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## **Budget News for May 27, 2009\***

### **What is the effect on the State budget and for RVSD of the voters' rejection of the Propositions 1A – E?**

The impact on Ross Valley School district is the following. Using the 2008-2009 April Average Daily Attendance (ADA) rate of 1869, the District will lose \$417,000 in revenue for the 2008-2009 school year. The loss is maintained in 2009-2010 but an additional \$36,000 is added for a total loss of revenue of \$453,000. The information provided is based on preliminary estimates. A more precise estimate can be made as more information is released. However, there is some good news on the horizon. The estimates above do not mention the federal RRA or SFSF stimulus funds and how those funds will allow our District to offset the loss of the funding for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school year.

### **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Acts for 2009 (ARRA)**

Our district will receive IDEA funds (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). The District will receive a total of \$300,000. It is one-time money with rules attached. If we meet the rules, which won't be known until July 1, then half of the revenue can be used to offset the unrestricted general fund contribution to special education. We have until September 20, 2011 to spend the funds. The funds must be spent on activities allowed under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

State Fiscal Stabilization Funding (SFSF) these federal funds restore reductions in the 2008-2009 revenue limit funding before the latest proposed round of reductions. The preliminary allocations for our District as reported on the document released by DCDE are \$500,347.

Additional funds to replace state cuts to categorical programs are anticipated next month. The District will receive another \$100,000 of funding related to categorical reductions. The first round of money, approximately half of the dollars, is meant to backfill 2008-09 cuts to revenue limit and categorical funds. The second round of SFSF money must be applied to cuts to schools in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

In short, it appears that the Federal stimulus funds may be necessary to maintain the programs currently restored.

\*Excerpts from Board Report by CBO Kathleen Clow May 21, 2009. For the full report, go to [rvsd.agendaonline.org](http://rvsd.agendaonline.org) and click on the meeting of May 21, 2009.

## **Highlights from the Board Meeting of Thursday, May 21, 2009**

- RVSD Board of Trustees approved the administrative assignments for the 2009-2010 school year. They are as follows:

Brookside Lower Campus	Marci Trahan, Assistant Superintendent / Principal
Brookside Upper Campus	Tracy Smith, Principal
Manor Campus	Catalina Nocon, Principal through December 2009 TBD, Principal starting January 2010
Wade Thomas Campus	Nancy Wasserman, Principal
White Hill Middle School	David Finnane, Principal
White Hill Middle School	TBD, Assistant Principal
  
- The Board will appoint an Interim trustee to fill the vacant trustee position. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (available at the District Office or on the district website). The Board will conduct interviews at a Special Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 6/9/09, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Board will vote to determine the new appointee at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009. (See information included in this newsletter for more information.)
- The Board discussed budget priorities for programs to be added when funds become available.
- The Board discussed district goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

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<http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net>*

***If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's Office.  
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