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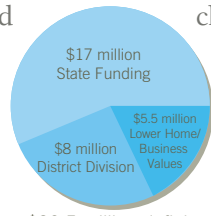
NEWS FROM THE JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Financial Challenges Impacting Jordan District Board committed to minimizing effects of budget cuts on students

Jordan District is facing a \$30.5 million deficit for the 2009-10 school year. The deficit includes a loss of \$17 million in state funding, \$8 million due to the District division, and \$5.5 million in lower assessed valuation (value of homes and businesses in the District's boundaries).

The Board is in the process of eliminating more than 180 classified and administrative positions, saving \$8 million. The Board is doing all it can to minimize the effects of budget cuts in the classroom. Class sizes will remain the same for the 2009-10 school year.

The Board is proposing a 40 percent increase in school taxes, an increase of approximately \$125 per \$100,000 of market value. Jordan District will have one of the highest tax rates in the state and the lowest per pupil funding in Salt Lake County. "The Board of Education is in the unfortunate position to have to make some tough



decisions to compensate for lack of funding," said President Peggy Jo Kennett. "Decisions like this are never easy, especially in light of the challenging economy, but we are committed to minimizing the effects of these budget cuts on students."

As required by law, the Board will hold a public truth-in-taxation hearing, tentatively set for Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. at Riverton High Auditorium.

Salaries and benefits have been frozen this year for employees, and the Board is covering the increase in insurance premiums for employees this year.

President Kennett said this year's budget was developed in anticipation of another difficult fiscal year in 2010-11.

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Projected 2009-10
<b>Assessed Valuation (billions)</b>				
Jordan	\$25.7	\$32.6	\$34.5	\$13.4
Canyons				\$17.0
<b>Students</b>				
Jordan	78,708	80,187	81,017	48,621
Canyons				32,848
<b>Assessed Valuation Per Student</b>				
Jordan	\$326,079	\$406,487	\$425,837	\$275,601
Canyons				\$517,535
<b>Tax Revenue Generated / Student using the 2008-09 tax rate of .006150</b>				
Jordan			\$2,818	\$1,824
Canyons				\$3,425

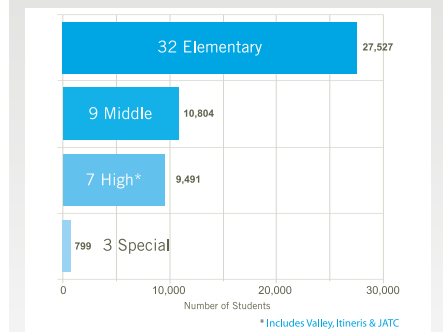
## Two New Schools Open for 2009-10



Workers put the finishing touches on Silver Crest Elementary in Herriman.

Silver Crest Elementary, located at 13000 S. 5500 West in Herriman, will open in August on a three-track schedule. The Kauri Sue Hamilton School, located at 2700 W. 13400 South in Riverton, will also open in August. The school will house students ages 5-22 who have severe multiple disabilities. A new high school in Herriman is currently under construction and will open in August 2010.

## 2009-10 District Statistics



- 51 schools
- 48,621 students (an increase of 999 students)
- Instruction cost per student: \$6,184
- Licensed personnel: 2,631
- Support staff: 2,610

## Lunch, Breakfast Price Increases



For the first time in four years, Jordan School District is increasing its meal costs by 25 cents for lunch and 10 cents for breakfast.

- Elementary breakfast: \$.80
- Secondary breakfast: \$1.00
- Elementary lunch: \$1.75
- Secondary lunch: \$2.00
- Adult lunch: \$3.00



# Open Houses Planned for New Offices

*Public invited to tour the two new facilities in West Jordan*

The Board of Education invites the public to open houses at its new District Offices on Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 2-4 p.m. The Administrative Office is located at 7387 S. Campus View Drive and houses school-related and employee-based services. The District Auxiliary Services Building is located at 7905 S. Redwood Road and will house support services. Board meetings and staff development classes will be held at the Auxiliary Services Building. High school student body officers will give tours of the new facilities and serve light refreshments throughout the afternoon.



*Contractors ready the Board Room for its first meeting on Aug. 11.*

## Board Meetings

The Board of Education will meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Auxiliary Services Building, 7905 S. Redwood Road, beginning with its Aug. 11 meeting. The Board's 2009-10 schedule and agendas are posted at [www.jordandistrict.org/board/](http://www.jordandistrict.org/board/).

## Our New Look

As Jordan District begins a new chapter in its 105-year history, the Board felt now was the appropriate time to have a new look. The new logo and tagline were created by Swivelhead Design Works in Salt Lake City, owned by Jordan District graduate Matthew Doyle. The tagline is "lead, educate, inspire." "The words center on the bright future of Jordan District," said Superintendent Barry L. Newbold. "We believe these words are the three most important things we do and will keep us focused on students." The District also has redesigned its Web site to mirror its new look.



## 2009-10 Calendars Revised

Parents and students are reminded the 2009-10 calendars have been revised.

- Year-round Schools: Classes start July 27 and D Track classes begin Aug. 17. Classes end June 11, 2010, for Track A, and July 2, 2010, for Tracks B, C and D.
- Traditional Schools: Classes start Aug. 26 and end June 3, 2010. The revised traditional calendars include three professional development days and one additional day of Winter Recess for traditional schools.

To view the revised calendars visit [www.jordandistrict.org/resources/calendars/](http://www.jordandistrict.org/resources/calendars/).

## Graduation Rate

According to *Education Week's* "Diplomas Count 2009," Jordan District has the second highest graduation rate in Utah—78.9 percent. Jordan District also has the third highest graduation rate among the 50 largest school districts in the country.



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