



**Message From the Board October 2009**

The new school year is off to a superb start! We have you to thank for helping our students get “back to the books.” We also know that the year will “fly by,” as it always does. We value your great support of our students and families as we “*prepare each student to live, work, and learn successfully in a changing world.*” Let’s continue to provide the tools and communication in order for our students to be successful in school and later as adults. As Superintendent Pryne has reminded us, “*It Takes a Community to Raise a Port Angeles Graduate!*” Which class are you guiding? The Class of 2010? The Class of 2022, our kindergartners? Or somewhere in between? Thank you for your great support of our Port Angeles students and families!

Best regards,  
Board President Steve Baxter

**School District Budget Update**

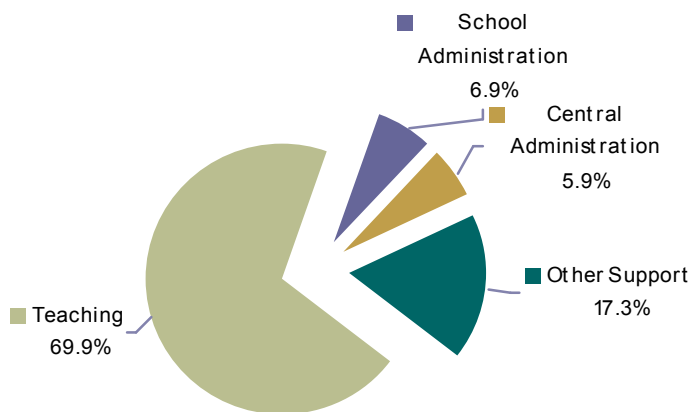
In May 2009 we approved \$2.56 million in reductions for the 2009-10 budget year. The plan eliminated class size reduction from the lost I-728 funds and moved the district back to extended day kindergarten from the full day model. There are other reductions, most of which came directly from the district’s Fiscal Advisory Committee recommendations. [You can view reductions and 2009-10 budget information here.](#)

***How did the reductions ultimately impact staffing?***

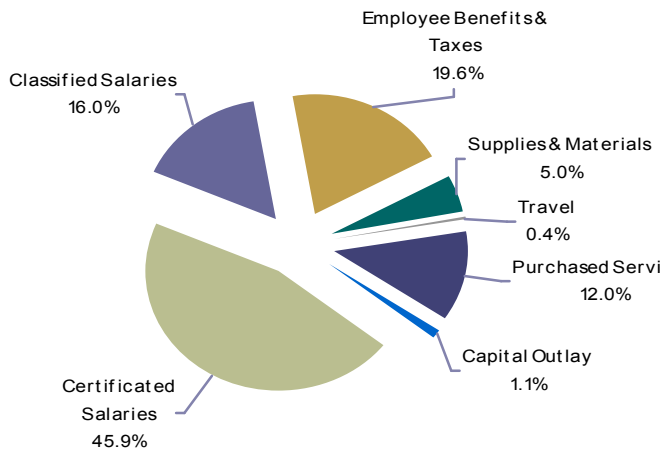
Quite a few RIF’ed individuals were called back. To date, here are the numbers:

- 41 certified RIF’ed; 30 called back
- 8 paraeducators RIF’ed; 5 called back
- .5 classified RIF’ed at Central Services; individual rehired in another building due to resignation
- 1 unrepresented RIF’ed; not rehired

**Teaching** is still our largest expense activity:



*People* are still our largest “object” expense:



***Total District revenues and other financing sources equal \$39,056,002 and proposed total expenditures equal \$39,512,625, leaving a balance of -\$456,623 for the 2009-10 school year. Where will the balance come from?***

An amount dictated by District policy is held in reserve and carried over from each budget year to the next. The -\$456,623 balance will be taken from the 2008-09 fund balance reserves of \$3,505,695, leaving a total ending fund balance of \$3,049,072 for the 2009-10 school year. The -\$456,623 expense leaves our reserves at 8.2% which is above board policy of 4 percent of expenditures.

***Did the District receive any stimulus funding?***

Yes, the District received stimulus funds, specifically for special grants:

Title 1: \$220,119 (low income students)

ARA Funds: \$648,945 (backfilled “dollar for dollar” for I-728 funds; state stabilization fund)

IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act): \$475,039

These amounts total \$1,344,103.

