

June 17, 2020

Dear Santa Cruz Dust Devil Families,

As you are probably aware, Santa Cruz has had a 15% override in effect for a number of years. We have had to ask the voters to approve continuation of this additional funding in the last two election cycles in November 2018 and November 2019. Both times it failed. The November 2019 ballot to continue the override failed to pass by only 14 votes. Even though we plan to ask the voters to support the district having a 10% override in November 2020, I am very sad to report that we still have to reduce our planned 2020-2021 school year override funded expenditures by \$150,000 (5%).

Administration and the Governing Board have had numerous meetings to discuss any alternatives to making cuts and exploring strategies to try to save as many of the override funded activities as possible. In the end, however, cuts still have to be made. These are the programs that have been impacted in this year's proposed budget:

- CTE Construction/Welding Program (1 Teacher cut)
- JV Sports (No JV Coaches' salaries all sports)
- Soccer (Boys and Girls) [No coaches' salaries, new equipment and/or new team uniforms]
- Spiritline Basketball (No sponsor salary)
- Spiritline Football (No sponsor salary)
- Tennis (Boys and Girls) [No coaches' salaries, new equipment and/or new team uniforms]
- Track (Boys and Girls) [No coaches' salaries, new equipment and/or new team uniforms]

We have been asked if any of these programs can continue if we can get volunteer coaches and enough donations to support these programs. The answer is "Yes". We would be thrilled if that occurred so that our students could still participate in these activities.

I sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are and continue to be healthy, happy and safe during this current COVID-19 corona virus pandemic.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Santa Cruz Dust Devil Nation.

Sincerely,

Orlenda F. Roberts Superintendent