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## Budget Crisis at Sauganash School

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Dear Sauganash Colleagues and School Community:

I thank those of you that were able to attend last Monday night's LSC meeting to hear and understand our budget crisis. We had a \$58,269.94 Special Education shortfall, in addition to \$100,000.00 Special Education position cut for a total of \$158,269.94. I have appealed to the Board of Education to take another look at our Special Education funding to see if we can recover any of this lost funding. I'm preparing to hear from the Board we will not receive funding for the additional special education according to their new special education funding formula, but will request the full amount. (\*See Budget Sheet 1)

In addition to the loss of Special Education funding, we lost an additional \$38,462.15 of funding for non-special education positions. This will leave us with a total of 8 primary teaching positions for 7 K-2 classes. A full time teaching position will support kindergarten or second grade classes. Additionally, we need total of \$ 95,903.00, (\* as described on Budget Sheet 2 in orange) explains bucket positions for staff to support school improvement goals. The Miscellaneous position funds were able to be salvaged at \$68,027.50. Please disregard this amount on the attached Budget Sheet 2.

As mentioned above I have only discussed positions and not any instructional materials, equipment, school licenses or textbooks. As aggressive as we could be about purchasing these items, the Board of Education froze all spending in late winter last year, not allowing schools to make investments needed for student learning. For us to open the 2017-18 school year with a minimum of teaching positions, support staff, and extended day funds to support planning and teacher professional development we need \$192,635.09. This

leaves us with a total of \$292,635.09 less funds than the previous school year to cover the same personnel costs as required to operate efficiently. This is why it is a crisis.

In order to balance our budget with the least classroom impact I was forced to make the toughest decision in my 16 years as the principal at Sauganash.

It is with a very heavy heart, I am sharing with our school community the loss of an assistant principal position. We are grateful for all of Ms. Melissa

Raich's hard work and contributions she has made over the last 16 years with us and we will honor her work going forward.

I am confident our work will carry on with the administrative team we have built over the years and the instructional plan in our CIWP. We have several leadership qualities within our staff; 8 teachers have earned their administrative license. Mr. Sean Kennedy has passed the teacher evaluation tool and will continue to lead the athletic department. Mrs. Andrea Allegretti will continue to aid diverse learner students, 8th grade high school selection and support any social/emotional student needs. Ms. Anna Ihana will support our English language learner student population. Ms. Claire Trainer will continue to lead our Instructional Leadership Team. Mrs. Hallie Askovich will assist with our science learning initiative with the Museum of Science and Industry while Ms. Theresa Court will continue to work to support our technology needs.

My goal is to appeal to the Board of Education to restore the funds needed for Sauganash Staff personnel including funds to maintain the Assistant Principal position. If funding is not restored, it will be difficult to proceed without an Assistant Principal but I am confident with the structures in place and talented staff that we will maintain a high standard of teaching and learning at Sauganash School.

I thank you in advance for your support through this difficult time for the Sauganash School Community.

Chris Munns

Principal

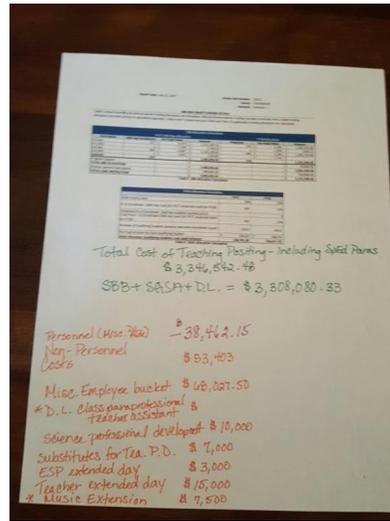
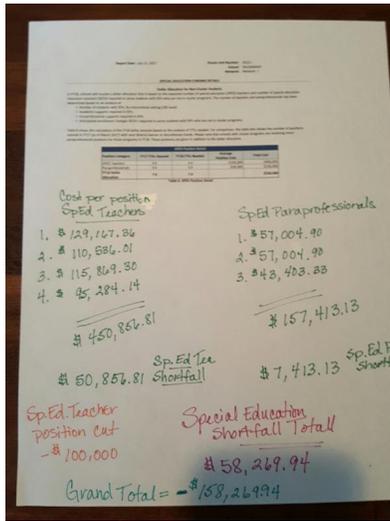
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