



## **Budget News**

The board is conducting Budget Study Sessions to review district expenditures and align the budget to support district goals. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the board reviewed the budget for instruction to identify areas for possible savings. They examined programs, their purposes, students served, and costs. Staff will bring further information to the board on these topics. A second session to continue this line by line review of the budget has been scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>.

On Thursday, March 27, the Budget Advisory Committee will prioritize the budget reductions that were made on February 28 to determine the order in which the reductions will be restored if or when additional funds are found. The committee will also explore new sources of revenue.

Budget Advisory Committee	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Board Work Session	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Board Budget Study Session	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## **Highlights from the Board Meeting on March 17, 2008**

- Board Budget Study Session The board identified areas in the budget for further study. They have requested further information on programs such as remedial instruction, staff development, Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA), information literacy, and others.

## **Upcoming Highlights for the Board Meeting on March 27, 2008**

- The board will be asked to approve an emergency resolution to remove the eucalyptus trees at the Red Hill site. One of the trees spontaneously fell last week, prompting concern for the stability of all the eucalyptus in that strand of trees. The trees have already been taken down and hauled away.
- The board will review and discuss Governance Handbook protocols. They will identify strengths and challenges, address protocols such as preparing board reports, effective board deliberations, requests for information, and protocol for public discussion of an item on the agenda.
- The board will review the subject matter in the Governance Handbook including roles and responsibilities of the board and superintendent, communication and information sharing, and board direction to the superintendent.

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