

## **WEEKLY BUDGET UPDATE**

**April 17, 2009**

This week's budget update focuses on the impact of the state budget deficit on our fall course offerings and a status report on the proposed collaboration with the County of San Bernardino's Workforce Investment Board.

I want to begin by thanking all staff for their patience and understanding over the past two months. As a result of extensive meetings and input from staff at all levels, the Management Team and Commission developed a plan of action that addresses the necessary reductions.

### **Fall Course Reductions**

Although any reduction of Baldy View ROP course offerings is difficult, we believe that reductions have been achieved while mitigating the adverse impact on Baldy View programs and personnel.

Of the state mandated 20% funding reduction, as a result of our plan of action, less than 8% of Baldy View course offerings will be reduced and only 7% of teachers will be adversely affected.

The next step in the process will be that the Program Managers will meet on Monday with all teachers that will be impacted and the fall schedule will be released by email no later than Wednesday.

### **Federal Stimulus Package**

Two weeks ago I shared with you the possibility of collaborating with the San Bernardino County Office of Workforce Development Department regarding offering fee-for-service courses for Workforce Investment Act clients. The funding for the project would come from the Federal Stimulus dollars that the county has received.

On Wednesday, Baldy View ROP along with representatives from San Bernardino County and Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROPs made a presentation to the Workforce Investment Board Business Resource Committee and received a very favorable response. We will be meeting with the county staff to work out the details of the agreement and could begin offering training as soon as this summer. I will keep you informed of future developments as they occur.

### **Closing**

Additionally, with the necessary steps to balance the budget having been put into place, the Budget Updates will now be issued as needed.