

Rim of the World USD

Superintendent Newsletter

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School Safety

As you may have heard, a National School Walkout has been called for March 14 to honor the lives lost in Parkland, Florida last month. Communities around the country are taking part in a 17-minute remembrance at 10 AM across every time zone. We have been working with district leaders to prepare for March 14. In the process, there has been some confusion about the term "walkout". With the nation's focus on eradicating school gun violence, this is a tragic but teachable moment for our students and all of us. Students at the secondary level will have the opportunity to participate should they choose in planned activities for 17 minutes on the school campus. The District is encouraging educators to make it clear to our students that like them, we are grieving and angry about yet another mass school shooting. As an educator, you should not feel obligated to lead conversations you do not feel ready to have. The sites along with the district will be providing additional communication this week to let families know what is taking place as well as considering options for educators and students that do not wish to participate.

Together We Can

Lake Arrowhead Elementary

LAE has focused on refining their safety procedures. This great effort has involved staff, drills, PTA and local agencies. Several new supports are now in place.

Transportation

All the principals and especially our grounds guys communicating and working together on snow days to have all school sites ready for our students. Greg and Tom our grounds guys have really been so great with communicating with me at 3 am. We are all working together at 3 am to collaborate and make sure everything is done. All principals responded via text and worked together.

VOE

- Thank you to our PTA for hosting our first Family Fun Night. Everyone had a great time at Valentine BINGO.
- Josette deBruyn came out and provided valuable Epi-Pen training to our staff. She did a presentation and answered all staff questions.

Mary Putnam Henck Intermediate

Together, MPH students help spread kindness on campus and around the community! MPH students go above and beyond to build a positive school climate for everyone.

"When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy."

*-Samuel Goldwyn
Movie Producer*

"The greatest gift you can give children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."

*-Dennis Waitley,
Motivational Speaker*



PTA Literacy Event at CHE

Please feel free to email examples as they happen this school year that demonstrate our theme: Together We Can! I will include them in future newsletters. Thank you.

Governor's Proposed Budget Update

Initial highlights of the Governors Proposed Budget from Business Services:

COLA –

18/19 increased from 2.15% to 2.51%

19/20 increased from 2.35% to 2.41%

20/21 increased from 2.57% to 2.8%

NO COLA for Transportation Add-on

GAP Funding –

17/18 – increased from 43.19% to 44.97%

18/19 – increased from 66.12% to 100%

One-time Funding –

From zero in 18/19 to \$295 per ADA

Increase to 2018/19 LCFF for ROWUSD is estimated at \$484,499 (assuming ada @ 94%; increase is not sufficient to eliminate planned reductions submitted to County for budget approval)

Cautions for ROWUSD –

Increase SPED and Transportation costs without increase in funding

Increase in Mental Health and Behavioral Support costs with no new funding from the state or federal sources.

Low Unduplicated Student Count (Foster Youth, Low Income, English Learner & Homeless population)

Flat revenues, including COLA do not equal the increases in expenditures including but not limited to STRS, PERS, Step/Column & Health Benefits for active and retired employees

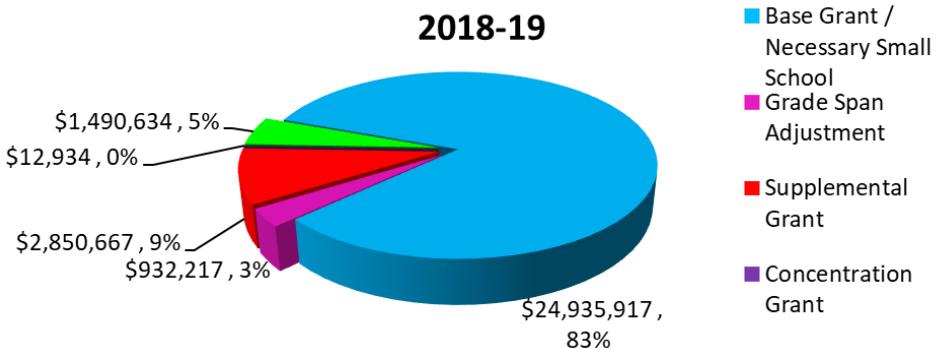
Declining enrollment – Savings from reduction in staff do not equal the loss in revenue

Aging buildings & Equipment and high need for current curriculum and textbooks

Continued deficit spending

October 5, 2017 Board approved resolution for layoff's, program and other reductions totaling over 1.2 million

The District is very excited to start working on our Energy Projects with California Energy Commission Prop 39 funds. The district will be receiving \$851,852 in total dollars to retrofit some of our buildings and lower our consumption of energy and obtain overall general fund savings in lower utility costs.



Child Nutritional Services

From Jill D'Amato

Our co-op RFP's will be going out to the vendors in the next week. We will then select the bid winners not only by price but also by their ability to meet our delivery requirements. The end result is savings on our purchases. This lowers the contribution from the General Fund. This is a new direction for Rim; we never implemented before but as a means of saving money its worth a try. Linking with my peers also provides an opportunity for networking and getting fresh ideas. We have toured other school sites and have some new ideas planned for our menus.

Currently, due to bell and transportation schedules, our HS students are not afforded the opportunity to have breakfast before class time like our other sites are. To help overcome this problem an a la-carte option has been made available for them upon their arrival. The cafeteria staff has been brainstorming offerings like muffins, cinnamon rolls, and hot chocolate. We also added some variety to our lunch menu such as orange chicken which sold out on the first day it was offered.

We have teamed up with the high school staff and will participate in a student focus group. We want to hear what students want for their child nutrition program. We are working on getting some samples for a tasting and enjoy working with the students and giving them a voice.

We do have several equipment concerns due to the age of our kitchens. We are looking into equipment grants and opportunities to replace items at a low cost to the district.