

### **Budget News**

The State Budget is now the latest budget in the state's history. The Budget impasse has implications for RVSD's immediate cash flow. State Categorical program funds are not released if a state budget has not been approved. RVSD's largest source of state categorical funds is Class Size Reduction and Special Education. We will be able to continue funding all categorical programs in September and October by using the 5% reserve set aside by the board.

As of August 29<sup>th</sup> legislators are no longer able to put legislative measures on the November ballot. Proposals to balance the budget, such as the lottery securitization proposal, would require voter approval. In order to take such measures to the voters, the Governor would have to declare a special election. Projected cost for a special election would likely be close to \$100 million dollars. To help defray the cost, the special election would probably occur at the same time as the local March elections that are already scheduled.

### **Highlights from the Board Meeting of August 28, 2008**

- The board voted unanimously to increase Developer Fees from \$2.24 per square foot for residential construction to \$2.97 per sq. ft. Developer fees are charged to home owners or businesses when they increase their square footage by 500 sq. ft. or greater. The State allows school districts to increase fees if they can show a population growth resulting in a need for more classrooms. RVSD enrollment increased by approximately 80 students this year with projected growth continuing for the next 10 years. Representatives from Jack Schreder & Associates, who conducted the district's developer fees study, were on hand to answer questions.
- The topic of levying a parcel tax was discussed by the trustees. The parcel tax may be needed to offset the budget shortfall from the state or to fund implementation of the Strategic Plan. A group of parents has been meeting to explore the feasibility of increasing the current parcel tax to meet the school district's needs. Trustees also discussed the possibility of a Bond initiative to fund increased classroom space. They will continue discussions at future meetings of both parcel tax and bond fund initiatives.

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