

2010 Parent Survey

When you think about the future of Olmsted Falls Schools, what concerns you most?

Answered Question: 555

Skipped Question: 177

Number	Response Text
1	The rising number of students per classroom and the rising cost of maintaining our buildings.
2	The community's willingness to continue to pass tax levies that directly effect the quality of our schools.
3	see question 3
4	What is the school district doing to keep up with the ever changing technology? By the time my youngest graduates, she will need skills that my oldest never had to worry about.
5	Lack of funds and discontinuing the extra carricular. These activities keep a lot of students out of trouble.
6	Not having a good school for my children to go to
7	Overcrowding.
8	Size of the high school it needs to be larger.
9	Personnel costs. I don't need 3 supervisors making over \$100,000 each in the High School. One person alone has run the ENTIRE Cleveland Catholic Diocese system, and does just great.
10	Being able to keep up the quality education that the students recieve with no funds to do it. I am concerned with what the State of Ohio is doing with school funding.
11	Bussing not being available like in the past.
12	I don't think the Olmsted Falls Schools does not do enough to prevent bullying and tolerance. We do not have a wide variety of cultures represented in our population. Our students need to be exposed to different cultures and to be taught to understand and respect differences. I am really scared about my daughter starting Middle School next year after what my oldest daughter went through -
13	The ability to maintain the high level of education as a result of funding
14	What I have described above. That the government is going to be too highly involved and start making certain things mandatory in the circiculum that I don't necessarily want my children learning about...e.g. sex education in elementary school...I think this is appalling and doesn't allow the parents to handle this on their own...a lot of what we teach our children is based off what our morals and beliefs are...I'd like to keep it that way.
15	Classroom sizes and student/teacher ratios.
16	The quality of the teachers and over crowding in the classrooms.
17	The lack of financial budgeting. I really don't think many more people are going to continue to vote for increases in taxes. Especially when so many families have lost jobs and income and are struggling themselves.
18	Constant funding issues and having to ask citizens for more tax dollars. I know it weighs heavy on so many people. Kids must come first, but sometimes the money just isn't there.
19	My greatest concern relates back to question #1. The inability of this administration to successfully work with, and not in spite of, the community. Animosity at this level of intensity can not continue if the school system is to be viable.
20	That my daughter will not play sports in highscool because the teams stink (and the coaches have bad reputations). That school will become frustrating to my children because of the amount of homework. Already having less of a "life" because so concerned about keeping up her work. Lack of funding will cut great programs/classes that are currently available. Crappy teachers will still be teaching.
21	The budget, teacher contracts and benefits are just completely out of line with private sector. Also, I believe technology is over used.
22	that at some point "cheaper" will out weigh "better"
23	Future state/federal mandates. The economy and need for additional monies to maintain our system is always a concern. We have to try and get some kind of industrial tax dollars to supplement our property taxes. I think the Board is doing an excellent job and hope they can continue to wisely monitor our budget.

24	I think there is a serious problem managing funds in the district. I know that the district has sold land that they owned in recent years, maybe without significant forethought. If we continue to go to the community with Levy requests they will be turned down. We need to prioritize what is important. I feel the district should have never promised to reinstate bussing for kids living within 2 miles of the school once the levy passed. Think of how much money could be saved. I am not overly impressed with Dr Hoadly and feel he addresses the parents and community in a condescending manner. I would really like to see a more capable superintendant that is able to maintane the quality of the district with the funds we currently have.
25	Can we sustain the quality of the school system without change to the way the schools are funded, and the tax base we have here.
26	Federal money
27	Being able to continually fund our schools.
28	The narrowing of class opportunities outside of the core curriculum
29	Funding at all levels. Property tax can not continue to be the sole means of support. While the school district has no choice, pressure needs to be put on state representatives to find an alternative solution
30	That the school will need to pass another levey within the next 5 years to opperate at its current levels.
31	Losing our sports programs. Not having enough teachers to student ratio.
32	I am very concerned with all the state funding being cut that our district will not be able to maintain the "full package". I am afraid with out the help of voters on a regular basis our district does not have a plan to keep a well balanced program in place. I'm afraid of passing our next levy, and I know for many of my friends who have middle school students, it is a huge concern.
33	If we will have the funding to sustain what has been established.
34	Not having enough room or money for expansion that is most certainly going to be needed in the future and ignorance.
35	over crowding
36	I worry that families where education is their highest priority are going to start to leave the district if we cannot keep up. I think our lower level buildings are now to a point where they are adequate for the population that we now have in the district, but the high school needs to be addressed sooner rather then later! If we wait too long, it may be too late.
37	Teacher to student ratio. Currently this is might meet state requirements but there are to few teacher to students.
38	over crowding
39	The "money issues" are of concern. I hope that residents of Olmsted Falls realize what a great thing this school system is and vote in the issues.
40	I have a child in one of the larger classes. She is at OFIS and the accomodations are great. I worry about middle school (don't really know the capacity) and feel like the High School is probably going to be the least able to serve the needs of that large group.
41	Decline in the quality of education
42	I love being part of active parent circle but can't due to my working schedule. I do hope, however, in the future, when the board and schools decide to up the levy campaign, make sure the schools operate as a good steward of people's money. People are watching and like to be informed on how schools are doing overall financially.
43	Everybody wants everything. Teachers want, parents want, kids want...somebody has to pay. I think there is too much focus on the other stuff which results in money being pulled away from the basics so that we can have everything else.
44	Funding keeping up with enrollment. Budget for learning and facilities. [] [] Athletes being catered to and shown favortism. God help them in the real world when the go to college or get a job. We are setting them up for failure!
45	The continual building of new housing without the tax levy support for the schools. It would be nice if the builders that profit off of all the new housing developments could do something to contribute to the building and/or expansion of the schools.
46	This last levi seemed to start a divide between the teaching staff and the parents. This must be repaired if we want to move forward as a community.

47	I am concerned about the funding that will be available..It seems that the distirct that are doing well will suffer in the end in funding as politicians look to improve the struggling districts first..I fear that many community members are also struggling financially or got in over their heads and will settle for less and be ok with that..
48	funding without passing more levies
49	The financial status of the schools concerns me. Wlth the growing cost of supplies, staff, and maintence of the schools there will not be enough funds to support these issues.
50	The continual rise of property taxes to cover the cost of funding for the system. I realize there is state funding available and utilized but would challenge the Board of Education to constantly keep their eyes and ears open to opportunities to enhance the system through non tax payer dollars.[] [] In addition, the safety of our children is of the utmost importance and I would encourage the Board to strive to be on the cutting edge of ways to keep our children safe.
51	If Kasich becomes governer all public school are in trouble...
52	The board of education. I don't think that they always have the childrens best interest in mind. I feel they let adult issues impact childrens futures.
53	funding and busing
54	That sports will turn into pay to play and only the more fortunate children will be able to play. I believe in whatever it takes to educate our children is important, but I am concerned that the schools are going to need more money and ask for a tax increase. I am concerned of the things that will be taken from the children, if those levy's do not pass.
55	Funding. Lack of effort by the Township and the City, specifically the tenured leadership both elected and those behind the scenes that run these communities. There appears to be an on-going struggle for the outward need for commercial development, clashing with a behind-the-scenes desire by community patriarchs and matriarchs to keep both communities as "bedroom" with little or no development. Which results in a shrinking tax base for school funding.
56	The price of attending. Funny thing to think about when you're speaking of a PUBLIC school system, but many parents worry about this.[] [] Another concern is the method of math that's being taught. Why not teach the 'old school' way of adding and subtracting instead of lattice? When will these kids ever use that way to add and subtract? I understand it's taught for the Ohio Testing, but it's a waste.
57	Paying more for taxes and getting less quality education.
58	That we run out of money and are requested to raise a levy again after three years. As I mentioned before, we need to find a better way to fund the schools other than reying on the taxpayer. The government needs to prioritize their agenda to put schools and the children's education at the top of the list. After all, it's the future of our children that eventually is impacted.
59	That the growth in number of new students is too much for the district to keep up with financially.
60	Teacher to student ratio. Athletic/Academic Program Cuts.
61	Funding for education because the district has gotten so big.
62	class sizes- the need to meet the growing population. I think the City/Township need to carefully consider the schools as they approved development projects. Instead of more houses, we need businesses to grow the tax base to support the schools
63	High-quality teachers
64	Community growth will overpopulate some grades and not others. Merging with more stagnant neighboring communities could be beneficial for both in taxes/funding and reputation.
65	Money - funding, levies that will need to be passed...I think at this time this is the #1 concern for most. I moved to this community for the schools, so I am committed to supporting them financially...I just hope we can get some help from the state and federal government to support some programs they are mandating (all day kindergarten, for example).
66	Not enough families are as concerned as we are about maintaining the quality of education.
67	Being able to adequately fund the increase in facility needs caused by the population explosion.
68	The rising costs of funding our school system. Our taxes are already so high, I'm afraid that future levys will be difficult to pass.
69	funding, both state and local
70	Bussing, cost of school dues & keeping only 1/2 day K, they need full days.

