



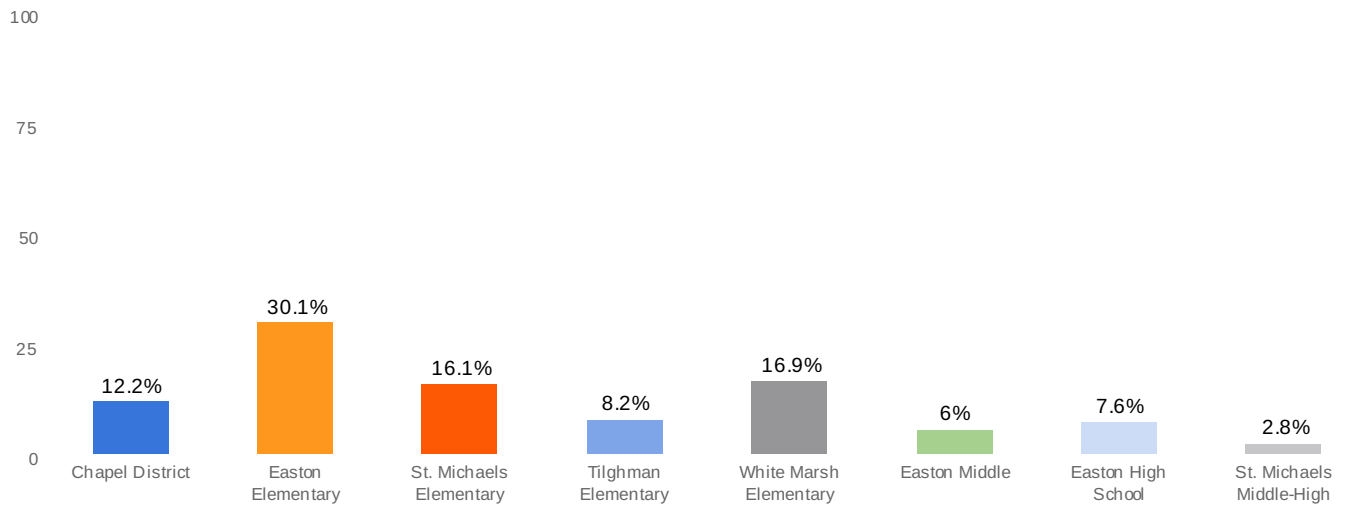
2011-2012 Parent Survey Results Talbot County Public Schools



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What school does your child attend?



1. What school does your child attend?

Value	Count	Percent %
Chapel District	61	12.2%
Easton Elementary	150	30.1%
St. Michaels Elementary	80	16.1%
Tilghman Elementary	41	8.2%
White Marsh Elementary	84	16.9%
Easton Middle	30	6%
Easton High School	38	7.6%
St. Michaels Middle-High	14	2.8%

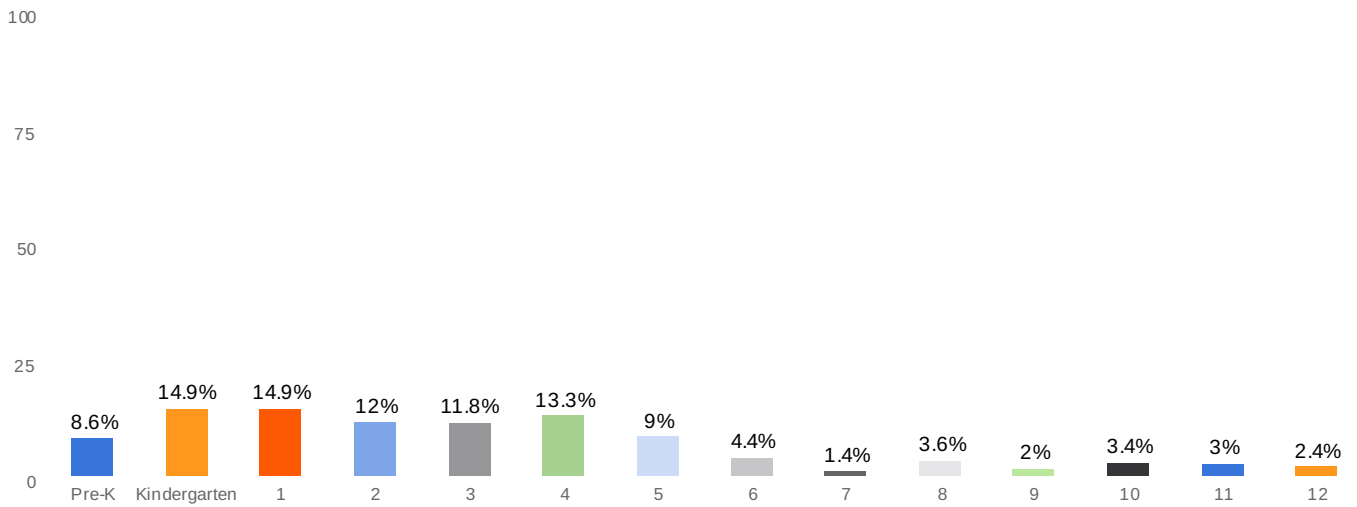
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Total Responses	498
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What grade is your child in?



