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EASE is an assessment and brief counseling service to employees and their families. [The website](#) serves as an introduction to the program and the resources available to the members. The goal is to provide convenient access to a broad range of services. To communicate with EASE directly, call our 24/7 access line 1-800-882-1341.

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to be determined.**

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MTA@MontebelloTeachers.org
and
323.722.5005**

**SCHOOLS &
COMMUNITIES
FIRST**

You will have the opportunity to improve our funding by voting for *Schools and Communities First* on your November 3 ballot.

Schools and Communities First reclaims \$12 billion very year to ensure that our schools and communities have the resources to educate all our kids and the services to support all of families. This initiative restores funding for schools, first responders, parks, libraries, public transportation, health clinics and much more.

Schools and Communities First closes commercial property tax loopholes and ends shady schemes that big corporations and wealthy investors use to avoid paying their fair share of property taxes.



June 1, 2020



Revenue & Expense

Report

The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

MTA

- Alma Orta (SUE),
- David Navar (WGE)
- Richard Franco (MAI)
- Doug Patzkowski (MTA) alternate

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Report

Before the COVID-19 closures, the Trial Balance Fund and LCAP report looked relatively normal. As of March 11, there was a Base and Supplemental and Concentration balance of \$16 million from an adopted school year budget of \$281 million and the total actual expenditures to that date was \$145 million.

The California May Revise Budget preview indicates that based on the budget projections as a result of COVID-19, the state's budget deficit could be \$54 billion over the next two years. This translates to Proposition 98 losing up to \$18 billion. State school district officials (FCMAT) have estimated a 2-10% cut to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). If this were to happen, it could erase five to six years of gains that were made after the Great Recession and would take us back to funding levels of 2013-2014. The projections will evolve over the next three months. Although California has a Rainy Day Fund of approximately \$17.5 billion and \$500 million in the Prop 98 reserve (no more than one-half of which may be spent in one fiscal year), these numbers are not enough to tackle the budget gap we are facing this year and the next. There is no solution that does not involve aid from the federal government combined with generating more state revenues. CTA continues to support the Schools and Communities First (SCF) initiative on the November ballot. CTA is calling Californians now to call their legislator to support a budget with no cuts, no educator or school employee layoffs and prioritize equity by repealing corporate tax credits.

CALL 1-855-977-1770 TO SPEAK TO YOUR LEGISLATOR

Facilities and Bond Update

As of March, roofing projects were 5% to 30% complete at BGE, BVE, EAI, LMI and RPE. Regarding the HVAC projects, an architect is working on the project at SHS. The roofing repairs and HVAC repairs at the Adult School sites are on-going. Painting for CDS was to be done in June. GAE acquired a new fire alarm.

Enrollment Report and Attendance Recovery

The Committee reviewed the Enrollment Report for February 27 and ADA Report. Forty-one students dropped from February to March. Recovery attendance in Saturday school is coming through; although, data may be incomplete. The number of school suspensions was given.

Technology

PowerSchool (the new MUSD online portal) is being rolled out. MUSD will be trained this month to achieve a successful roll-out. New student registrations are on-line with a link under Student Services. Report cards and grading under this new platform for this coming school year of 2020-2021 are being worked on. The Committee recommended having a registrations link on the MUSD website in English and Spanish.

PRF On-Line Process

The District is transitioning soon to LACOE's "BEST" system. Discussion focused on streamlining PRF information into one document with less information. The Committee also discussed that when coding additional assignments, current HRS can only establish 9 positions. This becomes a challenge when employees have additional assignments.