

2011 EDUCATION SURVEY Summary Report

Purpose

This survey was designed to identify the various approaches school districts have used when developing the 2011/2012 school budget.

Procedure

Senator Brown emailed the on-line survey link to 152 superintendents on September 7, 2011. A reminder email was sent to eighty-eight superintendents on September 19th reminding them of the September 23rd deadline. The survey was designed and written using free survey-design software provided by *Google, Inc.*, and generated no outside expense.

Preliminary Review

Before relying too heavily on these data, two important points must be made:

1. ***Not all school districts participated in the survey.*** *Approximately two-thirds of the school districts, 106 from a total of 152, supplied information.*
 2. ***Findings from this survey would be more conclusive if the data had been collected in multiple years.***
- Following budget cuts to K-12 Education during the 2011 Legislative Session, initial analysis indicates, as a whole, districts **appear to have avoided disaster.**
 - However, **this came at a price:**
 - 80% will probably have to draw from **reserve funds** where only 50% had to do so last year;
 - The number of school districts utilizing some or all of the **Capital Outlay Fund Flexibility** has grown:
 - 41% in SFY09-10
 - 58% in SFY10-11
 - 73% in SFY11-12
 - School districts overwhelmingly **held the line on salary increases:**
 - 92 of the 106 respondents gave no raises to the instructional staff;
 - 95 of the 106 respondents gave no raises to the administrators; and
 - 88 of the 106 respondents gave no raises to the classified staff.
 - **Class sizes increased** in approximately 60% of the responding school districts.

- Seventy-eight percent responded they **would not** seek a new or expanded **Property Tax Opt Out**.
- Few programs were eliminated:
 - Counselors, Nurses, Psychologists – 1 district
 - Art, Music, Drama – 1 district
 - Electives – 2 districts
 - Professional Development Programs – 2 districts
 - Supplemental Instruction, Summer School – 4 districts
 - Technology Services – 1 district
 - Junior Kindergarten – 2 districts
 - Compensatory Education – 1 district
 - Driver's Education – 2 districts
 - Reading Recovery – 4 districts

2011 Education Survey

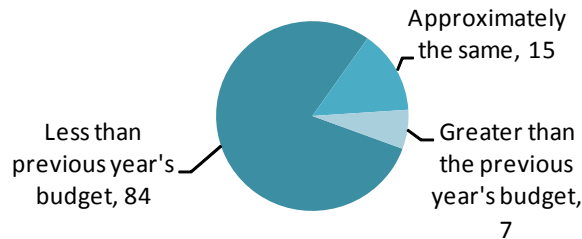
General Fund Budget

1. For the 2011-12 school fiscal year, my school district's general fund budget is:

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Less than previous budget	9	46	29	84
Approximately the same	7	7	1	15
Greater than previous budget	2	3	2	7

Of those with decreased budgets, the minimum / maximum \$ decrease was: \$6,980 / \$5,000,000

Of those with decreased budgets, the minimum / maximum % decrease was: 0.60% / 28.00%



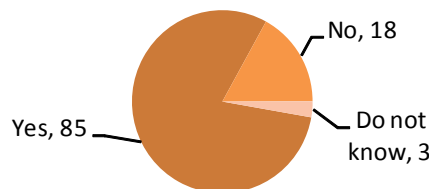
Of those with budgets remaining static, how did they compare if one-time funding was removed?

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Less than previous budget	0	4	0	4
Approximately the same	5	3	1	9
Greater than previous budget	1	0	0	1

Reserve Funds

2. Do you plan to draw from reserve funds to cover general fund expenditures for the 2011-12 school fiscal year?

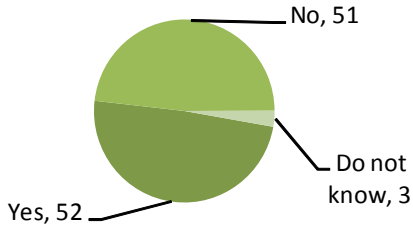
	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yes	15	45	25	85
No	1	10	7	18
Don't Know	2	1	0	3



Reserve Funds, cont.

