



"All Students... All Of Us –
Achieving Success Together!"

SOUTH BAY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear South Bay Union School District Parents and Staff:

As California faces more than a \$40 billion shortfall, the Governor has proposed dramatic cuts to education. The South Bay Union School District is facing a significant budget challenge due to severe declines in state revenues and also due to declining enrollment and must take significant steps now to protect the District's long-term financial health. Our student population has declined 27% during the past ten years. This reflects a net reduction of over 2,200 students at an overall annual loss in revenue of thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000). As this trend continues it is time to consolidate our K-6 schools in order to more effectively and efficiently group our students – and save up to \$500,000 annually. This means South Bay Union School District must find a way to balance our own budget with a predicted \$3 million shortfall.

As your superintendent, I take this responsibility seriously and, along with the Board of Trustees, continue to keep student achievement as the highest priority. I am proposing that the Board of Trustees vote on a 2-year phase-in plan that changes enrollment boundaries for all 12 schools and re-structures two of our schools – Nestor and West View. Effective August 2009, Nestor School would be restructured as a magnet school for the Language Academy and other programs. All students, except those students in the Language Academy, currently residing within the Nestor School attendance boundaries would have a new home school of Berry, Mendoza or Nicoloff. Effective August 2010, West View School would be restructured to house all day Kindergarten, Preschool for All, and Extended Learning. The first through sixth grade students currently residing within the West View School attendance boundaries would have a new home school of Imperial Beach School. The restructuring of Nestor and West View Schools and the attendance boundary changes will mean that several neighborhoods will have a new home school. We understand changes are difficult for our families which is why we are providing this information to you now. Maps and detailed information, including specific street addresses will be available at your home school site, on the District website at www.sbusd.org and a brief overview of the changes is attached for your information.

The following meeting has been scheduled to provide information about our proposed budget reductions which also include changing school attendance boundaries:

Staff/Parent Information Meeting & Open Forum for Feedback
Thursday, January 29th – Come and Go anytime between 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Burress Auditorium, 601 Elm Avenue, Imperial Beach, CA

In addition, the Board will also meet on the following dates:

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| * | February 5 | Board Meeting/Public Hearing | 6:00 p.m. |
| * | February 19 | Board Meeting/Boundary Decision | 6:00 p.m. |
| * | February 26 | Board Meeting/Budget Reduction Decision | 6:00 p.m. |

I am confident that these changes will bring about a positive outcome for our District schools, communities and most importantly our children. When all is said and done, the most important outcome is that every child goes to school every day in a welcoming classroom with a great teacher. I look forward to your involvement and appreciate your continued support during this transition. Together we can attain high academic achievement for our students.

Professionally yours,

Carol A. Parish, Ed. D.
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