

Greetings all-

I know y'all are busy with all kinds of normal school stuff for the first week in February, so this missive is very short. At a recent Low Forest Committee meeting I mentioned to Emily that we should be sure to have a report in the Annual Report so voters would know what learning connections are happening in the forest that will be remarkably strengthened by the outdoor classroom. As a former BAGSD Trustee she knew how important that publication was for letting folks know what was happening with all the tax dollars collected. BUT, after talking with Marla we both realized that OUUSD has only produced a Budget Report the past two years. There is no vehicle for sharing all the great successes that take place in the schools to validate to voters what they are getting for when they send their hard earned checks to the schools. If the only information voters get before the budget is numbers, then their decision is only number-based, making it so much easier to say they are simply too high. Web sites, and parent letters, and superlative Principal Reports have great information on what is happening in every classroom, but only have a very restrictive audience. I know this is not a new issue for you all, just figured I would share and support the prospect of something more than just a Budget Report.

With deep respect for what you are all doing for the sake of our young learners,

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