71	I worry about having to pass another levy soon. We are always supportive, but it's such hard work to get those levies passed! I wish the state would help us! I am also very worried about when my son's class (the largest one right now/current 4th graders) are ready to go to the High School that there will not be enough space there/classroom room and teachers etc. They have been in large class sizes since day one! I feel like our district is set now K-8, but really worry about the High School being ready for the numbers that are coming.
72	The ability to continue to attract high quality teachers with the tight budget.
73	The possible elimination of busing. If you can't get your kids to and from school, nothing else matters.
74	competitive spirit
75	The lack of communication between parent and teacher. Education for the young children in olmsted meaning a pre-school. Also I am concerned for the lack of sports activities for the young kids.
76	As the education budgets become tighter, that the over all quality of the education will decrease as well.
77	Capacity, student to teacher ratios, loss of athletic/arts programs due to budgets or funding
78	Over crowding.
79	Class sizes and the ability to continue to staff at this level of excellence.
80	We will always be concerned about the next levy and passing it.
81	The growth and rise in taxes
82	higher taxes less education less teachers less after school activities
83	Class size and the focus on standardized test scores.
84	The high school seems a bit outdated - with the increasing number of children in Olmsted Falls, would a levy be needed for a new high school. This is a concern because with our economy, it would likely fail, and the threat of cuts for programs and teachers will affect learning, and the well-being of the community itself.
85	What concerns me most is that we cannot ask the taxpayers for more money every 3 years. The administration needs to understand and have a plan in place to put into place a "participation fee" for all extra-curricular activities. OF is only one of two schools in the SWC that does not have some form of participation fee.
86	Kids being bullied. Over crowded classrooms.
87	Kids not being able to receive extra help/tutoring if needed. Increase in property Taxes and the increase in class size.
88	The high school is too small. Taxes are so high no one wants to move to this community---so maybe the high school will not be too small in the future. I do think the middle school and the high school should switch buildings.
89	Peer pressure and bullying
90	Lack of tax dollars.
91	Budgetary issues are first and foremost. The state is continually making budget cuts and the schools are greatly affected. I am concerned that before my children have a chance to participate in many of the resources/extra curricular events that are offered, these will have to be cut.
92	cutting programs, cutting certified staff, bigger class sizes, always going back to tax payers for levies
93	classroom sizes (teacher per number of children) also see note above
94	Lack of money forcing a decline in excellence. I feel that pay to participate is not unfair. People are willing to make sacrifices for what is important to them. I would also be willing to pay extra for reliable bus service, if need be. The schools need to focus the money that they have to provide a quality education to the children, not to provide for all of their entertainment. It is great if there is money for both, but last time education was sacrificed before sports. (My children have all been involved in high school sports).

95	Holding my child's report card hostage until i pay for school fees. The only fee I see as "a true cost" is the cleaning of the Marching Band uniforms. Last year and this year my family are struggling to make ends meet. i spent more than \$200 on the supplies my children needed. Now I am being told to pay an additional \$90 for my middle school student and \$202 for my High School student. That is almost \$300 ! That is ridiculous, Then I received a letter that stated if I do not pay, these fees will add up each year and my children will not graduate unless the bill is paid.
96	Money
97	increasing enrollment and how the facilities at the high school and F/L will handle increases.
98	My first concern is about the pressure that educators feel to meet "standards" set by the state which measure success of the school to the detriment of the students. My second concern is that we don't allow educators to be innovative, to teach learning skills, because of budget concerns or "required" hours of instruction.
99	Quality
100	Class sizes are getting too big. This impacts the teachers ability to teach effectively. Also, we fought so hard to get a levy through. We will need another one soon. We have already cut out some programs, like German, etc. It concerns me that other areas may be cut in the future that will impact the well-rounded education that is important for all students to have the opportunity to receive.
101	My kids have classroom sizes of 27-28 per room and I think a bit smaller may be ideal to give kids more individual attention and help them remain focused on the teacher.
102	The lack of funds to continue the programs and quality education we have and the funds to add programs to continue our districts success.
103	I am concerned that whent he current levy expires, if the economy has not significantly improved, we will be right back where we were a year ago, begging for money to continue on. I have children in Falls Lenox and the Intermediate School, and I don't want to see activities and programs that are enriching cut.
104	The increasing costs and studying to pass tests rather than learning
105	Growing classroom sizes, condition of our buildings keeping up with our growing enrollment, inevitable levies to support this
106	Getting proper funding from our tax dollars, and not getting less money because of our excellent ratings
107	That there will not be enough space to house all the children that reside in the district, esp in the high school.
108	I Think the future looks good.
109	that funds won't be used to the best of our abilities, and then the citizens will be asked again for more money. if your children waste their allowance and then asks for more, do you give it to them?
110	lack of funding to maintain the quality programs
111	Is rigor of high school sports enough for my children to go on after high school? ☐ Will the high school students still be bussed next year?
112	The school system has responded appropriately by increasing facility sizes to accommodate the unusual spike in population growth during the recent housing bubble. The Falls is probably near its maximum population density and that while land is available, the appetite in the Township for building going forward will be meager compared to the last ten years. My sense of the median age of the "development" crowd that has or will have children to send to school tells me that a "student bubble" looking much like the housing one is on the horizon. I worry that perhaps 8-10 years out the district will be faced with the expense of maintaining underutilized capacity.
113	Money - lack thereof. Space for students too.
114	The EVER rising student roster.
115	Knowing it won't be long before they ask for another school levy we can't afford and likely having to move out of the area due to this!
116	cost
117	Our quick growth and rapid administrative position changes...the turnover rate for principals, assts, and at the board office over the past 10 years is substantial. There is no help for Mr. Roseberry at F/L after Sanfillippo left (and Lewis filling in? c'mon!) Moving Waters and Lloyd to ECC? These subsitutions stretch the staff to far and is diminishing morale.☐ ☐ And zero tolerance policies are ridiculous! Use common sense.

118	The money.
119	Maintaining the quality and programming with the growing number of students.
120	larger student enrollment, stagnant faculty size.[] I am very worried about the community's commitment to education (i.e. willingness to support levies)
121	Nothing, just keep moving forward
122	Continual need of money to offer the best education and programs.
123	The amount of pressure put on the kids for the state tests is a bit frustrating. While I do understand that these tests are important, there are a few teachers (not all or even most, just a few) that really emphasize to the kids that they have to do well so the district keeps its high rating. The kids feel enough pressure with the state tests without adding to it. I'm also concerned about funding (state and otherwise) and how it will affect my ability to pay my property taxes.
124	over-emphasis on test scores
125	the high taxes cost of an education
126	Money being mismanaged. We pay alot of taxes and they are constantly asking for more while my daughter has to transfer buses to kindergarten. She is 5 and has to figure out how to transfer busses???
127	The passing of bond issues and levies are a concern.
128	My youngest is graduating this year, but my 2/4 of my grandchildren are in or are going to be in the system, I do not want to see any more things removed from the programs and core classes. We lost some good classes and teachers from the last cuts.
129	Class size and electives.
130	Lack of funding
131	I don't see the return on my investment when it comes to what I pay in taxes. I see the schools catering to old ideas instead of looking for new innovative ways to teach and save at the same time. We don't need high priced administrators, we need quality educators with progressive ideas.
132	The major concerns lies with over-paid individuals in the school system; where that money should be spent on issues that need to be addressed without the need of the public sector involvement and raises of local taxes.
133	# of teachers and the quality of the teachers. [] Keeping the bussing[] Keeping extra curriculars
134	The need for add'l money and the uphill battle the levys will continue to be.
135	growing population & over crowding
136	Funding from the state
137	The lack of class choices at the high school.
138	The possibility of having to move because we can't afford it here anymore.[] The possibility of a gun shoot out... (national problem).[] The government mandating everything and our teachers losing even more freedom to teach creatively.
139	lack of parent involvement
140	loss of more academic offerings
141	The class sizes as well as the fact that we may have to build another or expand on the high school. I don't know how the upcoming grades are going to fit!
142	Over enrollment
143	The over crowding.
144	Class Sizes. Losing future levies do to B of E going back on their word, even if it was only temporary. I am very happy that they listened to the community outcry and disappointment when high school busing was taken away after promising that it wouldn't and then reversing it's decision..However I worry about the long term affect of that action. You can't take away the fact that even momentarily the board did go back on its word. [] [] The High School is outdated.
145	With lack of funding, it seems that there will be future cuts to the district. I am concerned that by the time my children make it to High School there will not be much there to offer.

