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# Garden Grove Education Association

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### **GGEA Mission Statement:**

**GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve.**

### **GGEA 2023-2024 Goal:**

**Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.**

## **Revised Message from the Executive Director**

Dear GGEA:

I was forwarded a GGUSD 2023-24 Budget Update sent out by the District through Parent Square. The district paints a pretty dire financial picture, but there are some points I'd like to make to help clarify the situation.

We are negotiating for this fiscal year (2023-24) and the COLA from the State of California is 8.22%. It is true that declining enrollment has affected the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for GGUSD. However, they are still expected to receive a 4.38% increase over last year or a \$23.7 million increase.

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| LCFF Funding for 2022-23 | \$541,335,532 |
| LCFF Funding for 2023-24 | \$565,055,364 |

LCFF Funding isn't the entirety of what GGUSD receives. There are other revenue streams from federal, state, and local sources. Total Revenue has also increased year over year, though it is expected to drop this year with the expiration of the pandemic funds.

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| Total Revenue 2021-22 | \$675,919,840 |
| Total Revenue 2022-23 | \$885,912,713 |
| Total Revenue 2023-24 | \$777,262,560 |

Also, note that the ending balance for GGUSD last year (2022-23) was \$212,951,571. I believe it's the highest it's ever been. Ending balances have consistently increased over the years. Last year was no different and GGUSD saw an increase of almost \$87.2 million from the previous year's ending balance. (See yearly ending balances since 2019-20 below)

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| 2020-21 | \$115,771,204 |
| 2021-22 | \$125,761,883 |
| 2022-23 | \$212,951,571 |

Obviously, looking at revenue is only one side of the coin. What does GGUSD's expenses look like? The largest slice is staff salaries and benefits and if you look at entirety of staffing costs, salary and benefits, for all certificated, classified, and administration it has risen every year. However, I would argue that you shouldn't look simply at the number but in context as a percentage relative to total expenses. That percentage has been dropping. See chart below:

| Fiscal Year                              | Total Staff Salary+Benefits | Percentage to Total Outgo |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2021-22                                  | \$547,732,511               | 83.95%                    |
| 2022-23                                  | \$633,543,084               | 79.27%                    |
| 2023-24 (calculated without an increase) | \$670,694,629               | 73.22%                    |

The GGEA leadership is very cognizant of the district's finances, and we try to make proposals that support the classroom and at the same time protect our educators from rising costs. The last thing we want to do is bankrupt the District.

Though we have different perspectives at times with GGUSD leadership, we remain committed to working with them for the betterment of the students, the classroom, and the educators we represent. Thank you.



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**Together Everyone Achieves More**  
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