

## Results Text

Frontier Central School Budget Survey

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### 3. Please share your thoughts on school capital projects. Full Response

1. School building projects for repair or to eliminate an unsafe condition are important. Building something for the sake of having something new or elective should wait until there is extra money. As long as the children are safe and warm, they do not need an aesthetically pleasing environment to learn.
2. Look at each project separately. What is the advantage of the capitol project over existing services or facilities.
3. The district should not only request opinions of others but take them into consideration.
4. I realize that capital projects have been done with other monies. I feel that time should be spent now not worrying about capital projects but on preserving what our children have now.
5. Capital projects are important to maintain our buildings and keep them up to date. This includes infrastructure, technology, equipment, transportation, etc. It is critical we provide facilities and resources that support what is needed to properly educate the future leaders of our communities.
6. most of the district buildings are fairly old and in need of repair, so I'm generally supportive of capital programs. Also, on some level, Frontier CSD "competes" against other public school districts, and private high schools, so modern facilities and amenities are very important. Also think a modern environment, with new technology, improves learning and student confidence.
7. Our buildings are getting old. When I have opportunity to visit other schools for various functions - it saddens me that our buildings on the inside seem so dated. I'm very happy with the latest rounds of capital improvements that replaced windows at Pinehurst, and the still ongoing changes to the library and other areas at the HS. Those changes were sorely needed, and are a breath of fresh air. More of them would be great - though difficult to achieve in this fiscal climate I'm sure.
8. It is important to keep keep our buildings safe and sound for our children and all those working in the buildings.
9. They are fine as long as you can get federal money that will help with the cost of the projects.
10. As long as they are necessary and not wasteful spending, I would support the project. If it's just for looks or to "keep up with the Jones" I would vote it down.
11. If its needed.
12. I think we should worry about the children getting the proper education before we worry about improvements to the schools.
13. If there is an absolute need for repair then absolutely, however I rather see money being used to reduce the class sizes. There is no "free" repair.
14. I have to say how upset I am at this survey. The district should stop cutting TEACHERS - classroom, special areas or otherwise. The district is here for children to learn and they learn through TEACHERS! That is what is important to myself, my husband and my 4 children (that might or might not attend this district) Keeping current programs during the school day. Forget about after school activities and clubs. Do we need sports if we are cutting out educational programing during the day. The district should be looking into out sourcing custodial jobs, grounds and others in this category to outside companies. If the student numbers have gone down maybe so should the number of principals, administrators and other staff. Why is we always look to cut the teachers? Every year it is the same situation and the same result ...my child is in a larger class, special areas/remedial help are always being cut and there are no subs.
15. Improving buildings should be a priority to keep up with the learning standards, energy efficiency, less utility waste
16. If it needs fixing, fix it. If it doesn't, leave it alone
17. Ridiculous! We should educate the kids and offer electives before building new library! I have four children in the district, all

our affected from my AP student to my child with an IEP! Neither get the education they deserve!

18. Get contractors that will do it right the first time.

19. Until the economy turns around, there should be NO capital projects. The money would still have to come out of our taxes, whether on the local or state level. Plus, if people are losing their jobs, how do we justify capital projects?

20. Money should be used to improve our programs and only dire improvements within buildings.

21. I am a teacher in a district that borders Frontier. My school is beginning a capital improvement project. My school was built in the 1960s and because of years of neglect, the inside and most notably the outside look terrible. Capital improvement projects make the school community feel important and respected and make the rest of the community proud and more supportive of the schools.

22. If it promotes academic success and has a direct effect on the student's education--yes

23. enough is enough for now. Unless you can state no cost to tax payers stop for now. 24.

really dont have time to see them ,but will ask my children about them.

25. We need more help in the classroom in the elementary schools.. The classes are so large and the teachers seem over whelmed. They need help

26. Keep the wood cabinets in classrooms. Don't replace them. Only do what is really necessary like fixing leaks. There are no zero tax projects. The money comes from some taxes somewhere unless some business or individual is donating.

27. Up keep is vital to the future of the district. Protect out investment.

28. In the recent past, the board has approved projects that are ridiculous at best. For example, the money spent to create the beautiful facade on the new media center was a HUGE waste of money since it is hidden behind the LOTE wing. When is Frontier going to spend money on things that matter...children, for example?

29. Districts have put themselves in a position by offering too many College level classes that were not funded say 20 years ago. These courses I am sure are an added strain to the budget and seen as a 'necessity' to compete with other public schools.

However, public school parents are now demanding the level of education that private school parents once paid for. If people want a college prep course curriculum for their children, then send your child to a college prep school. There are financial aid programs at these schools. Especially if nurses, libraries, and extracurricular are on the line!

30. It's nice that you can get 75 cents on the dollar for a capital project. But when that project costs 20 million and the district has to come up with 5 million it seems a bit irresponsible to go forward with such a project when it means future cuts to teachers and staff. What I really want to know is if the High School is saving money with the new heating system? Is the district saving energy costs from the new windows? Were the repairs to the chimney at the bus garage completely necessary when there are no functional boilers there anymore?

31. I say yes in the hopes that any projects include a substantial focus on sustainability and energy efficiency. Many of the school buildings in this area are extremely wasteful when it comes to energy usage. I would be interested in the district developing a energy policy if one does not already exist.

32. Very important to keep building facilities up to date and in good condition on an ongoing basis to prevent larger more costly repairs down the road. FMS is in need of a lot of updates and repairs in the classrooms - paint, ceilings fixed, science lab equipment.

33. With diversity in population, schools must commit to diversity in education. Music, art and sports play a vital role in student development. These areas in education provide a means for students to express themselves and to learn teamwork skills and discipline. These are traits every employer is looking for. Employers are not going to ask for you math scores in an inter, but they will for sure be looking to see if the applicant can work with others and independently with little supervision. The human resource managers that I know all state that these factors are lacking in the majority of applicants. The ironic thing about the analogy of "Common Core" is that no one eats the core.

34. I would rather spend money on the people and tools that directly affect instruction of our children. Small class sizes and art and music instruction are more important to my family and me than an improvement to facilities.

35. \$\$ should be spent on programming to create well rounded students, and students who can look forward to things in school that they enjoy. Students who enjoy going to school perform better overall.
36. Only if necessary and the lowest bidder is not always quality work and materials
37. There is nothing for free. Not sure where the money comes from but I'm sure we are still paying. I think we should use the money for EDUCATION! We do not want to lose any part of education. Art, music and libraries are part of education. We already lost SAIL, that was bad enough!
38. I think it is important to continue updating our buildings through capital projects as things become more costly when they are not maintained or updated. The science labs at the high school look great and I am looking forward to the new media center.
39. I have heard that the school system is considering cutting music. I am a retired music teacher and when I taught I remember being in a 4th grade classroom after teaching the song "Weavely Wheat" I had been teaching it using the multiplication tables. The Fourth Grade teacher stopped me and told me that since I had been teaching that song that the 4th grade math scores had gone up. Many kids learn best by learning through the arts. Please do not remove them from our schools. Please google "Why Teach Music" and learn the benefits of teaching Music.
40. ONLY NECESSARY PROJECTS
41. If they are NECESSARY as in replacing all the windows in the schools..Were the existing ones not working correctly?
42. I think some are much more important than others, windows yes! Heat system, no...students complain, my own child/ students included, that some rooms are so hot, while others freezing??  
The library is beautiful aesthetically, however, the stunning windows are completely covered up by bookshelves?? If these windows leak or are damaged in any way, thousands of dollars in educational reading material could be damaged and you must consider repair costs... Could have been changed by using solid building materials like decorative cement design, etc. also improving life of the physical structure.  
Why do the science rooms HS have to turn on hot water I order for the nurses office to have hot water ??? Is tis the kind of capital improvement we are excepting and if so are we also excepting these limits in the classrooms?.in our children's education?
43. N/A
44. If Capital projects were paid for by grants, ok. If its a tax, I'd rather see it go into the classrooms.
45. Do them up.
46. As long as most or all of the money comes back from BOCES or NYS, I am in full support of capital projects.
47. capital projects need to be completed to keep schools up to date for future teachers and students
48. The priority is obvious-the safety of all children, staff, faculty in each of the district's buildings. Money to keep the building safe and secure must be reserved for any type of repair or update.
49. willing to support them....love the new windows. However, costs an meeting the new state requirements do not always make the capital projects exactly what is wanted or needed. Keeping our buildings up-to-date is important.
50. If school districts in New York didn't take on as many capitol improvement projects, wouldn't the state have more money to help fund our school programs?
51. I can't believe some of the items on this survey! Of course we need to support smaller class sizes at every level! Teachers need to be able to spend time with students at all levels and the more students they have in the classes the less time each child will receive. Of course we need FULL TIME nurses at every school!! Of course we need art and music for every child! Library teachers support the students learning in so many ways! Modified sports give kids a chance to get involved especially if the sport they are interested had try outs for the team and not every child will be chosen for the team. I am sharing my thoughts as a parent and a teacher.
52. Enrollment is dropping. It is not wise to engage in capital projects when the number of school age children is declining.
53. The spending of a third layer of doors in the high school was a poor decision and it was unneeded. The new windows were a poor decision as the old windows suffices and, in my personal opinion, the new windows do not look appealing.

