

Pasadena Unified School District

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24 Elementary
3 Middle School
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K-12 Enrollment 21,321

2006 State of the Schools Address



PUSD

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And this is our greatest challenge as we move forward. We must continue to work together to raise the bar even higher, but our focus must also be to close the gap. As our test scores have increased and our campuses have become more attractive both through Measure Y improvements and through the academic programs offered, we must ensure that no child slips through the cracks.

The second challenge is our need to continue to increase our partnerships and connections with all parts of our community. [Pasadena City College](#) has worked very closely with PUSD, offering courses and dual enrollment for our students.

The third challenge I would like to highlight is our need to be financially secure. As our community has become less affordable, we have seen some of our neediest students move away to less expensive communities. This has resulted in reduced resources to serve our remaining students. The problem is simple - the money we lose from the state for each student who leaves our district is greater than the amount we save. In other words, our expenses do not drop at the same rate that our revenue drops. We need to think seriously about all of our spending patterns and consider whether there are some areas where spending needs to be reprioritized so that we can focus on our goal of achieving 80% proficient and advanced by 2009. Every decision must be weighed against this outcome. The Management Audit that we are currently undergoing will help us with this process.

I would like to leave you with this final thought, and that is Go Public! You may have heard our new slogan or you may have seen it on posters, bumper stickers and other items. Our message to you is simple and clear...Join all of us at Pasadena Unified School District and be a part of our family. And if you have any questions about going public, you can contact me directly by email at psoelter (at) earthlink (dot) net. or by phone at 578-1127.