

SPECIAL UPDATE REGARDING BUDGET PROCESS

Below is an Overview of the Budget Information Presented During the District's March 22, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

As the budget development process continued during the Board of Education's March 22nd meeting, the District's administration and trustees began examining potential programming and service reductions using a leveled approach. Level 1 represented those items recommended for the first round of reductions; Level 2 represented the next areas for possible reductions; and Level 3 reductions represented those cuts the District would only recommend should it need to operate under a contingency budget. A complete list of the proposed reductions to date can be found on the District's website (www.threevillagecsd.org) under the "Budget Information" tab. Included in the proposed reductions discussed in order to close the \$6.95 million budget deficit were:

- Maximizing class size at the elementary level
- Eliminating the IG Program in Grade 4 to begin a phase-out of the program
- Reducing the number of sections of math, social studies, science, and global language classes at the secondary level
- Eliminating the Theater Arts class at the secondary level and making it an afterschool club
- Eliminating the Student Government class at the high school and making it an afterschool club
- Eliminating summer guidance
- Reducing the number of security positions and monitors
- Eliminating health education classes for Grade 1
- Reducing out-of-state travel opportunities for contests

In addition to providing insight into the impact the proposed reductions would have on the school system, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Neil Lederer, noted that when formulating the list, the administration worked vigilantly to propose reductions that would not eliminate programs but rather modify their current existence. Furthermore, Mr. Lederer reminded the Board and those in attendance that he is continuing to meet with the members of the District's bargaining units to discuss possible contractual adjustments as an additional way of offsetting expenses.

As no final decision was made on the proposed cuts, the Board will continue to examine potential reductions during its next meeting on Tuesday, March 29.