2. What grade is your child in?

Value	Count	Percent %
Pre-K	43	8.6%
Kindergarten	74	14.9%
1	74	14.9%
2	60	12%
3	59	11.8%
4	66	13.3%
5	45	9%
6	22	4.4%
7	7	1.4%
8	18	3.6%
9	10	2%
10	17	3.4%
11	15	3%
12	12	2.4%

Statistics	
Total Responses	498
Sum	1,754.0
Average	4.3
StdDev	3.05
Max	12.0

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3. Based on your experience with your child's school please rate the following Instructional Programs and Services.

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable	Total
Challenging Academic Programs	51.4% 249	38.2% 185	7.9% 38	2.5% 12	100% 484
Quality of Instruction	66.5% 325	27.8% 136	4.5% 22	1.2% 6	100% 489
Quality of Special Education Program	24.4% 115	9.7% 46	4.2% 20	61.7% 291	100% 472
Quality of Guidance/ Counseling	44.4% 213	25.8% 124	7.7% 37	22.1% 106	100% 480
Quality of ESOL (English as 2nd Lang.)	15.5% 72	8.4% 39	2.6% 12	73.5% 341	100% 464
Class Size	43.7% 215	38.2% 188	17.3% 85	0.8% 4	100% 492
Instructional Materials	50.8% 248	41.8% 204	6.6% 32	0.8% 4	100% 488
Computers & Technology	56.7% 276	33.3% 162	6.6% 32	3.5% 17	100% 487
Library Media Services	57.2% 281	34.8% 171	5.5% 27	2.4% 12	100% 491

4. Based on your experience with your child's school please rate the following Support Services.

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable	Total
Safety and Efficiency of Bus Transportation	47.9% 234	24.9% 122	10.2% 50	17.0% 83	100% 489
Breakfast Program	41.5% 203	23.3% 114	5.3% 26	29.9% 146	100% 489
Lunch Program	40.9% 200	35.2% 172	12.9% 63	11.0% 54	100% 489
Safe and Orderly Environment	63.1% 311	32.7% 161	3.4% 17	0.8% 4	100% 493
Health Services/School Wellness Centers	59.7% 290	27.8% 135	4.3% 21	8.2% 40	100% 486
Extracurricular Programs	32.2% 154	27.8% 133	17.8% 85	22.2% 106	100% 478
Athletics	29.5% 141	22.4% 107	13.0% 62	35.1% 168	100% 478

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5. Based on your experience with your child's school please rate TCPS Facilities.

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable	Total
Cleanliness of School	72.0% 353	24.7% 121	2.7% 13	0.6% 3	100% 490
Safe/Secure Facilities	69.9% 342	27.6% 135	2.0% 10	0.4% 2	100% 489
State of Repair/ Maintenance of School	60.6% 294	32.0% 155	6.4% 31	1.0% 5	100% 485
Overall Appearance of Building	66.2% 325	29.7% 146	4.1% 20	0.0% 0	100% 491
Parking Areas, Driveways and Sidewalks	54.1% 266	36.0% 177	9.8% 48	0.2% 1	100% 492
School Grounds	56.9% 278	37.6% 184	5.3% 26	0.2% 1	100% 489
Comfortable Air Temperature	46.6% 224	37.6% 181	14.1% 68	1.7% 8	100% 481

6. Based on your experience with your child's school please rate Parent Involvement and Communications.

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Not Applicable	Total
Opportunity for Input on Instructional Programs	48.0% 232	36.6% 177	11.6% 56	3.7% 18	100% 483
Opportunity for Engagement in Programs/ Activities	58.4% 281	32.0% 154	8.3% 40	1.2% 6	100% 481
School Communication about Programs/Activities	58.1% 283	30.6% 149	10.9% 53	0.4% 2	100% 487
School Communication about Academic Programs	52.8% 254	32.0% 154	13.5% 65	1.7% 8	100% 481

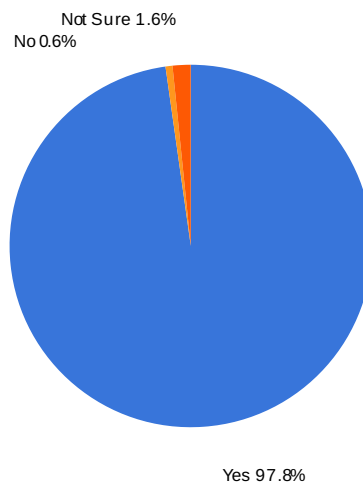
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7. In your opinion, what priority should be given to the following items:

	Most Important	Important	Least Important	Total
Maintaining Small Class Sizes	69.6% 343	29.0% 143	1.4% 7	100% 493
Providing Computers/ Technical Equipment	56.6% 277	36.8% 180	6.5% 32	100% 489
Providing Textbooks/Instructional Materials	67.6% 219	29.3% 95	3.1% 10	100% 324
Providing a Variety of Extracurricular Activities	31.8% 155	48.0% 234	20.1% 98	100% 487
Providing After-School Programs	28.2% 137	46.4% 225	25.4% 123	100% 485
Recruiting, Hiring and Retaining Staff	67.2% 330	30.5% 150	2.2% 11	100% 491
Increasing Parent Involvement	41.6% 202	47.9% 233	10.5% 51	100% 486

Do you believe education should be a priority for the Talbot County Council?



