

Budget News

The board will hold its' second Budget Study Session on April 18th to review district expenditures and align the budget to support district goals. The board is also identifying areas in the budget for possible savings. They will continue to review programs, their purposes, students served and costs.

On Thursday, March 27th, the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) met to review the programs and services reduced due to the Governor's proposed budget cuts. After a period of advocacy and public comment, members of the BAC took a straw poll to determine a priority order to restore programs if and when funds become available. The administrative cabinet also conducted a straw poll. The two polls had many points of consensus. Points of difference will be discussed at the April 24th Budget Advisory Committee meeting. A prioritized order of programs to be restored will then be recommended to the board. The committee will also explore revenue enhancers.

Board Budget Study Session	April 18 th	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Budget Advisory Committee	April 24 th	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	April 24 th	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Good News! Our July payment from the State, the July apportionment, will not be delayed! Ross Valley falls within certain guidelines based on number of students (ADA) and property taxes collected in the base year 1979-80. We will not have to borrow funds to run the district for the summer!

Highlights from the Board Meeting on March 27, 2008

- The board approved an emergency resolution for the removal of Eucalyptus trees at the Red Hill site. One tree fell last weekend, and the remaining trees were deemed a hazard to health and safety.
- The board conducted a self evaluation using the California School Board Association (CSBA) tool. This is the first year the evaluation tool has been used. The board will then set goals based on areas they wish to address to improve board process and communication.
- The board reviewed its *Governance Handbook* and operating protocols. They added protocols to standardize the written format for board reports so reports are clear, understandable and have sufficient information for deliberations. They also discussed a protocol of staff responding to requests within 48 to 72 hours. They also established meeting guidelines that will serve as a foundation for all district meetings.

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