#### **Portsmouth Budget Issues:**



1. Based on the information above, would you approve a tax rate increase of 1 cent per thousand (an additional \$3 in tax on a house valued at \$300,000) if the revenue were applied to create and maintain a new and more useful Town Website?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes.	47.0%	55
No.	53.0%	62
	Other (please specify)	20
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

2. Using industry accepted pavement management principles, Public Works has determined that Portsmouth should invest \$750,000 each year in its transportation infrastructure. Would you support this program if it meant that the tax rate would increase 20 cents per thousand of valuation (\$60 increase in tax on a \$300,000 house)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	47.0%	55
No	46.2%	54
Other	9.4%	11
	Other (please specify)	15
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

3. As a follow-on to Question 2, al cents on the tax rate (\$30 increase	pove, would you support a modified, less effective program that would in tax on a \$300,000 house)?	d cost 10
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	60.7%	71
No	30.8%	36
Other	10.3%	12
	Other (please specify)	19
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

re you 1.5	th (P.A.Y.) if it would save y	funding to the Portsmouth Action tax on a \$300,000 house)?	Would you support eliminating ents on the tax rate (\$4.50 less in
-	Response Percent		
% 23	19.7%		Yes
% 88	75.2%		No
% 6	5.1%		Other
<sup>:</sup> y) 13	Other (please specify)		
on 117	answered question		
on 0	skipped question		

5. Would you be in favor of adding 3 cents to the tax rate (\$9 increase in tax on a \$300,000 house) for each year's budget to be spent at the Town Council's direction "for the good of the Town". This would add about \$100,000 to be used to fund desirable, but not necessary, projects designed to improve the quality of life in Portsmouth (tree planting and civic beautification, sponsorship of civic and cultural events, installation of bathrooms and benches at Town parks and playgrounds, etc.).

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	42.7%	50
No	54.7%	64
Other	2.6%	3
	Other (please specify)	10
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

6. Would you support cutting funding to the Portsmouth Free Public Library Association by half if it would save you 6 cents on the tax rate (\$18 less tax on a \$300,000 house)?

Response Count	Response Percent	
19	16.2%	Yes
98	83.8%	No
7	Other (please specify)	
117	answered question	
0	skipped question	

7. What kinds of businesses shou	ıld be encouraged to move to Portsmouth?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Fishing/Agricultural	63.2%	74
Light manufacturing	59.0%	69
Heavy manufacturing	5.1%	6
Professional services	81.2%	95
Small/medium sized retail	70.1%	82
Large size retail	26.5%	31
Technology (electronics, biomedical, etc.)	73.5%	86
Marine services	73.5%	86
Office complexes	53.8%	63
Medical facilities	65.8%	77
Other	10.3%	12
	Other (please specify)	20
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

8. To remain economically viable, some Portsmouth Farms have expanded their operations to include hosting periodic social events and other activities related to agro-tourism and business development. Should these kinds of non-farming but agriculture-related activities be allowed under Portsmouth zoning regulations?"

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	39.3%	46
Yes, but only with special use permits	49.6%	58
No	11.1%	13
	Other (please specify)	14
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

# 9. Economic opportunities: The following are potential opportunities for new sources of revenues in Portsmouth. Which would you support?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Locating the Aircraft Carrier John F. Kennedy in Portsmouth as a tourist attraction and community resource	50.4%	59
Improve and expand Melville Campground complex using a professional operator like KOA	62.4%	73
Develop Elmhurst School into a year round conference center operated by a professional hotelier like Marriott	66.7%	78
Encourage new businesses to come to Portsmouth by simplifying and streamlining the zoning and application process	76.1%	89
Creating a commuter rail service from Portsmouth to Newport	52.1%	61
	Other (please specify)	16
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

10. Regionalization: If substantial savings could be realized by consolidating some Town and School department services with Newport and Middletown without sacrificing quality or inheriting unfunded liabilities of other Towns, would you support it?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	64.1%	75
No	22.2%	26
Only with the following conditions	13.7%	16
	Specify conditions	25
	answered question	117
	skipped question	0

