

2010 Parent Survey
How could the Olmsted Falls Schools be improved?
Answered Question: 573
Skipped Question: 159

Number	Response Text
1	More after school and athletics for K thru 6th grade,
2	Take a very good look at the extra curricular activities that have a substantial cost to the system but doesn't generate any revenue in return.
3	Last year I was a part of the conflict management team at the Middle School. My son had been a constant victim of bullying from 5th grade through 7th grade. The program that the Middle School re-invented was amazing. I think this program needs to be in every school, at every level.
4	More use of technology in the classroom
5	Any 'pre-tests' should be eliminated. If the kid takes a 'test', then knows they have a 'do-over', it sets a bad form for life skills.
6	<p>More information/programs about bullying, more consequences to the children that do bully & administration addressing issues with bullies not just push it under the carpet. There have been incidents on the buses--the troublemakers just get their seats moved OR the poor child who is being pushed around gets moved--how is singling out the bullied kid even more helpful??</p> <p>2. More focus and programs for special needs kids--autism. OF has good resources, but not sure it meets up to other districts in the areas of special ed.</p>
7	Well my daughter wants to be in sports and they wouldn't let her because I'm not a registered voter I think that sucks and I will fight it for next year
8	I would like to see more enrichment activities for all students - like the Mandarin Chinese course. I think it was really unfair to only offer it to the gifted population. Providing students with a second language early in their education is very important in a global economy. I would like to see the Middle School and High School have an orchestra. I don't know how we keep getting awards for music when we don't have an orchestra and our bands hardly travel or enter competitions. The main thing that I would like to see is a better program to prevent bullying - especially at the Middle School. I think teachers need to be more involved in stopping bullying and consequences need to be in place for offenders.
9	<p>Although my child is very bright and does well in school, he has ADHD, and there were certain difficult times when my child was not diagnosed yet and his proper medication was still be investigated.</p> <p>All in all, his teachers don't seem to be well educated or experienced in handling an ADHD child.</p>
10	Smaller class sizes. 25-30 students in a class is just too big.
11	I would suggest that they maintain a conservative budget, I understand new buildings and technology to provide the children with the best education, but just to make sure that nothing is wasted.
12	Keep the class sizes reasonable.
13	Going into our second year at Olmsted Falls Schools and 1st year for my Kindergartener I feel the school system is doing a great job and dont see any areas as of now that need improvement.
14	Really work on meeting the needs of non typical children, or children with some type of disability. The school is lacking at identifying the needs of these children, and slow to implement interventions to assist them.
15	By logic
16	<p>Offer organic food options. This is the best I could come up with. I ate lunch with my daughter at Fall Lenox once and I though the food options were not apeeitizing at all. The large hot dog was light pink, which is a indication of high fat, and I was digusted. I think all food to our children should have natural ingrediants and the veggies should look appetizing. I am sure this is a cost issue.</p> <p>I pack for my children every day except on an occasional friday because of this. This is the only improvement suggestion.</p>
17	Perhaps more individualized help for those students that are struggling, however, I realize that some of this does occur and the cost to increase may not be realistic

18	For parents of multiple children attending the same school at the same time they should be in the same learning community automatically. If the system is in place to replica a small community school they would see each other and have the same teachers. I think that it is ridiculous that this hasn't been addressed previously.
19	The identification and appropriate course of action for children with special, specifically, gifted, needs.
20	The lunch accounts need to be brought into the 21st century. There are many other school districts that manage their lunch accounts more efficiently. When I was growing up if you forgot your lunch you forgot your lunch. That's it. Now we have this great computer system that tracks lunch money, school fees etc. The issue I have is that if a child's account goes below the cost of a meal, they are fed bread and cheese. It's not the districts responsibility to feed our children for free that is the reason they have reduced lunches subsidized by the government. In addition why can't the account go negative? The district would save so much money if they stopped feeding the kids without a lunch bread and cheese for free rather then allow the child to buy lunch, let the account go negative and then when more money is added to the account the school is reimbursed for the lunch and no free food was given out. Report cards aren't released to children who owe the school money just like when school fees aren't paid or if there are fines outstanding. Obviously certain controls need to be in place like after the account is -\$5.00 then the student isn't aloud to buy lunch so as to ke
21	Listen to parents more in terms of bad teachers, amount of homework, etc.[] Care about other sports as much as they do football. Hire coaches that actually know what they are doing and care about the program.[] Care less about what other schools are doing and concentrate on what is best for the students/teachers at this time.[] Care about special needs/other needs kids a tad more. Cut some spending in some areas to get enough aides with the students who need them.
22	reduce budget.
23	nothing comes to mind
24	???
25	I would like to see a better structured program for the students that are state identified gifted but have missed out on the District gifted program, an expansion of the gifted program to include these students in the "in between" category, or a more equitable testing procedure for entrance into the District gifted program. I personally know several children in this "in between" group that aren't being challenged enough in the standard classroom activities but who aren't able to participate in some of the beneficial enrichment projects that the gifted students participate. It also seems that the gifted program inclusion criteria may not be a fair assessment of the abilities of the children.
26	The schools are outstanding. The way the schools are funded needs reform.
27	There is nothing I can think of at this time.
28	i really can't think of anything to improve the schools
29	I realize funding is a main concern, but it would be nice to have a smaller student to teacher ratio.
30	I would like the Middle School students to be free to walk to and from school. We live within a mile of the school, there are sidewalks the whole way and yet my son in not permitted to walk. Weather premitting this is a great daily source of exercise.
31	My daughters are happy with their schools and teachers, I am as well
32	Would like to see the Middle School and High School offer more electives instead of mandatory music classes. My children enjoy music and continued it to high school, however, it is such a waste of an hour a day for many, many children...just attend a middle school choir concert and you'll see which kids WANT to be there and which ones would be better served in a shop or art class!
33	I would like to see some discipline return o the high school. Otherwise, we are very happy with the schools
34	I would like to see improved facilities at the high school. I would love to see a performing arts center like Westlake, Brecksville or Medina. I would also like to see the return of a 3 person instrumental staff in our district. We have an amazing music program that has been damaged over the past 2 years. I would hate to see that status vanish.[] [] A pool that could be shared with the community would be a huge asset to Olmsted Falls.[] [] I would like to see the review of some of the tenured teachers that should consider retirement.

35	Full day kindergarten. Eliminate the \$50.00 fee for workbooks etc. (I pay property taxes and the "work book" I've seen so far is not worth \$50.00)
36	The money on lunch cards should be available immediately. My son has had to eat bread and cheese as a result of the delay in availability. I believe he should be able to have a sufficient lunch and it can be a debit to his account that we as parents owe. He shouldn't be punished in that way due to the delay of 48 hours.
37	I'm not sure we can improve much more without proper funding and getting the community to understand just how important this is to our children. It's tough times for so many families that this is a difficult question to answer.
38	Keep doing what you are doing.
39	This is minor, but I always wonder why the school zone lights do not work in front of the middle school.[] [] I also did not like that my 5th grade child had to choose between band and choir. He wanted to be in band, but he would have to go to school early before school even starts to be part of band. We can not get him to school early, so he had to take choir. He was disappointed. It makes no sense to me that a class has to be taken before the school day starts, even if it is band.
40	I'd like for report cards be done for teachers and administrative staff. I encountered a very rude secretary when I called about my children's situation - I asked her 3 questions, her 3 answers were the same : "I don't know". And no offering of solution or help. I also encountered some very nice teachers and I think they should be recognized. Schools report cards should not be just for kids' learning progress, I am certain other parents would like to rate their experiences and working with teachers and administrative staff including Dr. Hoadley. You will find out what kids like and don't like when it comes to certain teachers because of the reasons you otherwise may never find out. This will also keep the teachers on their toes when educating our children. I hope you will implement some measurements for quantifying the quality of teachers - online surveying tools such as Survey Monkey is fantastic - I use this site very often for work as well.
41	I really don't know.
42	I get really tired of hearing how much time teachers spend outside of the classrooms. Conferences...workshops...department meetings...everything requires substitutes to fill in. I have students in every school here, it happens way too much.
43	Some more integration/communication between the different buildings/grade levels. So kids/parents know a little more about what to expect at the next level. I would like to see student involvement/mentors, i.e., shadow a 4th grader when you are in 3rd grade. We had a good orientation, I just think this would add a level of excitement and comfort for the "new" student and offer a chance for the "experienced" student to shine and show their pride.
44	Spend more time teaching kids to write well
45	I'm sure there are still ways to tighten things up fiscally but I don't know enough specifically to make accurate comments...
46	Motivate some older teachers to improve quality of teaching[] [] Get rid of the favoritism in certain activities like football, soccer[] [] Require all athletes to compete at their grade level, not higher. This erodes the concept of team and makes the experience much better
47	I'm not sure. Continuing to expand the schools and hire more teachers would be great, if the budget is there.
48	The school system is doing great, I think there could be more diversity with the staff.
49	We need to some how figure out how to trim class sizes..My fourth grader still sits in a classroom with 28 students and I really feel that is too high. I have definately noticed a difference in the time that is spent with her compared to when my son was in fourth grade with a smaller class. I am fortunate that she is a good student and has parent at home to work with her..I see in the classrom (I am a classroom volunteer) daily kids that struggle and the teacher does not have the time to work as much with them(though they do try)..

50	<p>I feel that the school system should strive to work better with working families. Gone are the days of one parent working and the other staying at home to raise the children. The district as much as anyone should know that current economic conditions do not make this an option any longer. By putting restrictions on transportation needs of these parents make it hard to send young children especially to school. Bus routes go throughout the city anyhow, how is it more expensive to drop a child off at an already designated stop even if it is different than a pick-up point? The bus is already stopping there.[]</p> <p>It is also a problem that school holidays do not coincide with national holidays. For example, some parents were off for the Columbus day holiday, but the district decides to take the following Friday off. By doing so this forces the parents to take an extra day which may affect their employment negatively.</p>
51	<p>reducing the number of kids per classroom. I know this takes resources but continuing to look at ways to minimize the number of children per classroom, which in turn would maximize the one on one teaching opportunities, I think is worth review.</p>
52	<p>Another band director for middle school</p>
53	<p>Nothing at this time.</p>
54	<p>busing....get rid of the transfer busses.</p>
55	<p>Offer broader extracurricular opportunities. Share services with neighboring districts, when feasible.</p>
56	<p>It seems, to an outsider at least, that some members of the District Leadership Team are on different pages when it comes to leadership styles. Of course, that will always be the case in a district considering not everyone is the same, however I see that it has caused some inconsistencies with the way decisions are made and situations are handled.</p>
57	<p>Offer different ways of parent involvement within the school system. My family was new last year, and I have to say that personally, it is hard to find ways to become involved. I think offering the middle school time to play in the gym during their lunch period would be a great thing. It is important to offer these kids free time to let their hair down and be able to speak loudly and get the wiggles out of their bodies before they have to go again to sit down in a classroom. My children in the middle school have complained about the school lunches. Complaining that it was a free for all when getting in line to wait and most of the time that line was too long. They typically then opted for pizza (which was served on a daily basis), which they said was typically disgusting.</p>
58	<p>Not sure that it can be. I suppose by making sure that spending is done wisely.</p>
59	<p>I was sorry when the high school lost some of its language and business courses, but understood after the levy didn't pass. My son was able to take advantage of accounting and business law taught at the high school a few years ago and my daughter who attends there now was not able to.</p>
60	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce class sizes by hiring more teachers and reducing the amount of school administrators. [] 2. Staff should be compensated by performance not tenure and should contribute more to their health benefits. 3. The bus garage management is lacking serious customer service skills. Very poor results when contacting garage manager with issues small or large. 4. With obesity on the rise, it is so important that our kids receive as much exercise as possible. Gym should be at least 1-2 days a week.
61	<p>Provide busing to the "typical" peers in the preschool program, do away with a system that charges a fee to pay for school expenses by credit card/ find an alternate way to allow for credit card payments that does not impose a fee for usage, do not require a gym uniform that needs to be purchased through the school/ allow for children to wear their own gym clothes with a dress code in place for appropriateness of those gym clothes, do not hold back a child's report card because of their parents inability/unwillingness to pay school fees/ find another way to handle unpaid school fees (it is unfair for a child not to have access to their final grades that they have worked for based on what their parent does/ does not do).</p>

62	The schools could be improved by releasing those teachers that no longer have the desire to teach, but only show up for the paychecks. I've witnessed this with my own children, and an entire year is wasted because they've learned absolutely nothing. I understand that the teachers' union stops this from happening, but it will catch up with the district. Also, the supply lists could be cut down. Parents are buying the teachers' supplies and duplicate supplies that never get used and are sent home at the end of the year. This is extremely costly. We buy cleaning supplies....we pay janitors to clean and use their own supplies given to them by the schools. The cost of school supplies AND school fees is RIDICULOUS. It's a terrible thing to have parents worry about how they're going to pay these fees by the date listed by the schools. And if they're not paid on time, the child's report card is held. I know there are a few families that wouldn't pay if the report card was given, but for those of us who can't pay right away, I think it's a CRIME to hold the report card. I've had my children come home extremely upset because they received an empty envelope. How is this caring or benefiti
63	Stop focusing on high-tech gadgets and the middle-school music program and spend those dollars on improving the core curriculum courses, i.e. science, math, spelling and grammar.
64	I feel that they do not do a good job with communicating to parents about upcoming events and school athletic programs. Always have to find out by word of mouth from another parent. No organization! The high school needs updated to match the new schools. It looks very outdated from the outside.
65	I think the busing system needs some consideration. While I understand the need to maximize efficiency- the fact that many K-3 students have to be at the bus stop before 7am, more than an hour before school (when many live within 5-10 minutes of the school) is not acceptable. With after school activities, you can only put your kids to bed so early, and having to get up so early causes sleep disruptions. I drive my kids to school every day just to allow them to sleep in an extra hour. As evidenced by the drop off line daily, obviously many families are facing the same dilemma. There has to be a better way.
66	I have no input at this time...our experience has been great!
67	Do not continue to push children thru grades because of funding. The schools need to find ways to educate a low performing student and prepare them to be able to live on their own as an adult, not try to get them to learn negative numbers and algebra. Instead of building new, build on 2nd floors. Stop forcing the kids to have concerts after school hours and failing them if they do not show up. I am pretty sure that it would be illegal to fail a child in a class if the parents did not agree to sign the choir paper you send out. That is a big liability for the school isn't it?
68	Have teacher use ProgressBook more effectively.
69	Class sizes have not improved. 25 children in a K class is ridiculous, quite frankly. As a long time resident, I have repeatedly heard the school raise the increasing enrollment and class sizes as a reason to pass levies, yet I have not seen an improvement once levies are passed.
70	I truly feel there is little room for improvement. I'd like administrators to continually explore and expand against bullying prevention, especially as it relates to technology.
71	I fear that our children are being "taught to the test". During Open House this year, a couple of teachers mentioned "after the (standardized) test, we will be able to (cover some important topic that is NOT covered in the test)". I understand that "Excellent with Distinction" (or whatever our rating is) is important from an academic standpoint, but I am not so sure it REALLY means anything to our children.
72	unsure
73	Lower school cost to parents, most schools do not have school dues or a fund that could help parents that are having money problems.
74	I love communication, especially as working parents that want to be as involved as possible. The blog is great, but we would love the teachers to send weekly newsletters about what is going on in their classes also.
75	I think they should have more extra-curricular activities like sports and also competitive education right from their young age.

