

Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools

Summary Community Engagement Phase One

From February through August of 2009, members of our Board of Education and administrators participated in a series of 23 “Community Engagement” meetings. During those meetings citizens of the communities of Stow and Munroe Falls were asked for their perspective on the direction the district should take as we move into the future. Despite over 3.2 million dollars in cuts the past three years, the Board has reduced all that they can without impacting programming and the delivery of educational services. Citizens were asked to share their opinions on how the district can stretch its resources as far as possible into the future. The following is a summary of the cost saving suggestions discussed during those “Community Engagement” meetings.

Review “Pay to Participate” Potential savings: \$200,000 - \$400,000 per year
Consider a different building configuration Potential savings: \$745,000 - \$2.2 million per year
Consider redefining the middle school Potential savings: \$200,000 - \$500,000 per year
Consider increasing class sizes Potential savings: \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 per year
Evaluate high school electives and alternative credit options Potential savings: \$50,000 - \$100,000 per year
Review items governed by negotiations Potential savings: unknown
Consider reducing bussing services Potential savings: \$35,000-\$50,000 per year
Review alternative methods to provide non-instructional services Potential savings: \$150,000 - \$500,000 per year
Consider closing buildings during non-instructional times Potential savings: \$180,000 - \$200,000 per year