

Hello Paradise Unified School District Community

This is Paradise Superintendent, Roger Bylund. I am calling about the confusion and misunderstanding about the sports programs at Paradise High School. Competitive athletics will remain at PHS next year and the following year. The sports program will be funded with \$104,000 next year and the year after. That's more than the \$100,000 currently provided to Chico High Schools. Next year, \$16,000 will be cut from the athletics budget as well as \$31,000 for the assistant coach stipends. The remaining \$104,000 will be provided for two years and be eliminated in 2012/13 if our income does not improve.

Paradise school district has made over \$7 million dollars in reductions since the 07/08 school year. That represents over 20% of the budget. These cuts include an assistant superintendent, director, office staff, librarians, custodians, maintenance workers, assistants, bus drivers, support staff and teachers. See budget reductions on our web site www.pusdk12.org.

Districts all over the state are facing these challenges. The state has cut our income and we must cut our expenses. We will continue to focus on educating our students, using limited funds efficiently, supporting our outstanding teachers and staff, and planning for the future as we navigate these difficult times. We appreciate your support. Thank you.