

To: Budget Committee Members

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FROM: Dan Goldman, Superintendent and Lori Baker, Chief Financial Officer

RE: Budget Meeting Notice

Good Afternoon Budget Committee Members,

Northwest Regional ESD will hold its first budget committee meeting on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting in Zoom. An electronic invitation will be sent to you prior to the meeting through the Superintendent's office.

A copy of the NWRESD 2022-2023 proposed budget is attached for you to review prior to Tuesday's meeting. A few highlights from the Budget Message:

2021-22 has continued to challenge educators beyond what we could have imagined only a few years ago. The global pandemic has continued, and with it there have been many difficulties including adapting to rapid and frequent changes to statewide and regional health and safety policies, national and local workforce shortages, the ongoing politicization of school governance, widening gaps in student learning and the social-emotional wellbeing of historically and presently marginalized children, and all the resulting program and operational changes addressed by our teams almost daily. There has also been great joy as students returned to in-person learning, educators reconnected with one another and with children and families, and ESDs have been re-centered in the statewide response to many of the challenges faced in our communities. Our educators have often worked tirelessly, selflessly and with genuine care for the well-being of the children and families they are committed to serving.

This Proposed Budget has been produced with a focus on aligning available resources to the 2020-25 Board-adopted strategic plan, which directs the administration to elevate the tenets of equity, partnership, innovation, and student success in program design and implementation. While the ESD is experiencing a tightening in general funding, as the state school fund is not keeping pace with costs, we have conversely experienced significant growth in many of our targeted, contract/grant funds. As such, this proposed budget - while constrained in our general operations - contains exciting opportunities for the ESD to deliver on our mission: "In partnership with the communities we serve, Northwest Regional Education Service District improves student learning by providing equitable access to high-quality services and support."

If you have any questions regarding the details of the proposed budget, please email Lori Baker at lobaker@nwresd.k12.or.us.

Thank you in advance for serving on the Northwest Regional ESD's budget committee. Your involvement and feedback are an invaluable asset in ensuring NWRESD's budget plan reflects our stated values and that available resources are aligned to critical services for our region's children and families.

Respectfully,

Dan Goldman

Lori Baker