3. Did you draw from reserves to cover general fund expenditures for the 2010-11 school fiscal year?

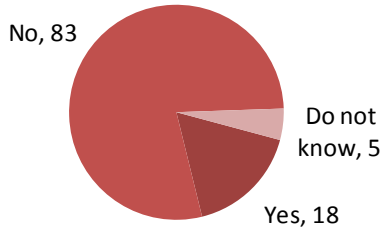
	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yes	6	27	19	52
No	10	29	12	51
Don't Know	2	0	1	3



Property Tax Opt Out

4. Do you plan to request a new or expanded opt-out for the 2011-12 school fiscal year?

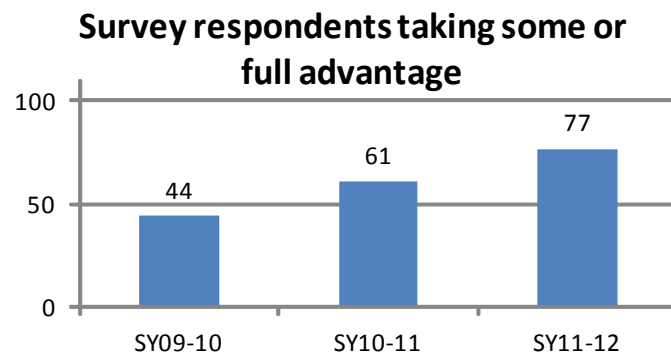
	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yes	2	10	6	18
No	15	44	24	83
Don't Know	1	2	2	5



Capital Outlay Flexibility

5. Has your district taken advantage of the capital outlay flexibility in **2009-10** or **2010-11** school fiscal years or does it plan to take advantage of the flexibility for **2011-12** school fiscal year?

		<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
SY09-10	Full Advantage	4	6	4	14
	Some	3	19	8	30
	Did not use	11	31	20	62
SY10-11	Full Advantage	5	12	7	24
	Some	7	22	8	37
	Did not use	6	22	17	45
SY11-12	Full Advantage	9	22	9	40
	Some	3	21	13	37
	Did not use	6	13	10	29



Workforce Changes

6. For the 2011-12 school fiscal year, please indicate how many full-time equivalent staff your district laid off as part of a **Reduction in Force** process.

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>All Schools</u>
Average Instructional Staff RIF	1.4	1.9	3.7	2.5
Min/Max Instructional Staff RIF	0.0 / 2.0	0.0 / 6.0	0.0 / 12.0	0.0 / 12.0
Average Administrative Staff RIF	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.4
Min/Max Administrative Staff RIF	0.0 / 1.0	0.0 / 2.0	0.0 / 4.0	0.0 / 4.0
Average Classified Staff RIF	1.5	1.7	4.2	2.8
Min/Max Classified Staff RIF	0.0 / 3.0	0.0 / 3.0	0.0 / 20.0	0.0 / 20.0

7. For the 2011-12 school fiscal year, please indicate how many full-time equivalent staff your district lost through **attrition** and decided not to replace.

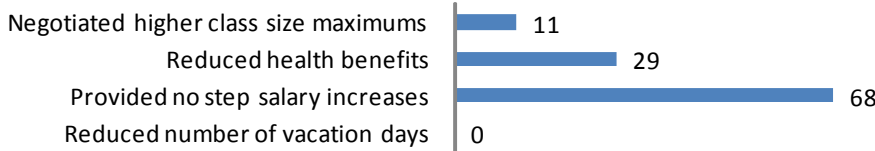
	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>All Schools</u>
Avg Inst Staff Lost thru Attrition	1.4	1.4	3.8	2.6
Min/Max Instr Staff Attrition	0.0 / 2.0	0.0 / 4.0	0.0 / 20.0	0.0 / 20.0
Avg Admin Staff Lost thru Attriti		1.0	1.5	1.4
Min/Max Admin Staff Attrition	0.0 / 0.0	0.0 / 1.0	0.0 / 4.0	0.0 / 4.0
Avg Classified Lost thru Attritio	1.0	1.4	5.3	3.2
Min/Max Classified Attrition	0.0 / 1.0	0.0 / 3.0	0.0 / 20.0	0.0 / 20.0

