



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
30.		Favor	Wendy R Lipin	
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>To explain the revenue and expenditures for the budget years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 for the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) in California, it's essential to take a structured approach. Below is a guide to help you present this information effectively:</p> <p>1. Overview of the Budget Process Explain the significance of the budget in supporting educational programs and services. Discuss the overall goals of the LVUSD in creating the budget, including maintaining and improving educational quality, meeting regulatory requirements, and addressing community needs.</p> <p>2. Revenue Sources State Funding: Describe how the LVUSD receives funding from the state government based on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Highlight any anticipated increases in funding due to enrollment changes or adjustments in state funding formulas. Local Funding: Mention any local property taxes or parcel taxes that contribute to the district's revenue. Discuss the impact of local economic conditions on revenue from these sources. Federal Funding: Include federal grants and funding programs that support specific initiatives (e.g., Title I funds) and how they are expected to play a role in the budget. Other Revenues: Reference additional income sources such as grants, donations, and revenues from partnerships, if applicable, and any expected changes or initiatives that may affect these.</p> <p>3. Expenditures Instructional Services: Detail funding allocated to classroom instruction, staff salaries, and benefits. Include information on any new programs, teacher training initiatives, or technology investments planned for this period. Administrative Costs: Provide insight into the administrative services section, including budgets for district administration, support staff, and operational needs. Facilities and Maintenance: Discuss expenditures related to maintaining school facilities, including any planned renovations or new construction. Special Programs and Services: Explain budgets for special education, counseling services, and other support programs aimed at enhancing student success. Extracurricular Activities: Mention funding for sports, arts, and other extracurricular programs and how they contribute to the overall student experience.</p>



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4. Comparative Analysis (2025-2026 vs. 2026-2027)

Present a side-by-side comparison of key revenue and expenditure figures for both years:

Total Revenue

Total Expenditures

Major Changes or Trends: Identify any significant increases or decreases and the reasons behind these changes.

Discuss implications of these changes in revenue and expenditure on the district's financial health and ability to meet educational goals.

5. Challenges and Opportunities

Discuss any anticipated challenges, such as changes in state funding levels, economic downturns affecting local revenues, or rising costs.

Highlight opportunities for growth, such as state or federal funding initiatives, new partnerships, or educational projects that align with district goals.

6. Stakeholder Engagement

Mention the involvement of various stakeholders (teachers, parents, community members) in the budget development process and how their input has shaped budgetary decisions.

7. Conclusion

Summarize the key points, emphasizing how the LVUSD plans to responsibly allocate resources to advance its mission and goals while ensuring transparency and accountability.

8. Visual Aids

Consider using charts, graphs, or tables to visually represent revenue sources and expenditures, enhancing the clarity of your presentation.

This structure will help ensure a coherent and comprehensive explanation of the LVUSD's budget for the stated years, making it accessible to various audiences, including community members, stakeholders, and school board members.

Strengthening and reducing expenditures in various areas of a school district, such as the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) in California, requires a strategic approach that balances financial efficiency with the quality of education. Here are some detailed strategies for each category:

1. Instructional Services

Curriculum Review and Alignment: Regularly evaluate and update the curriculum to ensure it meets state standards and the needs of students.

Utilize existing resources efficiently rather than purchasing new materials.

Professional Development: Invest in on-site professional development and peer collaboration instead of expensive external programs. Use technology (e.g., webinars, virtual workshops) to reduce costs.

Data-Driven Decisions: Utilize data analytics to identify areas of improvement



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in instruction and allocate resources effectively, ensuring that funds are spent on programs yielding the highest impact.

2. Administrative Costs

Streamlined Processes: Evaluate administrative processes for efficiency. Implement digital tools for administrative tasks to reduce paperwork and labor hours.

Shared Services: Consider regional collaboration with neighboring districts to share administrative services such as human resources, finance, and IT, which can lead to reduced costs.

Contracting Options: Explore outsourcing non-core administrative functions (e.g., payroll, accounting) to reduce overhead expenses.

3. Facilities and Maintenance

Preventive Maintenance Programs: Implement a preventive maintenance schedule to address repairs proactively, potentially lowering long-term costs and extending the life of facilities.

Energy Efficiency: Invest in energy-efficient systems (e.g., LED lighting, solar panels) that reduce utility costs over time. Look for state or federal grants that can alleviate initial costs.

Shared Facilities: Partner with local organizations to share facility space for community events that can help offset operational costs.

4. Special Programs and Services

Grant Funding: Actively pursue grants and other funding sources to support special programs. Collaborate with community organizations to enhance services at little to no cost to the district.

Program Evaluation: Analyze the effectiveness of special programs and services, focusing on those with proven success rates and considering modifications or discontinuations of those that do not meet objectives.

Community Engagement: Engage community members in identifying needs and resources, potentially leading to partnerships that support special programs without significant cost increases.

5. Extracurricular Activities

Sponsorships and Partnerships: Seek sponsorships from local businesses to support extracurricular activities, reducing costs for the district.

Student-Led Initiatives: Encourage student-led clubs and activities that require minimal staff involvement, fostering leadership and creativity while saving on costs.

Evaluation of Programs: Review participation rates and budgets for extracurricular activities to identify high-interest programs that merit continued funding, while considering adjustments for those with low participation.

Implementation Considerations

Stakeholder Engagement: Involve teachers, administrators, parents, and community members in discussions about expenditure reductions to ensure buy-in and insight into practical solutions.

				<p>Regular Reviews: Implement a system for regular financial reviews to track progress towards expenditure reduction goals, adjusting strategies as necessary.</p> <p>Communication Plan: Establish a clear communication plan to keep all stakeholders informed about changes in programs or services, emphasizing the rationale behind decisions to maintain trust and support.</p> <p>By carefully considering these areas and implementing targeted strategies, the Las Virgenes Unified School District can strengthen its educational offerings while efficiently managing its budget.</p>
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