#### 1. Based on the information above, would you approve a tax rate increase of 1

	Other (please specify)	
1	A: There is no reason this should cost 37K B: You're at cap	Oct 28, 2010 7:50 PM
2	If the schools don't get it no one should.	Oct 28, 2010 8:32 PM
3	\$37,000 for a web site for the town! Is that a yearly budget item? I feel that is incredibly high. Oh and since I develop websites I know what I am talking about.	Oct 28, 2010 9:11 PM
4	A decent website is a necessary way for citizens to interact with local government.	Oct 28, 2010 9:12 PM
5	I'm not sure spending \$37,000 on a website a year would be a priority for my family when the schools are going to be in such dire need of every penny next year.	Oct 28, 2010 9:22 PM
6	I might approve of this if the web site were to include the ability to stream all town meetings to allow residents who are not able to come to meetings the opportunity to view and perhaps even make comments.	Oct 28, 2010 9:58 PM
7	any increase should go to the schools	Oct 31, 2010 10:11 PM
8	Middletown has much more useful information than Portsmouth.	Nov 2, 2010 10:13 AM
9	What would I possible do with a web site that I cannot possibly do at the town hall since I past by it a half dozen times a day. Besides, I can take the \$6 and apply it toward our already large tax burden.	Nov 2, 2010 2:23 PM
10	Like being able to purchase transfer station stickers online?	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
11	to support the schools YES!!!!!	Nov 9, 2010 6:32 PM
12	This is a no-brainer Yes	Nov 9, 2010 7:00 PM
13	I would prefer to increase the School Budget and educate of young.	Nov 12, 2010 12:47 PM
14	schools/education	Nov 13, 2010 11:43 PM
15	Look into budget cuts. You can build a website for under 300.00 explore other options	Dec 2, 2010 1:49 PM

#### 1. Based on the information above, would you approve a tax rate increase of 1

Other (please specify)  If it were to be used toward the school budget and allow some of the teachers that Dec 12, 2010 12:53 AM have not had their pay increases in several years, then maybe, I would reconsider. Other uses, of course, would be to better facilitate the students' education.  17 have local vols to under take the website revision we live in a town with many IT Dec 12, 2010 6:13 PM pros.
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This is something that could be done by volunteers. Put the money toward the Dec 12, 2010 11:26 PM schools.
19 \$37,000 to maintain a better website? Think it could be done cheaper than that. Dec 13, 2010 3:18 PM
20 If it were a logical, useful improvement, then yes. Dec 14, 2010 1:59 PM

#### 2. Using industry accepted pavement management principles, Public Works has

Other (please specify)			
1	If the schools don't get it no one should.	Oct 28, 2010 8:32 PM	
2	feel strongly that any new development/housing should fund ALL roads necessary for that development however	Oct 29, 2010 12:17 PM	
3	If I could be gaurenteed it went onto the roads and not into someones pocket.	Nov 2, 2010 2:23 PM	
4	Paving should be part of the current budget	Nov 8, 2010 7:59 PM	
5	It depends on how wisely those funds are spent. I would be for it if the money is used to do things right the 1st time (and not go the cheep route and have to continuously make repairs to what we just spent thousands of dollars to replace).	Nov 9, 2010 5:23 PM	
6	No guarantee it would go to roads!!! Everyone has their own agenda.	Nov 9, 2010 6:32 PM	
7	Bad question does not state current budget in this area. Therefore the voter does not know the tru increase.	Nov 12, 2010 12:47 PM	
8	education	Nov 13, 2010 11:43 PM	
9	What exactly is this?	Nov 16, 2010 1:46 AM	
10	A lower amount could help, \$250,000 - \$500,000.	Dec 2, 2010 2:28 AM	
11	we pay enough in taxes. why should we suffer and pay for others mistakes.	Dec 2, 2010 1:49 PM	
12	Stop giving in to the teachers.	Dec 10, 2010 1:12 AM	
13	Just retired. Not sure yet if it is affordable.	Dec 10, 2010 3:05 AM	
14	Not sure if I would	Dec 11, 2010 12:05 AM	
15	what is transportation infastructurebuilding sidewalks?	Dec 14, 2010 1:59 PM	

#### 3. As a follow-on to Question 2, above, would you support a modified, less

Other (please specify)			
1	If the schools don't get it no one should.	Oct 28, 2010 8:32 PM	
2	I do think we need to spend money every year on roads, just not \$750,000 a year.	Oct 28, 2010 9:22 PM	
3	would have to know what the modification involved	Oct 29, 2010 12:17 PM	
4	need to spend what it deemed necessary or else it'll cost more later	Oct 30, 2010 3:08 PM	