8. For the 2011-12 school fiscal year, please indicate how many employees had their **working hours reduced**.

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>All Schools</u>
Avg Instructional Staff Hours Cu	1.3	6.3	50.9	18.2
Min/Max Instruct Staff w/ Hours Cu	0.0 / 2.0	0.0 / 24.0	0.0 / 211.0	0.0 / 211.0
Avg Administrative Staff Hours Cut		1.6	7.0	3.1
Min/Max Admin Staff w/ Hours Cu	0.0 / 0.0	0.0 / 3.0	0.0 / 10.0	0.0 / 10.0
Avg Classified Staff Hours Cut	2.0	5.2	20.3	11.1
Min/Max Classi Staff w/ Hours Cu	0.0 / 3.0	0.0 / 16.0	0.0 / 185.0	0.0 / 185.0

9. For the 2011-12 school fiscal year, please indicate the item or items below that best reflect the changes your district made to its **INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF** contract:

	<u>FE <200</u>	<u>FE >200 <600</u>	<u>FE >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Negotiated higher class size maximums compared to prior year	1	4	6	11
Reduced health benefits compared to prior year	2	19	8	29
Provided no step salary increases	10	39	19	68
Reduced number of vacation days	0	0	0	0

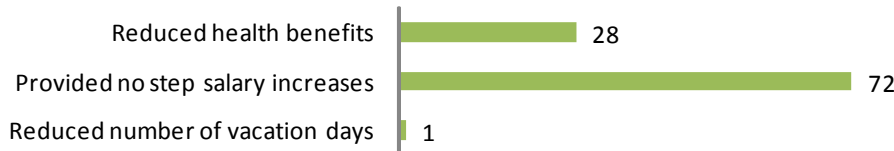


10. Provided a cost-of-living increase to the instructional staff?



11. For the 2011-12 school fiscal year, please indicate the item or items below that best reflect the changes your district made to its **ADMINISTRATOR** contract:

	<u>FE <200</u>	<u>FE >200 <600</u>	<u>FE >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Negotiated higher class size maximums compared to prior year	0	0	0	0
Reduced health benefits compared to prior year	1	18	9	28
Provided no step salary increases	11	39	22	72
Reduced number of vacation days	0	1	0	1

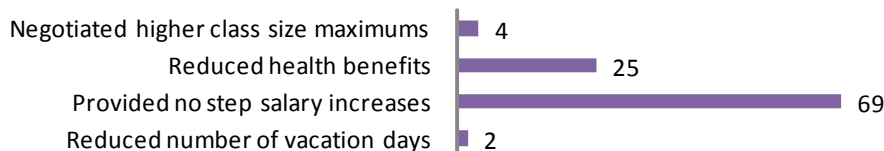


12. Provided a cost-of-living increase to administrator contract?



13. For the 2011-12 school fiscal year, please indicate the item or items below that best reflect the changes your district made to its **CLASSIFIED STAFF** salaries and benefits:

	<u>FE <200</u>	<u>FE >200 <600</u>	<u>FE >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Negotiated higher class size maximums compared to prior year	0	2	2	4
Reduced health benefits compared to prior year	2	0	6	25
Provided no step salary increases	10	0	21	69
Reduced number of vacation days	0	0	0	2

