

***CEDAR HILL ISD
PRELIMINARY BUDGET CALENDAR
2009-2010 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)***

Included in the 11-10-08 Board Agenda is an item to consider a Preliminary 2009-2010 Budget Development Calendar.

Legal Framework:

Section 44.002(a) of the Texas Education Code states that “On or before a date set by the State Board of Education, the superintendent shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a proposed budget covering all estimated revenue and proposed expenditures of the district for the following year.”

The law does not require a calendar; however, this timeline provides a “road map” for budgetary activity. The November/December calendar items are completed and/or well under way.

<i>ADMINISTRATIVE INTENT IS TO BRING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES A BALANCED GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010</i>
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- Because this direction will involve a careful monitoring of district expenditures and programs, the 2009-2010 Budget process started much earlier district administrators have been more actively engaged in the early stages of the process than in previous years. This early involvement is due to the impending move to “chapter 41” status by the district within the next two-three years, the failure of a tax-rollback election, and the uncertain status of the upcoming legislative session.
- You will see that Board involvement is also included in the early stages as well. It is important that:
 - The Board clearly understands its role in the budget development process.
 - The Board has a clear understanding of the CHISD budgetary components, their role in the budget development process, and their role after the budget is adopted (handout attached).
 - The Board clearly understands where we spend our money from a “big picture” perspective.
 - The Board is kept abreast of the process and its results.