**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**BEEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Subject: Finance and Program Cuts Consideration

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**ACTION**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

BISD has worked hard the past 4-6 years in dealing with the challenges of school finance. Our master plan for facilities and instructional arrangements has allowed us to weather some of the current "storm". However, we continue to struggle and hope that the legislature will come through with some school finance reform that takes us out of the bottom 10% of per student funding districts in the state. There has been a need to look at potential program cuts in case of no relief. We sent information to TASB regarding a potential policy to guide program cuts. The response from TASB was: "The district does not need a policy that addresses reduction in programs. It is at the district's discretion on ***how*** programs will be administered. (We call that administrative regulation, and it should not be approved by the board.) Essentially the program isn't being reduced, the services or instructional arrangements are being changed. For example, if the district administration was needing to change the way that elementary Gifted and Talented students are served, say from a pull-out program to service provided by the homeroom teacher, it would not need a policy to allow that to happen. If the change in program resulted in a reduction in force where current employees could not be reassigned to other positions, then DFF(LOCAL) would come into play".

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
None

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:
None