8. Do you believe education should be a priority for the Talbot County Council?

Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	483	97.8%
No	3	0.6%
Not Sure	8	1.6%

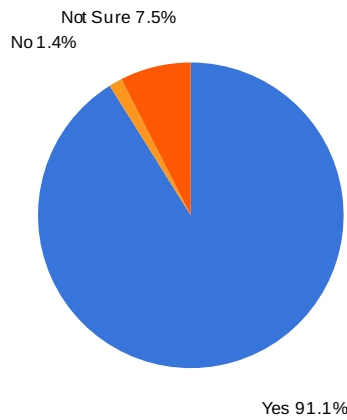
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Do you believe TCPS students should receive funding at a level consistent with the State average per pupil expenditure? Currently TCPS students are funded almost \$2,000 below the State average.

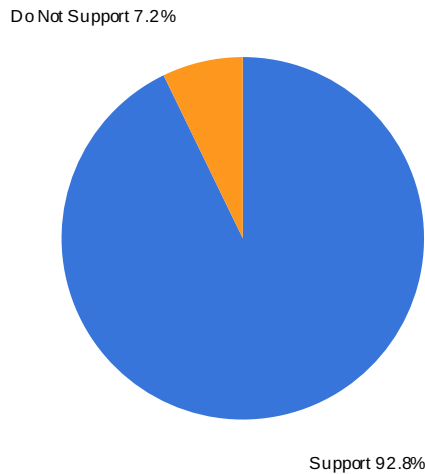


9. Do you believe TCPS students should receive funding at a level consistent with the State average per pupil expenditure? Currently TCPS students are funded almost \$2,000 below the State average.

Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	450	91.1%
No	7	1.4%
Not Sure	37	7.5%

Statistics	
Total Responses	494

Salary Increases-3.5% plus step



10. Salary Increases-3.5% plus step

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	451	92.8%
Do Not Support	35	7.2%

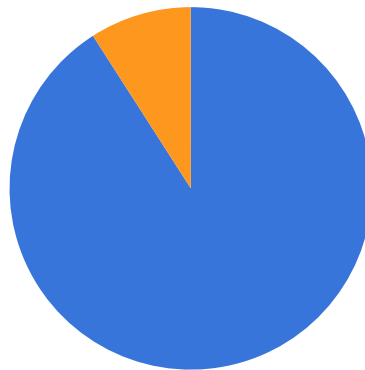
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Technology Infrastructure Upgrades Pre-K -12

Do Not Support 9.1%



Support 90.9%

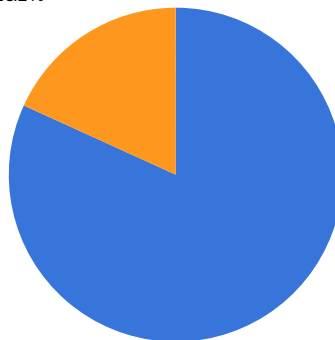
11. Technology Infrastructure Upgrades Pre-K -12

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	441	90.9%
Do Not Support	44	9.1%

Statistics	
Total Responses	485

Additional Staff for: (1) Enrichment/Acceleration Programs (2) English for Speakers of Other Languages (3) Intervention for High School Assessments

Do not Support 18.2%



Support 81.8%

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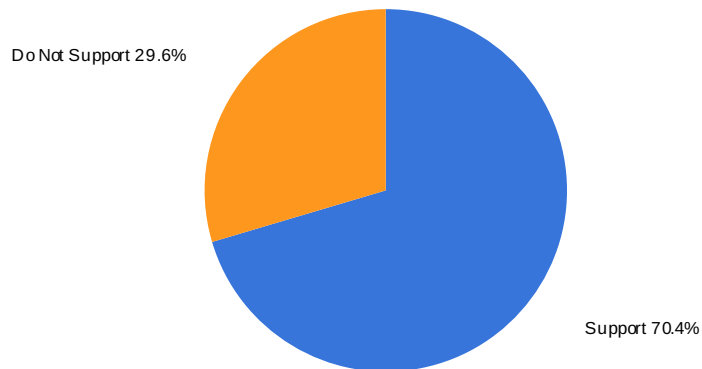
Value	Count	Percent %
Support	391	81.8%
Do not Support	87	18.2%

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Foreign Language Programs at the Elementary level

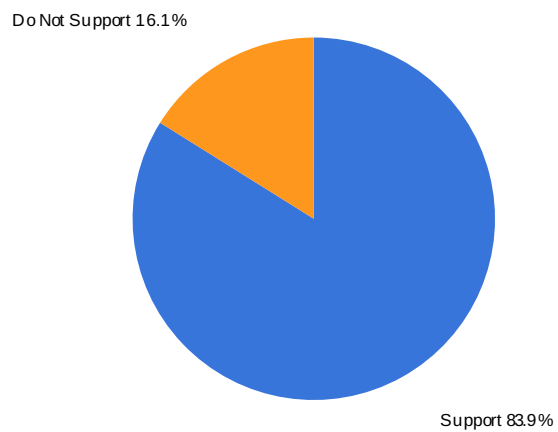


13. Foreign Language Programs at the Elementary level

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	345	70.4%
Do Not Support	145	29.6%

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Total Responses	490

Foreign Language expansion at the Middle and High School level.