76	They could have better communication with parents. The teachers could be nicer and not so condesending to the parents. The teachers have dealt with so far have never owned there own mistakes and blame the parents if there is an issue with the children. I don't feel that anyone is to blame and we should all work together, so maybe there should be a workshop for the teachers on how to treat parents and learn that they don't know everyones story.
77	Re-institute the valedictorian and salutatorian honors. Anyone who can achieve this deserves recognition for it. Also, why have we instituted a policy that is going to actually be harmful and cost money to the families of these special students?[] Better financial and internal support for sports that are not footbal, ie: swimming, hockey, track, etc.
78	My son would like to participate in band but as a single mom I am unable to aford the rental of a trumpet. I was unable to allow him to play in the band this year. If the schhol had intruments for loan to low income families it would allow these students the oportunity to learn to play an instrument if they desire to do so.
79	no specific suggestions
80	By sending parents an over view of whats to be taught in each class. Or at least each class objectives.
81	More experienced teachers mentoring young teachers, better and longer programs for gifted children (i.e. if you're spending more time on the trouble kids, that's a sign you aren't spending enough time on the other extreme)
82	I am stumped, I cannot think of what else we could improve, this system has gone over and beyond.
83	Get rid of late start days. They are a burden on parents who have to go to work. Realizing they are necessary, their must be some other way . . .many working parents just don't have the flexibility to go into work late, and have to search for assistance in getting their child to school on those days.[] [] As much as I like Progress Book, it does not seem every teacher updates or uses it. Make this a requirement, it really helps the parents stay involved and informed.
84	More emphasis on doing work at school instead of homework. Academics have evolved to the point where most parents can't help a child with their homework. It's frustrating for the parent and frustrating for the child.
85	Maintaining a low class size. I have a concern about the sports teams where even in middle school there seems to be favoritism. The school websites are not up to date (however the newsletter is a good add).
86	Pay less taxes, engage the trustees to help build the community so you don't have to ask for more money from us.
87	A new high school is needed. The special needs program in the high school is very weak.
88	Posting homework, assignments and present cirriculum more often on ProgressBook.
89	Prepare in advance for the next school levy. Administration must understand that there has to be a "participation fee" assessed for extra-circular activity. Taxpayers will not continue to pass levies forever.
90	Smaller class sizes.
91	Air conditioning in the High School. A wider class schedule offering.
92	I would like to see the calendar on the website better maintained as I tend to look on the website for information. Some schools are better represented than others.
93	My children do not attend the high school yet, but from what I hear it could use some updated and new technology . Possibly offer all day kindergarten. I know all these things cost money and budget are being cut, but we do need to keep up with other districts/states/countries and continue to be a top ranked district.
94	smaller number of students per classroom
95	Some of the teachers feel to comfortable in their positions. I do not believe in the "students" giving the Parent teacher conferences. I want to hear from the staff how my child is doing not rushed from room to room by my child telling me what they want to tell me instead of the teacher..

96	<p>I never felt concern with the schools until last year with the levy issues. My daughter was set back in her track to study foreign language (German) and her interest in home arts. It was the first time in our 15 year history with the schools that I felt disappointed with the system. I understand the money bit, and that these changes were necessary, but it was shocking.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I also have to mention that my high school aged children are reluctant to go to school dances because of the behavior that is allowed there. This is very annoying to me. Why is grinding and sexually suggestive dancing allowed in a high school. My kids are not particularly religious or odd--they have many friends. They just feel uncomfortable seeing people acting out the sex act at the school dances. Many of their friends have also started avoiding the dances for this reason. Where is the supervision at a school function? Maintain some dignity in the school system! My son took a girl from another school to the Prom, and she was shocked at the behavior as well.</p>
97	Seperate busing for ECC.
98	More consistency in required supplies at each grade level. Having to wait until 1 week before school starts to purchase teacher specific supplies is a pain becuase most supplies are picked over by that time.
99	I would love to see Spanish offered everyday in the grade school. The older a person gets the harder it is to learn a foreign language. The teachers could also learn from each other..... What makes a great teacher? If there is a teacher that has good success with students I think the other teachers could benefit from observing. The other thing I REALLY would love to see changed is COACHES who actually teaches and shows some discipline.
100	The realization that not all students or families fit into the cookie cutter definition of "success" that the educational system demands and that our community has the resources to meet the varied needs of students and families without de-valuing their experience.
101	<p>Increase the ammount of adult supervision on the buses to minimize bullying, misbehavior and to increase the safety and well being of the students. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Decrease class size to increase student success.</p>
102	Nicer bus drivers. More input from the teachers about what the students are learning and their progression.
103	My child has not yet encountered any bullying but I would like to see the kids educated to prevent any incidents that may potentially harm a child. Kids (and parents) cannot be educated enough.
104	You have begun to do this, but continue to come up with ways to challenge children academically that are "bored" with their current curriculum. Offer other higher level classes in middle school, not just math.
105	better use of funds
106	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Papers in the elementary school could be made back to back instead of single sided copies. There seems to be a lot of wasted paper. [] 2. High school is so old and outdated. Updates and improvements would be great![] 3. There needs to be a bigger focus on sports. With this economy, a lot of athletes (and we do have some) would benefit from athletic scholarships. We need to stop being OK with being mediocre in the athletic arena. High school volleyball coach and new varsity baseball coach are doing a great job with this. Involve the youth more so they want to be bulldogs and make it a great program worth staying here for.[] 4. Tackle football needs to start in earlier grades so we stop losing athletes to surrounding communities or catholic schools. Are we the only SWC team that doesn't have a 5th and 6th grade team?
107	A little more education to the staff, including the clinic aides, about Type 1 diabetes and the needs of dealing with a diabetic student. There is a tremendous amount of education given to teachers and staff regarding peanut and other food allergies so I would like to see the same in regards to diabetes. Many times staff has no idea what to do should an emergency arise.
108	I wouldn't change a thing.
109	community education -- so that community sees the schools as a valuable resource, not as a tax burden
110	Increases in operational efficiency to reduce operating costs and therefore tax revenues required.

111	Present more opportunities for students to learn at their current level. For example, a student who excels at Math but maybe didn't qualify for "gifted" services may need to be challenged more in the classroom than they already are. Consider letting them attend classes for that subject at the next grade level (or wherever appropriate for them). The gifted program is a good concept, but I'm not convinced that the way it is currently run is the most effective for the students it serves. Some students might not make it into the program b/c they miss the cutoff by a few points, they don't qualify in enough subject areas, they or their parents aren't made aware of the opportunity, etc...Because of this these students might not be challenged enough in their regular ed classes. Opportunities to take advanced/more level specific classes are not presented to students until Middle School!
112	Less focus on sports.
113	The high school should have more of an inclusive feeling. Get rid of rude office staff, many times they are the only faces of the district that the parents and the rest of the community sees.
114	There is one thing that I wish I knew, my daughter is in 1st grade and it is her first time to buy lunch. She is unsure on the process. If there was something that explained it so that we could talk to our children about it.
115	diversity
116	I'm not sure
117	Be more affordable
118	I would like to see me options for accelerated students & advanced learning.
119	I have no concerns at this time
120	Greater sensitivity to diverse student body (like at the holiday concert--so that it is not Christian-cenetred, and does not exclude others).
121	Perfect just the way it is
122	Develop the philosophy that one Chicago Principal has - the teachers/administrators/aides must have a love for children above all else. Its more important that the education. She has found a way to get around tenure and has removed those who are constantly nasty to the kids. I wonder why we have a zero bullying policy for the students and yet allow our bus drivers, lunch aides and sometimes even teachers intimidate our kids, which is essentially bullying. For example, walk into Falls Lenox any day of the week and listen to the lunch-aide scream at 1st-3rd graders in a demoralizing manner through her bull horn. Kids are loud, kids are excitable - this is where they should be allowed to burn energy and have fun, so that they can get back in the classroom and be ready to learn. How about the school bus? We just experienced last week a kid bullying our son. He took my son's notebook and ripped it in half, threw it at him and called him a retard. This boy was out of his seat, touching and ruining someone else's property and yet my son was told by his bus driver that basically he was a liar because the kid said he didn't do it. (This was after the child admitted to XXXXX that he
123	I feel that some of the fun and 'hands on' learning done in schools 20-30yrs ago as been put to the wayside just so schools can 'teach for tests' (state tests). This is all school districts state wide, not just OFCS. I would like to see some melding of the old ways integrated with the teaching that now has to be done to prepare for state tests. Also, I feel that it would be helpful for the teachers and staff to be aware of things going on in the city and around our district and keep that in mind when planning major projects or excessive amounts of homework. For instance, events held over the weekend by Kiwanis or Scouts. Or even events on a school night, like the yearly staff basketball that students are encouraged to attend but then are unable to if they have a massive amount of homework that night.
124	I'd love to see more opportunities for noncompetitive physical activity, such as jumprope, juggling or unicycle club
125	a bit more compassion on the part of some teachers. A little less stress on the standards and more on relationships
126	They need to learn how to treat the parents as adults not children !!
127	Being a first time parent in the system- I think communication could be better. I have no idea when parent teacher conferences are and am still waiting for a response from a phone call as well as email that was sent 2 weeks ago.

128	<p>A parent of a child with an IEP, IEP program once the students hit 8th grade, attitudes are less than good. First grade thru seventh, everyone is very supportive.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>In eighth grade, the attitude changes to they need to do it on their own in high school and of course my favorite saying for the last 4 years, "in the real world". trying to cut them loose and let them sink or swim, is lost on me as a parent.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Sometimes teachers, advisors, and others involved with IEPs, need to realize, not all students are ready for the real world and may stay home and still develop to lean to handle or cope in the real world. It may take a few more years or even never. College is not the answer for everyone.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Don't tell us, you understand, you don't unless you have a child with the same disorder, handicap or illness. You don't know all that goes on before school started, thru school years and home life. What activities these children are involved in to help cope/learn/understand better. Seeing a child in school for a class or two does not mean you know and understand. Read the documents in their files, there is a reason a parent has these do</p>
129	<p>The only concern that I have come across is behavior/teasing on buses. I understand that it is difficult to monitor, but I do hear stories from my sons about kids pushing them out of seats or using inappropriate language/messages. I do not think the situation is completely out of control, however.</p>
130	<p>More electives at the high school and smaller class sizes in the elementaries</p>
131	<p>The teachers are SO focused on assessments, scores, tests, numbers. They don't always remember that the kids are kids, not numbers. They could do a better job picking up on their social-emotional needs, as well as the need of the parent to know that the teachers truly care about the kids, not just their performance on tests.</p> <p>When I go to parent-teacher conferences I am always taken aback by the list of scores presented to me. I understand that is important, but there is so much more that I want to know. When I ask "how is he doing?" I want to know that he gets along with his peers, he is respectful, that he is engaged and challenged. Scores don't always reflect those attributes.</p>
132	<p>The school district should have indoor tennis courts for students who want to pursue this sport as a career.</p>
133	<p>Full time kindergarten. This is now a necessity for our youngsters! []</p> <p>I also am a full time employee and a full time mother... I would love to have my children in more extra curriculans but the practice times are never late enough for me to get there after 5:30.</p>
134	<p>Eliminate high school bussing 100%[]</p> <p>Increase class sizes and do away with specialty classes with little enrollement on a yearly basis[]</p> <p>Institute a pay to play to help off set costs and reduce taxes</p>
135	<p>Don't believe we need to have all the "bells and whistles" to give our children a great education. Stop spending (or planning to spend) what we don't have or may not have in the future. Our over abundance of spending has lead us into financial crisis -- just like we are at a national level. We're not convinced that all is being done to put more money back into the homeowners pockets and less in the administration's pockets. We do have a lot of respect for the tough decisions that O.F. is now challenged with and we do continue to support our schools.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Also, Olmsted Falls is a great school, but if a child or family is not in the "clique," the child seems to go unnoticed and not chosen for specials (choir solos, football A team, drama parts, etc. etc.). We know of many families that feel this way about the staff/coaches/volunteers at Olmsted Falls. Unfortunately, there are many children in our community that never get a chance to "shine" due to the favoritism shown. It's as though the reputation of Olmsted Falls is more important than children themselves.</p>
136	<p>I would LOVE to see special programs dedicated to the "good" students. Not just programs for the gifted (who are hand selected and then get awards?!?!?!). And/or allow students who are good (meaning an A) in certain subjects the opportunity to participate in the club, not eliminated because they are off the charts!</p>
137	<p>not sure</p>
138	<p>Get rid of the horrible teachers.</p>
139	<p>Offer more facility use to community (gym time for basketball teams, baseball, etc). NO reason CYO teams should get priority on gym time. Most of those kids do not even attend OF schools.</p>