54. If work is needed, it needs to be done.
55. NEED A NEWER, BIGGER GYM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL!!!!!!
56. I don't think we should be spending \$ on anything except our teachers and students.
57. Given that we are on hard times, I think that it would be inappropriate to sacrifice teaching positions for unnecessary projects. I would rather my little one have smaller classes, individualized attention, strong music and art programs, and opportunities to learn about the world around them rather than a nicer looking entryway.
58. The facilities are significantly important to support the instruction that takes place within them.
59. Capital improvement projects must be aligned with District goals. I would much rather have smaller classes and modified sports than new curtains or a new projector in high school aud.. How do you justify paying \$65000 for a new music teacher rather than 35,000 when you have high school students prohibited from taking electives? I want my children encouraged and not discouraged. Stop playing politics and stick to educating children.
60. If it had low or zero tax impact it seems the money would be pulled from somewhere else, namely, student education or teachers. The teachers have been through enough and the students have been losing out with this commitment to teacher cuts, increased class sizes, and core curriculum,
61. I think it's time to only do what's necessary and reallocate the funds towards keeping teachers. Also time for some administrative cuts instead of teacher and support staff cuts!!
62. School buildings need to be kept up to date in order to utilize the latest technology that students will need to be exposed to in order to continue their education or find a job.
63. Unless they are needed for safety or routine repair the money could be used elsewhere the new library at the high school for example is a poor use of funds and energy.
64. I am very pleased with our school buildings and would like to keep them looking nice. I have been to many other school districts this year for modified games and I am impressed with how nice Frontier is every time I see another school. Frontier does a great job!
65. I would support any capital projects that need to be done to our schools.
66. Opposed strongly.
67. I am opposed to the above.
68. I like the idea of making the school more energy efficient.
69. Opposed, very much.
70. School improvements are important especially if they are for long run cost savings. ( heating units, energy efficient windows, update electrical etc.)
- 71.Nope.
- 72.Please don't waste my money on that stuff.
- 73.If there was even a smidgen of a tax increase, I would want it to save jobs or classes.
74. If the district does not have money, they should not be building/spending money on things that are luxuries. Even if the district does not have to pay the full amount
75. It would be nice if the district posted the CURRENT and UP TO DATE capital improvements power point on the homepage. The one that is on there now is from 2012 I think, and it is now 2014... The refurbished/additions/improvements, etc look fantastic and this is very important!
- 76.Make sure their worth while before they affect students and staff funding.
77. If the state reimburses all or most of the costs of capital projects then I am supportive. The buildings need to be maintained and updated.
78. I support construction, but not at the cost of Music/Arts programs at the schools. I also feel that Music, Art, and Club activities including sports are VITAL to culturing well-rounded children and young adults- please do not let these programs fall to the wayside!

- 79.They are necessary as buildings and materials need upgrade and repair.
- 80.Make sure you take advantage of all programs offered and make Frontier Central best school around.
- 81.Why would anyone vote No to question #2 if it had low or zero tax impact. What a stupid question!!!
82. If the cost is to a minimum or no cost, I would support it. I do not think any capital projects are needed at this time and should be looked at very closely. It is more important to put teachers to work and low student/teacher ratio then new cupboards or floors.
- 83.Those things that need to be improved for the safety of the children are most important.
84. I think that it is a very important to take advantage of any capital improvements that are at no cost to the district and may improve the efficiency of out buildings and infrastructures. I also see that NO where is there mention of administration cuts we could live with. It's very hard to stomach 650\$ per day for any person even a temporary leader.
- 85.Library media center at high school is a waste of money
- 86.Should be cover in school taxes.
87. School capital projects are important because depending on the project, our kids could be in a safer environment to learn and have fun. Also, if a project was to build a new library for instance, our kids have a wider selection of books to choose from and increase their comprehension skills.
- 88.no comment
89. It is important to maintain the buildings you have as compared to building new ones. There should always be a 10 year plan defining capitol improvements that are needed to keep the current buildings in good shape.
90. When the money is allotted separately or differently from the budget (which is the driving force of school programs), the expenditure of the money should have a minimal effect on services or programs available to the students.
- 91.Should only be going what is absolutely necessary at this time.
92. It's important to maintain the buildings, but NOT important to educating students, to have the most advanced everything. Some of the High School improvements are over the top when class sizes are immense, classes are being dropped, and teachers are being laid off.
93. Only absolutely necessary projects should even be considered.... Lots of times necessary extra curricular and curricular programs are eliminated while lower priority capital projects occur...
94. Not sure what capital projects you are referring to. I am very tired of the music and arts always being threatened to be cut. Imagine a world with no music. It is a proven fact that music enhances math skills also. Make cuts elsewhere. How about in principal's salary or other Administrators salary ??
95. It's extremely important to upkeep the buildings, for the safety of all students. Updated technology and resources are of utmost importance as well.
- 96.If it enhances students ability to learn and is cost efficient I am all for it!
- 97.I am in favor of my taxes increasing if it means a quality education for my children.
98. Some of the school facilities at the High School are in need of update and/or repair. Parts of the building appear run down (not all with the new renovations)
- 99.I think that our limited resources should be used primarily for maintenance and repair at this time.
100. Issues of safety and security should be the primary concern, and building maintenance issues often have those top of mind. Experiential learning is the best kind, and if a project support those initiatives (e.g. a properly engineered performance space for musical groups) I would be more inclined to support it than something like just fresh paint on the walls or lockers.
101. The energy and funds for the district need to support programs for students' education and not the cosmetic look of the district. I have been a teacher for 16 years in a neighboring district and I have seen funds spent on "repairs" that, most of the time, were unneeded. These repairs could be done minimally while saving the district funds for student education, clubs, and overall betterment of each child. Therefore, I will not support a Capital Repair Project, especially if programs are going to be

cut.

102.I support anything that refrains my child from getting pregnant or doing crack.

103.?

104.That money could and should be used on keeping teachers and programs for our students.

105.yes I would support because it is beneficial.

106. It is very important that one remembers the school is there for the students not the administrators. The students should be comfortable, as they are the ones learning.

107.Only if it going to save us money in the long term.

108.N/A

109.If no cost to taxpayers, fine. Otherwise, only if absolutely necessary.

110.i think they dont need that many

111.The generator project is a fiasco, disrupts my neighborhood with noise. Whose idea was this? wasted \$\$

112. They should not be undertaken unless absolutely necessary.

Direct instruction is a much more valuable use of money.

113. Employ an Architect firm that includes everything needed for each phase of the program. The current firm has made too many mistakes and then seeks to charge the district to correct problems that were not included in the drawings and blue prints that should have been provided by them along. The current firm must be held accountable for wasting District Capital improvement money from their errors and omissions.

114.Improve our schools

115. It is important to keep the schools up to snuff and in good working condition, but it does not have to be done to keep up with the Jones.

116.Hope they are up to par for what we paid.

117. I believe that our schools need to be well maintained but if necessary. Money could be spent on keeping teachers in the classroom without eliminating any more positions.

118. I think we need to accomodate the students with education and group/club/ sports activities to keep them focused on what is needed.

119.I believe in the projects that will ensure the safety of the student while maintaining a positive learning experience.

120. Continual capital projects in the district are a must. It is much more cost effective to keep our existing buildings well maintained than build new ones. In general, I believe the existing facilities within the district have been well maintained and have many more years of useful life. This may not be the case in one or two decades, but for now, a constant flow of capital maintenance and improvements are paramount to the fiscal responsibility of the community to educate our children.

121. 1. Capital improvements should be done according to what needs to be done, not just to make things look pretty. Ex. Replacing all of the cabinets (good solid wood construction) at the elementary schools with new, smaller, less efficient in space cabinets that are not as well constructed.

