



ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2009-2010 BUDGET FORUM/WORKSHOP

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High School – Farnsworth Technology Center

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Mohonasen has PLANS for our students!!

**Our mission is to ensure that students reach their
Potential to Learn in an Academically rich, Nurturing
and Safe environment.**

Vision for the Future.....

Mohonasen Central School District will be widely recognized as an exemplary school district, enthusiastically educating mind, body and character. Visitors and community members will experience an environment of respect and care surrounding each personal interaction. They will discover a culture of excellence permeating every program. Mohonasen will be a model of a safe, effective and well-rounded educational community in a diverse suburban setting.

Whatever It Takes , Whatever the Challenge!







BUDGETARY GOALS:

The Board of Education establishes yearly budgetary goals.

For the preparation of the 2009-2010 budget, the following goals have been developed:

- Minimal budget increase and commensurate tax rate that supports the “Whatever it Takes, Whatever the Challenge” philosophy.
 - Continue to work at the state level for state aid formula reform.
 - Maintain programs while continuing to move district forward, even during challenging economic times.
 - Address programmatic changes and successful implementation of the NYS standards.
 - Ensuring fairness and equity between programs.
 - Maximize existing resources and seek out new revenues.
 - Continue to implement 3-5 year financial plan, re-building reserves and fund balance.
 - Continue to implement 3-8 year facilities plan, addressing demographic and programmatic needs.
 - Reflect staffing allocations that facilitate implementation of standards, enrollment changes and class size needs, collective bargaining agreements, as well as emerging programmatic and facility needs.
 - Allocate resources and staffing to implement priority goals necessary to improve results:


NCLB Compliance	Ongoing Curriculum Development and Alignment
3-8 Assessment Preparation and Improvement	Technology Integration and Enhancement
Academic Intervention Services (AIS)/Summer School	Staff Development
Core Academic Area Improvements	Ongoing Instructional Improvement
Immersion and Enrichment Opportunities	Reflect “Whatever It Takes, Whatever the Challenge” Belief
Mohonasen Technical Education Programs “Mo-Tech”	Pro-active Early Intervention – Full Day Kindergarten
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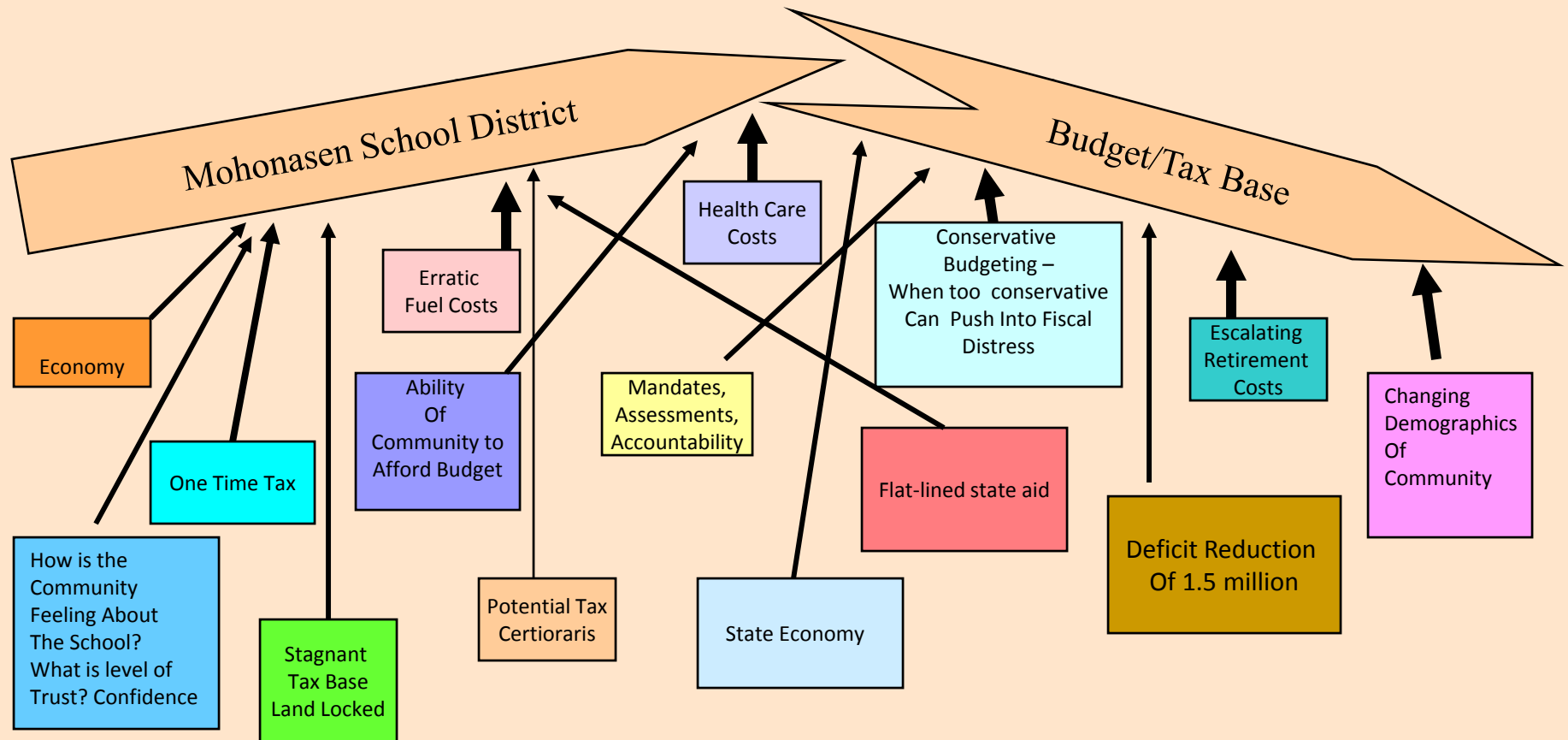
Process Changes for 2009-10 budget development process:

- Seeking broad community input/feedback on programmatic and budgetary priorities.
- Offer stand-alone presentations for components of budget to encourage participation.
- Create and implement a community budget survey.
- Offer opportunities for community members to ask questions.
- Use feedback to assist in refining budget.

How Does the Internal Process Work?

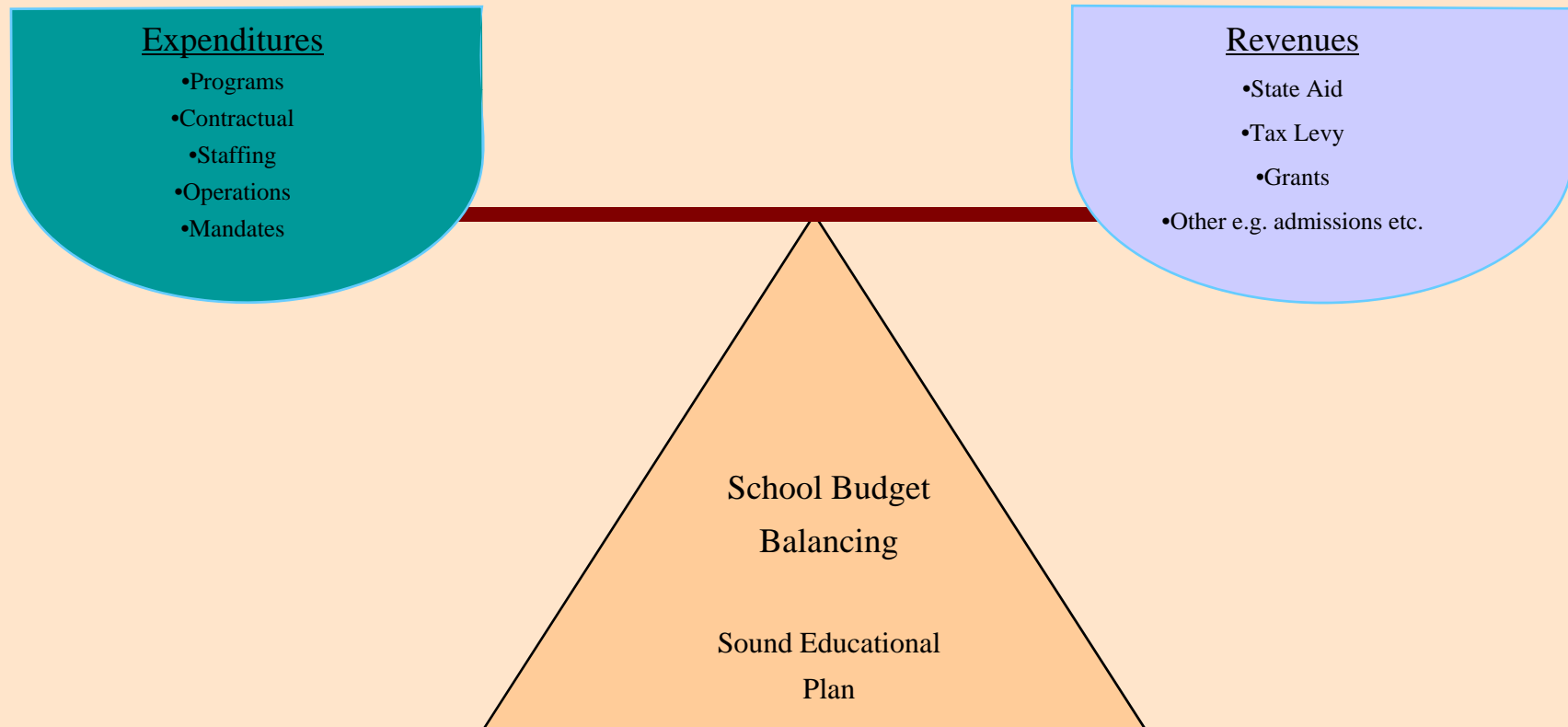
- Administrators/Supervisors begin meeting in October.
 - Identify programmatic goals and areas of focus K-12.
 - Agree to prioritized list of goals and areas of focus.
 - Administrators/Supervisors develop program/department level budget.
 - Create of preliminary roll-over budget.
 - Balance roll-over budget with proposed state budget – prioritize pieces of budget as a group.
 - As public budget presentations occur, use feedback to refine budget, if appropriate.
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Fiscal Stressors/Realities That Must Be Considered/Balanced




What is a School Budget?

The ideal budget is a complete financial forecast of both expenditures and revenues, based upon a sound educational plan.