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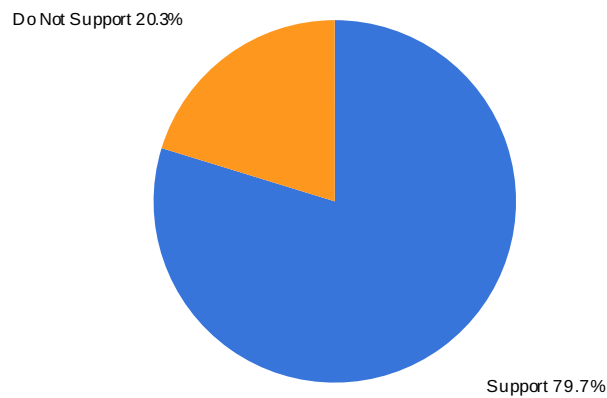
Value	Count	Percent %
Support	401	83.9%
Do Not Support	77	16.1%

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Summer School Programs for Elementary, Middle and High School students

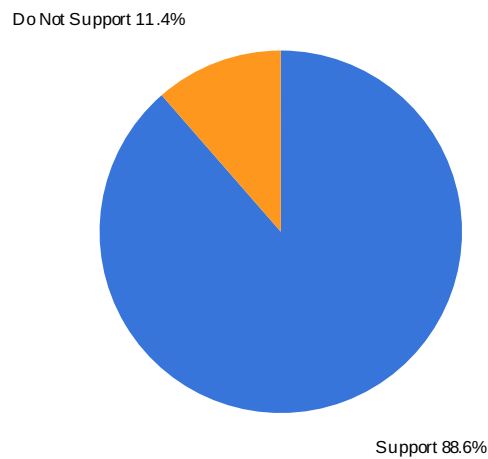


15. Summer School Programs for Elementary, Middle and High School students

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	382	79.7%
Do Not Support	97	20.3%

Statistics	
Total Responses	479

Increased Advanced Placement course offerings in High Schools



16. Increased Advanced Placement course offerings in High Schools

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	427	88.6%
Do Not Support	55	11.4%

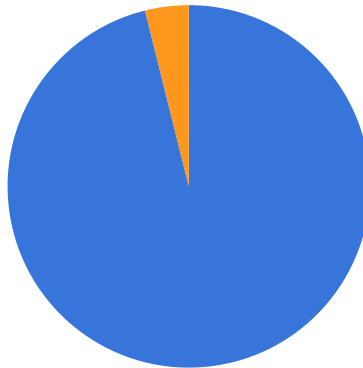
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Ongoing building maintenance

Do Not Support 3.9%



Support 96.1%

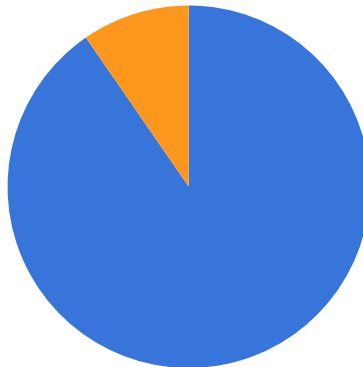
17. Ongoing building maintenance

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	470	96.1%
Do Not Support	19	3.9%

Statistics	
Total Responses	489

Financial Support for the Fine Arts Program

Do Not Support 9.6%



Support 90.4%

18. Financial Support for the Fine Arts Program

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	442	90.4%
Do Not Support	47	9.6%

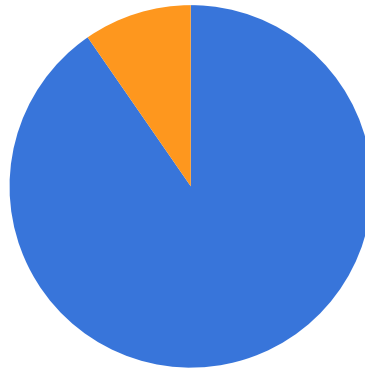
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Financial Support for the Athletic Program

Do Not Support 9.6%



Support 90.4%

19. Financial Support for the Athletic Program

Value	Count	Percent %
Support	441	90.4%
Do Not Support	47	9.6%

Statistics	
Total Responses	488

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20. Comments:

