



# City School District of Albany Budget Vote Tuesday, May 17

## Facts vs. Fiction

### The 2011-12 budget proposal

#### Facts

- There is **no increase (zero) in the tax levy** thanks to the teachers' willingness to sacrifice all pay raises for 2011-12 to benefit the students and community. Each year the final tax rate is set after receiving assessment data from the state Office of Real Property Tax Services in the summer.
- The Board of Education committed **\$9.3 million from the district's unrestricted fund balance** to help offset a deficit of nearly \$11 million.
- The district will **maintain** nearly all academic, social, emotional and extracurricular programs for **its growing student population**.
- The proposed \$11.4 million facilities project to improve Giffen Memorial Elementary School, Abrookin Vocational-Technical Center and Albany High School would be done at **no cost to Albany taxpayers**.

**Polls are open from  
7 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
city-wide Tuesday.  
Remember to vote!**

#### Fiction

- This budget will increase school taxes by 20 percent over two years ago.
  - **FACT:** The district's average tax-levy increase over the last three years is less than 3 percent, including **zero** for 2011-12.
- District enrollment is decreasing.
  - **FACT:** Enrollment is **up two years in a row**, by a total of 466 students from September 2008 to September 2010 .
- The district is illegally holding money in its unrestricted fund balance.
  - **FACT:** The fund balance will be **well within the state-mandated limit** under the 2011-12 budget.

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