146	The same thing that concerns me about ALL schools systems, which is how they are funded in the first place. I don't see the ceiling on going back to the taxpayers every 3-4 years. I am already paying over \$7,000 per year in property taxes on a 2400 sq. foot home. I can "internally justify" this now as paying tuition for a high quality education, but what is the "sell" once kids graduate?
147	Increased classroom size
148	How will we sustain the quality of a positive education utilizing only our current tax base as payment.
149	Not having enough funding to continue what we now do. I know property taxes are a necessary evil and until the way schools are funded changes that is what we currently live with.
150	The growing district. The need for more funding and where is going to come from.
151	Any additional taxes for the school system.
152	Being able to maintain excellence on a limited budget. We moved to this city from Chicago for the school district. We vote yes for every levy. I am concerned about future levies passing and special interest classes and extracurriculars being cut from the school. My children are only in 1st grade and preschool, but I'd like them to have good opportunities when the time comes.
153	The constant need to increase costs with a limited pool from which to draw funds.
154	I am concerned about more developments being built. I rather see that land used for commercial use which would benefit our schools more.
155	I worry about school levies not passing - If education isn't your priority, don't move here!!!!
156	Just that I would like to make sure that my children are always going to have transportation.
157	Finances and losing programs. Big class sizes.
158	The rising cost of our tax dollars to continue to provide a quality education.
159	Cutting out busing. I don't want this to happen.
160	It is not the schools alone that need to attract and retain residents, but it is the entire community. Olmsted Township & Olmsted Falls need to merge and clean up the mess within the township in order for the attract future residents.
161	Levies and monies for educational purposes.
162	Money!
163	That our taxes are going to be raised again, I will not be able to afford to live here.
164	Funding.
165	money
166	Running out of money, and the cost to tax payers
167	Not passing levies
168	Finances
169	The attitude of the administration.
170	There abilityto keep budget balanced and still educate our children at a high level.
171	funding and busing
172	Money issues
173	money
174	Space, with the area continually growing this will be a challenge.
175	think of kids first. salaries last... school is made of kids.
176	Growth, new developments are going up all over, what happens to our schools when home buyers are given tax breaks while they intergrate new students into our system? Who will pay for it? What could we lose? The city needs to take this into consideration when approving new construction.
177	Due to the lack of business tax base in Olmsted Falls and the way the State of Ohio funds its educational system, the OF school system will have a difficult time going back to the property owners for funding/additional tax revenues. OF has to run a very "tight ship" to keep its "Excellent" school rating.
178	running out of room
179	Student/teacher ratio is the most concerning and most alarming (and the fact that no one else seems concerned!).
180	FUNDING. (THE COMMUNITIES NOT PROACTIVELY LOOKING TO BRING SMALLER BUSINESSES IN TO HELP RELIEVE THE TAX BURDEN OF THE RESIDENTS). [] THE STATE PULLING MORE FUNDING DOLLARS.
181	The attitude of the school board always wanting levies passed instead of finding other solutions.

182	Will they follow the same path as alot of other suburban public school districts? ex: Fairview, North Ridgeville and North Olmsted
183	operating funds
184	Financial aspect - good schools need to be financially backed.[] Teacher to student ratio.
185	School funding...ever increasing taxes to support the level of excellence we are accustome to.
186	Money for continuing extra programs.
187	Lack of an industrial tax base and the fact that the community perpetually carries the entire burden
188	Children being lost in the crowd.
189	It seems like even here in Olmsted Falls there is more bullying and lack of respect (students showing lack of respect) in the classroom than in past years. My daughter was telling me about this "butt tag" thing that's been going on. If anyone ever "butt tags" my kid, I will be calling the principal and maybe some other members of the administration. I've heard that most teachers at the high school simply put up with the foul language. Swearing in class is never appropriate. It's unfortunate that the students who do care and don't want to listen to it all day every day have to put up with this. Again, students should feel safe in the classroom so they can focus on learning.
190	I'm concerned about the funding.
191	unfortunately, school levy's, we don't know if we could afford any more taxes.
192	That the politicians in OH continue to avoid dealing with the school funding issue.
193	Lack of finances. There has been a surge of new students in recent years resulting in over crowding. Right now the economy is in tough shape. Families of these new students may have to leave because of loss of job and home. Today our schools are full, tomorrow they may be empty. There has been a need for more classrooms recently, but who will be in these new classrooms 5, 10, 15 years from now? We've spent millions on new buildings while our close neighbor Berea has been closing schools. This doesn't make sense to me.
194	Discipline issues
195	The current economic climate makes future levies vulnerable. Also, there has been lots of growth in the area and that brings about concerns about state funding. Another troubling area is the number of homes in foreclosures and concerns about empty houses and no one paying the tax bill for the property. I'm concerned that a loss in funds will lead to a loss in the "luster" of the school district down the line.
196	I am concerned that there is a possibility of another home building boom in the future which would again cause issues of building inadequacies and increased class sizes in some schools. Now is the time for the school board and school administrators to convey the importance of this issue to the Olmsted Township trustees before this becomes a reality. The builders of these homes must offset most, if not all, of the financial burden they place on the school system. Whether it be much higher building permit costs which go directly to the schools' operational fund or some other way that someone much more versed in this area can come up with. These builders for years have made huge profits without regard to the burden they placed on the school system or the services provided in our community. This must not be allowed to happen again if/when the economic situation in our region improves.
197	Funding! Taxes and the income base in our area to support more schools, replacement schools and good teachers. That the state stay out of the general operations of the schools and allow some latitude in providing curriculum that is District appropriate. [] I strongly dislike the emphasis on sports and after school activities. Not all children are interested in prolonging their schoolday with this type of stuff.
198	The superintendent does not pay attention to what's really going on.
199	Falling into the hands of the state. Parents and community members need to realize levies are not meant as a punishment. People are screaming and carrying on about the bus system and sports. Who cares??!! I'm more concerned about the academic advancement of my child! Class sizes will balloon, electives will disappear, behavior issues will increase... teachers will end up warehousing children in their classroom, and never be able to attend to all of their needs.
200	Ability to continue to find quality educators to repalce retiring ones
201	the lack of funds from the state and community and the children will suffer

