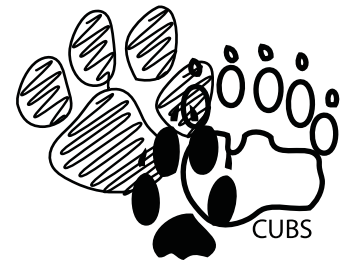


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Dear Don Callejon Families,

As you are probably aware, Santa Clara Unified School District is facing very significant budget cuts for next school year. At this time, the district is expected to cut at least \$14 million for the 2011-12 school year. Over the past six years, we have cut \$25 million. District Office staff, School Site Council, DCSCO and the Don Callejon staff have all worked very hard to keep these cuts away from our students as much as possible. Our teachers and staff put in many hours above and beyond, simply because we are passionate about our students and our school. It will be very difficult, if not impossible, with this latest round of budget reductions, to maintain all of our programs and staff, and offer the same level of service to our community.

At this point, some or all of the following programs may be affected at Don Callejon: instruction for second language students provided by ELD staff, school library services, middle school academic counselor time, instrumental music instruction for grades 3-5, gifted and talented testing and support programs (GATE), and elementary before/after school intervention program (SOAR). The following programs are funded by site monies and are being discussed by stakeholder groups: student counseling, Primary Intervention Program (PIP), 4th-8th grade ALEKS math computer program, and the middle school activity bus.

The Don Callejon staff is committed to ensuring that all of our students receive a high-quality education. While these cuts may be extensive, we will pull together and work as hard as we always have so that Don Callejon remains the special place that it is for our students. I am confident that the Don Callejon community along with our staff will continue to be supportive and giving in order to help us through these difficult times.

If you would like to contact your legislator(s), here are two links that may help:

www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

Thank you for your commitment to our school and community.

Sincerely,

Hans Barber
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