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1133 S. 8th Avenue
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Van Buren Family Education Center Building

1204 Van Buren Street
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March 29, 2010

Dear District 89 Families,

As you may know, District 89, along with many other school districts in Illinois is facing a severe financial crisis. In order to provide our public with the facts regarding our fiscal situation, two Town Hall meetings have been scheduled for this week. The dates, times and locations are listed below.

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, March 30	Washington School	6 PM – 7 PM
Thursday, April 1	Melrose Park School	6 PM – 7 PM

Attached to this letter is a fact sheet which provides a summary of the district's financial situation.

After reviewing the information, if you would like to submit a question, please visit our website at www.maywood89.org. Due to the volume of questions, we will not be able to answer each question individually, but will respond to common questions during future presentations and official communications.

Please note that due to the importance of this matter, only questions with the required information will be considered. Any questions of an inappropriate or personal nature will be disregarded.

Most Sincerely,

Susan Flanagan, Ed.S.
Interim Superintendent

**MAYWOOD-MELROSE PARK-BROADVIEW 89
Student Demographics & Characteristics - Enrollments**

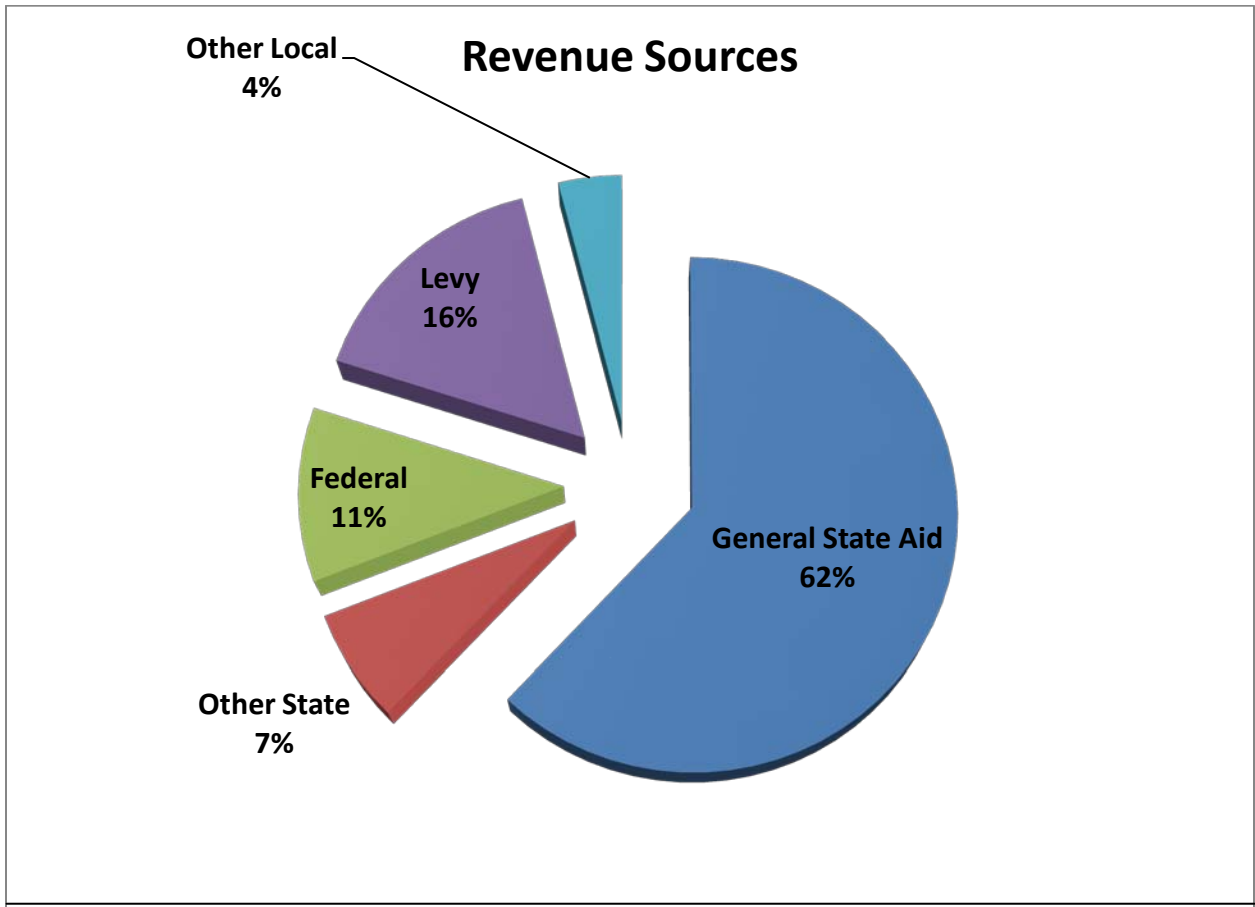
	Year	District (N)	Grade 3 (N)	Grade 4 (N)	Grade 5 (N)	Grade 7 (N)	Grade 8 (N)	Grade 11 (N)
D I S T R I C T	1998-99	5,506	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1999-00	5,686	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2000-01	5,941	677	659	685	580	578	-
	2001-02	6,056	729	683	662	633	585	-
	2002-03	5,959	693	706	669	654	585	-
	2003-04	5,909	699	680	680	653	596	-
	2004-05	5,770	636	660	652	637	615	-
	2005-06	5,586	604	601	649	664	603	-
	2006-07	5,538	587	594	579	608	626	-
	2007-08	5,553	596	619	598	646	601	-
2008-09	5,591	586	575	593	596	615	-	