2. The items that are removed from the buildings should be SOLD, not just placed in the trash. There is a BOE policy that covers the selling of such items. Every little bit of cash in is just that cash in.

3. Ask the staff members what they would like to see done. Ex. the white boards are in need of refinishing if that can be done or replacement.

4. New seating in the auditoriums at the older buildings would be nice.

5. Do we really need outdoor lighting for athletic events? What has happened to a good Saturday afternoon game? Why does it have to be under the lights? Let's stop trying to compete with "the Joneses"

122.As long as the money is not taken from other services

123.I am fine with capital projects if they do not take away from other services.

124. Fix the student bathrooms in the high school - disgraceful!
125. The schools need to be maintained. It costs a lot more to fix things when they are broken rather than being proactive about it.
126. I think it's very important not to cut art, music and athletics. These programs allow our students different areas to express themselves and be a part of a group or team. With athletics we're trying to promote exercise and fight childhood obesity and you have falcon fitness and then cut sports programs. Doesn't make sense
127. Pinehurst needs expansion or attendance lines need to be redrawn. There is a lot of new construction around Pinehurst and we already have large class sizes. In addition every single classroom is being used. Where will we put kids if enrolment increases. Classrooms are so full there is no where to add a desk in my son's 4th grade class. Other schools in the district have extra rooms where clubs can meet and work.
128. Balance with more classroom opportunities and less studyhalls
129. I work at the Middle school and work will be going on there during the summer. We need it. I work in the kitchen, often times we run out of hot water, hopefully that problem will be fixed. We have been told all sorts of reasons why this is happening but when I started working at the school 4 years ago this was not an issue. Parts wear out and break down and need to be fixed and updated and improved especially if energy is conserved in doing so. I believe in capital projects that improve our schools. I also believe in replacing old well used buses and have voted for this at budget time.
130. At Big Tree Elementary School, the new front glass window they put in for security purposes should be completed quickly, and I hope the glass is bullet prove. I say that because if it isn't, than that is a problem because if someone that could harm the students could easily shoot there way through the glass and get out to the main hall. That is my main concern.
131. Do what you do well. Don't skimp. You may not do all you deem necessary.
132. Projects such as new libraries during a budget crisis dont make sense.
133. They are ok.
134. I don't have a yes or a no side I am in the middle
135. Music is important to students and could lead to a career or even scholarships. Clubs will let kids make more friends and express their personalities. Sports can also lead to careers or scholarships. Field trips let kids get some fresh air and discover more than math and reading. Up- to-date tecnology can help kids learn more in unigue ways. Nurses are important because if someone was throwing up, who would call their parents and make sure they are okay.
136. music is important to students and it can lead to a good carrer. keep the band orstra and chores and music classes clubs will help kids be who they want to be. sports can lead to a great carrer. felid trips are fun for students ad helps them learn more. up to date technolgy can help kids learn more in different ways. nurses should stay because if a kid is sick then who would take care of them. there should be libary because kids can get new books to read and to help them with things.
137. I think that any financial impact to the budget, at this point, needs to be critical to safety and the mission of the school district.
138. Should not happen if there is a budget constraint where people are losing their jobs.
139. Any projects should have the best interest for our children's education first and safety first.
140. Only what is necessary to maintain a safe learning environment. No new builds.
141. Too much money spent on non essential capital improvements
142. In favor if nobody loses their jobs
143. Keep the band orcastras and chores!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Everyone loves band
- Everyone loves orcastras
- Everyone loves chores
- Band,orcastras,and chores let kids be who they want to be
144. I would agree with capital projects that don't affect the services provided to the students in a negative way. I do not believe we should build state of the art sports facilities when we are cutting teaching and support staff positions.

145. Although our buildings and rooms are in need of repair, the repairs do not seem to coincide with the staffing situation
146. I would support a school capital project as long as it was necessary to keep our students moving forward in education or building repairs. I would not support an expansion to a school, example Pinehurst, because of over flow of students. I would vote to re-district the schools since some of the other elementary schools have open class rooms.
147. I am tired of taxpayer dollars being used for unnecessary things. Why did the athletic fields need new drainage? Why were windows replaced in the dead of winter, when the cost for heating the buildings had to I don't buy the excuse that "it was funded by the state", where does the state get its money? That's right, the taxpayer.
148. I agree with them as long as they are building related and have an effect on the education of the children.
149. My children love art & music... But I don't think they need extra music like band, orchestra, or chorus.
150. I think it is important to be in a building/school where things are kept up to date and in good working order with plenty of learning as well as fun...
151. I think the focus should be repairing issues that are safety concerns - nothing more.
152. Most students and teachers find capital projects to be a waste of resources. I consider it much more important to have quality classes and electives than to have aesthetics or new buildings that more people won't use
153. Support for a capital project would depend on the details. A low or zero tax impact today because money is borrowed is not a great solution. This just pushes the burden off for future years.  
Repairs are an ongoing necessity and money should be allocated annually. From year to year, costs will differ and that is why reserve funds are created. Hopefully, needed repairs are not ignored until there are so many that a huge capital infusion is necessary.
154. I would support this pending what the project would be. Some projects are essential for capital improvements that are necessary when some might be able to be performed at a later time. For projects that aren't immediately necessary, I would not want them done at this time if it were at the expense of cutting other programs such as art, music, athletics, etc. This question is not a good question as you don't specify which projects would you are referring to.
155. somewhat important because building repair should only be used if very important. school should ask teachers, parents and even kids to help raise money for a repair project.
156. It is very important to keep the school in good operating condition, but as most families know sometimes you make it liveable and acceptable with out compromising safety of students and staff.

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**4. Please tell us a little about yourself (please check all that apply). Full Response**

1. Student advocate and parent from another district.
2. District resident with small children not yet enrolled
3. Parent of three successful children who have proudly attended Frontier schools from grades K through 12.
4. My children have all graduated from Frontier. I still live in the district.
5. Alumni
6. Former student
7. Graduate of Frontier High School
8. ex student
9. educator outside of the district



- 10.District alumni
- 11.Parent of a child with special needs
- 12.Previous graduate, class of 2001
- 13.Former employee and non district resident
- 14.Teacher in West Seneca
- 15.Teacher in West Seneca
- 16.Parent of a 2014-15 Kindergartener
- 17.Retired educator
- 18.Sister of current student; former graduate
- 19.Alumni
- 20.Frontier Alumni
- 21.Alumni
- 22.Graduate 2007
- 23.Was a Frontier student
- 24.Former Student
- 25.alumni
- 26.Grandparent
- 27.Teacher
28.  
Grandparent of district student
- 29.Grandparent of district student
- 30.Alumni, current teacher elsewhere
- 31.Retired District Employee, Grandparent of present high school and elementary students in the District
- 32.Hamburg resident, parent

### **Results Text**

#### **5. What motivates you to come to the polls for a budget vote/school election (check all that apply)? Full Response**

- 1.Ensuring that the district budgets and contracts are reasonable.
- 2.to model responsible citizenship to my children
- 3.Protection of school music programs
- 4.to protect Music programs
- 5.Voting for something I feel passionate about.
- 6.Teacher Cuts
7. Desire to increase teacher jobs, and decrease classroom sizes. I am disappointed that my 4th grader is already missing out on computer class, only has 1 day of art and music per week.
- 8.I don't vote.
- 9.teacher reductions
- 10.Equity for programs
- 11.Equity for programs
- 12.not to reduce educational and support staff - eliminate from higher up
- 13.not to reduce educational and support staff - eliminate from higher up

14. Education is only second to safety as a community responsibility.
15. Saving of jobs and services
16. my band teacher told me
17. My kids
18. making sure my child has a great school with lots of programs and help he needs

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**6. What is your best source of school-related news (check all that apply)? Full Response**

1. Hamburg Sun
2. School Board Meetings
3. Attending Board of Education meetings and PTA meetings
4. Hamburg sun
5. PTA Facebook page
6. text alerts
7. Hamburg Sun
8. Phone
9. [No Answer Entered]
10. N/A
11. Board Meetings
12. Rumors. The district does not communicate well.
13. Email and Facebook
14. Email and Facebook
15. Facebook
16. FACEBOOK
17. connect ed phone calls
18. email
19. In district conversation
20. Anything you send home with our children or mail to our house gets looked at
21. Facebook
22. board meeting minutes posted on website
23. Hamburg Sun
24. District newsletter, news (radio, TV, local paper)
25. Attendance at school board meetings
26. Comment: Media is the worst form of information sharing. They always miss the mark on important factors or education, and instead focus on partial information.
27. School employee, board meeting and union meetings
28. working
29. students
30. union officials that gently remind me to look at the district website, it is a wealth of information.
31. robo calls -- when they don't get dropped
32. I do not believe I am well informed. I found the website to be lacking details.