202	I worry about seeing that EVERY child has the opportunity to learn to their FULLEST potential.[] BOTH ends of the bell curve need special attention. For many years I've seen the gifted program treated as an "extra" or privilege. That's crazy.....it's what they NEED to ACHIEVE! According to the school districts own philosophy.....learning to their fullest potential. Funding MUST be included in the budget, the same way funding for special education is treated (as a right not a privilege).[] Our special ed. programs are awesome (I have subbed for you here). I am also the guardian to a multiply handicapped adult brother and have been part of his IEP programming for 30 years, so I have to advocate for both ends of the spectrum. (no easy feat, I must add!)
203	Having to fight and worry whenever we have a school levy to pass. It is heartbreaking to see the younger kids so upset when it doesn't pass. The primary reason we built our house here in 2001 was the excellent school system. We knew the taxes were higher, but we were also sending our oldest to Catholic school at the time and figured we would put the tuition for the taxes here. I would love to try and figure out a way to have the people who are negative about the school levy to get on board and see what we see with an awesome school system.
204	I have heard a LOT that kids get pushed threw and pass knowing full well that they should repeat but they don't because of funding.
205	The safety of my children and also quality teachers giving my children individualized attention and help when needed.
206	Funding.
207	Students education,the system does fail students if they don't have passing grades,this is not right.
208	The tax levy system of funding. Nothing the district can really do about it. All communities share the same concern.
209	How we are growing in number and we have to use trailers in the high school because of this issue.
210	that schools survive on property taxes. shrinking enrollment if it trends in that direction would be another problem as suburbs age this seems to be a big problem
211	Unnecessary spending and the system coming back to voters for more money.
212	That we will not stay together as a community to provide the best education possible for our students.
213	Finances. I believe the school is doing a good job managing money, but between the state mandates and rising costs finances have to be a concern to everyone.
214	Finances. Ohio has a system which handicaps the schols and with limited local tax resources, the ability to maintain a quality education, with quality teachers and extra curricular activities for the students is a huge concern.
215	Increase in taxes!
216	the cost!
217	the need for additional funding and the threat of losing programs/activities that benefit the kids
218	The growing number of children in each graduating class. 300 students in one graduating class is way too many. I don't think any class has reached that amount yet, but I know some classes are pretty close.
219	Poor management of money. Elimination or cut backs of what I view as essential to force votes for more money.
220	How the funding will be maintained.
221	how high our taxes our and can not afford another increase
222	Reductions in services. Want to see a healthy, well-funded district. And am willing to support it through ongoing levies. Am concerned why there is a lack of support from residents.
223	The econmy and not being able to maintain the high standards were use to
224	The continuation of parent involvement, with parents having the opportunity to be present in there child's school and education. Do parents realize how important of a role they play in their child's education?[] But obviously school funding concerns me most - can we sustain our excellence with no increase in the budget or even a decrease in the budget?
225	The perception of some members in the community about the use of funds concerns me. The district has provided many opportunities for people to learn how school funding works (which is wonderful) but some individuals just don't want to hear it.

226	The budget. We pay over \$6,000.00 a year in property taxes....we are one of thousands & thousands....Its sad that we moved here for the school, but yet, we have a hard time passing levys! I say whomever votes to fail them should lose bussing, pay to play any & all sports or extra activities. I know personally one family who gets free lunch, bussing & takes advantage of 3 extra curricular programs after school but yet votes NO on all levys because they are poor. They cannot afford the extra \$70 month or what ever it would be for her. But yet, the very reason her children ride the bus, get a quality educations, get free lunches & go sing in a choir is because of all of the wonderful folks who HAVE passed these levys. People need to wake up. Its sad.
227	I am concerned about spending. I am concerned about the taxes increasing. I want to know that the district is making the most of every dollar so that this community can be affordable to all of us.
228	Overcrowded classes. Less individual help from classroom teacher, especially in the elementary schools where children need the most guidance.
229	the high school
230	Money - of course. The last fiasco with the levy and having to drive our children to school was certainly a strong arm tactic but we finally got our levy. Of course the state should be doing more - absolutely and that should be pursued further and by more than just concerned parents. My fear is the next request for money from the community will not go through.
231	Class sizes. We risk losing sight of the individual student because teachers have too many students to educate, appreciate, and integrate into the classroom environment. ¶ ¶ Teacher burn-out. Many of our teachers go above and beyond the call of duty. Parents don't appreciate how fortunate their children are to have such a dedicated group. We need to recognize and adequately compensate our teachers for all they do in the lives of our kids.
232	Sustainability without raising taxes any more. We need to encourage some local businesses into the area to relieve the households.
233	taxing people out of the city
234	Maintaining the Excellent with Distinction grading by the state.
235	The money and how it is allocated.
236	The way the schools are funded from the federal and state levels. I am concerned about the upcoming state budget cuts and how they will affect OFCS. I also am concerned with the large class sizes and the funding for the all day kindergarten if it is mandated by the state of Ohio.
237	class sizes
238	the levy
239	The increase in the number of children per class as Olmsted Falls community increases
240	The situation of the funding of our schools. Frankly, it scares the hell out of me. We have got to find a different way to fund them. What that is, I have no idea.
241	Too many children for the space. I do not like the idea of them being taught in trailers.¶ Stagnant teachers, while I realize the school system employes some amazing teachers that are passionate about their jobs, the ones that are not so passionat and just in a routine are not educating my children.
242	Kids using drugs, bullying
243	With the growth in OF there will always be a need for more room. Whoever was in charge of building the Middle School, and not allowing for the growth of this community for even one year cost the school system the faith of the community. It was a huge waist of money. Hopefully better decisions will be made in the future.
244	The way money is spent - I know a lot of people are struggling, so if another levy comes up, I don't think it will pass. Just to look internally at things money is spent on and where to make cuts.
245	taxes
246	The funding for our schools concerns me the most, which I think every school system has a problem with.
247	I am concerned if they can keep up this high achievemnt throughout my both my children's academic careers. I have a middle school and primary student and it worries me that lack of school funds will interfere with their eduaction ion the future.
248	continued increases in class size
249	no operating money. how the schools in ohio are funded

250	Not having enough money to keep up the standards that we currently have. The unfunded mandates have me very concerned that the levy that was just passed will not last as long as hoped and it will be very difficult to pass another
251	That they will not have the funds to maintain the excellent school system we already have.
252	Not much as daughter is in High school so soon she will be out of school
253	Possibly losing buses.
254	Overcrowding and disruptive students.
255	How the schools will be funded
256	<p>Money, rumor mill, teachers, growth.[] []</p> <p>I want to see OFCS continue to move forward. I want them to meet their levy promises without sacrificing anything. I want them to continue to try to meet the needs of all the children and not just the many. I want people to see them as a trailblazer for special needs, gifted and all those in between. I want them to see the teachers and administrators care about the big picture of these kids as our future leaders, inventors, authors and the sky is the limit. I like how we are seeing outside the box on how to get money to fund these items. Looking forward to see who will be Governor and whether we will still have a bunch of unfunded mandates.</p>
257	Do not want to see OF become less than excellent!!!
258	The constant struggle to keep our finances under control.
259	Not able to keep up quality education, classes getting too big, raising taxes.
260	Funding, class size, hiring inexperienced teachers to save money, cuts that may be forthcoming
261	Overcrowding and lack of funding due to lack of business in Olmsted Falls. Taxes will get too high.
262	The cost of education has gotten out of control, regardless of the comparisons to other schools in Cuyahoga County, the costs are far too high. I understand the value of touting awards, such as "excellence with distinction" and "Music" awards, however numerous schools have these, and what good is the OFCS music program really doing for the future of our children. Math, Science, and Technology are the real saviors for our children, these are NOT the focus, and need to be. I feel the goal of any school system is to prepare our children for the future job market in our area. Our schools are not offering the courses of study that will truly make our children competitive for the future. I can't believe that a 9th grader has yet to be able to take a "Full year" course in computer science to learn the basics of OS, power point, office, etc. They do however have years of mandatory band and choir from Middle School, and still have this offering in HS?
263	School fees and busing since there is no RTA or other bus service for the area and there are no sidewalks.
264	The lack of funds
265	levy issues, lack of funding, class size,
266	<p>I do not see cultural diversity in Olmsted Falls schools, my kids had come from a system with higher rates of different races, and I understand that it is more to do with the people who live here, but do you welcome diversity?[]</p> <p>I worry about the programs offered in addition to the norm of the academic classes, I have seen things change, and classes and programs dropped, or the focus and attention has moved away from some of the programs that our kids need to be able to participate and excel in. I am not so sure I welcome the change coming to the classes regarding the class ratings.</p>
267	the constant levy attempts/ threats
268	Money concerns me. With the economy like it is its hard to afford our taxes and pay our bills while still wanting our schools to maintain quality.
269	<p>That poor performing teachers are being left in the classroom after many have made complaints. I am concerned that the needed changes are not being made.[] []</p> <p>I am concerned about the substance abuse that is occurring at the high school.</p>
270	running out of funds to continue being a good school
271	The amount of money that is needed to keep up the school system. Especially when the state is giving less. We as home owners can't keep passing more levies and paying more money to keep everything going.
272	Cut backs due to the economy/levies not passing
273	The overemphasis on physical structures and sports.

