

**Additional questions and answers from the District Budget Informational meeting on April 6, 2010:**

***1. How does the amount of tax dollars the district sends to the state compare to the amount the district receives from the state? Are we self funding?***

If the question is “Does the district receive more in state funding than the total tax dollars collected in the district?”, all of the **property and motor vehicle taxes** collected by the district stay in the district. These two taxes only account for about **17%** of the district’s revenue. **Almost 60% of the district’s revenue comes from state aid out of the state general fund**, since school funding is a constitutionally mandated obligation of the state. Since the district does not collect the **sales and income tax**, we do not know the portion of those taxes collected for schools in the district.

***2. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunches, do they automatically qualify for free or reduced enrollment fees and activities participation fees?***

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches may request to receive free or reduced enrollment fees and participation fees by completing an additional form. In regard to activity participation fees, all students must pay something to participate even though free and reduced students may pay a reduced fee.

***3. Can we increase annual sports fees to \$50 per year?***

The 2009-10 participation fees are \$30 annually for middle school and \$35 annually for high school. Students eligible for reduced lunches pay \$20 and \$25 respectively and students eligible for free lunches pay \$10 and \$15 respectively. Students may participate in as many activities as they choose for that one time fee. The fees for 2010-11 have been raised to \$50 **per sport** for both middle and high school. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunches will pay \$40 and \$30 respectively **per sport**.

***4. If the district is only being reimbursed for half day kindergarten, why not charge a fee for the additional half day?***

This suggestion has been discussed. However, our concern is that many families would not be able to afford it if a fee were charged for the additional half day.