

**Peru Central**

# **Cross-Campus Web-based Update**

## **GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL CALLS FOR \$670,420 CUT TO PERU CSD**

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Governor Paterson released his \$5B deficit reduction plan proposal last week. The statewide impact is reported to be a 4.5% statewide cut in general school aid. The proposal must be approved by the Assembly and Senate in order for the proposal to move forward. I anticipate spirited debate in Albany between the Executive and the Legislative regarding the Governor's proposal. The preliminary state aid 'run' from the State Education Department indicates a **\$670,420 cut** in current school year aid payments to Peru CSD, as a result of that proposal.

Public school districts do not have the option of serving fewer constituents, dropping State mandates, or reducing the length of the school year. As to spending, the largest portion of our annual expenditures is personnel.<sup>i</sup>

A mid-year state cut has ramifications not only for this school year but for future school years as well. Therefore, in the weeks ahead, administration and the school board will be evaluating the prospective multi-year impact of a \$670,420 mid-year cut in revenues. Meanwhile, Peru CSD will:

- Provide a briefing this week to the presidents of Peru CSD collective bargaining units;
- Consider prospective strategies for reducing expenditures this school year;
- Determine if any vacant position can be left unfilled, at least for a period of time;
- Examine patterns and practices associated with use of paper, photocopiers and printers;
- Identify prospective 'next steps' to expand energy conservation practices across campus.

As Peru CSD learns more about the likely result of the Governor's proposal, additional information will be provided in a subsequent cross-campus update and/or on the school district's Web site.

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<sup>i</sup> The Faculty members who instruct and counsel our students are the largest category of employee at Peru CSD. CSEA unit support staff members who provide transportation, cafeteria, clerical, custodial, grounds, monitoring, campus maintenance and school office services are our second largest category of employee.

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**FROM A. PAUL SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**