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Chawanakee Unified Colleagues and Community,

As 2019-2020 comes to a close, I need to update you on two major issues for 2020-21.

Budget Cuts

First, the state's proposed May Budget makes significant reductions in school funding. Chawanakee Unified is NOT SPARED of those reductions. As I shared in earlier messages, the reductions would be significant, and they are. Chawanakee Unified had its base funding reduced 20% and everything from Career Technical Education to After School Program funding reduced, some by 50%. As a result, the district revenues have been reduced almost \$3 million over the next three years. Considering our current reserve, we are looking at a \$500 thousand reduction for the 2020-21 school year, and a three-year total reduction of \$1.5M-\$3M. Unless the economy makes a speedy recovery, it is likely more reductions could be needed in 2021-22. For now, let's deal with next year's budget.

The law requires the Board of Trustees to approve a budget every June, this year is no exception. Friday, Chawanakee Unified held a Special Board Meeting which was a WebEx presentation. During this meeting, staff asked Trustees to approve the first \$500K in budget adjustments/reductions. It is expected that Friday's proposed adjustments will get Chawanakee Unified through year one target reductions. It is through the vigorous fiscal stewardship of this Board that Chawanakee Unified has strong reserves/committed funds that allow our district to remain solvent in the single largest school district reduction in state history. A list of Friday's proposed reductions has been included at the end of this message. Through this first reduction, some positions will be reduced, but **no current positions have been cut**. The Board will meet again on June 9 and June 23 to review/adopt a budget for 2020-21.

Reopening Our Schools

Also during Friday's Special Board Meeting, staff continued to discuss our *local plan* to reopen our schools for 2020-21. Our local plan **will** follow state and county guidelines. We are not going rogue. Our plan provides parents options for their students while keeping education and safety for all Chawanakee Unified front and center. We are committed to reopening our fall school year on August 13, 2020. As more specific details to these plans are finalized we will continue to communicate them to all community members.



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Budget Reductions Fiscal Year 2020-2021	Amount to Reduce
Scenario 1	\$ 500,000.00
Items &/or Actions	Dollar Amount
Freeze Travel & Conference & Indistrict Mileage	\$57,000
Freeze Comm. Day School	\$125,000
Freeze Open Positions	\$131,000
Freeze Health Aide Stipends	\$10,000
Reduce CTA Stipends 25%	\$44,000
Reduce Athletics 9-12 / Extracurricular	\$18,000
Freeze Summer School	\$10,000
Reduce Site Discretionary 10%	\$11,000
8th Grade Enrichment transportation cost	\$15,000
Freeze Cornerstone contract	\$45,000
PBIS-Positive Behavior Intervention contract	\$8,000
Reduce Over Time/Extra Time 50%	\$45,500
Reduce Substitute costs	\$50,000
Freeze Shmoop contract	\$17,000
Total Proposed Reductions	\$586,500.00