**8. Please provide us with any additional information you would like us to consider in the development of the 2014-2015 budget.**

1. These times call for a return to basics. Incomes are stagnant at best and residents cannot afford huge tax increases. There needs to be cost cutting in the areas that are frivolous- art, music, sports. These are luxuries whose cost should be transferred to the parents who choose to have their children participate. And, by the way, my children DO participate in these programs!  
We need to focus our tax dollars on the academic subjects, in particular math and science, that will allow our children to become successful, productive adults.
2. While I want my kids to have a quality education with extracurricular programs, I also need to put food on the table and pay my mortgage. State aid just means I am paying higher state taxes instead of higher school taxes. My household has to live within a budget. Sometimes that means doing without things we want. Schools and govt need to learn to do the same. If we parents want clubs and sports for our kids, we should fundraise like Clarence schools did to pay for the programs, not look to the taxpayers to give us more money. Cut administrative costs.
3. Please do NOT take away the modified and jv/varsity sports programs along with the music programs. Our children need to have these outlets and it helps to create a positive attitude towards the academics. I would be willing to take on an increase in taxes just to keep these programs in force.
4. Former employees should not be allowed to be on the Board of Education even if they live in the district; relatives of employees should not be allowed to run for the Board of Education; there should be a limit on the number of terms a board member is allowed.
5. If we want Frontier to continue to be a top ranking school we need to keep providing children with a program that will challenge them. If Frontier does not provide our children with advanced classes, parents will be sending their children to a school that will. Music is also a big plus at Frontier. Music does so much for children. Modified sports should not be cut. With a nationwide push to keep children moving how can you cut such an important part in keeping so many children moving and staying fit. Just the cost of a coach is not very big. The schools are already open.
6. I find #7 difficult to answer without specific information. Unfortunately, I think it is difficult to vote appropriately without having the entire picture of what is trying to be accomplished strategically from a short term and a long term perspective. This information is probably available to the public, however, I am not familiar with where the source of the data and information is published. I do NOT believe the answer is cutting the music and arts programs. The district music and art departments have suffered enough. Do we need all of these administrative positions in the district? Has outsourcing been explored for any services that are not part of "school system business" as it relates to your mission statement?
7. The student experience at Frontier has already changed dramatically, in terms of class offerings, morale of teachers, eliminating SAIL, funding for extra activities, and it's going to get worse. Don't be surprised if a lot of the engaged parents take a hard look at the private schools, especially at HS level.
8. Look at the over all cost of administration. The district is top heavy and we should look at reducing the admin per student ratio. If you let teachers go then admin should be let go as well.
9. I think it's awful that the district almost always tries to get rid of afterschool programs/athletics/music instead of having an audit of wasteful spending (esp. in admin.) I believe it's their antics to piss off parents enough to pass a wasteful budget so their kids don't suffer. If it was looked at as a business, I believe there wouldn't be as much waste and we'd be able to keep the teachers and programs to help our children become well rounded. How about form an unbiased committee of volunteer parents who happen to be CPA's/financial planners to perform an audit of the district finances? I am a CPA and would volunteer. I'm sure others would too.

10. Please bring back the reading programs!!! Our children will not be able to succeed without reading! Both of my children are recommended for reading and are not getting it this year, because of the cuts! They have both dropped levels in reading this year due to the lack of help! I also, pay for a private tutor! They are both also in inclusion settings and are in classes sizes that are extreme due to the increase you made last year. The 4th grade inclusion class has 26 children with the special education teacher being there only a half a day???? Where are our priorities! How can you expect the teachers in inclusion to deal with all of these children by themselves? What is the point of having inclusion classes?
11. Please do not eliminate modified, jv and varsity athletics. They are very important and critical to the positive development of students.
12. I understand that cuts need to be made somewhere, but I'd really hate to see any more cuts to athletics at the middle school or high school level. We need well-rounded kids and athletics are an important part of that development process in many ways.
13. bussing routes/number of students on a bus (toomany/too few), class sizes in the Elementary school, consideration of clubs/activities that are not necessarily available outside of school especially for students who are not interested in athletics
14. I think the students need to learn as much as possible in their school day, even if it means extending school days and the school year
15. Why don't we contract out the food service? Lower the cost of lunches and eliminate retirements of long time employees. It has always been a nice thought of keeping jobs in our community and for our people but at the expense of class sizes and teachers it shouldn't be as important any more. The Kids should come first.
16. Do not pay school board members, family to do ridiculous made up "jobs". Do not hire an Art teacher for \$65,000/yr. Use common sense not politics. Think of the children first. Hold people accountable. CUT the SALARIES at the TOP! EVERYONE in the district took on more work after the cuts in the last few years
17. For question 7, there should be a maybe button. My vote would depend entirely on where the cuts were made.
18. I think it is ridiculous to get the community's opinion when some of us have no idea the programs already in place, what is being used/unused, and needs of the district. You should be in the schools daily talking with the faculty and staff about the programs and needs within each building. The way the budget survey is worded/presented makes these programs look as if it's a popularity contest.
19. Classroom sizes are increasingly too large to adequately educate our children. A strong school district offers a wide array of elective opportunities that should always include after school activities (clubs, athletics) & elective academic programs designed to allow students a multitude of choices in scheduling (elective programs show a district committed to educating well rounded individuals while presenting them with strong academic choices).  
  
A school district with student/teacher ratios like we have, stripped down electives at the high school level and rapidly diminishing before and after school programs (clubs & athletics) is a failing school district.  
  
Any of the success the district has seen, no matter how small at times, is a credit to the teachers and support staff in each of those buildings.
20. I just filled out the survey 30 seconds ago and am now able to fill out another. What prevents the same people from repeating their opinions over and over. Each resident should only be able to fill out one per household.
21. Why not start cutting jobs at the top. why not start cutting pay of the 15 to 20 of the highest paid Administrators. Stop cutting Teachers, they are the backbone of your district. Bring back the reading teachers at the grade school level. If Students can't read when they get out of grade school what do you think is going to happen to these kids when they get to the Middle & High Schools???? They fail!!! Stop giving the Sweatheart deals to Administrators and keep the teachers in the classrooms and off the unemployment lines!!!
22. Reduce the number of administrative positions not administrative secretaries. Why does a district have to have so many assistant superintendents? When administration personnel go "above and beyond their job description why are they being monetarily compensated when other employees do the same and

don't. We believe high ranking personnel at Frontier are being paid plenty.

23. common core issue to go away.
24. There needs to be a nurse in every school at all times. This is a matter of life or death. This is non-negotiable!
25. Change your trash removal program. Do what Williamsville is doing. One solid waste stream will save \$.  
Keep all elementary music & art programs.  
Bring back advanced math for talented elementary students.  
Consider adding some self contained elem classrooms for identified handicapped children.  
Fewer buses, more walking.  
Volunteer to add Buffalo students to Frontier schools to offer them our excellent programs & increase our enrollment & increase cash flow.  
With Catholic schools closing encourage those students to come to Frontier & benefit from our programs especially music.
26. Reductions in Administration and Special Education.  
Leave Sports, Music and Art as is!
27. I would not support an increase because the district is top heavy with administrators. You have let quality principals and teachers go, while preserving perks, raises and enormous salaries for many admins who never poke their head out of their office. There is plenty of technology. Start putting money where it belongs - in things that DIRECTLY benefit general education students. Teachers, maybe?? Field trips? Art and music programs? Give it some thought. Parents are angry. Teachers are discouraged. Frontier is a terrible place to learn and to teach.
28. I am disappointed in reading the last Teacher contract to see that the board failed to see the writing on the wall in terms of health coverage.  
  
While I fully support that health care should be available to employees at the lowest cost possible, having the community subsidize 95% of the costs in todays market is absurd. These costs along with general salary are now why the district is in the position it is, and why I am taking this survey to ensure that my elementary children do not lose access to important music, arts and sports programs.  
  
