

Budget News for February 24, 2009

Excerpts from the ACSA Total School Solutions Power Point Presentation

Last Friday, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the state budget package for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. Even with the budget in place, the state's financial condition is critical. If revenues continue to drop, there may be additional reductions for the 2009-10 school years. As further information and clarification of the budget package becomes available, we will keep you informed

The implications to K- adult funding show that we will continue to have fiscal uncertainty through 2010-2011. We face the possibility of: additional revenue limit reductions, zero COLA through 2010-2011, deferral of apportionments; more reductions in categorical programs, limited school construction funds, and proposals to manipulate Prop 98 funding.

The budget "correction" package includes 2008-2009 reductions and funding deferrals, and a 2009-2010 budget with additional reductions and deferrals, lowers the Prop 98 funding level, and requires voter approval of a five special election ballot on May 19, 2009. All five proposals have to pass in order for the plan to work.

There are categorical cuts and some flexibility built into the budget. Categorical programs are divided into three tiers for purposes of protecting some and providing flexibility to others. Tier I programs will have no reduction in funding. In RVSD these include Economic Impact Aid, Special Education and Class Size Reduction (CSR). However, there have been changes to the penalty provisions for K-3 CSR if the district exceeds the 20:1 ratio.

Tier II and III programs will receive a 15% reduction in funding. In Tier III, maximum flexibility to move funding for any educational purpose will be allowed. RVSD Tier III programs include Gifted and Talented, School and Library Improvement Block Grant, Instructional Materials, Deferred Maintenance, Supplemental School Counseling, Peer Assistance and Review, and Arts & Music Block Grant.

Highlights of the Upcoming Board Meetings on Thursday, 2/26/09

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting – 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

- The Board and BAC will discuss costs of Core Services and begin discussion on Supplemental Services.

Closed Session of the Regular Board Meeting – 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm

Open Session of the Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- Report & recommendation from the Math Adoption Committee for the K-5 Math Adoption.
- Board action on preliminary Layoff Notices to Certificated Staff for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Review and approval of the Certificated and Classified Seniority Lists.
- 2nd Reading and approval of Policy Section 9000/Board Bylaws.
- Trustee reports on Round Table, Safe Routes to School, site visit to White Hill Middle School, and Marin Teaching Network.

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

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