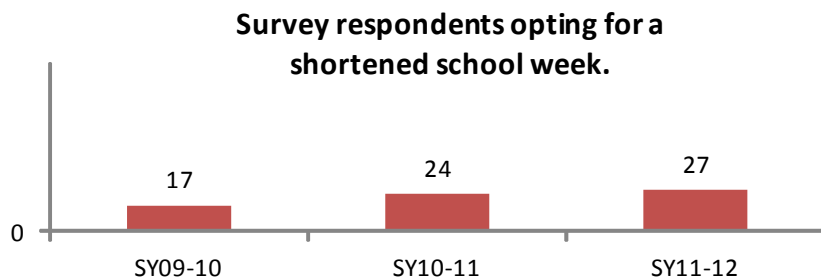


14. Provided a cost-of-living increase to classified staff salaries and benefits?



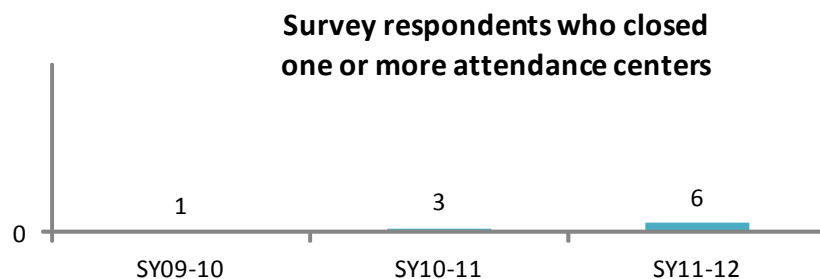
15. Has your district offered or does it plan to offer a **shortened school week**?

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
SY09-10	2	13	2	17
SY10-11	6	16	2	24
SY11-12	7	18	2	27



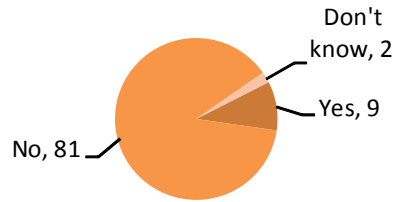
16. Has your district closed or does it plan to **close any attendance centers**?

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
SY09-10	0	1	0	1
SY10-11	0	2	1	3
SY11-12	0	2	4	6



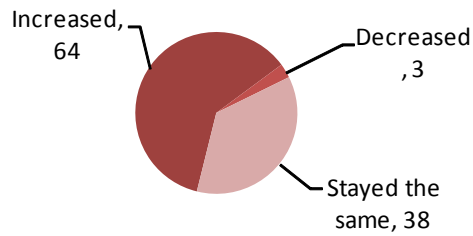
17. Do you anticipate that your district will be **impacted by the flooding** that has occurred this summer?

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yes	1	5	3	9
No	14	41	26	81
Don't Know	1	1	0	2



18. Has the **Student-to-Teacher Ratio** in your school district changed?

	<u>Fall Enrollment <200</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >200 <600</u>	<u>Fall Enrollment >600</u>	<u>Total</u>
Increased	10	28	26	64
Decreased	0	3	0	3
Stayed the same	7	25	6	38



Program Changes - TOTAL ALL SURVEYS

Indicate how this year's General Fund Operating Budget compares to last year's budget for each of the following programs.

	Less than the previous year	Approximately the same (within +/- 1%)	Greater than the previous year	Program eliminated in 2011-12	Program not offered	
District Administration	46	56	4	0	0	106
Instruction Materials	60	45	1	0	0	106
Counselors, Nurses, Psychologists	37	59	5	1	2	104
Art, Music, Drama	33	69	2	1	1	106
Classified Staff Compensation	32	64	10	0	0	106
Certified Staff Compensation	26	70	9	0	0	105
Electives	27	70	3	2	1	103
Library	39	64	3	0	0	106
Professional Development Programs	64	38	2	2	0	106
Para educators, Classroom Aids	42	55	8	0	1	106
Gifted and Talented Education	9	20	0	0	77	106
Athletics, Extra curricular	61	45	0	0	0	106
Supplemental Instruction, Summer School	21	43	2	4	35	105
Adult Education	3	11	1	0	89	104
Technology Services	22	76	4	1	2	105
Transportation	31	65	8	0	2	106
Physical Education	11	91	1	0	1	104
Child Development, Early Childhood Programs	5	86	2	0	12	105
Junior Kindergarten	2	26	6	2	67	103
Compensatory Education	4	25	0	1	71	101
Advanced Placement	5	68	5	0	26	104
Driver's Education	7	76	0	2	19	104
Safe Schools, Security	16	69	2	0	17	104
Multilingual Services, Services for English Learners	5	47	0	0	50	102
Homeless Education	4	47	3	0	49	103
Reading Recovery	10	52	1	4	38	105

