

Oceanside Administrators Accept Rollbacks to Help Ease Budget Deficit

In an effort to help reduce a \$19 million budget shortfall, all administrators and confidential employees of the Oceanside Unified School District have collectively and voluntarily agreed to salary rollbacks and a reduced work year, effective July 1, 2010. OUSD Superintendent Larry Perondi announced the savings plan today in a message to all district employees.

The reductions include a five percent salary rollback across the board, a five-day reduction in the work year (furlough), and a cap on district-paid medical and dental benefits. Overall, the concessions for the 62 administrators and five confidential employees will produce a combined savings of approximately \$700,000.

“These are extraordinarily difficult economic times, and our administrators, like all our employees, are deeply concerned with doing what is in the best interest of the children we serve,” said Perondi.

State cuts to education funding the past three years have devastated public school districts statewide. During the past two school years, OUSD has reduced \$32 million from its operating budget. Cutbacks have included layoffs, larger class sizes, school closures and reductions in transportation, programs and services.

Superintendent Perondi will discuss the budget process at the district’s next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 9. The meeting will be held at Chavez Middle School, 202 Oleander Drive, Oceanside beginning at 6 p.m.