

The Ross Valley School District summer school program has been cancelled this year due to state budget constraints. Special Education summer school will continue as scheduled.

Congratulations to the White Hill Track & Field Team. 84 athletes participated in the first round of competition and 38 athletes went on to the county finals last Friday. Congratulations to all our students who participated in Track & Field this year. We are proud of you!

Budget News for May 12, 2009

When will we receive State Fiscal Stabilization Funds?

Superintendent Jack O'Connell announced on Saturday that the first round of SFSF funds would be released this week. The amount is based on the amount of cuts made to revenue limit funding in February 2009. RVSD is listed to receive around \$500,000. This information is now available from the California Department of Education on their American Recovery and Reinvestment Act web page located at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ar/>. Still to come are the funds to restore the reductions made to categorical funding. We will keep you informed.

What are the effects if the Ballot Measures do not pass on May 19th?

School Services of California released polling information this week that most of the ballot measures are not faring well with voters in the state. The big push looks to be passage of measures 1A (cap state spending and increase the "rainy day" fund) and 1B (provides \$9.3 billion to funding for K-14 education). Prop 1A shows "no" votes of 50% with 13% undecided ; Prop 1B is polling at 47% No votes with 13% undecided. Other propositions are also fairing poorly. Measures 1C (modernize the Lottery and allow securitization of future Lottery profits: 58% no, 32% yes, 10% undecided.), 1D (temporarily transfer funds from early childhood education programs to help balance the State Budget: 45% no, 43% yes, 12% undecided.) and 1E (transfer money from mental health services to the General Fund to help balance the State Budget: 48% no, 41% yes, 11% undecided.). If these three measures fail, it will mean an additional \$5.8 billion dollar gap in the state expenditures, added to the \$8 billion shortfall already projected for 2009-10. Proposition 1F enjoys a 74% YES vote in the polls (prevents pay increases for state elected officials in Budget deficit years). The combined shortage of revenues from failed propositions 1C, D and E in addition to declining revenues in the state would mean approximately \$4 billion reduction to Prop 98 funding for schools. RVSD's business manager predicts that the state will need to make mid-year reductions in 2009-2010 budget. Federal Stimulus dollars that the district will receive may help to restore planned program or service reductions to the 2009-2010 budget or possible additional mid-year reductions in the 2009-2010 school year.

Highlights from the Board Meeting of
Thursday, May 7, 2009

- RVSD recognized their Ross Valley Very Important Persons (RVIP) at the opening of the meeting. Individual students, parents, teachers, classified staff and administrators were recognized for various accomplishments and outstanding service to the district. The district offers congratulations to all our RVIPs!
- The Board continued discussion of the district goals for the 2009-2010 school year. They would like the goals to be broad and indicate how we will measure success when we have met the goal.
- Board President Sharon Sagar reported on the tour of the Marin Town and Country property as a possible site for a new school. She will present a power point presentation to the Fairfax Town Council to discuss the possibility of construction on a school site.

*You can view the entire board packet and view all the topics the board will be addressing at
<http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net>*

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