# 3. As a follow-on to Question 2, above, would you support a modified, less

	Other (please specify)	
5	If we, the voters, the residents of the town, had a say on where and when it would be applied.	Nov 2, 2010 2:23 PM
6	But I can't understand why it isnt part of the regular budget anyway	Nov 8, 2010 7:59 PM
7	If we're going to do something, let's do it right.	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
8	If it is the only alternative	Nov 9, 2010 4:15 PM
9	I think I answered that above. Don't spend the money if you aren't going to do it right in the 1st place.	Nov 9, 2010 5:23 PM
10	I would rather have a yes for #2, but I would take this as a backup	Nov 9, 2010 7:00 PM
11	Same as question 2 you have not given the voter all information required to answer this question. What is the budget for this today?	Nov 12, 2010 12:47 PM
12	Not sure what this means	Nov 16, 2010 1:46 AM
13	better than 60, so maybe yes	Dec 2, 2010 1:49 PM
14	Stop giving in to the teachers.	Dec 10, 2010 1:12 AM
15	Need more info.	Dec 10, 2010 1:42 AM
16	Just retired. Not sure yet if it is affordable.	Dec 10, 2010 3:05 AM
17	Only if the full program was denied.	Dec 10, 2010 3:47 PM
18	would support 5 cents	Dec 10, 2010 6:03 PM
19	what would be 'modified'? there is no description of what the money would be used forbus stop shelers?	Dec 14, 2010 1:59 PM

#### 4. Would you support eliminating funding to the Portsmouth Action for Youth

	Other (please specify)	
1	This is a critical program for many working families I'm shocked that you would even ask this question	Oct 28, 2010 7:50 PM
2	those kids staying after school need somewhere to go. I don't want them on the streets or home without a parent.	Oct 28, 2010 9:22 PM
3	What is the Portsmouth Action for Youth?	Oct 29, 2010 1:00 AM
4	I dont know what this is.	Oct 29, 2010 4:22 AM
5	but, i would hire a recreation director	Oct 30, 2010 3:08 PM
6	This town needs to support our working families with kids, as otherwise you are only going to have old people in this town. When schools and services for children are eliminated, people will no longer pay top dollar to live in this town.	Nov 9, 2010 5:23 PM
7	There are still children in this town that need this program. PCC at its finest!!!!	Nov 9, 2010 6:32 PM
8	This should be a private enterprise, not held in the schools instead Portsmouth should re institute their own summer programs. Daycare and after school daycare should be a private enterprise	Nov 16, 2010 2:37 PM
9	I would support reallocating those dollars to something more needed by the town	Dec 1, 2010 3:56 PM
10	are you kidding me, this keeps kids out of trouble.	Dec 2, 2010 1:49 PM
11	I do not support eliminating P.A.Y.!	Dec 11, 2010 12:05 AM
12	Stop always trying to cut corners where the kids are concerned. Enough is enough!	Dec 12, 2010 12:53 AM
13	My experiences with PAY have been mixed at best, but I would rather see the money go to other school programs.	Dec 12, 2010 11:26 PM

#### 5. Would you be in favor of adding 3 cents to the tax rate (\$9 increase in tax on a

	Other (please specify)	
1	It would depend on what that money would go for. If it was spent on the senior center an EMPHATIC NO!! If it went to programs for children, then YES!!	Oct 28, 2010 8:32 PM
2	At this point, I would like to spend the money on thing we absolutely need like the school system, rather that a quality of life fund, which I am not confident would be managed correctly.	Oct 28, 2010 9:11 PM
3	I like the sponshorship of civic & cultural events. The other things like benches, tree planting, civic beautify, I think there are plenty of groups around town that could take care of these things as donations to the town.	Oct 29, 2010 12:17 PM
4	these things should be done through normal public works in on-going budget	Oct 30, 2010 3:08 PM
5	but there needs to be a way to monitor this	Oct 31, 2010 10:11 PM
6	Should be subject to TC approval for expenditures	Nov 8, 2010 7:59 PM
7	It depends on what these funds are going to be used for. If it is to maintain and keep areas safe (such as beaches and ball fields) or preserving our open space, I am for it. But as far as planting trees & benches, we should be able to get sponsorships from local businesses for these things.	Nov 9, 2010 5:23 PM
8	Too broad for discretionary use. How about schools!!	Nov 9, 2010 6:32 PM
9	I am all for moing Portsmouth Forward.	Nov 12, 2010 12:47 PM
10	I'd only agree to this if we also add 3 cents more a year to the school budget to keep sports and after school programs next year. Who cares how many trees we have next year if we have kids sitting home with nothing to do? Where are school budget questions on this survey?	Dec 13, 2010 3:18 PM

