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## **Board of Education Adopts Budget for 2010-11 School Year**

**June 23, 2010 (San Francisco)** – Last night the San Francisco Board of Education unanimously approved its budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Facing an estimated \$113 million deficit from the state of California over the next two years, district officials have worked with its unions, staff and community since January to draft a budget that cuts across the district in several areas including four furlough days, reduced central office expenditures, and delayed repairs to some facilities.

Board of Education president Jane Kim thanked the SFUSD community for their input. “The public really pitched in - they attended our forums, organized their own forums, and gave us really great input, recommendations and even research that helped us tremendously.”

During community budget forums to discuss how to deal with the cuts, district officials learned from parents and guardians that they did not want to see class sizes increase, a cost-cutting measure chosen by many other school districts facing similar budget crises. Instead, SFUSD and the teachers union (UESF) negotiated four furlough days for next year, when schools and district offices will be closed. These unpaid days off, which will save the district approximately \$5.7 million, shortens the school year to 176 days. Central office administrators and principals will be taking an additional unpaid day.

Other cuts include staff and non-personnel cuts in central office, fewer paid professional development days for teachers, reduced summer school classes, and a reduction in bus transportation. (See following pages for a summary of cuts.)

Because of these and other cuts, layoffs for teachers and administrators were reduced from a possible 700 to under 200.

Some schools will see less funding for arts and physical education classes because this year the state allowed those earmarked funds to be redirected to the general fund. However, thanks to the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF), which is a separate voter-approved fund, most schools will keep some arts and physical education staffing in place.

“This has been by far the toughest year I have ever had as an educator and administrator,” said Superintendent Carlos Garcia. “We’ve been dealt a bad hand from the state, but we got this done.”

Garcia, several other school districts as well as students and parents recently filed a historic lawsuit against the state of California requesting that the current education finance system be declared unconstitutional and that the state be required to establish a school finance system that provides all students an equal opportunity to meet the academic goals set by the state.



PROPOSAL	HOW THIS REDUCES COSTS	WHAT IT WILL MEAN	PROPOSED CUTS FOR '10-'11 SCHOOL YEAR
Four furlough days for all SFUSD staff (five for administrators and principals)	Fewer days of work and pay reductions for all employees.	There will be four fewer days of school for students as the majority of district employees are school site based.	\$5.7 Million
Reduce central office expenditures	Central office staff and non-personnel costs would be reduced, including in Academics and Professional Development, Student Support Services, and other departments.	Central offices will have fewer people and resources to provide support to schools, such as curriculum resources, vision and hearing screenings, and business operations.	\$5.2 Million
Fewer paid Professional Development hours for teachers	Teachers would have 18 hours less paid professional development/training.	Only 3 paid training days per year would remain.	\$3.5 Million
Redirect state funds previously earmarked for arts, P.E., and counseling to address the district's budget gap	Some expenses for arts programs, physical education teachers and additional middle and high school counseling would be reduced.  (Includes state programs that are now flexible: Arts & Music Block Grant, PE Teacher Incentive Grant, Supplemental School Counseling)	Some schools will see less funding in arts and physical education, but the Public Education Enrichment Fund (Prop H) would keep most staffing in place. Most middle and high schools would see a reduction of a part-time or full-time counselor that was recently added.	\$1.9 Million
Reduce Summer School	No summer school for most students except for students who need it to graduate and/or who have it written into their Individual Education Plans (IEP).	<i>Due to the need to plan summer school starting in December, this cut has already been Board approved.</i>	\$1.4 Million
Reduce facilities expenses	Some expenses previously earmarked for deferred maintenance would be reduced. Several central office positions in the facilities department would be reduced.	Custodial positions would be maintained, but fewer dollars will be available to make facilities improvements at schools that are not included in the bond modernization program.	\$2.9 Million
No paid sabbaticals for teachers	Paid sabbaticals would be suspended for teachers and site administrators (the only employee groups that receive sabbaticals). Sabbaticals are semester/ year off for educational purposes for up to 40 teachers at 60% pay.	Teachers would not be able to take paid sabbaticals.	\$1 Million
Redirect state funding previously earmarked for teacher training to fill the district's budget gap	Some expenses for training and professional development for teachers (such as substitute teachers, trainers, coaches) would be reduced.  (Includes state programs that are now flexible: Alternative Certification, Staff Mentoring, Staff Development-Math & Reading, Teacher Credentialing Block Grant)	Teachers will still have some -- but fewer -- opportunities to receive training and coaching.	\$1.2 Million
Fewer school bus services for general education students	Reducing the number of buses means fewer expenses for the district.	Students, mostly in high school, would have to find alternative transportation to and from school.	\$1.25 Million



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