

C-TEC is Restructuring

C-TEC administration and staff have taken two-week unpaid furloughs.

C-TEC staff salaries remain frozen at 2008 levels.

Myth: *C-TEC needs to tighten its own budget before it asks for more money from the voters.*

Fact: We already have. As previously stated, we have cut over \$2 million since the 2007-08 school year. C-TEC cut over \$800,000 in personnel, and will cut an additional \$1.6 million in 2010 regardless of the levy results. Our faculty and staff have voluntarily taken pay freezes; full-time, non-teaching staff members have taken 10-day unpaid furloughs; staff members who are retiring are not being replaced; four administrative positions were cut prior to this year, and we will be cutting two additional administrative positions—regardless of the May levy outcome. If the May levy is unsuccessful, C-TEC will be cutting an additional \$1.7 million.

Myth: *C-TEC has a levy on the May ballot so that they can pay for their legal expenses.*

Fact: C-TEC has asked voters for a 1 mill operating levy three times in the last two years--*before* the legal judgment was issued in December. C-TEC is collecting the same operating millage that it collected in 1976. The 1 mill increase amounts to only \$30 *per year* for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

Myth: *C-TEC should have had some kind of insurance so that they wouldn't have to pay all that money from the lawsuit.*

Fact: C-TEC *does* have the appropriate insurance, but there is no insurance coverage for this type of lawsuit.

Myth: *An "operating levy" and a "construction levy" pay for the same things.*

Fact: A construction levy pays *ONLY* for the construction of new or remodeled facilities; an operating levy pays for the day-to-day expenses that every school has. Operating funds include: utilities, maintenance, textbooks, lab equipment, busing, substitute teachers, computer equipment, technology, teacher salaries and benefits, special education, library materials, administrative assistants, high school food service, and more. The operations budget is what keeps a school running—every day.