140	I feel the choices of classes at the high school are very poor. There should be more electives for the students to choose from. Now is the time for the students to experience a wide variety of classes to help them in choosing what they want to do for the rest of their lives. I realize the cuts were made because of budget. But why are we cutting college prep things instead of things at the lower levels. It makes me sad to look at what is offered at the high school level.
141	putting as much emphasis on character development as academics
142	better high school counselling, broader foreign language offerings
143	<p>Small class sizes are very important. This was part of the reason that we moved here and are VERY disappointed at the large class sizes even after the passage of a levy. I am also dissatisfied with the lunch monitoring in the elementary building. I think that leaving that many classrooms unattended is unacceptable. I had heard that remedy for this was to combine classes so that the aides weren't responsible for as many rooms. This is fine, except that instead of having 25 kids unattended in a room, now there are 50! It seems like there should be a better solution. I realize that this is only during indoor recess and that it would cost extra to have each room attended, but how do you put a price on the safety of children??</p> <p>I also feel that Olmsted Falls lacks in the amount of technology offered to STUDENTS. Working in another school system and knowing what my students have access too, I'm surprised that Olmsted Falls doesn't offer more.</p>
144	One thing I would like to see, although I don't know if other parents would agree with me is some type of mandatory volunteer experience. By this I mean, volunteering somewhere. I have a 7th grader so I'm not sure if this happens at one of the higher grade levels.
145	Review the administration structure of each school building. Do you really need 2 assistant principals and who knows how many secretaries at the High School. Falls-Lenox media staff -- just a few examples. Every little bit counts.
146	highschool needs counselors that are more knowledgeable
147	I think there needs to be more differentiated instruction for the general ed classes and not just for the highly gifted and the special needs. My child has not really had extra help in areas of weakness and I think that children are pretty much placed into a curriculum track and there is not a lot of parent input. With so many high performing students (testing above proficient) there should be more advanced classes where kids can be challenged. If this proves to be too strenuous then move them back into a typical grade level content class. Instead it is as if we are competing against our peers to get into a class because there are only so many open slots. If there are enough students create more slots....I also think that middle school should use a grading scale that includes + and -...An 80.01 receives the same grade as someone getting and 89.99. Why is that??? I do not think this is fair when it is so difficult to get into the advanced classes. I also think there should be a more streamlined grading system. Some teachers really only record assessment scores and they
148	That's a tough question. I want to think that OF Schools are running as efficiently as possible, but I don't really know. Sometimes I wonder about the bus routes and the cafeteria line at Falls Lennox.
149	Provide the same attention and support to the Music, Band, Drama and Forensics groups that is shown towards the sports teams. These groups always take a back seat to sports. The athletic boosters have scheduled their Night at the Races at least two times on the same weekend as the Play/Musical.
150	be less dependent on our taxes to supplement the schools. It is getting extremely hard to maintain our children in the district, pay for college and maintain our home.
151	No recommendations. We are very pleased.
152	Smaller class sizes!!!
153	Less demands from band- my child should not be penalized a letter grade if he or she cannot make a holiday parade. That is ridiculous!
154	Smaller class sizes - 27 is too many for one teacher
155	Smaller class size.

156	<p>Why do you offer clubs and band for the younger grades in the morning before school instead of after school? We missed out on a lot because I thought sleep was more important to stay focused in class. Now, in Middle School, it looks like we can join the afternoon activities.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>A lot of assistance for the slower learner, is there enough for the advanced?[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Don't like the disciplinary rule of punish the whole class for the bad behavior of a few - gives the class distruptors all the power.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Way too many wasted days with substitue teachers - Unless teachers are sick, can't they have meetings outside classroom hours?</p>
157	Utilize parents more. ask for help.
158	JEDD project going forward so the schools can get more money through businesses, which we truly lack. It would be nice to have that land for an area similar to Crocker Park.
159	The college preparation seems to get lost for the "average" student at the High School. If I had to send another child, I would strongly consider a private HS for them.
160	The only thing that I worry about is that when my children go to the highschool is will they have a bus?
161	I am concerned about the financial stability of the district and state funding. I do not want programs cut or class sizes to increase. Our children deserve all the activities available so they can be well rounded adults.
162	<p>Differentiated instruction for HIGHER performing students needs to be increased!!</p> <p>The communication between teacher and parent is a bit lacking. []</p> <p>Better explanation of items that come home (monkey - books - etc.)[]</p> <p>Not arranging busing and student's schedules according to street names, but rather what would work for the families of the students.</p>
163	I think the school places to much emphasis on subjects such as gym and choir. I do not believe these should be grouped with academic achievement. I understand wanting the children to be well rounded and active, however I do not place such a high opinion on those subjects. I really do not care for the (sex) education in health, I believe those things should be covered at home when and how I feel they should be covered, but I understand these things are mandated and required. My only other comment would be I do not feel the office staff, particularly the secretary, is very friendly or welcoming. I have been in the office when I have heard her make unkind comments about the students, it is unprofessional. I really do not look forward to calling or interacting with the office in any way, which is unfortunate because this is my child's school.
164	Stop treating the kids like mini-adults-expect developmentally appropriate things from them. Set up the middle school like a true middle school and not like a mini-high school. Research shows that true middle schools promote higher self esteem and a better learning environment. Watch the bullying that it taking place especially at the middle school level-too much is overlooked by staff and a large group of students are able to say and do whatever they want with little or no consequences.
165	More active participation by teachers at PTA meetings.
166	Communication! Communication!! Communication!!!
167	parent friendly orientation, the attitude that the schools are here to serve the public
168	Not have so much emphasis on sports. There seems to be a 'good old boy' attitude regarding the sports department.
169	not of sure of this yet
170	More enforced rules on children behavior while on the buses and in school atmosphere
171	It doesnt matter because as in the blogs only positive feedback will be mentioned when you publish the results.
172	Teachers and educators should do better job of making sure all kids are involved with activities. Not only the popular kids. Also I think having three different pods for 6th graders send a wrong message to the kids. MVP are smarter then the rest and treated differently. All kids should be treated fairly and have the same opportunities. No kid should feel the cant run for student council because they are not popular or are in the wrong pods.
173	By having monitors helping watch over the children after and before school at bus stops. Particularly group bus stops.

174	I really do not like my child having a bus pick up time that is 70 minutes earlier than her start time. I think that is a little more than ridiculous. Yes I did vote for the levy fully expecting for the high schoolers to have busing but 70 minutes is ridiculous especially when a car ride is four minutes. I had to drive three children to three different schools last year when there was no busing. We all know what the traffic was like on Bagley Road. Transportation of my children is a concern of mine as well as my time. Just writing about this issue makes me a little agitated. The continuation of transportation woes for me and my oldest child who is very involved in extra curricular activities, is troublesome. Since she is involved in a sport and with the band, there are different pick up times which I already have to do, not the school. My daughter having an extra early pick up time to school in the morning is sort of a punishment to her. She stays late for band rehearsals and for football games as well as for her sport-games and working out/practice days. How many children have pick up times 70 minutes earlier than their start time? This does make me angry. I understand, if I don't like it then I
175	Return to the alternative pick up and drop off bus service[] - less homework for kids (and parents!) grade 1 - 4...it is just too much for them! Very time consuming.[] - The younger kids should start later than middle schoolers - they need their sleep more
176	Most of the teachers my two children have had are excellent and top notch educators, but rarely there is one that really needs to retire or change careers, their heart is just not in it. XXXXX is one example. I think allowing the parents and children to do a report card on the teachers quarterly may give more feedback about some who could use some improvement or a career change.
177	Music department - It would be nice if Olmsted Falls Schools had an orchestra. In addition, if students were not required to participate in Marching Band. There are so many students that I have heard of the dropped out of band once they got to high school because they 1. Participated in fall sports; and 2. Did not enjoy and did not want to participate in marching band.[] [] Counseling - Many students do not know what "they want to be" when they grow up. They get in the grind of taking classes they feel have no meaning to them or their future. I don't know if there is any way to provide students with more "career interest" guidance, but that is a thought I have for any school system, not just Olmsted Falls.
178	what is Progress Notebook? Teacher talk about this @ open house, but don't explain it.
179	More attention needs to be given to hallway interactions. My own children have been the victim of bullies pushing them to the ground. They have had homework and books knocked from their arms that have been ruined. They did not turn in the trashed papers and took a fail for the assignment, all because they are short and do not have cell phones or the latest clothes and ipods. They did not want to draw attention by telling an adult. Their backpacks have been tossed in puddles, they have been tripped, shoved into lockers and more. I do not blame the adults, I know kids will act whenever they are not being observed, but perhaps a type of hallway monitoring program would help. Either by adults or responsible students.
180	it is great if it can stay the same...ex..don't cancel busing or increase class sizes
181	Olmsted Falls Schools can improve by having smaller classroom sizes! It should be less than 20 students per teacher!
182	make school fees part of the property taxes. I hate have to pay what I pay for taxes and then shell out 200 dollars for supplies. You have to be able to get a good bulk discount. Get the teachers to standardize and simply make it happen.
183	Get more tax money from the state they are due to make changes.
184	Keep a better eye on the dress code - especially in the warm weather
185	lower lunch prices
186	upgrade high school bldg, reduce office staff, did not need to bring back high school buses

187	I am extremely bothered by what appears to be a disinterest or lack of confidence by teachers in controlling the bad language that is rampant in the schools. My children tell me that teachers seem to just look the other way when STRONG curse words are being said. It is very upsetting to me that my children (now both in the high school) say that it is just the way things are at school and they accept it. My children are not allowed to use curse words at home and I find it very upsetting that the teachers do not take a stance against this kind of language at school. Also, my children and their friends have talked about the "dirty dancing" that goes on at the high school dances. They are bothered by this and feel very uncomfortable being around it. They really enjoyed the middle school dances and looked forward to each one. Now that they are in high school, they have an entirely different outlook on the dances and may not continue going. I would really like this issue to be addressed. If the students and chaperones are all aware of what is not acceptable, then there shouldn't be any problem enforcing appropriate conduct.
188	Teacher to student ratio.
189	I would really like to see foreign language offered at a much younger age. Studies have shown that children can learn a foreign language easiest in the 1st 10 years of life. As it is now, syudents in Olmsted Falls do not even start learning foreign language until 7th grade, and that is only for 7 weeks at a time. I understand about budget constraints, but in my ideal world, I would really like to see that, as it would make the kids more marketable in their job searches as adults.
190	Shorter bus routes, expansion of the music programs, opportunities for foreign language studies in earlier grades
191	<p>I have 2 issues:[]</p> <p>1. Study room is horrible. As a parent I was not aware of their existance until my son was repeatedly sent there in 2nd grade. Was he sent there as a punishment for working slowly, or as an academic help allowing him to spend more time working on an activity? My son thought it was all a punishment. According to his teacher it was b/c he didn't finish his work in a timely manner... Now, if a student repeatedly has difficulty completing math assignments, wouldn't intervention be a better solution than weekly study room's?. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Study room should either be an official punishment, OR a quiet place to complete homework. []</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Teachers should be tracked to determine the frequency of study room uses. Maybe they would benefit from a fresh set of eyes in their class.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Recess is very important, A child who has excess energy in the classroom should run outside at recess...the afternoon will not improve is the child has to sit at a table instead of running outside with friends.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>2. Tracking at OFIS[]</p> <p>At the 4th grade orientation meeting we were told that each class would contain high/med/low performing stude</p> <p>[]</p>
192	<p>Work with the kids that need more help[]</p> <p>Get rid of some of the teacher</p>
193	Need to offer full day kindergarten in order to be competitive with other schools. I wish that we had a full-scale recreation center so that more programs could be offered for our children within Olmsted Falls. I'd like to see a self-contained gifted classroom setting like Strongsville provides.
194	we are really happy & honestly don't have any suggestions at this time.
195	<p>Our concerns are about the "study room" punishment used at F-L and OFIS. There needs to be clear rules in place that teachers/staff can follow so that it is used properly. We recently had an instance of a child being punished for something that could have been avoided. In this instance, had the teacher jotted a quick note home on the assignment sheet my child could have avoided this all together. I have heard similiar complaints from many other parents. I've also witnessed children going to study room because they can not sit still. That seems counterproductive to me. Study room should be reserved for children that are misbehaved, can't keep their hands to themselves, or are uncontrollable at recess. I feel that parents should be notified before any type of punishment is inflicted on their child and the right to choose what is best for their child. There is a great article this month about how important recess is for our students of all ages...even adults are guarenteed a break. Recess is not just a privilage it is a necessity. []</p> <p>http://www.parenting.com/article/Child/Daycare--Education/Why-Kids-Really-Need-Recess/1</p>

