

### **Budget News**

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) met on April 24<sup>th</sup> and developed a recommended list of programs and services to be restored, in priority order, if funds become available. The top priority of the BAC is to restore the teaching periods at White Hill to maintain class sizes. The committee will meet in May and add additional information they would like the board to consider when restoring the services that have been cut. The BAC will also explore revenue enhancers.

We anxiously await the Governor's May revision of the budget which is due out May 14<sup>th</sup>. News from Sacramento indicates, however, that revenues for the months of March and April are coming in lower than expected, and the deficit may grow to \$14 billion. The RVSD board continues to identify possible savings in their line-by-line review of the budget.

### **Highlights from the Board Meeting on April 24, 2008**

- Facilities and Enrollment: The board decided to place an additional kindergarten at each elementary school to accommodate the 283 incoming kindergartners. They will place 2 second grade classes at Brookside Upper to accommodate the increased Brookside enrollment. Manor will put their new classroom in the Music room. Additional kindergartens, if needed, will be placed at Wade Thomas School.
- The board heard reports on two district programs: (1) Academic Intervention, which serves students in need of additional support in reading or math; and (2) Gifted and Talented Education, a program designed to challenge students who are intellectually gifted.
- The District will begin a Facilities Study to address long-range planning for classroom space needs.
- A Finance Committee for the Strategic Plan will be convened this spring. The charge to the District-wide committee will be to determine financial needs embedded in the Strategic Plan and develop a strategy for funding the components of the plan.

***If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's Office.  
Thank you for your continued support of the District.***