

Clinton Schools Survey 2010

Four hundred-eighty –seven people responded to the exit poll. On the key question of the budget (Q7), 82% of respondents said that they had voted for the measure, 11% said they had voted against, and 7% refused to say how they had voted.

There was significant variation in support for the budget measure among sectors of the population, though majorities of all groups defined by the poll voted to approve. The following were notably more likely to back the measure: younger respondents, those with high opinions of the board and the administration, those who favored greater spending in the areas defined in the poll (QQ19-27) and people who were optimistic about the economy and their own financial futures. Gender, and marital status did not affect opinion about the budget. There did not appear to be any systematic geographic differences, but the small areas defined in the poll made analysis difficult.

Respondents were asked why they voted for or against the budget. Among supporters, the most common answers were that education is important and the respondent had kids in Clinton schools. Among those who voted against the budget, the most common answers were that taxes are too high and the school budget is too big.

In their answers to the spending items (QQ19-27), respondents generally seem satisfied with current budget levels – that is, they would have the district spend “about the same” on these programs. But many would spend more on academic programs and the arts. Relatively few would spend more on sports, extracurricular activities, transportation or the library. The pages that follow present percentage distributions for these and other items.

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Data File: C:\Program
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1) SkolKids

Have School Age Kids?

Freq. %

1) Yes	187	39.3
2) No	289	60.7

Missing 15

TOTAL 476 100.0

2) #Kids in CCS?

Freq. %

0	301	61.8
1	62	12.7
2	87	17.9
3	32	6.6
4	5	1.0

Missing 4

TOTAL 487 100.0

3) #Elem

Freq. %

0	398	81.7
1	52	10.7
2	32	6.6
3	5	1.0

Missing 4

TOTAL 487 100.0

4) #Middle

Freq. %

0	412	84.6
1	68	14.0
2	7	1.4

Missing 4

TOTAL 487 100.0

5) #HS

	Freq.	%
0	371	76.2
1	83	17.0
2	33	6.8

Missing 4

TOTAL 487 100.0

6) HS-Grad
Kid grad from Clinton HS?

	Freq.	%
1) Yes	250	53.1
2) No	221	46.9

Missing 16

TOTAL 487 100.0

7) Approve

	Freq.	%
1) Yes	399	83.5
2) No	52	10.9
9) DK/Ref	27	5.6

Missing 13

TOTAL 478 100.0

QQ 8 - 12 *Reasons given for voting for the budget by those who approved.*

8) Ed Import 87%
 9) Good Schools 60%
 10) Have Kids in CCS 70%
 11) Budget Reasonable 52%
 12) Other 14%

QQ13-19 *Reasons given for voting against the budget by those opposed.*

13) Budget too Big 54%
 14) Taxes High 67%
 15) Wrong Priorities 31%
 16) Waste money 40%
 17) No Kids in CCS 10%
 18) Other 12%

Spending items QQ 19 - 27

1= Spend More 2=Same 3=Less 9=Don't Know/Refused

19) CoreProgr

		Freq.	%
1) More	223	46.8	
2) Same	211	44.3	
3) Less	13	2.7	
9) DK/Ref	29	6.1	
Missing	15		
TOTAL	476	100.0	

20) Bus

		Freq.	%
1	26	5.5	
2	263	55.6	
3	133	28.1	
9	51	10.8	
Missing	18		
TOTAL	473	100.0	

21) Advanced

		Freq.	%
1	190	40.3	
2	219	46.4	
3	33	7.0	
9	30	6.4	
Missing	19		
TOTAL	472	100.0	

22) Arts

		Freq.	%
1	219	45.9	
2	211	44.2	
3	32	6.7	
9	15	3.1	
Missing	14		
TOTAL	477	100.0	

23) Struggling students

	Freq.	%
1	198	41.6
2	225	47.3
3	16	3.4
9	37	7.8
Missing	15	
TOTAL	476	100.0

24) Sports

	Freq.	%
1	61	12.8
2	272	57.3
3	118	24.8
9	24	5.1
Missing	16	
TOTAL	475	100.0

25) Safety

	Freq.	%
1	67	14.1
2	325	68.3
3	53	11.1
9	31	6.5
Missing	15	
TOTAL	476	100.0

26) ExtraCurri

	Freq.	%
1	75	15.8
2	321	67.6
3	55	11.6
9	24	5.1
Missing	16	
TOTAL	475	100.0

27) Library

	Freq.	%
1	100	21.0
2	314	66.0
3	27	5.7
9	35	7.4
Missing	15	
TOTAL	476	100.0

28) Board

	Freq.	%
1) Excel	31	6.5
2) Good	175	36.7
3) Fair	127	26.6
4) Poor	79	16.6
5) VeryPoor	41	8.6
9) DK/Ref	24	5.0
Missing	14	
TOTAL	477	100.0

29) Administra

	Freq.	%
1) Excel	141	29.3
2) Gd	204	42.4
3) Fr	79	16.4
4) Poor	26	5.4
5) V-Poor	8	1.7
9) DK/Ref	23	4.8
Missing	10	
TOTAL	481	100.0

