



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 28, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On January 10, 2011, newly-elected California Governor Jerry Brown released his proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-12. The Governor recommends cuts to a range of programs and an extension of current temporary taxes. The cuts and tax extension would reduce the state's \$25.4 billion budget deficit. On January 20, 2011, the Governor reaffirmed the "state of fiscal emergency" to ensure that lawmakers respond promptly to his proposal.

Although Governor Brown claimed that K-14 education would not be affected, his proposal would result in diminished revenues for school districts throughout the state. K-14 education would be even more severely impacted if the proposed extension to temporary taxes is not approved by voters in the June 2011 election. For example, for the 2011-12 school year, in addition to the \$6 million that our District is projected to deficit spend, we would face \$8 million more in state funding reductions if the proposed tax extension is defeated. There are still significant hurdles to clear, and the State Legislature must pass the tax extension measure by March in order for the proposition to be placed on the June 2011 ballot.

These fiscal and political uncertainties drive our need for planning and preparation to meet the very real and formidable financial challenges coming our way. The District's Budget Advisory Committee began meeting in October 2010 and will continue to meet until recommendations are developed for consideration by our Board of Education. This advisory group consists of parents, teachers, and administrators who represent each school.

With your collaborative support, the District will ensure students continue to thrive with a quality education that prepares them for the demands of the 21st century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francisco Escobedo".

Francisco Escobedo, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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