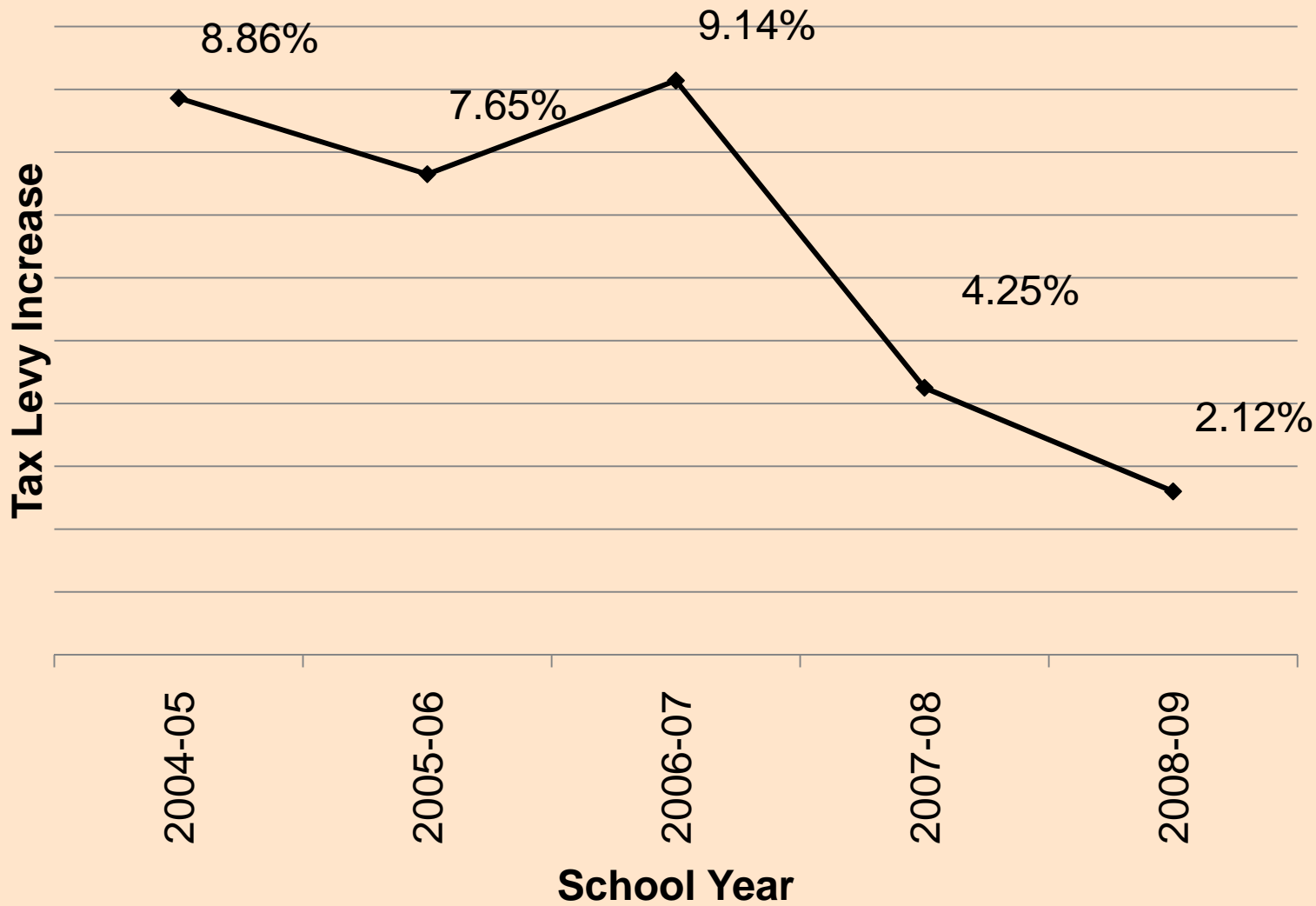
What We Know:

