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Dear TeamPUSD,

I wanted to provide you an update on PUSD's latest budget report. Tuesday night, the Board of Education approved the Second Interim Budget Report which will be submitted to the County. It includes \$5 million dollars in **proposed** cuts in order to balance the budget. Those include: budget standards based on 2015-16 funding, suspending the adoption of textbooks, 10% department budget reductions, and reducing conference expenses, professional services, and other contracts.

Submitting a budget plan which includes proposed cuts by March 15th is a required step to ensure the District remains in positive financial standing. Again, these cuts are in the **proposal stage** only. Tuesday night's power point is attached; for context and a more thorough explanation of the numbers, I encourage you to also view the Director of Finance, Joy Ramiro's presentation to the Board at this [link](#). Scroll to 02:38:28.

I wanted to thank those members of #TeamPUSD who attended the board meeting to speak on the topic of the budget and proposed cuts. I agree with the speakers in saying that we need to work together on creative problem solving when it comes to balancing our budget. This Spring, the District will hold Budget Development Meetings to discuss further cuts and funding priorities for future budgets. You will be invited to attend to provide input and ideas.

During a recent Budget workshop for the Board of Education, Board members agreed on several priorities to guide future budget decisions. Those include:

- Maintain District focus on College and Career Readiness for each student
- First call on resources goes to school sites
- Maintain safe, attractive, and orderly learning environments and facilities
- Wherever possible retain staff and cut things

However, staff, program, and service reductions will be unavoidable in 2018-19 unless State funding increases.

The Governor's May Revised Budget will provide a more accurate financial picture, but we need to be working proactively on a multi-year budget plan for our District.

You can continue to submit questions or suggestions via this email address: PUSDBudget@powayusd.com. We are compiling a list of frequently asked questions based on your submissions so far.

-Dr. Mel Robertson, Acting Superintendent