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Dear Klein Community,

Because of an estimated \$27 billion shortfall in state revenue, all school districts in Texas will face multi-million dollar funding cuts beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. Legislators have proposed an overwhelming \$10 billion cut to public education funding.

Klein expects a potential cut of between \$38 and \$76 million over the next two years. We will not know the exact amount until the legislature finalizes the state budget sometime this summer. However, we cannot wait until state budget cuts are announced to make plans for the next two school years.

We began getting ready for a reduction in state funding three years ago when we anticipated a less drastic reduction in funds. We decreased our spending nearly \$10 million by reducing campus and central office budgets, dissolving non-campus positions, reducing the consumption of electricity, and delaying construction projects. In light of potentially drastic cuts Klein faces, we are considering additional ways to reduce spending. We invite you to give us your suggestions by visiting www.kleinisd.net and clicking on the “Budget Cuts” link. Some cost saving measures that we have discussed include using the district’s reserve fund to cover some costs, further reducing campus and central office budgets, increasing pupil-teacher ratios at the intermediate level, cutting or postponing programs, holding a tax rate election, reducing campus and non-campus staff positions at all levels, and not filling positions that are vacated by attrition.

I encourage you to read the “Frequently Asked Questions and Answers” found in the “Budget Cuts” section of [kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net). There you will find specific information about cost saving measures, a breakdown of the district budget, and an explanation of the district’s tax structure.

While we wait for additional information from the state, I wanted to share with you what we know now. We will keep you informed as we move forward.

Together, with the support of our Klein community, our KISD Board of Trustees, and our staff members, we will find the best possible solutions.

Sincerely,

James W. Cain
Superintendent

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