

FAQs on the FY 2006-07 Budget

Will there be 2006-07 changes to the number of Shoreline teaching positions compared to last year?

- *Yes. In response to the budget deficit, the District reduced classroom teaching positions by 37.*
- *Three other positions were cut due to declining enrollment; these were not a result of the deficit.*

Where were the District's 2006-07 job reductions made?

Cuts were made as far away from the classroom as possible. Reductions occurred in these areas:

<i>District Administration</i>	<i>14%</i>
<i>School Administration</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Certificated Non-Administrative Staff</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>Classified Staff</i>	<i>3%</i>

What will class-sizes look like in 2006-07?

- *As of late August, we know what average staffing ratios will be in the District. However, until school starts, it's hard to know exactly how staffing allocations relate to actual class-size at various grade levels.*

- *At this point, schools have been staffed based on these enrollment projections: (Ratios for students-per-teacher in regular education classrooms)*

Kindergarten 23:1 (no change from 2005-06)

Grades 1-4 24.4:1 (increase of 2.3 students per teacher)

Grades 5-6 27:1 (increase of .7 students per teacher)

Grades 7-8 22.6:1 (increase of 2.4 students per teacher)

(When middle school teachers' planning periods are calculated into this formula, during a 7-period day, the average projected class-size becomes 31.6:1)

Grades 9-12 25.1:1 (increase of 2 students per teacher)

(When high school teachers' planning periods are calculated into this formula, during a 6-period day, the average projected class-size becomes 30.1:1)

It is important to note: *Although these are District averages, these projections will not necessarily reflect actual class-sizes at every school or in each classroom.*

What changes occurred to administration positions in 2006-07?

- *To keep employment reductions as far away from the classroom as possible, 4.5 FTE (full-time equivalent) administrative positions were eliminated.*
- *At each high school, there will be two assistant principals instead of three. This reflects a model used at most other high schools of Shoreline's size in this area. Two part-time deans of students, meanwhile, have been added at Shorecrest (.6) and Shorewood (.8) to cover building responsibilities.*

Was the number of school nurses reduced in Shoreline for 2006-07?

- *No. Shoreline is maintaining the same number of nurses at its schools as last year. That means there will continue to be a Registered Nurse (or LPN) on-site during student hours at each site except HEE & Room Nine Community School. These schools previously operated with different nursing schedules.*
- *However, the number of non-student days that Shoreline school nurses work may change. A tentative agreement (as of late August) with SESPA (Shoreline Educational Support Professionals Association) could reduce the nursing contract by five non-student days. This potential agreement means school nurses would work between 10 and 11.5 non-student days, depending on the grade level of their students.*

Were there changes to the District security monitor positions?

- *Yes. Shoreline cut one full-time security monitor; there are now five full-time positions.*
- *To maintain security, however, funding for a sixth position will go toward retaining the full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) provided in partnership with the City of Shoreline. The SRO will work between the two high schools and continue to serve as a liaison with the Shoreline Police Department and greater King County law enforcement.*
- *There is also a tentative agreement with SESPA to reduce the security monitor contract by five non-student days. Security monitors will continue to work four non-student days.*

Will the BRITE program at Syre and the Early Childhood Program at Meridian Park continue to receive extra support?

- *Yes. The .5 (half-time) BRITE Program Lead and the .5 (half-time) District Behavior Support positions at Syre have been fully restored in the 2006-07 budget. Funding for extra program support at Meridian Park was reinstated as well.*

Is there a change in athletic fees?

- *Yes. High school athletic fees will be \$60 per sport, up from \$50 last year. At the middle schools, athletic fees will be \$20 per sport. This is a change from last year's \$25 flat fee, so single-sport students will pay less.*

How long will it take to resolve the budget issues?

- *Unfortunately, the budget issues we face will not be solved overnight. Both the FY 2005-06 and the FY 2006-07 budgets will end in a deficit. With all of our commitment to live within the District's means, Shoreline should be able to end the deficit with the FY 2007-08 budget.*