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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Art Rainwater
RE: 2007-08 Budget Discussion Items

The 10 categories illustrated on the attached sheet will be considered in preparing a balanced budget for presentation to the Board in early April. There are a range of dollar impacts for each item that will be considered by the Management Team.

As indicated in the budget materials presented this evening the assumptions used in completing the five-year forecast, show a gross budget gap for 2007-08 of $9 – $12 million. These are preliminary calculations. As we finalize the forecast in January of 2007, we will refine this estimate. Through the process to construct a balanced budget for consideration by the Board in April of 2007, we will further define the impact on existing programming and staffing.

Step One  Gross gap $9-12 million  December 2006
Step Two  Forecast  January 2007
Step Three  Balanced budget  April 2007
Step Four  Adjustments based on actual numbers  Fall 2007
Madison Metropolitan School District
Discussion Topics
To Balance 07-08 Budget

1. Athletics/Extra Curricular
   - Reduce number of sports and club activities options -- up to $500,000
   - Reduce/eliminate administration -- up to $250,000

2. Consolidate schools -- up to $1 million

3. Teacher/staff ratios
   - Change Special Education/ESL ratios -- up to $4.28 million
   - Reduce/eliminate supplemental -- up to $1.824 million
   - Increase class size -- up to $2.5 million
   - Reduce librarians -- up to $310,000

4. Building/facilities
   - Reduce Custodial/Trades staffing -- up to $570,000
   - Reduce maintenance -- up to $500,000

5. Reduce administrative staffing -- up to $200,000

6. Services
   - Reduce printing -- up to $100,000
   - Decrease district mail and delivery services -- up to $62,000
   - Provide less transportation -- up to $750,000
   - Eliminate grant writer -- up to $100,000
   - Reduce technology -- up to $100,000

7. Student Services
   - Reduce psychologists -- up to $2 million
   - Reduce social workers -- up to $2.5 million
   - Reduce/eliminate Minority Staff Coordinator -- up to $200,000
   - Reduce nurse -- up to $1 million

8. Curriculum Development and Support
   - Reduce professional development -- up to $50,000
   - Reduce/eliminate planners -- up to $140,000
   - Reduce Learning Coordinators -- up to $840,000

9. Decrease allocations for Instructional Supplies/Materials/Equipment by up to 20%
   - Formula reduction -- up to $570,000
   - ELM (Evaluation of Learning Materials) -- up to $180,000

10. Eliminate/Reduce Direct District Student Programs/Services
    - Stress Challenge -- up to $85,000
    - Alternatives -- up to $3.4 million
    - Strings -- up to $300,000
    - Environmental Education -- up to $40,000

(up to) Total $24,351,000