Count	Response
1	#1 C= MAKING US CONSIDER A MOVE #5 A= INSTITUTING SMALL CLASS SIZE
1	#12 Support 1. Do Not Support 2 & 3
1	#8 SUPPORT HAVE TO STAY COMPETITIVE TO RETAIN TEACHERS #11 SUPPORT VERY IMPORTANT
1	**Definitely financial support for the Fine Arts Program
1	*Foreign language - only if program begin at the elementary level
2	Financial support for the special needs program
1	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR OUR CHILDREN.
1	I am very concerned about the class sizes at Easton Middle School.
1	I am very pleased with SMHS. Thank you
1	I feel teachers should not have piercings visiable except for ears.
1	Latin V should be offered at the AP level.
1	Left blank if I wasn't sure or didn't know enough.
1	Lunch program needs improvement - regulations for what elementary students can purchase.
1	More security is definitely needed at CDES to include entryways, staff, cameras, etc.
1	Need physical education everyday of the week, and every semester!
1	On #17 YES!
1	Rooms too warm at times, cafeteria cold or too hot.
1	Some teachers could work on "warm & fuzzy " skills
1	TCPS Facilities/ comfortable air temperature too warm!
1	Tardiness program needs to be reviewed. It is not a fair program.
1	The TCPS is doing an excellent job. This school system is what has made me stay in Easton.
1	contracted grasscutter needs to be replaced OR alot more \$ to cut more often, grass too high
1	pay your people first...then worry about the extras
1	without highly qualified, well paid staff, how do you expect to have well educated students?
1	i think it's very VERY important to limit class sizes and keep them at a reasonable number so our teachers can spend the time they need with our students. 23-6-26 students per class for one teacher is too much. I also am very interested in seeing an advanced program for our students that will continue to motivate and challenge those students who are ready. We are too bogged down with the many different levels of learning in the classroom. There should be separate groups depending on the level where the students are currently learning.
1	The sixth grade could use a more challenging curriculum, or more opportunities for brighter students to be challenged. I would love to see the county provide greater funding for the extracurricular activities that make a child's school experience that much richer.
1	I am disheartened by the fact that my child has to share a teacher with the fourth grade and sit in a room of thirty children while the teacher tries to split her time between each grade. It is a difficult learning environment and my child is a good student. I can't imagine what it must be like for those who struggle in school. If this was to be the case just for this year, I would be O.K. with that. What is most discouraging is the fact that I know this will be the case for the next 4 years if we cannot get an additional teaching position at the school. The only place that my child is able to get any enrichment or challenging activities is at home. She is getting very little of this at school now, due to the shortage of teaching staff and the number of students in her classroom.
1	I strongly SUPPORT Tilghman Elementary School. I think it is an amazing school and I am proud to have my grandchildren attend it.
1	We are very pleased with every aspect of CDES. Staff and facility is well managed and very organized. We feel blessed to have Mrs. Peggy Ford for our children's kindergarten teacher. It is obvious she loves her job and is very dedicated and devoted to her students.
1	I would like to see fewer field trips and more quality assemblies that benefit all of the students.
1	Other programs such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts need to be supported by staff for students. Those programs provide an enriching alternative for educational programs that are funded by the state & United Way that can help both teachers & students.

1	I have concerns about the temperature of the gym at White Marsh. It is very hot in there and seems to be a place for germs to grow.
1	Number 10 comment: Use current staff, BOA office seems to be a place for teachers that no longer teach in the classroom. I believe the higher staff level positions salary should be reviewed. School should be fully funded, however, at the same time, those making budgetary decisions should have accountability. Teachers should certainly have salaries worth their value because they are in the classroom. Other salaries do not need to be off the chart.
1	I believe that academics are far more important than the athletic program. As long as students participate in gym class, funds should be used there instead of on extra curricular sporting events.
1	I thought that the Teacher Contract was supposed to be funded by County Council through BOE! Our tax dollars need to get to our schools! Let's raise our Property Tax Cap... enough is enough people. We are second wealthiest yet next to last in pupil funding. Wow; what are we doing to our schools. Fix this now please.
1	As a parent of a 6th grader, I really wish the 6th grade was part of the Middle/High school. My child has not been offered the opportunities to prepare him for middle school that other children in the county receive (changing classes, experiencing different teacher personalities and skills, a new level of responsibility as a mature student, etc). By having to remain in the elementary school the 6th graders are extremely coddled and treated like the younger children. Class sizes in St. Michaels are way too large. The renovation has not been conducive to the ever expanding population. The growth should be stopped with the redistricted families and not allow students from other areas in the county. If we need the numbers in the middle/high school let the students attend then. A large majority of these families do not support the extra-curricular activities and aren't part of the "school community." Overall, I have not felt very positive about SMES since the renovation and the change in principals. This is sad to me. The school that my older child attended has changed and not for the better.
1	4-H, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts are often overlooked as already funded programs that can enhance a student's academics both in and after school.
1	My husband and I are new to the area. So far we absolutely adore White Marsh Elem. My son is thriving in his Kindergarten class. I do wish the classes were slightly smaller and the addition of a teachers aide would be extremely helpful. Currently the teachers rely on parent volunteers, (and she has plenty!) however the consistency of having the same aide everyday would make it easier on the teacher and allow for additional instruction throughout the day. Overall I cannot say enough about how much we love this school. Dr. Sprinkle is wonderful! Just the simple fact that she can call each child by name as they enter the building in the morning is a rare thing these days! The White Marsh PTO is also amazing. They are so well organized and they truly try to do as much as they can for the children. Math night and the Ornament workshop were just two events that they put on for free!! How wonderful to be able to do "extras" without having to worry about the added financial stress. Simply great! As you can tell, I could go on and on. White Marsh is an awesome school and am truly thrilled that I am raising my children here!
1	Smmhs does an excellent job providing my child with a quality education despite the level of funding provided. The entire staff really cares for all students.
1	We are new to the school this year and have been a little disappointed. Aside from the math, the overall curriculum seems to be a year behind the school system my child moved from. Textbooks never come home, and it is difficult to know what exactly the kids are learning. I am also concerned that with limited opportunities to participate in extra curricular activities, TCPS are allowing many children to fall through the cracks rather than reaching their full potential as students and citizens.
1	I think White Marsh does an excellent job at providing a good education for my little one. The volunteers really make a difference in the quality of programs. I'd like to see them continue to use volunteers as funding becomes less available.
1	Stop basing curriculum on and teaching to the middle. Raise the bar and create a school system that truly strives for academic excellence. Get rid of Every Day Math! It is doing more harm than good and just ask any SAT tutor who has to unteach that idiotic math program! Stop rewarding mediocrity and attendance and proudly recognize the students who work hard and take challenging courses! And I hope it's not true that National Honor Society students will no longer be recognized with a special "shawl" at graduation because admin. was concerned about how the other students would feel! The other students should feel they should have worked harder! Stop coddling the mediocre students and making the bright students feel self conscious about being smart!
1	TCPS has many many excellent teachers but I feel they need to evaluate all teachers on not only how they are observed in the classroom by the administrator during their reviews but also their performance in the classroom on a daily basis, student performance and communication skills with both students and parents. Students have different learning styles and I feel teachers need to be able to address this in the classroom. In addition, I feel more attention needs to be taken with communication between administration, students in band/chorus and teachers. I feel band is a wonderful program and students should be encouraged to participate, however, I have concerns regarding the academic time out of the classroom during test preparation days and test days for these students that need to attend band/chorus functions and the lack on communication between teachers. This causes increased stress on the students who missed the review and/or the test completely. One particular instance, parents received an email from a teacher that the band/chorus students would be given a test a day later due to those students missing two days of class for band/chorus functions but then they were given the test the same day as the rest of the class. This is a very frustrating

