

South Lyon Community Schools

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Dear parents and guardians,

At this time, we continue to hear disheartening news with regard to school finances and, specifically, the cuts that will impact South Lyon Community Schools directly. These drastic reductions have been caused by our current Michigan economy and the decisions of the Michigan Legislature.

Currently, the State has cut \$165 from our per pupil allocation for the 2009-2010 school year, and we are estimating additional cuts for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 that will result in a total cut of \$515 per pupil over the next two years. This equates to over a \$5.7 million dollar loss in revenues for the two year period.

Since the 2005-2006 school year, the district has made over \$12 million in cumulative budget reductions. These additional reductions to the district's budget will greatly impact the district's programs, departments and staffing. We have begun our budgeting process and are currently exploring what reductions will need to be made, specifically, for next school year.

Our goal is to keep our community informed throughout the budget and reduction process. A few of the ways that this will occur are through my visits to each building's Shared Involvement Process teams, school board meetings, and building presentations. A schedule of the building presentations is included at the end of this correspondence.

As always, we will continue to provide information on our website, www.slcs.us. In addition, you can now follow South Lyon Community Schools on www.twitter.com/slcsd for school updates.

These are challenging times for all school districts in Michigan; however, South Lyon Community Schools is committed to continuing the high quality of education and instructional values that our community has come to expect.

Sincerely,

William A. Pearson, Ed. D.
Superintendent

BOARD STUDY SESSION

Recommended Budget Reductions for Board Consideration

Monday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Millennium cafeteria

Building Meetings:

Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Centennial MS cafeteria..... Middle Schools*
Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Dolsen Dolsen*
Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Hardy Hardy, Kent Lake*
Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Brummer Brummer, Salem*
Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Sayre Sayre, Bartlett*
Monday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the SLHS lecture hall..... SLHS, SLEHS*

*Although meetings are organized for the specific school communities listed, anyone is welcome to attend.

Mission Statement

In support of our community, the mission of the South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process so that all students can excel as individuals and become contributing members of society.