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Governor Parkinson's Recommendations for FY11

If you had an opportunity to hear Governor Parkinson's State of the State address you quickly realized how much he cares for our youth today and their future. The Governor has said that he will veto any more cuts to education, but it will be up to our legislators to vote in his recommendations that will benefit our school and other programs.

Whether or not you agree with the Governor's recommendation of a one-cent increase in sales tax, which would generate \$308,200,000 and his cigarette and tobacco tax that would generate \$69,500,000, these increases are essential to the livelihood of your school, USD 426 Pike Valley.

The difference in whether or not revenues will be raised will affect USD 426 \$180,000. With the potential of declining enrollment the effect would actually be about \$240,000 and a decrease that would deeply hurt students and programs at Pike Valley.

I encourage each tax payer to contact their state representative to let them know that you support no more cuts to education. Pike Valley's future is in the hands of the tax payers, if you wait for your neighbor to make the phone call or to write the letter for you it will be too late.

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