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Dysart holds town hall to share 2010-2011 budget

DYSART SCHOOLS — The Dysart School District will hold a town hall for the community to share budget cuts for the 2010-2011 school year. The town hall will be held on Monday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Valley Vista High School auditorium. Budget cuts for next school year are a result of the recent state budget passed by the Arizona State Legislature.

In March, the Dysart District community passed the renewal of a district override, averting nearly \$15 million in cuts to the district. However, a few days later the Arizona Legislature passed a state budget which provides devastating cuts to public education funding. While items in the override have been protected, other cuts are needed to reduce the district budget. The budget cuts to Dysart's 2010-2011 budget total \$9.7 million. If the state-wide election for Proposition 100 (temporary one-cent sales tax) does not pass, Arizona school districts will see an additional reduction to their budget. If the sales tax is unsuccessful, Dysart will be required to cut nearly \$19 million from next year's budget.

Community members and parents are encouraged to attend the upcoming town hall to hear the Governing Board approved budget cuts for next school year including items with or without the sales tax passing. The budget cuts may also be viewed at www.dysart.org. For questions regarding Dysart's budget, please call the community relations office at 623.876.7195

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or email communityrelations@dysart.org. Valley Vista High School is located at 15550 N. Parkview Place, in Surprise.