

PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:		
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments	
53.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	To explain the revenue and expenditures for the budget of the Temple City Unified School District (TCUSD) for the fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, you can provide a structured overview that includes key components: 1. Introduction to TCUSD Budgeting Present an overview of the Temple City Unified School District, including student enrollment, overall goals, and the importance of budgetary planning in ensuring educational quality and compliance with state regulations. 2. Revenue Sources Local Revenues: This may include property taxes, fees, and donations from the community. Highlight any trends in local tax rates or significant new funding initiatives. State Funding: Explain the Primary State Aid mechanisms including the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) which adjusts funding based on student demographics and needs. Federal Funding: Discuss federal grants and allocations, such as Title I and special education funds. Other Sources: Mention any additional revenue streams like grants, partnerships, or fundraising efforts. 3. Expenditures Overview Instructional Expenses: Break down costs associated with teaching staff salaries, benefits, classroom supplies, and curricular programs. Support Services: Discuss expenditures on administrative support, counseling, transportation, and special education services. Facilities and Maintenance: Include costs related to building maintenance, utilities, and any construction or modernization efforts. Technology Investments: Highlight spending related to technological upgrades, software, and student access to digital resources. 4. Budget Projections & Trends Present projected revenue and expenditure figures for both fiscal years, identifying any significant increases or decreases compared to previous budgets. Discuss trends in enrollment numbers and how they impact revenue and spending. 5. Challenges and Opportunities Highlight any anticipated challenges such as funding shortages, inflation, or changes in state funding policies. Identify opportunities for optimizing re	



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Emphasize the importance of community involvement in the budgeting process, including opportunities for public feedback and participation in budget meetings.

Reflect on the overall goal of the budget to enhance student education and school facilities.

Example Data Presentation

If you have specific figures, you can include tables or graphs: Revenue Breakdown (e.g., Pie chart showing percentage from local, state, federal sources)

Expenditure Allocation (e.g., Bar graph illustrating expenditure categories)

Make sure to clarify and contextualize any budget changes and their anticipated impact on the educational environment. This structured approach can help provide a comprehensive understanding of the TCUSD budget for stakeholders, including parents, teachers, staff, and the community at large.

Strengthening the Temple City Unified School District while reducing expenditures in instructional expenses, support services, facilities and maintenance, and technology investments can be approached through a combination of strategic planning, community engagement, and innovative practices. Here are several strategies that may help in achieving these objectives:

1. Instructional Expenses

Curriculum Review and Optimization: Conduct a thorough review of the curriculum to identify areas where resources can be streamlined or where certain programs may be consolidated without compromising educational quality.

Professional Development: Invest in training teachers to utilize more costeffective pedagogies, such as Project-Based Learning or Flipped Classrooms, which can lead to better student outcomes without requiring additional resources.

Grant Funding: Seek out grants that can provide funding for specific programs, reducing reliance on general funds.

Partnerships: Form partnerships with local businesses and community organizations for sponsorship of educational programs, which can reduce costs associated with field trips, educational supplies, and extracurricular activities.

2. Support Services

Shared Services Agreements: Collaborate with neighboring school districts to share administrative and support staff, leading to reduced costs in areas like transportation, counseling, and special education services.

Community Engagement: Involve parents and community members in support services, such as mentoring programs or volunteer-led tutoring, reducing the financial burden on the district.

Efficient Use of Resources: Regularly assess and optimize staff workloads to



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			ensure that all personnel are used efficiently, and consider reassigning staff to meet the most pressing needs without increasing hiring.
			3. Facilities and Maintenance Energy Efficiency Initiatives: Invest in energy-efficient appliances and systems (e.g., LED lighting, smart thermostats) that can reduce utility bills in the long run. Look for grants specifically aimed at improving energy efficiency in school facilities. Preventive Maintenance Programs: Develop a preventive maintenance schedule to address potential issues before they become costly repairs, thus extending the lifespan of facilities and reducing emergency repair costs. Community Maintenance Days: Organize volunteer events where community members can assist in minor maintenance tasks, such as landscaping and painting.
			4. Technology Investments Invest in Open Educational Resources (OER): Utilize free or low-cost instructional materials rather than purchasing expensive textbooks or subscriptions. Centralized Procurement: Establish a centralized purchasing system for technology-related needs to negotiate better deals and reduce overall costs. Refurbishment Programs: Consider refurbishing older equipment rather than purchasing new technology. Also, create a program for students to help in maintaining and repairing technology resources. Cloud Solutions: Utilize cloud-based services that often have lower upfront costs compared to traditional software solutions and can reduce the need for in-house IT support.
			Additional Strategies Budget Transparency and Community Input: Engage the community in budget discussions to ensure transparency and gather input. This can lead to support for budget cuts or reallocating resources. Foster a Culture of Innovation: Encourage staff to propose and implement innovative cost-saving measures and reward them for efficiency and effectiveness. Regular Financial Audits: Conduct regular audits and evaluations of spending to identify unnecessary expenditures and find new efficiencies.
			By implementing a combination of these strategies, the Temple City Unified School District can strengthen its educational offerings while effectively reducing expenditures across various categories. Collaboration with all stakeholders—from teachers and administrators to parents and the local community—will be essential for the success of these initiatives.
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