



**Managing Our Future feedback available for review  
on the Northville Public Schools website**

The feedback offered by Northville Public Schools parents, staff, students and community members on managing the school district's financial future — in light of the state's severe cuts in public school funding — is now available for review on the district website ([www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us)). Click on the "Managing Our Future Feedback" link in the center of the page.

The input was sought during a series of four Managing Our Future Forums sponsored by the Board of Education in December. The goal of the forums was to share with key stakeholders the magnitude of the budgetary challenges facing the school district, the cost of the district's programs, and to gather feedback on what the district's stakeholders value most about the education of Northville's children.

The forums were attended by 440 school parents, students, staff and community members and 990 individuals (including many who also attended the forums) logged onto the district website to review the same detailed information provided at the forums. Nearly 1,600 individuals completed feedback forms either at the forums or on-line.

Managing Our Future feedback currently available on the district website includes:

- A demographic summary overall and by stakeholder group of those who completed feedback forms either at one of the forums or on-line.
- A summary and detailed breakdown of the responses to various cost-cutting options under consideration by the Board of Education.
- A listing of the written comments and suggestions noted on the feedback forms.

The community forums and on-line material offered participants the opportunity to review the data and analysis for numerous cost-cutting options being studied by the Board of Education, before completing the detailed feedback form. The information provided to the public included the feasibility, benefits and challenges of the various options, as well as the potential impact on students' educational experiences. The options and information were categorized into four key areas — K-12 instructional programs, transportation, athletic/co-curricular programs, and Northville Public Schools' staffing.

"This valuable feedback from the district's stakeholders provides the Board of Education with a sense of what our school families, staff, students and community members value as we strive to make some very difficult decisions about the district's programs and services for the remainder of this school year, as well as 2010-11," said Northville Board of Education President Dr. Marilyn Price. "Given the deep and enduring financial shortfalls projected by the State of Michigan, it will take reductions in a number of areas to achieve the necessary costs savings for this school year, 2010-11, and beyond."

For the current 2009-10 school year alone, Northville Public Schools' per pupil funding from the state has been cut by \$486 per pupil (\$3.4 million.) For the 2010-11 school year, state revenue estimates point to an additional \$268 per pupil reduction for a total loss of \$754 per pupil (\$5.3 million.)

The Board of Education will continue to evaluate cost-cutting options over the next several weeks, with a decision regarding cuts to be implemented yet this school year likely to be announced in early February, and a decision regarding additional cuts for the 2010-11 school year by the end of February.

Upcoming Board of Education regular meetings and subcommittee meetings where school board members will discuss cost-cutting options are listed below. Additional Board Study Sessions within this timeframe are to be determined, and will be communicated via District ListServ. All meetings are open to the public.

<b>Day/Date*</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, January 19	Finance Subcommittee	6:30 p.m.	Old Village School 405 West Main Street Board of Education Mtg. Rm. -3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Tuesday, January 26	Board of Education- Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Silver Springs Elementary School 19801 Silver Springs Drive
Tuesday, February 9 (note date change)	Finance Subcommittee	6:30 p.m.	Old Village School 405 West Main Street
Tuesday, February 9	Board of Education- Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Old Village School 405 West Main Street Board of Education Mtg. Rm. -3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Tuesday, February 23	Board of Education - Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Moraine Elementary School 46811 Eight Mile Road

\*Additional Board Study session(s) are to be determined and will be communicated via District List Serv.