

Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J
BUDGET PROCESS
Guiding Principles

Top Choices:

- 1 Consider the whole child when determining budget priorities
- 2 Protect the classroom
- 3 Keep class size as small as possible
- 4 Meet the needs of all diverse populations in the district
- 5 Maintain integrity of facilities
- 6 No specific group is targeted
- 7 Support for early reading programs
- 8 Continue support services for students and staff
- 9 Think long-term (budget)
- 10 Programs that continue are sustainable
- 11 A student's physical health is as important as academics
- 12 Kids/Academics first
- 13 Treat all employee groups equitably
- 14 Maintain the quality of the program
- 15 Ensure all students are prepared to transition to the next level – including curriculum

Other:

- Minimize budget reductions at the school level
- Protect comprehensive nature of education
- Create a school climate based on safe, responsible, respectful
- Ensure class sizes are consistent
- Examine all options and don't be afraid to make tough choices
- Student safety is paramount
- Consider the community values when making budget cuts
- Consider alternative ways to keep after school programs
- Be legal
- Keep the district financially strong