LES Fiscal Recovery Plan Workshop

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Topics for This Evening's Workshop

- Summary of Loleta Union Elementary School District's (LES)
 Financial Situation
- Review HCOE First Interim letter.
- Budget reduction discussion
- Describe the process to ensure fiscal stability
- Moving Forward

Summary of the Situation Cash -

- The district has had negative cash in both the General Fund and Special Reserve.
- The district entered into a loan agreement with HCOE to meet its financial obligations.
- The district currently has positive cash flow

Budget -

- The district filed a First Interim Report with a negative certification
- The district's 1st Interim Report projects expenditures exceeding the available funds in the current year and 2 subsequent years.
- The district is updating the budget, multi-year projections and the Governor's January Budget Proposal for impacts to the district.

HCOE's First Interim Letter and District Required Actions:

- Prepare and Approve a Fiscal Recovery Plan Identifying all necessary reductions no later than February 11, 2022
- 2. Freeze all unrestricted general fund discretionary expenditures unless operationally necessary
- 3. Implement a hiring freeze
- 4. Notify HCOE prior to presenting proposals to bargaining units for negotiation
- 5. Encumber all contracts and obligations to prepare cash flow analysis
- 6. Monitor enrollment trends and report any fluctuations
- 7. LES is subject to the stay and rescind authority of HCOE/Fiscal Advisor
- 8. Provide timely cooperation with HCOE/Fiscal Advisor

HCOE Letter Describing Budget Reductions

\$1.1 million in reductions are required due to:

\$783,456 Expiration of One-Time Funds:

The one-time funds are projected to be fully expended this fiscal year (ESSER, CSI and other one-time funds).

\$276,028 Projected Structural Deficit:

Expenditures must be reduced to ensure fiscal stability.

\$100,000 Approximate Reserves for Economic Uncertainty:

The district must meet the 5% minimum reserve. Will rebuild the special reserves account.

Any reductions done in the current year will reduce reductions required in subsequent years.

Rationale for One-Time Money Staffing- ESSA CSI

• ESSA CSI money was given by the state to rectify chronic absenteeism and high suspension rates. (approximately \$175,000.00 per year for four years)2018-2022.

 This money supported our Student Support Team, Music, Art, foreign language, Zen Den/Sensory Room, and some professional development.

 American Rescue Plan and ESSER funds were given to support increasing technological access, confront learning loss and support the social/emotional well-being of students during Covid.

Increased staff was needed to address COVID protocols for return to in person learning.

Staffing Levels- Historical Enrollment = 100 UPDATE

| Fiscal Year | Total FTEs | Certificated | Classified |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|
| Possible 2022-2023 | 20.46 | 7.50 | 12.96 |
| 2021-2022 (10.44 FTE one time funds) | 36.14 | 13.25 | 22.89 |
| 2020-2021 | 24.6 | 8.5 | 16.1 |
| 2019-2020 | 23.2 | 9.5 | 13.7 |
| 2018-2019 | 21.3 | 8.6 | 12.7 |
| 2017-2018 | 18.8 | 9.0 | 9.8 |

Keep in mind FTE's are much more expensive than 5 years ago: COLA, Retirement, Salary, benefits

Discussion of Direction for Reductions

1. Reviewing the staffing slide, please work with a partner and write down any questions you may have and write them on the post-its provided. 3 minutes

- 2. We are working on figuring out what staffing is the core. What do you feel the structure should be at the very basic level for:
- Teaching staff
- Office staff
- Maintenance/custodial staff
- Classroom support
- Student emotional support and training
- Required enrichment professionals: music, art, PE
- Aides on top of required 1:1 aides

Please discuss with a partner your assigned bullet and be prepared to share out.

Moving forward: Fiscal Recovery Timeline

January 27, 2022

February 3, 2022

February 10, 2022

Present the fiscal
recovery plan and
adjust current
budgeted expenditures
& revenues to maintain
ongoing budget stability
based on Board input

Finalize fiscal recovery plan to maintain fiscal solvency

Board **Action** on identified budget **REDUCTIONS** to maintain ongoing budget stability

Thank You