



# PLACERVILLE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Staff, and Community members,

If you have picked up a newspaper, or turned on the evening news you have been bombarded with stories of bail outs, the declining economic market, bank and business failures. These difficult economic times are also having a tremendous impact on schools in California.

School funding in California may be cut by \$7.2 billion this year if lawmakers don't take action quickly to create additional revenues. This proposed reduction to our guaranteed funding will likely come in mid-year cuts that would translate to approximately \$370,000 in funding shortfall to Placerville Union School District.

Over the past two years, Placerville Union School District has already made reductions in excess of \$650,000 to meet challenges of balancing our budget with declining enrollment. We have reduced administration, teaching, instructional assistant, custodial, nursing, and other support staff. In addition, all operational expenditures are reviewed, to ensure that we are maximizing our resources. Working with the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee, we have developed creative recommendations to reduce costs and increase revenues.

## **What can parents do to help?**

One of the most important things parents can do is to ensure that students are in school every day. When students are in school, they are learning which brings them toward mastery of the state standards, and helps them to develop a sense of community. When students are not in school, they form gaps in their learning and lose some of the connections they established with other students and their teachers. In addition, every day that a student is not in school, for any reason, the district receives \$43.00 less for each student absent on that day. It does not seem like \$43.00 is much money, but it would pay for one of the following items listed below:

- ✓ two cases of paper
- ✓ 2 library books
- ✓ 1 text book
- ✓ 40 boxes of pencils
- ✓ 2 yard supervisors during a lunch period
- ✓ 1 ½ hours of after school tutoring
- ✓ 7 dozen dry erase markers
- ✓ 28 packages of construction paper or 21 boxes of paper clips...you get the idea.

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In October, Placerville Union School District had a 95% attendance rate. This means that the District lost approximately \$52,000 in funding in October alone! If your child has a doctor's appointment that cannot be scheduled after school, please bring your child to school for the portion of the day when he/she is not at the appointment so critical instruction is not missed along with loss of funding to support the students.

We are committed to the students in the Placerville Union School District, and we are proud of the exceptional programs and instruction our district offers. Both Sierra and Schnell elementary schools have been recognized as California Title 1 Schools of Excellence; Sierra School has received the Distinguished School Award and Schnell has received honorable mention; Markham qualifies this year to apply to be recognized as a Distinguished School. We remain dedicated to maintaining a quality education for all students through these times of economic uncertainty.

Our next Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2009 in the Board Room at Markham School from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. You are welcome to come to this meeting to learn about our budget and share ideas that you may have to help us through these challenging financial times. If you cannot attend, we still would like to hear your input or ideas. Please send suggestions to [sbac@pusdk8.us](mailto:sbac@pusdk8.us).

It is truly our privilege to serve the children of Placerville Union School District.

Best regards,

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