



Community Engagement

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MY VOICE COUNTS



- **Hosted 2 Community Forums**
- October 21st & 29th

- **Facilitated 4 Internal Simulations**
- 10/22 Student Cabinet
- 10/29 Teachers Advisory
- 11/14 Leadership Academy
- 11/15 VP Academy

- **Website & Social Media**
- Available since 10/21

Community Engagement

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

FEEDBACK

INSIGHT



Pageviews	1,200 +
New Sessions	422
Avg Time	12 minutes
Submissions	227
Under Age 45	57%
Males	58%
Non-Syracuse	28%

General Feedback Comments Submitted



“This is a wonderful way of making us parents feel involved and a part” – Delaware Primary

“Having a voice and being listened to from the budget committee is a step in the right direction” – McKinley Brighton

General Feedback Comments Submitted



“Great tool to help better understand the logistics of how district operates and to add input”

“Awesome process ... makes you more aware of what is budgeted and for how much” – Employee

General Feedback Comments Submitted



“I love being involved and knowing where the money is being used, the most vital areas” – McKinley Brighton

“Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this activity” – Delaware Primary and Syracuse Latin

General Feedback Comments Submitted

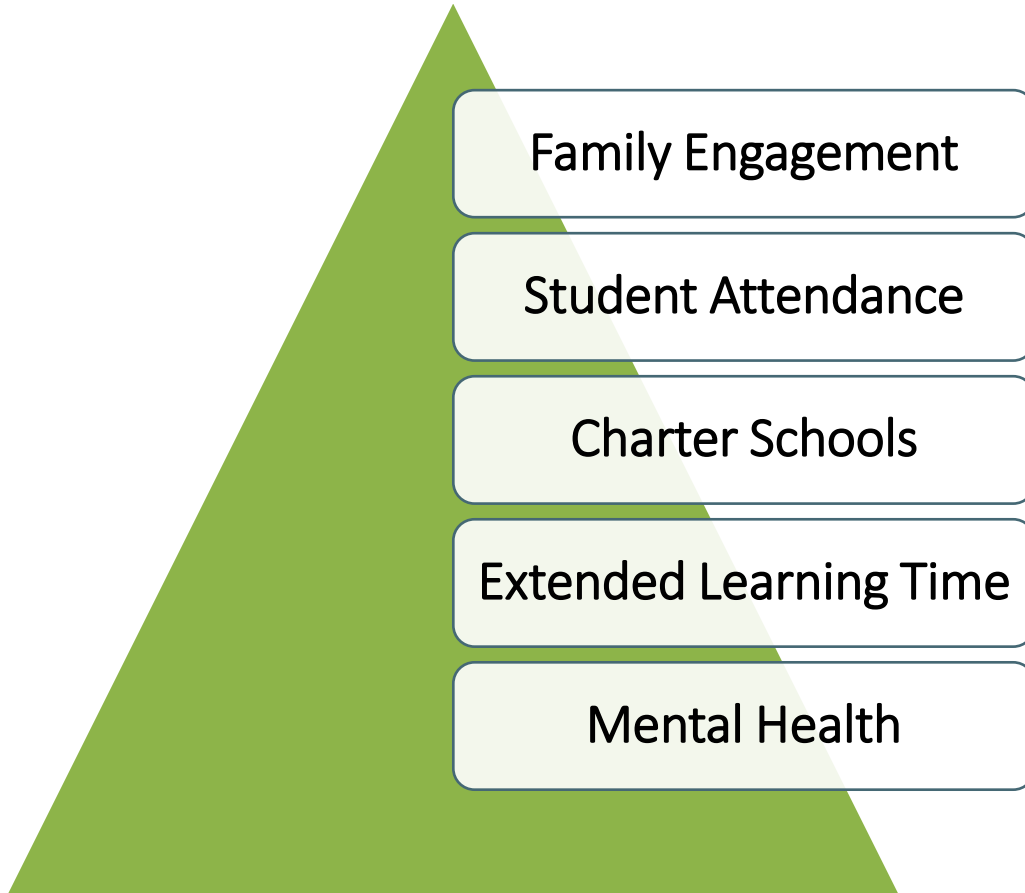


*“This is barely a realistic exercise” –
Nottingham*

*“We need so many resources and it’s
tough to make cuts” – Porter*

“Thank you for this opportunity” – ITC

5 Focus Areas



Family Engagement



Engagement and Attendance: \$790,195

Family Engagement: \$702,679 [i](#)

