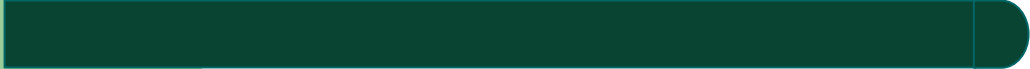




Miramonte Parent Forum Budget Crisis

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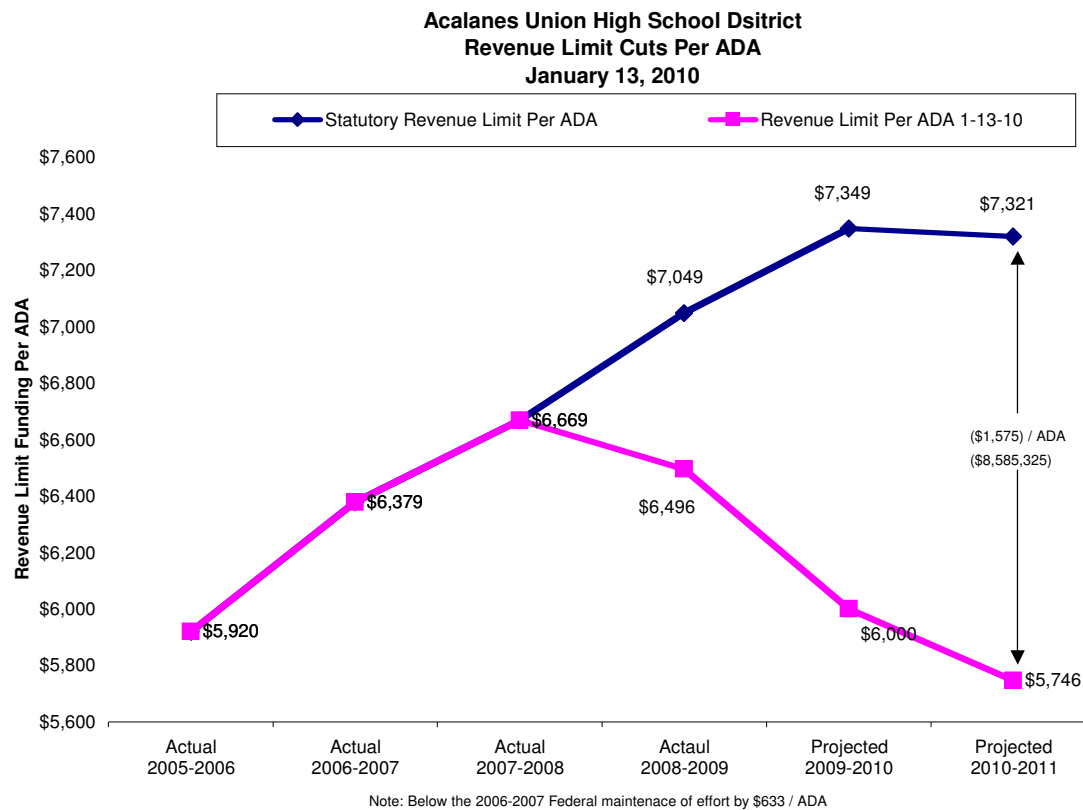
Miramonte at a Glance- today

- California Distinguished High School
- Top 100 public high schools - US News
- 6 honors, 16 AP and 11 ROP courses
- 95% of students receive their first choice electives
- All 7th period requests granted
- 99% of graduates go onto college
- 80-83% go onto a 4 year college
- API score of 927 (13th in the State)
- 91% AP passing rate (72% 4 or above)
- Award winning enrichment programs
- 55 years of educational excellence

Bleak Financial Picture

- State Budget deficit: \$20 Billion
- Significant cuts to education last two years:
 - \$7 million revenue reduction to AUHSD
- AUHSD budget for 2010-2011:
 - \$4.8 million deficit
 - \$.8 million PC/foundation contributions
 - \$4 million net deficit

Revenues continue to decline



Revenue Comparisons for 2007-2008

AUHSD is a Revenue Limit District

District	Total Revenue per ADA	State Revenue Limit per ADA
Tamalpais	\$13,492	\$10,534
Mountainview	\$12,454	\$10,399
Palo Alto (K-12)	\$13,652	\$8,981
Piedmont (K-12)	\$11,387	\$5,952
Acalanes	\$9,251	\$6,567

AUHSD receives 85% of its state funding from its property taxes

Proposed Cost Reductions

- **Certificated Support Staff**
 - Significant reductions in counselors
 - Share Librarians
- **Closure of Del Oro**
- **Over 50 teaching positions**

Effect on programs

- Class size increases to the maximum allowed in English and Social Studies classes
- Elimination or reduction of English electives (eg Journalism, Yearbook, Public Speaking)
- Elimination or reduction of 7th period elective
- Limitations on science classes per year
- Reduced AP course options
- Limitations on arts, choral and instrumental electives
- Shared Librarian(s) for four schools
- Significant reduction in academic counselors per school

At Miramonte

- Around 30 fewer sections in the master schedule
 - Bigger classes
 - 6 period day
 - Inability to drop/add
- Every department will be affected
- Less staff to provide student services

To Keep in Mind

- School Board decides on final budget reductions (Superintendent proposes cuts)
- Schools are governed by many different laws and cannot be run as a business
- A balanced budget is necessary to avoid county/state takeover (bankruptcy)
- Categorical funds cannot be spent on items that were not designated
- District must negotiate with Collective Bargaining/Unions to reduce costs
- Redistricting is not a practical option

Staff Reductions

- All reductions based on a Seniority List
- We cannot save specific staff members, we can only save programs
- Important dates:
 - Preliminary layoff notices - March 15th
 - Final notices - May 15th

How the Community can help

- Fundraising
 - \$200K per school currently in the budget PC/EFO
 - \$640K additional site money PC/EFO
 - Plan to increase fundraising efforts but cannot bridge this \$4 million gap (extra \$715 per student)
- Parcel tax
 - Short term increase
 - May ballot- filing due Feb 5th
 - Survey underway
 - Orinda Co-Chairs: Susie Epstein and Colleen Hummer
 - Need 100 volunteers!

What you can do

- Support parcel tax measure
- Volunteer to help on the campaign team!
 - Phone banks
 - Mailers
 - Data Analysis
 - Communication
- Donate to EFO and PC