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Hi,

I realize we all have unique approaches to information and perspective gathering... Different issues bring different views front and center... all of it is connected... values on particular topics can lead to productive decision making on a challenges our community is facing at the moment and for years to come.

With this in mind, I'm hoping to go to where stakeholders are as much as possible to supplement other engagement opportunities.

The informal process of the forum worked very well for me. Compiling information anonymously around the broad question of what do you want the board to hear?

Please reply directly as to how you think this would work best. Should I get a spot on an upcoming agenda to hear thoughts? I'm happy to meet in person or over the phone individually as well. Going forward I we are able to initiate a consistent plan for engagement between our boards.. Joel had some ideas around how this.

One thing I heard last Monday was how valuable it is to work through concerns as they arise to avoid building up to an explosion. I also hope to celebrate what is going well. Whatever changes need to happen to pass a budget... and change larger circumstances to avoid repeating this year's struggles next spring... will require collaboration!

Thanks for your thoughts and time,
Liz Sayre

On Thu, May 9, 2024 at 9:12 AM Liz Sayre <Liz.Sayre@mausd.org> wrote:

Hi Valerie and Selectboard members,

Your school board is on a tight timeline to gather community input and put forward a budget that will reflect the voices of our community better than the last two failed options. There are varying opinions on why... we are seeking to understand.

Monday we will be having an open space for communication between n Monday, May 14 at 6:30pm. If you are able to pop in before your meeting starts at 7:00 we would appreciate it. There will be an exit survey with two key questions available to fill out either at the meeting as well as a link to a google version shared on as many social media platforms as we can find.

Ideally there would be more notice, more time to engage, and more time for us to process the results, more time to dissect the next budget option... Nevertheless, what is shared will be used to plan immediately as well as to begin understanding how we all can offer a more sustainable solution on behalf of our students in the coming years.

There will be more conversations to come, thank you for all you do!

Liz Sayre