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**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Roger Price, Assistant Superintendent  
**RE:** District Budget and Profile Book

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I am writing to update you on the status of providing both you and the public with the 2005-2006 budget document. During the past several months, the Management Team and budget staff have been working feverishly to input and analyze the details that will make up the 2005-06 same service and balanced budgets.

On March 3, we provided you with the administration's recommended budget cuts of \$8.6 million, which is the difference between the 2005-2006 same service budget and the 2005-2006 balanced budget within revenue limits. Our goal was to provide the total budget and district profile on April 29. We are very close to completing the written parts of that document. The fiscal and staffing sections that will be imported as part of the total report are not completed. This is not due to a lack of effort, but rather to the vast amount of inputs and the complexity of the work that occurs when implementing a new software system and putting in place a system that will sustain us into the future.

We have inputted into the system the detailed staffing budgets for both same service and balanced budgets. We have inputted the detail behind the non-FTE salaries budget as well as detail related to the non-salary parts of the budget. This work was completed in time to prepare the necessary reports had all of the internal technical workings of the new system performed the first time. As you may know if you have been involved in implementing new systems, that is almost never the case. We have experienced some delays in the actual processing and marrying of the numerous data elements.

We are very close to completion and will continue to work through the next few days with the goal that we will place in your hands a 2005-06 budget and move to incorporate financial information into the total district budget and profile document. This will result in a very complete picture of the fiscal and operational plans of the district.

It is very frustrating for us to not meet our goal of having this in your hands today. We are excited about the benefits that the district will see as we move forward with the complete implementation of the finance budgeting system we are developing. We will have detail behind the non-salary budget, we will have separately calculated benefits of non-FTE and FTE salaries, we will have detailed staffing budgets which will control expenses throughout the year, and our reporting and documentation capability has been enhanced beyond even our expectations.

I will give you an update by the end of Friday and into the weekend as we proceed to complete the district budget. We will provide copies to you as soon as we can.

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