	situation for both students and parents and may very well be why so many students drop out of band/chorus each yr. While students need to be well rounded with both academics and the arts, I feel more communication with teachers and administrators needs to be addressed so that our students can be successful in all areas and not have undue stress.
1	Tilghman Elementary School has a wonderful staff and everyone there cares so much about the children's education. They all are so devoted to the children, and it is great to know that they care that much.
1	perhaps a smaller salary increase is more appropriate, but is well deserved. I support technology in the school but perhaps not limiting laptop use has led to some idle time for students. I still believe in textbook use not all technology and blackboard use.
1	Mr. Stoffa is doing a great job at EHS. My children are involved in sports and AP classes. They also benefit from the laptop program. Mrs. Berrang, guidance counselor, is doing a fabulous job with the seniors as they prepare for college and beyond EHS.
1	I WANT TO SPEAK ON THE SPORTS PROGRAMS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. I FEEL THAT THE COACHES OF THESE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE HELPING TO BUILD THEIR SELF ESTEEME NOT TARE IT APART. MY CHILD HAS COME HOME TALKING ABOUT THE AWFUL WAY THE INDOOR TRACK COUCH HAS TALKED TO THEM. SHE WON'T LET ME COMPLAIN IN FEAR OF HER PUNISHING THEM AND SHE MIGHT NOT LET HER RUN. THEIR WAS A YOUNG LADY THAT RECENTLY QUIT BECAUSE OF THE AWFUL TREATMENT. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS A.S.A.P. I WANT TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS BECAUSE OF MY CHILD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
1	It is truly reprehensible that the County Council continues to take away from our schools. What possible reason could make it acceptable to under-fund our kids education? Our school calendar is of great concern to me. Why doe we have two weeks off over the Christmas & New Year holidays? MOST counties in Maryland go until at least Wednesday of the week leading into Christmas and many go that entire week. It makes no sense to me why we would take the kids out for an entire week before the Holidays. This puts a genuine hardship on many families. Trying to find alternate care, keep your kids busy, uphold your own responsibilities at work AND finish getting ready for the holidays. It's hard enough to do this for one week, let alone TWO WEEKS. Most other Counties in Maryland also go back to school a week later (still in August, still before Labor Day). They also tend to have a longer spring break around Easter. One or both of these changes seems to make much more sense. At least if we had a full spring break, we would be able to take days away if we used excessive snow days over the winter. OR - keep the break over Easter the same but start the school year a week later. OR.... really, there are several options that would make more sense than our current calendar. I would like to add that over the course of this year's break, I heard this sentiment from several parents. Seriously, when I encountered people (in the grocery store, at the ice rink, etc), this was a very HOT topic of discussion. I would guess for the faculty and staff, it's nice to have the additional time off, but wouldn't the same problems exist if you have children in the district? I guess, ideally, if you live in Wicomico County and work in Talbot, it's great - you would get 4 days off while your kids are still in school. I doubt that's the case for many. Thank you for your time. We are very happy with our Schools and great care given by the faculty and staff. But seriously, the funding/budget issue and the calendar are ridiculous.
1	this year my child has dropped to a B/C student after being a straight A student for the last few years. I have noticed many mistakes on the grading of the tests and spoken to my child's teacher about this, some grades were adjusted , I was told by the teacher that tests were not made up by the teacher but came from elsewhere. The question / directions were not clear on some of the tests. Also, my child has said there are disruptive students in the classroom and cause the teacher to stop lessons, when returning to lessons, the subject was changed many times, causing confusion. We need foreign language in elementary school!
1	TCPS does a fine job of managing the funds that are given to them. I strongly support funds being used to add additional staff and keeping qualified staff by offering salary increases. TCPS schools produce well educated students and this needs to be reflected in the per pupil spending.
1	Should have proper staff 1st. Priorities don't apply to Tilghman School but I do feel that a top priority should be to provide a teacher for each grade and not have the grades combined. There are 19 kids in 3rd grade and with 4th grade combined they have 29 kids. If teachers in other schools can't handle this than ours shouldn't have to.
1	Regarding number 9 - I would want to know SPECIFICALLY where the additional money would be spent. The fact that EES has THREE assistant Principals and has an increased problem with with discipline in the last year and a half is UNACCEPTABLE. My child no longer feels safe in EES. I feel like if I complain to the current EES administration my child will experience some form of backlash with regards to where he/she will be placed next year.
1	I am not pleased with the adminstration at White Marsh. They very rarely communicate things to parents, and do not make parents feel welcome at the school. As a parent of a student of the school, I would like to feel like I am welcome by adminstration. As for my son's teacher, she is excellent and makes me welcome to ask questions, and wants me to be part of his education.
1	It is not fair that the students of Tilghman Elementary School do not have a certified music teacher (and paid as such) and that the gym teacher (who is certified) is paid as an instructional assistant. Tilghman students deserve the same programs and quality of teachers offered at all other county schools. The class sizes are getting too large to combine 3rd and 4th in the coming years. It is also unacceptable that the school was WITHOUT phone service at different times during the last several weeks. I was unable to contact the school when I needed to!!

