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Dear Ross Valley Community,

Last night, April 9th, the Board of Trustees took action on several budget items as we begin to build the 2009-2010 school year budget.

The following items will be included in the 2009-2010 budget:

- 1) **Class size reduction in grades K-3 of 20 students** (this will maintain our grade k-3 classes at approximately the same sizes as we have had in recent years)
- 2) **Class size reduction in grades 4-5** (this will maintain our grades 4 and 5 classes at approximately the same class sizes as we have had in recent years)
- 3) **Library Services at current levels at all school campuses**
- 4) **Class Size reduction in grades 6-8** (this will maintain our grades 6-8 classes at approximately the same sizes as we have had in recent years, and adds one teaching position in grade 6 to accommodate the larger incoming class)
- 5) **Instructional Aides in Kindergarten** (this will maintain our current extended-day Kindergarten model, with classroom aides funded at current level)
- 6) **Instructional Aides in grades 1-5 at current funding level**
- 7) **School Nursing Services at current level**
- 8) **White Hill pre-period day** (maintains funding at current level)
- 9) **District contribution to music program** (maintains funding at current level for the district contribution)
- 10) **Title 1 Basic Grant funding** (this maintains the district contribution to supplement restricted Title 1 funds for instructional intervention services)

The Board of Trustees will continue to discuss and act on additional budget items in the upcoming weeks. There are many other items on the list to still be considered, but the above items will maintain most of the positions that were previously noticed as possible layoffs.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed during our recent budget conversations, and especially to the dedicated members of our Budget Advisory Committee.

Have a great vacation week!
Ross Valley Board of Trustees