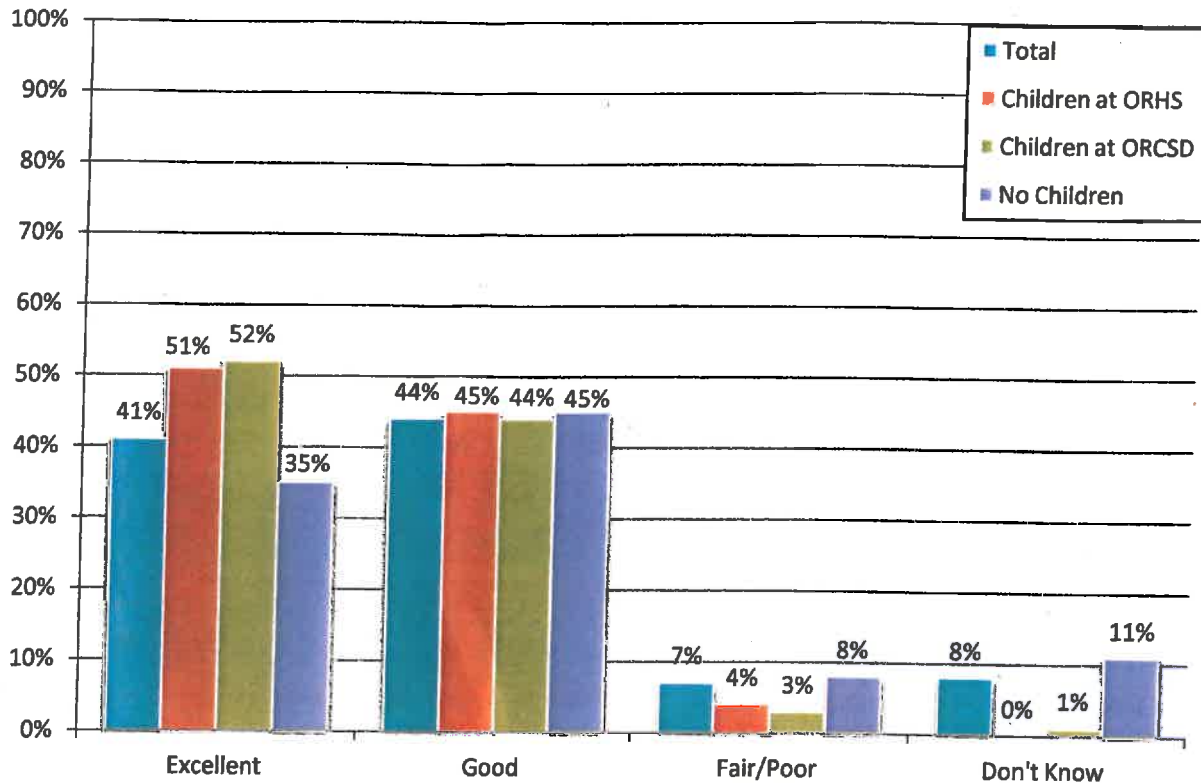


We would like to welcome one and all to a public discussion on tuition students, scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2013, in the Auditorium at Oyster River High School from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. In order to communicate as comprehensively as possible, the school District is mailing a postcard to over 4,700 homeowners in Durham, Lee and Madbury. In addition, the meeting is being announced on our web page and through our electronic voicemail system.

The District recently contracted with the UNH Survey Center to do a comprehensive, scientific telephone poll of the District. The Center, run by District resident, Dr. Andrew Smith, randomly polled 592 residents on general satisfaction of the District, and on the issue of tuition paying students being educated at ORHS.

### Quality of Oyster River Schools



The District received a good to excellent rating from 96% of the K-8 parents, 96% good to excellent rating from the high school parents, and an 85% good to excellent rating from community members with no students in ORCSD.

