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D112 faces tough decisions in slashing budget

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North Shore School District 112's Board of Education is facing tough decisions as it looks to reduce its budget by \$1.7 million—including a possible increase in class size and staff reductions.

"I want to emphasize these are suggestions—we are not voting on anything yet," Supt. David

Behlow said. "We tried to look at ways that would keep the impact furthest from the classroom. No one here would vote to do any of this if things were ideal."

The board addressed many options to cut the budget at a Committee of the Whole meeting that lasted until after 11 p.m. Feb. 2. Some options would be implemented in the next school year and others would take effect down the road.

Decisions will have to be made to address

the shortfall by mid-March, Behlow said.

The board met in December for extensive budget workshops looking at all aspects of district operation. School principals, administration and budget reduction teams also met with a goal of finding suggestions to bring to the board for possible cutting.

At the Feb. 2 meeting, board members went through a spreadsheet of items, automatically rejecting and accepting some suggestions

and leaving many up for further discussion in coming meetings. At the end of the night, the board had \$1.5 million in reductions up for consideration, still falling short of its \$1.7 million savings goal.

No votes were cast at the meeting. "This is for discussion purposes only," Behlow said. "We're putting it all on the table."

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Nurture serves up nutrition to women

BY NURTURE

The North Shore-based Nurture program for pregnant women will be able to buy rice cookers and wholesome food after receiving a 2010 grant from the Consumer Wellness Center.

The \$1,000 grant will benefit 40 mothers enrolled in the Right from the Start prenatal program.

Participants of this group are low-income, Spanish-speaking residents of the Highland Park and Highwood area.

Nurture will deliver a series of classes to emphasize the importance in incorporating fruits and vegetables into the diet.

Nurture aims to empower caregivers with time-efficient and cost-effective means to provide healthy, home-cooked meals.

Nurture is run entirely by volunteers.



Nurture instructor Sarah Leone mixes up a whole-grain breakfast for expectant mothers.

Photo submitted by Nurture



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