it comes to educating our children. 4 longer days will likely result in less attentive students, which means less learning. Totally opposed.	Sep 14, 2011 10:13 AM
135	This will make it very tough for working parents. Most kids would not use the day off productively	Sep 14, 2011 10:05 AM
136	School systems need to understand that parents and taxpayers are the customer. The four day week is a huge problem for parents and the community.	Sep 14, 2011 9:53 AM
137	Our students are underperforming, as a whole, today when compared to other states and countries. Reducing the hours of education is not a solution.	Sep 14, 2011 9:47 AM
138	stress on the working parents to cover childcare for that day. and I don't understand where the savings are? Teacher pay stays the same?	Sep 12, 2011 8:14 PM
139	We have already limited the time for true learning to occur due to the increase in test requirements. To limit the time in school, due to the short-focused concentration on money, will have serious consequences for students and our country's prospects. The seriousness of these decisions should be motivated by a full understanding of the long-term effects on student learning and its profound effect on our country's economic future. Shortchanging students now will have dire consequences for our country and its economic competitiveness in the near future.	Sep 12, 2011 10:50 AM
140	I believe the impact on working parents would be devastating. In addition, the longer school day for young children is not beneficial.	Sep 12, 2011 10:45 AM
141	The concern would be extra time commitments from students in the classroom. Additionally, extra curricular activities would need to be scheduled on school days.	Sep 12, 2011 10:09 AM

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142	This will make it difficult on parents who work and will need to find or pay for somebody to watch their children.	Sep 12, 2011 9:45 AM
143	While costs might be reduced, time in school is critical to learning. For some students, this structured time is critical.	Sep 12, 2011 8:58 AM
144	It would be a disaster to the families having to provide daycare and accomodating for the fifth day.	Sep 12, 2011 8:21 AM
145	I would like the time spent in school for students should be extended not shortened. Students benefit in terms of learning, achievement and retention by spending more time in school.	Sep 11, 2011 10:16 PM
146	I believe that children need as many hours of quality instruction as possible. Reducing the school week to 4 days will require extending those four days and would negatively impact the quality of learning, especially among young children.	Sep 11, 2011 6:08 PM
147	Create problems with parents and child care etc. Also students aren't getting what they need in 5 days currently.	Sep 11, 2011 3:54 PM
148	There are too many variables...athletics, dual enrollment courses, career and tech programs, etc.	Sep 10, 2011 5:20 PM
149	Students need the time in class to prepare for all of the state-wide assessments, to learn the curriculum, and to be a part of high school. Asking students to go a four day week would mean that they would have to attend school for a longer period of time. For a child to sit in class for 7 1/2 to 8 hours a day is ridiculous. Adults do not sit for that long doing difficult mental work.	Sep 9, 2011 3:13 PM
150	Impacts socially with kids who might be unsupervised the 5th day.	Sep 9, 2011 3:09 PM
151	We already have the shortest number of school days in the industrialized world. We need more time not 36 less days. Longer school days are not effective.	Sep 9, 2011 2:16 PM
152	Students need more classroom time not less. Would cause unbelievable problems for working parent on the additional day off.	Sep 9, 2011 12:18 PM
153	It is going to be rough on the children and create community problems (ie: care for students with working parents on the fifth day.) Now if schools could offer a paid program on the fifth day, that might be a solution.	Sep 9, 2011 10:56 AM
154	extend hours and consolidate schools. students can be on a staggered schedule like college to maximize use of teachers, the main cost. perhaps teachers salaries can be increased to reflect number of hours teaching.	Sep 9, 2011 10:13 AM
155	It reduces the educational frequency that is needed by students to retain what they've learned. Additionally, it places a burden on local businesses / workforce in additional childcare costs or reduced productivity from employees caring for young children.	Sep 9, 2011 10:00 AM
156	Moving to a four day week just transfers costs from the District to the parents. In a difficult economy, burdening taxpaying parents with additional child care costs and logistical issues is not doing the public any good.	Sep 9, 2011 9:58 AM
157	It is not in the best interest of children. Fewer, longer days would not improve the learning experience.	Sep 9, 2011 9:56 AM