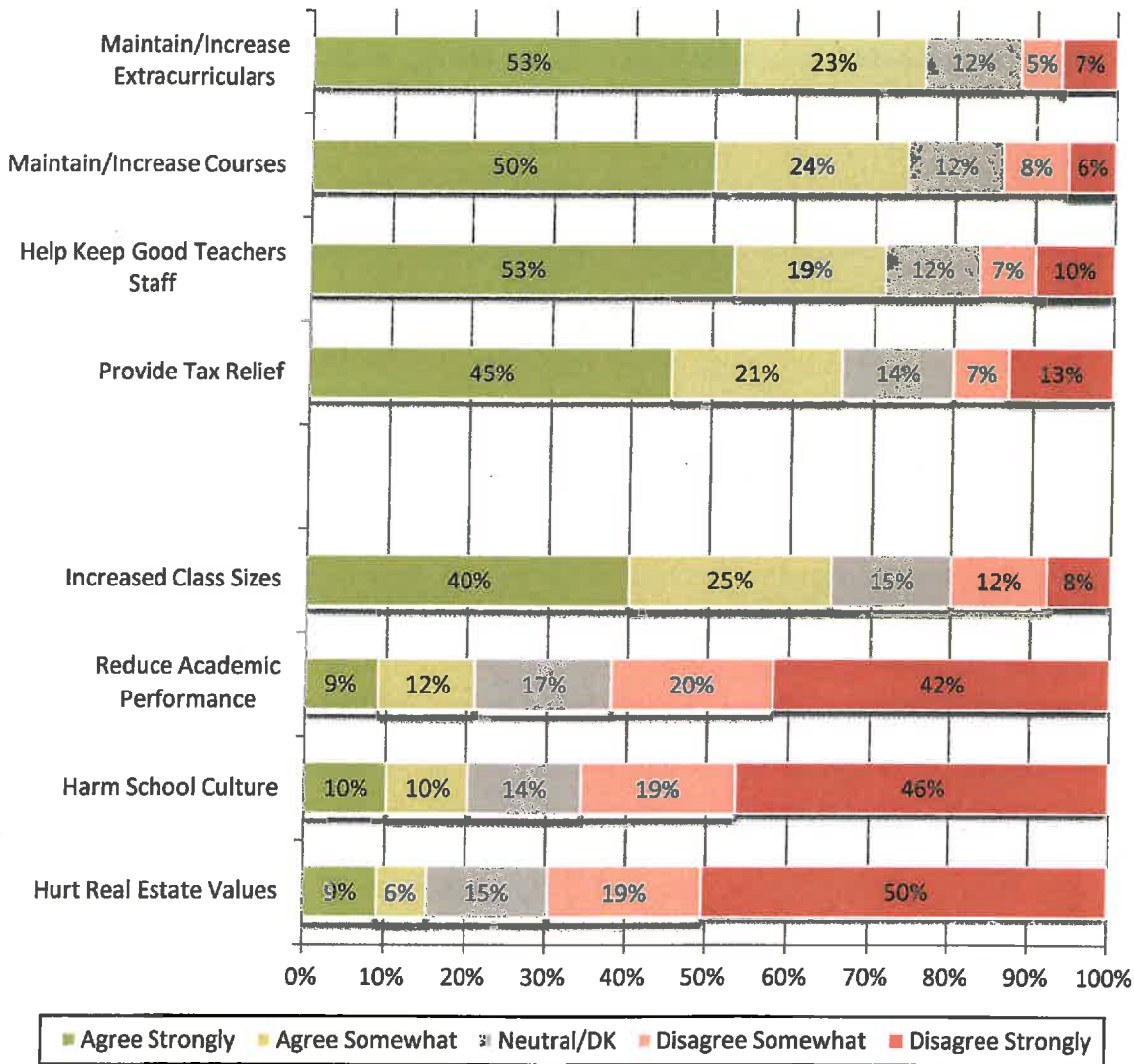
The New Hampshire School Administrator Association (NHSAA) study documented that ORHS has room for tuition paying students. Using District policy IIB to guide their work, they indicated that there are 915 student spaces at ORHS. We currently have 620 resident students, leaving 295 tuition student spaces available.

We have experience with tuition students as we currently have 63 slots for Barrington students. Barrington is committed to allowing their families 'choice' meaning they can choose Dover, Coe-Brown or Oyster River.

The Barrington students bring in over \$800,000 in revenue, allowing our staffing costs to remain stable. This revenue would normally come from the taxpayers or would have resulted in over \$800,000 in program cuts. The District's experience with Barrington students has been very well received over the past five years. Projections from 2013-14 indicated an increase of Barrington students from 63 to 81, a fairly significant jump in enrollment. There is no reason to believe that this experience wouldn't continue to happen in the future.

In addition to the Barrington School District, Deerfield and Newmarket have expressed interest in having their students attend ORHS. Both Deerfield and Newmarket are looking for an 'exclusive' arrangement with Oyster River. Deerfield has approximately 188 students and Newmarket has approximately 250 students.

The survey also revealed the reasons why you agree or disagree with the following statements for or against tuitioning in students from another school:



The primary reasons to accept tuition students at ORHS are to maintain and enhance academic programming, and to help lower the tax effort in the ORCSD communities. The Board recognizes this as an important issue for our school District and is interested in your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. Please attend our May 30<sup>th</sup> public discussion. If you are unable to attend, I would still like to hear from you. Your thoughts and questions are important. You can be send your emails to [jmorse@orcscd.org](mailto:jmorse@orcscd.org). I have set up a special folder to accept "tuition" emails.

Dr. James C. Morse, Sr.