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Cary District 26 eBulletin

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Cary Band Parents Association Helps the Band to March On!

The hard work and dedication of the Cary Band Parents Association, a dedicated group of stakeholders, many with music background and experience and other impressive credentials, has been given the go ahead to organize a band program for the 2010-2011 school year! The mission statement for the newly forming band program is to “provide Cary District 26 students in grades 5-8 an educational, comprehensive and sustainable band program that fosters musical and personal growth in a safe, nurturing environment.” The band program will include:

- 2 Band Rehearsals per week for 5th and 6th grade students (before or after school)
- 3 Band Rehearsals per week for 7th and 8th grade students (before or after school)
- Optional Jazz Band for 7th and 8th grade students
- Sectional Lessons (during the school day)
- Performances (Concerts, Parades, CGHS All-City Halftime Show, Solo Ensemble and more)

Registration and payment for the band program will take place at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year at both Prairie Hill and Cary Jr. High. More details and sign-up information will be available at the Back to School Events in August. For additional information, please email the Cary Band Parents Association at CBPA26@gmail.com or join the group on Facebook.

District Determines School Day Schedule for 2010-2011

The school day schedules with starting and ending times have been established by the District for the 2010-2011 school year. The District will continue with two school day schedules, one for the Junior High and Early Childhood Program, and a second schedule for the K-6 schools. Both schedules meet the State requirement for student instructional time and provide the most financially efficient model when considering transportation and student supervision. The length of the student day for both schedules is less for the 2010-2011 school term due to the reduction and/or elimination of programs as the District makes every effort to live within its financial limits. As planned, recess will continue at the K-6 buildings. In addition, the District is working closely with several community organizations to provide enrichment and elective activities for students after school. Please see chart on the next page for specific building and program start and ending times for next year.

2010-2011 School Day Schedules

School/Program	School Begins	School Ends
Briargate	8:45	2:30
Deer Path	8:45	2:30
Three Oaks	8:45	2:30
Prairie Hill	8:45	2:30
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Cary Junior High	7:55	1:46
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Kindergarten		
AM	8:45	11:14
PM	12:00	2:30
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Early Childhood Education		
AM	7:55	10:16
PM	11:25	1:46

Multiage Classrooms Return to Cary D26

We are pleased to reintroduce Multiage Programs for the 2010-2011 school year. Multiage classrooms will include 1 section of 1st/2nd grade at Briargate and Deer Path, and 2 sections at Three Oaks. One section of 3rd/4th grade at Briargate and Three Oaks will also be offered. Multiage education is a concept that includes the placement of students from more than one grade level into one classroom. Cooperative and collaborative experiences are often enhanced in a multiage classroom due to the natural opportunities for children to work together with others of different ages. D26 goals for the multiage program include:

- Maintain a continued emphasis on grade level learning goals and increase opportunities for collaboration and cooperation, academically and socially, across grade levels
- Create instructional plans that provide opportunities to blend single grade and multi-grade classrooms
- Develop school staffing plans that will be most consistent as enrollment varies and grade level numbers fluctuate

Teachers and principals consider each child's unique academic and social learning needs and work to create classrooms that include a balanced, heterogeneous group of students. Multiage questionnaire forms provided an opportunity for parents to communicate a preference regarding multiage placement. Parent input will be reviewed and considered as a component of the multiage classroom placement process. For more information, please review the multiage presentation posted on the District website under New Releases within the "News" tab section. There continues to be a significant parent interest in the Multiage Program with some schools already creating a waiting list.