\$702,679
\$0.00
\$702,679

Which services should the Office of Family Engagement provide for families? Please make sure to comment with suggestions of how the District can assist families to increase engagement in their children's academic achievement.

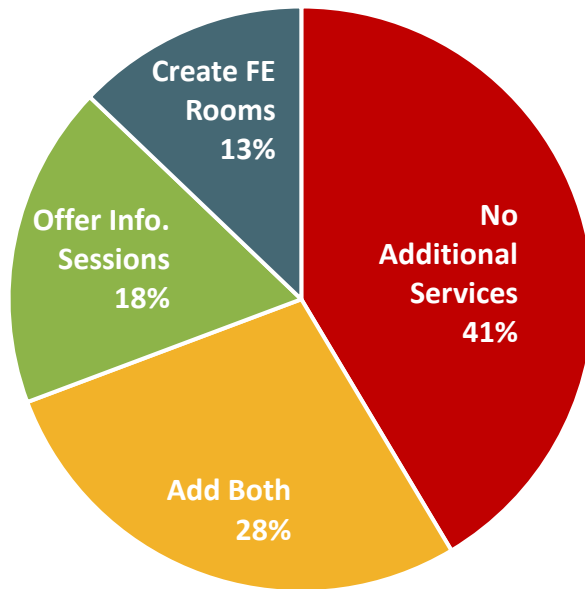
- No additional services
- Offer Academic Information Sessions for parents and families monthly in each school building (+\$50,000) [i](#)
- Create and manage Family Engagement rooms to provide continuous and updated Student Academic Information (+\$150,000) [i](#)
- Add both the Academic Information Sessions and Family Engagement rooms (+\$200,000)

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Family Engagement

Which services should the Office of Family Engagement provide for families?



- Average increase \$83,000

Comments:

- Evidence of return on investment
- Focus on engagement first, less on space
- School buildings are tight on space
- Staff rooms with community resources

Student Attendance



Student Attendance: \$87,516 [i](#)

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Which services should the District provide to families to increase student attendance? Please make sure to comment with suggestions.

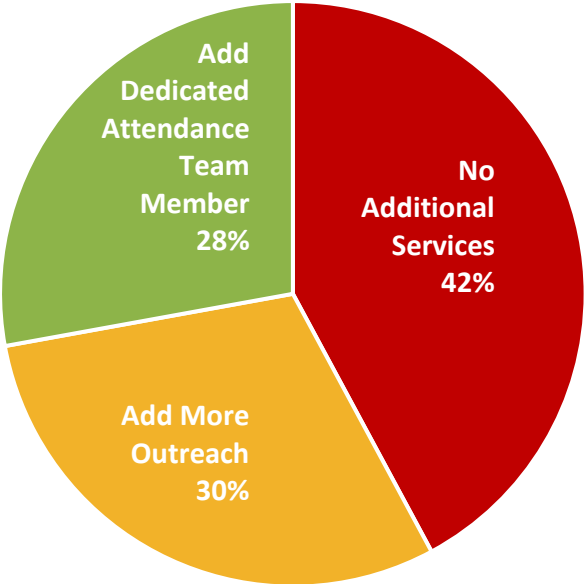
- No additional services.
- Add more outreach materials including phone calls, emails, letters, postcards, etc. (+\$50,000)
- Add an additional dedicated Attendance Team member to each school (+\$2.0 million) [i](#)

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Student Attendance

Which services should the District provide to families to increase student achievement?