District Name	Responded to Survey	No Response	% 2010 Unreserved Fund Balance Compared to 2010 Expenditures	2010 Unreserved Fund Balance	2010 General Fund Expenditures
Aberdeen 06-1		X	20.71%	4,409,824	21,297,484
Agar-Blunt-Onida 58-3	X		60.38%	1,244,802	2,061,741
Alcester-Hudson 61-1		X	23.14%	607,257	2,624,302
Andes Central 11-1		X	6.09%	236,477	3,880,126
Arlington 38-1	X		43.13%	864,478	2,004,560
Armour 21-1		X	28.04%	418,387	1,491,891
Avon 04-1	X		43.49%	729,552	1,677,670
Baltic 49-1	X		35.95%	968,215	2,693,464
Belle Fourche 09-1		X	16.27%	1,258,672	7,735,121
Bennett County 03-1	X		9.30%	449,378	4,832,908
Beresford 61-2	X		22.20%	905,312	4,077,092
Big Stone City 25-1	X		55.91%	681,905	1,219,639
Bison 52-1	X		44.54%	642,649	1,442,785
Bon Homme 04-2	X		10.24%	387,946	3,787,108
Bowdle 22-1	X		33.78%	378,471	1,120,309
Brandon Valley 49-2	X		25.28%	4,490,456	17,760,272
Bridgewater-Emery 30-3		X	31.54%	380,728	1,207,226
Britton-Hecla 45-4	X		31.06%	1,029,928	3,316,189
Brookings 05-1	X		19.33%	3,251,255	16,817,532
Burke 26-2	X		8.34%	155,667	1,865,803
Canistota 43-1	X		37.52%	716,664	1,909,882
Canton 41-1	X		32.52%	1,433,123	4,406,601
Castlewood 28-1	X		22.10%	423,561	1,916,232
Centerville 60-1	X		37.85%	620,809	1,640,000
Chamberlain 07-1	X		15.28%	1,139,987	7,460,136
Chester Area 39-1	X		31.51%	1,002,582	3,182,086
Clark 12-2		X	22.25%	577,062	2,593,861
Colman-Egan 50-5	X		23.30%	390,247	1,674,709
Colome Consolidated 59-3	X		67.00%	1,132,581	1,690,355
Corsica 21-2		X	34.39%	453,473	1,318,757
Custer 16-1	X		13.55%	917,571	6,771,193
Dakota Valley 61-8	X		22.30%	1,501,926	6,733,641
De Smet 38-2		X	32.25%	672,217	2,084,583
Dell Rapids 49-3	X		20.25%	1,162,056	5,737,336
Deubrook Area 05-6		X	21.85%	559,192	2,559,240
Deuel 19-4		X	35.58%	1,098,104	3,085,990
Doland 56-2		X	57.27%	886,636	1,548,188
Douglas 51-1	X		13.01%	2,327,352	17,888,217
Dupree 64-2		X	6.82%	264,204	3,874,402
Eagle Butte 20-1		X	1.35%	80,442	5,968,998
Edgemont 23-1	X		80.97%	1,144,340	1,413,221