274	Overcrowding. My son was in 1st grade last year with 28 kids in his class. That was way too many to successfully manage the class. There were some students - maybe 3 that were a constant problem (behaviorally) and there was no way the teacher could see what was going on all the time. When I volunteered in the classroom, I saw things that the teacher did not see, and I was concerned. I definitely know that some kids need more teacher time than others, and my son could have definitely benefited from a smaller class.
275	busing and sports
276	Higher taxes to support the schools is everyone's concern, especially when there is too much waste and too high salaries for administrator's.
277	The fact that those who are in charge are not committed to this district for the long term. I am afraid that those in charge are going to make unnecessary changes that are going to hurt our district in the long run.
278	Cut backs for programs in music, science, the arts, and sports.
279	Funding.
280	increasing costs
281	Loss of more curriculum (i.e., German this year); possible loss of extracurriculars.
282	Lack of money from the State
283	We, locally, will need to figure out the funding problem. We cannot continually go to the voters every three years for more money, especially in this economic environment. When 80% of the budget is for compensation and benefits, at some point, we will need to deal with the issue of how to hold down rising employee compensation and benefits costs.
284	Too many housing developments and lack of industry
285	Running out of funding for necessary educational programs.
286	That we are not teaching our children to respect their community. We have to teach them more on giving back to their community (more citizenship)
287	Class size, transportation and property taxes.
288	That future levies will not pass and that my preschooler will miss out on what my high schooler is receiving now
289	Probably the funding issue.
290	The quality of the students that are graduating. Don't get me wrong, we have some good students, however, I am not sure that they are the majority these days.
291	Our tax base is VERY high in this community and the economy is nowhere near what it needs to be in order for our district to have another levy on the ballots. Hopefully in the next few years, before we have to go to the polls again, the economy will be better and the community will support the levy. If not, the levy again will not pass and the students will lose many opportunities due to that. A strong school system helps to make a strong community and vice-versa.
292	I am concerned some parents aren't instilling strong enough home rules to keep their children in line. When children think they can get away with something wrong... they will push the limits to see what they can do. I hope the school system inforces the treat others as you want to be treated rule.
293	Money is always an issue, but I think the district has a handle on cutting spending and spending wisely.
294	The growing number of enrolled students. I think the bigger something gets the harder it is to handle. I worry about the issues all parents worry about: drugs, bullies, bad language, immorality, etc.. and the ability of our schools to handle the pressures.
295	Lack of bussing
296	Over-building in the Falls and Township, which puts more kids in the district without more space, resources, etc. allocated for the schools. And an aging population that doesn't want to support the schools.
297	I'm concerned about the way school funding has hurt school systems and worry that this will continue to be an issue. The public has a very negative perception of how schools are funded and are quick to point out that the district misuses money and that teachers make too much. If this doesn't change, I'm concerned that our district will see be begging voters for money and it won't happen. As a result, Olmsted Falls schools as we know it won't be.
298	I haven't been in the system long enough to comment on this.
299	Taxes getting too high to afford living here.
300	creative out of the box solutions to learning patterns

301	greedy teachers and high salaries!!!!!!!!!!!!
302	Again... The schools asking for more and more money.
303	That we may overspend and people will not vote for tax levies and we will lose our good standing.
304	The lack of industry in the area to support taxes. I support the schools and will continue, but tax dollars from other sources would be helpful. We need to attract more businesses in our little area.
305	The lack of space for a growing community.
306	I worry that we spend too much on technology. The district doesn't need to have every new gadget (i.e. a Wii system for the new gym?!).
307	The lacksidical approach of staff.
308	Ability to maintain high standards after the current levy runs out. It took a long time to pass the current levy.
309	funding for extr curricular activities
310	That the money from the levy that just passed will not be enough to carry us through for the three years that was promised.
311	Nothing
312	money... a lot of older people in this city do not want to give back and support this community, even though THEIR kids were supported by the older population back then. High school school students do not need busing... save the money for the long-term... we're gonna need it!
313	High taxes and sustainability.
314	Funding. I cannot afford any additional raises in my property taxes. It has gotten completely out of hand. Also, when campaigns are running, I'm tired of OF parents "for" a levy criticizing parents "against" the levy as not supporting "the children." ¶ ¶ This has nothing to do with "supporting the children." Funding stems from a City operated by individuals that know absolutely nothing about running a business and the checks and balances associated with such an entity. Taxation should result from an increase in commercial development. Period.
315	Again, the durability/condition of the high school.
316	ability to pass levies as needed
317	Costs and our tax dollars. I understand you need to have a good quality school and having that improves property vlaues but since OF has little to no business/industry the sole burden of the cost of education is left to the homeowners. Some people don't understand that if they don't support the school system it will impact property values. But with that said I know some in the community are struggling to make ends meets so it really becomes a catch 22.
318	That the schools are big enough to accommodate growth and to lose the sports.
319	I am concerned about funding for the schools. I know that the money has been spent wisely but that there will be a levy again in a few years. I am concerned that a levy would not pass when it is necessary to pass one.
320	Over population.
321	Seems to be growing it number of students and may make it harder to ensure the children all receive the same amount of attention needed
322	the financial situation, many people in the community are experiencing financial difficulties, home values are dropping, people are taking cuts in pay, the school should look to freeze or cut expenses now, definitely pay freezes if not small pay cuts
323	1. Taxes¶ 2. Taxes¶ 3. Taxes¶)
324	The fact that we will be faced with passing a levy every three years for the rest of my life. Without changing the State funding, it will be a battle each and every time. That's frustrating, and not something to look forward to.
325	looks very promising
326	See above.
327	I am concerned about multiple tax levies. My children are in grades 1 and 2. How many times will the Schools come back to the tax base for more funding...

328	The High school will need some improvements, probably additional classrooms. Also concerned with the property taxes because they are high already. I hope that there will be alternative ways to get money into the school system other than another property tax increase for residents.
329	Funding. The high school is getting old and outdated.
330	How are we going to continue to fund the programs we have now. If the economy stays at this level for much longer it will come down to making cuts. The community can only offer so much support for the school system.
331	Our growth and the community not supporting any levy's that may come up. As a community we need to stay focused on the education of our children.
332	The schools and the community should be partners, part of the same Olmsted Falls team. My concern is that everything turns into a money issue but maybe there are people in Olmsted Falls that have more time to give than money. I think kids today are ready to be better people than generations before them and schools could look for that and find creative ways to help them and motivate them.
333	Increased classroom size.
334	Our greatest future concern is definately when our boys are getting ready for High School. The years that Nico and Theo came into Kindergarten had some of the highest numbers of students. And it only seems to be growing. Our concern is that they are in these awesome buildings now with lots of room...what's going to happen once all the kids hit high school. The "overcrowing" issue will be there as well in those upcoming years.
335	My main concern is the atheltics. I feel it is such a shame what is happening here. I am also concerned about the appearance of our high school. When you drive down Bagley Road you see first Falls Lenox which is wonderful, then there is the high school which is borderline pathetic in appearance and then these 2 gorgeous buildings for our middle school and intermediate school.
336	future levies and their ability to pass
337	Level of technology that is available
338	The growing community and class size and adequate facilities.
339	being burdened with my taxes to support the schools. The state needs to tackle this problem of having tax payers pay for most of the school's systems bills. Also, with being threatened by the school district that things will be cut if levies don't pass. In the end, it hurts the children.
340	Class size, reduction of classes and extras, our kids getting short-changed because we don't have the tax base other cities do.
341	Funding and taxes. The homes in Olmsted Falls and township are already taxes to the max. Every penny that the school system receives from taxes should be allocated very carefully and cautiously.
342	Finances. I know that the State of Ohio is a mess financially. I worry about further cuts to our budget and the possibility of another levy sooner rather than later. I fear that will be an uphill battle to pass.
343	Funding/money. For the quality of the overall individual that lives in this town, there are a surprising number of half-wit people that talk a big talk about valuing education for the kids and the sake of the community, but don't walk the walk when it comes to belying up to pay for it (levies, etc). I realize the position our school is in when it comes to tax dollars/weak business tax base...I'm afraid that we'll lose the fight against the vocal minority when the next levy comes around.
344	That there will be enough funds to continue to retain quality teachers.
345	Inability to appropriately grow schools and resources with the continued growth in our population
346	how to fund education when the families see their jobs threatened and their homes losing value while they still have to pay more and more with less and less
347	the cost of quality education
348	the cost
349	Honestly, cost! I know quality needs to be paid for but we are taxed to our limit. Any more levies are going to cause more families from OF and Twp to move away. The high cost will also discourage new people from moving in. Given the fact that OF/Twp has no other draw than the schools (no rec center, park etc) there will be less money going into the system.
350	How OFS will handle bullying when my son enters into middle then high school and how kids can work through the pressure and stress of expectations for today's schools.
351	My greatest concern is money to keep the school system strong and competitive with the other districts around us.

