

## *Budget News for November 12, 2008*

Last week, Governor Schwarzenegger called for a special session of the state legislature to address the budget crises. In order to address the \$11.2 billion shortfall, the governor is asking for revenue increases and budget cuts, including \$2.5 billion cut to the K-14 Prop 98 expenditures in the current year. The breakdown in the Prop 98 cuts is as follows:

- Eliminating the 0.68% K-12 revenue limit COLA for a savings of \$244.3 million
- Reduce K – 12 revenue limits by an additional \$1.79 billion (approx \$286 per pupil)
- Reduce \$55 million from current year unallocated capped child care programs
- \$42 million from reduced workload expectations in Stage 2 and 3 child care programs
- \$108 million in prior year savings from CalWORKS

Reductions in specific programs total \$71.2 million from prior year savings: includes \$28.6 million from K-3 CSR, \$2.6 principal training, \$3.3 million from alternative credentialing. Savings from these programs would be used to backfill current year reductions of \$71.2 million in Targeted Instructional Improvement Grants:

- \$39.8 million by eliminating the community college COLA
- \$292.4 million from community college general purpose apportionments.

We will be preparing new scenarios using this information to assess the impact of the suggested cuts on the RVSD budget.

## *Budget Advisory Committee*



The RVSD **Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)** will meet at  
Thursday, November 13, 2008  
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.  
District Office

The charge to the committee is

- To review reductions for 2008-2009 to determine sustainability
- To identify additional reductions which may need to be implemented in 2009-2010.

**Highlights from the Board Meeting of  
Thursday, November 6, 2008**

- The board heard reports about Title I, Academic Intervention and Summer School Programs offered in the District. The programs designed to support student learning will include background information about the programs, services offered, numbers of students served and funding sources. Title I and Academic Intervention serve students during the school year. Summer School, along with some Title I funds, support an extended year program. Pre-post assessments as well as targeted programs for student interventions will be investigated to improve the curriculum and accountability measures.
- The financial implications of GASB 45 were discussed by the board. GASB 45 is legislation that mandates that school districts contribute to retiree's health benefits if they participate in a life-time benefit programs. The district will explore how to meet future costs and possible alternative programs.

*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 Board Meeting of  
Thursday, November 13, 2008**

- The Special Education programs and services will be presented by Director Dennis Riley and Special Ed Local Programs Agency Director John LaLonde.
- The board will discuss and approve the Guiding Principles for Facilities recommended by the District Leadership Council. A facilities advisory group has been formed to review enrollment and facilities.
- The middle school Math Adoption Committee will bring a recommendation to select Holt math for the 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade and Algebra programs.
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***If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's Office.  
Thank you for your continued support of the District.***