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Budget News for June 2, 2009

In last week's *Budget News*, we outlined the projected effects on RVSD of the failed propositions. The Governor has now released a post-election revision to the May Revision. It includes \$5.6 billion in reductions to social services, corrections and higher education. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed to further reduce funding to schools by another \$680 million. However, the Department of Finance (DOF) provided additional detail about the reduction to K-12 schools saying that the overall reduction to K-12 spending is \$1.084 billion, not the \$680 million announced by the Governor's office. Here are the changes in school funding:

\$470 million Revenue Limit Reduction (approximately \$80 per ADA)

Current year reductions result in \$223.00 per (Average Daily Attendance) ADA cut. This \$223 per ADA reduction grows to \$302.50 in the budget year based on the May 29th proposed cuts. If the legislature does not eliminate the Cal Works program, the proposal to cut the revenue limit would increase by \$115.25 in 2009-2010 over the 2008-2009, growing the budget year hit to revenue limit to \$338.25 per ADA.

Transportation - \$414 million in Home to School Transportation

This source of funding primarily benefits small, rural and high poverty areas because these districts bus a higher percentage of students. Because these districts will bare a disproportionate burden, there will likely be pressure to find these funds elsewhere in K-12 education budget.

The additional cuts would lower Prop 98 funding to the minimum guarantee for 2009-2010. This latest cut is intended to help close the now \$24.3 billion State Budget gap.

The Governor will meet with a joint session of the Legislature on June 2, 2009, to further discuss his plans and meet with the Big Five following the joint session. The goal is to reach agreement by the end of June so that the state can make cuts before the current Budget year expires on June 30 and borrow cash in July.*

This is the final *Budget News* column for the school year.

Thanks to the Budget Advisory Committee for their dedication and creative approach to addressing the budget challenges this year. Thanks as well to the **Ross Valley parent community** for your participation and continued support of the District.

*Excerpts from School Service of California *Fiscal Report* and Jeff Frost, Legislative Analyst, *Details on May Revise*.

Highlights of Upcoming Board Meeting of
Thursday, June 4, 2009

- The Board will prioritize programs and services to be added or restored to the budget should funds become available. Input from the Budget Advisory Committee, the Parent Budget Survey, administrators input and individual trustee's priorities will all be part of their considerations.
- The Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FPAC) will make recommendations to the Board for consideration to accommodate the increasing enrollment in Ross Valley. Their recommendations include one 6-8 middle school at White Hill with an emphasis on Small Learning Communities/Teaming, and opening an additional K-5 site at either Red Hill or Deer Park. The Board will discuss a process to determine the District property for the K-5 site.

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

Highlights of the Upcoming Special Board Meeting of
Thursday, June 9 2009

The Board will interview candidates for the position of interim trustee at this special meeting. The meeting will be held at the District Office from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The trustees will vote to determine the new appointed trustee. Once the Board has made the appointment, the new trustee will be sworn.

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