

## Questions & Answers

- What is the District structural deficit and how can the District bridge a \$1.1 million deficit in 2009-2010?
  - The District's 2009-2010 budget projects revenues will be \$1.1 million less than expenditures following an 18% cut in general purpose funding from \$6,089/student to \$4,995/student
  - To off-set the shortfall, the District has been fortunate to receive one-time Federal stimulus money of \$800,000. Furthermore, parent organizations such as your PTA and LASF have committed to raise a total of \$320,000 to address the 09-10 structural deficit. The District has already begun looking into ways to balance the budget in outer years to insure the district remains financially and fiscally viable.
- The largest fundraiser is the Leopard Fund, so what is it?
  - It's the annual direct solicitation drive that kicks off at Leopard Day and serves as the primary funding source to pay for teacher aides, our PE instructor, and continuing education
  - The PTA is asking for a donation of \$375/student which breaks down to \$2.08/day. Consider the cost of summer camp or a month of pre-school fees - your contribution makes a difference from the first day till the last day of school over a school year that spans 180 days.
- Why don't you ask families to contribute \$432/student vs. \$375/student?
  - The PTA holds various fundraisers throughout the school year instead of asking for the entire amount upfront. A survey taken 2 years ago showed parents enjoyed participating in a variety of fundraisers that suited their interests and interactions with the school community.
  - Of course, if you would like to contribute beyond the \$375/student, we would gladly accept. We are grateful for any and all levels of support.

## How Else Can I Help?

- Volunteer at school and participate in fundraisers throughout the year
- Write your Legislators about the importance of education funding
- Join the PTA and strengthen the parent community of Lafayette

