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**This is an important update
about maintaining academic
programs in the Culver City
Unified School District!**



Tell us what you think!

WE WANT YOUR INPUT.

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Culver City Unified School District
ATTN: Dr. Myrna Rivera Coté, Superintendent
4034 Irving Place
Culver City, CA 90232



July, 2009

Dear Parents and Neighbors:

As Superintendent of the Culver City Unified School District, my highest priority is to ensure the academic success of our students.

I am writing today because I am very concerned about continued funding for our academic programs in Culver City neighborhood schools. We are currently facing an alarming reduction in State funding due to the budget crisis in Sacramento. This crisis is significantly impacting essential teaching staff and educational programs in our local schools.

To minimize further devastating cuts and reduce our reliance on unstable Sacramento funding for quality school programs, our school district is currently evaluating educational needs and studying the feasibility of placing a local parcel tax measure on the ballot.

Community input is crucial.

Please help us by completing the attached survey as soon as possible. Rank the priorities listed in order of their importance to you. Simply tear off the survey, complete it, and **return it by August 3rd**. Your opinions and suggestions are important to us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Myrna Rivera Coté
Superintendent, Culver City Unified School District

State budget crisis could devastate local schools.

Fact:

Over 90% of funding for our local schools comes from the State of California. When the State has budget problems, our local schools have budget problems. Due to the budget crisis in Sacramento, state funding for Culver City's neighborhood schools is being significantly reduced.

Culver City teachers and educational programs are at risk.

Fact:

Culver City Unified School District has already been forced to make \$6 million in cuts to neighborhood schools over the past two years. Cuts have been kept as far away from the classroom as possible but now, there is nothing left to cut except essentials. **This coming school year, at least \$3 million in teachers, educational programs, and support personnel will be at risk.**

Community Survey

Please prioritize these Culver City Unified School District educational needs:

	HIGH	MED	LOW
▶ Providing advanced academic programs in math, science and technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Attracting and retaining the best qualified teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Keeping school libraries open with skilled library staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Providing up-to-date textbooks and instructional materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Maintaining student computer labs and technology instruction/training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Continuing funding for art and music programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Keeping school facilities clean and well maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Maintaining small class sizes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Continuing to provide college prep programs that help Culver City students get into colleges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Maintaining school security personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

NAME _____

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Thank you for your input!

Please return your completed survey by August 3, 2009