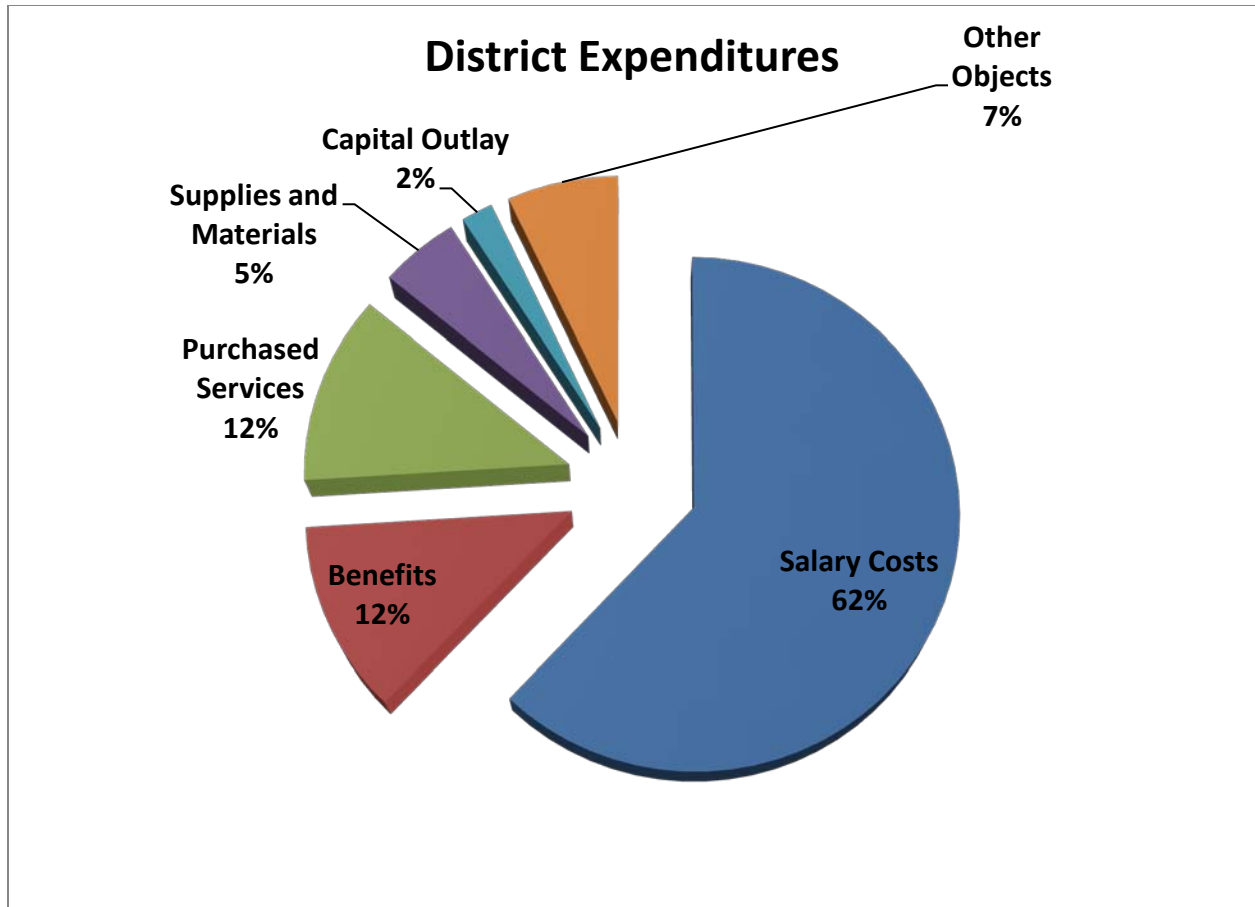
**2010 TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE BY GRADE LEVEL**

