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**School Board Considers Budget Reductions for 2010-11 School Year**

As Rochelle Elementary School District begins to prepare for the 2010-11 school year there are financial considerations that will need to be carefully reviewed and considered to effectively provide for the students and community for the long term. At the January 11, 2010 board meeting, the board reviewed the current financial status and implications for next year that could include significant budget reductions.

The current financial climate and impact are being felt all over and school districts are not immune to these financial realities. The State's financial picture is bleak and the district is already being impacted by State budget cuts for school funding. The district has also seen a decrease in enrollment over the past several years that also decreases the amount of money it receives from the State. Not anticipating a quick turnaround to the overall economy and the State's ability to effectively fund schools as well as other state programs, the district has begun the process of reviewing potential budget reductions for the 2010-11 school year. These potential reductions could include the reduction of the number of sections at each grade level. This could also mean the reassigning of students to different buildings. At this time, a couple of options are being considered. No specific decisions have been made and a final determination is targeted by March. The presentation that the board was given by the Superintendent is available on the website. The considerations are not all inclusive of all budget reduction options as all areas will be reviewed for cost efficiency. Any questions can be referred to the Todd Prusator, Superintendent at 815-562-6363.