352	fiscal stability
353	* I am concerned about the all-day kindergarten program *I am fearful that if taxes increase again soon, that I may need to move!
354	OVERCROWDING!!!!
355	population growth, ability for a student to stand-out/excel to obtain scholarships, grooming future leaders
356	I would be concerns if it stop caring a bout studint education
357	If we will have enough space and money.
358	Erosion of the quality experience as class sizes grow and facilities, especially in the HS, are sub standard. A lack of \$ to do what is right and in the best interes of each and every child.
359	The failing of future levy's resulting in a loss of basic services.
360	In the future I see financial problems for this school system. As with any other organization, money seems the topic of discussion in these difficult times. As I mentioned above... if we do not find a way to improve costs/expenses.... I forsee layoffs, academic decline, etc in the future.... It really concerns me that this economy is as bad as it is!
361	*funding *offered classes and extracurricular programs
362	Our property taxes are getting out of control. I think it will be very difficult to pass another levy any time soon.
363	The fact that we have such a lack of industry here and the schools are so heavily relying on property taxes and levies. I'm also concerned with the continual building of homes in every open area we have, if it becomes much bigger we will lose that small town feel that Olmsted Falls always prides itself on. I'd hate to see graduating classes ever become larger than 300 students...that would definitely cause me to move.
364	That the taxes will keep being raised and make it hard for families to be able to afford living in Olmsted Falls so they move out of the area.
365	handling growth at the high school
366	Ability to control costs, particularly in teachers' salaries.
367	Costs and expenses
368	Class sizes are increasing. Teachers not making time for students.
369	Our system should be used as the model for other systems. I would be concerned with anything less than it is now.
370	Wasting money from the levy and then whining for more. Dont' hire where you do not need people just because the levy passed. Really think about that! Crowding, of course. ECC building. hmmm But, they are doing a find job with what they have there. Bottom line... my children feeling safe and secure and being in a positive learning environment where they can strive for success and feel accomplished.
371	The ability to continue financing the school district with a predominantly residential tax base.
372	fear of the levies not passing--and the schools losing more funding---worry about the possibility of future cuts--currently very happy with the school system
373	the lack of structure at the HS, the ease in which kids who are not performing well are pushed to the side instead of having a special group who seeks these kids out challenges them and mentors them.
374	Too many students, not enough space, leading to even higher student:teacher ratios.
375	Increase in tax dollars that will eventually be needed to keep our schools strong when the econmy stinks Lack of government and state solutions to improve education and education funding in the US
376	Arts and sports
377	Children will not have the opportunity to experience a good quality education because funding will be cut, which I know sometimes impacts the quality of the service that is delivered.

378	FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: I'm concerned about losing valuable programs and qualified teachers because of a lack of funding. ¶ When extra-curricular activities were going to be canceled this last year, I was very afraid of what our community would become with a bunch of teenagers with nothing to do (that's where trouble begins). I would hate for our school system to "settle" for anything less than excellent because we can't afford it financially. Our children are too important to deny the full opportunities their education should hold for them.
379	Class size, staff size, budget, taxes.
380	How the number of students are increasing yet the buildings are not staying up with that. Especially the High School.
381	Not enough space for all of the children, over crowded classrooms.
382	the continued over spending that occurs in every district. in households we have to balance budgets and stay out of debt. this should continue in all forms of government, schooling, and public service sectors.
383	I worry that we won't pass the next levy and I blame the State of Ohio's funding. If gas prices rise \$1 a gallon, it makes the news, people complain to their politicians and changes are made. Ohio is a huge state, we have power in numbers, but this issue (PTA is trying to tackle) needs more attention, more media, more politicians in our corner. Other states don't have this issue. Levy's turn neighbors/friends into enemies. Everyone is tense and no one wins. ¶ We see Parma and North Olmsted, they are our future if something doesn't change.
384	The fact that the last Levy failed twice before it finally passed. Not having an increase in 10 years, and people not realizing the impact of making cuts and having layoffs on a school system. In this city, the school system IS Olmsted Falls. It's why people move here. Remove a good school system from a good town and it won't be a good town for very long.
385	Overcrowding
386	The economic stability of the district and the loss of our ability to control our own school as the nation continues to mandate various programs, standards and tests that must be followed.
387	I'm hoping that it does not become overpopulated.
388	The growing population in our area. I think more buildings will have to be built. Then, I worry about the financial burden of this endeavor, and the vicious cycle continues.
389	the need for funds--increase in taxes for everyone.
390	Funding concerns me most. It is hard to a lot with a little. Keep the community aware and educated (through a good communication system), The parent blog from Dr. Hoadley is a good way to communicate.
391	Losing education programs from future tax cuts. Quality education is important.
392	Lack of discipline in the schools and the dress codes not being enforced.
393	My kids not learning and/or getting the help they need in order to achieve all that they can in the classrooms.
394	Funding.Keep the levies passing and I think the schools will be able to keep doing what there doing.
395	getting too big
396	School rating in terms of academic excellence is the most concern to me.
397	The lack of attention given to parents concerns, the constant use of "we've always done things this way" as an answer to address current problems, the misuse of tax dollars.
398	We will lose our good teachers. They are being asked to do more, with less resources and more kids.I think the 'Bulldog Spirit" is diminishing due to time constraints, pressures on teachers to do it all. We have lost sight of students... we have a more business like environment/ attitude in schools.
399	Money and Dr. Hoadley
400	Busing, extracurriculars, keeping quality teachers, safety.
401	growing class sizes and constant raising of taxes on our already high property taxes
402	Financially like I said if the next levy goes down we are in trouble. The teachers are great, but the administrators need to do a much better job. I see a lot of waste. Spend the money on hiring more/better teachers. Not flat screen tv's, smart boards, sound proof music booths, or Chinese class.
403	Maintaining what we have.
404	losing the athletic programs
405	I want our schools to be financially prepared for the future.

