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School District hears from parents, staff community on budget priorities

District returns to community in mid-April to report back and share preliminary budget

March 2, 2010—Hundreds of Renton School District parents, community members and school district staff recently attended meetings and answered an online survey to give input on priorities for next year's budget.

District administrators are now using the input in budget study sessions as they face cuts of as much as \$6.1 million from next year's budget due to a projected state shortfall of \$2.6 billion.

District budget loss could total \$6.1 million

Renton School District [could lose as much as \\$4.3 million](#) under current state budget proposals. That loss, coupled with rising costs in utilities, insurance and other operating costs, could mean the district will face as much as \$6.1 million in cuts for next school year.

Over the past four years, the state has cut the district's budget by nearly \$20 million. The district has made cuts in upper and mid-management positions; administrative jobs; grounds, maintenance and custodial positions; as well as streamlining operations to cut overhead, and more.

The district has begun work to prepare the budget for next school year that uses all of the governor's cuts as a worst-case scenario, hoping the state Legislature's budget restores some of those deep cuts. Every department and school budget is being audited to find efficiencies.

Community budget follow-up meetings planned

The district has scheduled follow-up budget meetings in mid-April to report back to the community and feature the preliminary budget with an overview of cost saving recommendations. The School Board will adopt a final budget in August.

Renton Schools Community Budget follow-up presentations

Tuesday, April 20, 7 p.m.
Hazen High School Library
1101 Hoquiam Ave NE
Renton ([map it](#))

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.
Renton High School Commons
400 S 2nd St., Renton ([map it](#))

Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Lindbergh High School Cafeteria
16426 128th Ave SE
Renton ([map it](#))