

Maine West - Call to Action

On February 1, 2010, there is a public meeting of District 207's Board of Education. We urge you to contact the school board and come to the meeting where you can ask the Board of Education to make the responsible choice to spend a fraction of its reserve fund to maintain the quality of education at Maine West, Maine South, and Maine East. The students are worth it.

- The district's financial projections are inaccurate.
- The district currently has the highest possible rating for financial strength and its \$100 million dollar reserves exceed those of New Trier, District 211, Hinsdale, Evanston and District 214, among others.
- The Board of Education created the current situation. The current teacher's contract is "comparable to the settlements in other school districts"*
- Less teachers = bigger classes, fewer coaches and less activities.
- The first option should not be terminating teachers who students trust most.

Finally, we need to recognize that even with the reduced revenue, District 207 has over \$100 million in reserves, which is far more than any surrounding school district. While some expenditure reductions are necessary because of the current economic situation, a reduction in these reserves would seem reasonable.

~ Former Superintendant Morris

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*All quotes can be found at <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=352979>