



Message

Feb 17, 2010 11:55 AM

From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 Mailer-Daemon, Internet
To: **Sherry Forte**
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

From: ()
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation: Consider job sharing some district staff positions with Solana Beach school district.

Rationale for this Recommendation: Would save district admin costs for jobs that could be shared.

Revenue Enhancement: Depends on which jobs could be shared.

Additional Comments:

DMUSD Staff:
Parent: Yes
Student:
Community Member:



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Cost Saving Recommendation: Re-boundary Palacio back to Ashley Falls. Consider other re-boundary options to alleviate having to hire a Vice Principal.

Rationale for this Recommendation: Reduces need for a Vice Principal at Sage Canyon.

Revenue Enhancement: Saves Vice Principal Salary of \$113,000.

Additional Comments:

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Community Member:



Message

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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "Richard Bonora"
To: Sherry Forte
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

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From: Richard Bonora
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation:

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement: I have the ability to increase revenue per child enrolled in elementary schools throughout the state of California by \$30 to \$50 per year per child. I live in Carmel Valley and would like to begin the program here first.

Additional Comments: I would like to set up a meeting with the board or regional committee. I will be moving forward on a state level very soon.

DMUSD Staff: Yes
Parent: Yes
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From: ()
Address:
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Cost Saving Recommendation: Close Del Mar Hills

Rationale for this Recommendation: cost savings is 450k-660k ANNUALLY, according to the 7/11 committee and the DMUSD budget reduction option sheet

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments: Please make a financially sound recommendation, based in fact an not on emotion. Thank you for your service to the district!

DMUSD Staff:
Parent: Yes
Student:
Community Member: Yes



Message

Feb 17, 2010 12:03 PM

From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "John Logan"
To: **Sherry Forte**
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

----- Original Message -----

From: John Logan
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation: Close Del Mar Hills School or Del Mar Heights - make the school the District Office

Rationale for this Recommendation: Save operating costs and provide the district with a home

Revenue Enhancement: \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 per year

Additional Comments: Would also provide better ESC programs for existing students by increasing populations for the remaining schools.

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Parent: Yes
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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "John Logan"
To: Sherry Forte
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

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From: John Logan
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation: Merge with Solana Beach School District

Rationale for this Recommendation: Our districts are gerrymandered anyway - a larger district would produce cost efficiencies and better purchasing power.

Revenue Enhancement: Possible cost savings up to \$2,000,000 per year as a whole layer of administration and board of trustees can be eliminated. We could combine Foundations so fund raising can be coordinated and better managed.

Additional Comments: Our kids are all in the same community, and will go to the same jr. high and high schools. They know each other from Inidan Guides, sports, church, etc.

Del Mar would gain access to higher revenues while Solana beach would enjoy enhanced test scores once the educational programs are integrated.

The cons? Board egos won't allow themselves to lose their positions. It only makes sense if you think about the kids first.

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Address:
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Cost Saving Recommendation: My first suggestion is that the budget be based of off actual numbers, not projected numbers.

My second suggestion, is that the district close a school.

Rationale for this Recommendation: Basing a budget off of projected numbers last year, actually provided the district with extra money. How much money was it? Where did that money go?

According to the documentation provided, closing a school site will save the district upwards of \$600,000.

Revenue Enhancement: See budget cuts spread sheet. Surprisingly, it is difficult to find among the numerous downloadable documents on the Board's page.

Additional Comments:

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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "Justin Kwong"
To: Sherry Forte
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

----- Original Message -----

From: Justin Kwong
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation: Stop debating over school closure or finding another building site - Close Del Mar Hills!!!

Rationale for this Recommendation: This is purely a financial decision that will benefit the entire district versus protecting the interest of a few disgruntle parents.

Revenue Enhancement: As listed in the 7/11 minutes.

Additional Comments: Act now!

