



Chino Valley Unified School District

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The Board of Education took action on February 2, 2012 regarding the 2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14 District-Wide Budget Reduction Plan. The District will attempt to provide or clarify information as questions or statements are raised by staff, students, parents or community members. How can you help? Stick to the facts. If it is not on the District website, contact the Communications or Superintendent's Office for assistance. And contact your local legislator as funding is in their hands. Parents – you can help in another way and that is to ensure that your student is in school every day. Make illness the only excuse for missing school. Attendance Counts!

The District Office has not made cuts in response to the financial crisis and is ignoring proposals that were brought to the board previously.

Personnel has been cut at the District Office. In 2009/10 and 2010/11, a total of 30 positions at the District Office were eliminated or frozen. That action represents a net savings of \$2.8 million. Additionally, in 2010/11, the Board cut the work calendar of approximately 60 employees from 5 to 20 days per year which resulted in a reduction in salary. Of those 60 positions, most of those employees are members of CHAMP and had an additional salary cut of seven furlough days.

District office positions that were eliminated since July 1, 2009, include:

- Deputy Superintendent
- Admin Secretary IIB
- District Receptionist
- Communications Technician
- Accounting Manager
- Nutrition Specialist
- Nutrition Operations Manager
- Admin Secretary I Business
- Payroll Clerk III
- Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Director of Media Services
- Data Coordinator
- Programmer Analyst II
- 2 - Teachers on Assignment
- Technology Trainer
- Alternative Education Coordinator
- Security Coordinator
- Psychologist
- Student Support Specialist
- Duplication Operator

- Director of Planning
- 2 - Maintenance, Operations & Construction Supervisors
- Mechanic I
- Driver Trainer
- Admin Secretary Purchasing
- BTSA Coordinator
- BTSA District Secretary
- Credential Technician
- Admin Secretary I Human Resources
- Vehicle Equipment Manager

The Board cut \$20 million and also wants A.C.T. members to take a permanent 10% salary cut to balance the budget.

No, the salary decrease would be in lieu of laying off certificated employees.

The Board blames Sacramento for its financial problems.

School District budgeting is complicated. We are considered a “low wealth district.” Being a low wealth district:

- Does mean that we rely heavily on “state aid”, and not as much on “property taxes”
- Richer districts, such as Newport-Mesa or Irvine receive 100% of their revenue limits through property taxes
- We are a district that receives approximately 80% of our revenue limit through the State (State Aid), and only 20% through local property taxes
- As a result, when the State has a fiscal crisis, 80% of our revenue limit portion is affected accordingly

Take for example for every \$1 (one dollar):

- 20.602% is deficated (unfunded) that leaves 79 cents
- Of that 79 cents, 38% is deferred leaving 55 cents
- The District only receive 55 cents of each dollar

What we receive in ADA per student:

- In 2007-2008 the amount was \$5,776
- In current year, 2011-2012, this amount is \$5,149
- HOWEVER due to adjustments, the \$5,149 becomes \$3,584 received in current year

Board members receive a salary of \$130,000 per year.

Board members are not employees of the district and do not receive salaries

- They receive a stipend of \$746.59 per month *before* deductions
- Board members do not have retirement through the district
- Benefits have a cap of approximately \$7000 HOWEVER not all Board members use District benefit and one board member who does use the benefits options has chosen to not receive his monthly stipend
- Typically the only expense that Board members incur are the annual California School Board Association conference held once a year, however, not all Board members attend

The Board of Education and/or the District is responsible for the financial difficulties that the District is facing.

The State of California has decreased funding by 16% or \$7 billion each year, beginning in 2008/09. This is the fourth straight year, and we are entering the fifth year that the District has had to endure a revenue reduction from the State. The District has lost more than \$30 million in revenues over the last five years and has been forced to make budget reductions of significant magnitude to bridge the revenue deficit. The level of funding per average daily attendance (ADA) projected for this year is \$5,149, compared to \$5,776 per ADA from 2007/08. Additionally, the District has been experiencing declining enrollment at an average of 500 students per year for the past six years.

District officials have refused to show how much money they have cut at the District office.

At the Board Budget Study Session on November 10, 2011, the following slide was included in the presentation. The presentation is and has been available for viewing in its entirety under the Budget tab on the left side of the District website since 11/10/11.

CVUSD is the only district in the area that has handed out preliminary layoff notices to teachers or plans to lay off the highest number of teachers.

Every District in California must provide certificated staff of the preliminary intent to lay off by March 15 of every year. What is often missing from compilation stories is comparing districts of similar size to each other as opposed to comparing a 9-12 district to a K-12 or K-8 district. Context matters.

Each high-level District administrator has a personal secretary.

Some departments, but not all departments, have a secretary that in most cases serves multiple departmental management personnel.

The District has 17% in reserves that it could use instead of making cuts.

The District is required to set aside a 3% reserve in its ending balance.

The Board of Education is banking on cutting A.C.T. members' salaries by 10% on a permanent basis to balance the budget and if they agree, they will then bring back the certificated staff that was cut.

The Board has stated repeatedly at Board meetings that it does not want to cut personnel if concessions can be made.

The deficit in year 3 is only alleged and not real.

The District is required to submit a multi-year financial projection showing current year and two subsequent years. The District is further required to submit a contingency plan in the event the Governor's tax initiative fails.