



Byron Center Public Schools

"Opening the Doors of Tomorrow for Students Today"

March 24, 2009

Dear Stakeholders,

In an effort to continue our commitment to keep you informed of our 2009-2010 budget process, I want to update you on some decisions that were made at the Board of Education meeting last evening, Monday, March 23, 2009.

The Board adopted the following items:

1. Approved the Early Retirement Incentive Plan.
2. Approved 50 open seats Kindergarten through 6th grade for the Kent ISD Schools of Choice program.
3. Approved a balance budget for 2009-2010 which reflects a \$2.1million reduction.

With the direction provided above, the district will begin the Schools of Choice application process which takes place April 13 to June 5. We will also announce the Early Retirement Incentive Plan to the staff and confirm the number who will take advantage of this offer. We will then continue to evaluate the remaining dollars needed to balance the district budget and work through various ideas and proposals, attaching dollar figures to each and weighing each proposal with the following considerations:

1. What are the implications on student achievement, graduation, life long skills, post-secondary, and financial?
2. What are the values to be considered as related to our systemic mission?
3. What must be considered to maintain and enhance the positive culture of our district?

Watch for more continued information through the E-Connection in the days to come. Our goal is to keep necessary reductions as far away from students as possible. We are making every attempt to keep our parents and stakeholders informed as we proceed with this process.

Have a safe and restful Spring Break with your family!

Sincerely,

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