WETA Update on 2015-16 Education Budget

To: School Site Council Representatives, WETA representatives, Site Leadership Teams

From: Anthony Granado, President

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Re: 2015-2016 California Budget Update

The 2015-2016 California budget was released and education was the big winner. We are anticipating an increase in revenue of 6 billion dollars which translates to just over 6 million dollars to our District. The bargaining team met with the District to discuss how these funds can positively impact our students and teachers. Schools will also be receiving additional funds to support student learning. With the increase of discretionary funds, principals and teachers should collaborate to determine how these funds would best support student learning at their school sites.

Below are some items that leadership teams, and School Site Councils can and should discuss.

* Support personnel for combination classes, ELD, RTI
* Additional Time for Planning, collaboration, Grading, inputting scores, report cards
* Support for school focus,
  + Conference attendance
  + Outside consultants for Writing, Math, AVID, STEM
  + Materials that support focus
* Additional technologies
  + Outdated Laptops
  + New Classroom Desktops
* Stipends
  + Elementary Yearbook advisors
  + PLC leadership/Dept. Chair
  + ASB/AVID or other adjunct duties
* School Site Hourly
  + Additional Collaboration time
  + Summer Planning
  + Math, Science, Family Literacy nights
  + Special events
  + Interventions
  + Student Study Teams

The increased in funding will not cover all the above-mentioned items. However decisions on how the funds are used are subject to School Site Council approval, and should be with Site Leadership consultation.

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