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158	Working families; less day to day supervision by parents/caregivers; less structure for the students; etc	Sep 9, 2011 9:29 AM
159	Students need more classroom time, not less. We should have a minimum 5 day class week and longer daily hours if we are expect to make learning gains.	Sep 8, 2011 9:41 PM
160	Learning overload. Kids need time to absorb information. Cramming circularium into 4 days would not seem to achieve a higher degree of learning. A study of other educational systems might be helpful.	Sep 8, 2011 5:19 PM
161	Because a majority of the students in public education (hopefully) have working parents that work 5-days a week. I believe moving to a 4-day work week would have a catastrophic impact on a majority of the students/families. All you have to do is research how many public school students are on free/reduced lunch. For those kids -- the meals they get at school are the only guaranteed food they will have. THAT IS REALITY. 4 day work weeks sound great in concept -- but the negative impact to a majority of Florida public schools students is unacceptable.	Sep 8, 2011 5:01 PM
162	Students need MORE time in the classroom with the 5 day schedule	Sep 8, 2011 3:39 PM
163	Our students need to spend more time in school, not less. Let's look at business hours for students...eight hour days, an hour lunch, two breaks. How are we preparing our students for the real world? What skills can we (really) teach them in 40 minute classes? The impact on shorter school weeks/days greatly effects the business community. It creates a larger hardship to parents of these students..especially in the area of after school care costs.	Sep 8, 2011 2:35 PM
164	Creates tremendous burden on working parents and creates day for older kids to find trouble.	Sep 8, 2011 2:03 PM
165	Four day a week puts a financial and logistic burden on families who work while their children are in school plus it is healthier for students to be in school 5 days a week as more learning occurs and less free time available to potentially cause situations that would not normally be available.	Sep 8, 2011 1:15 PM
166	I do not believe it is in the best interest of the student to accelerate the daily class requirements and then have 3 days off	Sep 8, 2011 1:11 PM
167	It would place an undo burden on parents for daycare of younger students.	Sep 8, 2011 12:43 PM
168	It would create havoc for families where parent(s) work Mon thru Fri work week and ultimately do more harm than good.	Sep 8, 2011 12:34 PM
169	This would save on bus transportation, but an extra day of day care would impact low income parents who are working.	Sep 8, 2011 12:19 PM
170	Increase costs to families for day care; If it decreases salary of teachers and staff that will negatively impact local economy.	Sep 8, 2011 11:51 AM
171	We have as a nation lost much of our competitive edge, I believe this would further weaken it. We need MORE hour/Week.	Sep 8, 2011 11:48 AM
172	Students are already behind. This only serves to put them further behind..	Sep 8, 2011 11:35 AM
173	That eliminates a standard working day which potentially narrows down the day/time that businesses/parents may be able to communicate with the school	Sep 8, 2011 11:30 AM

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174	It would negatively impact my business. The majority of employees have school age children and would have difficulty coming to work if their children only went to school four days a week.	Sep 8, 2011 11:22 AM
175	Few business operate on a 4 day in area	Sep 8, 2011 11:21 AM

Page 8, Q1. What other cost-savings measures do you think school districts should explore?

1	None. Our districts need to increase funding and spending.	Sep 21, 2011 10:22 PM
2	no class size amendment	Sep 21, 2011 8:50 PM
3	Cutting out of state trips for fact finding, using in house personnel instead of hiring outside experts, slowing down the development of curriculum changes that have huge financial impacts such as new books or staff development costs.	Sep 21, 2011 5:04 PM
4	Must address retirement benefits - contribute bigger % to get in line with business community.	Sep 21, 2011 4:54 PM
5	Most items on the list have already been done by our district.	Sep 21, 2011 4:14 PM
6	Our school district has done all these things already.	Sep 21, 2011 3:08 PM
7	Charging for the use of facilities by the community and making facilities multi-purposed is the only option available that doesn't impact the employees directly. All options need to be considered but cutting student programs. Cutting arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities will only increase juvenile criminal offenses and reduce student interest.	Sep 21, 2011 2:55 PM
8	Use technology more effectively - traditional textbooks, etc., should be abandoned - they are costly, and wasteful.	Sep 21, 2011 2:48 PM
9	Distance learning. More volunteer aides in classrooms.	Sep 21, 2011 2:42 PM
10	Energy efficiency upgrades to aging infrastructure	Sep 21, 2011 2:22 PM
11	Everything should be on the table	Sep 21, 2011 2:18 PM
12	Eliminating waste. Putting all contracts out for RFP.	Sep 21, 2011 10:56 AM
13	Opening up under used space and facilities (as noted above) might be a viable option.	Sep 21, 2011 10:55 AM
14	Asses retirement benefit costs -- look for ways to reduce cost.	Sep 21, 2011 9:52 AM
15	Not allowing public tax dollars to support private schools.	Sep 21, 2011 9:48 AM
16	You must maintain adequate staffing levels with competitive pay and benefits. Future generations deserve to be educated by the best teachers we can provide and deserve a quality education.	Sep 21, 2011 9:47 AM

