

Schalmont Central School District

Budget Survey Summary
February 12, 2024 Board of Education Meeting



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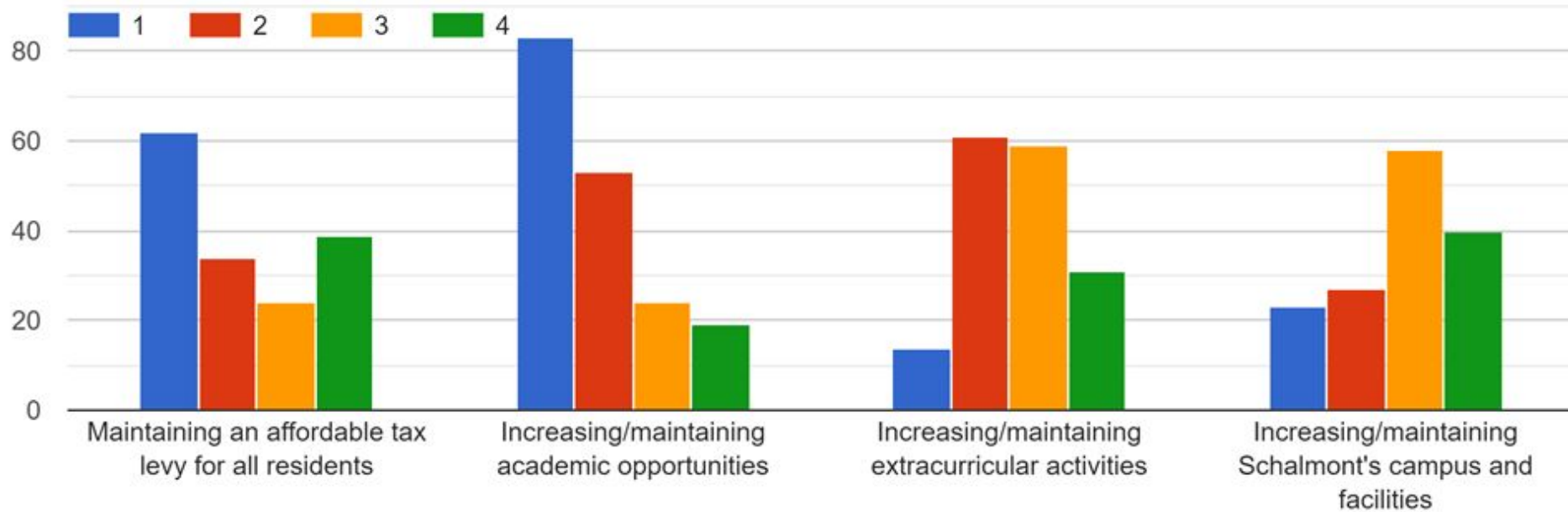
Overview of Budget Survey

- Survey was released on January 5 with respondents given three weeks to complete.
- Survey was shared with all Schalmont families by email and text with a link to the survey.
- There were **194** responses.



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Question 1: Please rank in order what priorities should be Schalmont's focus as we develop the 2024-2025 school budget.



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Question 2: Are there any areas you would like Schalmont to focus on in the 2024-2025 school budget?

Comments showed community has many opinions on budget, covering a range of perspectives.

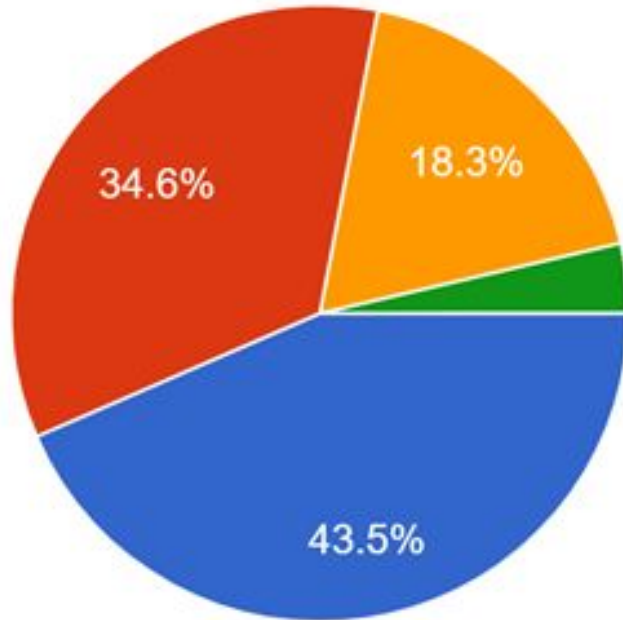
Some commonly mentioned topics:





- More field trips opportunities
- Keep taxes as low as possible
- Pre-K option would be helpful
- Keeping free breakfast/lunch ("It's incredibly helpful")
- Health and wellness for students should be a priority



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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:
 - "More transparency"
 - "More about the budget votes and things like that"
 - "They do a great job"



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

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Commonly mentioned topics in comments:

- Appreciation for job Schalmont does ("We believe Schalmont to be one of the best schools and know you will do right by the students, faculty and families.")
- Support for Pre-K program
- Living expenses are high so please keep taxes low
- Free lunches have helped greatly
- More field trips, especially for younger students



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