

Budget News for March 24, 2009

Last week the Legislative Analyst projected an additional \$8 billion deficit in revenues for California. In addition to this shortfall, there is a probability that federal stimulus dollars will not come directly to school districts, but instead flow through Sacramento. Sacramento will calculate the amount owed to districts. An issue that is critical to our schools is the determination of the date to be used to restore funding to schools. If the date is the 2008-2009 budget that was passed in September 2008, the schools will be eligible for much more money. If the date is the "final budget" passed on February 1, after all the "mid-year" cuts were made, education will receive far less. County Superintendent Mary Jane Burke has written to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan for clarification on this critical decision. California has now reached 50th out of 50 states in per pupil spending.

At the local level, the Budget Advisory Committee has completed their priority ranking of the "supplemental programs". The BAC will discuss the results, along with the Budget Survey results from the school and parent community at their meeting on March 26, 2009.

Highlights of the Upcoming Board Meeting of Thursday, March 26, 2009

- The Board will hear an update on progress toward the 2008-2009 District Goals. They will approve a timeline for discussions and gathering input for goal setting.
- The Board will approve the Second Interim Budget. This budget must be submitted to the County Office of Education to show that the District can meet financial obligations in the current year and for the coming two years.

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.
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