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Dear TUSD Family,

The most recent news out of Sacramento on the budget is dreary. We were recently informed that between now and June 30, 2009, we must cut an additional \$4.4 million. This reduction effectively negates most of the federal stimulus money we are to receive this year. The governor also announced an additional reduction for next year that will decrease our state funding by approximately \$7.5 million.

As if this was not enough, this week the governor announced he was reducing the amount districts receive for regular education home-to-school transportation by 65% (special education transportation is not affected). I'm sure you're aware we cut our transportation back to our projected state allocation for next year, yet now we will receive only one-third of the money we expected. We are just beginning to look at our options to mitigate this reduction.

I am regularly asked for my thoughts on when we might have a state budget signed and finally know what our financial situation truly is for next year. My best guess is mid-to-late July. I say this because the driving force to completing a budget is state cash flow. The Department of Finance and Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) both project the state to run out of money by mid-July. The state cannot borrow any money until it has a state budget signed. For the state to continue operating, it must borrow significant sums of money and as quickly as possible. Hopefully, this knowledge motivates the state legislature to take action. And remember, we receive all of our money from or through the state. If the state has no cash, we receive no cash.

Thank you once again for your focus on our students. I am confident we will get through this if we remain together and united.

Sincerely,



Dick Bray
Superintendent