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Dear Editor,

San Diego ISD would like to announce that on August 24, 2016 the San Diego ISD school board adopted a **balanced** budget of \$14,921,220 with a 7-0 vote! The district also adopted a tax rate of \$1.457200 to support the 2016-2017 district budget **a penny lower** than last year. Some of the highlights and restructuring in this year's budget that the school board approved are:

- The allowance for three district licensed peace officers to enhance student safety
- Teacher retention stipends
- Enhanced tested area stipends
- The district has added an additional vice principal to its' largest campus Collins-Parr Elementary. The elementary is the largest campus housing over 700 students as compared to 280 at the JH and 360 at the HS.
- Administration agreed that with the new JH's design and a full time campus security officer the JH would be able to run with one principal and a counselor/vice-principal.
- The district also added an Early College High School Vice-Principal to insure the continued growth and development of this valuable program. Enrollment of ECHS is over 100 students for 16-17 school-year and it requires a person that is solely dedicated to its progress.
- Administration eliminated a counselor position at the HS because the ECHS Vice Principal will be taking on many of the counseling duties that are related to the ECHS cohort.
- Increase funding for Early College HS. The district is using the State High School allotment fund \$85,472 (for 16-17) and our local fund is chipping in an additional \$47,528. These monies are paying for tuition, books and San Diego ISD matching stipends for HS teachers that hold dual credit credentials.
- The district 16-17 payroll was **reduced by \$66,688** as compared to the 15-16 school year. We are doing more with less!

This is my fourth year as San Diego ISD Superintendent. I am very proud of the work that our administrative team and school board has put into this budget. Our district vision of becoming a model school system for south Texas is coming to fruition. All of our campuses have met standard, our district finance department has received a superior rating and we have a healthy **fund balance of \$3,543,904** With the opening of our new JH our district building infrastructure is set for many years to come.

In closing I'd like to thank the community for the support that it gives our school system. As a tax payer and leader of our school district I thought it was important that our community be made aware of some of the key components that go into the \$1.457200 per 100 dollars of value of their property. I hope you see it as money well spent on our children the future of San Diego and beyond!

In Education,

Dr. Samuel Bueno
San Diego ISD Superintendent