Total Enrollment	Emerson	Garfield	Irving	Jane Addams	Lexington	Lincoln	Melrose Park	Roosevelt	Stevenson	Washington
	380	463	387	450	371	682	996	352	944	347
K	25	25.5	18	28	22.5	17.25	22.6	22	22.4	26
1st	20	27	16.5	26.5	13	25	25.4	20.5	25.6	22.5
2nd	25	24.5	17.5	28	19	19.5	20.3	17.5	27.8	17.5
3rd	16.5	17	21	27.5	23.5	22.25	23.2	20	26.25	18
4th	19	20	18	22.5	18.5	21.25	25.5	20	21.75	19.5
5th	15.5	24.5	14	21.5	20.5	17	24.8	31	23.75	17.5
6th	19	20	17	23.5	19.5	22.3	23.4	17.5	28.25	15.5
7th	27	22	20.5	23.5	24.5	21.3	24.5	22	25.5	18
8th	21.5	20	19.5	24	24.5	26	31	21	30.3	23

Current Financial Situation

The District is facing a **\$3.8 million deficit** in the Education Fund for the upcoming fiscal year. The vast majority of District expenditures are personnel costs (salaries and benefits) that are tied to collective bargaining agreements with the District's three (3) labor unions (certified teachers, custodial, and clerical).





The State of Illinois is currently proposing a possible 17% decrease in General State Aid Funding. General State Aid accounts for over 60% of the revenue the District receives. If these cuts in educational funding are passed, the District will face an additional **\$5million deficit, resulting in an overall deficit of almost \$9 million.**

The district is currently on the Illinois State Board of Education’s (ISBE) Early Warning Watch Status which means that the State of Illinois will monitor our financial status closely and offer assistance.

In addition, the District is still owed **\$5,298,921.16** from ISBE.

What has been done to address the deficit?

During the past few months, the District has held a series of public meetings designed to inform people about the problem and gathered input regarding potential solutions. This input was consolidated and presented to the Board of Education. The Board of Education acted on a portion of these recommendations at their meeting on March 18, 2010. As a result of that meeting, the following was decided:

- I. **REGULAR EDUCATION CERTIFIED STAFFING (25.5:1 Building Ratio)**

- II. **SPECIAL PROGRAMS CERTIFIED STAFFING:**
 - A. **Restructuring of Gifted Program**
 - B. **Special Education Program (11:1 Student/Teacher Ratio)**
 - C. **Pre-K Program (Dependant on Grant Funds)**
 - D. **Reassignment of Music Supervisor**

- III. **ADMINISTRATION:**
 - A. **Restructure District Office Administration (Loss of Grant/PR and reassignment of Director of Instructional Services and Director of Technology)**

 - B. **Restructure Building Administration (Reduction of Up To 5 Assistant Principals)**

- IV. **CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE**
 - A. **Possible Elimination of 3 Positions/Furlough Days Discussion**

- V. **SECURITY (Elimination of 2nd Security Guard at 3 buildings)**

- VI. **CLERICAL:**
 - A. **Instructional Assistants (Reduction of Special Ed & Bilingual Instructional Assistants)**
 - B. **Other Possible School Clerical Staff Reductions**
 - C. **District Office Clerical Staff Reductions**
 - D. **Eliminate Executive Assistant Grants/PR Position**

- VII. **ELIMINATE QUARTERLY PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

- VIII. **DEFER PURCHASE OF NEW TEXTBOOKS**

IX. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- A. Modified Athletic Program (Basketball and Soccer Only)**

XII. OTHER:

- A. Non-Renewal of ITBS Assessment/Scoring**
B. Reduction of Daily Substitute Rate

*These actions will result in an approximate cost savings of **\$2.7 million dollars**, but still require us to cut **several million more dollars** from next year's budget.*

Next Steps

1. Make additional decisions to reduce District expenses
2. Monitor State Budget
3. Continue to engage in discussions with our bargaining units
4. Recall teachers, to the degree possible, as quickly as possible once funding situation becomes clear
5. Develop a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2011

Contact Information for District Personnel and Illinois Legislators:

Susan Flanagan, Interim Superintendent: 708-450-2460

Parents, community members, employees can help get the message to Springfield by contacting their representatives and the governor. Governor Quinn has an interactive budget site at <http://www2.illinois.gov/budget/Pages/default.aspx> that encourages public feedback.

You can find contact information for your legislators on the Illinois General Assembly site at <http://www.ilga.gov/> . If you need the name of the legislator for your district, you can find it under "Legislator Lookup" also available on the page under "Additional Resources.