When you consider the reductions the board approved August 25 (\$2,563,873) in order to balance the 2009-10 budget, stimulus funds helped, but not enough.

***How much \$ does the District receive from the local maintenance and operations levy?***

19.4% of our District budget comes from local maintenance and operations levy funds. This school year our District faces a local tax reduction of \$34,121. Of this amount, \$21,584 is from the levy reduction (as planned) and \$12,537 from the timber excise tax decline.

### ***What about our District's budget future?***

Yes, we will face additional budget cuts for the 2010-11 school year due to continued enrollment decline and planned, and unforeseen, state and federal reductions. Take a look at your previous [suggestions for reductions](#) and send any new ideas to [budget@portangelesschools.org](mailto:budget@portangelesschools.org) as we plan for 2010-11.

### **Extended Day Kindergarten Update**

The extended day kindergarten program is ongoing at all five elementary schools, and at this time has twelve students in each of the site programs.

### **Enrollment Report and Outlook**

The district's total enrollment for September 2009 (not including Skills Center or Running Start) is 3,748.07 FTE. This is 92.18 FTE fewer than last year at this time, but is 69.96 FTE students above budget. The budget is based upon the Average FTE over the entire school year. A large portion of the additional FTE (69.96) is at the high school level. Last year high school enrollment decreased 82.13 FTE from September until May. If the month-by-month enrollment trends from the past five years continue, it is projected that the average enrollment for the 2009-10 school year will be 3,715 FTE or 11.43 students fewer than budgeted.

### **School Board Online with BoardDocs®**

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*October board meetings are Mondays, October 12 at Central Services Building and October 26 at Roosevelt Elementary, both beginning at 7:00 p.m. Consider attending or following us online!*

### **Congratulations and Thank You!**

***We know the reason for student success is largely due in part to teacher and staff support, so let's celebrate our students, and your, success!***

★ Congratulations to Dry Creek and Lincoln students, teachers, staff and families for their recent recognition as a "2009 Great School" by Phi Delta Kappa of Washington State and the Center for Educational Effectiveness. *Keep up the great work!* [View media release.](#)

★ Congratulations to Stevens Middle School teacher Rob Edwards, the American Legion Department of Washington 2008-09 Educator of the Year! Rob was presented the award in recognition of his outstanding dedication and service to Port Angeles youth. [View media release.](#)

★ Have you seen the new Roughriders sign in front of Port Angeles High School? Trade and Industries instructor Mike Frick and students Gabe Hernandez, Thomas Williams, Gunnar Eisele and Michael Steele worked on the sign project this summer. The cost was covered through donations by Angeles Machine Shop, Lincoln Welding, Sunset Wire and Rope, IRC of Portland,

and FKC Ltd. The Associated Student Body fund and school district maintenance budget also contributed to the final costs of the project. *Thanks to everyone involved in getting this project to fruition! Great work!*

★ Roger Riedel, representing alumni from the Port Angeles High School Class of 1959, presented us with a check for over \$2,000 to purchase four six foot benches for use near the PAHS auditorium. *Many thanks to the PAHS Class of 1959!*

★ Kudos to PAHS Cheer and Sequim High School Cheer teams! The *Cheer for the Cure* powder puff football event brought in over \$1,000 for breast cancer research! *Great fun, great event, PAHS and SHS cheer teams. Thank you!*

★ The Future Builders program, in partnership with the District, North Peninsula Building Association and Peninsula College, marked the beginning of House #10 with a special ground breaking ceremony in September! *Ten homes for 10 families in our community! Congratulations and thank you!*

★ A long round of applause for our maintenance, custodial and technology teams for getting our schools and classrooms ready for staff and students this fall! *We couldn't do our work without you! Thank you!*

★ *And, thank you to our student representative to the Board, PAHS senior Harper Grimes. We look forward to working with you this year!*

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### **Board Assignments for 2009-10**

Board members are each assigned to schools, district committees and task forces. View assignments at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org). *See Board Assignments. These are current until after November elections!*

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