

March 2, 2010

Dear Parents,

At our January PTA meeting, Superintendent Terry Wenig and Assistant Superintendent of Business Robbie Montalbano discussed the inevitability of budget cuts in our district. You may have received one of several emails circulating recently with information about cuts directly affecting our school.

In an effort to keep everyone informed, I spoke with Kathy Holliman and want to share the following information regarding possible budget cuts for the 2010-2011 school year. The District must position themselves to adjust to the current budget crisis by March 15th (this is a legal requirement deadline), therefore, preliminary notices not to re-employ specific certificated positions are being recommended at the March 3rd Board Meeting. These recommended decreases to staffing are for two reasons: declining enrollment in our district and a decreased budget for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. One of the recommendations is to eliminate the Elementary Physical Education Program. This would mean that we would no longer have Physical Education specialists; however classroom teachers would be required by Education Code to continue teaching Physical Education to our children. The other program affected is Music. Currently students receive music instruction 30 minutes every other Friday. This program could potentially be eliminated.

While there are other certificated positions on the recommended reduction list, it is understandable that losing the PE and Music Programs has caused the most concern. Again, these are preliminary notices that certificated staff may not be rehired – they are not layoff notices.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kathy Holliman at 916-933-3767. The Board Meeting will take place on March 3rd at 7:00pm at the District Office in Shingle Springs.

Finally, our PE teacher, Jenni Friedrichs, has written a letter she'd like to share with Silva Valley parents. [Click here for letter.](#)

We have also posted a message from the Buckeye Foundation as well. [Click here for message.](#)

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