

## *Budget News for October 7, 2008*

With the passage of the state budget last week, we saw Proposition 98, the guaranteed funding for education, funded at a \$1.3 billion increase over the May revise. COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for 2009-2010 is projected at 0.68% for revenue limit, but 0% COLA for Categorical and special education programs. The education budget actually reflects a reduction from the necessary funds to retain current services. For the 2009-2010 school year, we are advised to budget 0% COLA. An estimated COLA of 3.5% is projected for 2010-2011. With revenues coming in at a less than expected rate and the Governor retaining authority to declare mid-year budget cuts, the districts have been advised to prepare a contingency plan in case funding for education is not at the level proposed. Further, school districts are advised that they consider increasing reserves greater than the minimum 3%. RVSD currently has a prudent 5% reserve.

## *Highlights of the Upcoming Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 7, 2008*

- The board will meet on Tuesday rather than Thursday this week only.
- YES co-chairs Robyn Dabora and Nancy Vernon will discuss Foundation Goals for 2009-2010.
- Teacher leaders from the Math Adoption Committee will present a progress report on the K-5 and 6-8 math Adoption. Several selected programs are being piloted this year for consideration to adopt by the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- Math leaders will present a report on Algebra. The State Board of Education has mandated that all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take the test for Algebra by spring 2011. In light of this new requirement, this report will focus on the question, "What is the state of our readiness to have all students take Algebra beginning in the 2010-2011 school year?"
- The Director of Student Services will review the results from the 2008 California Healthy Kids Survey. This survey is given every two years to 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in the state to assess health risk and resiliency of our youth. It is designed to guide local program decision making.

*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.*