



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
53.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>To explain the revenue and expenditures for the budget years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 for the Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD), you'll want to break down both the sources of revenue and the categories of expenditures clearly. Here's a structured approach that can help:</p> <p>1. Overview of RBUSD Budget Process Introduction to the Budget: Explain that the budget for RBUSD reflects the district's priorities, educational goals, and financial responsibilities. The budget is crafted annually, following California state guidelines and regulations. Timeframe: Highlight that the budgets for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 are projections based on current financial trends, enrollment forecasts, and policy decisions.</p> <p>2. Revenue Sources State Funding: Detail the main source of revenue for RBUSD, including California's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which allocates funds based on student enrollment and demographic factors. Federal Funding: Mention federal grants and programs that are available, such as Title I funding for low-income students and special education funding. Local Revenues: Discuss funding from local property taxes, bonds, and possible parcel taxes that contribute to the district's financial resources. Include any anticipated changes in property tax revenue due to housing trends. Other Income: Consider revenue from grants, donations, and partnerships with local businesses or community organizations.</p> <p>3. Expenditures Instructional Costs: Describe how a significant portion of the budget goes toward classroom instruction, including teacher salaries, classroom supplies, and instructional materials. Support Services: Include expenditures on administration, counseling, special education services, and pupil transportation. Facilities and Maintenance: Explain costs associated with maintaining school buildings, utilities, and safety measures. Highlight any planned or ongoing construction projects. Staff Development: Address investments in professional development for teachers and staff to improve instructional quality and student outcomes. Technology: Mention expenditures on technology for classrooms, including hardware, software, and infrastructure improvements necessary for modern education. Contingency and Reserves: Emphasize the importance of setting aside funds for unforeseen expenses or emergencies.</p>



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4. Budget Challenges and Considerations

Enrollment Projections: Discuss future enrollment trends, as fluctuations can impact funding.

Cost of Living Adjustments: Explain how rising costs, especially in areas such as salaries and benefits, are factored into the budget.

State Budget Considerations: Mention how changes in the state budget or new policies could affect district funding.

Policy Decisions: Include any anticipated changes in educational policy that might impact the budget (e.g., initiatives for improved mental health support, expanded sports programs, etc.).

5. Community Involvement

Stakeholder Engagement: Highlight the importance of community input in the budgeting process, including meetings, forums, and surveys.

Transparency: Explain how the district plans to communicate budget details to stakeholders for transparency and accountability.

6. Conclusion

Future Outlook: Summarize the anticipated impacts of the budgets on educational quality and community support. Encourage ongoing engagement from the community in supporting the district's financial health and educational mission.

7. Questions and Answers

Encourage Questions: Invite questions from parents, staff, and community members to clarify any concerns or provide additional information.

This structured approach provides a comprehensive view of the budget process, ensuring that stakeholders understand both the financial framework and its implications for the education system in Redondo Beach.

Strengthening financial efficiency and reducing expenditures in various areas of a school district, such as the Redondo Beach Unified School District, requires a comprehensive approach. Here are some strategies tailored to the specified expenditure categories:

1. Instructional Costs

Share Resources: Collaborate with other districts to share specialized instructors or resources for subjects like music or art, which might reduce individual costs.

Innovative Teaching Models: Implement blended learning or online courses to reduce staffing needs and physical classroom costs.

Curriculum Evaluation: Regularly assess the curriculum to eliminate outdated materials or programs that do not show improvement in student outcomes.

2. Support Services

Centralized Support Functions: Combine administrative and support functions across schools to reduce redundancy. For example, centralize counseling or



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special education services to utilize resources more effectively.
Use of Volunteers: Engage community members as volunteers to assist in non-specialized support tasks, freeing up staff for more essential functions.

3. Facilities and Maintenance

Energy Efficiency Upgrades: Invest in energy-efficient lighting, HVAC systems, and insulation. This may require an upfront investment but will lead to substantial utility savings over time.
Preventive Maintenance: Establish a preventive maintenance schedule for facilities to reduce long-term repair costs.
Joint Use Agreements: Partner with local government or community organizations to share facilities, which can help distribute maintenance costs.

4. Staff Development

Targeted Training: Focus professional development on areas that directly impact student achievement and teacher effectiveness, ensuring resources are spent wisely.
In-House Training: Develop a mentorship program where experienced teachers provide training to new staff, reducing the need for outside consultants.
Online Professional Development: Implement costs-effective online training programs that can be accessed at any time, thereby reducing costs associated with travel and time away from the classroom.

5. Technology

Assess Technology Needs: Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of current technology and discontinue or replace equipment that is underutilized or obsolete.
Leverage Grants: Seek grants specifically for technology improvements to avoid using general funds.
Partnerships with Tech Firms: Collaborate with local tech companies for donations, discounts, or educational programs that can help reduce costs.

6. Contingency and Reserves

Careful Budgeting: Adopt zero-based budgeting or activity-based costing to ensure that all expenses are justified and necessary.
Review Reserve Policies: Regularly assess reserve policies to ensure they align with fiscal health without excessive cushioning that could be used for immediate needs.
Emergency Preparedness: Implement plans to manage unexpected expenses or lower-than-expected revenues to minimize the need for large contingencies.

Overall Strategies

Community Involvement: Engage the community in budget discussions and solicit input on cost-saving measures. Using community resources can lessen some costs.
Grant Writing and Fundraising: Actively pursue grants and fundraising opportunities to supplement budgetary needs without increasing expenditures.

				<p>Regular Audits: Conduct financial audits to identify inefficiencies and uncover potential savings.</p> <p>By implementing these strategies, the Redondo Beach Unified School District can strengthen its financial standing while maintaining or improving educational quality. Collaboration, innovation, and careful resource management will be key to achieving these goals.</p>
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