

NOTES – BUDGET STRATEGIES LEADERSHIP MEETING
February 1, 2024

Present: C. Brewer-Smith, O. Castro, R. Dietz, J. Hinshaw, K. Iino, C. Lopez, J. Merino, J. Miyashiro, R. Suppelsa,

Called to order at 3:06 p.m.

- **Information**

- Welcome: Attendees were welcomed.
- Notetaker Update: L. Plum and A. Guevara will assist with note taking.

- **Discussion/Action:**

- Finalize Initial Budget Reduction Principles (All):
Draft principles were approved as submitted and amended.
 1. Protect Students from Budget Reductions
 - a. Core Academic Courses/Programs
 - b. Core Support Services/Programs
 2. Communicate Clearly and with Integrity
 3. Operate Collaboratively and with Transparency
 4. Retain Employees to Extent Possible
 5. Review All District Expenditures for Potential Reduction
 6. Advocate for Funding at the State/Federal Levels and aggressively pursue extramural funding

- Review scope of budget deficit and initial strategies for reducing the deficit: (Suppelsa)

Suppelsa reviewed the status for the District budget regarding the current deficit spending of approximately 19 million per year. The state situation has worsened since the original numbers were shared and there is an impact to El Camino. The budget situation existed regardless of the status of the state.

Questions were raised about budget details and assumptions made regarding the current and future fiscal status.

- Recommendation for committee or taskforce to develop Specific Budget Reduction Strategies: (All)

An additional meeting will be scheduled for 90 minutes within a week to determine a taskforce to make budget reduction recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.