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Twin Rivers Unified School District eNews

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Budget Restrictions

On December 1, the Governor declared a fiscal emergency and called the newly installed California Legislature into special session. The Governor issued a proclamation under Proposition 58 which gives the Legislature 45 days to pass legislation to address the fiscal emergency.

If the legislature approves the governor's proposals, Twin Rivers will need to reduce approximately \$9,200,000 from our budget before the end of this school year. In an effort to proactively address this serious situation, our district will immediately implement the following budget restrictions as a precaution:

- Freeze posting any management positions other than Principals.
- Certificated and Classified positions will require Cabinet approval prior to posting. Specific rationale is required to clearly demonstrate the need to fill the vacant position. The Superintendent and Associates will meet weekly to review any position requests.
- Remaining site level categorical funds that go unspent at the end of 2008-09 will be allowed to carryover to 2009-10 within limits specified by the grant or entitlement.
- Encourage Principals to start looking for savings and reductions in site expenditures.
- All new requests for outside consultant contracts are frozen subject to Superintendent's review and board approval. Exceptions include: safety, urgent facility repair, etc.
- Fiscal staff will closely review any/all unrestricted non-school site expenditures.

Currently, 85% of the total district general fund expenditures are budgeted for salaries and benefits. To reduce the budget by \$9,200,000 will be extremely difficult and require a great deal of creative thinking and belt tightening. We will do our best to continue to inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day while working in this challenging budget environment.

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1,000 Trees

Help us beautify Twin Rivers School District with 1,000 new trees

In partnership with The Sacramento Tree Foundation, Twin Rivers USD is hoping to plant 1,000 trees on several of our campuses by the end of December, 2008.

We invite any community member to join us in planting trees on December 13 and 14 from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Please join us:

Saturday, Dec 13, 2008
 Grant Union High School
 1400 Grand Avenue
 Sacramento, CA 95838

Sunday, Dec 14, 2008
 Highlands Academy of Arts & Design
 (West 7-8 Campus)
 6444 Walerga Road
 North Highlands, CA 95660

Volunteers will meet at 9am on the campus of the designated school. At this central location volunteers will be oriented to the day's activities, be grouped into teams and assigned to a school. Teams will travel to their designated location and with the guidance of a staff member from the Tree Foundation, plant trees that will provide shade and energy savings for generations to come. Bring gloves and a shovel!

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