- Average increase \$858,000

Comments:

- Measurable results, goals, effectiveness
- Delay school start times
- Value of team member who knows students & families of a school
- Motivate students to attend
- Visual display of impact of absence helps parents understand
- Truancy Officers
- Teachers should be asking us why we are absent, not ask our parents (student cabinet feedback)

Extended Learning Time



Extended Learning Time and After-School Programming: \$6.3m [i](#)

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Should changes be made to Extended Learning Time?

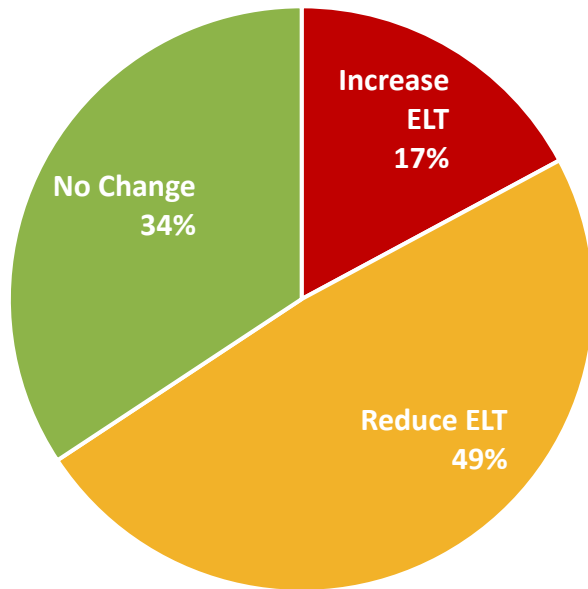
- No
- Add Extended Learning Time to ALL Schools (grades K-8) (+\$5.0 million) [i](#)
- Reduce Extended Learning Time District Wide (-\$1.0 million) [i](#)

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Extended Learning Time

Should changes be made to Extended Learning Time?



Charter Schools



Charter Schools: \$30.1m ⓘ

Charter School Tuition and Expense: \$30.1m ⓘ

\$30.1m
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\$30.1m

Which changes should be made to Charter School legislation?

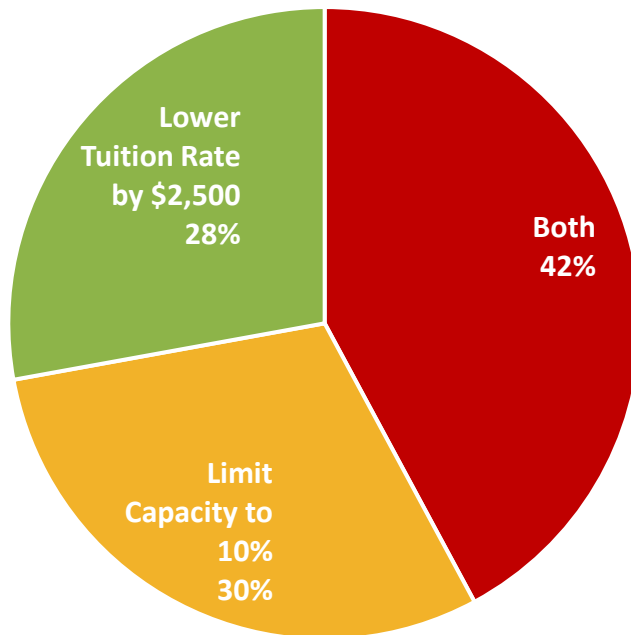
- Limit Charter School capacity to 10% of student enrollment base (\$0) ⓘ
- Lower the tuition rate by \$2,500 per student (-\$5.25 million) ⓘ
- Both limit Charter School Capacity and lower the tuition rate by \$2,500 per student (-\$5.25 million)

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Charter Schools

Which changes should be made to Charter School legislation?



