

Schalmont Central School District

Budget Survey Overview
March 20, 2023 Board of Education Meeting



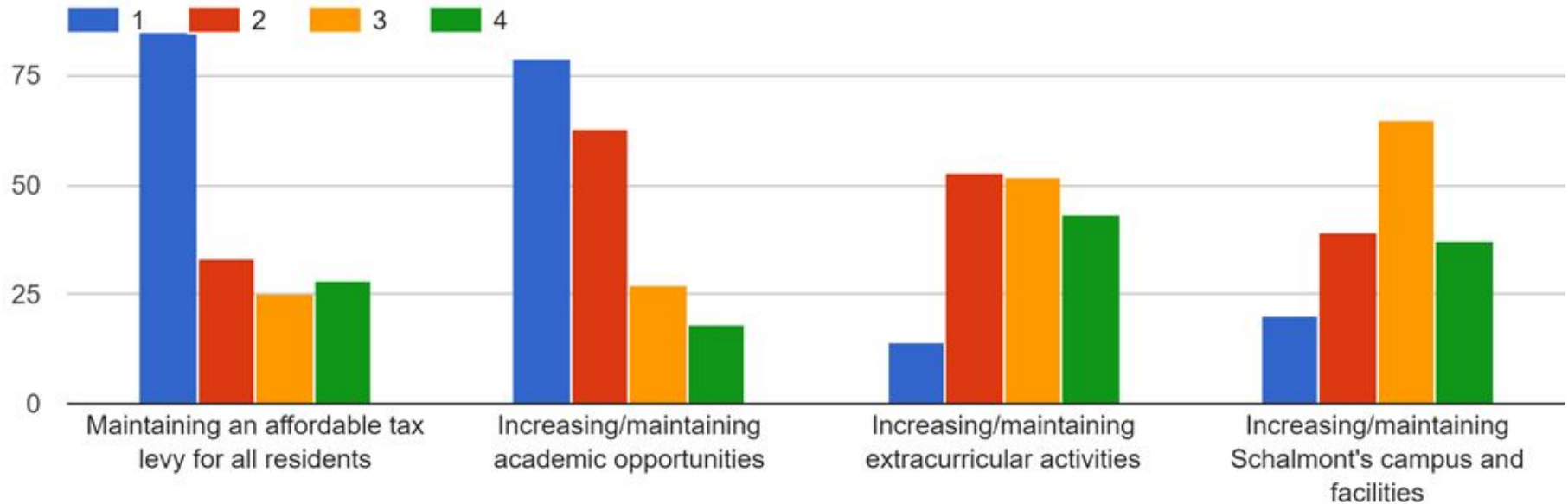
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Overview of Budget Survey

- Survey was released on January 13 with respondents given two weeks to complete.
- Survey was shared with all Schalmont families by email and text with a link to the survey.
- Survey was also shared on our website and social media platforms to ensure district residents who do not have children attending Schalmont could also participate.
- There were 208 responses.



Question 1: Please rank in order what priorities should be Schalmont's focus as we develop the 2023-2024 school budget.



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Question 2: Are there any areas you would like Schalmont to focus on in the 2023-2024 school budget?

Comments showed community has a variety of opinions on budget. Examples:

- "Lowering the school tax" and "Students are more important than increase tax cost"
- "All outdoor athletic fields" and "More activities and clubs that are not sports related"

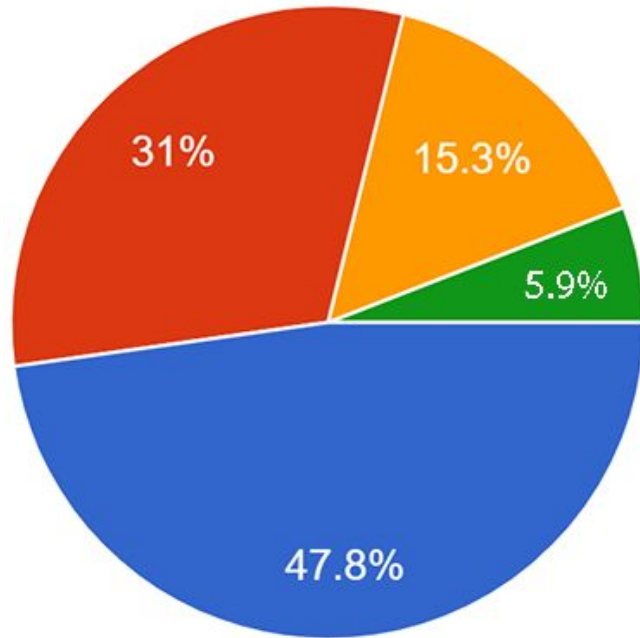
Commonly mentioned topics in comments:

- More field trips opportunities
- More extracurricular activities, particularly at Middle School and Elementary
- Facilities updates including air conditioning and traffic flow
- Health and wellness for students



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Question 3: What is your primary source for budget information?



- Budget newsletter
- Schalmont's website
- Schalmont's social media
- Friends and neighbors



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Question 4: Is there information about the budget that Schalmont does not provide that you would find helpful?

- Nearly all respondents left this question blank or gave a variation of "no"
- Other responses included:
 - "Make everything transparent"
 - "Any programs or services that are cut or reduced due to the proposed budget"
 - "Ways the community can help raise/save money"
 - "How money is distributed for sports"



Question 5: Please share any other comments you would like us to consider in regards to the 2023-2024 school budget.

Comments showed community has a variety of opinions on budget. Examples:

- "Schalmont school tax is very high and needs to be brought down" and "Everything costs more including taxes. Our children come first. Keeping and maintaining these programs should be priority"
- "More sports" and "Most of the funds allocated should go to academic excellence"

Commonly mentioned topics in comments:

- Appreciation for job Schalmont does
- Support for Pre-K program
- More field trips, especially for younger students
- Importance of school safety
- Focus on mental health and wellness
- Facility updates including traffic improvements



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