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District budget cuts start with administration

Despite nearly \$4.3 million budget impact to Renton, district maintains teaching positions

April 28, 2010—Renton School District will have to make cuts again to its budget next school year due to statewide reductions to education funding. This marks the fifth consecutive year the district’s budget has been reduced by the state due to declining state revenues brought on by the nationwide recession. Years of cuts by the state to district budgets now equal nearly \$15 million.

While state cuts this year were not as deep as the governor’s original budget, impact to the district’s revenue will total about \$2.1 million. District costs will increase by an additional \$2.3 million which includes keeping core teacher positions and anticipated increases in utilities, insurance and other operating costs. The loss of state revenue coupled with increased costs result in a budget shortfall of \$4.3 million. (See chart below for comparison of governor’s initial budget and final state reductions.)

As in past years, the district started with cuts at the administration level. Five upper-level administrator positions will be eliminated, along with reductions in support positions outside of schools. Also cut are office budgets for materials and supplies; consolidation and streamlining of some business operations, and more. Based on community and staff input, the district worked to keep budget cuts away from classrooms.

Community budget meetings

Monday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Lindbergh High School Cafeteria

16426 128th Ave SE
 Renton ([map it](#))

Thursday, May 13, 7 p.m.
Hazen High School Library

1101 Hoquiam Ave NE
 Renton ([map it](#))

Monday, May 17, 7 p.m.
Renton High School Cafeteria

400 S 2nd St., Renton ([map it](#))

Renton School District 2010-2011 Budget			
Anticipated budget reductions (based on the Gov’s initial worst-case scenario)		Actual budget reductions/adjustments	
Loss of kindergarten-4 th -grade funding (to keep class size low in those grades)	\$1.9 million	Loss of (only) 4 th -grade funding (to keep class size low at 4 th -grade)	\$519,676
Loss of all I-728 funding (lower class size)	\$1.3 million	Loss of all I-728 funding (lower class size)	\$1.3 million
Full-Day Kindergarten	\$ 580,509	No loss of full-day kindergarten	\$0
Learning Improvement Day (teacher training day)	\$246,220	Learning Improvement Day (teacher training day)	\$246,220
Loss of highly capable (Discovery program)	\$124,278	No loss of highly capable (Discovery program)	\$0
Loss of middle school vocational \$52,231	\$52,231	No loss of middle school vocational	\$0
Total projected reduction by Governor Gregoire	\$4.3 million	Actual reduction by Legislature	\$2.1 million

District's anticipated cost increases (utilities, insurance, Cost of Living Allowance negotiated agreements, retirement contributions, etc.)	\$1.8 million	District's cost increases (utilities, insurance, negotiated agreements, etc.) District will fund core teacher positions that were cut by the Legislature's budget: including additional support for mathematics, reading; lower class size in elementary grades, other	\$2.2 million
Total projected budget shortfall	\$6.1 million	Actual budget shortfall	\$4.3 million

2010-2011 Budget Cuts \$4.3 million	
Five administrator positions	Office supply budgets
Special Education (reduction of teacher positions not assigned to classrooms; reorganization of classified staff; 25% reduction of supplies/materials;	English Language Learner program (reduce local district subsidy; state and federal funding remain at same level)
District Leadership will again be asked to donate 3 days of pay to maintain staff positions	Discovery program fee to defray costs
Custodial reductions (equivalent to 2 positions)	Fund balance contribution reduction (similar to emergency savings)
Reorganize Business Office, Purchasing Department and Dept. of Learning and Teaching	Athletic program reductions (reduce coaching positions; cut golf program [funding moved to ASB]; consolidate swim teams)
Instructional materials formerly funded by I-728	Delay opening of Honey Dew
Reorganize transportation routes	One-time costs reduction (furniture replacement)

Budget Cuts 2009 \$6.4 million	
District administrator's voluntary pay reduction (Save a Teacher plan)	Cut 5 th -grade band and orchestra
Cut one-year contract positions	Increased lunch prices by .25 cents
Cut athletic "C" teams	Reduction in some pre-school and athletic transportation
10% reduction to all department/school supply budgets	Reduction to Special Education and English Language Learner
Budget Cuts 2008 \$5.2 million	
Cut Business Operations budget	Reduced athletic transportation
Increased lunch prices by .50 cents	Reduced school library services
Reduced Special Ed English as Second Language	Reduced staff warehouse position
Delayed adoption of new curriculum	Reduction in contribution to Fund Balance
10% reduction to all department/school supply budgets	Increased athletic fees
Budget Cuts 2007 \$2 million	
Cut Cabinet-level administrator	Superintendent's Office budget cut
Cut manager position in transportation	Cut maintenance facility manager
Cut 2 secretaries in Business Office	Cut 2 specialists positions in Dept. of Instruction
Cut 7 classroom support staff	Cut 2 custodians; grounds person; painter; carpenter
Cut Alternative Middle School	Cut teacher on special assignment position
Cut elementary school salmon program	Reduction to Special Education and English Language Learner programs
Reduced Print Shop budget by \$100,000	10% reduction to all department/school supply budgets