- 85% of respondents chose to reduce cost (one or both options) by \$5.25 million
- 94 clicked on more information indicating that they wanted to better understand how charter tuition works and the impact on the district

Mental Health Services




Mental Health Services: \$9.2m

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\$9.2m

Should more mental health services be provided? This would include Psychologists, Social Workers, Mental Health Clinicians, and School Counselors.

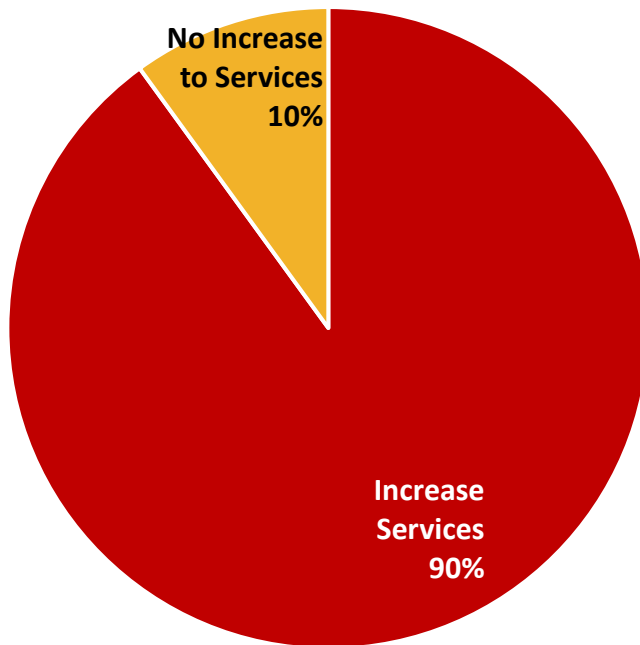
- No
- Provide more services for up to 3 schools (+\$250,000)
- Provide more services for 5-7 schools (+\$500,000)
- Provide more services for up to 9 schools (+\$750,000)
- Provide more services for 10-14 schools (+\$1.0 million)

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Mental Health Services

Should more mental health services be provided?



- Average Increase \$829,643
- Overwhelming response rate recognizing the need for more mental health services community wide
- *“Yes. Yes. Yes. ... Training, love, care.”*

Additional Feedback



Health Centers – 63% of respondents not in favor of adding more Health Centers in schools

Security – 70% of respondents not in favor of adding police or security staff in schools