I fully understand that nothing can be done until the contract expires in 2016, however, I hope the board realizes that no district can continue to pay the health and salary costs that exceed the median income for town residents which i believe to be roughly \$47,888.
29. There is a substantial need for AIS Math intervention services at the Elementary Level. Frontier is not meeting it's obligation to provide a structured RTI model of intervention for students not meeting the learning standards. The after-school SAIS program at Pinehurst is not effective. After school transportation costs should be looked at. The district should consider the hiring of teacher assistants to provide instruction (not planning) in academic intervention and/or enrichment and using teachers on special assignment to aid in some administrative functions. Modified sports at the MS level should be spared at all costs given what they add to the experience for MS students in terms of character building, fitness opportunities, and building school pride as these are essential at this age level.
30. Student citizenship is most important. Prepping students to be citizens should be the focus. Whatever that takes.
31. Art and Music, especially at the elementary level should not be considered for cuts.
32. All special areas; art, music, sports, library, etc. are extremely important for our students at all grade levels. We don't want our generation to miss the wonderful experiences, creativity, exploration, and personal growth that is achieved through a well rounded education. If that means having last year's

model of computer, then that's fine.

33. I want the tax dollars to go to things that directly affect instruction (teachers, textbooks, etc) and not replacing things that don't absolutely need to be replaced (such computers) or purchasing things like iPads that do things that teachers could do with things the school already has.
34. In recent years the art program has lost considerable personnel. Art teaches so much more than the development of artistic skills but also the 21st century life skills of critical and creative thinking as well as problem solving. With all the focus on testing and having the one "correct" answer don't over look what the arts teach and foster or you short change our students in their ability to compete in the world.
35. I think we should bring in students from Buffalo and that would increase enrollment. Also, have some students walk to school. This would help with the cost of busing and the nations over weigh issues. Also reduce the administrative salary. They make the most in the district. We need to come up with better ideas to save money than cut programs. That is the LAST thing to do. To me, it is totally unacceptable.
36. It disturbs me that many core academic areas (Math, Reading, English etc) have had teachers eliminated either through cuts or attrition over the past 10 years yet the district has not looked at non state mandated areas for major reductions. Art and athletics have had some cuts over the years. (Phys Ed is mandated for all students) Music has seen very few cuts and I believe is not state mandated after 9th grade. Why is that? Please focus on the instructional needs of all the students in this district while working on this budget.
37. I would like the budget to included music, art and gym along with the other academic courses. I would also like to see trades offered to those students who do not see a college education in their future.

I would like to see students waiting for the buses wait more safely than they do now. I think that you should push the public to shovel the corner that is next to their house so that the kids do not need to wait in the street especially when they get the bus before the sun rise and there has been a storm leaving icy streets. I would like to see a possible fine for those who do not shovel where students are waiting for the bus.

38. Not that this will hold any weight because the board will do what they want anyway, but is it necessary to have night time football games? What is the purpose, to keep up with the Jones'. Everyone else has night games so we should? Ho much money does that cost the school? Also, taking away after school activities and clubs will do nothing for the kids. Isn't education about the kids? There are many life lessons learned on the field and in the classrom.
39. If sports are so important to parents as they are to me why not start implementing a small fee to the families of the athletes. In this day and age families pay for their children to play in all these travel leagues implanting a small fee such as \$50. Per player would help off set the expenses and help support our athletic department.
40. One great way to close the budget gap is to reduce pensions. The average new Yorker does not receive a pension.
41. I have a hard time with this survey...you are asking people who may not understand the value of a well rounded education, including core courses but enhanced by quality electives and creative thinking. This combination is critical to higher order thinking and creating life-long learners.; obviously part of our district goals. Do we want our goals to read: students will come away from Frontier as simplistic learners who had only core opportunities, We need quality substitute teachers, who have appropriate credentials for subjects taught and gain immediate respect from students because they know the subject matter. This needs to considered when looking at our overall employee budget. Other larger/local school districts are putting money back into their teacher without cutting programs and teachers, why aren't we... Look at biggest end by percentage.. How much are we spending per area???
- Administratively?? No offense to our respected current interim Superintendent but hasn't the board past and present decided that an Asst. superintendent is important to Frontier and shouldn't that person be qualified and able to take on duties of an absent Super in times of need step into that position? This not only would save the district Money but it's been done in the past, hasn't it??
42. Our children attend private elementary school.

43. Decrease administrative costs / footprint. You have cut programs and teachers but have yet to cut a single administrator, principal or vice principal or director.
44. Students need more "Class" opportunities. School is first and foremost about academics. I think sports should be looked at as a "pay for play" activity with cuts there first. Since there are currently too many studyhalls and not enough classes for students, that NEEDS to be the first place to look. I know a lot of kids who have spoken to my kids about the wish to take more classes and having those taken from them, yet seeing NUMEROUS sports consistently being run. What are these coaches being paid? Can that be looked at? I think when times are tough, they can shrink their pay some to help. Academic clubs CANNOT suffer just for sports, even though I understand the need for athletics and physical activity. I'd also like to see kids getting more hands on opportunities like work placements or work opportunities at the school. More skills for kids would add to their ability to get jobs when they get out.
45. Please look at other disciplines when to make cuts to staff. Special Education, Music, etc have not had to suffer the same cuts as other departments. I understand that NYS has set us behind the 8 ball with the GEA and unfunded mandates. We must get creative in order to preserve the best education for our students. It is a tough job sometimes, but if we keep the interests of the school system and more specifically the students, we can find a compromise to continue to improve our district.
46. It's the schools responsibility to EDUCATE our children. It is NOT the schools responsibility to develop a well rounded student. It's the parents. Stick to education and get rid of all the extras.
47. Classes that benefit the students during their school day should be kept and be last on the list for changes. Extra curricular activities should be changed or have those that participate pay for them. Other districts have done that. If you take away music and arts those students still need a class to be in so what is the point. These types of struggles are going to happen every year so a solution needs to be put in place to roll every year.
48. For me to answer yes to question #7, I would have to be more informed. I would consider the reason(s) the budget would need to exceed the State Tax Cap before I could support this. I also would consider if my vote would set precedence for this to happen again (and again).
49. Advanced and AP classes increase the challenge for our students. Sports, clubs and and strong arts and music programs are shown to keep borderline students focused, especially in middle school.
50. Please keep in mind the importance of early childhood Education as children begin their education. Lets get back to teaching children to be life-long learners and not just do well on standardized tests. The variety of a programs offered to students is so important to their educational and social development.
51. Not to cut music or sport programs. Most of the students are involved in either a sport or music program and a lot of them probably think that's what makes them them. So cutting it isn't good for them.
52. It is very important to keep the arts alive in the schools, especially music. Music is proven to be beneficial for students. We must keep music alive in our schools.
53. For some of the optional extracurricular activities for the students, many parents would likely be willing to pay fees to allow their children to participate. Example: \$50-100 to play on a sports team per student
54. Preserve librarians, theater and music. These are important academic programs. Gut sports if needed. As they do not contribute to education and other sponsors exist for these programs.
55. Blinds for the door windows so that students do not have to attempt to huddle in the corner during lockdown drills.
56. Research suggests that at the root of success for many students is relationships. Teachers with over 140 students can not effectively develop those relationships, much less be able to create curriculum that supports individual needs.
57. The class sizes must go down. All music, art and library programs should stay the same at the elementary level. Enough cuts have been made in these areas. My children need to have a balanced education.

58. I feel that it's time to look at administration personnel. All other personnel have had loss of jobs. The school district should be for the students - time to put them first.
59. I have spoke in the past about the importance of having school nurses in school. I have a son in the Middle School who is a Type 1 diabetic who is insulin dependent. I would never want his care he receives be based on the lack of money that is in the school budget. The children lives in this district should never be put into jeopardy because of a budget. Being an educator myself I know there are plenty of other places you could cut money from. In addition to wanting to keep the Middle School nurse, I am also in favor of keeping our reading teachers. My 1st grader is struggling with his reading this year. It is heart breaking to see him go through this because this year is extremely important for any student. Unfortunately, he is not low enough, even though he reads below grade level, to receive extra support. Therefore, I have to work twice as hard and twice as long with him at home to try to catch him up. This is turning off from being a "reader" because he just wants to come home to unwind. We all know about the direction NYS is going with the CC. Will my son ever feel success with out the services he deserves?
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61. Prepare teachers for Core requirements to decrease teacher stress and anxiety - this is effecting our students' learning!
62. There are too many study halls at the High School. A total waste of time!
63. Bring back the reading programs at EVERY school...students need this program to be successful. Do not cut Special Education services
64. NEED A NEWER, BIGGER GYM AT THE H.S
65. smaller class sizes and don't lay off any more teachers!
66. There are many areas of waste in most school districts that should be addressed long before eliminating those things which enrich our children's lives and make school more enjoyable. I noticed that there were no items that asked about my perception of the value of administrators. Also, with all of the talk about cutbacks, where is there talk of adding personal or programs which create revenue for the district? A grant writer would be an excellent addition to frontier.
67. A well rounded education includes music,art,and student activity groups. Without diverse experiences and choices the community wont be prepared for the challenges ahead.
68. Please keep elementary class sizes small and the art, music programs for the students!
69. It is important to not make any more cuts to the arts. Over the past few years they have taken the bulk of the cuts and Frontier has always had such a highly regarded music and art program and it must not be sacrificed again. Preserve personnel by carefully looking expenses that can be cut without sacrificing teachers or staff.



