

## **WEEKLY BUDGET UPDATE**

**April 10, 2009**

The budget update for this week focuses on staff reductions and a status report on determining course offerings for 2009-10.

Due to the fact that the state legislature and many state employees were on spring break this week, not much happened in the way of new developments coming down from the state.

### **Administrative Staff Reductions**

In order to address the state imposed budget cuts, the management team has thoroughly analyzed administrative staffing needs and identified reductions in all administrative departments. On Wednesday night, the Commission approved the recommended changes which resulted in three administrative staff members being laid-off and one position going unfilled. The decrease translates into approximately a 17% decline in administrative staff. We regret the need to undertake these measures but given the financial position the state has placed on Baldy View ROP, such actions are necessary.

I want to assure you that none of the decisions were made without lengthy discussion and input. Each recommendation was measured against our core belief that Baldy View ROP is responsible for providing all BVROP students with the most advantageous academic and occupational educational experience possible in order to prepare them for success in their chosen career field.

### **Baldy View ROP 2009-10 Course Offerings**

Although the Baldy View ROP Management Team has been meeting extensively, we are still in the process of determining how we can mitigate the negative impact of the budget on our course offerings. We have invested a substantial amount of time developing criteria to utilize in the course offering decision making process. Some of the criteria items being employed are; class enrollment, course sequencing, is the offering a part of a career pathway, smaller learning community, academy, or articulated and the duplication and location of course offerings. The criteria listed above are a representative example and does not represent all items.

Our target date to have the listing of offerings out to the schools is Friday, April 17, barring any unforeseen circumstances. I again ask for your patience and understanding as we work through the process in order to ensure the reputation of Baldy View ROP for providing exemplary program offerings for our students.

One additional item, the Weekly Budget Updates can now be found on the home page of the Baldy View ROP website at [www.baldyviewrop.com](http://www.baldyviewrop.com).

I want to encourage you to continue to submit your ideas for consideration and, as always, assure you that we will make every effort to preserve the programs and personnel of Baldy View ROP.