

MDUSD MONDAY MEMO

A Weekly Update of District Activities and Education-related Issues

from the Superintendent's Office, Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Week of October 6, 2008

State Budget: No Good News for Public Education

Last week several senior administrators, Board President April Treece, and I attended a workshop in Sacramento to hear education finance experts explain the impact of the newly adopted state budget on public education. The news is not good.

The adopted state budget for 2008-09 contains only a 0.68 percent Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) for this year and no COLA for next year, 2009-10, for the revenue districts receive for each student. It contains no COLA this year for Special Education programs or for so-called "categorical" programs such as Class Size Reduction, which are funded directly.

Outlined below are projections from the finance expert, School Services of California. They show the statutory COLA, deficit factor, and the recommended percentage to use in budget development. We will be using the zero COLA projected for 2009-10 in developing our budget for next year.

| Factor | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|---|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Statutory COLA (use for K-12 Revenue Limits) | 4.53% | 5.66% | 5.60% | 3.50% | 2.70% | 2.90% |
| Revenue Limit Deficits: K-12 | 0.00% | 4.71% | 4.71% | 4.71% | 4.71% | 4.71% |
| Net Revenue Limit Change: K-12 | 4.53% | 0.68% | 5.60% | 3.50% | 2.70% | 2.90% |
| *SSC's Recommended Planning COLA | 4.53% | 0.68% | 0.00% | 3.50% | 2.70% | 2.90% |
| Special Education COLA (on state and local share only) | 4.53% | 0.00% ¹ | 5.60% | 3.50% | 2.20% | 2.90% |
| State Categorical COLA (including adult education and ROC/P) | 4.53% | 0.00% | 5.60% | 3.50% | 2.20% | 2.90% |

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Based on these numbers, Mt. Diablo USD will lose approximately \$10 million in revenues next year, which leads us to more budget cutting. Last Spring the Board of Education took action to reduce \$14 million from this year's budget in order to maintain balanced budgets for this and the next two years, as required by law. A list of those cuts is posted on the District web page: www.mdusd.k12.ca.us.

The Board and I are committed to settling the contracts with all of our employee bargaining units. The state budget as adopted makes settlement difficult as we have to come up with a balanced budget first.

This weekend: E-Recycling Returns!

This Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, employees, parents, and community members are invited to clean out old electronic equipment from closets, garages, and offices and bring it to the Mt. Diablo USD Maintenance Yard for recycling. Here are the details:

Location: 1480 Gasoline Alley, Concord

Date/Time: Saturday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, October 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Acceptable: Televisions, Monitors, Computers, Keyboards, Cell Phones, Telephones, VCR's/DVDs, Floppy disks, Printers, Power Cables, Digital Cameras, Toner Cartridges, Steel and Alloy Rims, Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metals, Copiers, Most items that plug into a wall, Stereo equipment, Speakers, Fax Machines, Scanners, MP3 Players, Scrap Metal and Wire

Unacceptable: Microwaves, Appliances, Car Batteries, Smoke Detectors, Furniture

Questions: Purchasing Director Brian Slaughter, slaughterb@mdusd.k12.ca.us

Wellness Newsletter to Debut

Interested in hearing about current wellness topics? Want to be on the cutting edge of health information? As part of the Coordinated School Health Council, Director of Food and Nutrition Services Kathleen Corrigan, R.D., will soon begin distribution of a Wellness Newsletter. If you are interested in joining the distribution list, please send a "Tell Me More about Wellness" e-mail to corrigank@mdusd.k12.ca.us

In others' words . . . from a World Series' perspective

"If you play well on the field, everything will take care of itself."-Derek Jeter

"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime"-Babe Ruth

"The game itself is an autonomous game, but everybody is a part of it. No contribution is too small."-Joe Torre

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