

April 13, 2009

Dear parents, students, staff and community members:

We are all aware that nation, state and local communities are experiencing a financial crisis. The operating budget of the Auburn School District is fiscally dependent upon the state for the majority of the revenue it receives. Recent legislature budgets for the next biennium call for unprecedented revenue reductions to K-12 public education. The Auburn School District will see reductions in the neighborhood of 13-16 million dollars over the next two years.

The Washington State imposed reductions will mean fewer resources for current and future Auburn School District programs. In response to this fiscal crisis, the Auburn School Board of Directors is asking for program priority input from all the stakeholders in the community. Parents, staff, students and community members are asked to participate in community forums and meetings during the weeks of April 13 through April 24. The district website provides another avenue for program priority input via an online survey. The website will also post up-to-date information about the budget process.

In all endeavors, the district and Board of Directors value transparency and public input, knowing the difficult challenges that face us are best met by working together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kip Herren  
Superintendent

Janice Nelson  
School Board President