

### *Budget News*

The board will hold its second Budget Study Sessions on April 18<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 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 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Budget Advisory Committee	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	April 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 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 1979-80. We will not have to borrow funds to run the district for the summer!

### *Upcoming Highlights for the Board Meeting on April 18, 2008*

- Board Budget Study Session: The board will conduct its second budget study session, analyzing the budget for cost savings. They have requested further information on programs such as remedial instruction, staff development, Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA), information literacy and others.

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