70. Focus on Music and Sports, these activities help shape the minds and bodies of students.
71. Teachers are always cut...what about those in administration??? Cut a few of them to save jobs!!
72. Music is Life.
73. No more cuts to core areas. If cuts need to be made, they need to be made across the board. No more special interest areas.
74. Please keep on outlining to the community the benefits of all of the programs listed above. Music, technology, art, and extracurricular activities are vital to our students' education and the success of their future.
75. Keep doing a great job!
76. I ask that you preserve the athletic programs that are in place. I believe it is an essential part of education to have these excellent options open to students who will benefit from them throughout their lifetime. Teamwork, character building, setting goals- all of these skills are developed through athletics.
77. The music program in the frontier district is known state wide as one of the best. If it weren't for this orchestra, band and chorus program, I wouldn't be a successful acoustical engineer at one of the top companies in NYC. It builds confidence, well roundedness, and is a loving community of caring individuals. Reducing the music, band, orchestra and chorus programs in the frontier school district will take the edge from its graduates and turn frontier into just another district without notable stand out characteristics.
78. Athletics and foreign languages are obviously as important, but those programs can be found in all surrounding districts as good if not better than ours. I think that the Administration needs to look for ways they can make cuts to their budget. I think it is shocking that the board and administration would approve bonuses for administration during this time of drastic budget cuts. EVERYONE in the district as employees have taken on extras jobs and responsibilities.
79. I am vehemently opposed to the cutting of programs which benefit the students, such as music, art, and drama.
80. Don't cut music/arts.
81. I don't like an interim superintendent with no investment in the community making such a crucial decision.
82. Don't cut music.
83. Please put instructional needs of students first. We can no longer continue to cut from our academic areas and expect students to meet the demands of the common core with larger class sizes and less academic intervention services. (Reading, Math etc.) I am very willing to pay a fee for my children to participate in athletics or music.
84. Cut sports.

85. Don't cut arts.
86. Merging with other districts
87. There have been enough teacher reductions that students are not able to have support/services that they need. There is a sub shortage and students cannot receive services they need. Teachers are spending way too much time out of the classroom at conferences, etc. to develop/learn the Common Core Standards. This is also another disadvantage to students when there is not a sufficient number of subs.
88. Thank you for listening.  
I think electives of all sorts (music, art, sports, cooking etc.) are so very very important to students. Not everyone is a born mathematician or scientist. We need diversity, and a place for students to express their interests so they aren't forced down a life path they aren't meant for. I don't know where I'd be without orchestra behind me, pushing me through all of life's challenges. A foundation in these electives have kept students safe, and helped them succeed.
89. Thanks for your hard work keeping our schools top-notch
90. I feel that high school sports are very important. It builds moral, character, dependability and discipline in kids. I feel that the district should keep up with providing the teams with new equipment and uniforms. I feel that teams should be able to fundraise as many things as possible in order to build their funds. As for school lunches, I think that the price now, \$2.75 is outrageous!! I feel EVERY student should be provided with FREE lunches. Do away with the free/reduced lunch and every student gets a free lunch. After school sandwiches are very expensive...\$2.00 just for a sandwich?! Save money on the after school buses. I pick my son up after school, the after school buses that leave the high school some times only has 1 or 2 students on the bus. Cancel that! Have parents pick the kids up.
91. My son has a peanut allergy. I cannot even fathom that you would consider NOT having a nurse in every school. Please do NOT take them out of the budget. Nurses are vital in making sure our kids are safe. It could be life-threatening to many kids.
92. I often see buses with 10 or less students on them at the High School, do a study to better utilize all bus transportation. Don't eliminate any programs because what is deemed not necessary for some students, helps others enjoy their High School experience.
93. I would really like you to take into consideration transportation. I think the transportation dept. needs to be looked at very closely. The bus routes that my children take is absurd. I know money could be saved on realigning the bus routes to better serve our students. I think a 40 minute ride is really bad, I know the district has a 45 min. rule. We do not live in a rural district, no way should it take that long for my child to get home. A 35 -45 minute bus ride is not providing the best for our children.  
I really hope you look at class size and the negative impacts that it has on the elementary grades. Also, that rational decisions are made for the good of our children.
94. I will only support a budget that maintains the programs that our school currently has offered to its students.
95. I have a daughter in 4th grade, and a son interested in entering the UPK in the Fall of 2014. I am nervous that the opportunities she had in the early elementary years will not be offered to him, yet my taxes have increased. When she was in UPK, she was able to experience all of the weekly specials, which was cut, and now the UPK students only go to library. I do support the Preschool Special Programs in Frontier, and works hard to assure these children get the services they need (OT PT Speech Special Ed) as 3 and 4 yrs olds, to prepare them for the ever increasing challenges in Kindergarten. Cuts should not be made in these services. In addition, I am nervous of the quality of school lunches, and that the prices continue to rise for smaller portion sizes and less than quality food. I would rather there be no school lunches, than an increase once again for the middle class families that do not qualify for free or reduced lunch. It presented as sneaky, and vindictive, and left us baffled as parents as to what this Board really finds as important in an

Elementary School Principle.

96. I am happy with the school district as a whole, but the transportation needs an overhaul. I don't think it is fair that children have to walk down the street in the bitter cold, and children on the same street go to a different school but bussed with My busses get door to door service.
97. In the past, there was the ability to provide many extracurricular activities at schools. In this day and age, and the economy and budget we face, we can no longer do this. Our job is to educate students and keep them safe, not to make them well rounded. There are outside sports, music, clubs, etc in which students can participate.
98. Look at cutting or freezing administrators not just teachers and staff. Why are administrators getting bonuses? Teachers had high school should be teaching more periods per day.
99. I would like you to consider not cutting the athletics, both modified and high school levels, because these sports keep kids away from doing bad things and they also keep kids fit and active. Another thing to consider is not to cut the fine arts, such as music, band, orchestra, and art because those are activities kids can do during and after school to have fun with friends and just have fun being involved and getting to do all that is provided to do outside of school with the programs. Also, with myself being in all-county both last year and this year, I would definitely would not want band to be cut because that is what lets me get into all-county and the band also gets to go to Fantasy Island and play for a judge and then hang out with friends in the park afterward. That is what I would like to consider for the 2014-2015 budgets.  
Thank you!
100. People choose to live in the Frontier District because of the school system. I have looked at more affordable homes in other areas and have stayed where I am at because of my child's school. While I do value my child's education I don't think we can keep going back to the well looking for more money. People are tired of the scare tactics most school board threaten them with. i.e. No sports, arts or extracurricular activities. Like most of the families in the district you need to learn to do more with less. Retired staff are living longer and becoming a larger drain on our budget. You need to start projecting further into the future and gaining control of costs through reasonable adjustments to district employee's contracts. School lunch is something I wouldn't mind seeing go. It is by far the unhealthiest meal my child eats each day, not to mention the price is not worth what you are getting. The schools are part of our community, not just a place kids go to learn. As soon as you start cutting the activities kids enjoy the children will no longer look forward to going and the educational achievements will slip. Like most families on a budget you need to find ways to do things cheaper and smarter.
101. It's great to still have after school programs, but as a possible way to save money is to eliminate the bussing provided before or after school. That is one area that I can think of that may help with some of the budget pinch.
102. Keep as many programs as you can. Every kid learns differently. My daughter learned to spell by cheering the words. You never know what interest a child unless they get to try as much as they can
103. Please do not adopt the "OPM" (other people's money) mentality. Allocate and spend wisely, as if it were your own. Don't do any favors for your old cronies, and for God's sake- drop the archaic mentality of "this is the way we've always done it"! Use a fiscally successful district model OUTSIDE of western New York. Obviously Frontier is not doing something right, and when you look at the big picture, neither is WNY- both are struggling financially. Decide wisely and make a product which is appealing to your customer base or you will lose your top customers. Good businesses keep their eye on their top customers and earners.
104. Reduce class sizes, reinstate teachers and classes. Instead, look at administration to see where they can downsize and reduce their salary.
105. Specials are extremely important in developing a well rounded student, other avenues to express themselves and what my daughter has learned at Big Tree Elementary in art, music, band, library have exceeded my expectations and is an outstanding program

