

Arlington Public Schools
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Supportive Information Sheet

Subject: **FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION 09-01 –
PREPARATIONS FOR A REDUCTION OF THE
2009-2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Action

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Submitted by: Dr. Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent

Date: March 23, 2009

Background Information:

Given the significant impacts to programs and staffing that we will be experiencing due to the budget deficits, it is recommended that School Boards take formal action through resolution, outlining the need and directing the Superintendent to proceed to make necessary reductions.

Administrative Considerations:

This step will assist in our communication and transparency efforts.

We recommend that this be a first reading, with formal adoption on April 27, 2009.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

That the Board approves for first reading Resolution 09-01 – *Preparations for a Reduction of the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget*, with a recommended second reading and adoption on April 27, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-01

PREPARATIONS FOR A REDUCTION OF THE 2009-2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Governor's 2009-2011 State operating budget anticipated a \$5.7 billion State financial deficit, and in March 2009 the preliminary State deficit increased to \$8.3 billion;

WHEREAS, the State's projected budget deficit will impact the Arlington School District's ability to maintain its educational service levels during the 2009-2010 school year;

WHEREAS, the District's projected 2009-2010 student enrollment is projected to experience a decline from the 2008-2009 enrollment;

WHEREAS, the District is currently projecting that, as a result of estimated declining enrollment and estimated State funding reductions, the General Fund expenditures for 2009-2010 will need to be reduced by approximately \$3.2 million; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce expenditures to this level, it is necessary to make certain reductions in the District's educational program, including certificated, classified, and administrative positions for the 2009-2010 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Arlington School District No. 16 that:

1. The Superintendent is directed to develop a reduced educational program for the 2009-2010 school year;
2. The Superintendent is directed to prepare a 2009-2010 operating budget that reduces expenditures to the level of reasonably anticipated revenues;
3. The Superintendent is directed to take such action as may be required by law and collective bargaining agreements to notify certificated, classified, and administrative employees who will be affected by a reduction in positions;
4. The Superintendent is authorized to make other plans to implement the reduced educational program as necessary to comply with the legal and contractual obligations of the District; and

5. The Superintendent is directed to prepare a recommended budget for Board adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting in August 2009.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Arlington School District No. 16, Snohomish County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on April 27, 2009.

President

Director

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Director

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board