#### 6. Would you support cutting funding to the Portsmouth Free Public Library

	Other (please specify)	
1	I know this is a trick question, but I think it's irresponsible to even suggest something which would trigger a loss of state match	Oct 28, 2010 7:50 PM
2	The library is a vital part of our community.	Oct 28, 2010 9:12 PM
3	absolutely not. We wouldn't get the state matching funds then!	Oct 28, 2010 9:22 PM
4	This is much more complicated. If Town support is less than the year before it could hurt State funding.	Nov 2, 2010 12:30 AM
5	Are you looking to get rid of all the services that the children in the town need!!!!	Nov 9, 2010 6:32 PM
6	We have a great library and it is an asset to the community. The Town should strive to maintain it.	Dec 11, 2010 12:05 AM
7	If we cut funding to the library, we lose state funding, so the cut would have bigger implications. Our library is a worthy investment.	Dec 12, 2010 11:26 PM

#### 7. What kinds of businesses should be encouraged to move to Portsmouth?

	Other (please specify)	
1	New media tech (web, design, social media). There are tremendous assets in quality of life and office park space that could be very attractive to Providence ring startups Bill Clark should be going to RI Nexus monthly meetings and talking us up.	Oct 28, 2010 7:50 PM

# 7. What kinds of businesses should be encouraged to move to Portsmouth?

	Other (please specify)	
2	Restaurant and hospitality	Oct 28, 2010 8:32 PM
3	Resort hotel	Oct 28, 2010 8:34 PM
4	I would like to see more kid-based business enticed to come to town (roller rink, bowling, indoor soccer, batting cages, sports complex, etc). I feel as if we lack activities for kids outside of organized sports or scouts. I grew up in a town where there was roller skating, bowling, malls, etc to go to as a teenager. Where can our kids go around Portsmouth?	Oct 28, 2010 9:22 PM
5	kind of sick of the not in my back yard mentality of this town. They approve putting in little shops that I certainly can't afford to shop in like those at Clock Tower, yet, when someone like Target comes in which would benefit the whole town, and was willing to work with our aesthetic, they say "NO, not in my backyard"	Oct 29, 2010 12:17 PM
6	Bed and Breakfast	Nov 2, 2010 2:47 PM
7	We need business in Portsmouth to offset the tax rate. Nearly ALL business should be encouraged. We need tax dollars and jobs.	Nov 2, 2010 4:37 PM
8	It's hard to find office space in Portsmouth. It'd be nice to have businesses where our youth could find jobs. My kids have always had a hard time getting jobs here.	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
9	As long as they will help our tax base, I think most businesses should be allowed into Portsmouth. But some should not be allowed in residential areas. I do not want industries which are going to hurt the environment or impede our use of the local waters for swimming, boating or fishing or which destroy our view (I personally like the look of the windmills). I definitely do not want huge cooling towers (like they have in Fall River). And the LNG project cannot be allowed to go through.	Nov 9, 2010 5:23 PM
10	Large box, anything that pays taxes and creates jobs.	Nov 10, 2010 2:36 AM
11	We have proven as a town to be unwilling to fund the schools and town as needed through prop taxes, we point to attracting businesses as the answer. I do not think we can be picky about who we attract.	Nov 10, 2010 1:31 PM
12	Portsmouth has room for all the above businesses and it should be encouraged.	Nov 12, 2010 12:47 PM
13	Small businesses that do not impact on the current water, sewage, and road usage.	Nov 16, 2010 2:37 PM
14	MAke more use of West Side of Island.	Dec 10, 2010 1:12 AM
15	Want Target to open in Portsmouth	Dec 10, 2010 6:03 PM
16	educational center for the fine and performing arts	Dec 10, 2010 6:39 PM
17	campgrounds, motels, cruise ship docks, and any facilities to encourage families to vacation here	Dec 10, 2010 6:48 PM
18	With Elmhurst school closed down, this might be a perfect location for some of these types of businesses.	Dec 11, 2010 12:05 AM
19	It's a great location for remote businesses, that do not require physical contact with customers.	Dec 12, 2010 11:26 PM
20	in agreement with most anything, as long as it's not heavy manufacturing and large size retail. Don't think either of these benefit our town financially or environmentally.	Dec 13, 2010 3:18 PM