406	It concerns me to think that current course offerings can be eliminated due to the high cost and lack of tax dollars to support.
407	Lack of funding. I support the schools, but also understand in these economic times why people have difficulty voting for more taxes.
408	That summer vacations are going to be eliminated.
409	The high school appears to be in desperate need of upgrades and space to bring it to the level of the other schools and accomodate the upcoming classes.
410	Not enough classrooms.
411	increase in class size and increase in taxes
412	Limited class selection, may create limited compatability in the workforce.
413	levy
414	High property taxes can not continue. Other funding options will need to be explored.
415	funding issues
416	Class size, taxes to support growing numbers
417	The costs!!
418	less concern on technology and more on teaching and understanding for the students
419	population - out growing the high school - never ending levy increases
420	That the emphasis on sports may outway the importance of education.
421	Ratios being so large. Wish administrative level could blend more jobs instead of hitting the direct school buildings and teachers with job losses.
422	the community has been stretched to its limit and will not support further levies. Changing the way public schools are funded is an area that does not seem to ever be resolved.
423	Changing Focus.
424	population is growing. does high school provide enough room?
425	SIMPLE....Funding!
426	The ever changing demographics of the nation and Olmsted Falls. The baby boomers are not going to want to pay for new and increasing tax levies forever. Political correctness in the classroom is another big concern. We need education to be fair and balanced, and not so heavily slanted to the politically correct left leaning elitist academic types.
427	<p>My concern is not with the schools, but with how the funding of Ohio schools is handled. Combine this with the stigma and propaganda that all taxes are being mishandled and that organized labor is why the schools run a deficit, I don't see how Olmsted Falls, or any district in Ohio can hope to continue to provide the quality education that is guaranteed to all US children.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>I believe that the conventional wisdom that is being pandered will eventually create a sytem of education that gives oppurtunity to those with the means and a education experience that only covers basic requirements for those without.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Every child, every district, every community deserves the best education that can be provided. Public schools in Cleveland, Olmsted Falls, Garfield Hts, should be able to offer a St. Ignatius or Hathway Brown level of education and success. I believe that every child should be afforded the same educational oppurtunity. I believe it will be the great shame of our nation that we are moving towards a good enough policy and one that will only cater to haves and not the have nots.</p>
428	Funding.
429	<p>As far as concerns academically...I would like to make sure that class sizes stay manageable. I am concerned that since my child is in a grade that has very large numbers that down the road if funding isn't there that the number of students will be too large and teachers, materials and curriculum will suffer.[]</p> <p>I am also concerned with the strong cliques and some of the negative things that arise from them will create a negative experience for many students. After the negative experience that the family in my nighborhood had I wouldn't wish that on any child. I saw that yound man go from involved in everything to secluding himself. His grades dropped, activities etc...</p>
430	Programs being cut... I want my child to enjoy all the HS programs that you currently have, once he gets there.
431	The turnover of Administration.

432	The amount of tax paid in this district is very high, and yet school fees, extra curriculars and supplies are very expensive. I have concerns that in the future it will be difficult for students to participate for financial reasons. The state of the Highschool is less than ideal. There isn't ANY industry really to help alleviate the burden to tax payers. Also, classroom sizes are not great.
433	increasing class size, elimination of activities outside the curriculum, decreasing class offerings, increasing dependence on residential taxes beyond the residents' means
434	Too many kids and not enough teachers or room in schools, class size is too big already
435	Obviously the constant funding of continuing education programs and keeping quality teachers in the school system. I believe the accountability of charter schools needs to be heightened. Use public funds for some of these "so-called" schools is an embarrassment and a crime, unless they are truly accountable. There is only so much tax money this community can afford. Riding a bus to school shouldn't have to be a luxury, as well as representing your school in sports. The cost of student fees seems to increase every year, when is the upgrade on numerous flat screens, digital clocks, and advanced items enough?? More common sense needs to be used when deciding what is needed and what would be "nice" to have.
436	Class size.
437	That it won't be funded sufficiently to retain dedicated and talented professionals who are passionate about education.
438	Cost of education and more levy's
439	The finance of the school and not having the funds to keep enough teachers on staff.
440	busing, cost, lack of classroom space, lack of certain classes at the high school such as business classes
441	Teacher to student ratio: especially in the lower grades. Teachers already need help and have little to no time for one on one with our small children.
442	Funding, class sizes
443	THE TAXES, NOT ENOUGH TEACHERS
444	Enrollment versus ability to keep current. Staffing ratio.
445	will we be able to keep up with the changes in technology? will we have the money to maintain the level of education we currently offering? will we have enough room in the high school for the number of students
446	I don't want to see the township and the falls divided up. I fear that may change the structure of the schools. I'm concerned about the need for expansion, and the lack of space and the lack of community support for supporting tax issues.
447	Taxes being raised in order to fund the schools.
448	The classroom size. The loss of quality teachers.
449	Financially to be able to maintain our schools excellence.
450	- The ability to obtain/generate funding and continue providing level of education the community has come to expect. - The ability to pass additional operating levy - Crowding in district (especially at high school level)
451	I realize that assessments are part of school and necessary but there seems to be a lot of them and most of the exams are memorize and regurgitate. I would like to see other types of assessment for children who are not good at memorizing.
452	How OF can continue to have quality schools in light of the economic issues it faces.
453	crowding
454	More taxes!!!
455	the raising of taxes so high that we have to move out of the district
456	Will our community support our school enough to keep them at the level that they are at today
457	We are concerned with the future of funding (particularly at State level), to maintain these standards. Most of us cannot afford to pay much more than we are as it is. It is particularly disconcerting that those of us who DO pay high taxes are being squeezed for the benefit of the high number of renters in the district. We are not snobs, we are just too tapped out.
458	Money spent unwisely; ie. HS busing reinstated while a course or extracurricular gets dropped or class size increases.
459	Maintaining

460	I see a growing level of intolerance among students and parents towards individuals perceived as "different." The lower level schools work hard at tolerance and acceptance, and then it seems everyone just kind of gives up. As if inappropriate behavior is acceptable - a "kids will be kids" attitude. Of course, this has always been an issue in most high schools, but we cannot accept this. Our reputation is often one of a school where the students are, to put it nicely, less than kind.
461	behavior
462	lack of funds
463	Financial support...trouble passing last levy.
464	Funding.
465	The District's ability to adapt to the expansion and contraction of student enrollment both physically and fiscally. Union contracts.
466	Maintaining high ranking.
467	Leadership is overpaid and does not get community involved. Keep Administrator pay down and higher a few more good teachers.
468	Increasing number of students per class.
469	I have another 10 years of my kids being in school and if I think levies to increase my property taxes are going to come up every 3 years than I'm going to need to consider relocating.
470	Levys and bussing
471	due to lack of industry in the city there will be levy after levy alongside already high property taxes, people can only afford so much, especially with the way the economy is today
472	Over crowding of schools having to much of a ratio between children and teachers
473	Finances of course. Our community suffered through the failed levys and is just now feeling 'healed'. Going back to the polls in two short years will reopen barely closed wounds.
474	Money
475	Based on what the district experienced last year with the levy, that would be my first concern.
476	That even with all of the new space, the need for space will continue to increase.[] [] I am concerned that with budget cuts come teacher cuts. I do not want my child being crammed into a classroom with 40 other children and no one getting individual attention.
477	Faculty, staff and students ability to be inclusive of other cultures and nationalities.
478	my concern is that you built a new middle school because you needed more space for the young students coming into the middle school, but what happens when they get to the high school, are you going to come back and ask for a nother levy to build an addition to the high school when if youi planned correctly you may have been able to go alittle bigger with the addition and swapped middle school for high school in a few years.
479	The lack of planing that goes into both the community and the expansion of the schools.
480	Losing great schools due to failed levys and unconstitutional school funding.
481	Funding issues
482	The high school. I have heard different stories about the high school. Now that my child will be High School soon, I am considering a different route - possibly private school.
483	class size and age of the high school
484	Always having to be taxed to the point that I wonLt be able to afford to live here
485	I'm concerned about having the continuous support of the community. Hopefully the passing of the levy is more than just a band aid fix needed to maintain financial support of all that our district has to offer.
486	The financial issues and rather more levies will need to be placed on a ballot. Will education suffer due to cuts etc. Will they eventually go to pay to play?? Many parents cant afford that but want their children to have an opporunity at sports or music or whatever.
487	That we won't pass a levy again in 3 years.
488	Funding!!
489	Sometimes trying to fix things that are not broken...
490	lack of funds to maintain programs
491	The ability to maintain the level of education as current.
492	That the city is building up to fast and we are going to out grow the schools we already have and the only one that suffer in that is our students.
493	Growth.

