



Discussion Question #1

If the Gap Elimination Adjustment is not restored in the adopted state budget, the Queensbury Board of Education will likely have to close a \$750,000 budget gap.

- A. What concerns or questions do you have regarding the faculty and staff reductions under consideration to close that gap?
- B. How would you feel if the 2014-15 school budget proposal exceeded the district’s tax levy cap, as one measure in closing the budget gap?

Additional Information

- **School tax levy** – total amount of money a school district collects from local taxpayers
 - 1% increase in QUFSD tax levy = \$300,442
 - Maximum allowable tax levy increase = 1.45%
 - Super majority vote (60% approval) required to exceed tax levy cap
- **Projected budget gap = \$750,000**

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
REVENUE			
State Aid	1.37%	1.37%	1.37%
Local Tax Levy Increase	1.45%	2.93%	1.45%
GEA restoration (\$2.4 million state aid cut)	0%	0%	???
COST-SAVINGS			
Health Insurance (down from 8% projection)	5%	5%	5%
Retirements	(\$450,000)	(\$450,000)	(\$450,000)
BUDGET GAP	(\$750,000)	(\$304,456)	???

- **Reductions under consideration to close budget gap:**

	Scenario 1	Contingent Budget
Budget Gap	\$750,000	\$1.09 million
Gap Closing Reductions	Personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 teaching positions • 1 special education teaching position (attrition) • 1 art position (attrition) • 1 English position (attrition) • 1 foreign language position (attrition) • 1 science position (attrition) • 5-7 support staff positions (e.g., aides, TAs, clerical) Non-personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few, if any, reductions left to make 	Scenario 1 reductions plus Personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional 5.5 instructional staff positions



Discussion Question #2

In May voters will consider an infrastructure capital project to address issues with aging roofs, health- and safety-related infrastructure, energy efficiency, and facilities used by students.

- A. What questions or concerns do you have about the project?
 - B. How would your concerns affect your willingness to support the project?
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Additional Information

- **Capital project** – begins work towards achieving community’s vision for local schools
- **No additional local tax impact:**
 - Total investment in infrastructure = \$8.9 million
 - State building aid = 70.9 percent of project cost
 - Energy efficiency = \$2.1 million in cost avoidance/savings
 - Local share covered by existing amount budgeted for small capital projects (est. \$300,000)
- **Scope of work:**
 - See handout G
 - Work identified based on:
 - Research: 2010 building condition survey, energy study
 - Observation: CSArch architects, Queensbury Board of Education and administrators