

Budget Advisory Committee Survey

After soliciting feedback from the community over the past several months, we have created a questionnaire that we hope all budget advisory candidates will complete, to better help ExeterPACT and our community understand where candidates stand on these important issues.

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What are your key reasons for running as a candidate for budget advisory committee this year? *

The Budget Advisory Committee serves an important purpose—appreciating the needs of our community's schools while providing an objective assessment of spending requests. As such, the BAC needs capable members of the community to serve. Having served on the committee for six years, I believe that I know how to effectively support the process.

The School District Budget is always heavily discussed and debated. What changes are necessary to the budget and the budget process if any?

This year the Budget Advisory Committee disagreed with the budget as proposed by the SAU in two significant areas. First, we suggested that full funding be restored to the Great Bay Charter School. Second, we expressed concern about the large favorable variances that are generated in the operating budget every year, which suggest there is room for tightening the budget somewhat. Both of these issues will likely be areas of concern again in the coming budget cycle. Another area of concern is the declining enrollment in our schools— although it will be challenging, I believe our goal should be to control costs accordingly while maintaining support for educational programs.

Do you see yourself primarily as a representative of the community or as a representative of the school system? *

- Representative of the community
- Representative of the school system

If elected, how will you ensure accountability and transparency in the budgeting process?

This was my first year as Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee. In that role, I introduced measures to increase communication with members of the community, and I emphasized the importance of communication between the community, the BAC, the SAU, and the School Board in pursuit of the best possible outcome for our schools. If elected to serve again, I would continue to make improvements in these areas.

What particular experiences or skills do you have that makes you the most qualified candidate?

I have worked as a finance and accounting professional for more than 30 years. I have spent half that time working in the educational travel industry, and have extensive experience working directly with high school and middle school teachers, students, and parents. In our community, I am also the Treasurer for the Exeter Elementary PTO, and I was a member of the committee supporting the expansion of the Coop Middle School.

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