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Edmunds Central 22-5		X	83.00%	994,292	1,198,005
Elk Mountain 16-2		X	34.31%	126,837	369,634
Elk Point-Jefferson 61-7		X	27.11%	1,081,140	3,987,974
Elkton 05-3	X		35.15%	857,335	2,438,780
Estelline 28-2		X	27.26%	522,451	1,916,768
Ethan 17-1		X	62.63%	914,036	1,459,331
Eureka 44-1		X	110.78%	1,727,619	1,559,445
Faith 46-2	X		36.83%	570,952	1,550,210
Faulkton Area Schools 24-4	X		41.97%	1,012,695	2,412,926
Flandreau 50-3	X		24.04%	990,789	4,121,461
Florence 14-1	X		24.94%	380,325	1,524,829
Frederick Area 06-2	X		62.70%	923,335	1,472,508
Freeman 33-1	X		26.09%	704,492	2,699,939
Garretson 49-4	X		33.07%	1,049,862	3,174,564
Gayville-Volin 63-1	X		30.54%	567,580	1,858,742
Gettysburg 53-1	X		41.96%	653,734	1,557,934
Grant-Deuel 25-3		X	40.82%	475,091	1,163,845
Gregory 26-4		X	32.32%	876,366	2,711,834
Groton Area 06-6		X	35.48%	1,398,614	3,942,528
Haakon 27-1	X		36.05%	753,390	2,090,096
Hamlin 28-3	X		32.54%	1,235,569	3,797,036
Hanson 30-1	X		26.28%	576,594	2,194,206
Harding County 31-1	X		4.67%	103,513	2,216,971
Harrisburg 41-2		X	7.75%	952,086	12,279,195
Henry 14-2	X		32.41%	366,563	1,131,111
Herreid 10-1	X		14.54%	159,665	1,097,748
Highmore-Harrold 34-2		X	89.55%	1,808,217	2,019,305
Hill City 51-2		X	0.43%	20,140	4,684,786
Hitchcock-Tulare 56-6		X	34.27%	612,704	1,788,058
Hot Springs 23-2	X		9.37%	484,021	5,167,312
Hoven 53-2	X		56.70%	734,465	1,295,458
Howard 48-3	X		44.61%	1,204,117	2,699,156
Hurley 60-2	X		94.46%	1,020,220	1,080,076
Huron 02-2	X		27.47%	3,514,984	12,796,077
Ipswich Public 22-6	X		18.94%	489,060	2,581,647
Irene-Wakonda 13-3	X		17.80%	401,027	2,252,565
Iroquois 02-3		X	20.49%	281,430	1,373,568
Jones County 37-3	X		38.61%	637,716	1,651,891
Kadoka Area 35-2	X		18.87%	689,153	3,651,173
Kimball 07-2	X		41.26%	903,701	2,190,507
Lake Preston 38-3		X	38.72%	610,039	1,575,580