106. Transportation dept does not seem to be efficient as it relates to the planning of iits bus runs, specifically at the elementary level. Some bus routes seem illogical....
107. Preserving current nursing service is very important
108. KEEP Music & Art programs please.
109. Focus on: Smaller class sizes at middle/high schools, and please do NOT cut from art, music, foreign language
- A suggestion for saving a bit of money: Cut down on hard copies of communications, esp. at elementary level. Having multiple children in one building, each bringing identical copies of info. is a waste of precious \$\$\$
110. The most important thing to consider when planning a budget is band, sports, foreign language
111. Please maintain the art/ music programs and clubs in all buildings. Our children deserve the best!
112. Increase in budget for new school supplies such as technology. Also, the school nurses in each building are essential for student and staff health and well-being.
113. I believe that every effort should be made to retain current levels of student programs and district personnel within a reasonable budget which will not greatly exceed the tax cap.
114. Frontier Schools provide an excellent education for our children. Please do the right thing by continuing to support music, art and sports throughout the district.
115. Consider offering an early retirement incentive. Many people of current retirement age have hung on extra long due to the recent recession. They can be replaced with younger, less expensive recent graduates, many of whom desperately don't want to leave the area to find work. And they're often more tech savvy, open to change, and energetic.
116. I will vote for and support any means possible to reduce class size and keep student programs in tact, or even added to.
117. Art and music are so important to start in the younger grades to get the kids interested in these areas. Sports are also important but I don't think as much as art and music. Also, advanced classes need to be preserved for those students who need them.
118. Cut after school bussing and field trips!  
Declassifying sped ed students and cutting special ed staff.
119. I feel if you have a child having 3 study halls a day you give more opportunity for misbehavior. There should be more classes to keep the kids busy not having them sit in study halls or you will have to pay for more resource officers. Art and music should not be the only classes offered with opening there should be more computer or real life technology courses offered.
120. Thank you for taking the time to hear opinions. I am very surprised and unimpressed that there is NO mention of administration cuts. Programs, electives, teachers, sports and clubs have all been cut in the past but administration has not only been spared but have been given raises. I just don't understand why they are untouchable.
121. Nothing

122. I think parents would pay to have their children in sports.
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125. Please do what is right for our students. Thank you for what you do.
126. priority of schools should be education and keeping the students healthy & safe while they are there. If the parents need to pay extra for extra curricular activities, music or sports, they should have to do that. Times are changed.
127. This district has a reputation of not hiring dedicated teachers who have shown their loyalty and demonstrated their talents in teaching through substitute teaching. It is such a shame that many of these quality teachers are over-looked during the hiring process and newer teachers who are less experienced are intered and ultimately hired by the district over the more experienced and effective teachers who have substitute taught for several years at Frontier. It is such a loss for our students.
128. there should be someplace other than arts to be cut,maybe less money towards sports teams or reducing the money spent on students being transported on our dollars to other school districts.We pay so much for school supplies,lunches,fieldtrips and extra classroom costs,and we're a huge district.Othey are smaller ther schools have purchased tablets and they are a smaller district how is that possible,when we so many more taxpayers?
129. It seems to me that throughout the budget cutting process over the past 2 years, High School Band has not been touched? I believe all areas should be trimmed equally.
130. I would consider the higher tax if it would preserve some our higher level of learning and give our students the programs they need.
131. Remove AFTER SCHOOL Sports programs. In the past school districts across the state during a budget crisis asked for Booster clubs and parents to pay for these extra curricula activities which a minority of the student body participate in.
132. Look at the programs that would not affect students or affect the least amount of students.
133. The Athletic budget should be looked at closely. We are spending a huge amount of \$ each year on this area which has nothing to do with the daily instruction of our students. If something has to be cut it should be modified sports and students who want these extra perks should have to pay for them through individual registration fees.
134. I think teaching kids the everyday skills necessary to live is the most important thing they need to learn. Personal finance is so much more important than Geometry, just an example.
135. The class sizes have gotten much too large and I feel that this is very important to the education of our students. My daughter is in an inclusion class at Pinehurst. There are 27 students in her class. This, I feel, is unacceptable. I am a proud Pinehurst parent, but within the last couple years I have noticed changes that have not been for the better.
136. Please continue the groups/clubs/sports programs for our children. This is a very important part of their development. Losing this programs would make me consider moving into a district that supports them or having to consider a private school which I do not want to have to do.

137. I think something has to be done about the EXTREME pensions that retired personnel are receiving. The age of insuring the lifestyle of the retired is antiquated. Neither my husband or myself have a pension. We are responsible for our own savings and planning for retirement. It is a common joke that people come to Frontier to retire. I believe teachers who are too old to teach, lost their focus and patience are staying LONG past their expiration date just to collect their pensions. We need to bring in younger, fresher teachers who are eager to do the job in a more creative and inspiring way. I am sick of my 4th grader coming home saying she bounced a ball for 50 minutes in gym, or played floor hockey AGAIN!! She spends way too much time reading to herself while the other students in her class get extra attention so they can keep up. SAIL has been cut, Challenge Math has been cut. Soon your enrollment will be down by one because I refuse to put my child in the Middle School. Get your priorities straight.
138. Focus must be put on keeping as much Curriculum as possible. PLEASE DO NOT CUT any more programs, electives, AP/College Level, clubs, or sports. These are ALL EDUCATIONAL and lead to students being more ready for the life after school! I'd rather pay more taxes than to cut into the bone anymore. If the cutting continues, my family will probably look to relocate.
139. Cutting the budget for the elementary art and music programs would be a huge mistake!! Kids need to be exposed to these channels at a young age with opportunity to grow. Why not re the Lead 21 program that all of the teachers complain about year after year as a cost cutting opportunity? I understand the cost of purchasing the workbooks each year can be quite expensive. Many teachers do not even use them and end up pulling material they find more effective from previous curriculums.
140. Frontier MUST KEEP Music program (Ele - HS), AP and College for HS, Electives for HS, Library services, and JV-V athletics.
141. 1. Sports vs Academics  
a. for the small portion of students that are PICKED to participate on the MS and HS teams, it does not seem that all of us should be paying for those few. If you want to play, you should have to pay.  
b. All students benefit from the academic portion of our budget, and every effort should be made to maintain and even increase the opportunities that our students are given.  
c. Students should NOT be sitting in study halls because we do not have elective courses to offer them.  
d. Why do we have sporting events "under the lights" - stop trying to keep up with other districts, it is an unnecessary expense to install and maintain such equipment when we could be enjoying a Saturday afternoon game.  
Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs  
a. When you have parents that are involved, don't try and turn them away.  
b. Encourage the formation of Booster Clubs to help pay for some of the activities that our students enjoy. If you want to partake you have to participate.  
c. Field Trips are getting to be a thing of the past. BUT, when you h
142. I believe there have been too many important jobs lost that directly impact our children. There needs to be cuts from other places than just the little "guys". Student needs are most important and need to be met to insure success for their future. Class sizes are too large and instruction suffers because of that
143. As the parent of a student with Type I diabetes, it is extremely important to me that a registered nurse be on duty full time at all the schools. Thank you!
144. There does not need to be any more cuts to services for the students.  
When making cuts please consider cutting higher administrative positions and keeping staff that are directly interact with the student.
145. Have parents pay towards sports and bring back the Arts/Music for the students that aren't athletic. Walking clubs have been cut. That leaves all special needs students out of after school activities. I hate to see any positions cut that work closely with children.
146. Cut money from sports programs. We are here for education. Get the parents to fund raise for sports like Clarence.