- Unprecedented economic times
 - New York is particularly affected because large amount of its revenue is generated by Wall Street.
 - Nearly 45 percent of Mohonasen's budget is made up of state aid.
 - One percent on the tax levy is approximately \$212,000, which is roughly ½ percent on Mohonasen's budget.
 - Governor Patterson's proposed budget does three things:
 - Holds state aid flat for school districts;
 - Imposes a deficit reduction assessment of \$1.5 million for Mohonasen;
 - Contains language indicating that Mohonasen could lose the 95 percent building aid it currently benefits from.
 - With the deficit reduction and flat state aid, there is no doubt that this will be an extremely challenging budget process:
 - We believe it is also important to try and keep programs intact and continue to move forward.
 - Mohonasen has always budgeted conservatively leaving little padding and little to shave.
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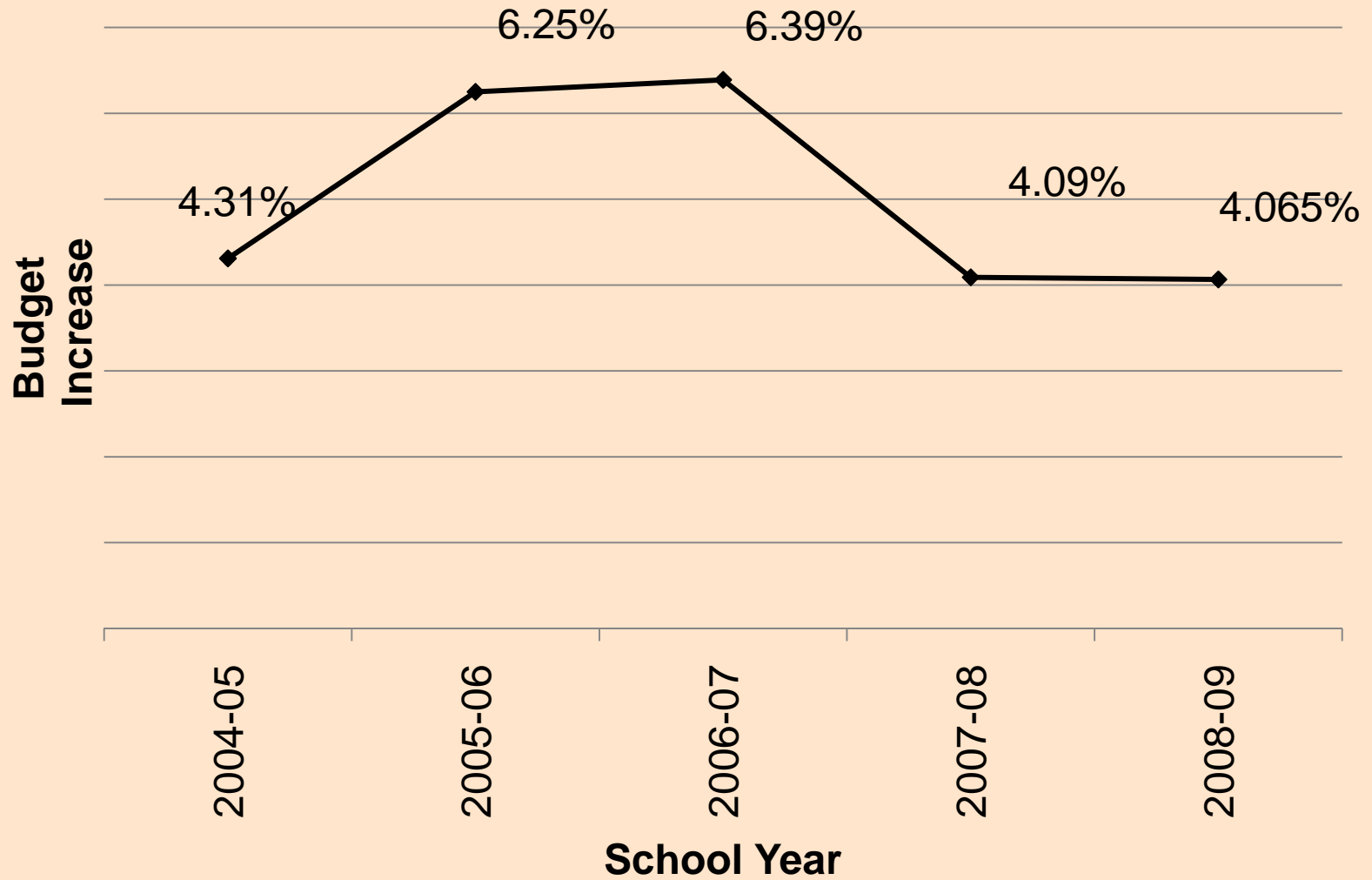
District Comparison

District	Student Population	2008-2009 Budget	Per pupil spending
District A	3,444	\$52.2 million	\$15,168
District B	2,793	\$45.9 million	\$16,416
District C	1,250	\$21.7 million	\$17,328
District D	2,036	\$41.6 million	\$20,407
Mohonasen	3,167	\$41.9 million	\$13,241

Tax levy increases over the past 5 Years



Budget increases over the past 5 Years



The Challenge:

Current Budget 08-09	\$41,935,614		
State Aid	\$18,924,201	}	45%
Tax Levy	\$21,262,913		51%
Other	\$ 1,748,800		4%

Governor proposes flat state aid
and
Deficit Reduction of 1.5 million

Preliminary Rollover	\$43,217,850	}	Roughly 3.06% increase	Difference of \$1,281,936
Budget for 09-10				


Commitment to keep budget increase as minimal as possible....

which translates to.....

	\$1,281,936 (difference between 08-09 budget and preliminary roll-over budget)
+	<u>\$1,544,669 (deficit reduction assessment)</u>
	\$2,826,605 (total gap)



How is Mohonasen Pro-Active?

