

Budget News

YES Funds Elementary PE for 2008-2009 School Year

Last Wednesday night, the YES board voted to give the district \$80,000 to restore PE programs to the elementary schools! As you recall the Governor's budget proposal resulted in our district cutting \$517,000 out of next year's budget. Included in those cuts was the elementary PE program. Thank you, parents of the community, who stepped up to support YES this year in all ways—Family Giving, the Gala, and the Break-to-Break Challenge. As a result of your generosity, we will now be able to restore the PE coaches to Brookside Upper and Lower, Manor and Wade Thomas. The district will request proposals from PE program providers for a PE program for RVSD. The YMCA will not be offering PE for the schools next year.

The Budget Advisory Committee has prioritized cuts to be restored if and when funding becomes available. The list will be presented at the June 5 board meeting for the board's consideration. Over the summer break, we will post the results of the board's budget decisions on the website

We again thank all the members of the Budget Advisory Committee for their incredible efforts 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.

At the state level, the Assembly Budget Committee on Education Finance has approved an education funding package that provides \$2.2 billion more dollars to education than what Governor Schwarzenegger had offered public schools in May. Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, applauds the proposal as being a fair, reasonable and rational approach that prioritizes our most precious resource: our children.

The Senate counterpart to this committee, the Senate Subcommittee on Education Finance, is expected to finalize its proposal after the June 3 primary. There are likely to be differences between the two proposals. These differences will be resolved by a subcommittee of two Democrats and one Republican legislator from each house. The Budget Conference Committee will begin meeting in the next few weeks. If the Budget Conference Committee is unable to agree on a budget that will garner two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature, a meeting of the Governor and the four legislative leaders (commonly referred to as the "Big 5") will be convened to finalize the deal. *Fiscal Report, Vol. 28, School Services of California, Inc*

Highlights of the Upcoming Board Meeting of June 5, 2008

- The board will discuss the 2008-2009 budget. The district's budget must be passed by June 30; possibly before the state is able to pass a budget. The board will discuss the variables of projected enrollment increases and possible changes in the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). They will also consider restoring programs and services based on projected revenue increases. New program proposals will also be considered including increased resource services for Wade Thomas School and increased services in the Learning Center at Brookside Upper Campus.
- The board conversation to set District Goals for 2008-2009 will continue. Parent and staff surveys will be reviewed as information to take into consideration as the board sets goals for the coming school year.
- The sale of Red Hill Field to the Tamalpais Union High School District (TUHSD) will be considered. This is an Action item.
- For more details log-on to <http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net>.

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