Making Tough Budget Decisions

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Amendment 23

• Adjust the Base per-pupil Funding by Inflation + 1%
• Does not guarantee Per-Pupil Revenue (PPR)
• Opens the door for a negative factor adjustment or decrease of existing factor
• Legal Opinion already given
State Budget Funding

- FY 08-09 – 0.7% Recission
- FY 09-10 - $110 Million + $20 Million = 2.3% Reduction
- FY 10-11 - $260 million = 6.3% Reduction
  - Total So Far – 9.3%
- FY 11-12 - Further Cuts?
  - Future Funding – Restricted under TABOR

K-12 Per-Pupil Funding: Colorado vs. National Average

Source: National Center for Education Statistics
**Budget Reduction Process**

- Identification of Targets
- Quantification of Amounts
- Evaluation of Impact
- Prioritization of Reductions
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Incorporation into Budget

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**Budget Reduction Starting Point**

- Start with Administration
  - Look at vacancies/Staffing
  - Overtime/Temp Staffing
  - Consultant Contracts
  - Travel Expenses
  - Mileage Reimbursements/Allowances
  - Capital Expenditures
- Look at your Instructional Delivery Model
  - School Closure
  - School Support Operations
Global Reductions

- **Salary/Benefit Reductions:**
  - Furlough Days
  - Across the Board Pay Reductions
  - Insurance Premium Allocation Changes

- **Transportation Reductions:**
  - Elimination of General Ed Bussing
  - Increase walk radius by 0.5 miles per level
  - Elimination of High School Transportation
  - 4-Day week Implementation (Excludes Utils)
  - Elimination of Summer School transportation
  - Elimination of Choice Permit transportation

Global Reductions (Con’t)

- **Class Size Adjustments/School Staff Reductions:**
  - K-5 one pupil per teacher (zero base)
  - 6-8 one pupil per teacher
  - 9-12 one pupil per teacher
  - Alt Schools one pupil per teacher
  - General Fund LRT's
  - LTE/Librarian Elimination
Global Reductions (Con’t)

• Travel & Mileage:
  • Mileage Reimbursements ($0.05 reduction)
  • Mileage Allowance Reductions ($5 /person)

• Custodial & Maintenance:
  • Outsourcing Custodial
  • One Building Manager Concept
  • Utility Setbacks

• School-Site Pupil Allocations
  • Inst Supplies & Materials Cuts (1% increments)
  • Capital Reserve Transfer Reductions

• Other Funds
  • Indirect Cost Allocations

Revenue Enhancement Ideas

• Mill Levy Overrides (20%)
• Athletic Fees
• Athletic Gate Fees
• Parking Fees
• Classroom Supply Fees
• Magnet Fees
• Facility Rental Fees
• Daycare/Full-Day Kindergarten
What’s Colorado’s Future?

- Richardson Tx Starting Teacher Salary = $45,800
- Nebraska Teacher Salaries = 21% higher
- Wyoming Teacher Salaries = Higher

- What will existing teachers do?
- What will new teachers do?
- What will happen to the next generation of students in Colo?
- Which Service Delivery Model do we want?
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Questions?