1	* Money needs to go to the schools, not the BOE * Core education needs to be the focus over "branching out" until the programs already in place are optimized * Dual enrollment is an option over expanding AP courses * Increase tech. focus in elementary, so students know how to adapt to tech. changes when they are older * Help students achieve during the school year, so summer school is not needed
1	How many schools in Montgomery county do you suppose do not have at least ONE teacher for each grade? How many in Talbot? Can't ever get a teacher for each 5th and 6th grade at TES? Good luck with the rest of your funding.
1	My child tried out for the Beauty and The Beast Play and did not get a part at all. She sings great, acts great and dances wonderful. But didn't get a part. But others got 2 or more parts. I know a child who couldn't sing, act, or dance and got 5 parts. This isn't fair and I will be making a phone call.
1	We love the school - our child's teacher is exemplary and the staff are very wonderful. We were very disappointed at the lack of activities for my child during the recent holiday season - the newspapers were covered with the Pre-K and Kindergarten holiday programs for White Marsh, SMES, CDES and others and there was nothing for my child or us through the school. Last year my child's Pre-K teacher did a small program during the holiday party (during school hours) and that was lovely. There was no celebration or program. We were very disappointed at this - these types of celebrations are very important milestones to our family and I was very disappointed that they were not made available to my child. We were given an option to send him to another school and times like this make me rethink our decision. We are very very pleased with our child's progress and academic offerings - he is making great strides in school and his teacher is quite good. Just wanted to use this forum to express our frustration with the lack of parent engagement/opportunity to celebrate major holidays like other schools do.
1	Overall I am very happy with Easton Middle School for my child. I do feel that class sizes are too large and we are expecting too much of teachers and students when we pack the classroom
1	I have been very pleased with White Marsh Elementary School. My son's teacher, Mr. Davis, is excellent and differentiates instruction, giving my son the opportunity to demonstrate his interests and abilities. Like his teacher, the librarian is outstanding. She is encouraging and offers books and instruction on topics that expand my son's interests and capabilities. The enrichment and MESA programs are two aspects of the instructional program that I especially appreciate. The addition of a foreign language program would add to the instructional capabilities of the school. Before and after school club activities would be of great interest to my son.
1	It's not that I do NOT support foreign language education, I just don't see it as important as many other areas and as strapped as we are for funding I'd rather see our budget spent elsewhere.
1	My daughter is a student in Mrs.Heather Ewing's classroom. This is the first year that she has enjoyed coming to school. Mrs. Ewing has challenged her at her individual level, made her proud of her strengths and taught her strategies to use that have been effective in helping her succeed in the classroom. We need to find more teachers like Mrs.Ewing so that more students feel good about coming to St.Michaels Elementary School.
1	Academically, I would like to see more reading and writing (at home) and assignments to do over extended breaks. The children are out of school too many days, especially in October and December, with nothing to do. Eighth grade students need sharp study skills.
1	I really feel as though our children already have to learn to read and write so quickly and are expected to learn a lot, and a foreign language is not a necessity at such a young age.
1	My child's bus leaks when it rains. Lunch - too little time to eat I feel if you want to live here you should learn the language. Language is taught to children before they enter the school system. Why should english-speaking tax paying citizens have to pay for an extra program. English should've been taught to these children, just like walking, when they were toddlers.
1	besides bus, you all are doing great. Older kids on bus have given younger ones such a hard time they wanted to quit school at age of 7. Please do something about this situation.
1	I think that there should be priority to our children, America's future. The last thing that should be cut is Education. The teachers deserve a raise. I do however disagree with the Superintendent making over \$200,000/yr. This is absurd. There is no reason why she deserves to make over \$100,000. This money could certainly be used for our education in the school.
1	The cafeteria staff at Moton needs cooking classes.My child has come home more than once and said the food was still cold in the middle.They save food and re-sever it a week or two later.That makes the food not fresh.
1	We are new to the school system this year, but feel TCPS could do a better job communicating to parents in greater detail issues such as curriculum and activities. It is difficult to see exactly what the children are learning when no textbooks come home. I also feel the county should provide the school system with greater funding in order to provide full-time aides in classrooms for the younger grades, among other needs.
1	In this economy, I think it's unfair for the entire community to be dealing with lower pay, no raises and uncertain job retention and the Talbot County School System wants teacher raises. I personally don't know anyone who has received a raise in the last few years. We all feel lucky to just have a job.
1	I am concerned about safety and people entering the building. One time when I was meeting my child's class for a field trip, other parents and I were able to enter through an unlocked side door. Also, there have been times when I come in