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From: ()
Address:
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Cost Saving Recommendation: Why are the parents being constantly told the district is broke and ESC is going to be cut and teachers are going to be laid off. There completely OVERPAID and unnecessary jobs on Edjoin.org right now. A Human Resource job for \$131,000, 2 Directors for After School Programs at \$89,000 EACH (\$178,000), and a Vice Principal job at \$98,000. Since when does a school suddenly need a Vice Principal. Vice Principals mostly handle discipline problems in rough districts, something we do NOT have in DMUSD. Since when do we need to spend \$178,000 for a director to handle after school cermamics, soccer, gymnatistics classes? This is outrageous. This equals \$407,000 (not including outrageous amounts of benefits these adminitrative positions receive). Stop begging parents for money and threatening to layoff our teachers and telling us the district is broke when obviously it is not.

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments: Stop offering outrageously overpaid administrative jobs that are of NO benefit to my child or any other student in DMUSD. There is NO need at all for a VP at any DMUSD school!

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From: ()
Address:
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Cost Saving Recommendation: Closure of a school site and use the Shores property money to remodel the school site to be used as the district office. According to the numbers, the Hills Academy is the most logical choice.

Rationale for this Recommendation: Reduction of enrollment in school district.

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments: The Hills Academy is the most logical choice for school closure. What are the recommendations of the 7/11 committee?

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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "James Wu"
To: Sherry Forte
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

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From: James Wu
Address: [jwu@delmar.k12.ca.us](#)
Phone: (619) 439-2222

Cost Saving Recommendation: Close Del Mar Hills School.

Rationale for this Recommendation: This is the only way that will provide sustained savings to the school district.

Revenue Enhancement: at least 400k /yr

Additional Comments:

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Parent: Yes
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Community Member:



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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "Clark Gibson"
To: Sherry Forte
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

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From: Clark Gibson
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation: The District Offices should utilize existing, under populated schools for their move. Every single estimate we are allowed to see makes this the most inexpensive option. Regardless of the parent opposition to this, this is clearly the most sound fiscal choice. Please make the most responsible fiscal choice and take the heat if necessary. We rely on you for your good judgment even in the face of popular discontent from some quarters.

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

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Feb 17, 2010 12:01 PM

From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 <Suzanne Hall>, Internet
To: Sherry Forte
Subject: Fwd: Public Input

----- Original Message -----

From: Suzanne Hall ()
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation: Del Mar Hills Academy should be closed.

Rationale for this Recommendation: Savings for school closure is estimated to be more than \$400,000, recurring annually. This savings is from general fund expenditures and would reduce the need to make deep cuts that would impact the classroom experience and quality of education of all DMUSD students.

Revenue Enhancement: If district offices are moved to the Del Mar Hills Campus, there will be room for a for-profit preschool on the site. The money from the sale of the Shores property (not general fund money) could be used to remodel the DMH campus to accommodate this for-profit venture.

Additional Comments: A 9th school is in the plans for the DMUSD, to be built east of Sycamore Ridge. If the population growth for the district mandates that in the future we need 8 schools, this planned-for 9th school can be brought online in the growth areas. Thus, DMUSD population growth should not be a barrier to closing this school now.

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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "Henry De Groot"
To: Sherry Forte
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From: Henry De Groot
Address: Carmel Del Mar
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation:

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement: PTA and School Foundation Team increases Scrip membership in the District and community. To date, E-scrip is used, requiring individuals to sign up on their own. If each school sells scrip cards at schools, and if each family generates \$400 from scrip monthly. revenue to the district from one school/month could be \$160,000. Times Eight schools, this is \$1,280,000. teacher can participate in this at no cost, as can everyone. This is a no cost venture to all participants.

Additional Comments: I have a list of vendors that The Waldorf School of San Diego, our daughter's school, uses. I can email this to you. Just give me an address. The \$400 is a doable amount and many families could do more.

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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "Virginia Kim"
To: **Sherry Forte**
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From: Virginia Kim
Address:
Phone:!!

Cost Saving Recommendation: Not knowing the exact budgets or language of your contracts, I would suggest looking a furlough days and at parent conference days. Many students do well in the DMUSD. Teachers are very good at communication at our elementary, Torrey Hills. Could the parent conference days be eliminated and used as regular instructional days and/or reduced to furlough days?