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17	Do away with tenure, equal pay for equal ability. Pay cuts where pay level is based upon tenure only.	Sep 21, 2011 8:53 AM
18	I think instead of cutting we can use our community resources better. Businesses want to give.... they are pushed away.	Sep 20, 2011 2:55 PM
19	Raising taxes. It's unpopular, but realistic.	Sep 20, 2011 9:53 AM
20	Make sure special projects have a cost benefit study.	Sep 20, 2011 9:23 AM
21	Many of these could be effective again depending on the individual school district	Sep 20, 2011 7:06 AM
22	It is not wise to cut from above choices. If students do not have extracurriculars they won't come. Teachers have already not had a raise in 5 years, plus national board funds have pretty much diminished too, creating a bigger pay reduction.	Sep 19, 2011 9:40 PM
23	I think we are at the "bare-bone" level now! No more cuts!	Sep 19, 2011 7:56 PM
24	Repealing the class size amendment. That would save millions of dollars.	Sep 19, 2011 7:53 PM
25	Cutting the arts, music, and athletic programs are the worst places to cut. Sometimes these are the VERY programs which keep kids in school.	Sep 19, 2011 3:58 PM
26	Eliminating freshman sports. Merging with JV.	Sep 19, 2011 3:56 PM
27	Stop cutting and find ways to add	Sep 19, 2011 3:53 PM
28	I am definitely not in favor of eliminating extracurricular programs and after school activities, the arts & athletic programs. Students participating in these areas score the highest on ACT/SAT scores, especially those in the field of the arts.	Sep 19, 2011 3:07 PM
29	First of all, please look at education, specifically PreK-12 as a national defense investment. What other PROFESSIONS are cutting compensation? What other PROFESSION gives resources back to its clients regularly in terms of clothing, meals, school supplies---teachers and administrators do that all the time. The insult to a profession with multiple advance degrees to suggest furloughs rather than finding the resources is anti American and will aid in the demise of our nation. How will we entice the best and brightest minds to become teachers (as the best performing nations do) if the young collegian constantly sees education being put down and diminished. Do not equate unions with teachers. The anti union effort has created the anti- teacher effect. If not for public education there is no "GREATEST GENERATION", there is no spirit of exploration and entrepreneurship. Next districts have had massive cuts sine 2007. This is school we are talking about the future of our nation!	Sep 19, 2011 2:50 PM
30	proper use of technology for distance delivery and CAI	Sep 19, 2011 2:30 PM
31	ebooks for students.	Sep 19, 2011 2:11 PM
32	Shifting some of the cost for Athletics and Band to the Boosters for that school...	Sep 19, 2011 1:53 PM
33	Reducing School Board Salaries	Sep 19, 2011 12:52 PM