	through the front door and no one is in the office to witness me signing in, so I worry that people can just "walk in" unnoticed.
1	My rating of the Lunch Program is due to the fact that sometimes the cafeteria runs short on lunches before all students have purchased lunch.
1	If the County Council won't fully fund the budget, then the schools and board of Ed. need to do a better job of managing the money given to them. Much of it is wasted on unnecessary things such as laptops for high schoolers. Look at how you can better use the money before asking for more!
1	I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE THE SCORES OF OUR MINORITY STUDENTS ON THE M.S.A. TESTING. IS THERE ANY PROGRAMS WE CAN PUT IN PLACE TO HELP OUR CHILDREN'S SCORES TO RISE? AS THE PARENT OF MINORITY STUDENTS I FEEL THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE NOT MEETING THE SAME MILESTONES AS OTHER GROUPS. MAYBE SOMEONE CAN SHOW US WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND WE CAN BE A HELP TO THE WHOLE GROUP.
1	We need teacher's aide in classroom for teaching support. Some students need an extra boost in academics. Students learn differently. As of today students are left behind if they can't keep up with their academics in the classroom. It would help the students who need extra help with teachers aide to be equipped with practical techniques to teach a child with extra help to keep up with the other children.. Teacher Assistant to work with children in math lessons and she will be able to encourage children with a range of different disabilities to help them to keep them focused and to make them feel special.
1	I do want the Talbot Council to fully support the school's budget, however I believe the school needs to be more forthcoming and honest with its actual needs and how monies are spent. I find the ongoing battle between the Dr. Salmon, BOE and the Council very tiring and I really don't know what the truth is at this point. It should be about our children and finding/funding what is in their best interests. Please put the political agendas to rest.
1	The county seems to have forgotten that special ed. funding (should) also include accelerated learning and enrichment. The fine arts also seem to have been forgotten and could easily be included in after school and summer programs as well. Does anyone remember Easton Rocks? It was unceremoniously discontinued with little explanation other than rumors.
1	My child and I new to CDES but we are pleased with the academic program and all of the friendly supportive staff.
1	I also support foreign language expansion at the elementary level and more fine arts programs for the elementary level.
1	I think SMMHS is doing a fine job with what they are provided. Of course, we as citizens can always do more for our students via adequate funding and making education a county priority. We are new to the district but not the county, coming from a private school, and have been pleasantly surprised by the quality of services our child is receiving. We would like to see an increase in expectations for all students - all students can learn. It is up to the teachers and the parents to demand it of them. If we do our part providing the opportunities, students need to do theirs by accepting the challenges and working hard to achieve goals set for them. We LOVE the laptop program, would like to see increased communication between parents and teachers, would like to see a more challenging curriculum for 9th grade, and would like to see our kids be more competitive on the sports fields. Funding is key here and we are missing the boat if we don't demand parity for our students as compared to other districts in the state.
1	Think schedule of Christmas break is too long. Should start few days before Christmas, rather start back to school later in summer.
1	I am a parent who has a child who works better in a smaller group. It would be nice if the teachers had an aide at least 3 days a week or more.
1	Students in wheel chairs have a difficult time traveling to and from both Dobson and Moton. The ramps need to be updated to provide a smooth transition from the sidewalk to parking lot. Additionally the two small sections that make up the sidewalk between the two buildings don't even have a ramp, four ramps are needed. Students must be wheeled around a long way which requires them to be on the parking lot in the only entrance/exit of the lot. It's not safe and does not allow easy access. This would be an important and well used upgrade.
1	I think that Easton High School should do more about bullying in the school. they should take it more seriously. they should also provide uniforms to save money on school clothes every year.
1	please consider better food choices for the lunch program. It's awful my child refuses to eat from the cafeteria, it is frightening what is served,. Also class size should really be reduced Dobson building needs an auditorium that's not a cafeteria
1	I do believe Easton Elementary School is one of the best schools around here, but it needs to monitor kids safety on transportation.
1	It is very important to our family that SMHS students be allowed in the future to participate in sports that are not offered at SMHS at EHS.
1	The carpets in the 4th and 5th grade classrooms are very old, disgusting and unhealthy. The heat/ac system does not work properly in those rooms. These are basic needs that should be met for the students.

