

Dear Kinnikinnick Community,

As we draw near to Election Day, **March 18, 2014**, I want to be sure that you have had an opportunity to understand the referendum question and the impact it will have on the students of the Kinnikinnick School District.

There is still time to make an informed decision. The District will hold another informational meeting on March 4th at 7 PM in the Kinnikinnick gym. If you cannot make this meeting and would like to see the presentation, you can access it at www.kinn131.org on the home page along with other sources of information.

The Board of Education will make financial and educational decisions in March for the 2014-2015 school year. As the educational leader for the District, it is with a heavy heart and a lump in my stomach that these options must be considered, but the financial reality of the District is clear. These decisions are not taken lightly and are being discussed at our Board of Education meetings. The next meeting is tomorrow night, February 25th at 7 PM at Kinnikinnick School. On the agenda, is the proposed three-year reduction plan. The District projects that at the end of this school year, the State will mandate the District to initiate a plan to balance the budget. Regardless of the election results, the District will continue to make adjustments based on enrollment and revenue. The proposed and effected programming is outlined below.

Year 1

6 Certified Positions eliminated
Honors Program eliminated
All Extracurricular Sports and Clubs eliminated
PreSchool Tuition increased
Library (4 schools) eliminated
Graduation ceremony eliminated/ fee
Fees increased

Year 2

Art eliminated (K-8)
Music eliminated (K-8)
Certified staff reductions based on enrollment

Year 3

Reading support eliminated
Certified staff reductions based on enrollment

Sincerely,
Keli Freedlund
Superintendent