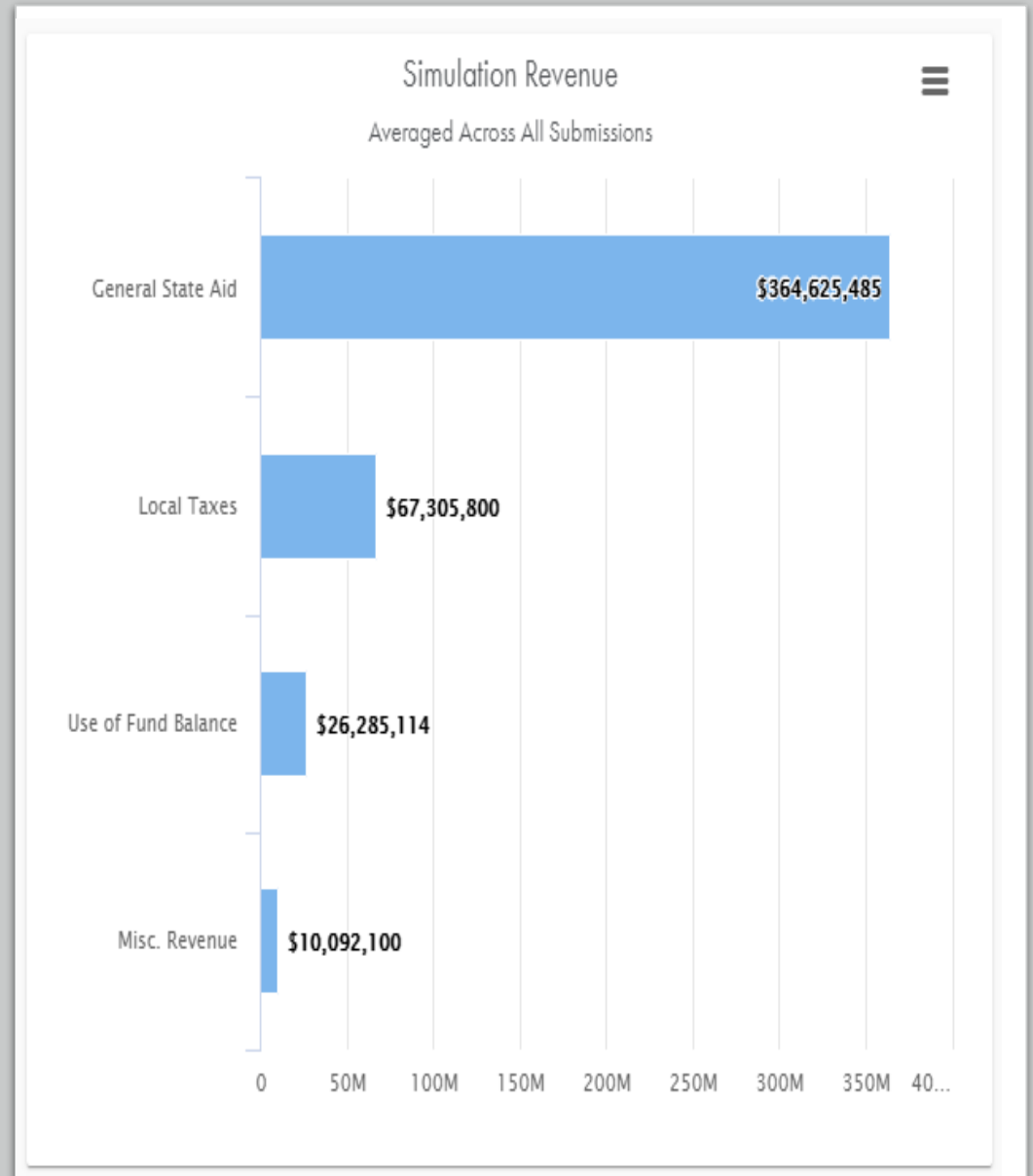
CTE – 80% of respondents not in favor of adding CTE offerings in middle school

Taxes – 71% of respondents are in favor of increasing school taxes

State Aid – 118 respondents left state aid flat funded and 22 increased state aid to balance their submitted budgets

