**Highlights of Budget Assumptions**

• Continued Measure B parcel tax support totaling 33% of the budget at current level (averages $3,000 per parcel per year)

***Editors Note:*** Parcel taxes in Piedmont have risen 15% on an annualized basis from 2000 to 2010 ; Measure B requires renewal in 2014.

• Continued community support (donations) totaling 5% of the budget from Parent/Support Groups ($1.3 million) and the Educational Foundation ($168,000)

• No COLA increases to general funding

• A reserve of 3% for 2011-12 and 2012-13

• Continuation of furlough days in following 2 years as in 2011-12

• Continued flexibility from State with respect to categorical program spending restrictions

• 97% attendance rate and stable District enrollment, other than a slight dip in 2011-12

• Collective bargaining agreements are settled through June, 2014

• 15% increase in post-employment benefit increases in 2012/13 and 2013/14

• 1.5% increase in total certificated and classified salaries for step and column in 2012/13 and  2013/14  (***Editors Note:*** "Step and Column" increases are based on educational degrees and length of employment.)

• 1.0% decrease in total compensation in 2011-12 (includes a 0.3% increase in health and welfare benefits)

(See full list of assumptions: [Budget, p. 15 and 26-7](http://www.piedmontcivic.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/PUSD-Budget-2010-14.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).)