196	I would like to see a greater focus on parents volunteering and students working for things instead of paying staff to do everything. I know opening things up for more parent and student involvement is complicated but I think it could save money and build greater appreciation of what we have.
197	<p>Not sure how, but it still seems the bus service could be further improved. For instance, several buses come by our house - but for younger grades. Our high school student has to walk a half mile if he wants to take the bus. I realize the various schools start and end at different times, but a later start and ending time (with maybe a flexible class schedule adjustment) might allow our high school student a better opportunity to ride the bus.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Being the (very concerned) parents of an unmotivated high school student we wonder if there could be incorporated within the school day - not before or after, but within - some sort of a motivational class that might help those teens that seem to think school is not important. If something like this would have been available to me when I was in high school I might not have floundered around until my late 20s and then had to play catch-up in order to succeed.</p>
198	I am not impressed with the discipline policy. Silly things are totally punished. More severe incidents are wiped away. Almost seems if the parents have the high collar, the school will dismiss... Need to be no tolerant.....
199	The community would be improved with a recreational center that both residents and students could use and benefit from.
200	I think all public schools could be improved, with varying degrees, with 2 simple words: Proper Funding by the elimination of House Bill 920. If or when this will ever happen does not look promising. I remember hearing of a grass roots type of organization gaining some momentum during the levy issues we faced. I think we need to push this effort from OFECC all the way to the High School. Just as parents are urged to join the PTA, they should be informed of how we can unite for this cause. The purpose of this show of numbers is two-fold: First, forcing the politicians in our state to see that we demand that our schools, our children be given the proper funding they deserve. Secondly, to show the people of our school district who do not have children in the schools that we understand their frustration and we understand why they vote NO. I think this may actually bring some of the very people who do not support our levies more to our side if they realize we are asking for a common solution. Those which are now our adversaries in our attempts at passing levies may become involved in an organization that could bring about a more equitable way to fund schools without undo burden o
201	Teach less towards the achievement tests and more on the subject matter, especially in the primary grades. ¶ Teachers need to be a bit more conscientious about posting things on Progress Book. You have given us parent a wonderful tool to keep up with out kids, but if the data is not current, it doesn't do much good.
202	New superintendent and board with true vision of replacing the high school.
203	I find the academic rigor at Falls Lenox to be lacking. There are too many worksheets from edhelper.com coming home, there is very little differentiation happening to reach the needs of all students. Teachers are teaching to the middle child, while the others slip through the cracks. When a child finishes their work and it is complete, giving them another worksheet or a coloring page is not meeting their needs.
204	<p>anonymous exit surveys at the end of the year....especially from high school seniors....perhaps track seniors for several years and then surveying them¶</p> <p>More accountability for teacher performance. My child complained to me all year about a certain teacher who was totally disengaged, hiding behind a computer all year (giving work to the kids while playing games on their computer). As an honor student, this felt like a slap in the face. When I asked why kids don't speak up, the response was "they have tenure.....they're allowed to do whatever they want."!¶</p> <p>I wish there were a way to survey parents regarding optimal teaching style for their childs needs (ie my child needs more/less structure, my child learns better when....)</p>

205	Smaller number of students in classrooms and all day Kindergarten.
206	By having all day Kindergarten.
207	Can't think of anything at this time
208	I have a suggestion for the cafeterias--more vegeterain and vegan options. In my opinion, Falls-Lenox does not offer enough non meat/dairy free choices. My daughter (who can't have dairy and doesn't eat much meat) has very few choices for a healthy hot meal at school. The vegetarian chili is a hit with her, but it is offered infrequently. Perhaps there isn't a great school-wide need, but it would be nice to see a focus on incorporating fresh local produce even at the primary school level.
209	My children are at Falls Lenox. I don't really like the communities and wish the grades were all put together in each hallway. The classes are getting too big. I also think school starts too early in the morning. And I wish I felt more at ease while my kids were at school;. more security for them.
210	focus on basics in grades k-8th,so children are prepared when they get to high school.Offer tutoring for students before they get to high school.
211	Eliminate Swearing in the High School... (not sure it can be done)
212	Keep the quality of teachers high. It's disgraceful that their union is afraid of grading them. This can be the downfall of public education.
213	i have a niece i am raising who is special needs.forcing her to repeatedly take the o.g.t test is a humiliating thing for her made her feel she was not smart enough to suceed kids like this need to understand that its a test not a litmus for intellegence or ability
214	Stop unnecessary spending. Cut out high school busing. Go to uniforms.
215	To make sure we continue to provide the best for all students.
216	I think they are great now. I know you always have to strive for improvement, but as far as I'm concerned, things are good.
217	Expand the curriculum with more courses that are relevant to life. Business courses, career days, things lik that. Even the use of vlnteers to come in and talk about different careers would be helpful for the kids. Additionally, I am privy to know that many people in the support system are not putting in the efort they get paid for. We struggled to pass a levy and money is always an issue. You have so many who give so much and yet so many who are milking the system with no opportunity for leadership at the schools to make changes. That is wrong.
218	I don't have an answer to that.
219	Lets see here....well, the school fee's for Lenox are INSANE! I understand that Olmsted Falls is an upper class area to live, but even Strongsville's school fee's aren't that high! I have a 1st and 3rd grader....school fee's for them are \$130 combined! So, guess we won't be eating this week, cause there goes my grocery money. And then, the school/teachers have the nerve to send home reminder notes that my kid is running low on supplies...umm don't think so! That's why I pay that ridiculous amount. I don't buy it that the money goes towards art class paper and so on....Also, the school pictures (ohio schools) suck! I don't even get my kid's pic anymore cause it's the PLAIN JANE look. I just get a yearbook and take them somewhere where I can get a package for \$10 with AMAZING pic's with several poses. The prices again are freaking INSANE!!!! My kid was in daycare, and had amazing pic's taken with several poses and props. The package was only \$20 and so much better than the company that you choose. Went to kidsfirst right next door, maybe the school should talk to them!
220	Hire teachers who not only have a degree to teach, but truly are "cut out" to teach!
221	full day kindergarten
222	Transparency and honesty.
223	It is really helpful how some teachers post the daily homework assignments, and when upcoming tests etc. are. It would be great if all the teachers did this.
224	I feel after all of the changes made district wide over the past year or so with the levy (managing the money better) there really is'nt much more to improve on. I also feel we need to get back to full days for the high students, allowing them to schedule classes that have them last arrival and then early release, their only in school for 3 hours, my concern is that they will not be properly prepared for graduation.
225	lower the school fees we pay so much with our property taxes
226	Smaller class sizes, especially in the lower grades. More help for the low to mid range achieving students.
227	I really do not have any complaints I see the education my children have gotten.

228	I don't like how we have to pay for our childrens concerts in the middle school a lot of times parents pay and don't get a seat. Our fields for sports aren't the best the ones at Falls Lenox they took out the stands and no concessions in the summer
229	Continue to market the schools as an excellent school system but also that it financially runs the budget effectively, always with an eye on costs, etc.
230	I think the High school needs overhauled. it is the most outdated and looks a bit depressing as to coloring and decor, and given the problems of some of the teachers there, background checks need to be improved. I am concerned about that for when my sons start to attend the high school.
231	I can't think of any areas I see needing improvement.
232	Remove yourselves from the No Child Left Behind Act. We are not fans of all the assessment tests. I also feel it limits your wonderful Math & Reading teachers to teach in a variety of ways to suit different students. As it stands now, 'teaching to the tests' are the only way to teach. Sad. Not many people will agree(out loud anyway)since money is the top priority.The students have to deal with the 'stess' of these meaningless tests. They have to be reminded about the tests coming up, they have to take pre-tests to practice....They are not told specifically the facts about why they are taking the tests. The bottom line: The tests test the teachers & the school, not the child. That way if everything checks out with the governement, the checks come in. Its too bad they exist. Surely Olmsted Falls is not a poverty stricken school with gang violence in classes on a daily basis. The inner city, AT RISK schools can surely benefit from No Child Left Behind, I think its great for some schools if they want to participate. Olmsted Falls? I think not. We can do better. Follow what others schools have done & opt out!
233	I would like to see greater efforts to reach out to at risk families. [] [] The form that was sent home at the beginning of the year requesting permission to share information with other programs was poorly copied and vague. I would suspect that several families neglected to complete this form not fully understanding what it was for. I think it was to evaluate family income to see if student fees should be waived but I don't know.[] [] I think that the library needs more books that are of interest to our children. These could be furnished largely by families who have children who have outgrown some of their books. I know I have a dozen to donate.
234	Elementary school should be getting out after middle school so the older children are getting home first. This would help with students that are home for an hour waiting for parents to come home from their jobs.
235	The middle school is trouble. It seems us parents were warned at the end of the 5th grade year about bullying and bad behavior by students, but I have found that the whole culture of the middle school is geared from the incredibly rude and downright mean office staff to teachers who seem to delight in bullying students (and parents). How can we possibly foster a bully free atmosphere if children are being taught how to hurt and bully by their teachers and office staff? Possibly some training of teachers and office staff would help but really unless the culture is changed entirely to reflect that of the other schools at OFalls, that change would be impossible. Pinpointing the cause of this would be a very important way to begin to stop it. Does it come from the principal or someone else in authority? Certainly someone is tolerating this bad behavior by adults who know better and possibly fostering it.
236	Not necessarily sure funds are being spent properly
237	1. Create a better system to integrate quality parent involvement in the classrooms. Too often teachers are afraid of the domineering, intimidating, difficult parents and close the classroom door to all parents to avoid problems. Our community is full of great parent and senior citizen resources. We could essentially reduce our student-teacher ratio using consistent, qualified volunteers. [] [] 2. Better communication between teacher/administration and parent. For example, if a student visits the counselor parents should be notified in advance if it is a scheduled visit, or after the fact if it is a drop-in meeting.

238	A little less homework. Parents bear the brunt - at least I do in our house and some other parents with whom I've spoken. Make the kids do it at school. I played a band instrument from elementary school through college and understand the importance of music. However, never once was it or choir required, 'twas always merely an elective.
239	Additional funds would allow the administration to really bring a wider diversification of academics as well as extracurricular activities.
240	Less students per classroom (especially in the younger grades). Improvements to the existing high school (especially in the auditorium with lighting and sound). More parking at the Early Childhood Center and Falls Lenox Primary School.
241	get rid of old teachers that don't teach
242	Someone responsible needs to be in charge of how our tax dollars are spent!!
243	smaller class sizes and lower school fees, especially for the high school students.
244	na
245	While I understand there is one teacher/administrator in a class of many children, that teacher/administrator is still getting paid a respectable salary to perform a job. I expect questions that I have regarding my children's education to be answered, in a timely manner, with a quality answer, not one that is a general in nature. I understand this may take time, and research, but an answer and status of the progress is still expected. Better communication amongst the teachers from the previous year in regards to the students level of understanding or area they excel in and programs they were involved in. The teaching style needs to be uniform, from the communications I have received, the children are taught the skills in the early years and then work each year after to enhance that skill and understand it in more depth. If this is true, the teachers need to be uniform year after year on these skills. All that while understanding that each child learns differently so adjustments may need to be made.
246	It's hard to improve excellence, but I guess I would just say to keep up with technology and the most up-to-date teaching methods. Also, figure out a better way to fund our schools!
247	Number of students per class room are way too high
248	No complaints
249	Budgeting the money better
250	Class size in elementary. Math curriculum in elementary. Everyday Math has got to go. It is the worst curriculum ever, and time will show this. Report cards are a joke. Highly subjective. What ever happened to a straight 80-90-100% scale? Kids need to see what they get wrong and correct it. "Developing" and "Secure" ratings are a cop out.
251	They could have more programs for the younger children to be involved in. I also think that the cost of the school fees are a bit high compared to other schools.
252	I don't have any major complaints about Olmsted falls schools. I feel my children are getting a quality education.
253	lower class size, especially in the lower grades
254	better recreation and sport facilities
255	Eliminate the differences from class to class on how much or little is taught
256	New HS Auditorium with sound and lights - great program yet auditorium is in bad shape
257	Not sure yet, my daughter is only in kindergarten.
258	Uniforms
259	Figure a better way to fund the schools
260	I like everything so far.
261	More things for gifted kids k-8. More honor classes at HS levels. Better enforcement of dress code at the HS level.
262	Maintaining high standards of learning/education

263	By keeping a better watchful eye on the students who aren't there to learn. I think just as in all schools there are some drug related problems and some bullying related problems that need to be addressed more openly so all students and their parents know that kind of behavior won't be tolerated. Sometimes I think some things are kept quiet as to not make the schools look bad.
264	More acceptance of special needs students.
265	Technology updates[] Increase language offerings - e.g. Chinese[] Make specialized programs open to more (e..g Biomedical engineering)
266	It will be tough to improve because Olmsted Falls is already one of the best in the state, but the only way to sustain greatness is to keep Olmsted Falls a FAMILY Freindly suburb. Families make great schools not the other way around.
267	There is a serious lack of modern needs for education. The school system still lacks a tech program that students can take through Middle and High School, such as an all year computer science class that includes OS studies, CAD, etc. This would be FAR more valueable then mandatory music/choir classes, and better prepare students for the future job market. I also would like to see the addition of Russian or Chinese in the foreign language options.
268	School fees lowered.
269	Some teachers should learn how to teach effectively (how to get the students interest)
270	We feel that teachers could use some positive recognition within the community, to continue to feel encouraged and appreciated about doing the excellent jobs they do every day. [] [] We are concerned about levy issues, and that if money continues to be an issue, that student class size will increase. We also have concerns that to save money, teachers may be expected to do just as much, or more, with less resources. Or that teachers may be expected to do more and continue to take a pay freeze. Keeping happy teachers (who don't get burned out!) is an important piece of the puzzle.
271	N/A
272	I think the idea of obtaining excellence with distinction and high district ratings has gone to the heads of those in charge...life is bigger than test results, although I understand that funding comes with good ratings, my kids need to count, as individuals,
273	1. parents need to be informed more of upcoming events[] 2. home room needs to be reinstated @ the high school level[] 3. more fundraisers for extracurriculars
274	There is always room for improvement. Our schools speak for themselves we just need to manage money and continue striving for excellence.
275	Making it a goal to meet the needs of all students in the district. Some of the students that struggle are forgotten.[] [] Also, eliminating poor performing teachers in the classroom.
276	n/a
277	all day kindergarten
278	More sports offered to younger kids. My 3rd grader would love to play tackle football, but it's not available until 7th grade.

