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Cabrillo Unified School District

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CUSD Board approves 2010-11 program reduction list

The Cabrillo Unified School District's Board of Education concluded the last of four special public hearings on its \$2.5 million structural budget deficit and formally adopted the attached prioritized listing of potential program reductions for the upcoming school year during the course of last Thursday evening's session held in the Cunha Intermediate Library.

"At least we know where we stand now," CUSD Superintendent Rob Gaskill noted, "and we know for sure what's at stake for our school community in the June 8 parcel tax election."

The District has cut a total of almost \$3.2 million over the last eight years, in response to previous state budget reductions and deferrals. In the past two years alone, CUSD program reductions have been numerous and far-reaching. Last year's (2008-09) budget was reduced by \$497,483 via staffing to ratio, serving students with specialized needs within district, and placing a freeze on non-essential travel and purchases.

In the current school year, another \$440,476 reduction in ongoing costs was realized by cutting a district-level administrative position (\$137,188), reducing the District contribution to the high school athletic program (\$60,000), reducing district office and site-level classified support (\$165,431), reducing counseling support at the high school (\$28,843), and implementing a range of miscellaneous program cuts and/or reductions totaling \$49,284.

It hasn't proven to be nearly enough.

"I don't think we can count on either the federal government or the state to help schools out now," Superintendent Gaskill noted. "This has become a local problem by default and our Coastside community will have an opportunity to weigh in on what kind of education it wants to provide its children in the months ahead."

[Link to the list](#)

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