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Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

## **Waterford School District Board of Education Approves Budget Recommendations**

**May 4, 2007 Waterford, Mich.** – The Waterford School District Board of Education has approved the budget recommendations to balance the 2007-2008 budget. These recommendations will allow the Waterford School District to continue providing resources that will ensure quality classroom instruction for all students during a time when public schools throughout the State are faced with many fiscal challenges due to funding shortfalls from the State.

Over the past five years, the Waterford School District has made \$19 million worth of budget reductions. The 2007-2008 budget will require the District to make an additional \$3.35 million of reductions. The following budgetary assumptions were used:

- Receiving a 2006-2007 proration of \$34 per student totaling \$392,192  
(Prorated foundation \$7,419/student)
- 2007-2008 foundation of \$7,419
- Loss of 167 students
- Salaries are based on current 2006-07 amounts
- Retirement rate reduction of 5.6%
- Healthcare benefit increase of 10%
- Utility increase of 10%
- Utilization/Replacement of budgeted reserves/contributions from 2006-07
  - Use of Designation Foundation reserve of \$305,000
  - Replacement of School Service Fund one time only contribution of \$492,000
- Fund Balance of 5%

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To meet State requirements that a District must adopt a balance budget, the following budgetary recommendations have been approved by the Board of Education:

**Personnel:**

- Eliminate six administrative positions
- Reduce administrative costs by contracting services of five administration positions.
- Reduce 10 teaching staff based upon 2007-2008 enrollments.
- Reduce additional support positions based upon 2006-2007 enrollment and facilities.
- Reduce six secretarial positions.
- Reduce five custodial positions and reorganize cleaning schedules.

**Operations:**

- Implement selective building closings during non instructional days
- Utilize energy performance contract
- Reorganize childcare billing process
- Reorganize video services
- Reorganize athletic event security
- Reduction due to drivers' education vehicle lease expiration
- Reduction of equipment replacement schedule
- Reduction in Community Relations as it relates to supplies and materials
- Reduction in athletics as it relates to transportation, equipment, supplies, and event workers
- Reduction in performing and visual arts as it relates to transportation, supplies, and materials.
- Reduce adult education budget as it relates to personnel reorganization, supplies, and materials.
- Reorganize transportation routes
- Savings in election costs due to date change to November even years
- Realignment and consolidation of telecommunications
- Increased use of centralized print/copy
- Reorganize staff development
- Increase number of staff development opportunities to non instructional days
- Use of third party guest employees
- Reduction in civic activities contributions

Superintendent Robert R. Neu states "In addition to many significant changes, the District continues to realize additional cost savings by examining a variety of current operating practices. This examination is assisting in meeting our fiscal plan and our Board of Education goals of providing quality educational services and opportunities for our students and community."

Further information may be found on the Waterford School District website at [www.waterford.k12.mi.us/budget..](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/budget..)

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