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Langford Area 45-5		X	8.25%	115,638	1,402,273
Lead-Deadwood 40-1	X		84.48%	5,382,291	6,371,351
Lemmon 52-4	X		2.36%	57,836	2,452,766
Lennox 41-4	X		12.72%	691,050	5,431,567
Leola 44-2		X	22.86%	432,956	1,893,990
Lyman 42-1		X	39.19%	1,439,999	3,674,662
Madison Central 39-2	X		36.81%	2,428,250	6,596,760
Marion 60-3	X		52.52%	809,857	1,542,040
McCook Central 43-7		X	53.31%	1,440,522	2,702,276
McIntosh 15-1	X		18.18%	468,792	2,578,380
McLaughlin 15-2	X		0.43%	24,273	5,610,491
Meade 46-1		X	29.55%	4,319,775	14,617,919
Menno 33-2	X		64.67%	1,441,012	2,228,121
Milbank 25-4	X		20.99%	1,026,368	4,889,141
Miller 29-4	X		54.61%	1,694,003	3,101,938
Mitchell 17-2	X		25.54%	3,729,538	14,602,786
Mobridge-Pollock 62-6	X		9.35%	404,057	4,322,639
Montrose 43-2	X		42.97%	636,071	1,480,434
Mount Vernon 17-3	X		35.02%	670,314	1,914,262
New Underwood 51-3	X		25.44%	484,900	1,906,021
Newell 09-2	X		6.49%	204,605	3,154,661
Northwestern Area 56-7		X	65.69%	1,281,644	1,951,084
Oelrichs 23-3		X	12.36%	220,112	1,781,553
Oldham-Ramona 39-5		X	49.82%	548,547	1,101,039
Parker 60-4	X		22.05%	503,312	2,282,733
Parkston 33-3	X		39.80%	1,409,365	3,541,358
Pierre 32-2	X		23.17%	3,311,602	14,292,700
Plankinton 01-1	X		32.15%	735,252	2,287,073
Platte-Geddes 11-5	X		57.81%	1,808,410	3,128,342
Rapid City Area 51-4	X		18.19%	14,024,787	77,081,900
Redfield 56-4		X	20.37%	795,225	3,904,233
Rosholt 54-4	X		54.50%	972,074	1,783,741
Rutland 39-4	X		19.24%	191,044	992,958
Sanborn Central 55-5	X		35.52%	570,684	1,606,474
Scotland 04-3	X		112.11%	2,041,869	1,821,344
Selby Area 62-5	X		154.66%	2,584,401	1,671,013
Shannon County 65-1	X		0.27%	47,488	17,713,829
Sioux Falls 49-5	X		18.19%	23,786,673	130,751,048
Sioux Valley 05-5	X		61.91%	2,174,253	3,512,167
Sisseton 54-2		X	21.73%	1,900,594	8,747,425
Smee 15-3	X		-0.50%	(14,338)	2,883,515

District Name	Responded to Survey	No Response	% 2010 Unreserved Fund Balance Compared to 2010 Expenditures	2010 Unreserved Fund Balance	2010 General Fund Expenditures
South Central 26-5	X		12.80%	205,332	1,604,243
Spearfish 40-2	X		29.81%	3,485,059	11,690,499
Stanley County 57-1	X		17.11%	595,172	3,478,721
Stickney 01-2		X	24.97%	274,902	1,100,974
Summit 54-6	X		32.07%	324,922	1,013,217
Tea Area 41-5	X		16.51%	1,022,431	6,191,369
Timber Lake 20-3		X	16.24%	549,606	3,383,755
Todd County 66-1	X		3.53%	902,749	25,550,216
Tripp-Delmont 33-5	X		43.53%	850,409	1,953,467
Tri-Valley 49-6	X		38.61%	2,128,446	5,512,311
Vermillion 13-1	X		19.79%	1,620,714	8,191,212
Viborg 60-5	X		13.97%	239,586	1,714,564
Wagner Community 11-4	X		-0.73%	(53,543)	7,316,814
Wall 51-5	X		32.61%	799,154	2,450,883
Warner 06-5	X		30.23%	602,159	1,991,848
Watertown 14-4	X		20.60%	4,559,196	22,134,600
Waubay 18-3		X	6.98%	124,980	1,790,373
Waverly 14-5		X	52.48%	951,847	1,813,685
Webster Area 18-5		X	48.82%	1,435,657	2,940,657
Wessington Springs 36-2	X		14.16%	297,275	2,099,505
West Central 49-7	X		32.19%	2,289,842	7,113,626
White Lake 01-3		X	42.77%	549,561	1,285,061
White River 47-1	X		2.60%	104,227	4,004,897
Willow Lake 12-3	X		1.78%	30,041	1,684,974
Wilmot 54-7	X		9.69%	173,481	1,790,066
Winner 59-2		X	21.12%	908,504	4,302,133
Wolsey-Wessington 02-6	X		27.49%	504,999	1,836,697
Woonsocket 55-4	X		61.86%	873,417	1,411,891
Yankton 63-3	X		28.64%	4,840,356	16,899,437
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