



Today's Top 4: January News You Can Use from Your Site PFT Rep

January State Budget Proposal and PUSD Budget

State Budget Proposal: Governor Newsom's budget proposal for 2020-21 was released on January 10, 2020. California's economy is strong with low unemployment rates, robust general fund revenues (personal income tax, sales and use tax, and corporation tax are all up), continued economic growth, and a state rainy day fund reserve of about 12%. That said, the CA economy has been growing slowly since 2009, and experts warn the economy is slowing and a recession is on the horizon. The projected COLA for 2020-21 in the 2019-20 budget was 3%. The newly released January state budget proposal includes a 3% year over year increase to Prop 98. However, of the 3%, there is only a 2.29% COLA. The rest of the 3% funds other education priorities including additional special education funding, funding for early childhood and preschool, investments to address CA's educator shortage, one-time money for innovative community school models, ongoing money for school nutrition, one time funds for computer science credentialing grants, and one-time money for grants for the lowest performing schools for intensive interventions. If the January proposal is adopted, School Services of CA projects the average district to receive \$231 new dollars per ADA. However, they also state that to cover step, column, and increased pension costs, \$313 new dollars per ADA would be needed. Next steps include negotiations at the state level leading to the Governor's May Revise and an adopted state budget in June.

PUSD Budget: The current PUSD multi-year budget projection includes a 3% COLA, which must now be adjusted downward to 2.29%, resulting in a loss of 2.4 million for 2020-21. The new special education funding would provide a projected \$3.5 million revenue increase, resulting in an overall net gain of \$1 million to the general fund. The first interim budget projects a deficit of (\$10.5 million) in net activity. The overall net gain of \$1 million would reduce this projected deficit to about (\$9.5 million).

Negotiating Priorities from the PFT Bargaining Survey: The results of our bargaining survey are in! Negotiations for next year, 2020-21, begin Friday, January 31. Based on a weighted total of responses, the priorities of PFT unit members are below. See your PFT Rep if you'd like to see the data indicating these priorities.

1. Salary increase
2. Lower class size
3. Maintain out-of-pocket healthcare costs
4. Replace some of our sick time with personal time off
5. Increase budgets for curriculum, materials, and supplies
6. Increase number of years between evaluation cycles for tenured teachers

PFT Principal/Educational Leader Feedback (ELF) Survey: Members who have provided a non-PUSD email address to PFT will receive a survey on January 31st. The survey will close on Monday, February 24th at 4:00pm. At least 50% of the PFT Members at each site must complete the survey for the data to be shared with the Principal.

Measure P for Safety, Security, and Success: The passage of Measure P would generate \$448 million for PUSD facilities as well as an additional \$90 million in matching funds from the state. If we don't pass a bond, it will create ongoing budget problems because more and more funds will have to be diverted to fix facilities instead of other priorities (this includes student programs, class sizes, competitive teacher salaries to attract and retain the best teachers, affordable health and welfare benefits, etc.). See your PFT Rep if you are willing to place a sign in your yard (must live in PUSD) and/or a sign in your car in front of your sunshade (in school parking lot and in community). Please see my email from January 17 or ask your PFT Rep for "Dos and Don'ts" on taking actions, informational flyers, how to change your social media profile, and more. Thanks for all you do!