

Contingency

IF THE BUDGET IS DEFEATED...

the district will go immediately to a contingency (austerity) budget for a second year in a row.

A contingency budget (or austerity budget) limits what a district can spend after a budget is defeated. It requires the district to reduce spending in areas that are not mandated by state law.

	PROPOSED	CONTINGENCY	DIFFERENCE
2009-2010 Budget	\$79,230,587	\$78,917,377	1,589,152
Budget Increase	2.047%	1.64%	.404%
Tax Levy	\$49,683,421	\$49,370,211	\$313,210
Estimated Tax Levy Increase	1.16%	.52%	.64%

2009-2010

community USE OF schools



FACT: If the school budget is defeated on May 19th, the district will go straight to contingency. Under contingency community groups will have to pay to use schools and fields, as required by law.

FACT: If the budget passes, groups will not be charged for normal use.

Equipment

FACT: If the school budget is defeated equipment will be cut by law for the second year in a row. Examples are:

- Student chairs, desks, cafeteria tables, library tables, lockers
- Technology equipment that exceeds the state aidable amount
- Large musical instruments such as tuba, cello, string bass, or large percussion equipment
- Art equipment such as a kiln or a pottery wheel
- Athletic equipment such as a scoreboard for HMS or basketball equipment
- Cleaning equipment such as a floor scrubber / sander

For a difference of **.64% or \$313,210**, the students and the community will be affected in five ways:

- Equipment will be cut by law for the second year in a row. Equipment, mandated cut: \$153,510.
- Student supplies will be cut by law for the second year in a row. Student supplies, mandated cut: \$159,700. Families will have to pay more for "out of pocket" school supplies.
- Community members once again will have to pay to use schools and fields under contingency as required by law.
- Home values will not likely stabilize or increase if school budgets are regularly voted down. Community support for schools is a top priority for home buyers. Good schools increase home values.
- **PRIDE** in one's school and community!

\$313,210
.64%

The difference between passing the budget and contingency