April 22, 2020 - Prado's Budget Committee Questions

Good Evening Ms. Sendejo,

I have not received any backup information to the items listed on the Budget Committee Meeting's agenda. Therefore, I am submitting general type questions on the agenda topics. Additionally, I am restating a question that I previously submitted to you and Mr. Rodriguez under separate cover, dated April 15, 2020, that is relevant to the Budget Committee agenda.

First, can we assume the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar is functional as stated. That is, notwithstanding any implications from Covid-19? Can we assume that the 2020-2021 Budget will still require a Board adoption by August 31, 2020 or before? The 2020-2021 Budget calendar is functional as stated. Future dates may be adjusted to accommodate the budget process in the near future. The budget will be presented for adoption by the Board prior to the deadline established.

Second, one of the agenda items is entitled, "Biennium Lieutenant Governor Update". I had requested that we make contact with our state representatives to ascertain whether we can expect to receive state revenues for the second year of the biennium as outlined in HB 3 for our school district. Will this item cover this information? If not, is it possible to secure this information? The Lieutenant Governor has indicated that the State's commitment to uphold revenue in the current biennium remains. HB 3 was voted into law, and we have seen nothing to indicate that its provisions won't be upheld. The District anticipates there being potential changes to revenue in the next legislative session, based on what is available at the State level. As information becomes available, it will be shared with the Board of Trustees.

Third, in a previous Budget Update, the staff had reflected the loss of student enrollment for the First Semester, SY 2019-2020, in 5800 State Program Revenues. This loss in state revenue was approx. \$2.2 Million. Is it possible for the staff to estimate the loss in state revenue (5800) for the Second Semester, SY 2019-2020? The revenue projections that were presented at the last board meeting showed a reduction in State Aid of \$2.2MM was reflective of student attendance data through the 3rd Six Weeks. Staff will provide a revenue estimate that is reflective of cumulative student data through the end of the 4th Six Weeks. The State has provided some guidance on how to estimate ADA for the entire school year by using YTD data through the 4th Six Weeks.

Please share my questions with the Budget Committee members. Forthcoming responses to these questions can either be addressed prior to the meeting or at the meeting, as appropriate.

Thank You, Connie Prado