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

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From: ()
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Cost Saving Recommendation: Make Del Mar Hills Kindergarten and Preschool. Move sections 16GJK to Carmel Del Mar. Return Heights/Hills transfers, if necessary, to home school/district. 1st-6th grade fits nicely into DM Heights. DM Heights principal oversees K at DM Hills. Preschool admin staff can handle K at DM Hills.

Rationale for this Recommendation: Schools stay open and DM Hills becomes an early education center. A DM Hills early education center could create a nice community focus. DM Hills has very good playground setup for younger children.

Revenue Enhancement: Annual savings of \$450K per 7/11 committee report. Capital improvements would primarily be addition of bathrooms and other items due to licensing requirements (playground fence, for example).

Additional Comments: Purchase a building in Sorrento Valley, close to the DMUSD boundary for use as a district office and maintenance & operations.

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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "Cassie Nelson"
To: Sherry Forte
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From: Cassie Nelson
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation: Each school needs to take a look at the teachers who teach ESC classes. For instance, do we really NEED a P.E. teacher? Do the students feel like they enjoy those classes? Do the students like those teachers?

Each student/family should be able to express their opinion. They could rate the ESC teachers from 1 to 10. If any teacher is not well liked, then they should be fired.

Rationale for this Recommendation: Why should we pay ESC teachers if they are not TRULY excellent? At Torrey Hills Elementary School, the P.E. teacher is NOT well-liked by the students. Why should we pay her salary? Since the Science, Art, Music, and Technology teachers are such an excellent teachers, why don't we ensure their jobs with the salary of the P.E. teacher? Students can get enough exercise by running around the grass area, which could be done in class, without having to pay a P.E. teacher.

Revenue Enhancement: The salary of the P.E. teacher could be used to ensure the hiring of other teachers.

Additional Comments: If a P.E. teacher is truly necessary for ESC, why don't we find one that is not accredited, and will therefore save money. The school will still have a P.E. teacher, however, the lower salary won't take so many financial resources AND maybe the students will actually enjoy P.E.!!!

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Cost Saving Recommendation: Having been involved in the meetings held by the 7-11 committee, and by reviewing the reports, it would seem that closing a school (Del Mar Hills) that is declining in enrollment and is in an area that is built out with no new growth projected makes sense. The projected savings is listed below to the total of \$585,973. Moving the DO & MO to that space makes the most financial and responsible sense to the district.

Rationale for this Recommendation: .December 2, 2009, 5:30 p.m., Del Mar Hills PAC Agenda I Minutes
Administrative Cost Savings From Closing Del Mar Hills

Close a school that is in enrollment decline and projected to continue. The students attending can be absorbed by DMHeights. Those not w/in the boundaries of DMHeights may need to return to their home schools. I grew up in an area where 3 elementary schools were closed as well as 1 middle school due to decline in enrollment. The remaining schools absorbed the students at a tremendous savings to the district. The school district was Orange Unified in Orange County, CA.

Revenue Enhancement: TOTAL ADMIN+UTILITIES+TEACHER COST SAVINGS \$585,973

Additional Comments: Building DO & MO facilities at any other campus would be poor planning, use of funds and damaging to any of the schools and it's students. The schools in Pacific Highlands area, Torrey Hills and Carmel Country areas have not built out yet and will need room for expansion of student enrollment.

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Cost Saving Recommendation: Cut teacher salaries by 5% and freeze all salaries for one year.

Rationale for this Recommendation: There is no reason they should have gotten raises recently. In the outside world, people are not getting raises. Both my kids' teachers live in million dollar homes; they are well-paid with outstanding benefits. The days when teachers were poorly paid are past. I know it's unpopular to be "anti-teacher" but this has to be done. The teachers are not going to go anywhere else since DMUSD already pays so well.

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

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From: ()
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Cost Saving Recommendation: Close one of the two half-empty schools in Del Mar west of I-5

Rationale for this Recommendation: The money saved by closing one of these two schools -- problem solved. Everyone goes home and we're done.

