

# 2010-11 School Budget Vote Exit Survey Results

## 107 Total Exit Surveys

### 1. How did you vote on budget?

70% Yes  
30% No

### 2. Why did you vote "yes" on budget?

41% Agreed with budget presented  
41% Satisfied with school district  
11% Felt had opportunity to discuss/comment  
41% Always support the district budget

### Why did you vote "no" on budget?

41% Disagreed with budget presented  
25% Dissatisfied with district  
6% Felt didn't have opportunity to discuss/comment  
31% Want to support it but cannot afford it

### 3. How do you typically vote?

58% Typically vote yes  
17% Typically vote no  
22% Vote varies  
3% First time voting

### 4. Did you receive enough info on budget?

72% Yes  
18% No

87% who voted for budget had enough info  
38% who voted against budget had enough info  
41% who voted against budget didn't have enough info

### 5. What were your main sources of info about budget?

81% Newsletter  
2% District Meeting  
14% Website  
7% BOE meeting  
13% Troy Record  
4% Advertiser  
1% PTSA  
14% Conversation with friends/neighbors  
7% Conversation with district staff

### 6. Are you the parent of school-age children?

43% Yes  
54% No

55% of those who voted for budget had children  
44% of those who voted for budget did not have children

16% of those who voted against budget had children  
75% of those who voted against budget did not have children

### Where do they attend?

22% Elementary  
25% Secondary  
2% Private/Parochial

**7. What is your age group?**

**Overall**

3% 18-25  
4% 26-35  
18% 36-45  
35% 46-55  
20% 56-65  
18% Over 65

**Voted "yes" on budget**

4% 18-25  
5% 26-35  
20% 36-45  
37% 46-55  
17% 56-65  
15% Over 65

**Voted "no" on budget**

0% 18-25  
0% 26-35  
13% 36-45  
28% 46-55  
25% 56-65  
25% Over 65

**8. What town do you reside in?**

69% Brunswick  
23% Pittstown  
6% Grafton  
0% Poestenkill  
0% Schaghticoke

**9. Are you presently a district employee?**

7% Yes  
92% No

**10. Graduate of district?**

19% Yes  
78% No

**Comments:**

**Voted "yes" on budget:**

Budget could be higher but is OK!

My vote is based on my desire to provide great education and my own thought of the importance of education most specifically the arts!!!

Jackie (Brittonkill Senior) who works at Duncan's rocks! Will miss her when she goes to college next year. :)

Importance of education can not be denied. Level of success in educating student completely questionable. Cost of 80% of budget outrageous in the national and statewide financial disaster. Everyone needs to realize the Treasury is empty. New days need new solutions!

My three children graduated here. Granddaughter now attends.

I haven't voted here before but in Albany my vote varied. Vote depends on how the \$ is to be spent and how much.

**Voted "no" on budget:**

This school needs to replace principals, superintendent and get people who care about the kids.

I think schools are top heavy with admin positions. Three grandchildren graduated.

All taxes are to high

Grandchildren attend Tamarac Elementary

Too high in taxes

Too much waste. Too much nonsense. School is inferior in comparison to other local schools.

Cut out the sports program and just teach. Sports for the dreamers. Education for the jobs.

All NY taxes too high. Someone at the top needs to give up something too!

I applaud the attempt to trim the budget, but more must be done. Unemployment or underemployment is still a major problem in the area. As businesses and households learn to do with less, the teachers, administrators and staff must do so also. The days of unlimited salary and benefits increases are over. Taxpayers can simply not afford it.