279	<p>Emphasis on academic basics like textbooks rather than smartboards (I thought my daughter was joking when she said she wasn't allowed to bring home a textbook!).</p> <p>□</p> <p>The textbooks, particularly science, focus too much on jargon.</p> <p>□</p> <p>The teachers ,administrators, and school should be judged by not only how many kids pass the state tests but also by how many who didn't pass last year passed this year. How do you expect special ed kids to pass math tests when the subject matter on the sate test isn't covered in class? The Title I program last year was a waste of money. One hour a week of math or reading instruction is way too little. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>I went to Catholic schools and I thought they had strict dress codes! Dress codes should be there to maintain an orderly learning environment, not enforce the fashion and moral attitudes of the administrators.</p> <p>□</p> <p>My daughter is in seventh garde, and they haven't even mentioned the word evolution. Evolution is a major, bedrock theory of biology.</p>
280	<p>I don't completely understand the politics behind why Ohio schools in general are funded so differently than other states, but it's discouraging when people think they are giving all they can in terms of taxes and volunteer hours to help the schools, showing support, and then we struggle to pass a levy. So, I don't have any "aha" ideas. I think the community has a large influence on the voters, and I think we do a good job of representing support for our schools. Where I do see an imbalance is to continue to build homes and apartment complexes that bring people to the school district that we don't already have room for, but yet there are no new businesses for tax help.</p>
281	<p>Help the children that really need help, just because a child is academical doing well does not necessary mean that they do not need help</p>
282	<p>Stop the waste! Too many admistrators and teacher helpers. Improve the school lunch menu. There are many odd choices, such as the fruits. Kids like the basics! A little pepperoni on the pizza wouldn't hurt. Also, the higher grades need bigger portions and a larger sized milk. They need the option to add an extra large entree portion for a slightly higher cost without having to purchase a full second meal. Stop threatening to take away the busing. Especially the high school. If busing is stopped at the high school in 2011-2012 many parents will never vote for a levy again. Has anyone noticed that these problems all started when the latest superintendant was hired? Dr. Hoadley does not relate well to parents (comes off as standoffish and elitist) and therefore the community does not respond well when the school is in need. Also, need to recognize all students fairly with honors and awards. For example, often at the end of the middle school year multiple awards go to students who have parents working in the district, which is due to very biased voting There are few awards and no student should receive multiple awards in order to allow more students to be recognized.</p>
283	<p>I think we need better leadership and better communication.</p>
284	<p>Provide before and after school transportation or accommodations for children involved in extra-curricular activites. This would be of great assistance to parents who commute long distances to work and/or do not have flexible work hours.</p>
285	<p>Continue to ensure all grade levels are aligned with the standards and that all grade level teachers are teaching essentially the same curriculum.</p>
286	<p>No particular ideas at this time.</p>
287	<p>Leadership that is able to solve problems in todays economy.</p>
288	<p>Full day kidnergarten</p>
289	<p>Better course options at High School. Need to improve certain aspects of HS facility.</p>
290	<p>Would love to see a "Campus" - New High school with a Community Recreational Center/ Performing Arts Center or even a medical center attached - so the ENTIRE COMMUNITY, young and old can use these facilities. This way every resident will feel a part of the community. It is an investment.</p>

291	<p>By becoming leaner financially. By that I mean eliminating frivolous spending not directly related to education, career, & college goals. □</p> <p>□</p> <p>ie: The high school choir is planning a trip to New York City. While this could be educational, the itinerary has very little in it for choir-related learning. It seems more like a vacation, with shopping trips to Macy's & 5th avenue. A tour of the city is great, but we can do that on a family vacation. It is NOT a necessary school trip. WASTEFUL! □</p> <p>□</p> <p>When I happen to come in to any of the school offices, there seems to be quite a bit of downtime, especially at the high school. Lean the office machine & do more with less people. While I don't want to see people lose their jobs, it is wasteful to have more than we need. OR give them more to do to increase the goals mentioned above. (a win for students, budget, & staff)</p>
292	Go to uniform school. We have good kids I think this would help to have better.
293	I think that school district has an excellent continuous improvement plan in place at this time.
294	More communication by paper notices sent home with students, especially high school and middle school
295	Offering all day kindergarten in the fall 2011.
296	As parents of high schoolers who have gone through the district, we find it discouraging that some teachers are kept on because they have been there "forever" and have tenure with the union. This is a disservice to the students. In the "real world", if you are not doing your job you lose it. There are no guaranteed raises and medical benefits -- you have to work for everything you get and keep. We have MANY great teachers in the district but we feel there are some that should not be teaching.
297	Cheaper sports fees
298	I would love to see an afterschool program. Full day kindergarten would also be wonderful.
299	We need more funding; private, governemntal or public. We can't continue to pay for schools at the current rate and with the increasing enrollment we need to search for better back-up. Also we need to get rid of the freeloaders that do not live in our city but drop their kids off here daily to attend school.
300	Be very careful not to do wasteful spending, so the elderly and others who object to bond issues have no basis for their vetoes. Reassess whether high school busing is really needed. How many kids actually ride the buses?
301	We are overall very happy with the schools as they currently are but would like to see administration more in touch with what is going on in the classroom.
302	Again, we're new to the school. In comparison to the private school we previously attended, there is very little homework. I'm not used to this as a parent, however, I was "educated" during the teacher conferences that the children do their work AT school and very little homework is assigned.
303	Get rid of the teachers who are not doing their jobs. Tenure is for the birds. If you are not producing, you are not producing.
304	sports program, keeping honors classes and adding new language or other classes designed to help us compete with a global ecomony. Adding all day kindergarten
305	give busing back and more one on one with troubled kids
306	At this time nothing comes to mind for any improvments.
307	Stop asking for a levy every other year. Residents are tapped out in both Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township. Citizens need other services like Police, Fire, and Service staffing levels to increase. Stop being so greedy and let other services ask fo a levy that won't compete with the school.
308	Possibly a longer school day (20-30 min.) to allow for a bit less stress running to classes, and more mid-day breather to refresh the kids.
309	I am very please with the school system and do not know of any needed improvements.
310	I can't answer this...my daughter has only been in the district 2 years and I am very pleased
311	Better funding equals better programs.
312	I think reduction of class size would really help each child receive individual help. I also think that if the district had full day kindergarten as well as assistants that the students would really benefit from the extra help. I know that my suggestion is probably not economically feasible but it would be on my wish list if the funds were available.
313	Add more honors classes at the high school.

314	continue to watch the spending and listen to the taxpayers (i.e. feedback on the busing issue and what is important to parents). be creative with spending and saving money.
315	Follow the rules as educators and when someone has a 504, follow it. And then, the following year after he's off the 504 because of poor guidance support, when the child is struggling with D's and F's, don't wait for the parent to contact someone, take a proactive approach and set up a meeting and from the start, have everyone on the same page.
316	have the same high school counselor assigned to students for ALL four years so the counselor get to know the students. changing every year does not promote continuity and the students in the middle will not receive the appropriate attention
317	Can't think of anything... Olmsted Falls is, and has been making the improvements that needed to be done. Very proud of the school district!
318	The schools do an excellent job preparing our children for the following grade. The teachers are creative, enthusiastic, and positive.
319	I would like to see Spanish-emersion programs implemented at an early stage vs. just Mandarin Chinese.
320	Not sure
321	Update the Falls-Lenox web page! The OFIS does a great job keeping thier calendar of events and communications updated. Falls-Lenox's page is almost useless. ¶ 4th grade is way too late to start giving letter grades. I can't believe there isn't a better system for grading kids earlier and making them aware of thier performance. The silly letters they get now for "secure" or needs improvement or whatever in 3rd grade mean nothing to them.
322	Looking ahead (our kids are younger), I'd love to see our city build a whole new, state-of-the-art high school. I realize that's probably a crazy dream, but the few times I've been in the h.s., it's just looked so 1950s to me. Don't get me wrong, it's very clean and seems well maintained, it's simply a world apart from the intermediate and middle school buildings.
323	not sure
324	The middle school was wonderful for our children, the high school felt unwelcome, cold and as if robots were running it.
325	More teachers.
326	More special services for kids that need additional attention/support, especially at the high school level. More availability of tutoring, for example, would be very helpful to us, or special (mandatory) after-school study sessions for kids who are falling behind. Also, perhaps better communication vehicles between parents and teachers; Progress Book is okay but it's not real-time, and many teachers don't use it. It would be nice to be able to have an effect on my son's homework before it was actually late, rather than trying to monitor it after the fact.
327	nothing comes to mind
328	Don't stop doing what you're doing. Look for creative cost cutting opportunities.
329	Obviously, a higher budget would bring all sorts of improvements to the district, but that's not the case today. I think the Board is making the right decisions based on what's available. If given endless amounts of money.....smaller class size, more electives, more athletics, more music, art and PE.¶ I'm still curious about how the bus routes are finalized. I don't see the logic in 7 different buses circling my neighborhood each morning. I realize we aren't a "walking" district, but I don't see the need for so many different bus stops, or buses, in one neighborhood. Couldn't each large development (Villages, Falls Pointe, Woodgate) have a bus "depot" at their community center, where all kids would meet to board the bus in the morning? Send 6 buses to each, pick them all up, and save time and gas for all. Probably not feasible, for safety reasons, but it's something I think about every day.

330	<p>The school year is fairly short, the first grading period is mostly review, not much gets done in the Spring, the academic intensity needs to begin earlier in the school year.[]</p> <p>It seems silly to have days off for teacher conferences or bring in subs so teachers can have meetings.[]</p> <p>The teachers need a few less days off unless they are actually sick, they already get the Summer off, substitute teachers mean less gets done and cause an added expense.[]</p> <p>I do not like the annual fund raising items the kids have to sell.[]</p> <p>I would agree with having modest pay-to-play for sports and activities, the parents are used to paying much more for those same activities.</p>
331	na
332	Coming from my middle schooler, sounds like teachers "don't see or hear" the loud cursing and boys/girls touching each other in the hallways.
333	Can't note any specific at this time but, I think any organization needs to look at processes and always improve as best they can. Must take into consideration excess and streamline. Make sure we are running as efficiently as possible with operating costs while maintaining the quality education that is currently provided.
334	Bring back German class in high school.
335	I think in a town the size of Olmsted Falls there is potential for more school-community involvement. We are still small-town enough that many people know each other but large enough that people have a lot to offer. I work all day but would be happy to commit to a Saturday each month to help kids with reading or an evening each week to help with math. On the flip side, I think older kids, especially in high school, should be encouraged to give back to the community. My daughter is in high school and I know she would help at Fall-Lenox if you had an after school group she could work with. I'm sure there are needs and I know there are people available, the trick is finding each other.
336	Olmsted Falls Schools could improve by making the class size smaller for the younger grades (K-8th)
337	Haven't seen anything yet.
338	<p>Keep an eye on the bullying-it is everywhere. I don't say that because it's the new buzz word. There are children at high risk. Exclusion can be happening even to the kids that have a lot going for them. []</p> <p>Also be sure to celebrate the students who meet a personal academic goal-not just the high achievers. Once our son hit high school he was not celebrated for his effort at all. Not many took the time to applaud the fact that he did his homework and was a terrific citizen. It was a really sad point for him because it had truly motivated him up to that point. By the time he was a senior it was a struggle to get him to care because he was falling through the cracks. []</p> <p>Also advertise that the awards and scholarships for the seniors go to the same few students so the children don't get their hopes up.</p>
339	Full day kindergarten. Teacher report cards. Updated website.
340	I wish a 2nd language was offered in the lower grades. It's a perfect time to teach. I took French in 2nd and 3rd grade and it came very easy. I would like to see more diversity in the arts. Music and drama in the younger grades. 5th grade is quite a wait to learn an instrument.
341	The main problem in our school system that I can see is settling for MEDIOCRITY in all sports areas. So many of our homegrown kids are forced to go to outlying areas to play sports because we are not up to speed. An example of this is that we don't have tackle football until 7th grade. If you are Catholic there are so many opportunities but if you are not you are forced to go to Strongsville, N. Olmsted, Avon, N. Ridgeville (etc) and play there. The kids who play for the middle school are not encouraged or pushed in anyway to be psyched to play for the high school. We are losing so many kids to other schools because of this! And it is not just football, it is all sports. I have heard wonderful things about the new baseball coach and girls volleyball coaches getting the kids so psyched to play for them but that is where it ends.