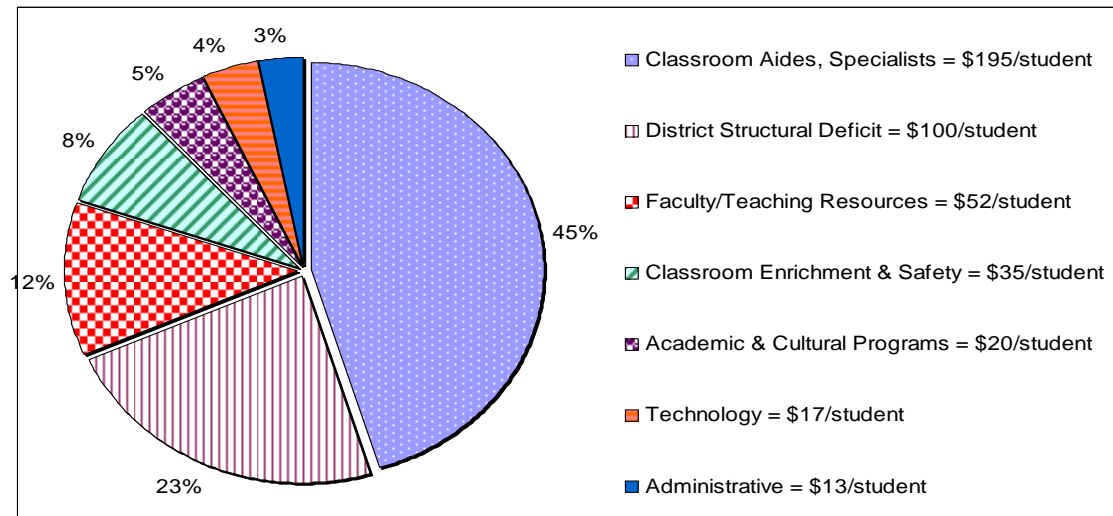
## Lafayette School PTA 2009-2010

# The ABC's of PTA Finance: Why Your Financial Support is Critical

## Did You Know?

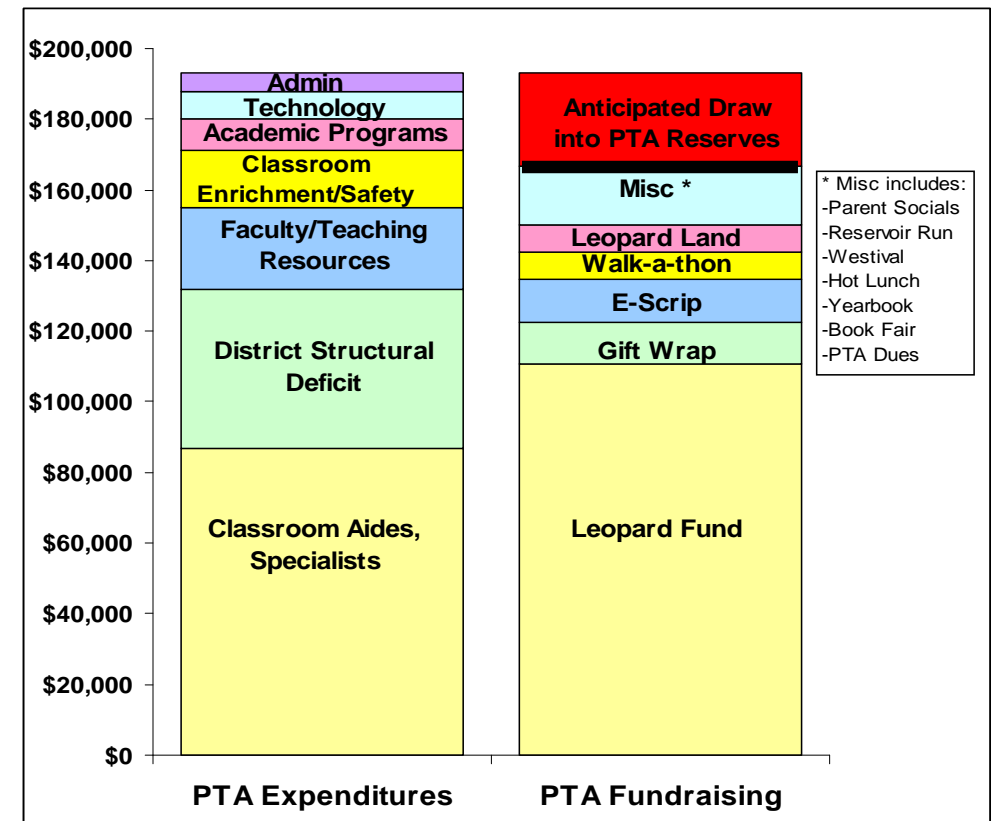
- Your PTA funds critical programs and activities such as instructional aides, classroom enrichment, & technology upgrades
  - Instructional aides and the computer lab are fully funded by the PTA
- Your PTA's 2009-2010 budget reflects expenditures of \$193,000 or \$432/student, excluding spending on fundraising activities
- The Lafayette School District will lose \$1,094/student due to cuts in the state's 2009-2010 K-12 Public Education Budget
- Due to May Revise cuts in the state budget, the District is projecting a structural deficit of \$1.1 million in 2009-2010
- ***WE NEED YOUR HELP:*** You can make a difference in your child's education by contributing the requested \$375/student (fully tax-deductible) to the Leopard Fund on Leopard Day

## 2009-2010 PTA Expenditure Breakdown



- ✓ Classroom Aides/Specialists - \$87,000
  - 8.5 hours/week instructional aides for all classes, PE Teacher, Counseling
- ✓ District Structural Deficit - \$45,000
  - Partially alleviate District shortfall of \$1.1 million
- ✓ Faculty/Teaching Resources - \$23,000
  - Staff Development/Conferences/Math Coaches for new math book adoption
  - Refresh Library Books, Science Lab and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Challenger Field Trip
- ✓ Classroom Enrichment & Safety - \$16,000
  - \$400/teacher for classroom needs, PE Equipment, Earthquake/Safety
- ✓ Academic & Cultural Programs - \$9,000
  - International Night, School Play, Read-a-thon, Red Ribbon, Assemblies
- ✓ Technology - \$8,000
  - Computers, Printers, Website, Software
  - In 2008-2009, the PTA spent \$50,000 on technology: 30 new i-macs for computer lab, document cameras, printing press, misc. other equipment
- ✓ Administrative - \$5,000
  - Publications: Leopard Spots, School Directory; Insurance, PTA Dues, Copy/Mail

## 2009-2010 Expenditures v. Fundraising



- PTA fundraising activities are expected to raise \$167,000, which is less than our projected expenditures of \$193,000.
  - Unless fundraising efforts end up stronger than anticipated, reserves will be drawn to fulfill our financial obligations.
  - Successful fundraisers in 2008-2009, particularly from our auction (held every other year) allowed the PTA to build reserves by over \$50,000 to buffer against the financial uncertainty brought on by the state budget crisis.
- Your support is critical to upholding the academic standards and excellence at Lafayette Elementary. It is because of strong support from parents like you that our school will be able to weather the financial turmoil facing all public schools in California.