

**PROJECTED REVENUE IMPACT ON BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BASED ON THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET**

The Governor's budget proposal released in January, 2009, contains the following revenue reductions directly impacting Bellevue Schools:

- ◆ Student Achievement Fund \$1,600,000

This is also known as I-728 or the class size initiative. In Bellevue, we currently receive approximately \$7.2M in I-728 funds. This money is used to fund 33 FTE elementary teaching positions; 4.8 FTE elementary specialists to work with those additional classes; 8.7 FTE middle school teachers; 12.5 FTE high school teachers; 1.8 FTE in ESL and AVID staff development positions and eight of the supplemental days provided for all teachers for staff development.

- ◆ Math and Science Professional Development \$ 309.664

This money has provided two additional days of staff development for every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers as well as all middle school and high school teachers of math and science. These additional days would be eliminated with this reduction.

In addition, the governor proposes no salary increases for school employees. While this saves the State approximately \$2 M for Bellevue alone, it also saves Bellevue almost \$1.3M in local levy money it would take to give a state COLA to all our employees. The state only funds the number of staff it believes we should have based on their staffing formula which funds 5 not 7 classes at middle and high school and larger elementary class sizes that we currently have. In addition, Bellevue has more classified staff including classroom aides and paraeducators than state funding supports. That would allow us to use this local levy money to offset the reductions proposed in I-728 funding.

However, it is important to remember that the House of Representatives and the Senate have yet to release their versions of the proposed biennium budget and the revenue forecasts have worsened since the governor's budget was released.

As new information is made available, this information will be updated.