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PRESS RELEASE
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Tonight at the Kaukauna Area School Board of Education meeting, along with several other agenda items, a power point presentation on the preliminary budget for the 2011-2012 school year was provided. That same power point will be available for viewing to all Kaukauna Area School District staff and residents on the District website under Business Services on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. The District website is: www.kaukauna.k12.wi.us

The challenge of fiscal restraints coming from the State of Wisconsin has required KASD along with every other District in the state to responsibly make difficult recommendations and subsequent decisions to ensure financial stability. The power point on the website will outline those recommendations that are awaiting a decision on May 2, 2012.

As the leaders and decision makers for the District, please know that the Board of Education is working to:

1. Understand and analyze all pertinent data and information regarding the status of the 2011-2012 preliminary budget in light of implications from the state to ensure that the best possible decisions can be made.
This is an exceedingly important task that is seriously undertaken.
Hours of understanding, analysis and multiple scenario planning has occurred.
2. Provide accurate information to all constituents in a respectful and transparent manner.
The District has worked to inform those who may be affected prior to the release of information that pertains to them.
The District has also provided notice, internally and externally, to its constituents and the local media of tonight's meeting, its agenda and when decisions will be finalized.
3. Prepare to move forward collaboratively with staff to ensure that our District continues to provide a quality educational experience to our students once decisions are made and understood.
4. The Board of Education wants to make it very clear that if the Budget Correction Bill becomes law, there will be many staff recalls as well as a significant reduction in the proposed tax levy.

The Board of Education understands that difficult decisions regrettably come with a range of consuming emotions. Please be assured though that amidst the challenges from the decisions that are made, the Board of Education is firmly committed to delivery of the best possible educational experience for students in a fiscally responsible manner. By accessing the talents and efforts of an incredibly dedicated staff, in a collaborative manner, we will continue to make great things happen in the Kaukauna Area School District.

Respectfully,

Todd Arnoldussen
Board of Education President