

Budget News

The Governor's May revise to his proposed budget for 2008-2009 school year appears to be far more favorable to schools than his initial January budget. It is heartening that he has responded to the public response with a more measured and thoughtful plan to financing California's growing deficit. Thanks to each of you who have written letters, postcards, talked with your legislators and attended rallies on behalf of public education. Special thanks to the members of the Budget Response Team and particularly Lisa Graham, Chris Pederson and Heidi Weller for providing leadership in this effort.

In order to understand what the budget proposal will mean for our district, business manager Kathleen Clow will attend the School Legal Services of California workshop on Monday, May 19th for an analysis of the Governor's May Revise. We conclude this Budget News Update on a high note. Ron Bennett, President of SSC, commented today that never in the history of California's budgets has education received less money than the Governor's Proposal in the May Revise. This is good news for all public schools.

Highlights of the upcoming Board Meeting of May 22, 2008

- Sale of Red Hill Field: This item has been postponed from the May 22nd board meeting to the June 5th board meeting.
- District administrators will present a progress report on the District Goals for 2007-2008 from the Strategic Plan. This report will include recommendations for goals for the 2008-2009 school year for consideration by the board.
- An increase in Special Education Programs will be 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.*