June 5, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On March 13, 2012, the LAUSD Board of Education approved the preliminary budget for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year which will officially begin on July 1, 2012. This preliminary budget includes a $7.5 million cut to the Beyond the Bell Branch. As I discussed in my March 14, 2012 letter to you, this $7.5 million cut to Beyond the Bell will eliminate the Youth Services after school program. The Youth Services after school program is the free of charge “open playground” program that currently operates at all elementary and middle schools from school dismissal until 6:00 pm daily and is available to students in grades 2-8.

While there is still time before the 2012-2013 budget is finalized on June 30, 2012 and many budget decisions still need to be made, it would be prudent for you to start exploring other options for the supervision of your child(ren) at school dismissal time for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. If you have any questions, please call (213) 241-7900.

Cordially,

Dr. John E. Deasy
Superintendent