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

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Cost Saving Recommendation: Relocate the district offices to inexpensive land outside Del Mar (e.g. Sorrento Valley).

Rationale for this Recommendation: There is no reason administrators need to have ocean views in fancy offices. Put the money into the schools, not administration.

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

DMUSD Staff:
Parent: Yes
Student:
Community Member:



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From: ()
Address:
Phone:

Cost Saving Recommendation:

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement: Charge a lot more for after-school care. Right now, it's so incredibly cheap. People would pay substantially more for this service-- which is not at all related to the DMUSD's primary mission of educating students. Double the price.

Additional Comments:

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Cost Saving Recommendation:

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement: Property Tax Assessment 0.01% of assessed value would bring in a lot of money and people would probably vote for it.
It sure beats begging from money via the DMSEF -- which because it is voluntary not mandatory will never fully succeed.

Additional Comments:

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From: ()
Address:
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Cost Saving Recommendation: Close 1 school
Payroll Freeze for indefinite future at other schools (substantive, not superficial)

Rationale for this Recommendation: The school district is probably looking at flat or reduced revenues from state and property taxes for at least 3-5 years, maybe longer. It would be better to put in smaller cuts now than extreme cuts later. Any significant revenue gains are fantasy.

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments: We gave regularly to the DMSEF last year, but did not give anything this year because of concerns over the boards lack of financial leadership. If there was a concrete solid believable plan to reduce district expenses while retaining high academic standards we would certainly restart our contributions. Unfortunately, we expect that eventually what the board will choose to do is make surface only or politically easy cuts, let overall recurring expenses stay at an unsustainable level, and force a vote to raise district assessment fees via property taxes. Please prove us wrong.

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From: ()
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Cost Saving Recommendation: The district offices should be moved to an existing underutilized school site. Leasing and improving or buying a property/develop would be ludicrous considering the main objectives - good education for our children and good teacher/student ratios - versus the budget.

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

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Community Member:



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From: ()
Address:
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Cost Saving Recommendation: take \$1.7 million from the Shores property money and use it build the Ocean Air childcare room. This will release the currently earmarked fund for that project to the general fund for use in the next school year.

Rationale for this Recommendation: we have this money in hand. lets use it for the benefit of the students so we dont have to cut staff or programs

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments: make this move immediately to cut the budget deficit for next year by more than half!

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Parent: Yes
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Community Member: Yes



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From: ()
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Cost Saving Recommendation: (1) Elimination of the Vice Superintendant position
(2) One year salary freeze for all district employees and teachers
(3) Look at locating district offices and/or M&O in lower cost areas outside the district such as Sorrento Valley and/or MiraMesa

Rationale for this Recommendation: (1) The schools seem to be operating just fine without a Vice Superintendant
(2) In this economy, most all workers have either had their salaries frozen or decreased (if not their positions eliminated), so a 1 year freeze is not out of line with what is happening throughout the country.
(3) There is no need for district offices to be located within our expensive property value district when they could pay less to be housed elsewhere. SD Unified is looking into de-centralizing district functions in order to save costs.

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

DMUSD Staff:
Parent: Yes
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Community Member:



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From: DMUSD Financial Task Force
 "Mara Bickett"
To: **Sherry Forte**
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From:
Address:
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Cost Saving Recommendation: Please explore building District Office on site of future Pacific Highlands Ranch school. If design is not yet determined, portion off some of the land, create separate entrances, gates, parking, etc. Even if the school is years away from being built, your offices could function there as soon as roads and services are in place. Rent at Shores property until new DO is complete.

Rationale for this Recommendation: PHR community will not be territorial about their site. Design can accommodate safety concerns that have been raised and land on a school site will not be "saved" for other uses, if you act early.

You will not have to move twice. Offices will be exactly what you need if you build.

Revenue Enhancement:

Additional Comments:

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Cost Saving Recommendation:

Rationale for this Recommendation:

Revenue Enhancement: parcel tax-\$100 per parcel

Additional Comments:

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