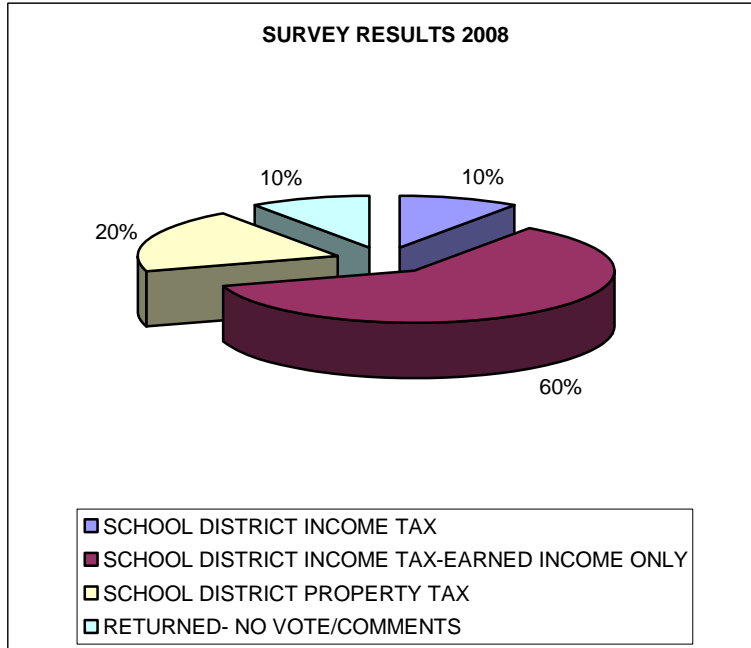


You Spoke and We Listened

Earlier this summer, each residence of the Berlin-Milan District received a survey asking for your preference on the method of covering our school's financial needs. The results overwhelmingly favored a "School District Income Tax on Earned Income Only." As you can see from the graph below, the "School District Income Tax on Earned Income Only" option received three times as many votes as the second place choice of "School District Property Tax".



In addition to the choices listed, some residents shared with us their thoughts and concerns on their surveys. We have reviewed your comments and appreciate all of your suggestions. For example, one suggestion recommended the district utilize a "Sales Tax" to address our needs. Other ideas included a "Usage Tax" or "Tuition" charge. However, these revenue sources are not legal options provided to school districts in the state of Ohio.

Another resident wondered about utilizing the interest from the George Weilnau donation. This generous gift was given to the Citizenship and Education Foundation (C & E) and not to the Berlin-Milan Local School District. Mr. Weilnau donated these funds to the C & E Foundation with the understanding that the interest earned on his donation would benefit Berlin-Milan students in the form of scholarships.

In the coming months, the Administration and Board of Education will be utilizing your information as we evaluate the district's future financial needs. Thank you for taking the time to respond and share your ideas with the district. We appreciate and value your dedication to the Berlin-Milan Schools.

Nicole Spriggs, Treasurer