342	The school district has implimented all of these different computer programs for teaching, keeping track of students progress, etc. I don't feel that they are being used the way they were meant to be. First, Study Island was suppose to be a learning tool for students in Math. Now what it has become is a homework assignment for students. The kids get to the point that they basically guess at the problems that they don't understand and eventually that problems comes along again and they just answer that problems based on what they remember from the problem showing up earlier. Never does a teacher review this with them to determine what they didn't understand in the first place. The teachers just assign these as additional homework for a grade. I thought the whole purpose of this program was to help them understand it. All that is happening is the kids hate Study Island & Math. Second, Progress book could help so many of those kids that don't write down their HW but very few of the teachers use it to post hw, tests, etc. in advance so that the parents can also make sure that their children are on track. As far as grades, very few teachers update this so you really are left
343	It will be more improve if it has more disciplinary action toward the inappropriate behavior.[] Student discipline.
344	Stronger emphasis on math, science and writing in the secondary grades. Offer tutoring outside school hours for high school students.
345	Have longer school days or longer school year, being that 90% of our kids today do not live on a farm therefore are not needed to harvest the crops.
346	Aside from other methods of funding, I really don't see anything that is lacking.
347	n/a
348	Offer some flexibility/options in terms of school programs for younger kids K-3rd grade
349	Better accommodate food allergies in the cafeteria (gluten).
350	find ways to lower costs and save homeowners money on taxes
351	Streamlining communication efforts- blog is an excellent start. Get the word out about how fortunate we are to live in this district. Encourage ALL staff members (especially teachers) to utilize e-mail as a primary means of communication with parents. Some teachers have mentioned in the past that they do not check e-mail often.
352	In my opinion, the middle school kids need to start their school day before the elementary kids. This would help in situations where there are older children who watch their siblings until a parent gets home. Plus it would allow the littler ones more sleep time.
353	smaller classes.
354	Surprised by how good the varsity sports programs are, but how surprisingly bland the facilities are relative to other schools of the same caliber. Fields, bleachers, and facilities seem to be inferior to many other places we travel to. [] [] Education has been really great for us thus far, as have the teachers. Continue to be amazed at their ability to do more with less. Great experience
355	i think that full day kindergarden would help many kids[] more advance reading opportunities in younger grades. in other school systems kids are doing the advanced reading books and OF doesn't start that program until about 6th grade. my daughter would love that program.
356	Businesses coming to town to offset expenses to the homeowner.
357	n/a
358	I am unable to answer this due mostly to ignorance as to how schools are run
359	not a real need for improvement that I can tell
360	off tutoring for the children that need it it should be offered at all levels
361	not sure

362	As a parent of a preschooler, I am very concerned with the status of all-day kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. To compete with the high stake demands of today's educational requirements, children need more time on task. Children in a half-day program do not have enough exposure to the power standards. Early education is the time to set a strong foundation so that these students can meet value-added standards in the upcoming years. My child is having such a positive preschool experience, I am fearful that he will not receive the same level of instruction that is necessary to grow and achieve in a half-day program. As an all-day kindergarten teacher in the Cuyahoga Heights Schools, I have witnessed the numerous benefits to all children in a full-day program. I feel that the all-day experience enables teachers to challenge children who need a more varied curriculum and have time to provide individualized interventions. Because teachers are able to respond and identify those who need interventions, the children are better prepared for first grade and on.
363	Ensure that middle schoolers who are bused with younger grades are mindful and monitored closely so that bullying doesnt occur on the bus.
364	I feel the space issue at the high school needs to be addressed very soon. Even though my children won't be around to see it, I think children to come need a better facility at the high school.
365	insure more cost effective spending
366	<p>I have experienced many teachers in the high school and middle school who don't seem to care about students at all. I have also seen that the school "let's it slide". XXXXX has repeatedly humiliated children in class in front of everyone and told them no wonder they do not have friends - they are too weird. She has no patience and the students hate to ask questions. XXXXX is giving grades on progress book before assignments are even turned in and he also has humiliated students in class. My children have not been victims but have been very upset by the actions of these teachers and quite a few others. What happened to the no bullying policy? It should apply to teachers as well.</p> <p>How are children supposed to learn if they are "scared" to ask questions or think why bother it won't help?</p> <p>□</p> <p>Of course the majority of the teachers have been wonderful and not everyone is perfect, but certain things seem to be on going and in most work environments this behavior would not be tolerated by an employee. There needs to be some type of discipline regardless of how long a teacher has been with the district or what sport they coach.</p>
367	have less children in the classes
368	Communication channels could be increased and updated more frequently. Include all schools in spirit week/homecoming activities. The Intermediate School Reception at the football game this week was excellent, more inclusive activities between the schools both within the school day, and with extracurricular activities.
369	Less music programs for kids.
370	My only concern about OF schools is the financial aspect. However, I do know it's the way that the schools are being funded that is the problem. Most schools are going through similar hardships. I am not please that all day kindergarten was not put into the levy budget. It is crucial that are children's education is on the same level as all schools. I feel it's unfair that my son is only getting a short 2.5 hours of education everyday when other schools are offering full day. The money should be there and it should be a priority!!
371	<p>A significant addition and renovaton of the high school is long overdue - It was built for 800 and the size needs to be doubled, since the number of students has. The auditorium is jammed for most concerts and plays with students taking up 1/3 third of the seats! Even the big Gym gets filled to overflowing at times - and the trailers are evidence of another area of need.□</p> <p>□</p> <p>Also - the core of the building is from the 50's and needs updating and brought into the 21st century with beter energy management and AC!□</p> <p>□</p> <p>And look to reinstate the academic areas that have been trimmed like more foreign language offerings.</p>
372	Our constant financial struggles and reliance on homeowners tax money is a problem
373	Continued attempts to lower class sizes.

374	Bridging the gap with Police, whether off-duty or not to handle security issues would be more professional. Also, beefing up the Psychology/Counseling dept. up would seem preventative as well. I can't really think of anything else....not bad considering that's all I could think of. This school system is headed in the right direction and I foresee that this will not change for some time. As I mentioned above, I'm proud to have my children attending the Olmsted Falls School District.
375	offer more computers in the class room or provide laptops for the students.
376	smaller class sizes, especially in the primary years....26 in am Kindergarten classes while pm are at 20 is unacceptable.
377	Learn how to manage the money that they presently have so they don't need to keep asking for more money and raise the taxes.
378	1. Proactive approach to bullying. Just putting up signs and having assemblies is not stopping those who are bullying (Mostly middle school). 2. Over-emphasis on seniority in extra-curricular activities 3. Improving/updating overall condition of High School building
379	Smaller class sizes, but I realize teacher salaries are high in Ohio.
380	More flexibility in the times of the extra curricular activities. Often my children would like to participate in clubs and activities. Because of the times offered for the activities they cannot because of our work schedules. In addition, knowing the times in advance would be great so that we can make better decisions.
381	I am becoming more concerned about class sizes and how space is utilized. I am seeing things that should not be happening in the Lenox building, esp since the levy passed. Why are children in study room sitting out in the main hallway for all to see? Why are they not somewhere quiet and private? Don't tell me there is no one to watch them... refer to levy statement. that is just one example. I am disappointed in one of my children's teacher this year, but I am hopeful. There needs to be some sort of teacher evaluation. There is not enough accountability and opportunity to share feedback during the year. I know one can make an appointment and/or speak to the principal, but I am seeing some interesting things happening in my son's classroom that have never been an issue so far in my 7 year's experience here. It is unacceptable in our schools. I have not experienced the HS yet and am just getting used to the MS, so I can't speak much on those.
382	Continue to find innovative ways to finance capital projects and operations.
383	Wish we had all day kindergarten
384	really need to help identify and place and guide kids who are not performing well or who make sharp and drastic changes in friends and grades. The focus is always on the good kids and sadly poorly performing kids get pushed off until it is too late and then the solution is to push them to polaris. you MUST work to try alternative forms of teaching for kids with dyslexia, adhd and/or other learning disabilities and needs.
385	Removing the few teachers who parents consistently complain about year after year. Locate funds to revamp/update the high school.
386	I would like to see more arts/drama at the lower grades. I do not have children at the higher grades so I cannot comment.
387	Better appropriation of funds.
388	More info for new families to the district, including history, etc. Inclusion for new families. . .clicks seem to have already been formed even for the adults. Understandable for the close knit community.

389	<p>I wish I could request teachers for my children. My older children have had teachers that I really enjoyed working with, and I would have liked my younger children to be in their class as well. Having said that...I'm not sure what the process is in assigning children to teachers. If there are academic reasons that determine where my children are assigned, I'm ok with that. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>The cost to get into football games is too high. Although we would love to go, It is very expensive for us to take our family of six to the games...we are not able to attend enough games to make it worth it to buy the sport pass for everyone. Maybe you could offer a "family sport pass."</p>
390	<p>If not done already, observations of teachers in their classrooms.☐</p> <p>Input from students on what they like or dislike, interests, respectively in some courses.☐</p> <p>With the new HS start time it would be helpfull if underclass siblings schedules could cordinate with the older sibling that drives, if possible, in respect to the structure of each students schedule. ☐</p> <p>Not a big fan of double early release. This takes the student out of the school building and out of the homework mode. Study hall keeps the student in school where they are more apt to do homework or study instead or loosing an hour or two of potential school time. Yes there are prose to it also.</p>
391	Um quit charging for every little thing the kids use for lunch. Example forks, spoons, etc.
392	Instead of fund raiser how about offering a fundraiser fee. I was imformed by someone who was incharge of fundraiser that the school does not recieve as much as they would just gave them cash. There are no middle man fees.
393	i think they need to understand at school levy time that budgets are tight for everyone and there should be ways to keep the budget balanced without unnecessary spending. the schools i went to many years ago didn't have even half of what olmsted falls offers now. while it is wonderful for our kids to continue these things many districts have much larger struggles.
394	There's always room for improvement in any school. I'd like to see more disciplinary action taken for dress code violations, fighting and less "dirty dancing" at the HS dances while teacher chaparones look on. This may only apply to a minority of students, but firm disciplinary action may deter others from considering any of the above mentioned options.
395	My kids are in OFIS and Falls Lenox, and so far, so good. Keep up the good work.
396	Maybe smaller classrooms where the students could get more one on one with the teacher.
397	The district needs to follow through on rules and programs that they implement and support their faculty and staff in doing so.
398	Right now..I'm not finding any issues that need to be addressed.
399	<p>Greater accountability for teachers. Also, I have only had a few issues come up over the years where I actually had a complaint about an employee of the district.. Each time, I was met with defensiveness. Before I even voiced my complaint, it was clear to me the person in a supervisory position wasn't interested in listening, but rather was trying to formulate their defense or counter-attack before I was done explaining my concern. Seeing this dynamic has really led me to feel completely unsupportive of the teacher's union. It looks as though teachers can do or say almost anything short of outright criminal and they are untouchable. That's unacceptable to me. I am held to a much higher standard of behavior in my position, and I don't get paid the outrageous teacher's salary, either. ☐</p> <p>I should note that this holds true not just for teachers, but other employees of the district, because one of the complaints I had was about a bus driver's inappropriate behavior toward my children.</p>
400	It would be helpful to working, single parents to have an alternate bus drop-off for your child.
401	dont take away the school buses again to show strength,,,,,that was SLEEZY
402	Keep finding ways to communicate with not only parents but with the community at large. The blog is a great new way to send messages about the school to parents - but is there a way to get a broader community audience?
403	I would love to see a uniform for all children so the focus is on education not appearance and materialistic things. Learning should be fun. Some subjects are not as easy to grasp kids' attention, so finding a fun way to get the kids more interested would be something to consider.
404	I think the system is great.
405	first of all they need to set a standard for punishment the punishment should fit the situation not change with attitudes and keep the small community school feel it make us as parent feel more at ease.

406	If students academic achievement rate is maintained and more students get admissions in good schools (IVY league as well as other good schools) at undergrad level, Olmsted falls school could be the best. Teachers and school authorities should encourage the students/seniors to put emphasis on SAT/ACT exam as well as extracurricular activities that are required for good schools at undergrad level.
407	By providing more information to the parents, by the board returning phone calls to the parents, by allowing parents to review the teachers to allow for improvement, by making safety a number one priority, by removing public humiliation as a way of discipline at Falls Lenox i.e. those who are in a study room are publicly displayed in the front of the school, by not using lack of funds as an excuse, by making the ECC equiped for preschool and Kind. and by not using "we've always done it this way" as an answer to current problems.
408	Get rid of Dr. Hoadley
409	Teachers need to be recognized for what they do. Teachers need to be able to teach in their classrooms. Many seem to be out at workshops and have substitutes.
410	Too soon to tell.
411	Have Phys Ed every week, offer latch-key, allow for changes in transportation choices during the year if situation changes at home.
412	smaller class sizes would be nice, more one on one time with students that way
413	I would like to see the schools encourage more socialization opportunities for the kids. I feel that a big part of school was always the social side of things. Learning how to deal with other people, and where you fit in the world is extremely important. I was dissapointed to see that the kids aren't allowed to walk freely at high school football games this year. That was always something we looked forward to at the end of the week. It is a chance to talk to other kids, loosen up after a week of school.
414	I would like to see more classes being offered in the high school, for example, business, languages, etc. for the students.
415	I would like to see and understand the pro-active steps that the school board and administration is taking (new and existing) to ensure sound fiscal management of our school district. I'm specifically concerned if the team is looking for cost efficiencies and streamlining functions and services -- not cost-cutting efforts that reduce or eliminate services. (The district was very aggressive in sharing this information with the tax payers when it was time for a levy, but those efforts and related communications should be a regular fixture.) What is being done to ensure long-term financial stability of the school district? Are contracts being negotiated aggressively to ensure long-term expenses align with projected tax revenues?
416	Many students are not challenged. Too many straight As without much effort. In the reading, math, science, social studies in the elementary and middle school grades there could be more content taught, a faster pace. Seventh graders this year spent 8 weeks on a book that they read in their 5th grade class. Good things are differentiated spelling lists for different students, extra math for some students - many teachers do work hard to make sure that each student is growing. All students should be growing and progressing. Even if items are not graded, students should be encouraged to read at their level, stretch in math, go beyond the text in science and social studies. There was little to no science or social studies in first grade - students at that age are so interested, love to learn, give them more. Math in sixth grade was taught largely by a guy on a video - not by the teacher. Students were turned off by this - boring, teacher not involved. If a student is not "gifted" they often do not get the challenge they need - many great students can do more than the standard - strict grouping into "gifted" or not denies many good students opportunities that they could handle and that they would
417	Adopt an aggressive anti bullying program
418	Offer more foreign language courses I don't know if this is true but my child has indicated that the HS library is not open at times throughout the day that would be convenient/beneficial to him.
419	One pet peeve is when i see poorly worded questions on test and even inaccurate information in books. I always bring these to the attention of the teacher and I know they don't write the material, but it still boggles my mind that we pay highly educated people to write the texts and they can't get it right.

