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District Releases Unranked List of Possible Reductions

**Port Angeles, Wash.** – Mark Jacobson, executive director of business and operations for the Post Angeles School District, has released the Fiscal Advisory Committee’s draft list of possible reductions for the 2009-10 school year.

“In an effort to provide our staff and the community with additional information and an additional opportunity for input to the budget reduction process we’re releasing this draft list today,” explained Jacobson. “We’ve not included this element as part of previous budget reduction processes before, so this is an extra, added effort to increase understanding of the situation we’re facing as a district and the decisions we might face in light of possible state budget reductions.”

“I must emphasize that this is a draft list of possible reductions,” he continued. “The Fiscal Advisory Committee has not voted on the list. It’s not in any rank order. Items on the list are not prioritized. And the Fiscal Advisory Committee is still involved in reviewing material as new ideas are suggested.”

“This is an additional opportunity for staff and community members to review the draft list and to continue to make suggestions to the Fiscal Advisory Committee prior to its March 17 deadline,” he said. “Keep in mind that input can continue after this date. Ideas will then go directly to Superintendent Gary Cohn and the board of directors prior to final decisions on May 4.”

“We hope to know the full impact of state budget cuts on the school district by late March, but it likely will be later,” said Jacobson. “Once legislators make a decision on the budget, it may be necessary to increase the number of reductions if more cuts are anticipated or legislated.”

The state’s revenue forecast has already changed to project an estimated \$8.5 billion deficit. The district is currently projecting that, as a result of declining enrollment and estimated state funding reductions, expenditures for 2009-10 could exceed district revenues by \$2.8 million.

“We’ve received many suggestions and recommendations from staff and community members, and the Fiscal Advisory Committee has been reviewing all ideas for budget reductions from our staff prior to each of its Wednesday meetings,” Jacobson said. “Dr. Cohn will review the committee’s recommendations and may provide alternatives to the list when he presents the recommendations to the board during its first meeting in April.”

“I’d like to encourage those with new ideas for budget reductions to send them by email to [budget@portangelesschools.org](mailto:budget@portangelesschools.org), or by U.S. Mail to Superintendent, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362,” Jacobson added.

The Fiscal Advisory Committee continues to seek budget reduction suggestions from all staff, students and community members, and will be hosting an open meeting on Thursday, March 19, 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Jefferson

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Elementary, 218 East Twelfth Street.

Check the district website at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org) for budget development updates. View *Administration*, then *Budget & Fiscal Responsibility*.

View the March 13, 2009 Draft List of Possible Budget Reductions at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org).

View the comprehensive list of budget reduction suggestions which continue to be reviewed by the Fiscal Advisory Committee at [www.portangelesschools.org](http://www.portangelesschools.org).

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