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EANES ISD CONSIDERS BUDGET SHORTFALL OPTIONS

Board of Trustees to weigh budget reductions, revenue options

AUSTIN, Texas— In an effort to meet an anticipated \$6.29 million budget shortfall, Eanes ISD officials presented several strategies to the Board of Trustees for their consideration Monday morning. The District proposes to 1) reduce expenditures, 2) use a portion of the Fund Balance and 3) increase revenue.

“Everything is under consideration, as we work through a time of uncertainty with regards to state funding,” said Dr. Nola Wellman, Superintendent of Schools. “The challenge we have is balancing a decrease in funding while continuing our mission to provide an excellent education. We owe it to our students and staff to make prudent choices that minimize disruption.”

Examples of proposed reductions consist of payroll and non-payroll expenditures, which include cutting supplies, legal fees and contract services. Other considerations are reductions of stipends, overtime pay and employee benefits. The District is considering staff reduction by way of attrition.

Examples of proposed increased revenue sources include charging higher facility use fees, increasing field trip transportation costs and increasing the number of transfer students.

The Board is expected to vote on which strategies to implement at its February 23 regular board meeting.

The Eanes Independent School District spans 31.2 square miles of scenic Texas Hill Country in Travis County and serves approximately 7,700 students. Schools in Eanes ISD are Westlake High School, Hill Country Middle School, West Ridge Middle School, Barton Creek Elementary, Bridge Point Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, Eanes Elementary, Forest Trail Elementary and Valley View Elementary.

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