420	Have teachers communicate with each other to better plan their assignments of homework. There is no reason my daughter should have no homework 2 - 3 days per week and then 3 - 4 hours of homework dumped all on one night. This happens too often & it is very frustrating - it impedes on my time with my daughter. Stop assigned seating at lunch time - this should be their time to sit & mingle with their friends. Additional food options at lunch. Teachers "preferring" the more expensive items on the school shopping lists When we are talking about the total bill...I "prefer" the cheaper one.
421	Better communicatin to parents who are parents in the school system for the first time (Kindergarteners).
422	We haven't been here long enough to have found fault.
423	There should be (at least) basic business classes available...i.e. banking, credit, accounting, etc.[] [] Each student should have to take a computer class that teaches everything from how facebook, my space, i-phone all works and the positives and negatives of each of them and the consequences.
424	less students per class
425	They could have more class selection in the H.S. compared to other cities.
426	parent teacher communication
427	more information concerning extrcurricular activities
428	Better communication at Middle school and high school level.[] [] More attention to gifted students.
429	The music program needs improving. I know it has won awards, but as far as fostering a love of music in children, it falls way short. Children should not be force to pick band or choir in middle school. If they have to pick one or the other than make sure that the teachers, especially the choir picks songs and music that the children like to play or sing. What about having an orchestra program?? [] [] The band should never dictate what instrument a child should have to play. If a child wants to play a certain instrument, then that's what they should play!
430	more open Communication with teachers and parents[] A band director that is more in tune with the kids and to be able to teach them the quality of music.
431	no suggestions at this time
432	I am a parent of a new middle schooler - I wish there was a meeting for all new parents just to address basic questions that other parents may have learned through the years and is taken for granted that we know.
433	Diversity with staff might be a consideration.
434	not sure ther is much room for improvement
435	better communication with the parents from the administrators in the individual schools.
436	I believe based on conversations with my children that conditions exist throughout the high school that allow derogatory, inexcusable language. Words that are used by students are derogatory, demeaning and with sexual reference. Of equal and great concern is that teachers allow this to exist, they do nothing to approach the vile language in their presence.[] The Olmsted Falls Schools can be improved by showing intolerance to such language. This action could only improve the learning environment.
437	Continue to challenge students and offer wide range or educational programs for our students
438	Implement formal programs that build in continuous improvement in all processes to continuously reduce costs. In other words, lean out the waste the way businesses do to survive. Make customer service a mindset of all OFCS employees. The people in the taxed communities pay their paychecks, and it is not always evident when you call the schools that the people answering the phones understand this concept. Continuously work with and improve employee relations with the teachers and any unionized employees. Along with the state of Ohio Dept. of Education, OPERS, and STRS - eliminate the "double-dipping" that goes on with public employee pension plans and the re-hiring of people already earning a pension. Private employer pensions have gone away altogether, so it is hard to justify public pensions that allow such double dipping.

439	<p>I believe the sports programs need to be responsible to the taxpayers and participants. My understanding is that the coaches receive money from the district for their service. I believe the students and parents involved in all sports should be able to fill out satisfaction/performance reviews of the coaches. I believe the athletic director and administration should use these reviews when considering the rehiring of the coaches or continued negotiation. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>I believe that the high school level counseling could be more proactive starting in the sophomore year to prepare the students for college.</p>
440	Keep good control of students. Better funding. Better high school classes for college-bound students who are not in honors and AP classes.
441	<p>My husband and I are working parents and would love to have our child more involved in after school activities. Our child signs up for as many things as possible that she is interested in. I like the morning newspaper club that begins before school. Our child would love to be involved in many of the after-school clubs, sports etc...but she needs to be picked-up by 3:15, no exceptions. My husband can be there by 3:25. She has been unable to become involved due to this conflict. We have lived in the district for the last two years, but still don't know a lot of the families to arrange transportation. ☐</p> <p>I would also like to see more opportunity for parents who have careers to be involved other than at home. Being somewhat new to the district I have felt that many of the parents are in tight with one another and not always willing to open-up or willing to involve those they are not familiar with. I try to teach my child to not be in cliques, but to have an open mind towards people. The children are a product of their parents....Maybe some informal activities to educate parents and students. I live in a neighborhood that a student (good grades</p>
442	A more diverse lunch menu.
443	I would like to see a second language programs begin at a much younger age. Rather than a few week course, I would love to see a secondary language placed in the elementary level as part of daily work.
444	Just keep doing what you are doing. Try to keep kids with their siblings when they come to the school. Keeping them in the same hallway so they see each other at recess.
445	smaller class size, increase in offerings at the HS level
446	I do think Dr. Hoadley expects too much homework from students. Middle schoolers aren't getting home until around 4pm, have to spend over an hour each night, usually more, which is inevitably interrupted by dinner, and then back to homework. How are kids playing sports, getting any exercise or just having downtime? Most of that homework is sheer busywork!
447	It would be nice if some of the students per teacher were smaller..... For example more of a 20/teacher ratio instead of sometimes up to 30.
448	Make adjustments for all children that need it, not just the kids that are behind.
449	It would probably take my money and investment into programs that would enrich student achievement. Their music program is top notch, and I'd like to see that continue to be funded.
450	It is good as it is
451	Be more attentive to students needs when they are having trouble.
452	<p>less favoritism to district employee's children☐</p> <p>reduce costs/waste so we don't need a new levy☐</p> <p>better lunch choices☐</p> <p>keep all grade busing☐</p> <p>replace superintendant with a competent, relatable, genuine, person☐</p> <p>add back business classes at the high school</p>
453	Get a better handle of spending in all departments including sports. Using funds that were meant for a summer camp that got used for taking only some of the team allowed to attend to Damons for dinner, not once but twice in the girls 2009 soccer season was beyond understanding, then asking for money for new sweats for each child. I am sure that this is not the only incident nor the only show of misuse of funds.
454	???
455	being new to the district, our old district had many more options for electives at the high school level, would like to see that here

456	Getting rid of tenure for teachers. I think that it is terrible that a teacher who may not have a love of their job, is still able to teach. I've witnessed two individuals who I feel this way about. Our children should not have to get the raw end of the deal because a union tells us we have to keep a teacher.
457	From my experience helping in the schools, I would like to see Everyday Math totally eliminated and a more traditional approach be taken.[] [] Less fundraisers. It seems like there is a fundraiser for every activity. We have children in our neighborhood who are doing three fundraisers at a time. It is so difficult when you want to contribute to the children in your neighborhood, but you risk going broke![] [] I think our school district should seriously consider the idea of school uniforms, that way everyone looks the same and you cannot distinguish the "haves" from the "have nots".
458	As an older parent it would be more helpful to have a better understanding of what needs to be learned in each grade. Some of the teachers are not good at communicating what is really at a development level vs secure level. I have had to ask that question several times before getting an answer. I do not like the independent learning that does not go on in the primary school. When it is time to read to a friend or read to yourself of course the kids are just taking and playing with each other while the teacher is working with 5 other students. More aids or teachers in each classroom would benefit this type of activity. This type of teaching allows for too much play time in class and lends itself to more homework. Oh, and the writing homework in second grade is not at all constructive. When a 7 year old has to write what he needs to improve at and how he would do it, this just encourages lower self esteem not to mention arguments with parents just to "get it done". I would rather see more emphasis on the basics, reading, writing and math. Writing in the simple form as practicing their letters, instead this has been done in third grade, which has been very helpful a
459	Full time kindergarten.
460	-Remodel/expand the high school to ease crowding and improve overall educational environment[] -More openness about LMR relations between union(s) and administration
461	I wish all teachers used moodle or progressbook for homework assignments, class notes, worksheets, etc. to help parents follow learning to support learning at home.
462	Smaller class sizes.
463	all day kindergarden
464	-The opportunity to offer all of the kids another language starting in the fourth grade.[] -By not using buses as a tool to get your levy passed especially when transportation is subsidized by the state and included in the budget. [] -The curriculum could be more challenging with more long range research projects on subjects that could be presented in front of the class every half, as well as current events with clipping from the papers (5th grade).
465	More Funding
466	The early hours are a bit early for such young children. It also makes it difficult for families to do anything else. The children are exhausted and cranky from such busy days, but a bedtime before 8:30pm is unrealistic. The hours are just too early!
467	Continue with the course offerings, keep class sizes down; offer remedial help to possibly more than just the "lowest of the low".
468	As the population grows make sure the students do not become just a "number" I fear this is happening.
469	The students seem to be on-track, academically and socially, through sixth grade. Then, it begins to crumble, due much in part to the very nature of children at that particular age level. However, the staff and parents must strive in a collaborative effort to keep these kids strong - academically, morally and ethically - to be kind and positive citizens who take pride in their school and community.[] [] The weakest link appears to be at the high school where a good deal of the staff seems to not be on the same page re: the molding of these children, which indeed they still are, into solid citizens.

470	Have a band period during the school hours. I can't think of any improvement off hand because I think that the Olmsted Falls Schools are doing a fantastic job already.
471	Get some discipline, particularly in the middle school. Offer serious computer courses at the high school
472	Driver Education should be offered at the High School
473	Improved Special Ed
474	I dont have any bad things to say.
475	Receive anonymous input from students on praise and areas of difficulty with teachers.
476	I would like to see more differentiation in the classroom for students who need additional help and those students who are more advanced.
477	Focus the curriculum on core subjects like math, spelling, grammar, reading comprehension and science. Demand more student accountability, less parent accountability, for student's school performance at every grade level. Bring back quality Home Economics and Driver's Education programs so that all students will graduate with immediate life skills. Cut practice of "extra credit" to help pad students' grades. Reduce "extra curricular" activities in elementary and middle school grades. Gain a better understanding of how divorce impacts a child's school experience, and re-evaluate practices/policies with regard to parent communication and involvement.
478	Laptops in the classroom, even if it I would have to pay more taxes. It is now and beyond.
479	<p>Prioritize goals[]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education and teaching life skills always comes first. Preparing student to get a job and earn a living[] 2. Busing children/Safety of children[] 3. Sport and Extra activities [] <p>[]</p> <p>Note: Don't cut busing to manipulate votes for levies before you have cut out priority #3.[]</p> <p>Involve the community and get them behind the schools and sports teams: Kids who play sports and are in music should have activities to raise money - cookie and candy drives to raise money always turn out to be mostly work for the parent. Have them go door to door (wearing the uniform) selling raffle tickets, wash cars and earn the extra moeny for themselves. I have lived in this community for 11 years, not 1 kid has ever knocked on my door to help raise money.</p>
480	I really cannot think of anything.
481	I hear from parents of high school kids that there is a lot that goes on at the high school such as fights, drugs, bullying etc. I hope that when my kids get to the H.S. the situation is improved.
482	Have Principles and asst.principle, counslers think more of students than school.
483	Better services for the average student. Too many special services are in place for above average students. This seems backwards to me...why would special learning be offered to students already advanced? Where are the special services for our average or struggling children?
484	not really sure, I do think that for the taxes we pay there should never be money issues, but there are
485	I really have no complaints or could see such room for improvement.
486	We love the fact that OF Schools have a high per capita of teachers with further education. We have seen first hand the difference between a 1st year teacher vs. a teacher that is a 'Dr.'. However due to finances, we need to look at bringing in recent college gradutes at reduced pay scales to replace seasoned teachers that leave. In the private sector, espeically in Sales, new employees are put on a one-year probation. If a teacher doesn't cut it, then they are cut and a new graduate comes in. Just a thought...
487	I feel the schools should look into the sub teachers and make sure they are the best choice for the children. I hear a lot of negative comments about a few of the sub teachers from many kids at all grade levels. Most subs do a great job and it seems to be consistantly the same ones that come accross extremely rude, short, impatient, and act as though they do not want to be there. I kids themselves would be a great resource for this.
488	At this point I don't feel I should answer this question. My children have not had enough time in the school system.
489	na
490	Instead of building single story school buildings you should look into two and three story buildings to cut down on heating and cooling bills. Stop pay to play, if sports, band and after school activities are so important to a child's growth then stop making them pay to play.

491	It seems that there are quite a few high level administrators. Ate they all necessary?
492	Add a Junior High Wrestling Room
493	Continue the learning community concept beyond primary grades
494	Smaller class sizes
495	Smaller class sizes 2010-2011 Full Day Kindergarten offered Individual school websites should be updated more often! For example: --Falls Lenox had a "Welcome to School" letter from the principal and an "It's been a great year!" letter. No activities were posted on the Falls Lenox calendar for last year!!!!
496	I think some of the teachers and support staff should be better
497	I think there doing just fine
498	I feel there need to be less students in a class. Thirty or more students in a class I feel is to many. Some students need more individualized attention.
499	By improving the community and offering a better library and swimming pool. This way, the high school swim team would have a pool.
500	The top administration should relate to parents and community members as "one of them".
501	All day Kindergarten.
502	Olmsted falls could improve on the quality of Bus drivers, there should some kind of training of how to talk to the children and how to handle issues on the busses. also they should not be able to swear or belittle the children. I feel our children watch authority figures and when they see verbal abuse from them they see that as the green light to proceed with their behavior. In the 8 years we have been involved with Olmsted falls schools We have had 1 bus driver that I feel was extrodinary (Dave #84) and I feel he should receive some recognition for the professional way he handles the children, not only does it show he loves his job but he genuinely cares for the kids. I have had to resort to driving my kids myself due to the profanity and neglect from bus drivers and the language and inappropriate behavior of the other children on the bus. (Which in turn is not dealt with by the drivers.) A lot of other parents that live around me feel the same, very disappointed in the busing system.
503	all day kindergarten
504	??
505	Less costly programs.
506	Unsure--children have just entered the school system this year.
507	More challenging coursework, especially for adavanced and gifted students in the elementary school grades. Opportunities for condensing the curriculum or grade skips for advanced students so they do not stagnate while the other students catch up.
508	I do have some issues with the Middle School. I think it is terrible that kids are not allowed to go to the bathroom and have to use a pass (only a few passes a quarter). Of course, they are allowed to hold on to them for extra credit. THIS IS A VERY STUPID RULE. My daughter will hold going to the bathroom all day in order to get extra credit points, which I would assume you know IS NOT HEALTH!! CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE PENALIZED FOR HAVING TO GO TO THE BATHROOM. I have talked to a lot of parents about this issue and they all agree with me. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS ISSUE.
509	have more surveys like this to get our opinions
510	Stop forcing students into certain classes. Middle school kids are forced to take choir (right, or that awful music class with lots of homework and papers). High school kids are forced to take sixteen classes (four in the core) leaving little time to see if they like other things (art, cooking etc.). Expand their elective opportunities.
511	Offer an increased number of advanced level classes in math, science and literature. Offer additional music (such as an orchestra) - students should have the opportunity to a play string instrument like the violin, cello, viola - at the 5th-12th grade level. Offer other foreign languages such as Chinese.
512	Not sure.
513	It seems as though the funding/money situation is a now-constant issue/problem in this district. Also, I believe that classroom sizes/teacher-to-child ratios should be decreased.
514	Little more challenge to the high school teachers to watch their language (some of them). Be professionals.

