



BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Bonita Unified School District Parents:

As you are probably aware, the State of California is continuing to experience serious financial difficulties. The State budget deficit is projected to be \$19.9 billion as of June 2011 if the Legislature and the Governor do not take action soon to address the budget issues. This deficit will once again negatively impact K-12 education funding throughout the State.

Governor Schwarzenegger released his budget proposal for the 2010-11 fiscal year on January 8, 2010. The District will be required to develop the 2010-2011 budget using the assumptions included in the Governor's proposal. Despite the Governor's declaration to protect education, the reduction to the BUSD budget will be approximately \$3.6 million. The reductions we will need to make to our budget will be in addition to the \$9.3 million we have already been forced to reduce over the past two years.

Numerous school districts throughout the State have been carefully considering and/or have already implemented some of the following measures: furlough days for all staff, increasing class sizes, shortening the school year, salary rollbacks, and reducing school programs.

In addition to the options mentioned above, a thorough analysis of management, confidential, certificated, and classified staffing, district programs, and work year assignments has begun. Additionally, all program carryovers and flexibility options will be examined. I would also like to clarify that all funding from Measure C and Measure AB is restricted and must be used toward the completion of the various building projects and cannot be used to pay for the general operating costs of our schools or district office.

As we in Bonita Unified School District establish the necessary budget reductions, I will ensure a thoughtful collaborative process with representation from the school sites, bargaining units, parents, district office staff, and management to bring forward suggestions for the necessary budget reductions.

During this budget development process, we will continue to focus on our highest priority of improving academic achievement for all students through an effective teaching and learning process in a nurturing environment with the highest expectations for ourselves, our colleagues, and each of our students.

Thank you for the tremendous on-going support you provide as parents to help ensure that an exemplary educational experience is available to each and every Bonita Unified School District student.

Sincerely,
Gary Rapkin
Superintendent

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