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The Eureka Union School District and Roseville Joint Union High School District have recently demonstrated strategic responses to state budget reductions and changes in enrollment patterns, which have enabled them to maintain and strengthen their education programs.

For both districts the programs that encourage creativity and critical thinking – such as the performing arts, art and music have not been eliminated. Tim McCarty, the recently appointed EUSD Superintendent is pleased with this accomplishment.

“These are the qualities that educators must also address ... We must leave no part of the child behind,” McCarty said.

In order to save operating costs to make budget figures, over the past year the EUSD has developed and adopted plans to close two schools in 2009, Excelsior and Eureka, and to consolidate Oakhills and Ridgeview schools.

According to Jerri Davis, president of the Eureka Union School District Board, the district is facing declining enrollment.

“We recognized we cannot sustain our current program. So we decided this was an opportunity to reinvent ourselves,” she said.

The EUSD has considered the possibility of opening a charter or magnet school at one of the closed sites. McCarty said as of this writing, the district is considering the possibility of launching the magnet program as a mainstream pilot in the open sites.

“This would allow us to accelerate the development of curriculum that fosters critical and global thinking for all students,” McCarty said.

Thus far EUSD has been able keep the student to teacher ratios at 20:1 for the

kindergarten through third grade sites, and 30:1 for the fourth through eighth grade sites. The schools’ closings and consolidation will save the district more than \$900,000 annually.

Another major change includes incorporating sixth grade into the junior high campuses, making the elementary configurations K-5 sites.

The circumstances for the high school district pose a different challenge. The district currently operates five high schools: Oakmont, Roseville, Granite Bay, Woodcreek and Antelope, which is opening in the fall of 2008 with a freshman and sophomore class. More than 9,000 students are enrolled throughout the district – with very dynamic demands for resource management. The high schools have been built to accommodate 1,500-1,600 students and portables have been employed to expand capacity for peak enrollment periods.

Tony Monetti, RJUHSD Superintendent said the high school district is still experiencing increased enrollment, with a new community on the horizon and the high schools at this point in time are overcrowded. While Monetti anticipates a dip in enrollment foreshadowed by EUSD schools, the high schools are operating above core facility capacity at this time so a decline in enrollment can be absorbed.

While the high school district has implemented 10 percent budget cuts, \$2.2 million was utilized from reserves in order to withstand reduced revenues from the state and maintain current service levels. All programs have remained intact including the International Baccalaureate, performing arts, advanced placement and the new engineering lab at Antelope. RJUHSD has maintained the student to teacher ratio at 27:1, and there were no layoffs.

For more information about the EUSD and RJUHSD education programs and facilities visit:

■ [www.eurekausd.org](http://www.eurekausd.org) - Eureka School District  
■ [www.rjuhsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.rjuhsd.k12.ca.us) - Roseville Joint Union High School District.