# 8. To remain economically viable, some Portsmouth Farms have expanded their

	Other (please specify)	
1	Would have to be infrequent and determined by affect o surrounding neighborhoods.	Oct 28, 2010 12:37 AM
2	No events at the vineyard, too much for a residential neighborhood.	Oct 28, 2010 10:23 PM
3	And if they do, host these events, then their farm tax credit should be re-evaluated (down) to reflect the non-agricultural use of the land and the income generated from that use. Can't have their cake and eat it too. Also, they would have to follow all the same parking, noise and other restrictions that non-agri businesses have to follow.	Oct 29, 2010 12:17 PM
4	i question "to remain economically viable" I dont buy that. some may be strugglingbuti look at Decastro Farms and they seem to be doing exceedingly well!	Oct 30, 2010 3:08 PM
5	No commercial business should be allowed in areas zoned residential. Also, the farming tax credit shoud be removed if these agro-tourism are permitted, since the land would not be used for farming. The town is loosing too much money on this issue.	Nov 2, 2010 10:13 AM
6	Give them an inch and they'll take a mile. Before we know it, Portsmouth will be like a 3-ring circus.	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
7	I have no problem with weddings and other special events to be allowed at farms. We allow them at Glen Farm which is town owned and in a residential neighborhood. But I want you to make sure that anything which may be passed doesn't open up the doors for farmers to do anything they want on their properties (like heavy manufacturing all hours of the day & night or renting space on their properties to companies to put up huge cell towers, etc.)	Nov 9, 2010 5:23 PM
8	absolutely!!	Nov 10, 2010 2:36 AM
9	Yes enven if minimal \$\$ go to the town it will create some jobs and increase tourism to other town businesses.	Nov 12, 2010 12:47 PM
10	only if the laws for such special use permits were adhered to and administered equitably. and if they were held to a reasonable number	Nov 13, 2010 11:43 PM
11	Should be decided case by case, with neighbors input.	Nov 16, 2010 2:37 PM
12	Requiring special use permits allows neighbors/abbutters to voice concerns over noise, safety. The permits should be time limited /renewable	Dec 10, 2010 7:18 PM
13	We should support our farming. The farms are one of the things that is beautiful about the Portsmouth environment. But we should be mindful of the neighborhood surrounding the farms (i.e., noise pollution, overparking due to these events, etc.)	Dec 11, 2010 12:05 AM
14	Farms everywhere are becoming quite creative in ways to stay afloat. This should be encouraged, because our farms are one of the things that makes Portsmouth attractive and unusual. However, I would encourage the EDC to monitor the process, to prevent outside business from taking advantage of this opportunity.	Dec 12, 2010 11:26 PM

# 9. Economic opportunities: The following are potential opportunities for new

	Other (please specify)	
1	Not in favor of selling Elmhurst property.	Oct 29, 2010 12:17 PM
2	None of the above (I had to answer the least disliked question.	Nov 2, 2010 12:30 AM
3	East and West Main Roads have too much traffic. The town needs a highway to allow drivers to bypass the local roads.	Nov 2, 2010 10:13 AM

# 9. Economic opportunities: The following are potential opportunities for new

	Other (please specify)	
4	if these are our best options we might as well become Little Compton	Nov 2, 2010 1:19 PM
5	Elmhurst is too close to the water to develop anything big in 2010.	Nov 2, 2010 2:47 PM
6	All of the above plus any other opportunities that arise	Nov 8, 2010 7:59 PM
7	As long as the Glen Manor remains the same!!!	Nov 9, 2010 6:32 PM
8	there are many other viable optioins- most of these listed are pretty ridiculous	Nov 12, 2010 1:32 AM
9	If there were controls in place to ensure the benefit of Portsmouth and its residents and support and/or rejections available to those who live here	Nov 13, 2010 11:43 PM
10	something like a Personal Rapid Transit concept might be better than traditional commuter rail.	Nov 15, 2010 8:29 PM
11	if the town wants to create extra funds, why not let people store there boats, campers at the melville campground and charge them 400.00 or less depending on the size of the vehicle. this could create enough money for your website and then some extra cash to put else where.	Dec 2, 2010 1:49 PM
12	No Big Retail, support our farmers!!	Dec 7, 2010 1:30 AM
13	I would favor streamlining the zoning and application process, as long as our guidelines are still diligently enforced.	Dec 12, 2010 11:26 PM
14	don't want to see Elmhurst sold or leased to a large company that will profit from it and keep our beautiful public property from being used by residents. Would rather see a public building there that residents could use for their own use (parties, weddings, art shows, etc) and then rent out to other people for a fee.	Dec 13, 2010 3:18 PM
15	Demolish Elmhurst and construct ONE elementary school on that site. One school in southern Ports, mid Ports(PMS) and Northern Ports (PHS)	Dec 13, 2010 5:21 PM
16	Turning the train tracks into a walking/bike path to newport. This would improve quality of life for everyone here; would reduce traffic & emcourage exercise.	Dec 14, 2010 1:59 PM

