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NOTES BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE A Superintendent's Advisory Committee November 15, 2017

1. Introductions

The committee did introductions and welcomed a few new members (including high school students) that could not attend the first meeting.

2. Report Out - Homework

The committee reported out on their thoughts regarding district and community values.

3. Criteria Prioritization

The committee adopted five criteria for budget cuts: 1) Limit negative impact on student learning, 2) Align with District goals and priorities, 3) Reflect the community's values, 4) Don't be afraid to make changes – challenge sacred cows, and 5) Objective and data-driven, considering trends over time

4. History of Budget Solutions

The committee worked in groups to review the budget cuts over the last fifteen years.

5. Budget Presentation – Constraints & Budget Solutions Framework

Yancy Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, gave a presentation on the constraints regarding making cuts to the District's operating budget. The topics discussed included, supplemental services to EL/low income students (LCAP), special education, parcel tax, employment contracts, routine restricted maintenance, state pension rates, minimum levels of support services at the site/district, and the Measure G construction.

6. Homework

The committee was given an optional homework assignment to determine 10 potential budget cuts to discuss at the December 13th meeting and email them to budget@nUSD.org.

7. Next Meetings

The committee's next scheduled meetings are on Wednesday, December 13, and Wednesday, January 24.