



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
52.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Explaining the revenue and expenditures for the budget of Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) for the fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 involves summarizing key elements and projections. Here's how you might structure the explanation:</p> <p>1. Introduction Briefly introduce the context of the budget proposal for the fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Mention the importance of the budget in supporting educational programs, maintaining facilities, and ensuring the overall welfare of students.</p> <p>2. Revenue Sources State Funding: Explain California's school funding model, primarily based on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Mention factors like average daily attendance (ADA), expected enrollment numbers, and any adjustments based on state budget decisions. Local Funding: Include information on property taxes and local bonds that contribute to the district's revenue. This may also cover grants or donations from local businesses and community organizations. Federal Funding: Discuss any federal grants or allocations that the district anticipates, especially program-specific funding. Other Revenue: Consider mentioning miscellaneous income, such as fees for programs, daycare services, or other initiatives.</p> <p>3. Expenditures Staffing Costs: Highlight the largest part of the budget, detailing salaries and benefits for teachers, administrators, and support staff. Educational Programs: Talk about investments in classroom materials, special education services, extracurricular activities, and technology enhancements. Facilities Maintenance: Discuss expenditures related to the upkeep and improvement of school buildings and grounds, including safety measures and compliance with regulations. Operational Costs: Include budget allocations for utilities, transportation, and other operational aspects vital for running the district efficiently. Contingency and Reserves: Describe any planned amounts for reserves or contingency funds to address unexpected expenses.</p> <p>4. Budget Summary and Assumptions Provide an overview of the estimated total revenue and expenditures for both years. Use estimated figures if available and explain any assumptions made in forecasting these numbers, like changes in enrollment or state funding.</p> <p>5. Challenges and Opportunities</p>

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Discuss any anticipated challenges, such as fluctuations in state funding, changing enrollment trends, or new legislative mandates that could impact budgeting.
Highlight opportunities for growth or enhancement in programs, potential grants, or community partnerships that could improve revenue or educational offerings.

6. Engagement with Community

Emphasize the importance of community input and engagement in the budgeting process, mentioning any public meetings or forums planned to gather stakeholder feedback.

7. Conclusion

Conclude with a forward-looking statement that underscores the district's commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and the educational success of its students.

Additional Considerations

Utilize visuals such as charts and graphs to illustrate revenue sources and spending categories.

If specific data is available, include numerical examples to reinforce points.
Be prepared to address questions about how these budget choices align with the district's long-term strategic goals.

Ensure that the information is up-to-date and reflects any nuances specific to the Duarte Unified School District and its community.

Strengthening educational programs while reducing expenditures in a school district like Duarte Unified requires strategic planning and execution. Here are some possible approaches for each of the areas mentioned:

1. Staffing Costs

Review Staffing Levels: Conduct a thorough analysis of staffing needs based on student enrollment and program requirements. Consider reducing administrative overhead and reallocating resources to core educational areas.
Staff Professional Development: Invest in training that increases teacher efficiency and effectiveness, potentially reducing the need for additional hires.
Shared Services: Collaborate with nearby districts to share specialized staff (like counselors, psychologists, or coordinators) on a part-time basis.
Incentivize Retention: Implement retention bonuses for key staff to reduce turnover costs and maintain quality.

2. Educational Programs

Evaluate Program Effectiveness: Regularly assess the impact of educational programs on student outcomes. Eliminate or restructure programs that do not show measurable benefits.

Utilize Technology: Incorporate blended learning models to reduce physical space and resource requirements for certain programs while maintaining



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quality.

Seek Grants & Funding: Actively pursue grants from governmental and private sources to fund innovative educational programs without impacting the budget.

Community Partnerships: Develop partnerships with local businesses and organizations that can provide resources, expertise, or funding in exchange for students' service or involvement.

3. Facilities Maintenance

Preventative Maintenance: Establish a proactive maintenance schedule to prevent costly repairs in the future. Regular inspections and minor repairs can save significant expenditures long-term.

Energy Efficiency: Invest in energy-efficient solutions like LED lighting and upgraded HVAC systems, which can lead to substantial cost savings.

Use of Multi-Purpose Spaces: Design facilities for multi-use to maximize utility, reducing the need for specific spaces for specific functions that sit underutilized.

4. Operational Costs

Budget Review: Conduct a zero-based budgeting review to understand and justify all expenditures for the upcoming year, ensuring that all costs are necessary.

Bulk Purchasing: Leverage bulk purchasing agreements for supplies and materials to take advantage of discounts.

Reduce Paper Usage: Move towards digital solutions to cut down on printing and paper-related costs, which can also streamline processes.

Transportation Optimization: Streamline bus routes and schedules for efficiency to reduce fuel and labor costs.

5. Contingency and Reserves

Operational Efficiency Audits: Regularly conduct audits of operations to identify potential savings and efficiencies that can be redirected to reserves.

Contingency Fund Assessment: Review the necessity and size of the contingency fund based on past trends and current risks. Adjust accordingly while ensuring sufficient coverage for emergencies.

Public Engagement: Involve the community in discussions around funding priorities and allocations to identify non-essential expenditures that can be trimmed.

Additional Strategies

Utilize Data for Decision-Making: Regularly collect and analyze data on expenditures and student performance to inform budgetary decisions.

Engage Staff and Community: Involve teachers, administrators, and community members in the budgeting process to gather insights and foster a cooperative environment.

Transparent Communication: Maintain transparency about financial decisions and involve stakeholders in discussions about budget issues and options for reductions.

				By implementing these strategies, Duarte Unified School District can strengthen its educational delivery while effectively managing and potentially reducing its expenditures. It's important to approach these changes thoughtfully, keeping student outcomes at the forefront.
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