

HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2009-10 Budget Shortfall Fact Sheet

Highline anticipates the need to cut a total of \$6 million *in addition to* a number of cuts already made this school year and cuts already determined for next school year.

Budget Cuts in Current School Year

These cuts were already made this school year in response to employee costs not covered by the state and higher than expected energy and other fixed costs, for a total of **\$3 million**.

- Eliminated 17 positions (central office and school-based personnel)
- Reduced extra service pay and overtime.
- Eliminated subs for non-teaching positions unless required for safety (i.e. playground monitors).
- Reduced energy costs through conservation practices.
- Reduced non-employee expenditures by 5% in basic education programs.
- Reduced non-employee expenditures by 3% in school budgets.

Previously Announced Budget Cuts for 2009-10

These are cuts already determined by the superintendent, for a total of **\$2.2 million**.

- Eliminate 10 administrator and managerial positions.
- Eliminate raises and cost of living increases for all administrator and managerial positions.
- Eliminate 20 math and literacy coach positions.

Budget priorities

The school board has identified three major priority areas and some supporting areas that will be insulated as much as possible from budget cuts.

- Math and literacy instruction and student support.
- Closing the achievement and college-ready gap between our highest and lowest achievers.
- Accountability, including our school improvement plan process.
- Supporting areas include technology, our capital improvement plan, community schools, and ensuring every student graduates with a transcript that allows him/her to go to college.

Budget Facts

- About 64% of the district's revenue comes from the state. When the state cuts spending, our revenues are profoundly impacted.
- About 70% of district spending is on staff. It is impossible to make the depth of cuts we are facing without cutting personnel.
- Highline will be forced to lay off 152 full-time and 114 part-time teachers. We will hire back as many as possible as other teachers retire or move out of the district.

To view budget reduction options and send a comment to the superintendent, visit www.hsd401.org,