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## Taxpayers Beware!

When professional administrators speak of budget cuts reality gets a bit distorted. Case in point the Carver Public School System has not cut its budget. The memo put out by the schools lists "\$1,535,537 cut from the school budget over the last five years". The fact is that the school budget has **INCREASED BY \$3,241,649 since 2003** including exorbitant raises for the business manager last year. Rhetoric like "there is nothing left to cut" ignores the fiscal reality facing Carver. We do not blame the schools for the condition of the nation and state but we expect a more rational response to the budget crisis. We implore the schools to take a second, more responsible look at the situation.

### Year School Spending \$ Increase Percent

2003 \$17,414,909

2004 \$17,692,904 +\$ 277,995 1.6 %

2005 \$18,472,764 +\$779,860 4.4 %

2006 \$19,477,505 +\$1,004,741 5.4 %

2007 \$20,656,558 +\$1,179,053 6.0 %

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