

February 29, 2008

JOINT COMMUNIQUE FROM THE H.U.S.D. STATE BUDGET CRISIS  
TASK FORCE TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE HESPERIA UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT:

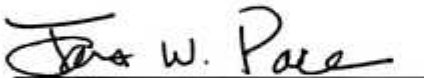
The State Budget Crisis Task Force met today to develop a preliminary recommendation for budget reductions and cost savings to the District for the 2008/09 school year. Our mission was to maintain student programs, while minimizing the impact to employees.

We began with 309 different suggestions submitted by district employees and members of the community. We reviewed the entire list, and wherever possible, assigned a potential budget savings. Our next step was to pare down the list to 50 suggestions, which we ranked in order of priority. Finally, we submitted our top twenty cost-savings suggestions to Mr. Mark McKinney for his review. Mr. McKinney will then forward the Task Force recommendations to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.


On behalf of HTA and CSEA, we would like to thank the participants in the Task Force. We'd also like to thank the Board of Trustees and Mr. McKinney for allowing us to be part of the solution.

Members of the Task Force included: Jim Pace, Jose Madera, Betsy Patridge, Ruth Terkeurst, Lucy Mobley, Ronda Watson, Ray Overstreet, Pat Edwards, Tom Kirk, Tracy Marsh, Valerie Turpen, and Laura Carevic.

This was the first critical step in a very difficult process and we hope to keep you apprised of the progress.



Jim Pace  
HTA President



Ruth Terkeurst  
CSEA President