- Cost-benefit analysis and evaluation of existing educational programs
 - Justification for new programs during budget development process
 - Re-deployment of staffing resources to facilitate efficiency and effectiveness
 - Cost containment measures in health care area
 - Energy initiatives in place since August 2005
 - EXCEL Project to address infrastructure issues including energy efficiency
 - Central Registrar incorporated into existing position
 - Maximization of State Aid (facilities projects, EXCEL aid, transportation, textbooks)
 - Elimination of inefficiencies e.g. bus runs
 - Careful administration/monitoring of budgetary expenditures
 - Work with other districts to share resources/services
 - Freeze on non-essential spending and hiring
 - Part-time administrative positions
 - Incorporation of job responsibilities from vacant administrative position into other existing positions
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NEXT MEETINGS

Budgeting 101

An Introduction to Budget Terminology, Budget Lines and Components of Budget

January 20, 2009

7 p.m., High School Library

**General Overview of Budget,
Budget Goals and Priorities**

January 26, 2009

6:00 p.m., Farnsworth Technology Center

Thank You



Timeline for Development of Proposed Budget

Wednesday, November 12, 2008	District administrators meet to discuss budget parameters, priorities K-12 and process
Tuesday, December 16, 2008	Governor Patterson releases proposed state budget
Wednesday, December 17, 2008	District administrators and supervisors meet to continue budget discussion
Monday, January 12, 2009 6:00 p.m. Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Open Community Forum, General Overview of Process, Budget Concerns, Goals and Priorities
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 7:00 p.m., High School Library	Budgeting "101," General Discussion of School District Accounting and Budget Components
Monday, January 26, 2009 6:30 p.m. prior to BOE Meeting in Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	General Overview of Budget, Budget Goals and Priorities
Monday, February 9, 2009 6:00 p.m., prior to BOE Meeting in Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Budget Review – General Support, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, Debt Service, Transfers and Special Items
Monday, February 23, 2009 6:00 p.m., prior to BOE Meeting in Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Budget Review – Interscholastic Athletics, Co-curricular, BOCES
Monday, March 9, 2009 6:00 p.m. prior to BOE Meeting in Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Budget Review – Instructional: Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, Preliminary Staffing Requests, Benefits
Monday, March 23, 2009 6:00 p.m. prior to BOE Meeting in Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Budget Review Revenues, Recap 2009/10 Initial Proposal to Board of Education – Board Election Petitions Available

Timeline for Development of Proposed Budget, cont.

Monday, March 23, 2009	Adoption of special propositions for budget in order to be published in Notice of Annual Meeting on 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15 (at least 4 times, forty-five days prior to budget vote)
Friday, April 3, 2009	Deadline to advertise first legal notice publication of date, time and location of Budget Hearing and Budget Vote
Monday, April 20, 2009 7:00 p.m., Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Board of Education Meeting: Budget Adoption and Adoption of Property Tax Report Card
Monday, April 20, 2009	Deadline for filing Board Candidate Petitions – 5:00PM (<i>30 days prior to vote</i>)
Tuesday, April 21, 2009	Submit Property Tax Report Card to SED
April 29-May 5, 2009	Budget document and notice postcard made available to public (<i>at least 14 days prior to vote and 7 days prior to Budget Hearing</i>)
Monday, May 11, 2009, 6 p.m., prior to BOE Meeting, Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Budget Hearing (<i>7 to 14 days prior to budget vote</i>)
Tuesday, May 12, 2009	Budget Notice to Qualified Voters of school district mailed (<i>no later than (6) days prior to vote</i>)
Tuesday, May 12, 2009	Deadline (3:00 PM) for receiving application for Absentee Ballots if ballot is to be mailed to voter (<i>at least 7 days prior to budget vote</i>)
Tuesday, May 19, 2009	Deadline (5:00 PM) for absentee ballot applications for voters who will hand-deliver ballots
Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Mohonasen High School	UNIFORM BUDGET VOTE DAY – DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION Deadline (5:00 PM) for receipt of all Absentee Ballots in order to be counted in the election vote.
Monday, June 1, 2009, 7 p.m., Farnsworth Tech. Ctr.	Board of Education Meeting – Regular: Acceptance of Results of Election of May 19, 2009