

DAVIS DISTRICT TAX FACT SHEET

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Tax Increase Trickery

The majority of the School Board is leaning towards proposing a property tax increase for the second year in a row. They will tell that the increase is a modest \$5 per month or some other minimal amount on a \$200,000 home.

What they won't tell you is that this comes to \$60 a year and that it will be added to the roughly \$787 per \$100,000 in property taxes that you already pay. On a home valued at \$200,000 that means you will pay \$1634 in property taxes per year after the tax increase.

They will tell you that a \$60 tax increase is less than the cost of a pizza per month but they won't tell you that \$60 can buy:

- A 1.5 month supply of Calan blood pressure medicine (80 mg., 3 X per day depending on cost), or
- 60 days of syringes for a child with type 1 diabetes (.25*4 per day), or
- 1 vial of Lilly Humulin-N insulin (1 X 10mL vial) - \$65 online, or
- 22, 10 mg. Lipitor tablets for a person with high cholesterol, or
- 15 to 20 gallons of gasoline for a family who is trying to get by on unemployment insurance

They won't tell you that in 2011, many senior citizens on Social Security actually saw a reduction in the amount they receive because there was no cost of living increase but there was an increase in some Medicare premiums. Early projections for 2012, suggest that many Social Security recipients will actually see a decrease in payments. http://grumpyeditor.typepad.com/grumpy_editor/2011/03/higher-social-security-benefits-seen-for-2012-but.html

Nor will they tell you that 99,679 (7.3%) of Utahns were unemployed in May 2011.

And they won't tell you that, according to the Tax Foundation, local taxes take 9.7% of total income generated in the state of Utah which puts Utah on the same level as Ohio and Michigan and above the neighboring states of Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona.

They, of course, won't tell you that the Davis School District and State Education fund take 60% of all property taxes paid in Davis County.

What they will tell you, however, is that you need to pay even more so a government education system can avoid the sacrifices that the taxpayers who are paying for it are being forced to make.

Options:

If the board is concerned about salaries and benefits for teachers, do the following: Cut the total compensation (salaries and benefits) of the highest paid Davis County School District administrators/principles and/or reduce the number of administrators and allocate the savings to lower paid classroom teachers.

Some Statistics (Source: http://www.utahsright.com/salaries.php?city=davis_schools See back of flyer for disclaimer)

- According to Utahsright.com, Superintendent Bowles receives total compensation of \$245,258.*
- **10** administrators received salaries and benefits valued at between \$150,000 and \$189,914;
- **158** administrators/principals and 5 teachers received salaries and benefits of \$100,000 to \$150,000;
- **166** High School Teachers received salaries and benefits valued at between \$75,000 and \$109,776
- **102** Jr. High School Teachers received salaries and benefits valued at \$75,000 and \$104,666
- **8** Elementary School Reading Teachers received salaries and benefits valued at \$75,000 and \$93,022.
- **58** Elementary School Teachers received salaries and benefits valued at \$75,000 and \$83,979

*Superintendent Bowles' says his compensation is overstated. See note at bottom of next page.

See Reverse for the Total Compensation of the 45 Highest Paid Staff

HIGHEST GROSS COMPENSATION AS REPORTED ON UTAHSRIGHT.COM

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Note: Data for Davis Schools is gross compensation, including benefits and additional/misc. pay types, based on fiscal year 2010. The percentage of benefits as a portion of gross compensation for all employees ranges from the low 20s to mid-30s. The highest paid staff generally receive the highest percentage of benefits to salary. Please go to the website for most up to date salary information.
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Name	Position	Department	Annual Salary (As reported on Utahsright.com)
Bryan Bowles	Superintendent Of Schools	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$245,258 (\$188,501 salary/\$56,757 benefits – 29%)*
Reese Roberts	District Administrator	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$189,914 (\$145,000/\$45,000 – 31%)
Paul Waite	Assistant Superintendent	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$182,436
Craig Poll	Assistant Superintendent	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$175,890
Pamela Park	Assistant Superintendent	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$173,961
Robert Daniels	Parc Administrator	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$165,086
Gary Payne	District Administrator	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$159,531
Michelle Beus	Legal Issues Specialist	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$159,047
Duane Singleton	District Administrator	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$158,337
Richard Call	Elem/sec Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$150,028
Kathleen Bone	Elem/sec Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$149,041
Steven Hill	Special Ed Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$143,325
Rulon Homer	Elem/sec Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$142,518
Chris Wahlquist	District Administrator	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$141,012
Kathryn Davis	Department Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$138,557
Kristi Frodsham	Elem/sec Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$136,552
Patricia Brown	District Administrator	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$135,278
John Sheffield	Elem/sec Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$134,488
Becky Williams	District Administrator	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$133,922 (\$99,787/\$34,135 – 34%)
John Zurbuchen	District Administrator	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$132,026
Chase Rogers	Director Growth Planning	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$130,709 (\$102530/28179 – 27%)
Scott Tennis	High School Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$128,042
John Swain	Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$128,010
Vickie Ingram	High School Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$127,787
Ryck Astle	High School Principal	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$126,929
Craig Hansen	High School Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$126,371
Pamela Tsakalos	Director	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$124,500
John Mills Jr	High School Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$123,759
Bryan Turner	Department Director	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$122,482 (\$96,083/\$26,399 – 27%)
Laurel Bain	Department Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$122,413
Larry Dugger	Department Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$121,663
John Sadler	Assistant Sr High Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$120,851
Mark Reid	Department Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$120,441
Marylou Seamons	Cte Supervisor	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$120,330
John Haning	High School Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$120,287
Darren Hamblin	Department Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$120,270
Steven Davis Jr	High Principal	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$120,227
Paul Barnes	Department Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$119,859
Dee Burton	High School Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$119,742
Scott Zigich	Department Director	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$118,849
Ralph Baer	Physical Therapist	INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS	\$118,337
Michael Venable	Elementary Principal	SUPPORT SERVICES	\$117,496 (\$92,205/\$25,291 – 27%)

 Example of Benefits for lower salaried employee: H. Fisher, Elem Teacher \$50,434 (**\$40,994/\$9,439 – 22%**)

*Superintendent Bowles challenged Utahsright.com's data and reports that his base salary is \$161,229. He did not provide the value of benefits received. Names and salaries of two other staff removed due to challenge to accuracy of data.