147. Sports cost the district a lot of money (for uniforms, transportation, coaches, equipment, facilities maintenance, etc). There are plenty of sports offerings outside of school. Academics are more important than sports!  
I would like to see language(s) offered at the elementary level to give students a chance to see what they might want to take in middle school or high school.
148. Class size is a vital concern. Also, specials such as Art, Music and P.E. should not be on the table. The district should provide for stipends for staff members who are willing to help parents launch and manage parent booster programs for extracurricular activities. Parents need to understand that going forward extracurricular activities will need to be primarily student funded. Also, the district should not be subsidizing students' lunches/breakfasts or Pre-K programs.
149. I need more information from the state as to how much extra money they will find for us and then I want to know what the Board members will do with it. So right now we are all in a tough spot.
150. I would like you to consider what the students would want to keep like:  
The String Instruments Group,  
Band,  
Chorus,  
Show Choir,  
All County Chorus,  
All County Band,  
and,  
Boys and Girls Intermerals.  
That is what I think should be kept for all students.
151. We have to get back to basic - education. Don't cut teachers for instruction. Look at each line in the budget and cut the fat. The teacher and personal can work hard to work together to save district money.
152. The arts may not be mandated, but are very important to a child's education.
153. School security and bullying need to be addressed and enhanced.
154. KEEP BAND, ORCHESTRA, CHORUS, SHOW CHOIR, ALL COUNTY BAND AND CHORUS, AND INTERMERALS
155. 1. Reading. ELA  
2. Singapore math  
3. Elementary Health  
4. Lead21  
5. TLC
156. reading,ela,tests,heath,lead21,tlc with the principal,
157. We can't cut band or orchestra because people bought 1000s of dollar instruments
158. Understanding that the largest budget line item is related to personnel, it is crucial to evaluate the possibility of an increase of contribution from staff towards their benefits in order to avoid a reduction in critical staff and in keeping with what the taxpayers experience themselves.  
I understand the thought process in eliminating seemingly non-essential subject matter and art/music departments, however, it is these very areas that help

to bolster academics and inspire creative thinking. I am deeply disappointed that the district is moving away from providing areas to challenge and reward high performers as I feel this is just as important as providing specialized instruction to those facing challenges in learning/performing at grade level. Evaluation of the after school transportation should be strongly considered as this does not appear to be utilized to the extent it was intended and could be a huge savings. Additionally, in order to maintain the extracurriculars and sports programs, a pay to play/participate could be entertained.

159.

Reinstate the additional reading support services that were taken away last year!!

160.

Borrow! The kids are suffering enough already!

161.

I think the arts are very important for student development and I would not want to see any of these programs cut in any way.

162.

I would like to see smaller classroom sizes in the elementary schools. Big changes are needed at the high school. The high school is over populated. Kids are acting out negatively for attention to stand out and not be a number. Kids don't make school teams or clubs because there are too many to accommodate. I would like to see more focus on the drug problem as well. We need drug counseling services at the middle school and high school.

163.

I believe that the music departments is very important in the learning process of the students

164.

HELP THE HIGH SCHOOL PLAY AND MUSICAL TO STAY AROUND AND HELP WITH COSTS

165.

Academics first. I think it is sad that advanced programs like SAIL went before clubs and sports!!!!  
We can not ignore the advanced students as they have the same right to an appropriate, quality education!

166.

Why isn't administration ever cut? They make the most so most savings can be realized with these cuts.  
Guidance counselor are clueless and cannot help children with anything. Figured the whole college thing out ourselves.  
High school electives are being taught by teachers who do not know the material. Blocked elementary school experiences. Not at all happy with high school or middle school. Thinking of private high school.  
Math AP courses are taught by teachers with a strong background but Science AP courses not so much.  
Seems like teachers have ALOT of free periods .... Non educational work force doesn't receive this many breaks.  
Advisors for clubs and sports are way over paid. Should be on a volunteer basis or very low stipend (couple hundred dollars not thousands)

167.

Music and art are important

168.

I still do not understand why the cuts have never come from administration. They continue to get their pay raises when the district is cutting programs and jobs. I as a parent would expect that the education and services to students should always be the number one priority. If there are no cuts made and no employees laid off and there is extra money then administration should get a raise but not otherwise. I am employed by NY state and the Governor determines whether or not I get a raise by the available money in the state budget. It should be no different for Frontier's MC employees.

169.

It is our responsibility to students to provide, not deny, them with quality programs. Our district needs to have programs that are offered to neighboring districts. It is not OK for my child who has one shot at high school to not have programs offered. It is not the children's fault that there is a money issue. Figure it out! Convince tax payers that we NEED to raise the taxes. PROVE to them how they pay less than comparable districts. Give the numbers per household compared to other districts. Are we more or less?? Nobody wants to pay more. Too bad. Everything is going up in cost.

170.

When considering budgets adjustments the district must make difficult decisions that would be fair to the majority of residences. In many ways the district is tied to NYS mandates, but the most important aspect is in the classroom. Staff, supplies, and curriculum support has to be made available especially in light of the new standards that districts, administrators, teachers and students are evaluated. Students only have one chance to go through school. Every student deserves a quality well-rounded education.



171. The cuts that will have to be made need to be equally shared throughout the budget. We can't afford any more cuts to the reading program. Lets "hack" equally!
172. SCHOOL is for EDUCATION not sports. As told by a previous superintendent, sports was too much of a hot potato to touch. Education is the reason the children go to school. If parents want children in a sports program, let them pay at a local organization. Yes, I have children that play sports and are in clubs but they also play instruments. I can pay for private lessons but not a band performance with 60-80 other children. Field trips is the same. Why punish all the students for the few that play sports (which you provide how many buses for sports?) - ESPECIALLY ELEMENTARY! You don't even offer sports (or the cost to match what you pay in sports) to the elementary buildings. You took away SAIL the one advanced education at that level but kept it at other levels....how unfair. Glad I teach my children better. Library or nurses - yes we need our nurses. They need that care. Reading is prompted in every classroom. So provide a library - especially at the high school level but elementary doesn't need it. Teachers in every classroom have the LEAD 21 program and AR point computer system for reading. Take away the librarian and give us the nurses for medical care. A librarian can't help a sick child or one with seizures. If the sports are not cut & instruction is cut or clubs or anything educational I will be paying for private school since this district will no longer provide the education my children need. Touch the hot potato and stop cutting out teachers & staff!!
173. Maintain educational programs over extracurricular activities. Keep programs equitable in terms of staffing to preserve opportunity for student choice, not limited choice due to special interest groups.
174. I believe that Art and Music are essential to a student's education. It helps strengthen creativity and discipline which are needed in today's work market.
175. cut all supply money, field trips and co curricular clubs and activites before we cut programs and teachers
176. Preserve programs. Do not cut them if possible. Reduce rather than cut. Music is very important...do not cut. Modified sports are also very important for many students who are not club athletes, but want opportunities to find a sport to be a part of. These students find their path...ie track, cross country, etc. and eventually it becomes a big part of their lives. If its not for modified sports, many of these kids will not have anywhere to play/compete.
177. Every building needs a nurse. No question asked!
178. I think it is important to keep all of the music/art/gym/sports/clubs that the schools have to offer... less to offer, more mischief. however I do not believe that it would be fair to cut those things and continue to provide additional "higher" learning when you are taking away other activities from regular students.
179. Cutting staff is not the answer to our budget gap. We may need to cut clubs or SAIS at elementary and reduce some clubs at middle and high school. Losing supports like speech, OT, PT, social work and nurse is NOT AN OPTION. Students need these services in order for them to BE successful with the core curriculum. If they are not mentally and physically healthy, they cannot be ready to learn.
180. We need to add reading positions instead of cutting them. We have students reading significantly below their grade level. It is a disservice to ignore that middle/high school kids can't read.
181. Art and music programs are the reason many kids stay in school and come every day.
182. Property taxes are a problem in the area. I worry about families leaving the area because of the excess tax costs. I would not support a tax increase to simply preserve all programs and personnel.  
There are some things that should be preserved and other things which should be cut.
183. We need to collectively determine the best course for the district. In and after school programs, whether they be athletic/clubs, are very important to keep students' interest and to provide them a way to achieve their potential and explore new areas. It also keeps them "off the street" per se. When I look at the district, I see administrative costs/positions continuing to rise at the expense of reducing programs and personnel. I don't feel this is in the best interest of the district. For example, we can't have administrators receiving financial awards/pay increases when teachers agree to not accept an increase and there is

talk of laying of important positions like school nurses, librarians, etc. I still can't understand why FMS has 2 - yes TWO - assistant principals when you have suggested you may decrease nurses in schools? Are we looking to employ people at a high cost or are we looking to keep our children safe? Think about it! (Respectfully meant) That is only one example.