

Welcome to my Budget Blog!

The purpose of this blog is to be transparent with the staff of the Sitka School District, as well as the community of Sitka during the school district's budget development process. The district's budget should reflect the values of our community, and it is my hope that by sharing information people will be able to provide targeted feedback during the budget development process, and will also understand some of the budget realities facing not only our school district but school districts around the state and nation.

In addition to developing our budget for the 2015-16 school year, the School Board has set two goals regarding the school district's budget - to develop a 5-year strategic budget plan that is updated annually, and to revise our annual budgeting process. Consequently, we need to hear from you as we go through a different budget process this year than we ever have before. Collectively we can come up with the best budgeting process for our community.

Advocating for students in public schools has been a passion of mine for many years, and I hope that this blog can help to inspire a passion inside of you to share your voice about the importance of adequate funding to support public education for our students. Students only have one year at each grade level, and it is up to each one of us to make sure that resources are available to ensure that students gain the skills they need to be successful in life... the life they will enter after graduation vs. the life that I entered when I graduated from high school in 1980. Our students are counting on us, and your voice matters even if you do not have students in our schools.

There are many ways for you to join in the budget conversation. You can choose to comment on any of my Budget Blog posts directly, or if you have a different question or would like to have your comment or question be shared privately, you can leave a comment or ask a question using the Budget Comment link on the left side of the screen. You can also contact me directly by email or phone at the District Office.

Looking forward to the conversation!

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