

BUDGET NIGHT

Town Hall Meeting

*What do you value most in the
educational setting at RCS?*

PLANNING FOR THE 2010-11 BUDGET

March 1, 2010



Tonight's Agenda

- **Welcome and Overview**
Board of Education President Scott Hughes
- **Fiscal Realities & the 2010-11 School Year Budget**
Business Administrator Lyn Derway
Superintendent Daniel A. Teplesky
- **Break into Small Groups – key questions**



THE PERFECT STORM



- New York State Budget Gap \$8.2 Billion
- Governor Paterson's Executive Budget Proposal \$1.1 Billion Cut in State Aid to Schools
- School Cuts Average 6.7%
- Federal Stimulus Funds Expire in 2011
- Double Digit Employee Pensions Costs Predicted

THE PERFECT STORM



New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver says school districts should prepare for a reduction in state assistance this year.

“The economic necessities and the lack of revenue in the state of New York is going to require some trimming.”

“It’s not going to be the usual increase the Legislature does above last year’s base.”

Source: [On Board](#) , NYSSBA , February 8, 2010

How would the Governor's proposal affect RCS?

- RCS stands to lose \$1.1 million in operational aid over the current year.
- Rolling over current programs, services and contracts forward one year would increase costs more than \$1.5 million.
- Therefore, we need to reduce costs or face as much as a 12.5 % tax levy increase.

Tax levy: Total sum to be raised by the school district after subtracting out all other revenues including state aid. The tax levy is used to determine the tax rate for property owners in each of the cities, towns or villages that makes up a school district.



2010-11 Preliminary Budget: Our Starting Point

	2009-10 Budget	2010-11 Estimated Budget to Maintain Current Programs - 12.5% Tax Levy	2010-11 Estimated Budget- 0% Tax Levy Increase	2010-11 Estimated Budget- 2% Tax Levy Increase
Budget	\$42,464,808	\$44,017,588	\$41,277,315	\$41,716,735
Budget Increase/ Decrease		\$1,552,780	- \$1,187,493	- \$748,073
Percent Increase/ Decrease		3.66%	- 2.80%	- 1.76%
Required Cuts		0	\$2,740,273	\$2,300,853



2010-11 Preliminary Budget: Our Starting Point

	2010-11 Budget – 3% Tax Levy Increase	2010-11 Estimated Budget - 4% Tax Levy Increase	2010-11 Estimated Budget- Contingency 5.4% Tax Levy Increase
Budget	\$41,936,446	\$42,156,156	\$42,464,808
Budget Increase/ Decrease	-528,362	-308,652	0
Percent Increase/ Decrease	- 1.24%	-0.73%	0
Required Cuts	\$2,081,142	\$1,861,432	\$1,552,780



What Fund Balance?

- RCS does not have a fund balance that many other districts have.
Current unreserved balance = \$194,000

What about next year?

- The state aid picture in 2011-12 could be worse than in 2010-11 because the federal stimulus \$\$ will be gone.



Cost Saving Measures

➤ Purchasing:

- Bidding in accordance with district purchasing policy
- New York State Contracts
- BOCES Cooperative Bidding:
 - ✓ Custodial and cleaning products
 - ✓ Paper items

➤ Energy Conservation:

- District energy conservation program increases efficiency

➤ Bus Route Consolidation:

- Savings – bus purchase, salaries, benefits, fuel, etc.

➤ Employee Benefits:

- Health Insurance Consortium – 14 districts, \$34 million premiums
- Workers Compensation Safety Plan



Reductions made during 2009-10

HR Director Eliminated \$125,000

Custodial Cuts/Maintenance
Mechanic Addition \$100,000

Transportation Department
Reconfiguration \$50,000

Bus Route Reconfigurations \$100,000

Budget Freeze Reductions \$100,000

District Office .6 FTE Eliminated \$ 25,000

Total **\$500,000**



Next Steps

- March 15: Board reviews preliminary budget, 6 p.m., HS
- March 22: Board votes on budget, 7 p.m., RCS High School
- May 10: Budget Hearing, 7 p.m., RCS High School
- May 18: Public vote on budget and election,
7 a.m.-9 p.m., RCS High School



**Thank you
for coming!**

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