



Dearborn Heights School District No. 7

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Dear D7 Community and Staff:

I thought it was time to update you on the financial situation of Dearborn Heights No. 7 Schools, given the recent state funding reductions. We were notified earlier this month that our funding could be reduced by \$218 per pupil but instead the Governor signed the state aid bill with a reduction of \$165 per pupil. A few days later it was announced that an additional reduction of \$127 per pupil would occur. This amounts to \$292 per pupil or a total of \$830,000. These cuts in funding are coming four months into our budget year, which ends June 30, 2010.

Please know that the Board of Education and Administration are working on ways to respond to this funding crisis, although it is still premature to speculate until the legislature and the Governor complete the budget process. The bottom line is that we need a long term solution to the funding problem, and it will require the input and efforts of every parent, community member, and staff member. I will keep you updated as I receive new information.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Bartold
Superintendent of Schools