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Greetings Governing Board Members:

Here is my weekly update to try to keep you informed of district happenings...

School Funding Lawsuit Update: Chris Thomas (ASBA attorney) advised districts not to plan on receiving back payment for past years of unfunded inflationary increases to base level funding. He said there will be oral arguments on **May 9th**, but was not optimistic about back payments from the State. He also advised districts that the **Student Success Funding** approved in part by the **Legislature** would not likely become available until at least mid-year and it is still unknown what strings will be attached or what restrictions will be imposed. Districts were also advised to treat it as 'one-time funds,' meaning we should not plan on receiving it again next year.

Food Service Taste Testing: Pam Iose brought several vendors in to **serve students samples of 15 food products for students to give feedback** as input to next year's **menu offerings**. Students enjoyed the opportunity to help decide what is offered on the menu and the free food.

Land: Kirk and I had a productive meeting with **Barb Predmore** from **Alcantara Winery**. They are very interested in **leasing our property to grow grapes**. We also discussed opportunities for **partnerships** and her winemaker inspected our vineyard and offered to **help our teachers** manage them. We are researching some questions, including zoning, water, and property lines and they are going to get back to us with an offer. I hope to have more information to at least discuss at the next Board meeting. **Dan Mabery** told me they are having a hard time determining a **market value** for the property. He said their best guess is around **\$1.1 million** but that he feels it should be much higher and discouraged us from selling it, especially for that price (he said anything below \$4 million would be too low).

Transportation – Shared Position: It is my understanding that **COCS D** has selected a new **transportation director**. Unfortunately, I was not invited to participate in the process as originally thought. I will be meeting with our transportation staff to **investigate opportunities for restructuring** for next year that could involve not hiring a new director and possibly contracting for some services from the **COCS D** director. This would **require greater involvement on my part** with the operation of transportation services but **could be an opportunity for savings**.

School Facilities Board: The **School Facilities Board** will consider funding our ball field **drainage project** (to move the outlet correctly off Green's property) at its meeting next week. We are optimistic the **\$20,000** request will be approved, which will allow us to complete the project this summer. We are still **working on trying to get them to fund** some **HVAC** and **tennis court** repair projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns, but please **do not *reply to all***. Have a great weekend!

Upcoming Events:

- **Scholarship & Academic Honors Night:** May 12th at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium
- **Last Day of School:** May 22nd
- **Graduation:** May 23rd at 7:00 PM on the Football Field
- **Memorial Day:** May 26th – District Closed
- **Regular Board Meeting:** May 27th at 6:00 PM in the MUHS Cafeteria