Promised State Funding Still Delayed

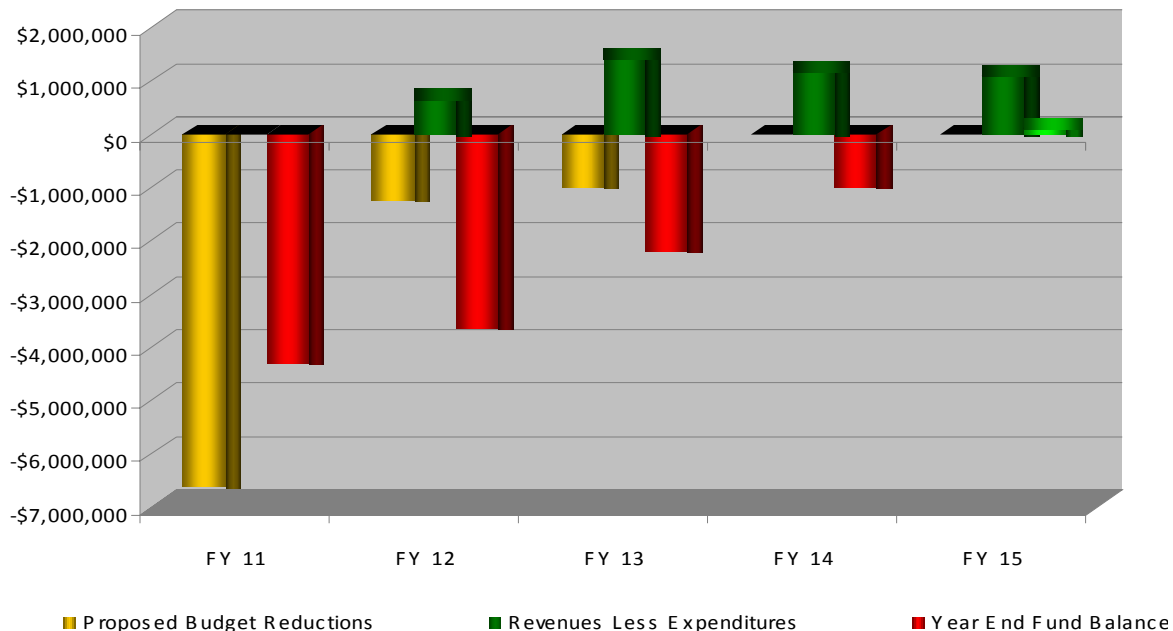
The State's delayed payments of promised funding continue to further compound the District's financial hardship, causing cash flow problems. The money the District was counting on to have on hand to pay our payroll and services have not arrived. To date the State owes the District \$2,319,805 million in funding. Below is a summary of past due payments by the State.

Delayed State Payments Total: \$2,319,805

- Past Due Summary:
 - Over 90 Days Due: \$838,554
 - 60-90 Days Due: \$15,828
 - 30-60 Days Due: \$674,057
 - Less than 30 Days Due: \$791,366

Finance Committee Continues Review of FY 2011 Budget Draft

The District Finance Committee continued to review the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Draft during its May 10, 2010 Board Finance Committee meeting. The FY 2011 Budget is the first part of a 5-Year Financial Plan to set the District on a course for financial recovery. A total of \$6.6 million in budget reductions have occurred to balance next year's budget. An additional \$2 million in cuts for FY 2012 and \$1.8 million in cuts for FY 2013 are now projected to be needed to move the District out of debt by 2015. The Board and the Administration will be discussing ways to potentially shorten the recovery period and limit reductions during upcoming strategic planning sessions in which short and long-term goals will be mapped out. The graph below summarizes this plan.



Board Approvals from June

This past month the D26 Board of Education took the following major actions at their May 24, 2010 Board Meeting. For a complete listing of past Board of Education actions and Minutes, go to www.cary26.org. Minutes are posted after they have been approved by the Board.

- Approved student lunch/meal rates for 2010-2011 school year.
- Approved the utilization of NCInc as a collection agency to collect delinquent fees.
- Approved the contract with DUBS Company for the door and hardware life safety project.
- Approved the vendor agreements from Cost Containment.
- Approved the Resolutions for the Reduction in Hours, Honorable Dismissal and Non-Reemployment of Educational Support Personnel for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Approved monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$2,167,628.

June School Calendar

June 4	Last Day of School – Early Release 8 th Grade Graduation -7:00 p.m. at Cary-Grove H.S.
June 14	Board Open Meeting Act Training – 5:30 p.m. Board Finance Committee – 7:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting – 8:30 p.m.
June 21	Board Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m.
June 28	Board Community Engagement Comm. – 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.