

To the WCSD school community,

The primary goal for the school budget that is under development for the 2013-14 school year is to provide the highest level of educational services possible while remaining within the property tax cap. In addition to this goal we have other goals and requirements that must also have our attention, including improvements to school safety and security, maintaining and improving the condition of our school buildings, complying with state and federal mandates, and bringing our expired employee contracts to a fair conclusion. While we are making progress on several important agenda items, we also understand that it is essential to find ways to provide funding to sustain that progress for the future.

At the latest meeting of the Board of Education, we began a series of presentations of the first drafts of the individual components of next year's school budget. The first presentation covered the General Support portion of the budget. If you were not able to attend the meeting or to watch it live online, you can still view the presentation by clicking on the following link on the home page of the District website.

Such presentations will continue during upcoming meetings. The next presentation is scheduled for the February 25 meeting of the Board of Education and will cover the instructional program portion of the budget.