

Budget News for February 3, 2009

The Federal Stimulus Bill funding for Education proposed by President Obama and passed by the House last week includes nearly \$10 billion in relief for California.

The funds are restricted to specific programs: Title I, School Improvement Grant, Ed Tech, IDEA Special Ed, McKinney Vento Homeless, School Renovation and Repair and Fiscal Stabilization.

Preliminary estimates for funds for Ross Valley School District in 2009 include approximately \$100,000 for construction and \$225,000 for IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). Our legislators are working on language to make sure that the school districts receive the funds in full, that is, that they do not serve to supplant state funds.

Highlights from the Special Board Meeting of Monday, February 2, 2009

The Board reviewed core base programs for the elementary and middle schools. They requested that staff provide information in the same format for District Office services. This special meeting called by the Board of Trustees was attended by approximately 50-60 community members and staff.

A Steering Committee will be formed from the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). This Steering Committee will help plan the BAC meetings.

Budget Advisory Committee meetings will now be posted as board meetings.

You can view the Agenda and entire packet for the Budget Advisory Committee and Board meetings at <http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net>. (Agendas are posted 72 hours prior to meetings).

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