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34	combining High Schools in small districts	Sep 19, 2011 11:35 AM
35	No courtesy busing.	Sep 19, 2011 11:27 AM
36	Increase fees for our facilities that are used by outside agencies and organizations.	Sep 19, 2011 11:26 AM
37	Consolidating some job responsibilities, partnering with community resources, soliciting gifts from able community members (they are inclined to give if they are assured their gift is needed and will be used appropriately for students.	Sep 19, 2011 11:13 AM
38	Do not cut arts, band and athletics.	Sep 19, 2011 10:55 AM
39	support a revenue source for the school district.	Sep 19, 2011 10:47 AM
40	Less of the high paid employees in the district office and more employees who actually work with students (teachers, etc)	Sep 19, 2011 10:45 AM
41	Reducing or eliminating programs that are ineffective.	Sep 19, 2011 9:56 AM
42	book purchasing is totally mismanaged , by the state.	Sep 18, 2011 7:24 PM
43	reduction in workforce thru attrition where possible	Sep 16, 2011 10:09 PM
44	Need to look at potential excess properties	Sep 16, 2011 3:34 PM
45	overturn class size amendment	Sep 15, 2011 9:41 AM
46	Permit "job sharing" for teachers willing to sacrifice full-time benefits	Sep 14, 2011 10:23 PM
47	Our district has cut in every area that is reasonable, I believe. Cutting arts and athletics adds to students' loss of interest. Not a good idea at all for a civilized society.	Sep 14, 2011 6:23 PM
48	Cutting high school freshman sports. Combine athletes with JV and varsity teams.	Sep 14, 2011 4:35 PM
49	After school programs could use personnel other than certified teachers to reduce the costs. Apply user fees and offer scholarships for those who can't afford to pay for certain extracurricular programs.	Sep 14, 2011 4:24 PM
50	None of these are acceptable	Sep 14, 2011 2:48 PM
51	Whatever has the least negative impact on students.	Sep 14, 2011 2:45 PM
52	Fuloughs only as a last resort.	Sep 14, 2011 2:06 PM
53	Charge a small fee for the across-the-board free breakfast offered today.	Sep 14, 2011 2:01 PM
54	be modest in your fees but yes revenue generation could be helpful.	Sep 14, 2011 12:10 PM
55	eliminate class size amendment/reduce \$ spent on accountability testing, utilize fewer shorter tests, examining budgets/admin/overhead for most efficient use of \$	Sep 14, 2011 11:49 AM
56	Althernate sources of revenue- i.e. camps and community classes	Sep 14, 2011 11:22 AM

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57	cut virtual school	Sep 14, 2011 10:14 AM
58	I believe Florida should increase education funding rather than cut programs and services.	Sep 14, 2011 9:48 AM
59	Focus efforts on hands-on, goal-oriented learning (knowing why you need skill set)	Sep 12, 2011 9:00 AM
60	Implementing cost saving systems to cut overhead costs and duplication of services	Sep 11, 2011 10:18 PM
61	We have already done all of these that can be done	Sep 9, 2011 2:18 PM
62	our is seriously over staffed at high end administrative positions at the district level.	Sep 9, 2011 1:52 PM
63	Not sure where the changes need to be made--sometimes feel management is heavy and school districts are too large--economies of scale seem to not be efficient.....feel the system is really a mess. I support continues arts and athletics.	Sep 9, 2011 12:34 PM
64	Do not understand why we let community groups use and abuse our sports fields for free and then the school district has to maintain it.	Sep 9, 2011 10:58 AM
65	The problem is not that we are spending too much. We are spending too little. Reduce the prison budget and put it into the school systems. Local school systems should also have more autonomy and less interference from the legislature.	Sep 9, 2011 10:10 AM
66	I think in most of these areas our local school leaders have cut to the bone and further cuts only hurt our students.	Sep 9, 2011 10:06 AM
67	cut/eliminate non educational aspects of the system	Sep 9, 2011 9:52 AM
68	Any cost savings method is appropriate as long as it doesn't impair the learning process.	Sep 8, 2011 9:43 PM
69	If education funding cuts actually impacted ATHLETIC programs; there would be such an uprising from the mainstream public (which currently is not engaged in the education debate); and no doubt, would easily get Legislators attention! At this point -- we need to appeal to the masses; and unfortunately it is directly tied to sports. My question: How did public education get so far off the grid?	Sep 8, 2011 5:18 PM
70	Total restructure, adapt to the real world like private business	Sep 8, 2011 2:04 PM
71	Unfunded mandates from the state should be eliminated.	Sep 8, 2011 12:21 PM
72	We've already used most of these so we need more funding sources	Sep 8, 2011 12:06 PM
73	Other than reduction in administrator and district level salaries, I don't think we need to be cutting our school budgets.	Sep 8, 2011 11:54 AM
74	DO NOT REDUCE FUNDING	Sep 8, 2011 11:53 AM
75	Do Not cut arts and athletic programs!!	Sep 8, 2011 11:31 AM