494	Overcrowding, the lack of business and industry in our tax base, pressure to cut teachers and classes in order to make ends meet.
495	that my kids will have the opportunity to enjoy what previous kids have for years before them
496	Ineffective leadership
497	The development of a generation of book-smart students that have little ability to apply the knowledge and have little real-world knowledge.
498	Too many people moving in to the community with young children because of our school's continued high marks for academic excellence that do not want to pay the taxes (vote against levies) that go along with it. They don't understand what it takes to keep these standards going. They want the educational excellence for their children at no cost to them.[] [] The people living in the community that have raised their children in this great school system who are now voting against tax increases - they feel they paid their taxes when their children were in school but now that they have all graduated and are on their own these people feel no sense of obligation anymore to support the schools.
499	The aging baby-boomer population losing interest in approving school tax initiatives when their children graduate.
500	Continuing monetary challenges and frustrated/disgruntled teachers, as a result.
501	over crowding.
502	That the number of students per classroom will continue to increase.
503	The conintued ability to pass school levies especially in the current economic climate
504	OVER CROWDING FOR THE STUDENTS WHO ARE JUST AHEAD OF THE GRADES WHERE THE BUILDING ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE. HIGH SCHOOL HAS ALOT OF TRAILERS. IT SEEMS THAT JUST AS MY CHILDREN MAKE DUE WITH THE OVERCROWDING, MORE ROOM IS MADE FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN.
505	Finances! We need to be able to sustain and even increase programming without relying on levies.
506	The way the money is being used. Taxes are ridiculous, but where is it all going?
507	Nothing
508	That future tax levies will not pass because residents can not afford it.
509	the size of our schools and the class totals getting to large
510	classroom sizes; no diversity in community, concerns with lack of exposure to differences for our children.
511	Class sizes exceeding where they are now.[] Adding more trailers[] Cutting award winning music programs.
512	> 80% of expenditures are for salaries and benefits yet transportation and student programs are first on the chopping block when cuts are considered. Seems like priorities are misplaced. [] Enabling our students to compete in the future. At times, athletics seem to be more of a priority than academics.
513	The cost.
514	The superintendent and spending
515	Not enough money to sustain the quality programs we have in place now.[] Reduction in the teacher staff and class sizes becoming too big
516	Success
517	Having the money to effectively run the schools
518	Overpopulation...running out of room...running out of money as the younger kids move up thru the schools to high school...will they fit?
519	If the levy doesn't pass what does that mean for my children.
520	The seeming lack of support by the community to provide the necessary funds to sustain the quality school system.
521	How we the homeowners will be able to continually pay for what we want from the schools. Also, the changes that the state mandates on them without providing the monies to to so.
522	Academics. That should be our first and most important focus. i am concerned that we will end up trying to please too many people and will lose sight of the most important job that needs to be done and that is to give a VERY HIGH quality education to our students.

523	<p>The level of the quality of education in general. We must balance experience with the new surge of technology - but technology is not everything. Kids need to learn how to research things the 'old fashion" way, interact with one another and socialize one-on-one and in groups, as this is what the real world will present for them.[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>COST AND TAXES CANNOT GO UP! Streamlining, reducing costs through improved management of resources, and breaking down barriers within the confines of the existing processes[]</p> <p>[]</p> <p>Girls sports need to be given the same attention and resources boy sports are given. When the Volleyball team []</p> <p>won State - there wasn't nearly the hupla there would have been if it was a boys team! Was there even a pep rally for them? Those girls worked EXTREMELY hard to win, they should be given equal billing!!</p>
524	overpopulation of the city
525	<p>That you will continue to look the other way, until it is your child that is involved. Also, the same thing that all school districts have adopted, the Levy Blackmail. Vote for our levy or your child will have bussing,sports, books and many other things to pay for. Public schools are going to cost more than sending a child to college. If you are always in such a financial bind why don't you find someone who knows how to handle the money when the levy's pass? You cut so many courses, what is the point of sendng children to school? If you are only teaching the basics, Reading, Arithmetic,Social Studies, Science and few others you have nothing to offer to challenge these children. My concern is like many other parents I have spoke to, sadly it is time to move. But you know for some that is impossible so you can keep on doing what you are doing.</p>
526	The future balance of taxes and school needs. Taxes just can't continue to rise.
527	Room
528	Wether the high school with be big enough
529	The lack of state funding and relying on home owners to support the schools.
530	Sense that my children are anonymous within the school
531	cutting of extacurricular activities
532	The economy and monies to keep the excellent reputation they have earned.
533	Our growing community and lack of space for that continued growth.
534	<p>Understandable that when the levy failed last year that busing was eliminated, however, the busing for the high school resolved itself when it was eliminated. It is a waste of tax dollars to have reinstated the busing for the high school. At this time, I believe that busing should be eliminate for the HS level, this would be a cost cutting move because a majority of the student do not ride the bus, except for Polaris that would be the exception to the rule.</p>
535	Layoffs and the loss of special programs.
536	Lack of funding for existing programs, nonexistence of funding for any new programs
537	<p>My biggest concern about the Olmsted Falls School system is a national concern. Our funding method for schools is unacceptable. We need to find a better way to insure that all kids get a great education that is not subject to local whims.</p>
538	<p>The funding by the state and how it has not been address by are stae government, levy's are unfair to the schools and the burden is to much on the individual systems and parents. We need quality educationa and our state government needs to address this.</p>
539	Funding and the ability to maintain the districts high academic ratings.
540	<p>What concerns me most is the fact that the economy is not very good right now and we have had to make financial adjustments like cutting back on certain things. Of course we want our children in a good school system but on the same note the schools can't keep coming back to the homeowners for more money they have to make adjustments as well. And I think what they did last year with the school bus situation was wrong. I am sure there could have been other ways to cut back other than the taking bussing away or cutting back. Whoever decided that new that that would get to the parents and they would change their mind on which way to vote. And then when it did pass it was not brought back right away for the high school. Only after people really complained did that change so where did the money just happen to come from for that. Also, I heard that Olmsted Falls Schools were getting money from North Olmsted School System because of some error. Which I understand mistakes happen but how could the schools not know they were getting extra money for 2 years or so. They used are childrens as pawns in a money game and that was wrong.</p>

541	I feel the school has compromised it's position of basic rules. Dress code, lady gaga day, my children feel it is prostitute day. Once you lower standards of dress and behavior, the result will be less educated students with lower morals and low self esteem.
542	The overcrowded conditions will not change until the student performance degrades. This would signal the community that the school is no longer able to adapt to the growth. Then (and only then) will people move to a community with a better school opportunity for their kids. But then it will be too late for the students in the Olmsted Falls Schools. I see no other state, county, or local government effort to change the funding issues that drive parents to chase real estate in the best performing school systems. Sadly, I don't see how the school system can sustain an excellent performance.
543	funding
544	Lack of creativity by Administrators/Board to secure funding other than by falling into pressuring the community into raising already stressed property taxes. I believe in paying top dollar for creative performance. The Custodian in any school could propose a Levy! All others we could actually do without.
545	The current funding method of schools in Ohio. Our lack of an industrial/retail tax base places this cost unfairly on residents without school children who unfortunately make up a significant portion of the district.
546	Funding with the support of the community. We barely got that Ivy through this time.
547	Busing, and class sizes. I do not think the city is done growing, and we have not done a good job of keeping up with the growth.
548	Class sizes.
549	I think some of the decisions have not been well thought out. Back when we were building the first new Middle School, I think we should have put the middle school children in the high school and built a new high school. I don't really think we should be spending our money on phones for every room and things that are unnecessary. I really don't care about that kind of technology. I'm all for computers and other things that are going to advance our children and our students. Phones in every room and decorating don't impress me.
550	Overcrowding. I think developers that come into Olmsted Falls/Township and build a lot of homes, should be required to contribute funds to help the school system expand its resources to accommodate all these new students. I'm afraid that overcrowding could start to bring the school system down. The more students in a classroom, the less one on one teaching.
551	The next levy! School funding needs to be fixed, but the Mayor & Council need to step up and do their part to make things better for parents/all community members by getting more business and industry into the cities as well as STOPPING ALL THE BUILDING OF MORE AND MORE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS/DEVELOPMENTS! Can the Board of Ed and Admin let the Cities know how they're ruining and overcrowding the schools!?
552	the growth. people who don't want to pay the taxes move when their kids are out of the school. this city needs something more than schools to attract people so every house doesn't have three kids in it.
553	Safety, accountability, and that we will continue to lower our standards to make it easier for those less accountable and responsible.
554	Funding issues, and teaching pedagogies allowing free thought and critical thinking. Some presentations by teachers and other presenters seem to be ideologically focused, and geared toward persuading students toward one position.
555	The need to go back to the voters for more money. I am afraid the community will not approve another levy and am worried what will happen to the academics if teachers are let go and class sizes become larger.