# 10. Regionalization: If substantial savings could be realized by consolidating

	Specify conditions	
1	Only if it makes educational AND economic sense	Oct 28, 2010 7:50 PM
2	It would have to increase the value of services we have available to us at an affordable cost.	Oct 28, 2010 8:32 PM
3	shared services & purchasing power only. I do not want to see us physically regionalize our students or buildings with the 2 other towns.	Oct 28, 2010 9:22 PM
4	Only if it can be guaranteed that our students would receive the same rigorous curriculum and excellent school system they currently have, or at least had, before the budget was slashed.	Oct 28, 2010 9:58 PM
5	I do not believe it could happen and not sacrifice quality. I think the whole "no child left behind/integration of special ed children" has already sacrificed quality. I believe those children should have dedicated teaching environments. I belive that our teachers are being taxed to the limit in trying to teach to such a wide range of children in the classroom that the education of all the children is suffering. So with the three communities of Newport/Middletown/Portsmouth being regionalized, nothing good can come from it but saving \$\$.	Oct 29, 2010 12:17 PM
6	We do it because it improves service first and foremost.	Nov 2, 2010 12:30 AM
7	The quality of Portsmouth schools are poor and are getting worse. This has been going on for years and something must be done.	Nov 2, 2010 10:13 AM

# 10. Regionalization: If substantial savings could be realized by consolidating

	Specify conditions	
0	Specify conditions	New 2, 2040 4:40 DM
8	governance issues need to be resolved, analysis of each town's community vision	
9	What is the definition of "some"?	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
10	Maybe some of the administrative costs/services (like busing or lunchroom contracts), but not consolidating schools. We moved to Portsmouth from Newport specifically for the schools - We didn't like what we saw in the Newport schools and felt Portsmouth was the best system on island. If our public schools diminish in Portsmouth, we will move elsewhere. (And everyone's property value will take a nose-dive.) I am frustrated with the PCC backed Republicans in this town (and I am a Republican) - Yes something needs to be done about the cost benefits (healthcare & retirement) for the town employees (both union & non-union), but I feel that the PCC only cares about continuing to live their lives as they always have without having to make any sacrifices like the rest of us. They don't seem to care about giving our kids the same opportunities that we had as children - And that is wrong!	Nov 9, 2010 5:23 PM
11	Only if there are TRUE long-term cost savings and no negative impact on service levels	Nov 9, 2010 7:00 PM
12	School operations but not student integration. Portsmouth outperforms the other towns academically.	Nov 10, 2010 2:36 AM
13	Middletown and Newport operate MORE EXPENSIVE, lower performing schools than Portsmouth. I do not see the savings.	Nov 10, 2010 1:31 PM
14	if it was only w/o the mentioned sacrifices/inherited liabilities	Nov 13, 2010 11:43 PM
15	build one mega school.	Dec 2, 2010 1:49 PM
16	Administration positions must be consolidated	Dec 6, 2010 1:33 AM
17	Administration, legal, human resources, information technologythese can be handled easily thru centralizing.	Dec 10, 2010 1:12 AM
18	Allow each high school to maintain its varsity sport teams	Dec 10, 2010 6:39 PM
19	I would even support having one school system on the islandthe long term cost could be reduced and the education improved.	Dec 10, 2010 6:48 PM
20	Only if we can be ASSURED the quality of our education is NOT compromised!!! Money is not everything! We selected Portsmouth to live and one of the major reason is its excellent school reputation.	Dec 11, 2010 12:05 AM
21	THAT SCHOOLS WOULDN'T SUFFER IN ANY WAY.	Dec 11, 2010 7:37 PM
22	Yes, but I think we've already taken advantage of regionalization in most of the areas where this would be true.	Dec 12, 2010 11:26 PM
23	only for purchasing power.	Dec 13, 2010 3:18 PM
24	more AP academic offerings, expanding sports opportunities including volleyball, intramurals, clubs, after school activities and the arts	Dec 13, 2010 5:21 PM
25	Students classrooms hold students of equivalent learning capabilitieslevel learning.	Dec 14, 2010 1:59 PM