Questions from the Saturday, February 1, 2020 Parent Institute

Here are the questions and our responses that have been returned to Leslie Reckler from the Parent Institute last week.

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Districts are funded for each day that a student attends school, not by how many students are enrolled. When a student is ill and stays home the District does not receive funding for that student even though the student has an excused absence. A simple way to understand Education funding would be to use an example of 10,000 students being enrolled with an average attendance rate of 95%. In this example, the District would be funded for 9,500 students based upon the grade spans of those students. The funding comes through apportments from the State of California. The District only gets funded for full day attendance, tardies do not change apportionment, but can impact attendance when greater than 30 minutes in respect to truancy laws.

4. There is \$20m in the budget for "discretionary costs" please explain this - teresa kearns.

When explaining the non-salary expenses we broke down the budget into unrestricted and restricted funds. The Restricted funds can only be used for specific purposes and altering those would not solve the budget situation. The unrestricted non-salary expenses are approx0 111.04 108.0.6 (C78)-10.6 (hd bud)10.5 [T0 0 1 ()Tj0.272 0 Td()Tj-02penst tuat,