

Budget News **for September 23, 2008**

After a week of discussions about the state budget and a possible veto, it appears that state leaders have agreed on a budget. The agreement has several changes from the budget approved by the legislators earlier in the week but is essentially the same budget for education funding. Total funding of \$58.1 billion, with is a slight COLA of .68 % for K – 12 districts. Still at issue is whether the state will need to hold a special election in order to get two budget-related initiatives before voters – greater legislative control over the Governor’s 2002 after-school initiative and altering the state Lottery.

The budget does not solve the underlying budget problem, the structural deficit. We will, in all likelihood, see the state’s fiscal problems resurface in January 2009.

Highlights of the Upcoming Board Meeting of **September 25, 2008**

- The administrative team will present the action plans to implement the district goals for 2008-2009. The board set goals based on implementation of the Strategic Plan developed over a two year period. Last year was the first year of implementation. Annual goals for this year include academic achievement and student learning with an emphasis on math, a facilities study to address our growing enrollment and differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all students. On-going goals address student social and emotional well-being, attracting and retaining a high quality staff, communication and governance.
- The board will continue the second reading of the 5000s series of Board Policy on Students. When the second reading is completed the board will adopt the policy. The draft policy can be viewed at the District Office.

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

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