

## **Budget News**

The RVSD Budget will undergo a few changes based on the Governor's May revise. There is no suspension of Prop 98. Rather than having a -2.4% COLA, we will budget zero COLA for 2008-2009. (Zero is good news, in this case!) Revenue limit school districts will receive the same revenue limit in 2008-2009 as they did in 2007-2008 with additional amounts for enrollment increases. For RVSD that means we will receive an additional \$266,436 in 2008-2009 than previously projected.

Special Education funds were not cut by 6.5% as originally proposed. However, other categorical programs will still receive 6.5% less in 2008-2009 than the year before.

On the expense side, additional items have been added to the draft multiple year projections.

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) met on May 22. At that time, the additional expenses to consider in addition to the cuts previously made for 2008-2009 were presented to the committee. The BAC developed mitigating circumstances that they would like the board to consider for each of the items on the program cuts list and the additional expenses list. The board will consider the BAC input as it determines which programs and services to restore for the 2008-2009 school year.

Thanks to all the members of the Budget Advisory Committee for their commitment, openness and tenacity in dealing with a very difficult budget in a short time period. The district is indebted to each member of the committee for your work.

## **Highlights from the Board Meeting of May 22, 2008**

- The board heard a report on the district goals for the 2007-2008 school year from the administrators. The report discussed accomplishments in all areas including Essential Standards and Assessment, character education, communications, middle school programs and professional development. The board will continue discussion of goals for the 2008-2009 school year at the board meetings on June 5 and June 26. All goals from 2007-2008 were recommended for continuation for 2008-2009 for consideration by the board. (For the complete report, go to <http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net> and click on May 22 board meeting.)
- An increase in Special Education programs was proposed by Director Dennis Riley. The proposed increase is to accommodate increased need in resource services for Wade Thomas School and in the Learning Center at Brookside Upper Campus.

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