

School

need to control the spending

Shaker Lane is top notch, after that the schools decline.

Not enough value for money spent

high priority

Mismanage money

We do not have children but feel that money used for the classroom and for better payment to teachers is money well spent.

Good teachers, poor management

Fine

Please stop changing the schools

The investments have not been truly made that are critical and necessary by the community

Quality schools increase property values

Cannot close everything for schools

The school system is seriously underfunded.

Fund the public school system. Free public education is threatened by lack of funding - it is not fair to today's children.

Top priority

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Fund schools before new buildings

Livingston needs to go-no one dares to speak out against him-he retaliates against children

This should be an A BUT there have been so many mistakes over the past years that have left a negative feeling with residents.

Our town is our schools, add money

Utilitarian and basic buildings only

We need a new Middle School. This overshadows all other budget concerns.

Quality is fading because of insufficient funds

replace the middle school

Schools need more money to maintain the services we had in 02-03. It's shameful to have cut the educational programs and teachers you have cut. Educating our children should be our highest priority.

Shaker Lane School

Staff too big. Livingston only lays off teachers. The town should not lease him a car and should cut his salary before teachers be laid off.

Spec. Ed is wonderful

Vital for property values & our kids.

Should have overall top priority

Have no children

Most important priority

Our children depend on us to support them.

High priority but does need to be in balance with the rest of the the town needs

Renovate the Middle School!

Too expensive, no pool

School Dept is Fiscally irresponsible

I think it is a disgrace that we don't stand up to support our children. our school system and consequently our property value. Many young families will leave this town if we don't properly invest in our most valuable assets - the children.

Look into adding classrooms to high school to accomodate middle school rather than build new school

Schools are my #1 priority for funding

Have paid 45 years. 1 child

More than community can afford

Great teachers & principals

Build the new Middle School.

If the school spent more time teaching and less time bitching and trying to more pay (for less work) this town would be better off.

I am upset by lack of support for our schools by the town.

Middle School condition

Show what extra taxes would be

Heading in the right direction

Totally mismanaged

Emphasis on some programs need modification

HELP

Highest importance. Important but needs to show actual budget like all other departments and be responsible on spending just like all the rest. They go over budget and assume we'll all pay.

1 priority

Schools need to be creative and more frugal

We need a new school (middle) Its disgusting and a disgrace

level fund

School committee priorities need redress

The schools administration needs to act in a more profession management of their responsibility while the Town (like many others) is in a fiscal shortfall.

New Middle school building & upkeep of all schools need improvement

Too much, too fast

School committee and advisor are working hard to move in the right direction - \$\$ will really help their efforts.

Education is a must.

My children are adults

Must have new Middle School

Of course we want well educated kids , but that doesn't mean endless \$\$\$. Way too much overhead.

Middle School needs funding

My children are long out of school - no interest in schools.

I am very unsatisfied with the level of service but this has very little to do with the fiscal crisis, although it doesn't help. There needs to be system changes made in the schools. Specifically poor performing personnel and a better math program at the lower levels.

Schools have suffered from lack of funds.

They get too much of total budget now

Education of our kids is our #1 priority!

(see concerns below*).

* Prioritized concerns: #1 Need new middle school, #2 - Increase # of teachers to reduce class sizes, #3 - Ensure emphasis remains on academics/curriculum versus extracurricular activities -- We support increasing revenues to achieve these objectives!

Goals are slowly being met

Must learn to live within fiscal constraints.

Teachers most important!!!

Nothing is more important for our future....

*Our children have been out of school for several years. Don't like what I hear & read about current school committee and superintendent of schools.

Not sure what the answers are, BUT...

Need new administrator

We're okay without more

Need quality teachers +

Cost/pupil and buildings very high - results poor needs new management

Well-managed and great teachers

Took my daughter out

They are the future and need our help

Concerned about growing class size due to insufficient budget-need more teachers.

School dept needs to be more conservative w/teachers/admin salary increases at next negotiation-why was there no BOS oversight of this last time? Also BOS need to recognize inevitable growth in school budget due to special ed. Costs-this should not result in cuts to regular ed program!

Town should take over the role of providing bus service +build it into the budget-too many fees for basic "public school" services-these things should be provided through our taxes-busses should not be considered "optional" in this town! This is a safety issue+should be a basic service provided through town side line item if school won't do it!

Nothing is more important to everyone who owns a home and cares about it's continued value.

* fund M.S., maintain Sm. Class sizes

* Maintain Services, NO MORE CUTS!

(High School) School zone not marked! Very dangerous situation. Why the delay???

Assess priority checklist for best use of limited funds

Overspending - causing problems

schools should try to find areas where their funds should be allocated. Need to assess priority items and issues better.

no accountability; not flexible

Schools - no innovative thinking on living with less money