30) Economy will get
Freq. %
1) Better 62 12.9
2) Same 243 50.5
3) Worse 161 33.5
9) DK/Ref 15 3.1

Missing 10

TOTAL 481 100.0

31) Household
Economic expectation for your Household

Freq. %
1) Better 66 13.8
2) Same 332 69.5
3) Worse 60 12.6
9) DK/Ref 20 4.2

Missing 13

TOTAL 478 100.0

32) Area

Freq. %
1) Clinton 186 39.0
2) C-Mills 23 4.8
3) Rt. 5 20 4.2
4) ColHill 76 15.9
5) Deans 19 4.0
6) FrankSp 18 3.8
7) Brimf 29 6.1
8) Othr 98 20.5
9) DK/Ref. 8 1.7

Missing 14

TOTAL 477 100.0

33) Age

Freq. %
1) Und35 40 8.3
2) 35-59 258 53.6
3) 60+ 182 37.8
9) DK/Ref 1 0.2

Missing 10

TOTAL 481 100.0

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT POLL
May 18, 2010

The Clinton School District would like to know how people feel about issues concerning the schools. Please take 5 minutes to fill out this survey. Your answers will be anonymous.

Q1 First, do you have school age children?

1. Yes

2. No [IF NO SKIP TO Q6]

Q2 How many are enrolled in Clinton public schools? # _____

[IF NONE, SKIP TO Q6]

Q3 How many are in the elementary school?# _____

Q4 How many are in the middle school?# _____

Q4 How many are in the middle school?# _____

Q5 How many are in the high school?# _____

Q6 Do you have a son or daughter who graduated from Clinton High School?

1. Yes 2. No

Q7 How did you vote on the school budget today? Did you vote to approve or not to approve the budget?

1. Approve

2. Not approve [PLEASE SKIP TO Q13]

9. don't know/prefer not to answer [PLEASE SKIP TO Q19]

Q8 - Why did you decide to vote for the budget? [PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

Q8 Education is important

Q9 Clinton has good schools

Q10 Have kids in Clinton schools.

Q11 Spending level seemed reasonable.

Q12 Other (Please specify)

Q13 Why did you decide to vote against the budget? [PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

Q13 Budget too big

Q14 Taxes already too high.

Q15. Schools have wrong priorities.

Q16 Schools waste money

Q17 Don't have kids in Clinton schools.

Q18. Other (PLEASE SPECIFY CLEARLY).

Please tell me whether you think the Clinton schools should spend more, about the same, or less than they are currently spending in the following areas.

Q19 Core academic programs such as English, math, and science. *Should the schools spend . . .*

1 More 2 About the same 3 less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q20 The school bus program.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q21 Advanced placement courses for college-bound students.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q22 Courses in the arts, such as music, art, and dance.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q23 Special programs for struggling students.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q24 Interscholastic sports including football, basketball, soccer, and other sports.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

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Q25 School safety and security.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q26 Extracurricular activities such as clubs and musicals.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q27 The school library.

1 More 2 About the same 3 Less 9 don't know/rather not answer

Q28 In general, how would you rate the performance of the Clinton school board?

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 5. Very poor 9. don't know /rather not answer

Q29 In general, how would you rate the performance of the Clinton school administration, including the superintendent and the school principals?

1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Fair 4. Poor 5. Very poor 9. don't know/rather not answer

Q30 The schools are affected by the local economy. Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this area to be better, about the same, or worse a year from now?

1 Better 2 About the same 3 Worse 9. don't know/rather not answer

Q31 How about your own household? A year from now, do you think your family's financial condition will be better, about the same, worse, or do you feel unsure?

1 Better 2 About the same 3 Worse 9. don't know/rather not answer

Q32 What area do you live in?

1 Clinton Village

2 Clark Mills,

3 Route 5 area,

4 College Hill area,

5 Deansboro area,

6 Franklin Springs area

7 Brimfield area

8 Other [SPECIFY] _____

9 don't know/rather not answer

Q33 How old are you. Are you . . .

1 Younger than 35 2 from 35 to 59 3 60 or older 9. don't know/rather not answer

Q34

1 Male 2. Female

Q35 Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own 2. Rent 9. don't know/rather not answer

Q36 Are you . . .

1. Single 2. Married 3. Divorced or widowed 9. don't know/rather not answer

Thank you very much for helping us. Please put your completed questionnaire in the box provided by the door.

34) Sex

	Freq.	%
1) Male	201	41.7
2) Female	281	58.3

Missing 9

TOTAL 482 100.0

35) Own/Rent

Own/Rent

	Freq.	%
1) Own	439	91.1
2) Rent	28	5.8
9) DK/Ref	15	3.1

Missing 9

TOTAL 482 100.0

36) Marital

	Freq.	%
1) Single	48	9.9
2) Married	386	79.9
3) Div/Widow	42	8.7
9) Ref.	7	1.4

Missing 8

TOTAL 483 100.0

