

## **What happens if the budget is not approved?**

If voters do not approve the proposed budget on May 20, under state law the Board of Education has three alternatives:

- Put the same budget up for a re-vote
- Present a revised budget for voter consideration
- Adopt a contingency budget (The board opted for this plan for 2007-08 after voters rejected the proposed budget in May 2007.)



If the board presents a revised budget for consideration and it is not approved, a contingency budget must be adopted. State law mandates that a contingency budget cannot exceed the previous year's budget by more than 3.36 percent, after adjustments are made for specific expenses not subject to the cap.

State law closely regulates district expenditures under a contingency budget. For example, the district cannot spend money on:

- Community use of school buildings
- Student supplies
- Equipment
- Certain raises

The district would have to make reductions in staffing and programs to reduce the budget the necessary \$7.1 million to a contingency level. These cuts would lead to larger class sizes and fewer academic and extracurricular opportunities for students.