

## District 279 Budget Survey II

First of all, as many people pointed out, the survey was in no way a scientific survey. The survey should not be used as the sole source of decision making for leaders in ISD – 279 Osseo Area Schools.

There were actually two surveys during the eight day period; the first lasted just one day, while the second was in use for seven days. The major difference was that on the second survey each computer could complete the survey just once, while on the first day that was not the case.

In all there were 3,007 “views” of the survey and 1,668 people completed all or part of the survey. In total, there were 1,655 written responses for the two questions that provided comment space.

In terms of who completed the survey, the numbers were: **Maple Grove** - 1,116. **Brooklyn Park** -143 surveys; **Other** - 120, **Plymouth** - 98, and **Osseo** - 83.

In terms of who completed the survey, 72% identified themselves as a **Parent**; 12% - **Staff**; 11% - **Community Member**; 2% **Business Owner**; and **1.5% Student**.

Reading through the comments there were a great many that appeared verbatim or nearly verbatim in many of the responses and in both questions.

The survey question that resulted in the greatest agreement dealt with ‘Reductions in Teachers’ where 66% of respondents felt these were ‘Too deep.’

52% of respondents stated that “Reductions in Administration at both school and district levels’ were ‘Not deep enough.’

26% of those who took the survey indicated that they ‘Completely agree’ or ‘Somewhat agree’: “The proposed budget fairly balances the need to reduce staff and the need to close schools.” This means 74% ‘Somewhat disagree’ or ‘Strongly disagree’ with the same statement.

Because this was not a scientific survey, it is difficult to draw conclusions from any portion of the survey; however, it is clear that the people completing the survey ‘Strongly disagree’ with implementing any of the school closings and changes that were listed in the chart accompanying the survey.