

Early School Board direction on 2008-09 Blue Card Idea as of April 27, 2009

Already In Progress –

- Reduce Activity Bus stops – restrict to central locations, i.e. elementary schools
- Walking field trips or field trips in town that take advantage of existing bus routes, i.e. mid-day kindergarten, Sno-Isle
- Send Free and Reduced Meal applications more often, especially with current economy
- Reserve 5% to 10% of facility rental fees for site repair and maintenance
- Consider adjusting annual inflation increase for facility use
- Freeze wages
- Increase “pay to play” and ROTC fees to cover more of the cost – eliminate caps and multiple child discounts
- Increase staffing for fiscal/personnel departments
- Review then reduce extended contracts
- Redirect Leaders In Learning program development funds
- Review costs for interpreters and translations
- Use federal earmarks to create inclusive classrooms of developmental/regular students in kindergarten and preschool classes, charge parents of typical students

Under Consideration –

- Review counselor and librarian staffing
- Eliminate AV library material allocation
- Eliminate field trips
- Eliminate refreshments at training/meetings
- Consider early retirement incentives
- Allow high school students to get PE credit for JV/Varsity sports participation
- Keep the Shoreline CC contract
- Cut hours to save jobs
- Furlough employees to save jobs
- Contract out for MHS Campus Security services for evening/special events

Not feasible -

- Investigate contracting out for more services
- Sell “good luck” ads on tests
- Four-day school weeks
- Look for federal money to improve safe walking w/i city limits to reduce bus routes
- Charge staff to park
- Incorporate Speech and Language Pathologists aides
- Provide MFD medic for home football games

Note - Reduce School Improvement Days negates Increase School Improvement Days

Other ideas

- Utilize volunteers as athletic coaches rather than paid staff