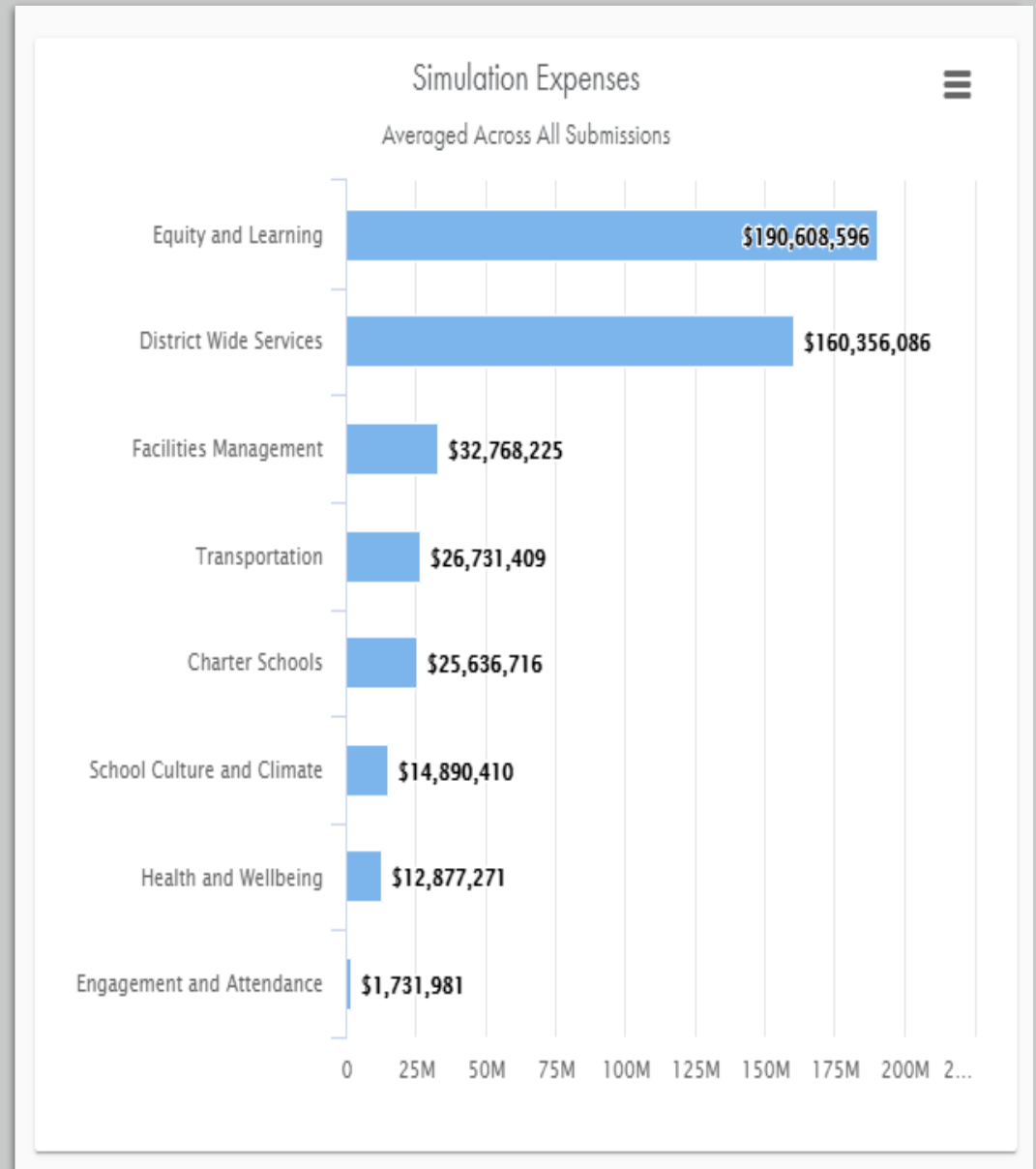


Average Revenue Submissions



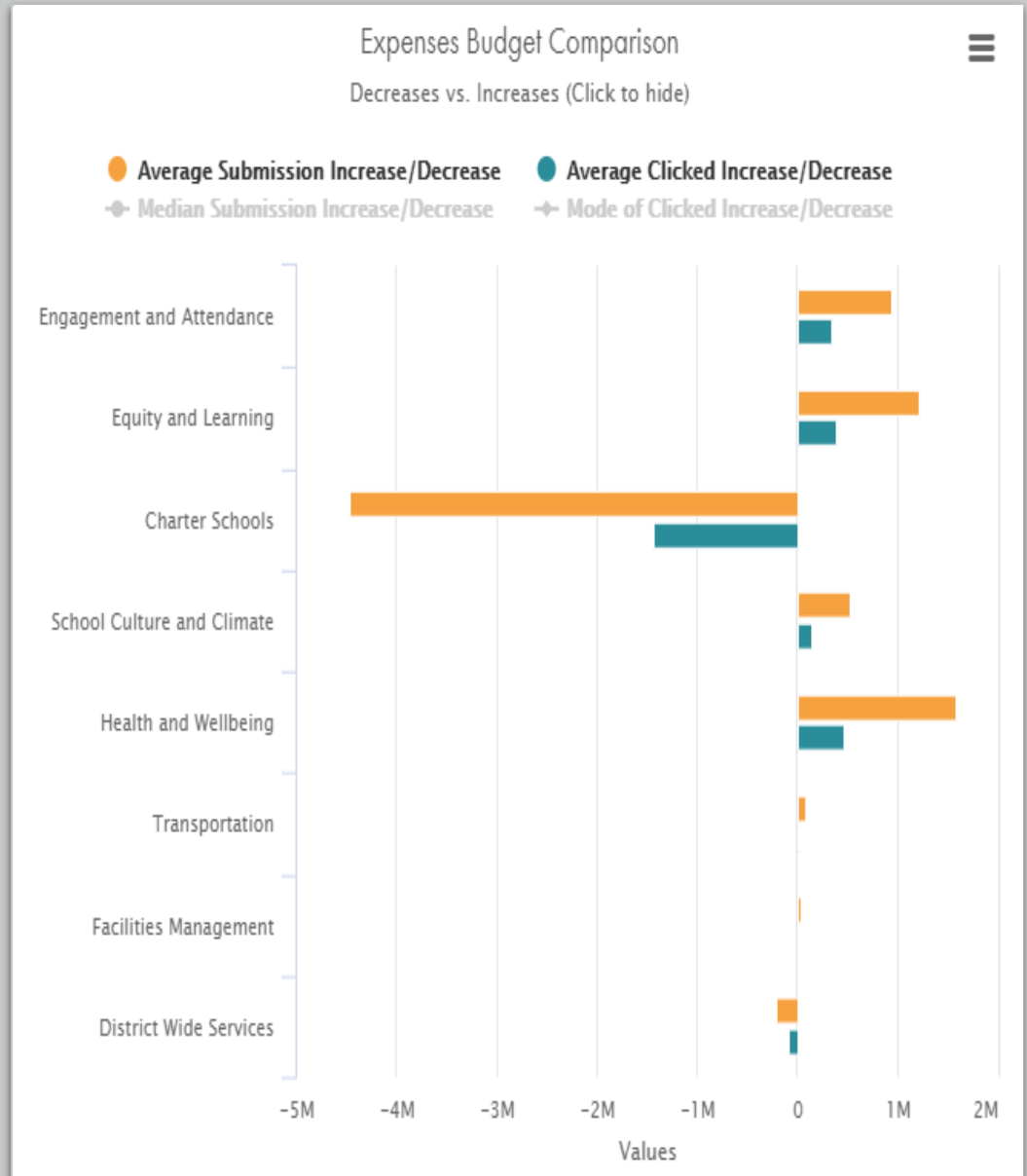


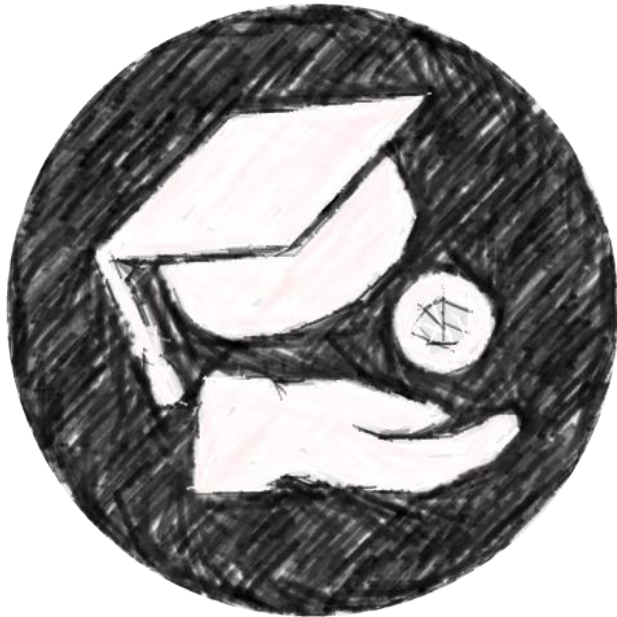
Average Expense Submission





Submissions and Clicks for Expense Modifications





Next Steps

- Incorporate feedback into budget decisions for 2020-21
- Possibly host more community forums before final adopted budget
- Social Media push in January to elicit continued feedback