

CENTER FOR ADVANCED LEARNING
2013-2014

OPERATING BUDGET NARRATIVES AND ASSUMPTIONS

- ◆ Revenue projection is based on an exercise of caution. Even though the legislature has approved the state budget with radically different funding formulas from the ones used in previous years, we are using the previous formula pending the time everything is settled regarding the budget. At that time we will evaluate the budget and determine if we need to revise the budget.

- ◆ ADA funding rates are projected to be at the same level as projected by csdc. The projection is based on 1.5% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment). The rates are \$5,162 for grades K through 3 and \$5,274 for grades 4 through 6. Categorical Funding is \$500 per ada, in lieu of Economic impact aid is \$338, lottery is 338 per ada, class size reduction is frozen at 2008 rate of 1071 and Special Ed is \$787 per ada with encroachment of 40%.

- ◆ Enrollment is based on 366 students for the first year with an assume attendance rate of 95% yielding an ada of 347.7.

- ◆ Expenditures were reviewed against budget and necessary adjustments were made (cuts in expenditures where necessary as it relate to many line items that was over). We took care not to hurt instruction and operation of the school while being fiscally responsible as a Board.

- ◆ Salaries and benefits include 14 teachers and some related assistants to take care of 360 students. Other staff include, Principal, intervention specialist, Executive Director, Operations Manager, Executive Assistant, Office and operations Staff and After School Staff. Benefits comprise of

STRS, Health Insurance, Workers Comp and other payroll expenses.

- ◆ Books and Supplies include ipads for fourth and fifth graders in a trial basis and related books and supplies for the lower grade K through 3. The ipads are expected to be financed over three years which is normally the life cycle of books. It is expected that there will be a reduction in copying costs and other costs related to instruction for fourth and fifth graders. This category includes non capitalized equipment office and other supplies. The school made reductions in many of these line items as necessary.

- ◆ Services and other operating expenses include consultants, lease costs, food service and other expenses. Cuts were made in certain line item including, instructional consultant (substitute teachers from agencies), travel and conferences, food service consultants, personnel consultants and legal. Special Education is restructured to involve less consultants and more in house staff. Capital Expenditures include equipment and facilities expenditures.

- ◆ Reserves have been calculated at the statutory rate of 5%, \$147,000. The school already has more than \$500,000 in reserves that is used to fund deferrals when delays are made by the state and paid back when the state pays the delayed funds. Oversight fee is what LAUSD charges for oversight of Cal.