515	The staff at the administration desk at Falls-Lenox needs to be more friendly. It always seems like I'm bothering them when I go there.
516	Better variety of wheel classes. more extracurriculars
517	MORE COMMUNICATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES ESPECIALLY AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL. I WAS IN THE DISTRICT 5 YEARS BEFORE I REALIZED THE ATHLETICS THAT WERE AVAILABLE AT THAT LEVEL, OR WHAT WAS NOT AVAILABLE. I BELIEVE THERE IS A LACK OF INFO SENT HOME ABOUT COMMUNITY ATHLETICS AND CLUBS.[] ALSO THE SCHOOL FEES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL ARE EXTREMELY HIGH. ONE CLASS COST ME \$100 FOR FEES. WITH 5 CHILDREN AND EACH ONE HAVING APPROX. \$100 IN FEES AND THE ONE HAVING OVER \$200 IN FEES IS EXCESSIVE. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SUPPLIES I PURCHASE!! THE COST OF THE CLASS SHOULD BE LISTED WHEN THE SCHEDULE IS SENT HOME. I WAS SHOCKED TO HAVE OVER \$500 IN ACTIVITY/BOOK/CLASS FEES.[] ALSO UNHAPPY THAT GERMAN WAS NOT GRANDFATHERED OUT. HURT MY CHILD WITH COLLEGE LANG. REQUIREMENTS. HE WAS UNABLE TO GET 3 YEARS OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.
518	more oversight of coaches' practices and policies; there doesn't seem to be any standardization or consequences for coaches' actions. One coach took students out of school and overnight without any teacher OR parent permission forms. OF is a small community, and students whose families have connections to the schools or coaches are treated favorably. You may deny it exists, but in a small community, parents talk, and it is well documented.
519	Accommodate the working mom a little better. My child can't be a part of choir or the after school gym time because I work until 5:00 and the programs end at around 3:00. No school on election day, the day before Thanksgiving, means finding someone to watch my child while I work.[] [] These taxes are crazy too. Isn't there a better way to disperse the money? I'm tired of hearing about the teachers and how they don't make much money, benefits aren't great. The average teacher there makes about 50% more than I do. I can't complain about my benefits, but 10% of my paycheck has to go towards paying for my benefits.
520	Nothing comes to mind, except a running track that can be used out of school hours for individual practice / training...
521	ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
522	Nothing comes to mind at this time.
523	the number of children in a classroom. reevaluating the teachers and looking at whether or not he or she are well rounded (education and desire for all students to achieve even if that means extra time afterall thats why they went into teaching).
524	like how we got rid of late starts and just have one day off[] move start time of schools so the high school or middle school kids are home before k-5. I have 3 kids, and still need a sitter because my youngest gets home 30 minutes before the high school freshman - ugh!! distribute the fundraisers. every school has them in sept - the same time we are paying school fees, and some schools have mulitple fundraisers. I would do more if they were spread out.
525	High school classrooms seem outdated, H.S. Science Lab areas, outdated. More computer training for staff at the Elementary level. Computer curriculum that all classes use as a guideline to hit certain benchmarks and targets per grade level from k-8th grade so that every grade is mastering outlined concepts and well as creating, exploring and researching. More all inclusive computer literacy for K-8th grades as well as the educators K-8th grades.
526	Communication can always be improved, this is not to say OFS is poorly communicating now. [] Less emphasis on sports and mroe on science and math.[] Place focus on second and third languages at the elementary school level.

527	I think your kindergarten criteria for someone with a late birthday is RIDICULOUS!!! . I think the testing is difficult on purpose and honestly if my child was accepted I would hate the half days. They're not even in school very long! My daughter has a September birthday and was a few points shy of making it in the school. We are now PAYING for her to go to a private school until the lovely board of ed says she's ok to go. I would love to have one of the kids in the existing kindergarten class who's birthday was before the deadline take the test. Do they automatically pass because of when they were born? And your preschool is a joke. Totally geared for special ed kids...which is sweet but what about the rest. I don't think it's a good way to be introduced to the school system. Kind of starts of on a bad note, in my opinion. And one other idea...when kids run for student council they should only be allowed to win for one year. This would give other kids a chance instead of the same one every year. It ends up being more of a popularity contest than anything else. And being an alumni from '88, I remember how much I would of loved to run but just new I never had a shot because
528	Learning how to manage money better and cutting back on some things
529	Can't think of a thing
530	Smaller class sizes so there is more individual attention given to my children
531	At this point, I think they've done a great job. Especially with the new school. Now all the kids have some breathing room and not smashed into small schools.
532	At this point I don't have anything that would be improved.
533	A string orchestra option
534	some students may not qualify for the gifted program but they could be pushed in terms of homework load and materials. i feel that that should be given some attention.
535	I do not think that reading should be forced on the kids the way that it is. I think that reading is a great thing, however, I DO NOT think a child should be punished for not reading.
536	I would really like to see a more diligent hiring process for the teachers. As recent as four years ago a teacher that clearly had a history of abuse toward students was hired with no regard to the past records which were easily obtainable. Taking the time to earnestly seek out recommendations from past districts where teachers have worked or checking other references with great care would save all of us a lot of anguish going forward.
537	Reduce the costs of education within the district. There are SEVERAL improvement strategies that could be implemented which would help reduce overall spending and costs. Reduce, reuse and recycle. Reduce new spending, eliminate ALL overspending, reduce the steps in every process you utilize, and create a customer based mentality which (internal and external customers) where everyone is held responsible. As in every industry, there are A LOT of GREAT people within the district. Where possible, rotating or switching assignments for other individuals might be not only the right move for that employee, but serving the greater good.
538	By listening to a parents concerns about their child being bullied, stalked or any other offenses against their child. I do not appreciate being called a liar by the principal of your XXXXX school and letting a stalker that we reported to the school and the Police dept to be put in my daughters homeroom and classes and then when we made several phone calls to XXXXX, he did not return them, and when I showed up at the school to speak with him in person the day before school started he stated he felt that the boy who had been stalking my daughter had done nothing wrong as far as he was concerned. I left that meeting and went straight to the Police Dept to report this. We were told our daughter would be safe in your XXXXX school and your principal and vice principal completely dismissed us. How dare you lie to our children in your school rallies telling them that they are safe in your school. Trust me I found out the hard way my daughter is not safe and the police told my daughter and me she better learn to watch her back and make sure she is always with a friend who can help her. You can improve your schools by keeping your word and not just trying to get a parent out of you
539	Improvement in the appearance of the high school. Too much of a focus on the middle school.
540	Share more information about negotiations with the teacher's union.

541	fund raisers. Make items easier to sell. Boxes of candy for instance. People like to be able to have item in hand when purchasing. Frozen foods are hard. Especially when you sell them at work. Hard to store and distribute.
542	keep staying on top of things
543	more times for school activities, I work nights
544	The administration should manage existing resources well.
545	We have only been in te systems for a few years. To us the schools are great.
546	I feel my children are not known by the staff. If I understood correctly, my daughter will be assigned a different counselor each year of high school. How will they be able to help her meet her goals if they have no idea who she is?
547	Less cuts[] [] All the different groups that fundraise for extracurricular activities should be working as a team to help all the students to benefit equally. All extracurricular groups should be valued equally.[] [] More emphasis on dress code at the High School.
548	Increase staff to decrease class size.
549	Have all aspects of the OFSD take a customer service course or seminar. All parents are consumers for their childrens' education, therefore, since our tax dollars pay salaries we should not be treated with disrespect nor should the children. This situation mainly pertains to the staff at the MS.
550	More one-on-one time for special needs children
551	All day kindergarten, before and after school care option
552	We need a better foreign language program. The gifted program needs to be available to more kids.
553	Continue to offer a wide variety of educational programs as well as sports and other extra curricular activities. They need to provide the new technologies along with the basic fundamental. The continued push to have new facilities and hire top notch teachers is key. The continuation of including parents as well as the community is essential.
554	I think the school systems puts to much emphasis on state tests. I also think that the kids get rushed thru some of their class work and can't really get a knowledge of it before moving on to something else.
555	Teachers teaching the subject,not their own personal beliefs, teachers stopping throwing chalk at students, administration putting education before money (won't put foot down about how kids dance at dances because they will "loose money"). I just wish you the rules were inforced regardless of how students and parents will react. A rule is a rule, why have them if they are not inforced!
556	The Olmsted Falls School system needs to do more communication online. The students progress should be easliy available to parents via the internet. Parents and teachers should be able to communicate about the students via the internet, email, and more. Many times I have heard teachers tell me they use email and websites to communicate to parents. But these teachers were not responding to emails. And the websites were nothing more than basic study guides. The websites were not monitored or updated in any way that I could find. And I constantly here from parents within other school systems in the area telling me about the success of their school web communication methods. And how these parents can see their childs grades, progress and leave comments for the teachers.
557	Have not been involved long enough to give an informed opinion.
558	More emphasis on intervention and preventive care of students in regards to bullying and negative destructive patterns. Such as negitive peer pressure. More positive reinforcement programs on topics that are culturally relevant.
559	going paperless with respect to parent and teacher communications
560	I really do not know
561	Better teacher to student ratios. The elementary classrooms are definitely crowded.
562	That is tough to answer. I think transparency needs to remain with regards to finances. At times, I wish I knew if my children were on target or not with respect to their performance. Haven't hit the 4th grade level yet, so I struggle with whether "D, D+" is okay. "Secure" is the score I want from day 1, but maybe that isn't realistic.

563	<p>- I feel the upper level management could get more in touch with the parents, to know how much we are struggling financially, and stop being so "above" everyone else. I was shocked when I went to a levy meeting last year, and heard Mr, Hoadly talk about " did you know how many children are getting free lunches?". Well, my kid is one of those free lunches, and I was made to feel inferior. I have been down sized from my job 3 times in the past 2 years, and each time, it is worse. We are lucky to be able to keep our house, and our children in a stable shool. I do not need to be made to feel like I am inferior, cause my child gets free lunch. []</p> <p>- I feel we must comply with the state law of mandatory full day kindergarten, and stop applying for extensions. Get over it - hire the teachers needed, and get our kids off to a better start. My daughter was behind when she went into first grade, and we feel, she needed full day kindergarten. Now my son will be going here shortly, and he needs all day too - he is ready - but he will suffer due to the system.</p>
564	<p>The bus schedules ae a little odd. I've been able to drive my son to and from but if he ever has to take the bus it's extremely inconvenient.</p>
565	<p>Smaller class sizes. I feel my very average, rather quiet child has gotten lost over the years in her classes of 28, 29, or 30 kids.</p>
566	<p>You need to take a stronger and longer look at your administration. They should be running the schools, but I think they are on some kind of power trip and think that they are in charge of the families too. They are not. We pay taxes and they basically work for us.[]</p> <p>Another thing that you should look at is the attitude of the people that work in the school offices. I'm not including all employees, but their are many that can be very rude at times. Why anyone would be rude to someone is beyond me.[]</p> <p>Also, how about some explanations about what we pay in school fees. What exactly is the \$25.00 activity fee. The others are self explanatory: art, photograph, etc. What is being done with the PTA membership fees?</p>
567	<p>more parent involvement at the middle school. you just get cut off from volunteering.</p>
568	<p>Uniforms! I keep hearing from my 13 year old daughter how excited she is about going to high school because you can wear anything you want especially jeans with holes. I really, really think the way to get around dress code violations, competition and overall fighting with parents on what to wear is to have students require uniforms like at some other public schools. It puts all students on the same level that way. Either that or really make some changes to the dress code there.</p>
569	<p>Don't stop looking for ways to improve... As long as we've been involved with OFCS everyone keeps striving to get better, and it shows!!! Way to go! Being MORE FLEXIBLE on bus changes(not a June 15th deadline! Making bus changes need to be an option during the year. It is necessary in these times with people losing and or starting new jobs mid year/frequently...!) Not all people's lives are set in stone from Aug-June! You never know when the FDIC is going to close a bank and someone's out of work...they like to do that to employees in December not necessarily by June 14th so you can let a District! What if you start a job during the middle of the school year and need to start before or afterschool care? What if your child has problems at a certain daycare and a changes needs to be made mid-year? Other school districts, also needing to save money and reduce costs, are more supportive and accomodating to their students and parents so kids can have the right mindframe when they get to school instead of being stressed out and then are ready to learn! I doubt it really saves very much money not having a secretary at the bus garage changing a handful of transpo</p>
570	<p>More focus on grammar and writing mechanics, and less popular media and ideological topic coverage in English classes.</p>
571	<p>Be more strict about self respect - students' appearance and behavior towards each other. We have been in they system over ten years and it seems as though there is a decline in morale, values, and consistency in discipline. The high school dances are way out of control for behavior, dancing and not monitoring those consuming alcohol before dances. My student observed another drunk student falling down at a dance and the chaperone basically turned their head. . . this SHOULDN'T be happening.</p>

572	<p>Continue to focus on education, and less on sports achievement. To make sure every teacher is available to help any student in their class, especially if that student doesn't understand what they are teaching.¶ Sports, especially how our children are coached. I do not think any coach should be permitted to swear at any player, regardless of the circumstance. We try to teach our children to respect adults, teachers and coaches, but it is hard to teach them to respect ANYONE who shows that kind of ignorance toward a child. Yes, even in high school, they are still children. I don't think some of the coaches really understand how their actions truly affect our children. Their lack of positive feedback and their focus on the negative is very disturbing. Their demeaning treatment of just one player should not be tolerated. I don't understand how coaches have become "untouchable". Parents are afraid to say anything because then they feel their child will be singled out and will never play again if they do say anything to a coach. Also, many coaches display favoritism, which everyone knows happens, but that still doesn't mean that it should be accepted. And rules are rules, and every</p>
573	Special education at the high school level needs improvement