

**Lyons Township High School
Community Advisory Council
Consensus of Table Discussions to Board Questions
February 17, 2010**

The Lyons Township Community Advisory Committee has discussed the following questions and respectfully recommends that the Board of Education consider the following comments:

1. Does LTHS seem to have a good system for developing a budget?

Unanimously, yes. The group feels the very detailed, results-oriented, comprehensive budget process definitely works, as evidenced by the “no deficit” status enjoyed.

2. If LTHS had to cut its budget by 10%, what categories of expenditures should be examined first; and, conversely, if LTHS experienced a 10% increase in revenues, what categories of expenditures should be provided greater funding?

If the budget required a 10% cut, core curriculum courses should be untouchable; however, low demand courses and non-student courses should be examined as well some 300 classes. Also, the group agreed that Cap Ex expenses should be examined.

On the flipside, if a 10% surplus existed, Cap Ex expenses should be considered. From a staff perspective, consider salary increases for support staff and increasing counseling staff. Additionally, budget surplus expenditures might include green initiatives, including solar panels.

3. What kinds of courses would you like to see LT offer in the future?

There is definitely a consensus to add more internship courses, partnering with our local businesses, including the hospital, to provide practical experience. Also, increase courses in practical sciences, creative arts, advanced technology, and courses that explore renewable energies and green initiatives.